



**NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION**

Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

April, 2013

Next monthly meeting:

April 16, 2013,
Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria,
Lower Level, Straight Street

A Livable Community

As spring rolls in we find ourselves getting out and about in the neighborhood to enjoy the change in the weather. It is "preaching to the choir" to ask readers of this newsletter to help with litter removal and reporting trash and recycling abuses - they already are. They are also planting and cleaning up community gateways and alleyways, pruning trees, spreading mulch, helping with community gardens, reporting crime and graffiti, painting and fixing properties and generally making an attempt at improving the livability of the community.

We live in a part of the city that is near to downtown's many offerings including sports, culture, city events, restaurants, the riverfront, shopping and gaming just to name a few. We are neighbors to the university, parks and a complex of hospitals. Many of us work or have worked in these places or not far from here. We are close to other great neighborhoods and northern Kentucky as well.

It seems important that we allow for a diverse population where people from all walks of life can enjoy an opportunity to live and work in this location. And as one CUF board member recently noted, all people living here are citizens with the responsibilities that title places upon them, no more no less. This is a corner of Cincinnati with a unique history. Let's enjoy the emergence of spring with perhaps a renewed understanding of this area as a true community.

Craig Lloyd

CUF Neighborhood Association Minutes, General Meeting March 19, 2013, Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria, 7:30PM

Board Members Attending:

Ken Jordan, Chip Kussmaul, Sally Larson,
Cherie Wallpe, Nathan Hess, Craig Lloyd, Julie
Zavon, Linda Ziegler, Daniel Lewis

Absent: Rolf Kuhn, Sharon Buckner, Tony
Walsh, Rob Neel, Janine Denlinger, John Ligon

Meeting chaired by Daniel Lewis.

Guests:

Melissa McVay, DOTE, Bikeway Program
Officer Lisa Johnson, Sgt. Jason Voelkerding,
and Captain Neudigate, District 5
Officer Lance Long, UC Police

DOTe Bike Program

Melissa McVay, of the city's DOTE, made a presentation on the bikeway program and specifically the potential for a bikeway on Central Parkway. A survey will be sent out in about 4-6 weeks, and she will return later when more community responses have been received.

Police Report

Sgt. Voelkerding, Officer Johnson and Captain Neudigate presented the police report. They noted that the proposed "Clifton Fest" was successfully averted. They stressed the importance of letting them know whenever we have knowledge of a proposed "event". Spring fraternity parties will be happening but they will be monitored by a police presence.

Liquor license hearings are coming up but there are very specific criteria for opposing any renewals and District 5 doesn't have trouble spots for our area at this time.

Robberies occurred on March 18. Letters were sent to nearby properties with tips on precautions that residents may take. The district will be meeting with fraternities and sororities regarding safety concerns. They are also doing a walk through of the USquare development with Towne Properties to identify safety concerns.

A clean up effort with student athletes will be rescheduled for our area.

Captain Neudigate reported that 93 additional street light fixtures are on order and installation should be completed by the end of May. UC is paying \$18,000 per year for the utility costs. In addition, cameras have been installed on a number of rental properties and the landlords have agreed to pay the additional utility cost. The district is working with the fire department on code violations including the levying of fine-where there are problems.

Election of Board Members

Nominating committee will contact members that meet eligibility for election for terms beginning July 2013 and ending June 2016. One seat is term limited; three seats are eligible for election to a second 3 year term should the incumbents choose to run.

Keep Cincinnati Beautiful

Sally Larson will represent CUFNA at the drive around on March 21 to determine the Litter Index for Districts 4 & 5.

Newsletter

The March newsletter was mailed to members. The next direct mailing is scheduled for June 2013. April and May newsletters will be posted on the CUFNA website.

Fairview Pool and Fairview Park

Enhancements to Fairview Pool were discussed in a meeting with CRC Director, Chris Bigham. CUFNA is hopeful that the pool will be opened for 2013. Much depends on the city's budget. Assuming the pool will be open, the CUFNA board will again purchase scholarship passes where appropriate.

Enhancements to Fairview Park were discussed in a meeting with Steve Schuckman, Park Superintendent and members of his staff. It was agreed that planters could be installed but CUF-

NA will have to bear the cost of the planters, planting and take care of maintenance. We are also requesting upgraded garbage containers. Speed limit postings were also requested as well as updated signage at the park entrances. A member suggested that speed bumps might be more effective than posted limits in calming traffic. CUFNA will investigate that possibility with the park's management.

CHBA

John Ligon reported that there was a mixed response from the business association members at the 2/21/2013 CHBA meeting regarding zoning changes and the new ordinance regarding smoke/fire detection devices in rental properties.

CHCURC

Cherie Wallpe reported both garages at the USquare development are now open. The retailer tenants will open their businesses in mid to late April.

Campus Safety Committee

No new information; the next meeting is sometime in March.

Yard Waste Program

The yard waste program will return on April 1, 2013. The following apply:

- Yard waste must be properly prepared for pick up on the same day as the regularly scheduled recycling collection.
- Must be placed in biodegradable brown paper yard waste bags or cans clearly marked "Yard Waste". NO plastic bags will be collected or received at composting sites.
- Yard waste includes grass clippings, leaves, branches and brush.
- Branches and brush should be tied with cloth rope into bundles no larger than 4'x2'. Individual tree limbs should be no larger than 6 inches in diameter.
- Follow the program on www.twitter.com/cincinnatiisnow

City Services will have a representative at the April 16 general meeting.

Historic Conservation Board

The Goetz House, 151 McMillan Street will be

on the board's agenda at the Monday, March 25 meeting, 3PM, Two Centennial Plaza.

Schorr Alley

Christian Huelsman, Spring in Our Steps, has scheduled a clean up for Schorr Alley (located between W. Clifton, Wheeler, McMillan and Warner Streets) for Saturday, March 23, 2013.

Public Library

The library staff of the Clifton Branch Library will be gathering community input regarding the new library at a meeting Wednesday, April 3 at 6:30 PM.

Liquor License Hearings

The annual hearings are scheduled for April 2 at 2PM and April 16 at 6PM.

Announcements

Ashley Patrick, aide to Councilwoman Quinlivan has resigned to accept other employment.

Patrick Ward of the Deaconess Foundation has announced his retirement.

CUFNA extends a thank you for the help and support we have received from these individuals.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 PM.

CUF Treasurer's report

Balance: March 1, 2013		\$4,447.83
Income:		
NSP	\$2,550.53	
Membership dues	\$66.00	
Total Income:	\$2,616.53	
Expenses:		
Membership postage	\$14.70	
Feb. newsletter printing	\$153.80	
Total Expenses:	-\$168.50	
Balance: April 1, 2013		\$6,895.86

Parking Meter Plan Link

The City of Cincinnati has provided some online information on the proposed parking meter plan. The link is:
<http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/parking/parking-system-modernization/>

Household Hazardous Waste

From April 20 through November 2, residents can drop off their household hazardous waste for free at the following Environmental Enterprises, Inc. locations:

Central

4600 Spring Grove Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45232
(Directly across from Winton Road)
Tuesdays from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. and
Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
(Closed May 25 and August 31)

Yard Trimmings Drop-Off Sites

West (Green Township) Kuliga Park, 6717
Bridgetown Road
North (Colerain Township) Rumpke Landfill, 3800
Struble Road

All sites accept brush and tree branches cut into lengths of less than 4 feet and smaller than 12 inches in diameter. Local compost facilities will recycle all yard trimmings collected into usable compost. The Bzak site is closed on all major holidays. Visit our website or call (513) 946-7766 for more information.

Computer and Television Recycling Drop-Off

The District will host a Computer and TV Recycling Drop-Off again this year every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. – noon from May 4 through October 26 at two locations. The Drop-Offs will be closed May 25 and August 31.

Cohen Cincinnati, 4538 Kellogg Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226

Cohen Norwood, 5038 Beech Street, Norwood, Ohio 45212

Acceptable Items: monitors, CPUs, printers, televisions, fax machines, main frames, laptops, mice, keyboards, speakers, scanners, personal copiers, printers, cables, chips, circuit boards, back up batteries, cell phones, cameras, CD/DVD players, electronic game devices, GPS units, telephones, video equipment, and PDAs.

Visit our website or call 946-7766 for more information.

Free Health Fair

Hello,

I am writing to let you know that Christ the King Church (333 Warner) is hosting a free health fair in conjunction with the University of Cincinnati School of Nursing on April 13th. This health fair will be open to the public and we are using this as an opportunity to build relationships with the community.

We just wanted to make sure to let everyone know this was coming up! Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thanks!

Michael Clary
Lead Pastor, Uptown Campus Minister

Spring in Our Steps

Last year, Spring in Our Steps set out to clean up 30 stairways in 30 days, taking on a different stairway daily. Each cleanup lasted 1 to 2 hours, but absolutely anyone who could donate even 15 minutes was invited to help enhance Cincinnati's hillside pedestrian paths. This year, we are set out making it to 30 stairways in April. It might sound crazy, but think of them as 30 consecutive Earth Day or Great American Cleanup activities.

Times are at 5:30pm unless otherwise noted. Check Joe Gayetsky's 2006-07 inventory of Cincinnati stairways on CommunityWalk, to find the locations of your choice. Tools and gloves will be provided, but we encourage anyone to bring their own. Please check the calendar one to two days beforehand for potential time changes.

- 09-Apr: Queen City Avenue Steps – Fairview (CUF)
- 10-Apr: McMillian Street Steps (SE) – Walnut Hills
- 11-Apr: Rankin Street Steps – South Fairmount [5:00pm]
- 12-Apr: McGregor Avenue Steps – Mt. Auburn
- 13-Apr: Wilkinson Street Steps – Walnut Hills
- 14-Apr: Wagner Street Steps – University Heights (CUF)
- 15-Apr: West 8th Street Steps [at Fairbanks Ave. - South] – East Price Hill
- 16-Apr: Emming Street Steps – Clifton Heights (CUF)
- 17-Apr: McMillan Street Steps (NW) – Mt. Auburn
- 18-Apr: Winton Ridge Lane Steps – Spring Grove Village [5:00pm]
- 19-Apr: McGregor Avenue Steps – Mt. Auburn
- 20-Apr: Kenton Street Steps – Walnut Hills
- 21-Apr: Ryan Avenue Steps – Mt. Auburn
- 22-Apr: West 8th Street Steps [at Fairbanks Ave. - South] – East Price Hill
- 23-Apr: Linden Street Steps – North Fairmount
- 24-Apr: McMillan Street Steps (SW) – Mt. Auburn
- 25-Apr: Sharp Alley Steps – Over-the-Rhine [5:00pm]
- 26-Apr: St. Andrew Street Steps – East End
- 27-Apr: Cleinview Avenue Steps – East Walnut Hills
- 28-Apr: Addison Street Steps – Fairview (CUF)
- 29-Apr: Staebler Street Steps – Lower Price Hill
- 30-Apr: Gage Street Steps – Mt. Auburn

New Trash Cans

from city manager Milton Dohoney:

During the month of April, residents with a Monday trash collection day should expect delivery of their new trash cart. Once trash carts have been delivered to Monday collection routes, distribution will begin for Tuesday collection routes. Deliveries are expected to be completed later this summer.

How The Program Works

Residents should begin using their new 65-gallon trash cart as soon as they receive it. The cart is designed to hold approximately 5 full kitchen-size trash bags. All trash should be inside the trash cart with the lid securely closed before it is placed at the curb on collection day.

Residents are encouraged to make full use of their recycling cart to both reduce the volume of material being placed in their trash carts, and to help divert recyclable materials from the land fill. Residents may call 591-6000 to request an additional recycling cart if it is needed.

When residents have large or bulky items that do not fit into their trash cart, they can call 591-6000 to schedule a special pickup. Up to 3 bulky items may be scheduled in any given week.

Residents are encouraged to repurpose their old trash cans and carts for the newly reinstated Yard Waste collection program. Yard waste may be placed in cans that are clearly labeled as "Yard Waste" and placed at the curb for pick up biweekly. (Yard waste collection occurs on the same biweekly schedule as recycling.)

Residents who find that a 65-trash gallon cart is too big for their needs may call 591-6000 to trade for a smaller 35-gallon trash cart.

Some residents may find that a 65-gallon trash cart is too small, even after maximizing use of recycling carts. If this occurs, residents may call 591-6000 to trade for a larger 95-gallon trash cart.

Changes to the trash collection program are expected to save more than \$2 million annually in the City's budget.

Folks have asked me, so I wanted to let you know: The funding used to purchase carts cannot be used to pay for police officers, firefighters, rec center staff or other day-to-day operations.

For more information on the program, or to see a more detailed schedule of when your neighborhood will be getting trash carts, please visit www.cincinnati-oh.gov/trash.



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2364 West McMicken Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45214

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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