



**NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION**

Newsletter

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February, 2010

Next monthly meeting:

Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010, 7:30 p.m.,
Deaconess Hospital,
Cafeteria, Lower Level,
Straight Street

From the President's desk



Busy, busy, busy. Despite the cold and snow, February starts off with many on goings for the neighborhood. The "Great White Death" does not stop us from moving on.

First, I would encourage everyone to go to the Neighborhood Summit this year. The event falls on the weekend of February 26th and 27th. The focus for the summit is the Comprehensive Plan for the City. This is another chance to give input to the City's administration about where our City should be going. This is your chance to share dreams and shape the future of the City. To register, go to <http://www.xavier.edu/communitybuilding/> I could not find a phone number for registration, but try 513-352-4845.

The February 16th meeting will be a busy meeting as we have two guest speakers. Stefan Spinosa from the State's Department of Transportation will be coming to speak about the upcoming I-75 improvement plans. We have already submitted a formal letter from the community about our concerns about the hillsides, traffic flow, and the Western Hills Viaduct, and not allowing major thoroughfares to bisect our vibrant neighborhood. Please come to see what Mr. Spinosa has to tell us. Feel free to write a letter about your concerns to give him.

Second, Dan Schimberg will be coming from Uptown Rentals and North American Properties to discuss possible plans for the old Friar's Club and the property surrounding it. He has presented to the Board of Trustees already at the February 2nd meeting and now will present to the General Meeting. Written comments and questions from that meeting will be available to everyone so you can see what questions were asked and what the responses were.

Old St George will get its steeple facelift at

the end of March when the UC students go on spring break. If plans continue to go well, then we will see the first boutique hotel in our City while preserving one of our best symbols of our history! We will all have our chance to participate in this and contribute so keep your ears and eyes open for ways to help save one of Cincinnati's architectural gems.

And on a happy note, thanks to all who came to the Neighborhood Winter Doldrums Party on January 30th at the CHCURC offices. Special thanks to Catherine Pleva for the food; Julie Murray, Karen Taravella, and Sally Larson for the set up; and to Bob and Suzanne Summer, Matt and Emily Bourgeois, and JD DuBois for clean up. We will do another of these events in the spring or summer to celebrate together!

Happy February and see everyone on Tuesday the 16th!

Minutes of the CUF general meeting, January 2010

• Police Report

Officer Williams repeated his safety lecture of last year. To summarize his presentation:

- Be aware of your surroundings, make eye contact — if someone plans evil deeds and thinks you can recognize them later, chances are they will pass you by.

- 90% of what happens in life is how you react to the 10% you can't change — you must develop conditioned responses to danger, break away from an assailant, hit them, run away.

- Realize you must survive danger for your loved ones; they are the ones who will suffer the most.

- Keep your distance from someone you don't know, if they persist in approaching closely, call them on it.

-Officer Williams then gave a short demonstration of survivability techniques.

-Officer Barkley of UC Police reported on a rash of bicycle thefts on campus in November and room break-ins in December during the break.

- I-71 interchange options were discussed, the ideas presented include:

- a full interchange at Martin Luther King where none now exists,

- a full interchange at Taft and McMillan,
- no change.
- Renovations to the old Fairview school reconfiguring it into condos and daycare was discussed.
 - Claussen Park is moving forward.
 - The Old St. George market study is finished and seems to be progressing.
 - CUF might get a student intern to go to city meetings if a grant goes through.
 - Pay phones in the business district were discussed.
 - A grant for the large-lidded, rolling trash cans was mentioned.
 - I-75 corridor plans were discussed — there will be a third public presentation in the spring.
 - New Business
 - The upcoming exhibit at the Contemporary Art Center with the graffiti artists, Sheppard Fairy, was discussed.
 - Mr. Spinoza, a state engineer, will talk at the February meeting about the I-75 project.
 - John Walters discussed the congregate housing zoning change.
 - A recruitment plea for census workers was heard.
 - Homebuyer training classes provided by Working in Neighborhoods were announced. There are sessions scheduled every month this year. Call 513-541-4109, ext. 112 for more information.
 - UC is presenting an entire series of sustainability events now through March. Visit www.uc.edu/sustainability.
 - With the changes happening at Deaconess Hospital, we might need to find a new home for our community gatherings. Hughes High School might be a possibility.

CUF Financial Report - February, 2010

Balance on: Jan. 1, 2010
\$3,861.18

Income: Dues	48.00	
Total Income:	+	48.00
Expenses: Fed Ex	124.50	
Post permit	185.00	
Total Expenses	-	309.50

Balance on Feb 1, 2010
\$3,599.68

What is CHCURC?

The Clifton Heights Community Urban Re-development Corporation (CHCURC) is one of several 501(c)3 CURCs established with the University of Cincinnati and its adjacent neighborhoods. As its name suggests, CHCURC is the non-profit redevelopment corporation in charge of the Clifton Heights neighborhood and more specifically the Clifton Heights neighborhood business district as bounded by Calhoun and West McMillan Streets to the North and South and Vine and Rohns Streets to the East and West respectively.

In 1999, the City and University funded an Urban Renewal Plan process that engaged the community's stakeholders ultimately resulting in the formation of CHCURC in 2001 as a means to implement the Plan. CHCURC is governed by a Board of Trustees composed of 3 Trustees from the Clifton Heights Business Association, and one each from UC, and the CUF Neighborhood Association. These five Trustees are volunteers and serve at the will of their Member organization.

CHCURC's first project was University Park Apartments and Calhoun Street Marketplace, the apartment-style student housing project on the North side of Calhoun Street. Currently, CHCURC is pursuing several other development opportunities. The first development, Uptown Commons, is in partnership with Towne Properties and is actually composed of two separate sites, one at the corner of Vine and Calhoun and the other across from University Park Apartments. CHCURC is also working with its partner Paran Management and HineSite Strategies to renovate Old St George into a boutique hotel.

In addition to this development activity, CHCURC actively assists its Member organizations in grant writing and project management efforts. Projects that have grown out of these partnerships include the Neighborhood Business District Façade Improvement Program and the renovated Clifton Ave median. In the Spring, additional projects will kick off including a \$150,000 renovation of Classen Park and brand new streetscapes on West McMillan (between West Clifton and Clifton Avenues) and on both sides of Ohio Avenue (between Calhoun and West McMillan Streets) and Calhoun Street East to Scioto Street.

CUF Community Fund

The annual meeting of the CUF Community Fund will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2010.

Community Priority Requests

It's that time again to start the Community Priority Requests (CPR) process! A letter has been sent to your Community Council with information regarding the CPR process.

This is a process whereby the City obtains information from Community Councils on projects that are paramount to the preservation and/or revitalization of each neighborhood. The information on communities' priority projects is reviewed by appropriate City Departments during their budget preparation. Potential funding options for the priority projects are considered and recommendations on projects will be made to City Council in the proposed 2011-2012 budget.

In April, each City Department will review the requests received and determine which projects can be accommodated in the 2011-2012 budget. A Project Disposition Report will be prepared during July and the Community Councils will be notified of the status of their projects. City Council will determine which projects will be funded during the budget process.

An orientation meeting is being held on February 10, 2010 to explain the process, answer questions and distribute application packages. The meeting will be held at 5:30 PM in the Griesel Room located on the seventh floor of Two Centennial Plaza, 805 Central Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.

We look forward to meeting with your department representative at the orientation meeting on February 8, 2010. In the meantime, should you require any additional information please contact Margaret Wuerstle at 352-4889 or Margaret.Wuerstle@cincinnati-oh.gov.

CUF Spay-Neuter Cat Team update

Since the Spring of 2007, we have taken roughly 170 cats from the neighborhood to be neutered, mostly to U.C.A.N. (721-PETS).

We have utilized the national program called "Trap Neuter Return" or T.N.R, since most are feral cats.

The amount is significant because the possible increase in the community could have risen to 2,000 to 2,500 kittens. Statistics show each cat could produce 18 or more kittens per year. Female cats can have two litters a year.

T.N.R. reduces the population, decreases diseases, animal abuse and the homelessness of cats. Let us know if you are aware of cats in the C.U.F. area who need our help. We advise dog owners too!

Many thanks to the members of the CUF Community Fund for their assistance in this project.

Cold weather pet care tips from the ASPCA

Brrrr...it's cold outside! The following guidelines will help you protect your companion animals when the mercury dips.

1. Keep your cat inside. Outdoors, felines can freeze, become lost or be stolen, injured or killed. Cats who are allowed to stray are exposed to infectious diseases, including rabies, from other cats, dogs and wildlife.
 2. During the winter, outdoor cats sometimes sleep under the hoods of cars. When the motor is started, the cat can be injured or killed by the fan belt. If there are outdoor cats in your area, bang loudly on the car hood before starting the engine to give the cat a chance to escape.
 3. Never let your dog off the leash on snow or ice, especially during a snowstorm—dogs can lose their scent and easily become lost. More dogs are lost during the winter than during any other season, so make sure yours always wears ID tags.
 4. Thoroughly wipe off your dog's legs and stomach when he comes in out of the sleet, snow or ice. He can ingest salt, antifreeze or other potentially dangerous chemicals while licking his paws, and his paw pads may also bleed from snow or encrusted ice.
 5. Never shave your dog down to the skin in winter, as a longer coat will provide more warmth. When you bathe your dog in the colder months, be sure to completely dry him before taking him out for a walk. Own a short-haired breed? Consider getting him a coat or sweater with a high collar or turtle-neck with coverage from the base of the tail to the belly. For many dogs, this is regulation winter wear.
 6. Never leave your dog or cat alone in a car during cold weather. A car can act as a refrigerator in the winter, holding in the cold and causing the animal to freeze to death.
 7. Puppies do not tolerate the cold as well as adult dogs, and may be difficult to housebreak during the winter. If your puppy appears to be sensitive to the weather, you may opt to paper-train him inside. If your dog is sensitive to the cold due to age, illness or breed type, take him outdoors only to relieve himself.
 8. Does your dog spend a lot of time engaged in outdoor activities? Increase his supply of food, particularly protein, to keep him—and his fur—in tip-top shape.
 9. Like coolant, antifreeze is a lethal poison for dogs and cats. Be sure to thoroughly clean up any spills from your vehicle, and consider using products that contain propylene glycol rather than ethylene glycol.
 10. Make sure your companion animal has a warm place to sleep, off the floor and away from all drafts. A cozy dog or cat bed with a warm blanket or pillow is perfect. Visit www.aspc.org
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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, 7:30 pm, Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria, 311 Straight Street
- CUF Trustee meetings: 1st Tuesday of each month, 7:00 pm, Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria, 311 Straight Street
- CUF annual meeting and election: 3rd Tuesday in July, 7:30 pm, Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria, 311 Straight Street



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Cincinnati, Ohio 45214

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: () _____

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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.

(please check the membership expiration date on your newsletter mailing label)