



NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

May, 2015

Next monthly meeting:

April 19, 2015

Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria,
Lower Level, Straight Street

WHO LIVES IN CUF?

Most of the following information is taken from a report by Michelle Brzaska from her graduate thesis "Neighborhood Housing Assessment."

CUF is centrally located within the City of Cincinnati, with close proximity to the University of Cincinnati, Over-the-Rhine, Mount Auburn, Camp Washington, and Clifton. The neighborhood is made up of four census tracts, 25, 26, 27, and 29. Census tracts 25 and 26 make up Clifton Heights, 27 makes up Fairview, and 29 makes up University Heights. The population of CUF in total is nearly 13,500, based on 2010 Census data. University Heights is the most populous community within CUF, followed by Clifton Heights and then Fairview.

Because of the neighborhood's socioeconomic makeup and its proximity to the university, property information is quite unique. CUF has a high amount of non-family households and renter occupied households. There are also a low number of long-time residents, with most housing occupants moving into their residences in the past five years. While some of these characteristics are to be expected for an urban neighborhood, along with an older housing stock and a higher number of housing units per building, CUF shows drastically unique values. These values are further explored in the following pages

Of the 13,424 CUF residents, only 3,393 live in a family household. A staggering 70% (7,844 residents) live in non-family households, while 19.5% (2,187 residents) live in group

quarters. While nearby neighborhoods such as Corryville, Clifton, and Over-the-Rhine have similar distributions of family and non-family households, this is quite different from many other Cincinnati neighborhoods. For example, nearby Mt. Auburn has 4,745 households, of which 64% are family households and 36% are non-family households. Similarly, in the West End, 67% of residents live in family households, while 33% live in non-family households. As is expected, this breakdown is due to CUF's proximity to the University of Cincinnati and its extremely high student population.

CUF has a total of 6,382 housing units. Of these housing units, based on 2010 census data, 5,481 are occupied while 901 are vacant. This vacancy rate is quite good, due to the demand for student housing in the neighborhood. For this reason, most of these vacancies are not due to a lack of demand, but rather because units were either for rent in between tenants at the time of the survey or were listed for sale. Of the 5,481 occupied housing units, 867 are owner occupied, while 4,614 are renter occupied, shown in the chart to the right. This is quite typical of a student neighborhood where houses tend to be more valuable as rentals than as homeowner-occupied residences.

The above information gives us worthwhile insights concerning the CUF community. Recently, Mayor Cranley's office has taken note of the stresses in our community concerning heavy student housing demand, litter, and parking demand. He has instituted a temporary IDC (Interim Development Control) district. This IDC (No. 77) will last for three months, and a meeting will be held May 15, 2015 to consider a nine month extension. This is the best chance that we have had in long time to determine the future of our neighborhood. Please be an active participant in forming new and revised code that will hopefully alleviate many of our problems.

Chip Kusmaul

CUF Neighborhood Association General Meeting Minutes 4/21//2015

Linda Ziegler called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

SAFETY UPDATES:

CFD Engine 19's Lt. Vance reported 295 runs for the month, including 20 fire runs less than 1 alarm, 4 one alarm runs, 2 extra alarm fires, 117 EMS runs, and 81 ALS runs. 403 hydrants were also checked and cleaned.

CPD D5 Officer. Nicholas Hageman - CPS Vice Commander Nuedigate reported that a sting along the McMicken corridor resulted in 42 arrests for prostitution related crimes. A number of cars used in prostitution activity were impounded.

There has been an upsurge in the theft of catalytic converters from cars in CUF. Heroin is a big problem in the area with cell phones etc. making it easy to set up quick exchanges. There have been many complaints of loud parties, fights and urinating as warm weather comes in.

In general crime is down, violent crime is down 19%. CPD will use it's tower lights in areas where theft from autos is a problem. Street sweepers are supposed to notify CPD about cars parked on the street on sweeping days. The next street sweeping days are July 20-24.

Christian Huelsman, reported that the April 25th. clean up will focus on the Ohio Avenue Steps, W.McMillan, Ravine St. and W,McMicken Avenue. The trash collection spot for pick up will be W.McMicken at McMillan and Ohio Avenue.

Treasurer's Report, Linda Ziegler

OLD BUSINESS/Reports: NEW BUSINESS:
CHUCRC: No news

ANNOUNCEMENTS: We have open trustee positions. The Nominating Committee, Chris Palmer and John Stork, will contact eligible members.

The Annual Meeting and election will be July 21st.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Recording Secretary Tony Walsh

CUF Neighborhood Association Financial Report, April, 2015

Balance on: Mar. 31, 2015 \$ 14,694.44

Income:

2015 AIG	658.69
Dues	12.00
Total income:	+ \$ 670.69

Expenses:

GCWW	42.63
Gallagher, Pik Sticks	67.97
Total expenses:	- \$ 110.60

Balance on: Apr. 30, 2015 \$ 15,254.53



Did you know?

According to an article in the Cincinnati Enquirer dated June 20, 1937, the stone archway along Fairview Park Drive led to a wine cellar. "The cellar belonged to Isaac Miller, who operated a tavern on the hillside and also who was a prominent political figure. In it was kept the wine his patrons sipped while admiring the view. The old house was bought with one of the 58 parcels that went to make the park, all for approximately \$67,000 and totally 31.126 acres. The Fairview incline traversed a part of what is now the park, doubtless transporting many a guest to the old tavern."

The house on the hill that may have been the tavern no longer stands today. Miller's house on Fairview Avenue is still there.

University impact area study

A study is being conducted to look at zoning, housing, fire, health, and parking codes as well as other solutions to the quality of life concerns in the university area.

Its objective is to ensure safe housing for students and a high quality of life for all who live in the neighborhood.

With the increasing reputation and growing enrollment of the University of Cincinnati, the area around the University has been experiencing some growing pains. Whether you are a property owner, a student, a business owner, or community organization, now is the time to come together to ensure a high quality of life for all that live, work, and play in the neighborhood.

It is the goal that this study and proposed solutions will take approximately one year to complete.

In conjunction with the study, City Council has established an Interim Development Control Overlay District (IDC No. 77) to monitor development during the course of the study. (Link to map) However, the study itself may look at areas beyond the boundary.

Want to be involved in the study? Go to: <http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/planning/planning-projects-studies/university->

Yoga in Burnett Woods

Every Saturday from May 9 through September 19 free yoga classes will be taking place in Burnett Woods. Each session runs from 11am to noon. Bring a mat or towel, water and sunglasses to the Burnett Woods bandstand and experience nature and get a great workout!

Note that the classes will take place even if it rains; they'll be under the bandstand if there's a light rain and at the World Peace Yoga studio at 268 Ludlow Avenue in Clifton if there's a heavy rain. While the classes are free, donations are accepted.

These classes are being hosted by World Peace Yoga, long one of the most popular destinations on Ludlow Avenue. They have a great teacher training program that has generated some teachers who now teach globally. It's also a laid back studio with a come as you are approach. Check out their Facebook page or their website to learn more, or call them at 513-300-9642.

Trustee elections

Mark your calendar. The election for CUFNA trustees will be during our July meeting! Statements from candidates will appear in the June newsletter.

New section of Mill Creek Trail complete

Provides Safe Crossing of Mill Creek Bridge

A new section of Mill Creek Trail was completed recently in South Cumminsville. Phase 4 of the Mill Creek Trail connects the east side of the Mill Creek Bridge to Beekman Avenue and the Ethel Taylor Elementary School.

As part of the trail construction, the Mill Creek Bridge has been retrofitted to allow safe crossing of pedestrians. Previously pedestrians had to use a 2-foot safety ledge to cross the bridge; now pedestrians and bicyclists will have a 7-foot wide path across the bridge, separated from cars and trucks with 3-foot tall plastic poles. Drivers should note that a new signal has been installed on each end of the bridge.

"We're working hard to grow our trail network citywide," said Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley. "These trails will change the face of our community by providing all Cincinnatians with convenient access to exercise, recreation and transportation."

City Manager Harry Black added, "This provides additional transportation options and enhances safety. I hope everyone will note these changes and stay tuned as our trail network continues to evolve and improve."

With the addition of this new trail segment, the Mill Creek Trail now extends continuously for 2.4 miles between Salway Park and Beekman Avenue. Funding was provided by the City of Cincinnati, the Clean Ohio Trail Fund, Interact for Health, the Greater Cincinnati Foundation and Groundwork Cincinnati.



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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

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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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