



NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

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May, 2009

Next monthly meeting:

Tuesday, May 19, 2009, 7:30 p.m.
Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria,
Lower Level
Straight Street

From the President's desk



Hello fellow CUFites!!

Elections are coming up in July for the Board of Trustees. We will have 6 available board seats up for election this year. To be eligible, you must be a resident of the community and a paid member of the CUF Neighborhood Association. You must have attended 3 meetings from May 1, 2008 to May 1, 2009 to be eligible to be voted for as a Board member. We will have the candidate slate available for the June newsletter and have a quick introduction of the candidates.

I encourage everyone to join and to become an active participation in the leadership of the community!!!

Congratulations to Anika, our neighbor in Fairview, on winning the St Bernard soap box derby!! Way to go, Ani!!

Muralworks planning continues and we will see a mural painting this summer at the intersection of Wheeler and McMillan. Thakns again to Debby Herman for leading the charge and to everyone from CUF, CHBA, CHIA, UC, Frank Fox, and Mr. Apler for participating. This will be a lasting showcase to our neighborhood.

Update from CHCURC:

The signs are up on the landing strip between McMillan and Calhoun. CHCURC will be able to tow cars now from this site so we will get our grass back!!

Five Guys Burgers will be opening gin the first or second week of June along Calhoun.

There are several announcements

worth considering in this month's newsletter. Included is a note about an open house for the Police of Distric 5 on May 15th; a survey about biking and transportation from the city; a survey regarding Hughes High School school nursing program. Please check it all out!!

Don't forget to check out the website for our newsletter!

See everyone at the Tuesday meeting 5/19/09 at 7:30 pm at Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria!!

Rob Neel

Minutes of the CUF general meeting April 21, 2009

- Officer Lisa Johnson showed pictures of burglar suspects and a suspicious car used in some of these crimes. Twelve uniformed officers have been assigned to CUF this summer. Twenty additional officers are available weekends for large-scale events. In response to a question, the police stated that over 100 parking tickets are issued each month in CUF. If you see illegal parking, they request that you call 765-1212 to report it.
- Rob stated his desire of setting up committees in addition to the current Board to handle the overflow of work. He is seeking volunteers from the community to come forward.
- The proposed city ordinance to change who can vote was discussed. In essence, anyone showing up could claim residence and vote with no proof required.
- The scope of issues the Board can make decisions about was discussed, as well as a short history lesson of CUF.
- The letter to support closing the VOA Pogue center was talked about. A number of testimonials in support of this action were given.
- The Board's decision to support the conditional use for Mac's Pizza outdoor seating area was discussed. A conditional use variance was required because the outdoor area was within

100 feet of an existing residential area. The city seems to have given the residents some leverage in this situation because of the following conditions: 1) entertainment, either live/radio/re-produced is prohibited, 2) hours of operation, 11:30 a.m. – 12 midnight, Friday & Saturday; 11:30 a.m. – 10 p.m., Sunday–Thursday.

- Ms. Pat DeJarnett and Jana Nattermann presented information on the proposed health center for Hughes High School. They are requesting community input for the services they could provide. Survey forms were provided.
- Shameka Walker from Bright Futures-Kids Hope, a division of the Talbert House, made a presentation. The program, created for pregnant and teenage mothers, provides education on parenting and information on preventing additional pregnancies. Their services are free and forms/flyers were distributed.
- Rob requested ideas/potential members to increase CUF membership diversity.
- Tax returns have been completed and filed.
- NSP funding – we have a new contract and will try to back bill for past expenses.
- Discussion regarding the ongoing saga of no parking on the grass was continued. Signs are up and towing will commence soon.
- Questions about St. George Church, the insurance policy and its dispersal were discussed.
- Sandra Wilson of Citizens on Patrol reported about a large (200+) party on her street, resulting in an arrest. She requested that residents call early on such disturbances.
- The Muralworks project was presented. Suggestions for the image were requested. Community members will be included in the planning and image selection.
- The Great American Clean Up was announced. Recycling of material is happening for the first time!
- Old business consisted of Fairview School (no buyers); Shop Local flyers still showing up; vicious dog disappeared; Clifton and East Walnut Hills house tours.
- Our CUF soapbox car driver is ready – stay tuned for results.

District 5 open house

On Friday May 15th from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM District Five will be hosting its annual open house for Police Memorial Week. Various police units will have displays set up in the rear parking lot of District Five. District Five will also be cooking out for lunch. If you have a chance, please stop by for a few minutes. Thanks in advance!!

Lisa Johnson

St. Bernard Soap Box Derby

On Saturday, May 2, CUF entered the 2nd annual St. Bernard Soap Box Derby race. Annika Yang vom Hofe from Fairview returned again as our driver. Last year she placed third in the race. This year she raced in the stock division against eleven other drivers. Annika came in first place by .001 seconds! The next race is for the Cincinnati Cup and a possible \$10,000 prize on Saturday, June 27.



Community development roundtables

The City of Cincinnati's Home Grown Experts Roundtable Series kicked off with Marketing Techniques, a discussion with Bonnie Blankenship of Cincinnati Housing Partners, on May 12, 7001 Vine Street, Suite 2,

Save the Dates for the next several: Michael Banish of NeighborWorks will talk about Methods for Measuring Success ways to demonstrate value to funders on May 28; Mark Brunner will discuss the New Model Project -- The Resurgence of Spring Grove Village (with great support from PNC Bank) on June 17; and on July 9, Matt Strauss of Price Hill Will, plus a representative from the City of Cincinnati's ADDI program, will talk about Hope for Homeowners -- The Many Down Payment Options Available.

This message was sent by: Community Development Corporations Association of Greater Cincinnati, 2859 Colerain Avenue Suite 11, Cincinnati, OH 45225

Healthy multicultural communities

The Cincinnati Human Relations Commission presents ...A Southwest Ohio Regional Conference on Cultural Diversity Awareness, Saturday May 16, 9:00am—3:00pm Sharonville Convention Center, 11355 Chester Rd., Sharonville, OH 45246

The Christian Moerlein home

Christian Moerlein was born in Bavaria, in 1818. He immigrated to the United States in 1841, eventually settling in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1842. Moerlein established a brewery in Over-the-Rhine in 1853, a predominantly German neighborhood in Cincinnati. In its first year of operation, the Christian Moerlein Brewing Company produced one thousand barrels of beer. By 1864, the brewery produced more than twenty-six thousand barrels of beer per year. Moerlein became the most prominent brewer in the city. He sold his product across the United States as well as to other countries. During this time, no other Cincinnati brewery entered the international marketplace. His most popular beer was "Old Jug Lager Krug-Bier." The brewery made Moerlein a wealthy man.

As with many who accumulated at least upper middle class wealth at the time, there was a move to live above the city basin and Christian Moerlein moved his home from Over The Rhine to Fairview. His home at 2407 Ohio Avenue was built in the same time period and the same general area as the Bellevue House (the festhaus located at the end of Ohio Avenue, now Bellevue Park, at the old Bellevue Incline site). Christian Moerlein's products were the preferred beers at the Bellevue House. His daughter married into the Goetz family, another prominent land developing family in the neighborhood. It is also only appropriate to note that the former Goetz mansion now serves as a Biergarten and restaurant, reflecting the neighborhood's beer-brewing past.

In 1884, Moerlein invested some of his profits in the Cincinnati Cremation Company, which remains off of Martin Luther King Drive in our community to this day. Investors in the company, mainly from the Turner Society, hoped that cremation would become more popular than burials of deceased persons as a matter of health improvement. They argued that cremation was more sanitary and would benefit the living by limiting the spread of diseases.

The Christian Moerlein Brewing Company continued to operate after his death in 1897.



Source: The Bicentennial Guide to Greater Cincinnati: A Portrait of Two Hundred Years.

Summer park programs

Lazy Days Are Here Again – **Burnet Woods**

Sat., June 20, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Come and enjoy a lazy day on the water at Burnet Woods learning the basics of canoeing. Adventurers of all ages are invited to take a turn on the paddles as we explore the aquatic community that shares this beautiful lake with us. Canoes, paddles and life vests provided. For more information and reservations, please call 751-3679.

Nature's Musicians - **Mt. Storm**

Sat., July 25, 9 – 10:30 a.m.

The sounds of Summer are in full swing – but who is making them? Come find out how these musicians in nature's band produce their sound. Come prepared for a short walk, live animal guests and a wild jam session. Meet at the shelter.

Dragonflies – **Burnet Woods**

Sat., Aug. 15, 11 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Stop by the lake for this drop-in program on Dragonflies and Damselflies. We'll learn their fascinating life histories, explore the lake in search of the little beasties, and meet them up close and personal. Meet at the Trailside Nature Center

Wolff Planetarium, Burnet Woods

Programs are open to adults and older children accompanied by adults. Seating is limited; please call 751-3679 for reservations. Fee: \$3.00 per person.

Summer Skies

- Fri., June 19, 7 – 8 p.m., *Summer Constellations*
 - Fri., July 17, 7 – 8 p.m., *The Scorpions Sting*
 - Fri., Aug. 21, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., *Arabian Nights*
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Hughes High School survey

CUF MEMBER SURVEY

HUGHES CENTER HIGH SCHOOL PROPOSED SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER

Neighborhood Health Care, Inc. (NHC) has been awarded a planning/operations grant from the Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati for a School-Based Health Center at Hughes Center High School. The planning process began in December, 2008 and will last through August, 2009. If at the end of the planning process it is concluded that NHC can sustain a viable health center at Hughes, one will be opened by September, 2009. NHC would work with administrators and teachers of Hughes to minimize the disruption of instructional time by providing health care services before and/or after school and during the lunch period.

As a CUF member, your opinion is requested to help NHC plan the services that would be appropriate to offer at Hughes. Please answer the following questions. A representative from NHC will attend the CUF meeting on April 21, 2009 to discuss the proposed Health Center and collect your completed surveys. **This survey can be brought to the May meeting and will be given to Pat DeJarnett or emailed directly to her at: patriciad@cinci-nhc.org**

I believe a School-Based Health Center could benefit Hughes students and should be opened.

___ Yes ___ No

If no, why not _____

If a School-Based Health Center is opened at Hughes, I believe the following services should be offered on-site. (Check all that apply.)

- Routine physicals, sport/work physicals
- Immunizations/Flu Shots
- Health Education, Counseling and Wellness Promotion
- Diagnosis and Treatment of illness, infections and minor injuries
- Diagnosis and Treatment of on-going (chronic) health problems such as asthma and obesity
- Laboratory tests as needed
- Prescriptions for treatment of illness
- Testing and treatment for Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD's)
- Family Planning (including birth control)
- Family Planning Referrals
- Pregnancy Care
- Sex Education and Prevention Counseling
- Mental/ Behavioral Health Counseling & Treatment (for depression, grief, ADHD, etc.)
- Dental care
- First aid
- Eye Exams
- None, I do not feel a school-based health center should be opened at Hughes
- Other _____

Bicycle safety

The City of Cincinnati Dept. of Transportation and Engineering will be launching a pilot project this month to improve bicycle safety in your community. Before we begin the pilot project, we need to gather some information from neighborhood residents (cyclists and non-cyclists). Please consider taking one minute to click on the link below and complete the five question survey. Your answers to the survey will provide us with "baseline" information, and will help our outreach and education efforts when the pilot project begins.

Please follow this link to complete the survey: <http://CUFBikesurvey.questionpro.com>

Thank you for helping to improve bicycle facilities in your neighborhood.

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Brent Spence bridge reconstruction plans

The reconstruction of the Brent Spence Bridge and related improvements to the I-75 corridor from the river to the Western Hills Viaduct will have a profound impact on transportation, quality of life and economic investment in our region.

The Ohio Department of Transportation and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet have just released their study of conceptual alternatives for the segment – a critical step in the process of replacing this vital piece of infrastructure.

The full report will be available online after May 6 at www.brentspencebridgecorridor.com.

The report recommends further study of two alternatives that would add a new bridge just west of the existing span. Traffic from I-71 would be routed over the existing bridge, while I-75 traffic would travel over the new bridge. These alternatives (Alternative E and a combination of Alternatives C and D) would be designed to provide three lanes in each direction on I-75. The report also recommends incorporating design elements of another alternative, which was rejected because of its cost, into the two alternatives that will advance for further consideration.

The report recommends that the

"Queensgate Alternative" be eliminated from further consideration. City Council passed a motion opposing this alternative last year because of the significant economic losses it would cause for businesses in Queensgate, held a public hearing to take testimony from Queensgate businesses, and the City submitted a report to the state and federal governments last year documenting the impact of the alternative on the area.

While it is encouraging that the report recommends eliminating the Queensgate Alternative, the report must still be approved by the Federal Highway Administration to officially eliminate of the alternative.

That's why it is so important for residents, business owners and community stakeholders to offer comments during the public comment period for this phase of the project.

Roxanne Qualls

Historic Conservation Ordinance update

Cincinnati's Historic Conservation ordinance, which has helped save many buildings in the City's locally designated historic districts, needs to be updated and strengthened so it can be more effective.

The Over-the-Rhine Foundation and Cincinnati Preservation Association have developed a commonsense, holistic proposal to make preservation work better in all of Cincinnati's neighborhoods.

We will present an overview of this plan to City Council's Vibrant Neighborhoods Committee on June 9 and 23. We need a strong show of support from neighborhoods to move this innovative proposal through Council. We hope you will stand with us. Please send your letter of support to us as soon as possible.

Our neighborhoods are the engine of Cincinnati's future development. We are threatened with losing an irreplaceable part of the City's character and potential for economic development. We should be doing all that we can to encourage historic preservation and the redevelopment of historic properties.

Thank you for your support on this critical issue. Please contact us for more information.

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Avoiding mortgage modification & foreclosure rescue scams

Please help your friends, family or neighbors from falling victim to the latest scam by providing them with the right information. Scams that promise to “rescue” you from foreclosure and to help homeowners with mortgage modification are popping up at an alarming rate nationwide.

- Contact your lender or mortgage servicer first. Speak with someone in the loss mitigation department for mortgage modification options and other alternatives to foreclosure.
- Fake “government” modification programs. Unscrupulous people may claim to be affiliated with, or approved by, the government or may ask you to pay high up-front fees to qualify for government mortgage modification programs. Do not pay anyone for what you can get for free!!! All you need to do is contact your lender or loan servicer.
- Make all mortgage payments directly to your lender or to the mortgage servicer. Do not trust anyone to make mortgage payments for you, and do not stop making your payments.
- Avoid paying up-front fees. While some legitimate housing counselors will charge small fees for their services, do not pay fees to anyone before receiving any services.
- Know what you are signing. Read and understand every document you sign. Do not rely on an oral explanation of a document you are signing — make sure that you read and understand what the document actually says. Otherwise, a document may obligate you to terms you don’t want or may even convey ownership of your home to someone else. If a document is too complex to understand, seek advice from a lawyer you trust or a legitimate, trusted financial counselor.
- Do not sign over your deed without consulting a lawyer you select. Foreclosure scams often involve transfer of ownership of your home to a con artist or another third party. Never agree to this without getting the advice of your own lawyer you can trust. By signing over your deed, you lose the rights to your home and any equity built up in the home — and you are still obligated to pay the mortgage.

Contact a legitimate housing or financial counselor to help you work through your problems. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) at (800) 569-4287 or (877) 483-1515 www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/hccprof14.cfm

For information on federal mortgage modification and refinancing programs www.makinghomeaffordable.gov
Call (888) 995-HOPE, the Homeowner’s HOPE Hotline to reach a nonprofit, HUD-approved counselor through HOPE NOW, a cooperative effort of mortgage counselors and lenders to assist homeowners.
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