



NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION

# Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

May, 2016

## Next monthly meeting:

May 17, 2016

Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria,  
Lower Level, Straight Street

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## Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Monthly CUF update:

On Saturday, April 30, CUF participated in the annual Green-Up Day sponsored by the Parks Department. Some years ago, an unattractive corner at Warner and Chickasaw Streets was landscaped with retaining walls and plantings by area residents. At this point, the corner was in need of sprucing up. So, weeds were removed, shrubs were pruned, new soil was filled in where needed, sedum was planted, and finally the entire corner was mulched. A row of lilies is planned in front of the wall to discourage people from driving over the ground. Thanks to Paul Gallagher, Mark Bambach and our youngest gardener, Stanley Wilson, for their efforts.

The owner of a building on lower Ravine had applied for a demolition permit. According to the terms of our Interim Development Control District, notice was sent to CUF and the matter was heard by the Planning Commission on May 6. Apparently the hillside behind the house is slipping, and it was feared that tearing down the building would aggravate the situation. A decision on the matter was postponed pending further investigation.

We have received some information from ArtWorks on prospective artists for our mural project on Central Parkway this summer. If all goes well, the canal-themed mural will stretch from north of Straight Street to a bit beyond Marshall Avenue. See some of the artists' work at:

[http://webmail2.cincinnati.net/service/home/~/?auth=co&loc=en\\_US&id=129885&part=2.14](http://webmail2.cincinnati.net/service/home/~/?auth=co&loc=en_US&id=129885&part=2.14)

The University of Cincinnati continues its search for a Chief of Police and an Assistant Chief of Police. They are asking for input from

various stakeholders. Inside is more information and the website where you can add your thoughts to the process.

Lead in drinking water is a huge concern these days. Staff from the Greater Cincinnati Water Works are contacting area community councils to schedule visits. Representatives from their speakers' bureau will present information to us at the June general meeting.

The May meeting will have a law enforcement focus. Two detectives from the Cincinnati Police will present information on the Cincinnati Citizens Respect Our Witnesses (CCROW) program, aimed at encouraging participation in the criminal justice process toward the end of increasing successful prosecution of criminals. The UC canine unit, complete with their human officers, will also introduce themselves to us and explain their functions.

One more reminder, our consultant is now engaged in researching a possible historic district in CUF. She is interested in old photographs of Clifton Heights. If you have any, particularly of your house, please email them to our website at <http://www.cufna.org> or give copies to trustees at the May meeting.

See you on May 17th.

Linda Ziegler

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## CUF Neighborhood Association General Meeting, 4/19/16 7:30 pm Deaconess Cafeteria

Meeting commenced at 7:40 p.m.  
Safety Updates were given by District 5  
Community Liaison Officer Nick Hageman.  
Community Crime Statistics for March 2016  
were made available. UC James Whalen was  
present. 556-1111 UC Police Dispatch.  
Scheduled Guests:  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio speaker  
Zachary Frymeier regarding legal practices of  
door-to-door energy suppliers.  
Judicial Candidate Darrell Payne for Juvenile

Court Common Pleas

Western Hills Viaduct policy issues, Xavier University student project with community Q&A presented by Evan Ward & Owen Grieves March 2016 Treasurer Report was read and filed (included with agendas).

CHCURC update by Kussmaul: Meeting with UC re: housing

Trustee updates given by Ziegler and Martin: Bellevue Incline project; Historic district update; Cincinnati Public Schools/Clifton Town Meeting/ Fairview School/CCAC

Matt Shad, Zoning: matthew.shad@cincinnati-oh.gov has not provided reply re: Digging on McMicken, foundation on Enslin, Hookah Café on Calhoun

Old Business:

CUF IDC #77 was extended for 6 months; UC Impact Study committees continue to meet Announcements/New Business:

- Uptown Recycling Day. Saturday, April 23, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. UC Health parking lot at MLK & Reading
- Town Hall forum on water & sewer rates. Join ECO & Sierra Club on April 26th from 7:00 pm-9:30 pm at Community Shares (103 William H. Taft Road Cincinnati, OH 45219). RSVP: <http://goo.gl/forms/DLp3yXxNjf>
- GreenUp Day, Saturday, April 30, 9:00 am, corner of Warner and Chickasaw.
- Neighborhoods Committee hearing, Monday, May 2, 2:00 pm. Modifying Land Use Regulations.
- Planning Commission hearing, Friday, May 6, regarding demolition permit for 2146 Ravine.
- Youth 2 Work summer employment program ages 14 – 18, June to August: <http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/hr/youth-2-work-program/>
- Little Sisters of the Poor back sale, Saturday, May 7, 10:00 – 4:00.
- Police Body Worn Camera Program panel discussion, May 3, 3:00 – 4:00.

Next General Meeting: May 17, 2016  
Meeting Adjourned 8:52 p.m.  
Recorded by C. Wallpe

**UC search**

Dear Community Partner,

The University of Cincinnati (UC) is actively searching to fill two key leadership positions within the public safety department – Chief of Police and Assistant Chief of Police. As our diverse 11-member search committee begins the application review process, we'd like to know what qualities you would like our new

leaders to possess.

A webpage has been set-up to collect your thoughts regarding our new leadership. To share your ideas with us, please visit [www.uc.edu/publicsafety](http://www.uc.edu/publicsafety) and click on the "Leadership Search" button located on the right side of the page. A link to access the job descriptions of both positions is also available on the webpage for your convenience.

UC's new Chief and Assistant Chief will work directly with UC's Office of Safety and Reform, and our Community Advisory Council, to transform UC Police into a model agency for urban campus policing. They will be charged with implementing 'best practice' organizational changes while also providing a safe and secure environment for students, faculty and staff and visitors.

Please take a moment to share your views and opinions with us as we embark on this important initiative. Your comments will be compiled and shared with our search committee members and senior leaders at the University of Cincinnati.

Best Regards,

Robin S. Engel, Ph.D.  
Vice President for Safety and Reform  
University of Cincinnati

S. Gregory Baker  
Director of Police Community Relations  
University of Cincinnati

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**Financial Report April 2016**

Balance on April 1, 2016                      \$8894.35

Income:	
Dues	24.00
Invest In Neighborhoods	670.10
Total	694.10

Expenses:	
Gallagher-Mulch	85.20
Ziegler-postage	47.53
CWW	18.59
Finney Law	231.00
Parks-add'l planters	8.54
Total	790.86

Balance on April 30, 2016                      \$8797.59

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## Landlord Training

Hello,

As part of the discussions related to the University Impact Area Solutions Study, various ideas were mentioned related to trainings for landlords and tenants in order to help educate area landlords and tenants on the rights they each possess and the laws by which they must abide.

The City of Cincinnati is hosting two landlord/tenant training classes in May. While the events are open to landlords and residents across Cincinnati, the event is taking place in Lower Price Hill as part of the ongoing Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) in that community.

This training will bring different entities from various City departments to cover all aspects of the landlord/tenant relationship. Training dates are listed below. Both will take place at Oylar School (2121 Hatmaker St.) in Lower Price Hill.

- WEDNESDAY, MAY 18 2016, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- THURSDAY, MAY 19 2016, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Please feel free to attend one and also please distribute amongst your contacts as well. More information can be viewed at the City's website at the following link: <http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/cityofcincinnati/news/2-landlord-tenant-training-sessions-set-for-may/>

Thanks,  
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Senior City Planner  
City of Cincinnati, Department of City Planning  
Two Centennial Plaza, 805 Central Ave.,  
Suite 720  
Cincinnati, OH 45202  
513-352-4855

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## Teen volunteers needed Summer Nature Day Camps!

Do you know a teenager needing service hours this summer for school credit? Do they enjoy the outdoors and spending time with children? Are they at least 13 years old? If so, we have half day and full day opportunities for them to volunteer this summer in our Nature Day Camps at Ault Park, Burnet Woods, California Woods, Downtown Riverfront Parks, French Park, LaBoiteaux Woods and Stanbery

Park.

From June 13 through August 12, Our Counselors In Training (CIT) volunteers assist group leaders with a variety of activities such as providing extra direction during games, giving an extra hand during crafts, being the "caboose" and additional watchful eye during hikes and setting a good example for campers. Many of our CIT volunteers were campers when they were younger and volunteer for several years because of the skills they gain and pure enjoyment of our fun, educational camps!

To begin the process as a candidate for a volunteer position, please email Erin Morris at [erin.morris@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:erin.morris@cincinnati-oh.gov). You will receive instructions for registering on our volunteer website. New volunteers are required to participate in an interview and if selected will need to attend an orientation session prior to the start of camps.

The rewards will be many... for those that volunteer, new skills learned and a fun-filled summer...and for the parents, one less dent on the couch from a bored teenager.

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## Youth 2 Work Program

The City's Youth 2 Work Program is a consortium of City departments, local nonprofits, and partner organizations working to recruit, train and employ youth on behalf of the City of Cincinnati.;

The 8-week program provides job readiness and life skills training to Cincinnati youth between the ages of 14-18 through internal City Departments or outsourced organizations. Youth will work between 20-30 hours a week from June to August earning \$8.10 per hour (the current minimum wage for youth in Ohio).

Employers include City departments, nonprofit organizations, and private sector partners. Youth are placed in career-oriented employment opportunities such as law enforcement, fire and safety, horticulture, recreation, art, technology and administration.

Jobs are posted through the City's NeoGov page and the Urban League of Greater Cincinnati. Some of the jobs are listed below.

- 2016 Y2WK Summer Intern (Urban League)
- 2016 Y2WK-PARKS GREEN LEAF SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM
- FIRE SUMMER CADET (CIVILIAN) (PART-TIME)



## Safe drinking water remains top priority for GCWW

CINCINNATI – Your water is safe.

That's the message the City of Cincinnati and Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW) wants to clearly articulate to residents of the region.

GCWW provided in late January a detailed overview of the special situation in Flint. At that time it also offered reassurance to the public that providing and maintaining safe drinking water to customers throughout southwest Ohio and parts of Northern Kentucky is the top priority of GCWW.

In short: They made it clear the water situation in Flint does not exist in Cincinnati.

“For nearly 200 years, Greater Cincinnati Water Works has been a dependable provider of safe drinking water for the Greater Cincinnati region. [Water Works] has always met or exceeded all of the state and federal health standards for drinking water and uses state-of-the-art water treatment processes that include multiple barriers to protect public health,” wrote City Manager Harry Black in a memo to Mayor John Cranley and members of Cincinnati City Council.

### [CLICK HERE TO READ THE MEMO](#)

The memo, submitted to Council on Friday, Feb. 19, outlines the manner by which GCWW treats and tests the more than 48 billion gallons water it provides to 235,000 customers across the Greater Cincinnati region every year. Multiple treatment processes are practiced now to ensure there is no lead in the water as it leaves the treatment plants and flows through the distribution pipes.

GCWW's highly trained staff test the water more than 600 times every day.

“As required, GCWW treats the drinking water specifically to prevent lead leaching into the drinking water. This treatment process is called lead corrosion control and ensures there is no lead in the water as it leaves GCWW treatment plants and flows through distribution pipes,” the City Manager added. “Additionally, GCWW undergoes a stringent testing program to ensure that the treatment is effective.”

Even with a litany of testing and safety measures in place, GCWW continues to enhance its current programs through additional education and outreach and initiating new solutions to further minimize lead service lines in the distribution system. Removing the public portion and private portion of lead service lines is a priority now and for years to come.

“GCWW will seek ways to improve the lead service line replacement program, including assistance programs for customers,” City Manager Black wrote. “These solutions will greatly reduce risks and further enhance the system for years to come so GCWW can continue to deliver the highest quality, safe drinking water to the region.”

The detailed memo from the City Manager also provides information on the regulatory standards in place regarding lead and copper pipes, the responsibility of replacing antiquated pipe systems, and future plans for addressing any systemic issues and ensuring the safety of those who drink Cincinnati's award-winning water.

The City Administration is working to schedule a full presentation of these recommendations to the appropriate City Council Committee.

Anyone with questions about their water quality or lead testing can reach out to the Cincinnati Health Department at 513-357-7420.

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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: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, except August and December, 7:30 p.m, Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria, 311 Straight Street
- CUF Trustee meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m, Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria, 311 Straight Street
- CUF annual meeting and election: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in July, 7:30 pm, Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria, 311 Straight Street

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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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