



NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

March, 2014

Next monthly meeting:

March 18, 2014,
Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria,
Lower Level, Straight Street

The Reason I Moved to CUF: Community

Nathan Hess

My decision to move out of the suburbs and buy a home in CUF began on the day I was visited by the FBI. I was living in a large, quiet, and comfortable townhome in Edgewood, Kentucky when a knock on the door unexpectedly steered me in a new direction. An FBI agent wanted to ask me some questions about my next door neighbor who had applied for a job with the bureau. I lived next door to the family for over 5 years, but had never met them. The only name I could give to the agent was the family dog's name, since I heard them calling for him. I was not sure if they had 2 or 3 children, and I could not verify whether the couple was married. Not only was I embarrassed by my inability to provide answers to the agent, I realized that I desired a greater sense of community than I experienced in the burbs.

In my search for a new neighborhood, I asked realtors what they knew about the neighbors and the area of the homes I viewed. What I found in CUF was a community that was actively involved in the neighborhood and neighbors that knew and cared for each other, and living in CUF has been a much more rewarding experience. I have been trusted to watch homes and pets when neighbors are away, and have benefitted from neighbors offering to lend a hand with my home improvement projects. Often, my interactions with neighbors happen when I am outside shoveling snow or working in the flowerbeds. We share handyman referrals, neighborhood news, and keep an eye out for one another.

CUF's greatest asset is our sense of community, and I invite you to imagine with me how we can further build up our community to strengthen this asset and use it to our advantage. If I know

that a neighbor works a particular shift, I might be a bit more considerate of when I play loud music. If I offer to mow my neighbor's grass, perhaps they will realize that others notice when they neglect their yard. Each time we pass someone on the sidewalk, we make a choice to acknowledge them or avoid eye contact. Let's not forget the positive impact a simple "Good morning" or "Thank You" can make in someone's day, and that the ways we interact with our neighbors does indeed impact our community.

5 Ways to build community:

1. Introduce yourself to new neighbors and welcome them to CUF
2. Invite your neighbors over for drinks on your porch or patio
3. Gather neighbors to take a walk and collect trash along the way
4. Offer to collect mail and keep an eye out for a neighbor going out of town
5. Say "hello" when you pass someone on the sidewalk

5 Benefits of a strong community:

1. Strong communities attract and retain homeowners
 2. Safety is enhanced when neighbors look out for one another
 3. Neighbors are more likely to help you if they know you
 4. People take greater care of their home's appearance if they know it is appreciated
 5. Friendly neighborhoods contribute to a better quality of life.
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Minutes of the CUF general membership meeting February 18, 2014, 7:30 PM

Guests/Presentations:

CPD District 5 Ofc Lisa Johnson & Sgt Jason Voelkerding attended from - January & February Safety Update. Several burglary arrests of juveniles: Victor, Valley View, Vestry, Bishop. Burglaries

are in daytime, majority are in residential areas. They are a combination of forced entry (sometimes burglars are ringing doorbells if no answer, then forced entry), and citizens leaving doors unlocked. Pay attention to unusual activity or suspicious people walking around houses. Shooting on Jefferson- suspect arrested. D5 has designated a few officers for truancy sweeps. Vice activity –EG Market W Clifton and Ravine Street Market sold alcohol to minors. Positive response re: lights on patrol cars. Parking issues continue due to weather. CUF Citizens on patrol handing out door hangers.

Block-by-Block contracted by UC for 1 year trial period in CUF, Business district and USquare. This is the same program as “Downtown Ambassadors.” Robberies are up even with additional Officers patrolling. Police acknowledge that USquare patronage has increased crime in area. Be aware of your surroundings. Parking continues to be an issue, police are responding by ticketing and towing. Parking Enforcement is hiring a additional Officer. Parked cars must be moved every 14 hours. Citizens have counted 14 to 27 cars on public streets that have not been moved or cleared during snow events for over 5 days. Report Duke Energy light poles that are cycling on and off to Duke Energy and Officer Johnson.

- DOTE Bicycle Routing

Melissa McVay, Department of Transportation and Engineering – gave presentation based upon Aug/Sept 2013 citizen survey results re: bike path options. One way cycle track was survey winner and was depicted in a visual aid. DOTE will move forward with construction project bid this Spring, and hopes to begin construction Summer 2014.

- SORTA Metro Uptown Transit Routes

Kevin Mischler – Enhanced transit routes, enhanced bus stops currently under construction at Hughes Corner, Straight St, Law College, CCM, Old Towne Business District, Calhoun & Vine, Auburn Ave, Children’s Hosp, Shriners, etc. Some of our individual routes serve over 200 people per day. New shelters will be made of safety glass, larger and wider with more protection from the elements. Shelters have been designed not to impede pedestrian traffic. New shelters have uplit light poles, route maps posted, digital real-time route arrival times posted. Shelters in CUF will have Old St. George etched on glass. Metro Plus Routes M-F Government Sq, Jefferson/UC/Avondale/Xaxier ending at Kenwood Towne Centre. to 1500 passengers a day 1500 passengers Rt 4 19 stops picks up spped by fewer stops

OLD BUSINESS/Reports:

- CHCURC - A future Old Towne façade improvement program is in very early discussion stages.
- Talbert House/Parkway Apartments LLC and CUF Neighborhood Association phase two Good Neighbor Agreement (GNA) was signed regarding construction for floors three and four, known

as phase two, owned by Parkway Apartments, LLC. Talbert House facility Manager Brenda White attends monthly meetings. Existing relationship is good, phase one GNA remains amicable and well implemented. Repairs/reinforcements are being made to parking deck supports and front retaining wall.

- Membership voted to reallocate Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) amounts. President informed all attendees that they were eligible to vote. No attendees were opposed. Motion to approve amended NSP categories passed.

Vote - February 18, 2014:

Beautification/Safety	\$1500
*Insurance	1400
Membership/Marketing	600
*Newsletter (actual 2013 cost)	<u>1500</u>
	\$5000

Approved November 2013:

Beautification/Safety	\$3600
Membership/Marketing	600
Newsletter	<u>800</u>
	\$5000

NO NEW BUSINESS
ADJOURN

City-wide tire amnesty day

Keep Cincinnati Beautiful is sponsoring a tire collection event in partnership with the City of Cincinnati and generously funded by Hamilton County.

Any City of Cincinnati resident can bring up to 10 tires per load that we will then dispose of properly at no cost. You may bring as many loads as you like within the event times, as the 10 tire rule is due to hauling regulations, not disposal ones. This is NOT for businesses to get rid of scrap tires, and if they suspect that is the case, they will not be able to accept the tires. This is for residents and for neighborhood cleanup efforts. Therefore, no trucks with a business logo on them will be allowed to participate.

This year, the event will run from 9am-3pm at the Dunham Recreation Complex at 4356 Dunham Lane, 45238 on Saturday, March 22nd. The recreation center is located off of Guerley Road in the Westwood/West Price Hill area. Once you enter the complex, there will be signs pointing you to the right area.

When you enter you will be asked what address the tires came from. That is the only piece of information they ask for.

If you have any questions leading up to the event, please call their office at 352.4380.

Soap Box Derby drivers needed

In 2008 CUF was first to answer the Mayor's challenge to Cincinnati neighborhoods to sponsor racers in the Soap Box Derby. Since that time the Fairview Flyer has participated with distinction. For the upcoming season, we are looking for one or two drivers, ages 8 to 13, accompanied by one or two adults, who are interested in racing. Events include the Cincinnati local which qualifies for the international race in Akron, as well as races sponsored by area communities. The CUF Neighborhood Association provides the car, helmet, and all entry fees. If interested, please contact Linda Ziegler at zieglerl@fuse.net.

Metro passes available at City Hall on April 1

Starting April 1, buy your bus passes at Cincinnati City Hall, 806 Plum Street, downtown! Zone 1 and 2 Metro 30-day rolling passes, Metro/TANK passes and \$20 stored-value cards will be available at the City's Treasury Department, Room 202. This convenient location provides a new option for downtown bus riders who aren't close to the Metro Sales Office at Government Square.

On Tuesday, April 1 only: Enjoy a FREE cup of coffee provided by Coffee Emporium with the purchase of fare media at City Hall on April Fools' Day, while supplies last.

Metro passes will be sold at City Hall Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This location will also provide bus schedules and other information. Visit www.go-metro.com where-to-buy for a full list of Metro fare media sales locations.

Community needs survey

The City of Cincinnati receives funding from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) each year.

HUD requires that the City develop a strategic plan based on the City's needs, market analysis and citizen participation in order to set priorities for the following five years.

They are sharing this online survey link below with you to get YOUR input on the City of Cincinnati's community needs for the next five years:

<http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/community-development/news/community-needs-survey/>

Health insurance information sessions

The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County is hosting an informational session to help the public learn more about the Health Insurance Marketplace. The session will be held on Sunday, March 30 from 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. at the Main Library, 800 Vine Street, Downtown Cincinnati.

A representative from the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services will be available to answer questions throughout the afternoon. Enrollment assistance will also be available by appointment. To make an appointment, visit the program calendar at CincinnatiLibrary.org/Programs or call (513) 369-6900.

To enroll, customers will need to bring:

- Social Security numbers (or document numbers for legal immigrants)
 - Birth dates
 - Pay stubs, W-2 forms, or Wage and Tax Statements
 - Policy numbers for any current health insurance
 - Information about any health insurance you or your family could get from your jobs
 - Email address and password
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CPA spring house tour

Cincinnati Preservation Association's 2014 Mansions of Lafayette Avenue house tour on Saturday, May 10 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. will feature three outstanding historic residences. Two are architectural icons built for "barons of Clifton": "Oakwood," the 1866 Norman Revival home of Henry Probasco, and "Scarlet Oaks," the 1870 High Victorian Gothic mansion of George Shoenberger. The newest of the three, "Stonehedge," is an 1887 Swiss Chalet with Arts and Crafts flavor built for H.C. Hulbert.

Tickets:

Reservations required. Tickets should be purchased in advance by calling 513-721-4506, mailing payments to 342 W. 4th Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, or online at www.cincinnati-preservation.org. Cost is \$25.00 for CPA members and \$30.00 for guests/nonmembers. Cash, checks, Visa and MasterCard are welcome.

Will Call and parking will be at the Cincinnati Women's Club, 330 Lafayette Avenue.

For more information, call 513-721-4506.



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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 p.m., Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria, 311 Straight Street
- CUF Trustee meetings: 1st Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m, Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria, 311 Straight Street
- CUF annual meeting and election: 3rd 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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