



NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

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January, 2017

Next monthly meeting:

January 17, 2017

Hughes High School, Innovation Lab
Second Floor, 2515 Clifton Avenue
7 p.m.

Come and get involved in 2017!

It was great seeing many new faces at our November CUFNA general meeting in our new meeting space at Hughes High School. We hope to see many of you back at one of our upcoming meetings.

Even more, we welcome everyone to get involved with CUFNA in some way too. There is sometimes a misconception that one has to be a board member with CUFNA to be involved with the various things our organization does. In fact, there are many CUF members who are not currently on the board who are involved with various projects in the community, such as, citizens on patrol, tree plantings, trash pickups, newsletter publishing.

Here is a list of some of the things CUFNA is currently involved in; we can always use more help:

Newsletter: If you have an interest in writing a newsletter article pertinent to our neighborhood, we would certainly be interested in hearing it. We are always on the lookout for articles about community organizations, community history, or special interest articles.

Greenspace: Currently we maintain the landscape traffic islands at the McMillan-Ravine-Fairview intersection. We'll be doing a spring cleanup there in March should anyone be interested in helping. We are also trying to better maintain a community landscape at the southeast corner of Warner and Chickasaw. Periodically tree and bulb plantings are held sometimes in conjunction with the Cincinnati Park Board. Events typically last a few hours.

Housing: There is a rather newly developed Housing Committee in CUFNA. Their main goal is to try to better develop single family ownership in CUF. We are partnering with

the Clifton Heights Community Urban Redevelopment Corp on this effort.

Citizen's on Patrol: COP members receive training by seasoned officers at the Police Academy. Members learn to look at the neighborhood from a different perspective, becoming the eyes and ears for the Cincinnati Police. This is a great way to provide a layer of safety for your neighbors and yourself. Members usually patrol once a month, lasting 2-3 hours, sometimes on foot, sometimes in the patrol car. If you have a bit of an adventurous spirit, then this would be a great volunteer opportunity for you. Contact District 5 Officer Nick Hageman at nicholas.hageman@cincinnati-oh.gov or Princess Davis at princess.davis@cincinnati-oh.gov.

There are other areas in which we are looking at either forming committees or having an individual take the lead in developing:

Transportation: involving issues regarding roads, sidewalks, bike accessibility, etc.

Historic: compiling and keeping a permanent record of various historical items - pictures, pamphlets - perhaps linking to digital historic material via cufna.org.

Zoning: Several Cincinnati neighborhood organizations have a zoning committee which deals with various issues of zoning non-compliance and zoning changes. These issues have been dealt with in our neighborhood by individuals from time to time.

I.T.: We always welcome someone who has good computer skills to assist with things like website and membership maintenance.

Trash: Related with Greenspace. We could use someone to take the lead in organizing periodic trash pickup events. We generally partner with Keep Cincinnati Beautiful. There is a lot of potential in working with U.C. students who need the required volunteer hours.

Contact: Should you have an interest in any of the above activities, e-mail us at cufna@cufna.org; and we will direct you to the right person to speak with.

Mark Bambach

CUF Financial Report December 2016

Balance on Dec 1, 2016	\$ 4357.61
Income:	
Dues	12.00
Total	12.00
Expenses:	
Keep Cincinnati Beautiful	371.68
Mark Bambach-trees	1796.54
Total	2168.22
Balance on Dec 31, 2016	\$ 2201.39



Burnett Woods star show

Twinkle, twinkle, little star... how I wonder, what you are. Well, now we know, and you can too! The big ones live fast and die young. Some... eat their neighbors. While others... go out with a bang! From nebulas and novae to star formation and more, this show has it all! Programs are open to adults and children ages 5 and older accompanied by an adult. Seating is limited. Meet at the Nature Center. Fee: \$5 per person. Pre-registration required; call 751-3679 for paid registration and more information.

WHERE: Wolff Planetarium, Trailside Nature Center
WHEN: Fri., January 13th, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Winter Carousel day

Come whirl with us and stay warm inside Carol Ann's Carousel at Smale Riverfront Park January 19, 2017 from 11 am-3:30 pm. For just \$6, buy a band for unlimited rides all day! Come join us for this whirlin' good time!

WHERE: Carol Ann's Carousel
WHEN: Monday, January 19th, 11 am - 3:30 pm

Hamilton County recycling

As we begin the new year, the Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District (District) is happy to provide you with a summary of successes in 2016.

Through your support of our programs and partnerships with communities, businesses, schools, and non-profit organizations, the District had another great year.

This Year's Successes:

Collection Programs

- Yard Trimmings: 2,819 tons of residential yard trimmings were composted through our drop-off sites, with 25,223 residents participating.
- Tires: 8,818 tires were collected and recycled.
- Litter: 61 tons of litter was collected through a partnership with the City of Cincinnati and Keep Cincinnati Beautiful.

Recycling Assistance

- Recycling At Work: 40 businesses started a recycling program, reaching 1,808 employees.
- School Recycling: 20 schools started or expanded programs, reaching 11,346 students and staff.
- Public Recycling: 60 events provided recycling, reaching 241,370 people.
- Multi-Family Recycling: 5 communities started recycling, diverting 20 tons of material.
- Bar/Restaurant Recycling: 20 bars/restaurants started a recycling program.

Pollution Prevention Internship

One local industry projected to save \$55,100 through waste reduction initiatives.

The Interchange

450 visits to our materials exchange catalog.

Education Programs

- School Programs and Special Events: 10,030 students and adults learned about waste reduction, recycling, and composting.
- Backyard Composting seminars: 526 residents learned about backyard composting.
- Compost Blog: 82,290 visits to the blog.
- Website: 107,724 unique visitors to our website.

• Recycling Hotline (946-7766): 5,028 calls.

Looking Ahead to 2017

2017 promises to be another great year for waste reduction and recycling in Hamilton County. We are moving into the final phase of updating our 15-Year Solid Waste Management Plan. We will be launching campaigns to reduce wasted food, encourage food rescue, increase office recycling, and reduce household hazardous waste.

Don't forget! Our yard trimmings drop-off sites will be open on Saturday, January 7 and Saturday, January 14 to accept Christmas trees and other holiday greenery for composting. The regular yard trimmings drop-off season will resume March 25, 2017.

Our popular *Get the Dirt on Backyard Composting* seminars will continue in 2017. In just an hour you can learn everything you need to know to start backyard composting.

We also offer an extensive list of all the outlets for recycling electronics such as computers and old televisions on our website.

The easiest way to stay informed is to check out our website HamiltonCountyRecycles.org for great information on our programs and tips on waste reduction.

We are excited to have another great year in 2017 helping everyone in Hamilton County to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Thank you for your continued support of recycling and waste reduction. Happy New Year!



Smarter sewers

The Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati (MSD) is building a smarter sewer system that will help reduce sewer overflows into our creeks and rivers. And the cost is less than any other solution, gray or green.

"Our smart sewer system is anticipated to save tens of millions of dollars in capital investments in projects to control sewer overflows," said MSD Director Gerald Checco. "This is our best chance of reducing spending and ultimately costs for our ratepayers."

Like many wastewater utilities across the nation, MSD is faced with an unfunded Consent Decree (federal mandate) to keep raw sewage

mixed with stormwater out of our waterways when it rains.

So how do you make a massive public works program to fix the sewer system more affordable to customers who cover the costs, many of whom are living below the poverty level?

Answer: You look for new and creative ways to use what you already have.

Over the last two years, MSD has been working to develop a smarter sewer system that uses our existing sewer system more efficiently and effectively.

For example, when it rains in one part of Cincinnati, the interceptor sewers in that location may be full, but other areas where it hasn't rained may have lots of available capacity.

This approach allows MSD to store flows inside large interceptor sewers, storage tanks, and high-rate treatment facilities in different parts of the sewer system using sensors to measure flow levels and gates and valves to direct the flows. The entire system is controlled by a SCADA computer system. This helps keep sewage in the pipes and out of our creeks.

In early 2015, MSD deployed its new smart sewer system in the Mill Creek basin, which covers the central portion of Hamilton County.

Within the first several weeks of operation, the technology was used to store flows at a high-rate treatment facility, avoiding 1.4 million gallons in sewer overflows at a location nearly 11 miles away.

"The cost savings results from not having to build as many new capital projects to reduce the overflows, such as larger sewers and storage tanks," said Melissa Gatterdam, head of MSD's watershed operations division. "Gray infrastructure in particular is very expensive and takes a long time to plan and construct."

Early data shows that smarter sewers cost about \$0.01/gallon of overflow volume reduced, as compared to about \$0.23/gallon for green stormwater controls and about \$0.40/gallon for larger pipes and storage tanks.

Happy New Year!



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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: 3rd Tuesday of each month, except August and December, 7:00 p.m., Hughes High School, 2nd floor, 2515 Clifton Ave.
- CUF Trustee meetings: 1st Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m., Hughes High School, 2nd floor
- CUF annual meeting and election: 3rd Tuesday in July, 7:00 pm, Hughes High School, 2nd floor, 2515 Clifton Avenue

CUF Neighborhood Association
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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