



NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION

# Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

June, 2008

## Next monthly meeting:

Tuesday, June 17, 2008, 7:30 p.m.  
Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria,  
Lower Level  
Straight Street

## From the President's desk



The first order of business this month is the trustee election. Six candidates have been nominated to run for five positions: Nick Denlinger, Rolf Kuhn, Sally Larson, Julie Murray, Rob Neel and Dennis O'Brien. Their statements are included in the newsletter. The election will take place at the annual meeting on July 15. Please be sure your dues are paid up and you have attended three meetings this year in order to be eligible to vote.

Some Uptown news: The Uptown Consortium held a meeting recently to explore the idea of an Uptown Tour of Living. The tour would be modeled on similar events in downtown and Over-the-Rhine, which have been successful in attracting large numbers of visitors. The meeting included representatives from all Uptown communities: Avondale, Clifton, CUF, Corryville, and Mt. Auburn. Participants were all interested in pursuing the idea and plan to meet again soon. Stay tuned for future developments.

The Uptown Park Study was initiated in 2006. The Uptown Consortium has scheduled a meeting for the design team to present the findings and recommendations of the study. This will be the final presentation of the study results from the design team. The presentation will be Thursday, June 26, 2008, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at the MERC Center, directly across the street from the Uptown Consortium office at 629 Oak Street. There is free and plentiful parking in the Children's Hospital lot adjacent to the building. All are welcome. This is your opportunity to comment on the study's recommendations.

Other announcements: There will be a presentation on streetcars June 19, at 5:30 p.m. in the CHCURC offices on Ohio Avenue above the Urban Outfitters store. The initial phase for streetcars is planned from the riverfront up through Over-the-Rhine. The second phase is proposed to come up the hill through CUF.

Matt Andrews from the City's Department

of Transportation and Engineering will be at our June meeting to give further updates on the West Clifton Avenue rehabilitation plan. The project covers all of West Clifton Avenue from Vine Street to McMillan Avenue. The project includes:

- realigning the sharp curve on the hill to increase safety
- rebuilding the traffic signal at Vine Street
- adding new stone retaining walls and rock fall protection along the base of the Bellevue Park hill
- improving drainage and rehabilitating all the asphalt pavement
- 1200' of new sidewalk along the base of the Bellevue Park hill
- replacing all the existing sidewalks and curb and adding trees and a tree lawn throughout the project's 4,000 foot length.

The 2008 Cincinnati Soap Box Derby will be held on Saturday, June 21 down Gilbert Avenue below the Baldwin Building. The CUF team has been hard at work fine tuning the car and taking practice runs. Our driver is Annika vom Hofe, a 9-year-old student at Fairview School. She is being assisted by her younger brother Joschka who can't wait until he can reach the brake pedal so he can drive. Mayor Mallory is offering a \$5,000 prize to the city neighborhood winner. Annika has requested that swings be put in Fairview Park if she wins the Mayor's cup. We hope lots of CUF members come to cheer her on. T-shirts are available for supporters.

Linda Ziegler

## CUF Neighborhood Association minutes for May 20, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 p.m. by Linda Ziegler.

Before the meeting began, Gabriel Davis from the Center for Closing the Health Gap gave questionnaires to members to complete. This is a project with the City to identify gaps in health care. We will hear more about the results in the future.

**District 5 police report:** Some types of crime are down quite a bit. Continuing problems with thefts from autos. The police have a pilot program to catch copper thieves. If it is successful, they hope to spread it to all areas of the city. During the NEP

program the police made about 80 arrests regarding prostitution in CUF. There was no UC police report.

The City Fire Department would like CUF to help host neighborhood parties at local fire stations. The events are scheduled for October 11 and are intended to introduce firefighters to residents.

**Guests:** Harlan Dalluge from U CAN talked about a new clinic at 1230 West 8th Street where animals are spayed/neutered for very reasonable prices. Every year thousands of unwanted animals are put to death in Cincinnati. CUF has been working hard for several years to control our cat population. U CAN has been a big part of our efforts.

Lay Brother Steven Girard invited members to participate in 40 days of prayer for the sanctity of life.

### Treasurer's Report

Balance May 1, 2008 \$4,600.51

#### Income:

Dues 30.00  
Donation from KCB award 100.00  
Total Income +130.00

#### Expenses:

Mulch 231.00  
Newsletter Kinko's 55.44  
Derby car weights 304.43  
Cat spay/neuter 341.00  
Total expenses: -931.87

Balance June 1, 2008 \$3,798.64

## CUF board candidates

The CUF board of trustees election will take place at the annual meeting, July 15, 2008, 7:30 pm in the Deaconess Hospital cafeteria.

The following CUF residents are candidates:

#### Nick Denlinger

My name is Nick Denlinger and I live at 511 W. McMillan Street, which my wife Janine and I own. I've lived in CUF for 25 years, am currently a Trustee and Treasurer, and an active patrolling member of Citizens on Patrol. I am retired from about 20 years of teaching German at area high schools and UC and am currently a geotechnical field technician, weather permitting. My wife and I enjoy the diversity of the CUF neighborhood, the proximity of restaurants, parks and cultural opportunities, and are especially happy to see young professionals and families with children moving into the area.

#### Rolf Kuhn

I have been a Cincinnati resident for 31 years, almost half of that time in CUF. I have been active in the spay/neuter program and provide a home for several orphaned or formerly feral cats. I have been a member of Citizens on Patrol since 2002. You might see me picking up debris on one of my many walking

trips throughout the neighborhood. I enjoy the variety of people and environments that we have in this part of the city and will work to maintain and improve our quality of life.

#### Sally L. Larson

- CUF resident and homeowner since 1976. Member of CUF for most of that time.
- Currently a Block Captain.
- I am interested in helping the CUF Neighborhood Association address on-going issues around litter, abandoned properties, properties that are not maintained, personal safety, and the stalled development of the business district. If elected, I will do my best to help keep the Council moving forward.

#### Julie M. Murray

Julie, a CUF resident and business owner, moved to Cincinnati 34 years ago from Europe where she had been studying foreign languages. She has lived in her home for 18 years where she has a private practice dealing with spirituality direction and energy healing. She has been active in CUF, CHBA and CHIA for several years. She is currently involved with several neighborhood initiatives: Peter Block's Civic Engagement program interfacing the neighborhood residents and businesses with UC, and the Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center's program to create spaces of nonviolent dialogue for people of diverse opinions on topics of importance to all of us.

#### Rob Neel

Is a lifetime Cincinnati. He was born at General Hospital, and now works there as an assistant professor of neurology and practicing Neurologist. He has lived in the CUF neighborhood since 1996. He has worked as the Clifton Heights Improvement Association secretary and vice-president. His passion still lies with beautifying the neighborhood through trash removal and pick-up, increasing park aesthetics and neighborhood walkability, and improving communication between all the groups that work and live in our neighborhood to make it the amazingly interesting place that it is.

#### Dennis O'Brien

Over the past 23 years as a resident of CUF, I have served the community in a variety of capacities...as a member of the tree board, parking committee, CUF board of trustees and as community liaison to CPD District 5. Currently, I continue to serve the community as a trustee of CUF Neighborhood Association and as a trustee of the CUF Community Fund. What I offer this community is a bit of history and an understanding of the unique attributes and challenges that exist within our community. I have no personal or hidden agenda other than working with others to create a safe, strong, vibrant and livable community.

## UC move out days

As a result of the CUF Neighborhood Enhancement Program, a group has been working to address the UC move-out days and the accompanying problems of trash left on the streets. The group, headed by Robin Henderson of Keep Cincinnati Beautiful, has put together a comprehensive plan that encompasses placing a dumpster in the

parking lot of Old St. George from June 9 through 21 (the dumpster will be monitored daily), promoting proper garbage disposal by both students and landlords (info will be posted on UC website and BlackBoard), promoting recycling, and providing an extra round of pick up of large metal objects on Wednesday, June 18th.

For the program to be most successful we need to get the word out to as many of the appropriate people as possible. The dumpster is designed to accommodate the folks who will be leaving at times when they can not place their trash out according to the City guidelines and to help landlords with disposal of student belongings left behind in apartments. It is not to be used to dispose of construction materials.

We view this as a trial for the August/September move out days, and will modify the plan as needed. According to Public Services, the most problematic streets are Stratford, Warner, Rohs and Wheeler, everything between Ravine and Clifton. Spread the word!

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## Be a corner can spotter!

In an effort to address litter issues, the City is asking residents to identify overflowing corner garbage cans. Reports of overflowing corner cans on city streets can be made by calling the City Wide Communications Center at 591-6000. Emails regarding corner cans can also be sent to: CUSTOMERSERVICE.PUBLICSERVICES@CINCINNATI-OH.GOV .

Please note that corner cans can also be reported the City's website at [www.cincinnati-oh.gov](http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov) under the "I want to Request a City Service" section and choose "Corner Can Overflowing".

Your assistance will help the City and the Department of Public Services to provide a higher level of service to citizens.

The following information is needed when submitting an overflowing corner can request: What is the intersection or nearest street address of the can? Is there a can inside of the receptacle container?

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call 591-6000.

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## Hamilton County home improvement program

Hamilton County commissioners have voted to reinstate a program, which provides low interest construction loans. The home improvement program allows property owners to borrow up to \$50,000 to repair or remodel their homes at interest rates three-percent below what a bank would typically offer. Small business owners are also eligible for the loans to fix up their property.

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## Parks news

Cincinnati Riverfront Park becomes the first Banks Subdivision project to be approved for development!

On Friday, May 16, the Cincinnati City Planning Commission approved final development plans for Phase 1 of the Cincinnati Riverfront Park located in front of The Banks project and within The Banks subdivision. This is the first construction project in the entire Banks subdivision to attain final development approval.

The Banks subdivision is zoned PD (Planned Development). Under the terms of PD zones, construction cannot begin prior to securing development permission from the City's Planning Commission, the step preceding application for a building permit. The Commission review seeks to determine if plans conform to the approved master plan for that zoning district. Phase 1 park plans conform to the approved subdivision plan since the PD and The Banks agreements already had incorporated the Cincinnati Park Board's Master Plan for Cincinnati Riverfront Park.

With this action, the Planning Commission clears the way for Phase 1 of the park to proceed to bidding, permitting and construction. A formal groundbreaking ceremony will take place on September 29 with construction also scheduled to begin in September. The first stage of Cincinnati Riverfront Park's Phase 1 construction includes such unique features as a plaza of water jets, cascades of water which drop 18 feet to pools along Mehring Way, a grand stairway with landings at water-filled basins, a glass-floored walkway above a lower level loggia, water curtains which visitors can walk behind as they stroll along the covered loggia, a shade trellis, informational and interpretive displays, and public restrooms. There will also be a freestanding elevator and additional features to make the park accessible to all.

Stage one of phase 1 is located on the east side of the Roebling Bridge at Ted Berry Way. It will take two to three years to build out later stages of Phase 1 which will include such additional features as an event lawn and stage, a promenade, a restaurant, a tree grove and labyrinth, an adventure playground and part of the Ohio River bike trail. The park will also include a bike center.

State funding for Cincinnati Riverfront Park is a step closer! The 2009-10 State capital budget bill includes \$2 million for CRP. The bill is at the Ohio House of Representatives, after which it goes to the State Senate. The bill is expected to be passed by the end of the month and then on to the Governor for signing.

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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 pm, Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria, 311 Straight Street

### CUF Trustee meetings:

1st Tuesday of each month, 7:00 pm, 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.

*(please check the membership expiration  
date on your newsletter mailing label)*