



NEIGHBORHOOD
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Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

April, 2014

Next monthly meeting:

April 15, 2014,
Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria,
Lower Level, Straight Street

The thought remains the same:

CUF Community Plan (1986) at a glance

by Christian Huelsman

Neighborhoods of Clifton Heights, University Heights, and Fairview have long been unified under a community body, as a representative organization of the community and a liaison to the City of Cincinnati. While the Clifton Heights/UC Joint Urban Renewal Plan (2001) is often cited as the community plan designed to guide development and vision, it addresses only part of the community whole.

The CUF Community Plan was crafted and drafted between 1984 and 1986, before its adoption by City Council, to reflect the needs and dreams of CUF residents and stakeholders. Notably, a staggering number of priorities in the plan remain just as important, unresolved, or unexplored after nearly 20 years.

- Fringe corridors like the lower western edge of Vine Street, for instance were cited several times for its nature as a gateway into CUF, yet the absence of redevelopment strategies have left lifeless its contiguous row of mixed use buildings.
- Many historic structures we deem worthy of preservation were not cited in the 1986 plan, yet we as a community only take a reactive approach when notable buildings are at risk of demolition.
- A residential parking permit program was suggested, which was prepared by OKI for the Uptown Task Force. We may have been strangling ourselves without one, as fewer prospective homeowners may choose to make CUF home without some assurance of private mobility. We have since seen homeownership rates plummet while the overwhelming demand for private vehicle storage imposes much strain on other

quality of life issues, including walkability.

- The plan highlighted pedestrian connections in CUF through a public stairway inventory, including 28 total staircases, third only to Mount Auburn and South Fairmount. However, at least 10 stairways have been destroyed, closed, or abandoned, many of which once served as connections to and from other communities. The plan suggested that they be well lit to "ensure pedestrian mobility within the neighborhood and between the neighborhood and downtown."

Other highlights from the first couple chapters include: resolving the suicide turn lane on Vine at McMillan; coordinating walking tours to promote long term residency; developing an historic inventory of our most prized buildings and landmarks; and continuing to give support to the now dismantled CUF neighborhood development corporation to promote homeownership through infill and redevelopment.

A neighborhood without vision sees itself bruised and overwhelmed by the consequences of parties more driven to invest their time, money, and heart. We have seen it time and time again. Much of these brief notes from a two-year community visioning process still shine true to the community concerns of today. CUF must garner unity once again among its stakeholders, and revisit a collective strategy to craft an amended vision for its future.

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/>

Yard waste collection

Yard waste collection is a biweekly service that operates on the same green and gold schedules as the recycling program.

Monday April 7, 2014 is the beginning of seasonal yard waste collection for residents on the GREEN week schedule.

Monday April 14, 2014 is the beginning of seasonal Yard Waste collection for residents on the GOLD week schedule.

- Residents should be reminded to use cans with lids that are clearly labeled as "Yard Waste" or paper lawn and leaf bags.
- Bundles of branches and brush should be cut in lengths no longer than 48 inches and tied with cloth string.
- Bags and bundles cannot exceed 40 lbs. and should be set to the curb next to their trash and recycling carts on designated green/gold collection weeks.

The 2014 GREEN and GOLD schedules are available at <http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/public-services/>.

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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.

Goodwill Earth Day

Electronic Recycling Celebration

Coming April 27

Ohio Valley Goodwill just recently established a partnership with new recycling vendor, 2trg, and is looking forward to formally kicking off the new relationship in honor of Earth Day on Sunday April, 27th, by co-hosting a HUGE electronics recycling event at Goodwill's corporate headquarters in the village of Woodlawn. Being held from 12 noon until 6:00 pm at 10600 Springfield Pike, the Goodwill Earth Day Electronic Recycling Celebration is designed to allow donors to drop off unwanted computers, keyboards, mouse systems, monitors and other electronic equipment FREE of charge for recycling purposes. What a wonderful opportunity to recycle responsibly and rid yourself of unwanted electronic clutter!

It's easy to get ready for the HUGE Goodwill Earth Day Recycling Celebration! Just load your unwanted electronic equipment into a box and put it in your car. Stop by Goodwill HQ at 10600 Springfield Pike and look for signs directing you to the Attended Donation Center. Let Goodwill and 2trg team members help you unload your donations for FREE and get a sincere "thank you" for recycling responsibly in honor of Earth Day.

After all, donating your unwanted items to Goodwill is a win-win for all of us- doing a good thing and helping to preserve the planet at the same time! Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 27th!

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.



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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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