



# Newsletter

NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

June, 2009

## Next monthly meeting:

Tuesday, June 16, 2009, 7:30 p.m.  
Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria,  
Lower Level  
Straight Street

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## From the President's desk



June is upon us! For those who teach at the University and for students, this usually means a time of quiet and summer fun! For those of us who teach at the medical school, this is the beginning of the next year. New young doctors, fresh out of medical school, come to be trained in their chosen specializations. It is a time of rapid acceptance of responsibility but also rapid learning and indoctrination. Very exciting.

The last month has been a very vigorous and productive month. While our Old St George renovation project with CHCURC did not receive Empowerment Zone funding, our Classen Park project is still primed for acceptance. The neighborhoods of Uptown have continued to meet with our Institutions (UC, Good Samaritan, University Hospital, Childrens Hospital, and the Zoo) and work together to create more visibility and economic stimulus for our region. Did you know that the Uptown region created 37% of all of the economic growth of Hamilton County in the last 3 years? Did you know that our neighborhood has the highest employment rate in

Uptown, along with Clifton proper?

The Muralworks project is set to begin in June and continue through August. Watch the development and ongoing progress at the building at the intersection of Wheeler and McMillan that has truly been a collaborative effort for our community. The West Clifton Street Improvements continue and we should see the end of the project by September as a new gateway for our community.

Our business district should be seeing the first new 5 Guys Burgers opening this month. The green grassy knoll again belongs to the grass, not parked cars, thanks to Matt Bourgeois of CHCURC. And Block 1 (the old McDonalds and Primetime rubble) will be re-landscaped so we will no longer have to look at the debris of the past.

We have begun reaching out to our community partners, such as Hebrew Union College and the Deaconess Foundation, as well as ongoing partnership with UC, to make our neighborhood and its inhabitants more secure for the future.

A neighborhood redevelopment plan is in the first stages on conception. We are looking to partner with those who know the neighborhood and those who know how to access City resources and those who have redeveloped blocks or neighborhoods in the past to work together to start the restoration and redevelopment of neighborhood housing stock.

Neighbors from Fairview have worked on a taskforce to help respond to and plan for the redevelopment of I-75 at the Western Hills Viaduct intersection. Andrea Henderson from the Department of Transportation and Engineering will be discussing the Hopple Street/MLK intersection at the June CUF meeting so come prepared to learn and give feedback on this exciting process.

A special thanks to Craig Lloyd, Gayle Prager, and Jerry Cummings for their service on the CUF Board of Trustees. We are grateful to your service to the community and making it better. Thank you.

And last but not least, Officer Lisa Johnson continues her dedication and work for the neighborhood. We thank her for her endless support of the neighborhood and her ability to build bridges to make our community safe and more viable. Come to the June 16th meeting early to hear plans for the new CUF Neighborhood Watch Program at 7 pm.

See everybody on Tuesday June 16th! Don't forget to come early at 7 pm to hear Officer Johnson speak and bring questions about the I-75 interchange and Hopple/MLK.

Rob Neel

## Minutes of the CUF general meeting, May 19, 2009

The letter of thanks to the police department for the efforts of Officers Williams and Johnson was read.

- Police Report
  - Theft from autos is still high; "put your junk in the trunk" stickers to remind local shoppers to high their purchases to discourage crime were distributed.
  - Crime statistics can be emailed directly to your computer.
  - The next general meeting will start at 7 p.m. with a presentation by Officer Johnson on the Neighborhood Watch Program.
  - Robberies from houses, apartments and business seem to occur between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Burglars knock on the door to see if anyone is home, then break in. The police urge everyone to call if any suspicious activity is seen.
  - Officer Johnson encourages use of e-mail for any concerns or questions, contact her at: Lisa.Johnson@cincinnati-oh.gov.
  - Sandra Wilson thanked Officer Johnson for accompanying the CUF Citizen on Patrol group.
  - Matt Bourgeois from CHCURC reported the towing of illegally parked cars from the grassy strip is now in force 24/7.
  - Block 1 at the intersection of Vine, Calhoun and McMillan will be improved.
  - Concerns about Old St. George's survival were raised, especially the steeples and roof.
  - Towne Properties timeline for the grassy strip has continued on schedule. Questions related to free parking for residents of the new development were raised, as this is an important issue in an already overcrowded environment.
  - Over 70 volunteers participated in our neighborhood clean-up on April 25. Recycled materials were separated from true trash. Raffle prizes

were awarded.

- The Clifton Heights Artworks mural project funding and progress were discussed. Concerns about graffiti were raised.
- The proposed maintenance agreement for the Metro bus stop on Clifton was discussed.
- The auction of the old Fairview School is set for June 9.
- Move out dumpsters at Old St. George for UC students were announced.
- Kudos for the clean up in the business district were noted, especially the bus stop on McMillan.
- The CUF water tap for the various gardens, planters and trees was explained.
- The parameters of the Mac's pizza pub outdoor seating was discussed, as the limits set by the city are not being followed.
- Tracy Schwetschenau, a resident of Clifton Heights, who works for the city, announced her intention to try to get more money for CUF.
- The I-75 project was deliberated, the potential negative impact on CUF with minimal or no benefit is a great concern.
- The loss of a signature building, the former home of the costume company, at McMillan and Tafel was noted.
- Paul Gallagher explained that the city requires trees along the street to be pruned vertically, 14 feet above the curb to allow street cleaners to operate.
- The owner of the building at 2340 (or 2342) Rohs Street that paved the entire yard for parking was mentioned. This not only goes against city codes but also degrades our neighborhood by eliminating green space, a very precious commodity in a dense urban setting.
- Election month is in July — eligible residents are encouraged to participate. Consider serving CUF in a leadership role.
- Our CUF soapbox car driver is ready — stay tuned for results.

### CUF Financial Report, June, 2009

Balance on:	1-May	\$4,802.02
Income:		
	Dues	\$6.00
Total income:		\$6.00
Expenses:		
	Fed Ex	\$75.03
Total expenses:		\$75.03
Balance on:	1-June	\$4,732.99

## Hebrew Union College

3101 Clifton Ave.

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion is the nation's oldest institution of higher Jewish education and the academic, spiritual, and professional leadership development center of Reform Judaism. HUC-JIR educates men and women for service as rabbis, cantors, educators, and communal service professionals, and offers graduate and postgraduate degree programs to scholars of all faiths. HUC-JIR also provides array of cultural and educational programs to the community that illuminate Jewish identity, history, and contemporary creativity, and foster interfaith and multiethnic understanding. As such, Cincinnati has had a special place for American Judaism since the mid 1800s.

Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise, the founder of American Reform Judaism, came to America in 1846. In 1873, Wise was the catalyst for the creation of the Union for Reform Judaism (Union of American Hebrew Congregations) in order to support the establishment of a "Hebrew Theological Institute." In 1875, the Hebrew Union College was launched in Cincinnati as the first permanent Jewish institution of higher learning in the New World. It was first housed in the Mound Street Temple, what we now call the Isaac M Wise Temple on 9th street downtown. In 1881 the institution moved to Sixth and Cutter Street. As enrollment and popularity for the college grew, more space was needed. In 1905, property was bought across from Burnet Woods and the college dedicated its new facilities in 1913. This was such a nation-wide event that people gathered from as far as Portland, Oregon and all the way to New York City. You can still find the announcements and stories of HUC around this time in the New York Times archives online.

In 1950, HUC merged institutionally with the Jewish Institute of Religion in New York City. A third center was opened in Los Angeles in 1954 to serve the growing Jewish community on the West Coast. A fourth branch was established in Jerusalem in 1963 to serve as a post-doctoral school of archaeological and biblical studies.

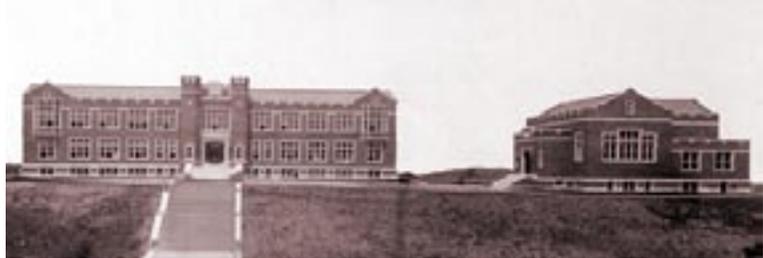
Today, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion is an international seminary and university of graduate studies offering a wide variety of academic and professional programs. The campus is also home to the Jacob Rader Marcus Center for the American Jewish Archives and the Center for Holocaust Humanity Education, including the interactive exhibit Mapping Our Tears.

For more information or to visit: <http://huc.edu/>

Sources:

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

*The New York Times.*



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## Historic Conservation Ordinance

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.

They will present an overview of this plan to City Council's Vibrant Neighborhoods Committee on June 23. They need a strong show of support from neighborhoods to move this innovative proposal through Council. Please send your letter of support to them soon as possible. Send to: Bobbie McTurner Executive Director, *Cincinnati Preservation Association*, 342 W 4th St, Cincinnati, OH 45202.

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## **Board of Trustee Candidates 2009 (Term: August 2009 to July 2012)**

### **Lucille Kotzbauer**

I have resided in Clifton Heights for 25+ years and have always had concerns for the safety and the good of the neighborhood.

### **John Ligon:**

John has been a resident owner since 1971 and member of CUF (with occasional lapses) since then. Served as Treasurer in the mid-1970s and as board member of the Tower Fund in the 1980s. In 39 years of community involvement, I have seen much hope and despair, progress and bumbling. But good things do and will happen when we work together in the spirit of Self Reliance.

### **Jason Pastoor:**

Jason Pastoor has lived in the CUF Community for the last 13 years, and has served as a Trustee for CUF for the last 3 years. He graduated from the U.C. School of Planning with a degree in Urban Studies. He and his wife, Cathy, and their two children live on Sauer St and continue to be the strongest advocates for Bellevue Park. Jason desires to continue to improve upon our assets with neighbors and friends.

### **Ric Presar:**

Ric holds a master's degree of fine arts from Indiana University and has been a Fairview Ave. resident for the past 17 years. Having previously lived in other major urban cities, I've seen the good (and bad) results of city planning - an area of particular interest to me. I'd appreciate the opportunity to serve my community as a Board of Trustee member.

### **John Stork:**

John is librarian at the University of Cincinnati and has been a CUF resident for ten years both as a renter and homeowner. He has served on the Board as Membership Secretary for the last three years and is a member of Citizens on Patrol. John wants to continue to help make the neighborhood a better place to live.

### **Karen Taravella:**

I've lived in the Fairview Heights community for 30 years and am interested in preserving the area's vitality, charm, diversity and livability. I'm a native Cincinnati, University of Cincinnati graduate and communications consultant by trade ... and would be honored to serve as a CUF Board of Trustee member.

### **Dorothy Gaeschke Wilson:**

Dorothy has lived with her husband, Jim, on Victor Street since 2002. She has remained active in the community, and serves as the membership secretary for the Clifton Heights Improvement Association and has been very active in beautification projects with the Block Captains. She has served on the Hughes High School Advisory Committee since 2003. Dorothy works as a Speech Pathologist in Kentucky Public schools.

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## **RE\*USE (free) MARKET:**

Bring what you don't want... Examples of items accepted include:  
furniture, clothing, appliances, home goods, non-perishable food items, school supplies, books and recyclables

Take what you need... We'll recycle and donate the rest!  
Monday-Thursday, June 8-11 1:00-6:00 pm daily  
270 Calhoun Street (between Calhoun Hall and YMCA)  
Free and open to the public

Volunteers needed, please email [shawn.tubb@uc.edu](mailto:shawn.tubb@uc.edu) visit <http://www.uc.edu/sustainability> for more information.

Help us keep items out of the landfill while also providing items to those in need!

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## Great American Cleanup update

Our cleanup covered pretty much all of CUF neighborhood and the Clifton Heights Business District. In addition, we did some cleanup and landscaping/beautification work at Bellevue Park, Hollister Triangle Park, and the neighborhood garden at Chickasaw and Warner.

We had about 75 volunteers, with 10 or so working exclusively at Bellevue with workers from the Park Board. Great turnout! This adds up to about 300 volunteer hours for CUF.

We collected 100 bags of trash, but that's not all! We also picked up 59 bags of recyclables (bottles, cans, etc), making our clean-up a KCB "green event". To encourage "green-ness" amongst the volunteers, we also did a raffle of prizes donated by local businesses. Participants had to bring their own reusable cup for coffee or beverages (served before and after cleanup) in order to enter the raffle.

Local businesses donating raffle prizes were: Starbucks, Campus Cyclery, Jimmy Johns, Hard Ta Knock

Local restaurants donating food were: Mac's Pizza Pub, Spicy Pickle, Penn Station, BW3s, Panera, and Baba Budan's.

Last but not least, our own Officer Lisa Johnson spent the entire morning with us and was seen picking up trash all over the neighborhood. Dorothy has pictures to prove it. (Side note: Is there some sort of award or recognition she could receive for this? I propose that we look into this and nominate her.)

All in all, our participation was big AND broad, involving residents, students, and local businesses contributing too. Thanks to everyone who helped out, most especially Debby, Jason, Dorothy, and Rob for working their charms to secure donations of food and prizes.

Suzanne Summer

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## Community yard sale benefit

A community yard sale to benefit UCAN Non-Profit Spay / Neuter Clinic will be held on Friday, June 19, noon to 5 pm and Saturday, June 20, 8 am to 4 pm at the UCAN Clinic, 1230 W. 8th St., Queensgate, Lower Price Hill.

Your donated items are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the clinic until June 17. (no opened paint cans, chemicals, or other hazardous materials, please)

For more information, please contact UCAN at 513-721-PETS (7387.)

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## Acronyms and organizations you might encounter in CUF:

**CEC:** *Cincinnati Empowerment Corporation*

An area of Cincinnati designated by the Clinton Administration for improved economic development and possible government financial assistance through HUD. It consists of 9 neighborhoods: Clifton Heights, Corryville, Mt. Auburn, Avondale, Evanston, Over The Rhine, West End, Queensgate, and Walnut Hills.

**CHBA:** *Clifton Heights Business Association*  
Our neighborhood business association.

**CHIA:** *Clifton Heights Improvement Association*  
A smaller group within the neighborhood of CUF created for the betterment of the Clifton Heights Neighborhood.

**CHCURC:** *Clifton Heights Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation*

The partnership of UC, CHBA, and CUF created for redevelopment

**IIN:** *Invest In Neighborhoods*

An organization created by the 52 neighborhoods of Cincinnati to handle the NSP funds. This group no longer manages the NSP funds at this time.

**NSP:** *Neighborhood Support Program*

The city funds for the year for our newsletters, marketing, and beautification projects. Formerly run by IIN, now run by the City's department of community development.

**UC:** *The University of Cincinnati.* The western campus forms our neighborhood's southern and western borders.

**UHNA:** *University Heights Neighborhood Association.* A smaller group within the neighborhood of CUF created for the betterment of the University Heights Neighborhood.

**Uptown:** The neighborhoods of Avondale, Clifton, Corryville, CUF, Mt Auburn, and the Heights.

**Uptown Consortium:** A partnership between UC, the Health Alliance (University Consortium Hospital), TriHealth (Good Samaritan Hospital), Hospital), Childrens Hospital, and The Cincinnati Zoo, created to help re-invigorate and support the Uptown Neighborhoods.

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## Move-out day help

To help with items not needed any more, dumpsters will be located at the parking lot of Old St. George Church on Calhoun St. and the front parking lot of Bellevue Park from June 6 through June 15. Please consider donating items. Go to [keepcincinnatibeautiful.org](http://keepcincinnatibeautiful.org) for more information. Spread the Word!

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2364 West McMicken Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45214

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 U.S. Postage Paid  
 Cincinnati, Ohio  
 Permit No, 4834

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 Material*

## 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)*