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Next monthly meeting:

Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2009, 7:30 p.m.
Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria,
Lower Level
Straight Street

From the President's desk



Welcome to February of 2009, fellow CUF neighbors.

Already we have seen the joys of two consecutive weeks of snow and ice, and now I sit in 58 degree weather watching the sun melting the remainder. Just a few days ago, we were mired in our homes with piles of snow, unable to get to work (or leave work in my case). The snow melting always seems to make the neighborhood feel a little different. It reminds me how much the community can change overnight with just the right trigger.

We make continued progress with plans for Old St. George. Plans are being created for the steeples and the repair needed to save this historic building. Your board is working with CHCURC to apply for grants for parks, home ownership loans, the St. George School, and even a plan to get a novel high school invested in the old Fairview German School. This is how progress happens.

Thank you to Governor Williams and the Cincinnati Police Department for the safety course for our residents. We learned many basic tips to keep safer and how to deal with being approached in a threatening manner. The most important tip we all learned was to be prepared. It does not matter how strong you might be, having a plan is the number one most important factor in faring better in any violent or threatening confrontation. This means, think ahead of time what you will do if you are

approached and repeat what it is you would do over and over. We will all remember to stay aware of our surroundings and watch for those who might be following us. Look for other people; criminals are less likely to attack if there are others around watching. Keep a whistle handy to alert others. And confront those who are approaching you, "I know what you are doing so stop now!" Who could forget Governor's amazing loud voice and ability to control the situation with a firm tone? For those who missed this, we will ask our police officers if they would be willing to repeat in the late spring.

I am still looking for those who might be willing to participate more in our community. We are all busy, but our homes should be our safe nesting places. Cleanliness, safety, more interaction with our government and the police, a pleasant business district... these are all priorities for each of us so that our homes may remain our safe harbor. I encourage everyone to come to the February meeting on the 17th at our regular time 7:30 pm. Help us keep the snow melting and making life easier for everyone!

Rob Neel

Minutes of the CUF general meeting, January 20, 2009

- The first hour of the January meeting was devoted to Cincinnati Police Officer, Governor Williams' safety lecture. In his lecture, he stressed the importance of being aware of your surroundings and developing conditioned responses to protect yourself. Future presentations by the police are hoped for.
- No regular police report was presented.
- UC Police Officer Doug Barlett reported a great increase of thefts on campus. Upon investigation it was discovered that the

