



NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION

# Newsletter

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December, 2014

## Next monthly meeting:

January 20, 2015,  
Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria,  
Lower Level, Straight Street

## Emming St. Steps rehabbed, many others in CUF left crumbling

While many hillside stairways lack the necessary maintenance, funding, and attention to keep them in good standing, one stairway in CUF recently was given new life. The Emming Street Steps, which connect Emming at Flora Walk to City View Place, is now reopened after its bottom section was removed and replaced. The project had greater urgency than many crumbling stairways because it's one of the few in the city that connect to residences along its path.

City View residents had submitted complaints to the City that its lower landing was breaking apart. Other defects in the concrete posed hazards for stairway users. The City's Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) had prior knowledge of the structural issues but service requests renewed the urgency for repair. DOTE contracted PRUS Construction for the stairway replacement and received a bid price of \$58,429. The project was completed on budget but still remains open with a \$5,000 contract contingency for graffiti protection.

While a few stairways throughout the city have been partially or fully replaced during the past couple years, funding for such such project is at an all-time low, according to Rich Pohana, Geotechnical Engineer for DOTE. The original allotment of \$250,000 for stairway assessment and improvement was eliminated in the 2012 Capital Budget. Projects like the Emming Street Steps and Liberty Street Steps used capital money left over from previous years. That money has now been fully exhausted and no money was budgeted in 2014 for the 2015 year. DOTE is currently working on submitting its capital budget for 2016, which would be allocated in July 2015. requesting \$50,000. Until then, minor maintenance to stairways can still be handled by the Department of Public Services' Roadway

Operations Division, but funding is sparse.

Loss of public stairways in CUF has persisted since the 1980s, when the steps leading from Fairview Park to the top of Warner at Fairview were closed and removed. Other stairway removals include Klotter Avenue (1996), Devotie Avenue (2003), Coon Street (unknown year), and Hopple Street [2] (2014). The CUF community once had 24 public stairways paths within its boundaries. From that total, 9 stairways have been either closed, removed, or abandoned. Several other stairways may resemble conditions of abandonment but remain open. Causes for closure or abandonment have ranged from community petition from residents to unsafe structural conditions.

Do you value our public stairways in CUF and abroad? Write to your Cincinnati City Council (<http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/council/council-members>) and City Manager Harry Black ([citymanager@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:citymanager@cincinnati-oh.gov)) to express the need to re-fund the Hillside Stairway Rehabilitation Program.

Thanks,  
Christian Huelsman  
President, Spring in Our Steps  
Vice President, CUF Neighborhood Association  
513.378.8155

## CUF Neighborhood Association General Meeting

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11/18/14 General Meeting Deaconess Cafeteria

Cherie Hill Wallpe called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

### SAFETY UPDATE:

Sgt. Volkerding and Captain Bardua to meet with U.C. football team to get the team involved in anti crime initiatives at U.C. and in CUF CPD District 5 Officer Hageman –Violent crime is down 30%, property crime is up 7%, additional lighting and increased patrols are helping. Captain Bardua- Police Visibility Overtime will

be increased for the holidays.

There will be a District 5 community resource meeting at St. Theresa's, Monday November 24, at 6p.m.

Doug Baker CFD Engine 19- there were 291 responses in the past month. 214 EMS, 23 Fire and 54 other responses. CFD just graduated 51 recruits. As of 11/16/14 there will be no more brown outs. Winter hydrant checks are going on now. Check your CO2 and smoke detectors.

#### GUEST: CRC Fairview Pool

Steve Gerth, Superintendent of Recreation-Fairview Pool is to be taken out, filled and grassed over. The water and sewer lines will be left in place for a possible future sprayground. A discussion followed about keeping the rest-rooms. Open rest rooms are a thing of the past because of vandalism etc. The pool and building will be torn down between now and spring, the drinking fountain will stay.

#### OLD BUSINESS/Reports:

- NOU November meeting –cancelled
- Chip Kusmaul with CHCURC update – Old St. George, interested party still looking at feasibility. Block one-there is a desire on the CHCURC board to not have more student housing there. Market rate housing not feasible. CHCURC is investigating other mixed demographic uses.
- Update Zoning / development: Council met Friday November 7. They voted to both extend the CUF IDC and exclude Planned Developments (Gilbane Project) from the IDC
- Vote NSP categories 20 in attendance unanimously approved:

Beautification & Safety	\$2400
Newsletter	\$1400
Marketing/Membership	\$500
Insurance	\$500
2015 TOTAL NSP	\$4800

#### NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Straight Street Hill Climb Sunday November 23; on Facebook

Winter Party! At St Monica parish Hall Tuesday December 9, 2014 7pm – 9pm  
It's a potluck so bring a savory or sweet dish.

Public Services Information and updates request emails from:

Lawrence.Whitaker@cincinnati-oh.gov

or follow at:

[www.twitter.com/CinPubServices](http://www.twitter.com/CinPubServices)

[www.facebook.com/CincinnatiPublicServices](http://www.facebook.com/CincinnatiPublicServices)

Fundraiser for Zanabou Drame Friday, November 28 at Horseshoe Casino 8pm-1am Sponsored by Sentinel; FOP; C.A.F.A.; Local 48

“The Cincinnati Revolution is a professional Ultimate Disc League part of [www.theAUDL.com](http://www.theAUDL.com) that will play its home games at the University of Cincinnati (April - July 2015). The AUDL started in 2012. There will be different teams coming from the Midwest to downtown Cincy to play the Revolution a total of 7-8 home games. The sport is fun and will provide family entertainment for the people of the Clifton area. Please check out the league and team website [www.CincinnatiRevolution.com](http://www.CincinnatiRevolution.com) if you are unfamiliar with the sport. @RevolutionAUDL on Twitter.”

Shares are still available at Clifton Market Co-op Grocery. [Cliftonmarket.com](http://Cliftonmarket.com)

Christmas on Calhoun at USquare piazza the Saturday after Thanksgiving 11 - 2 Pictures with Santa, CCM musicians.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Minutes by Recording Secretary Tony Walsh

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## 2015 Neighborhood Summit, save the date

The Neighborhood Summit is the annual event which brings together hundreds of community leaders and volunteers, city officials and non-profits in a day long series of seminars and workshops aimed at helping citizens work effectively together to improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods.

Follow us on Twitter: [cincysummit](https://twitter.com/cincysummit).

The 2015 Neighborhood Summit is hosted by Invest In Neighborhoods

Special thanks to PNC, Community Building Institute, Xavier University, the CDC Association of Greater Cincinnati, LISC, and the Seasongood Good Government Foundation for their support.

WHEN: Summit Kick-off Dinner March 6th  
Keynote: City Manager, Harry Black

The Summit is March 7th  
Keynote: Kathy Merchant, Greater Cincinnati Foundation

Opening remarks: Mayor John Cranley

WHERE: Xavier University, Cintas Center

Stay tuned for further details and follow us on Facebook at Cincinnati Neighborhood Summit

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## Share your neighborhood memories

Cincinnati residents will have a chance to share their recollections about old neighborhoods, including some that no longer exist, at a new photo exhibit documenting 20th century life in the city. For the first time, the stunning photos by Daniel J. Ransohoff, George S. Rosenthal and Ben Rosen are being exhibited together at the Cincinnati Skirball Museum and The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives on the campus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. The exhibit, which is being displayed until Dec. 21, is part of FotoFocus, the citywide biennial celebration of photography.

“We hope to start a conversation about these neighborhoods, especially the West End, that were such a big part of the fabric of the city,” said Abby S. Schwartz, director of the Skirball Museum and curator of the show.

The 60 black-and-white photos document the architecture of the West End before construction of Interstate 75 split communities apart. They show the stark reality of life as families struggled with poverty in neighborhoods throughout Cincinnati. And they depict historic events in the city, including the devastation of the 1937 flood.

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## RoadmapCincy

With big crowds coming downtown for the holidays, visitors and commuters are urged to take advantage of RoadmapCincy, an integrated communications service to help commuters better navigate construction taking place in Downtown, Over-the-Rhine and along the riverfront at The Banks.

Branded as RoadmapCincy, the service is social media- and web-focused. Roadmap-

Cincy’s mobile-friendly website includes a map and suggested detour routes, as well as news about the projects fueling Downtown’s construction boom.

Follow @RoadmapCincy on Twitter and like it on Facebook for updates throughout your work day.

Access RoadmapCincy on your cell phone, mobile device or desktop computer at [www.RoadmapCincy.com](http://www.RoadmapCincy.com).

“This construction is a great sign of growth for our city,” said Harry Black, City Manager. “It represents investment and progress. But cones and cranes can create frustration for motorists and pedestrians. We want to help visitors, commuters and residents better navigate construction zones and better understand the impact of these projects.”

As part of a partnership with the City, Downtown Cincinnati Inc.’s 30-plus ambassadors will be distributing RoadmapCincy fliers to downtown residents, businesses and commuters to raise awareness about the campaign.

“We are happy to partner with the City on this important initiative,” said David Ginsburg, President and CEO of Downtown Cincinnati Inc. “We are witnessing an exciting rebirth throughout downtown with numerous development projects underway from General Electric’s global operations center at The Banks, boutique hotels and apartments in the Central Business District, the Cincinnati Streetcar and restaurants in Over-the-Rhine to Hollywood movie shoots. RoadmapCincy provides the kind of information residents, visitors and commuters need to understand the impact and navigate the roads.”

The map on RoadmapCincy’s website’s highlights construction activity and related restrictions or closures for streets and sidewalks in Downtown, Over-the-Rhine and The Banks.

A Twitter feed dubbed “Street Tweets” appears to the right of the map to show regular updates on construction-related detours throughout the day.

The tagline for RoadmapCincy says it all: Get There. Here’s How.

This Holiday Season, before leaving your home or office, check @RoadmapCincy on Twitter for updates and late-breaking notifications.

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## New Office of Performance & Data Analytics

Cincinnati's new Office of Performance and Data Analytics is designed to boost customer service and save taxpayer money through greater accountability and improved efficiency.

Chad Kenney Jr. will lead the office as it focuses on three main objectives:

- Design and implement performance management agreements with department heads.
- Establish an Innovation Lab to address some of the City's most challenging operational and customer service issues.
- Design and establish a Citistat program, which will use data to methodically zero in on areas of underperformance and improve service throughout city government.

Mr. Kenney previously served as the Director of Baltimore's CitiStat program, a nationally recognized performance management system. He led a team in developing key performance indicators for Baltimore City, a government with an annual budget of \$3.4 billion and 15,000 employees serving 620,000 residents.

His accomplishments include helping to lead changes within the Baltimore Fire Department that are projected to save \$70 million over 10 years while increasing pay 14.5% for firefighters; increasing customers' satisfaction with Baltimore city services from 50% to 70%; and managing a survey of all 72,000 street lights to find wasted money on non-functioning lights.

Kenney also spent two years as a Teach for America Corps Member, teaching high school mathematics at a Baltimore City Public School. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics and a Masters in Teaching degree from Johns Hopkins University.

## 2014 City Holidays

When your regular trash collection day falls on the date shown, your trash will be collected the following day.

Collections for the remainder of the week will be delayed one day.

- Thursday, Dec. 25, 2014: Christmas - Garbage collection for Thursday and Friday will be delayed by one day.
- Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015: New Year's Day - Garbage collection for Thursday and Friday will be delayed by one day.

### Trash Amnesty Weeks

- During Trash Amnesty Weeks, residents may set out additional trash in sealed plastic trash bags next to their approved City-provided container. Amnesty weeks are centered around holidays when households typically generate more trash than normal.

Upcoming amnesty days include:

- Thanksgiving: Nov. 29 to Dec. 5, 2014
- Winter Holidays: Dec. 26, 2014 to Jan. 2, 2015
- (Note: Even during Amnesty Weeks, bulky items must still be scheduled for special pickup.)

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*Happy  
Holidays!*



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## CUF membership



Any person subscribing to the purpose of the CUF Neighborhood Association, Inc. and paying dues set by the Association may become a member. Election of Trustees is held at the annual meeting in July. Eligible voters are residents of the community who are at least 18 years of age and who are fully paid members of the Association and who have attended three general meetings after payment of dues during the year prior to the annual meeting. Non-resident members have voice but no vote in Association meetings and may not hold elective office. Annual CUF dues are \$6.00.

- CUF general meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, except August and December, 7:30 p.m., Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria, 311 Straight Street
- CUF Trustee meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m, Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria, 311 Straight Street
- CUF annual meeting and election: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in July, 7:30 pm, Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria, 311 Straight Street

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2364 West McMicken Avenue  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45214

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Type:

Voting Membership: CUF resident \_\_\_\_\_

Non-voting Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

CUF organization: \_\_\_\_\_

CUF business owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-resident: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-resident property owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership fee: \$6.00 per year.  
Make checks payable to CUFNA.

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