



NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

June, 2014

Next monthly meeting:

June 17, 2014,
Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria,
Lower Level, Straight Street

Yes, we can.

As a community, we can help to reduce the cat and dog population in our area. Have your pet spayed or neutered and encourage friends, family and neighbors to do the same. There are a variety of programs available and UCAN spay/neuter clinic is one fine option. The following is a release from UCAN describing their vision:

“UCAN’s vision is a world in which every cat and dog lives to find a loving home and every resident has access to affordable spay/neuter services.

UCAN’s mission is to provide professional, low-cost spay/neuter services to end the unnecessary deaths of homeless cats and dogs in shelters in the Greater Cincinnati area, including surrounding counties in Southwest Ohio, Northern Kentucky and Southeast Indiana.

More than 70,000 puppies and kittens are born each day in the U.S., compared to 10,000 people. Over half of these litters are “oops” (unintended) litters. As a result, more than 8 million cats and dogs enter shelters in the U.S. each year and 4 to 6 million of those are euthanized. This is a substantial problem in the Greater Cincinnati area. For example, in 2012, the Hamilton County, Ohio SPCA took in a total of 12,897 cats and dogs and the Kenton County, Kentucky Animal Shelter took in 5,071 dogs and cats. United Coalition for Animals (UCAN), a nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization, was founded in 2001 to stop this cycle.

Spay/Neuter is the simple solution. Sterilizing animals means fewer unwanted cats and dogs being born and abandoned to crowded shelters and therefore fewer animals being euthanized. Research shows that the intake and euthanasia rates at shelters decrease significantly when low-cost spay/neuter services are available in the area.

Spay/Neuter benefits the community. Communities spend millions of dollars each year to control homeless animals, including the fees of dog wardens and the costs to collect house and feed the homeless animals. According to the Humane Society of the U.S., it costs an average of \$176 to collect, shelter and euthanize a single animal. In 2012, the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners paid the SPCA \$1,118,400 (\$93,200 monthly) to provide dog warden services in Hamilton County, Ohio. This does not include indirect amounts spent by our health, fire and police departments on animal related issues and by our courts on animal abuse/neglect cases. So, even if you don’t own a pet, you still pay for this. And, since it is money spent to treat symptoms and not causes, you’ll pay for it again year after year.

The primary reasons people do not sterilize their pets are the cost and the lack of access to spay/neuter services. To ensure that everyone in the Tri-State area has access to affordable spay/neuter services, UCAN opened its high-volume, low-cost spay/neuter clinic in April 2007. UCAN serves 24 counties in Southwest Ohio, Northern Kentucky and Southeast Indiana. We focus our efforts on low-income residents, free-roaming cat caretakers, rescue groups, and county shelters. To reach as many people as possible, we provide free transports to the clinic from several locations in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana.

UCAN has completed over 61,000 surgeries to date, preventing hundreds of thou-

sands of unwanted dogs and cats from being born into abuse, neglect, abandonment and ultimately, euthanasia in an overcrowded shelter.

New Facility. Thanks to a generous grant from The Joanie Bernard Foundation, UCAN has purchased its own facility located at 2830 Colerain Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45225 and will start operations there on June 30. This larger facility will enable us to increase our capacity and the number of surgeries we perform each year.”

Our special guest for this June’s CUF community meeting is Jessica Klaers, Clinic Manager for our local facility. Please come to the meeting to welcome her and ask questions.

Sharon Buckner
Animal Rescue Activist and
30+ year CUF resident

CUF Neighborhood Association Minutes, General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, May 20, 2014
7:30 PM, Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. EDT by president Cherie Wallpe.

Clifton Market: Cherie reported that the proposed co-op (former IGA grocery store on Ludlow) still has ownership units available for sale. www.cliftonmarket.com

Police Report - Item 1: Officer Lisa Johnson reported that CPD is still actively patrolling the CUF area after the Spring Semester UC move out. Item 2: Graffiti “tagging” has been documented and specific suspects have been identified and apprehended. Item 3: Additional police bicycle patrols have been initiated along Fraternity Row. Item 4: CPD acknowledges that a majority of actual McMicken residents complimented presence of police and barricades in the neighborhood. Item 5: There is a residents’ petition circulating requesting the installation of speed bumps on Halstead (due to diversion of McMicken traffic). Item 6: Capt. Neudigate distributed a budget history chart showing the number of sworn officers on the force from 2000 to 2014, which has fallen from a peak of nearly 1150 in 2008-10 to about 950 in 2014.

He further noted that the current class of 20 officer recruits should be considered in view of the anticipated 30 retirements for the year. Item 7: Sgt. Volkerding reported that UC patrols will continue their presence in the CUF area during the Summer Semester. They will target “sporadic partying” that tends to erupt without prior notice between 6:00 p.m. and 2:30 a.m. (believed to be a consequence of instant messaging). UC enrollment for this period is expected to be about 15,000 students. Item 8: Cincinnati Public Schools will soon be out for the summer, CPD will pro actively anticipate problems associated with youths lacking formally organized activities.

Plan Cincinnati (Zoning Code): City outreach representative Jocelyn Gibson presented a summary of plans to update the City Zoning Code and Maps. Flyers were available at the meeting (and have also been distributed by USPS to all City residents) listing citizen involvement meeting dates, times, and locations. Single family and historic districts are not expected to change significantly.

Gilbane Presentation: Representatives presented revised concept drawings reflecting minor changes to the original concept presented March 2014. Proposed roof lines would be lower on Lyon Street, comprising two-story townhouses, but scaling up to eight stories on McMillan (an increase), with about 280 parking spots contained in the center of the 670 bed /240-unit complex. Various attendees expressed continuing serious concerns about overly large scale, the increase in height (apparently to accommodate expansion of the retail component to the range of 3900 to 4300 square feet). The general feeling was that the reduced height on the South Lyon Street combined with even higher scale on North McMillan Street reflected only a re-allocation and possibly an expansion, not a reduction, of density and scale. Despite multiple expressed disappointments, members extended appreciation to Gilbane for their openness to attending the meetings and hearing citizens’ comments and concerns.

End of Winter Semester Moveout: Notably smooth ... only one notable exception, which was remedied within a week. Observation: most student housing is rented annually from August 1 to July 31.

City Pools: Fairview Pool may be opened this summer (pending allocation of \$27k funding necessary for the season). CUFNA will monitor and advise residents.

City Park Restrooms: Citizen Cincinnati Enquirer letters to the editor have resulted in provisions for the facilities in Fairview Park being open during daylight hours.

Talbert House Update: Christopher Weinland reported that the third and fourth floor facilities previously announced are currently undergoing development as planned.

There being no further business, President Wallpe adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m. EDT. Thumbnail images of police force handouts and the zoning flyer were not inserted in this document but are available to the public upon request from CUFNA or CPD District 5.

Minutes recorded by John Ligon:
Minutes Approved June 3, 2014

CUF board member candidates

The 2013 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. Below is the list of candidates and statements received at this time:

Jack Martin

My wife, Lyn, and I have lived in Clifton Heights since we were married in 1972. We raised two children (one lives with his wife and two dogs in Fairview), a dog, and took in (and neutered) as many stray cats as we could stand. The cats are all gone now and we have bought new living room furniture! I graduated from UC in architecture in 1976, and worked in the design & construction industry until 1996, when I went to work for the City in the Department of Transportation and Engineering. I retired from the City in October 2011 and am currently working to renovate the historic Eden Park Pump Station into a brewery.

John Ndulue

Chris Palmer

While I grew up in the country near Cincinnati, I spent my adult life in more urban areas of medium sized cities. Renting and owning for years in areas adjacent to the Ohio State University in Columbus sparked my interest in how communities near universities can thrive. My wife and I have owned a house in CUF for the past two years and I believe that quality of life issues like parking, safety and walkability have direct impacts on the vibrancy of our neighborhood.

Tony Walsh

Long time CUF member and 27 year resident. I've served one term on the CUF board.

Trash amnesty weeks

During residential collection Amnesty Weeks, residents will be permitted to set out additional trash in sealed plastic trash bags next to their approved City-provided container. Amnesty Weeks are centered around holidays when households typically generate more trash than normal.

Upcoming Amnesty Weeks include:

Independence Day: July 5 to July 11, 2014

Labor Day: Sept. 2 to Sept. 6, 2014

2013 Cincinnati water quality report released

Drinking water from Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW) met or exceeded all federal and state health standards in 2013. For more information and the complete report see: <http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/cityofcincinnati/news/2013-water-quality-report-released/>

How do we grow from here?

The OKI Regional Council of Governments is updating a policy plan to improve quality of life and service to the public in southwest Ohio, northern Kentucky, and southeast Indiana, and they want to hear from you. Issues in the plan affect everyday life in the region, such as congestion on roadways, the attractiveness of communities for business and job creation, housing for all ages, income levels and family types and adequate water and sewer facilities.

The draft plan and questions to invite feedback are available online. To find out more and share your opinions, visit www.howdowegrow.org.



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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

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.

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