



NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

June, 2011

Next monthly meeting:

Tuesday, June 21, 2011,
7:30 p.m., Deaconess Hospital
Cafeteria, Lower Level, Straight Street

From the President's desk



June 2011 is here and another school year is over. Always seems so strange to live on an academic calendar from June to June, rather than the regular January to January calendar. Like the Chinese New Year, the Academic New Year is a little bit later.

65 West is almost complete and open. North American Properties and Uptown Rentals had an open house with many people, celebrating the opening of the new buildings. As they become functional and living with people, let's keep hoping this is the kick off for the business district that we need.

Neighbors in West McMicken are putting on the first annual Art Bazaar. Neighbors in University Heights are continuing the great summer tradition of Wednesdays on the Porch. Make it a point to do something social with your neighbors, whether it is organizing a morning clean up or having a block party with your neighbors. Reach out to someone new and keep building those bonds that anchor us to each other.

And as we approach the hot days of summer, please remember to use our pool at Fairview. If we do not show them that we are using it, we will lose it. If you have ideas about how to make it better or ideas for plantings, umbrellas, please bring your ideas back to the community meeting. We have resources for this.

See everyone on June 21st at the Deaconess Cafeteria.

Rob Neel

Minutes of the CUF General Meeting 5-17-11

Introduction and Opening remarks

Police Reports:

Officer Lisa Johnson stated the police are placing attention on the rash of graffiti in the community. They are checking over video surveillance for possible suspects, please report any information if you notice any activity associated with the graffiti.

Phase one of a prostitution sting has been completed. Over 15 'johns' received civil citations amounting to \$500 each. Phase two of the operation will include releasing information on the 'johns' to the media.

Officer Lance Long reported vehicle break-ins on East Campus (the hospital) are up, high traffic may occur for a T-Payne concert on campus and June 11th graduation ceremonies and renovation on the Morgan Hall is still continuing.

Announcements:

The Fairview pool will be opening for the summer, but the attendance will be closely watch during the summer. The picnic at Bellevue Park was canceled due to weather but may be rescheduled at Fairview in June to take advantage of the pool's opening.

Burnet Woods Trail Center will be offering an Exotic Bait Fishing program, Saturday morning at 10am on May 21st. The program is free and geared to children.

A zoning hearing is scheduled for a property at 2343 Ohio Ave. related to parking relief.

The City Cup Soap Box Derby will be held near the Red Dog Pet Resort & Spa on Madison Saturday June 18th.

The apartment development at 64 W. McMillian is having an open house 10am on Thursday May 19th.

The CUF Neighborhood Assc. Board of Trustees elections are coming up!

Guest:

Matt Strauss (Price Hill Will) provided a presentation about his organization's work in Price Hill and how they utilize a LISC Grant /Place Matters initiative for community development. The presentation was followed up with questions and answers.

Eric Russo (Hill Side Trust) presented an initiative to implement a zoning ordinance to protect hillside views. Eric Russo described the initiative and how over 50 overlooks have been cataloged with a Public View Overlay to determine view planes. The view planes will help to determine development near the Public Views to create a higher standard for development. The initiative passed in the City Planning Commission but needs support to pass in City Council.

John Ravenna and Brad Hyre (Dept.of Planning and Engineering) reported on the W. Martin Luther King project. The project aim is to improve safety at the Clifton/MLK intersection and is in the environmental process. Part of the process is to report on the mitigation effort in regards to expanding sidewalks into park property at Burnett Woods. A question and answer session immediately followed the presentation with many attendees voicing their concerns on various components of the project.

Fairview Pool

2219 Ravine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219 (Fairview Park)
513-421-4576 aquatics@cincinnati-oh.gov



Shallow water pool. Offers swim lesson program.

Hours of Operation : 6/6/2011 - 7/30/2011

- Monday: 1:00 PM - 7:30 PM
- Tuesday: 1:00 PM - 7:30 PM
- Wednesday: 1:00 PM - 7:30 PM
- Thursday: 1:00 PM - 7:30 PM
- Friday: 1:00 PM - 5:30 PM
- Saturday: 1:00 PM - 5:30 PM
- Sunday: Closed

Title	Start Date	End Date	Time	Day
Learn To Swim	6/13/2011	7/22/2011	12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	Tues & Thurs
Learn To Swim	6/13/2011	7/22/2011	12:30 PM - 1:00 PM	Tues & Thurs
Day Camp Swim Lessons	6/13/2011	7/22/2011	12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	Mon & Weds
Day Camp Swim Lessons	6/13/2011	7/22/2011	12:30 PM - 1:00 PM	Mon & Weds
Dog Days of Summer	8/1/2011	8/1/2011	5:00 PM - 8:00 PM	8/1/2011
Summer Lunch	6/6/2011	7/28/2011	12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	Mon. - Fri.

2011 All-City Membership Card Fees

\$10/year: Jr's (17 & younger)

\$10/year: Sr's (50 +)

\$25/year: Adults (18-49)

(*Separate fees apply for certain programs, Fitness cards and at the Otto Armleder Aquatics Center at Dunham)

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CUF board member elections

The 2011 election of CUF board members will take place at the **July** meeting. Thanks to all who have come forward to run for the open positions. Here are the candidates' statements:

Nathan Hess

I am a young professional working in medical research. Three years ago, I bought a house in Fairview and moved from the suburbs. I appreciate our neighborhood's wealth of diversity and sense of community, and I look forward to working with the neighborhood association to ensure our community is safe and well-maintained.

Rolf Kuhn

As a 16-year plus resident of the CUF community, my major interests include reuse of existing properties, keeping the neighborhood clean and safe, a plus side quality of life for all residents - students, the elderly, residents and animals, and recycling. This is the best neighborhood in the city and, as a community council trustee, I will pledge my time and efforts to keep our area clean, safe and a great place to live for all.

Sally Larson

I have been a resident of CUF (Clifton Heights) since 1976, and an active member of CUFNA off and on during that time. I have served on various committees over the years and also as a trustee of the Tower Fund. My current CUFNA board term is expiring and I am happy to run again for another term.

Rob Neel

I have lived in the neighborhood for 15 years and have served as the CUF president for the last three years. I believe in clean streets and good neighbors. I love the diversity of CUF, with its students and mix of professionals. I will continue to serve my community however needed.

Tony Walsh

I have been a CUF resident for 24 years and a member for most of that time. A professional photographer, I've owned and operated my business, Walsh Photography, since 1980. My wife Maureen France and I have raised two great kids here and that is one reason we continue to work for the improvement of this community.

Landlord education training summer session

Co-sponsored by the City of Cincinnati and the Community Police Partnering Center

How to register for the training?

Registration can be completed on line at www.cincinnati-oh.gov/noncms/police/landlord/.

[cincinnati-oh.gov/noncms/police/landlord/](http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/noncms/police/landlord/).

Registration is now open. There is no cost for the training. There is a manual available at the door for \$15 per copy and recommended as a valuable resource.

Date: Friday June 17

Time: On-site registration and sign-in will take place 8:00 to 8:30 a.m.

Training begins promptly at 8:30 a.m. and will run until 5:00 p.m. with a one-hour lunch break about noon.

Location: Elder Schaeper Center,
4005 Glenway Avenue
Free parking is available.

What is the Landlord Education Training?

The Landlord Education Training is designed to help owners and managers keep illegal drug activity, chronic nuisance activity, and other criminal activity off their property. The program has been adapted for Cincinnati and is based on the National Landlord Training Program originally supported by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice.

Green Your Home Contest!

Get connected to the Green Your Home Contest! Uptown residents can register to win a free comprehensive home energy improvement, including insulation, air sealing, and other energy saving measures, totaling up to \$7,500 in home energy improvements.

By signing up for the Green Your Home Contest, you will benefit from our online home energy comparison portal that allows you to assess your current energy use and measure your home's performance. The winner of the Green Your Home Contest will have one of our home performance contractors visit your home and provide a free 3-5 hour comprehensive home energy assessment including a visual inspection and a blower door test to measure the extent of air leaks in your home. In addition, diagnostic tests are performed to ensure that combustion appliances are operating safely. The winner will receive a free full home energy efficiency improvement that may include insulation, air and duct sealing, and equipment improvements, plus up to a \$1,000 in energy efficient windows.

To qualify for the Green Your Home Contest, you will need to be a single-family homeowner residing in one of the following communities: Avondale, Clifton, Corryville, Clifton Heights, Fairview, University Heights, and Mt. Auburn. There are no income requirements for participation. Go to: <http://www.greatercea.org/greenyourhome>

Sponsor a bench or flower planter for the Purple People Bridge

Council Member Laure Quinlivan has issued a call to city residents to help make the Cincinnati end of the Purple People Bridge more inviting to visitors from the south. While some work has been done, there's still a ways to go. She's looking for money to help re-do the area with new planters and an irrigation system to keep future plantings alive. She has half the \$16,000 needed for the watering system. Benches and planters cost \$1,000 each, and she promises a thank-you plaque for each donor. Westwood Civic Club stepped up to help with a similar campaign in 2005. Any person or organization/business wanting to contribute should contact Ms. Quinlivan's office at 352-5303.

2011 Soap Box Derby

The 2011 Soap Box Derby season kicked off with the 3rd Annual St. Bernard race on a cold, rainy April day. Annika Yang vom Hofe is back for her fourth and final year racing the Fairview Flyer for CUF. This year her little brother, Joschka, is also racing after serving as the CUF pit crew for the past three years. There were two races: a double elimination in the morning and a single elimination in the afternoon. After winning the 1st and 2nd St. Bernard races in 2009 and 2010, Anni came in 5th in the double elimination race. Joschka, in his first race, came in 4th. Later in the afternoon Anni came in 2nd, and Joschka came in 4th. Both races were won by Kyle, whom Anni beat the past two years and who went to the international run-off in Akron last year.

Our Over the Rhine partner in the Rothenberg Rocket was Terry Smith. In his first racing efforts, he placed 8th in the morning race and 8th in the afternoon race. All in all a good day for the CUF/OTR team.

The City Cup will be held Saturday, June 18 at the Red Dog Salon, on Madison Road, site of the old Oakley Drive-in. Racing should begin around 10 am.



Annika and Joschka holding trophies with race official.

CUF Treasurer's report

Balance: May 1, 2011	\$10,085.83
Income:	0.00
Total Income:	\$ 0.00
Expenses:	
Plants	108.95
Soap Box Derby	110.00
Total Expenses:	- \$208.95
Balance: June 1, 2011	\$9,876.88

Public transportation adds value to your home

It's an urban (and suburban) myth that proximity to public transportation systems decreases property values and increases crime rates. In fact, just the opposite is true.

Increasingly, cities and towns are creating or expanding mass transportation to boost economic activity, provide convenient alternatives to costly highway systems, and dramatically reduce greenhouse emissions. In the past, homeowners feared that signs announcing construction of transit systems signaled lower property values, while serving as a virtual invitation to criminals. But studies show that properties near, but not directly adjacent to, mass transit actually increases in value and crime rates aren't influenced by transit options.

Riding the rail to increased property values

How much value does a close-by public transportation option add to a house? After looking at 41 studies of 15 rail systems across the county, researchers at California State-Fullerton concluded (http://www.lightrailnow.org/myths/m_oct003.htm) light rail transit has enhanced residential property values 2% to 18% in Portland, Sacramento, San Diego, and Santa Clara, with larger changes in cities with commuter rail systems."

Will it bring crime?

Another stereotype about public transportation is that it brings criminals into the neighborhood. Research shows, however, that the existing socio-demographic makeup of the neighborhood is what drives crime, not its proximity to public transportation. (<http://www.uctc.net/papers/550.pdf>)

What you can do

Use it or lose it. If you'd like to show your support for public transportation, start by using it whenever possible. Systems with high ridership numbers are better able to expand routes, upgrade services and technology, and qualify for government funding.

Spend less on gas.

By riding public transit, not only will you reduce the size of your carbon footprint, you'll save money. Transit riders spend about \$1,500 less on gasoline per year than commuters who drive to work, and transit availability and use can annually save \$8,400 in a household budget, according to PublicTransportation.org (<http://www.publictransportation.org/default.asp>).

Contact government officials. Let local and federal officials know you support public transportation in your community. Voter support helps build political momentum for mass transit funding.

Get involved. There are any number of ways to actively support public transit. Need something small and easy? Wear a button supporting public transit (<http://www.publictransportation.org/contact/support.asp>). If you're really dedicated, volunteer for your community's transportation advisory board.

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FAQs

What is an Urgent Care?

Urgent Care centers provide walk-in, extended hour access for acute illness and injury care that is either beyond the scope or availability of the typical primary care practice or retail clinic.

— Urgent Care Association of America

Urgent Care vs Emergency Room?

Emergency Rooms are for serious, life threatening conditions. If your condition is less serious, but still requires immediate attention, choose Deaconess Urgent Care.

Can I save time and money?

If you have a sprained ankle or an ear infection, you may end up waiting for hours in the emergency room and paying hundreds of dollars.

— National Association for Ambulatory Care

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2364 West McMicken Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45214

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



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.