



**NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION**

# Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

**February, 2013**

## **Next monthly meeting:**

February 19, 2013,  
Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria,  
Lower Level, Straight Street

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## **Lower Your Utility Bill**

Nobody likes to see utility bills go up in the winter, but you can do more about it than just lowering the thermostat and putting on another sweater. You can go to the root of the problem. "About 45 percent of a residential utility bill deals with the cost to heat or cool a home, and approximately 50 percent of energy loss in a house occurs through the attic," said Toni Winston, President of Tiburon Energy & Construction, a company partnered with the Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance, a nonprofit working to improve energy efficiency in homes and commercial buildings.

"It's normal and healthy for fresh air from outside to come into a house as house air exits," said Winston. But how frequently should this air exchange occur? When the turnover occurs too often, heat loss is excessive, and utility bills are higher than they need to be. The optimum fresh air intake is unique to each house and varies with its size, number of stories, etc. An energy audit calculates the optimum for a home, pinpoints where the greatest heat loss is occurring, and identifies how the homeowner can get the biggest bang for the buck in addressing the problem. Besides reducing heating bills, homes become more comfortable: dramatic temperature differences from one floor to the next disappear, and the house is quieter because the furnace isn't cycling on and off as often.

"An energy audit takes about three hours, and at the end, the auditor can tell you your anticipated savings," Winston said.

The Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance and its partners offer a range of rebates, discounts, financing, and tax credits to encourage homeowners to undertake energy audits and home

improvements targeting heat loss and energy efficiency. Anyone in Hamilton County in Ohio and Butler, Boone, and Kenton counties in Kentucky can participate in these programs without restrictions based on income.

While Ohio is not yet among the states that require energy audits as part of buying and selling a home, the trend is spreading nationally.

Check out the Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance at <http://greatercea.org/>, and while you're thinking about your utility bill, go ahead and turn down the temperature: Duke Energy says you can save as much as three percent on your energy bill for each degree you lower the thermostat.

Julie Zavon

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## **CUF Neighborhood Association General Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 15, 2013**

**7:30PM; Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria**

**Meeting chaired by Cherie Wallpe.  
Board Members present:**

Linda Ziegler, Nathan Hess, Rob Neel, Daniel Lewis, Ken Jordan, Sally Larson, Tony Walsh, Craig Lloyd and Julie Zavon

## **Police Report, Officer Lisa Johnson**

Officer Johnson reported that there have been a number of car break ins on Riddle Road. Home break ins were made by an individual who took stolen items to Covington in order to pawn them.

Flyers were distributed with photos of various suspects in criminal actions. A list of important phone numbers was also provided along with forms for residents to prepare that would allow access to their property by police officers in the event of an incident or suspicious behavior.

The property at 2312 Flora was identified as having problems with out of control partying.

Officer Johnson emphasized the importance of sending her emails reporting the details of incidents. This allows her to take up the issues with landlords.

Arrests were made at 630 Straight Street involving drugs, weapons and large amounts of cash. One suspect is a fugitive with outstanding warrants.

#### **Guest District Fire Chief Fred Prather**

Chief Prather made a presentation on home fire safety. He discussed the importance of having both smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Residents can call 357-7585 to obtain detectors. All firefighters are also certified inspectors. Residents can call if they want an inspection. The department has the ability to prosecute where there are violations. There are two types of detectors - photo electric and ionization alarms. The former are typically used in bedrooms and living rooms. The ionization units detect flaming fires. Residents should be aware of manufacturer's recommendations and units should be replaced at least every 10 years. Batteries should be replaced every 6 months. Chief Prather also emphasized the importance of having disaster preparedness kits as well as an escape plan in case of fire or other emergency.

#### **Fairview Pool**

Meeting the Cincinnati Recreation Commission is scheduled for the week of Jan 21 at Fairview Pool. The purpose is to survey the area and outline potential improvements.  
Campus Safety Committee

A safety meeting with UC, police and CUF is scheduled for January 18. This is not a public meeting but Cherie Wallpe will represent the CUF Neighborhood Association.

#### **Local School Decision Making Committee (LSDMC)**

CUFNA representative Chip Kusmaul reported that the Hughes HS is looking for a permanent principal.

#### **Litter Issues**

At a City Hall meeting on litter issues, it was decided that dumpsters will again be placed in the CUF community during move out week April 19-April 26.

#### **CHCURC**

Cherie Wallpe reported that the U Square development is on track.

#### **Citizens on Patrol Program (COPP)**

At the District 5 Community Resource Meeting January 14, it was decided that future meetings will be held semi-annually.

#### **Building and Inspections**

Edward Cunningham from the City's Department of Buildings and Inspections provided the following information related to suspected zoning violations: "We ask that if neighbors suspect more than 5 unrelated individuals living in a single family house or single dwelling unit, they file a complaint using 591-6000, so overcrowding can be investigated." Register complaints of overcrowding for the specific address(es) to City Services at 513/591-6000 or 591600.com.

#### **Guest: John Walter, Lower Klotter Street**

Mr. Walter and neighbors in the lower Klotter area partnered and purchased surveillance cameras for neighborhood security. The action was in response to 40 reported crimes in a short period of time. The owner of a property in foreclosure gave the keys to a drug dealer. This resulted in a large number of break ins and other problems. The neighbors raised funds and also received a grant from Keep Cincinnati Beautiful. They may add additional cameras in the future. The camera is not used in real time but if there is an incident, the recording can be retrieved for visual information. They would like to get the camera on-line at District 1.

#### **Guest: Kimberly Naumann, Christ the King Congregation**

Christ the King Church on Warner Street will host a health fair on April 13. It will focus on Diabetes and obesity issues. In the future, they would like to establish a weekly Saturday clinic.

The congregation also can do bicycle repairs and is attempting to get donated bicycles for children that they can refurbish and distribute.

#### **City Trash Collection**

A new system will go into effect on April 1. Detailed information will be forthcoming. The new system will require standard carts to be used for trash.

## Announcements

CUF resident and Landscape Architect, Mark Bambach will be a guest at the February CUF general meeting, Tuesday, February 19.

## March Newsletter

The March Newsletter will be distributed by regular mail.

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## CUF Treasurer's Report

Balance: January 1, 2013	\$4,851.70
Income:	
Membership dues	\$24.00
Total Income:	\$24.00
Expenses:	
Sponsorship of Sprint In	
Our Steps/Schorr Alley	\$50.00
GCWW water bill	\$15.18
Cincinnati Historic Conservation	
Board Fee	\$300.00
Sponsorship of 2012	
Straight St. Hill Climb	\$100.00
Total Expenses:	\$465.18
Balance: February 1, 2013	\$4,410.52

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## Apartment Overcrowding

From Edward Cunningham at Cincinnati Buildings and Inspections: "We ask that if neighbors suspect more than five unrelated individuals are living in a single family house or a single dwelling unit, they file a complaint so overcrowding can be investigated." Register the specific address(es) of overcrowded housing to City Services at 513-591-6000 or 5916000.com.

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## Civic Engagement Talk

To continue conversation about civic engagement started at the Neighborhood Summit on the 16th, join Peter Block in Northside, February 23, for a day of learning focused on civic activism and building better communities. Peter is an internationally renowned author, consultant, and speaker in the areas of organization development, community building, and civic engagement. Register for the full-day session here: <http://ow.ly/htSGK>

## Parking Lease Plan Discussion

City Economic Development Director Odis Jones will meet with community representatives and members of the public to discuss details of the proposed parking facilities lease plan at 6 pm Thursday Feb. 28 at Invest in Neighborhoods, 315 W. Court St. (Fire Museum). To date, no agreement has been reached with a private operator, so the impact on parking and businesses across the city is unknown. By late February, however, many of these details should be worked out. All are welcome to this meeting.

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## Neighborhood Summit 2013

Learn Share Discuss

Saturday, February 16  
7:30 am - 3:30 pm  
Cintas Center  
at Xavier University

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## Citizen Service Requests

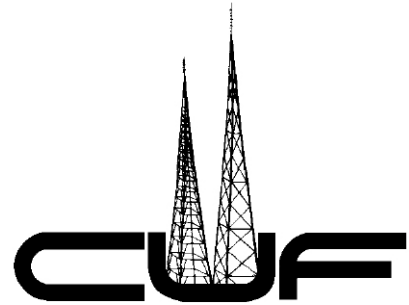
The Cincinnati Customer Service Request line is 591-6000. Additionally, you can contact the city by following the link below and submitting a message about a problem you may have. It allows you to search a map of your specific area.

<http://cagismaps.hamilton-co.org/csrcincinnati/>

## Notice to Members of CUF Community Fund

The annual meeting of the CUF Community Fund will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2013.

The agenda for the meeting is to review and approve the minutes of the Funds February 2011 annual meeting, vote to elect two members to the Board of Trustees, review the 2012 financial report of the Fund and discuss issues pertaining to the Fund. Copies of the minutes and the Funds 2012 financial report will be distributed to all members attending the meeting.



### CUF Community Fund Membership Requirements

To be a Member of the CUF Community Fund, one must be a paid member of the Clifton Heights, University Heights and Fairview Neighborhood Association (CUF) for twenty-four months prior to the annual meeting of the Members and must be a permanent resident residing within Clifton Heights, University Heights or Fairview as designated in the by-laws of the CUF Neighborhood Association, Inc., or its successor organization. A permanent resident is defined as one residing year round within the CUF community for at least four consecutive years (48 months) immediately preceding the consideration of Member status. The burden of satisfying the requirement of permanent residency is upon the individual seeking to be a Member.

Personal invitations will be mailed to individuals that satisfy the first requirement for membership. (Paid member of (CUF) for twenty-four months prior to the annual meeting). Invitations will designate which individuals will need to provide proof of permanent residency. The members of the Board of the CUF Community Fund wish to extend to all members of the CUF community a happy, healthy, safe and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

Dennis O'Brien	President
Linda Bailey	Treasurer
Linda Ziegler	Secretary
Maureen France	Vice President
Craig Lloyd	Vice President

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## Bike Share Program

Cincinnati has issued a Request for Proposals for a Bike Share System Operator. The City is seeking a company to fund, own, and operate a bike share system in Downtown and OTR.

In a bike share system, public bicycles are available to rent on-demand at fully automated stations located conveniently throughout the city -- fast and convenient access for any trip that's too long to be easily walkable but too short to require the use of a car or public transit. You can pick up a bike close to home or work, ride to your destination, and then return the bike to any nearby docking station.

Bike share systems typically consist of several bicycle rental stations, with 10-12 bicycles per station. The stations accept credit card payment for rental, with the rental cost determined by the length of use. Bicycles can be returned at any station location -- not just the one where you picked it up.

Bike share programs have been implemented in cities across the country, including Washington DC, Boston, and New York City.

Last fall Cincinnati completed a feasibility study identifying the best way to implement a successful bike share program in the city. The study recommended 21 station locations in the Downtown/OTR area.

Station locations were determined through an analysis of potential demand based on where people live, work, play and shop, and the desire to travel between these places. Public input through a collaborative mapping website also played a significant role in determining the recommended station locations. The stations with the most public support included those at Washington Park, Fountain Square, Findlay Market, the Purple People Bridge, Union Terminal, and Government Square.

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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

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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