



**NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION**

# Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

July, 2011

## **Next monthly meeting:**

Tuesday, July 19, 2011,  
7:30 p.m., Deaconess Hospital  
Cafeteria, Lower Level, Straight Street

## **From the President's desk**



Final Letter from the President July 2011

I am proud to be a member of the CUF Neighborhood Association. We have seen some great accomplishments in these last 3 years, and they are truly community accomplishments, not just individual accomplishments.

We have worked on parks, cleaning and mulching, even adding new picnic benches and sidewalk improvements to Classen Park. We have seen Paul Gallagher, with his undefeatable spirit, planting more and more trees and caring for the ones already there. Truly a tree focused community! And Suzanne Summer still leads neighborhood clean ups, turning an onerous job into a social and community-building activity.

We have seen the beginning of plans for a parking permit system. Volunteers from the community are working to see how to make the parking issues better for our community. Now that Pendleton and Downtown and Clifton are also working on this, we look forward to the idea of protecting the streets for the people who live in this community.

We have built partnerships with the Clifton Heights Business Association and with other neighborhoods, including Clifton, Mt. Auburn, Corryville, and Avondale. Now groups are talking and giving each other support and advice. We have seen continued excellent support from the police and working with Citizens on Patrol.

We have seen the first two phases of the neighborhood business district streetscape improvements begin. We have seen the improvements along West Clifton and a new boulevard of trees. We have seen the clean up along between McMicken and Central Parkway.

We have explored developments in the

community and looked into novel ideas for renovation. We have continued to work with City and other agencies on transportation issues, including I-75 and the west MLK renovation.

Cathy Rafales organized a night at the Fairview Pool. I was not aware we had so many children in our community and it was great to see so many young (and not as young) people enjoying a summer evening together. What a great resource to have in our community that we need to keep using so we do not lose it.

Eternal thanks always to Craig Lloyd for keeping the webpage and the newsletter moving, through thick or thin. Same to Dennis O'Brien for leading the Tower Fund. And thank you to Linda Ziegler and Maureen France, our past presidents, for continued support and advice over the last 3 years.

It has been a very interesting 3-year time period. I would like to thank the members of CUF for their energy, their support, and the commitment to the community. Best to the new Board this year!

Rob Neel

## **Minutes of the CUF General Meeting 6-21-11**

Officer Lisa Johnson gave the police report. Crime stats are down for our area. She warned of recent home improvement scam artists. If graffiti is found please email or call her. Take pictures and use Keep Cincinnati Beautiful to clean up graffiti. Lisa is creating a list of panhandlers. They will be giving out citations for excessive fireworks.

Officer Aaron Frey gave the UC report. Bike thefts on campus are up. He reminded everyone to use good bike locks. Theft from autos is also up. Corbett roof construction is underway. It was asked what if UC students seem to be causing a problem. Call Cincinnati Police first, then UC. Everyone is hopeful UC Police and Cincinnati Police will ride together again. Felt this was a good thing.

Lilah Glick from the Greater Cincinnati

Energy Alliance came and spoke regarding the Greening Your Home Contest. They also have a basic energy efficiency check of the home, like window efficiency and roof and insulation. Can save 20-30% on your energy consumption.

Jeff Wallace from Parsons Brinckerhoff came and gave an update on the streetcar. Reminder that the streetcar is more about development than transportation. Questions were asked about brown outs as it would relate to the streetcar. Questions also about long term funding for daily operations.

Elections are at the July meeting. Board members up for re-election are Rolf Kuhn, Sally Larson, and Rob Neel. New candidates are Nathan Hess, Tony Walsh. Thank you to Dennis O'Brien for 6 years of service. CHCURC update given.

West MLK project given considerable time. Many concerns about park land being turned into street. Strong feelings that no park property should be ceded for asphalt and the long term ramifications of the loss of park property. We will work with Clifton Town Meeting to oppose this.

Nathan Wessel will give a parking permit update at the July meeting. Pendleton has one, and Downtown and Clifton are working on theirs.

Our tax exempt status is in question and the group will work to get this clarified and fixed.

Pool party arranged by Cathy Rafales and will be Thursday June 30th at the Fairview Pool. We will pay for the pool to stay open past 7 and for anyone coming in 5:30 to 7 pm. Bring a dish to share and a friend, family, etc. Use the pool or we will lose it!

## CUF Treasurer's report

Balance: June 1, 2011	\$9,876.88
Income:	
Dues	147.00
Total Income:	\$ 147.00
Expenses:	
Weed control tools	257.77
Weed control tools	298.00
McMicken control test	110.00
Total Expenses:	- \$665.77
Balance: July 1, 2011	\$9,358.11

## 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.



## What is CHCURC?

The Clifton Heights Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation (CHCURC) is one of several 501(c)3 CURCs established with the University of Cincinnati and its adjacent neighborhoods. As its name suggests, CHCURC is the non-profit redevelopment corporation in charge of the Clifton Heights neighborhood and more specifically the Clifton Heights neighborhood business district as bounded by Calhoun and West McMillan Streets to the North and South and Vine and Rohs Streets to the East and West respectively.

In 1999, the City and University funded an Urban Renewal Plan process that engaged the community's stakeholders ultimately resulting in the formation of CHCURC in 2001 as a means to implement the Plan. CHCURC is governed by a Board of Trustees composed of 3 Trustees from the Clifton Heights Business Association, and one each from UC, and the CUF Neighborhood Association. These five Trustees are volunteers and serve at the will of their Member organization.

CHCURC's first project was University Park Apartments and Calhoun Street Marketplace, the apartment-style student housing project on the North side of Calhoun Street. Currently, CHCURC is pursuing several other development opportunities. The first development, U Square, is in partnership with Towne Properties and Neyer and is actually composed of two separate sites, one at the corner of Vine and Calhoun and the other across from University Park Apartments. CHCURC is also working with its partner Paran Management and HineSite Strategies to renovate Old St George into a boutique hotel.

In addition to this development activity, CHCURC actively assists its Member organizations in grant writing and project management efforts. Projects that have grown out of these partnerships include the Neighborhood Business District Façade Improvement Program and the renovated Clifton Ave median, a \$150,000 renovation of Classen Park and brand new streetscapes on West McMillan (between West Clifton and Clifton Avenues) and on both sides of Ohio Avenue (between Calhoun and West McMillan Streets) and Calhoun Street East to Scioto Street.

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## CHCURC update

The Old St George roof project is going according to plan and will begin in mid-end of July. The engineer and contractor met and agreed that the project should be able to use just scaffolding which would save time and money, rather than having to close down Calhoun to use a lift.

The Old St George Boutique Hotel project is still in the fundraising stage. Messer has offered to donate their cost-estimating services for the restoration and construction part of the work. They have met with the architect and toured the site twice with a schedule of getting an estimate by mid-July. In addition, CHCURC is working with the Uptown Consortium on being a part of their New Market Tax Credit Application this Summer. Should this be awarded, this would go a long way toward filling the financial "gap" that we know will exist. The hoping is that the momentum of 65 West and U Square that the Church will be the next re-development project and will be saved for perpetuity.

The University Square project is ongoing. Towne/Neyer will be looking for community input about the proposed outdoor space in the mid section.

CHCURC is in negotiations with Foot Locker to relocate from the University Plaza (Kroger) site to the North side of Calhoun (below University Park Apts). They will occupy 2,500 square feet directly west of Five Guys and are expected to open in late September.

The Clifton Heights Business Association has applied for the 3rd and final phase of Streetscape funding through Cincinnati Neighborhood Business Districts United (CNBDU). Phase 1 is complete. Phase 2 has been funded and if Phase 3 is funded, construction will start in Summer 2012. This will bring new streetscapes to McMillan and Calhoun between Rohs Street and West Clifton Ave.

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# Fairview Pool

2219 Ravine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219 (Fairview Park)  
 513-421-4576 [aquatics@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto: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	Monday
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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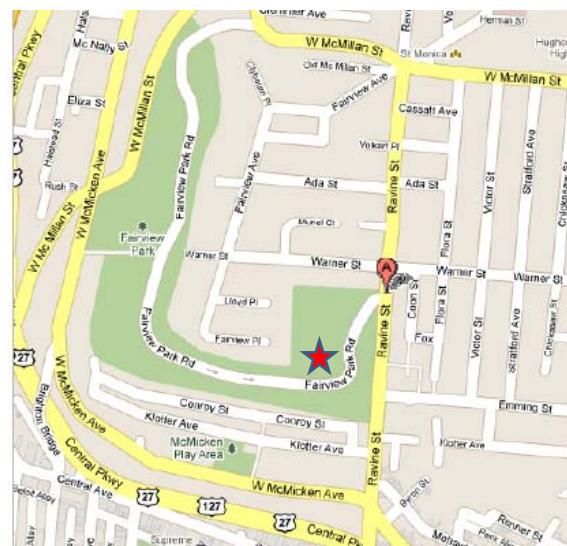
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**Communities & Their Partners**  
 A series about community partnerships  
 presented by the Community Building Institute

**July 22, 2011**  
**8:30 am - 10:30 am**

**Location: Cintas Center,  
 Xavier University**  
 To register go to:  
[www.xavier.edu/cbi](http://www.xavier.edu/cbi)

**The School/Community Connection**

Facilitators: Ellen Schumler, COFI, Chicago, IL & Rolonda Smith,  
 Parents for Public Schools, Cincinnati, OH

In many ways there are no more obvious partners in neighborhoods than community schools. Ellen & Rolonda will lead a discussion on connecting parents and schools with an emphasis on parent leadership.

**Corporate Partnerships in Community**

**August 12, 2011**  
**8:30 am - 10:30 am**

**Location: Cintas  
 Center, Xavier  
 University. To  
 register go to:  
[www.xavier.edu/cbi](http://www.xavier.edu/cbi)**

Panel: Peter Strange, Messer Inc.; Tom Boggs, Bond Hill Academy;  
 Peg Moertl, PNC Bank.

Finding common ground between businesses and residents can be a challenge. Our panel of for-profit professionals and a seasoned educator will discuss the benefits and challenges of forming corporate partnerships.


**September 9, 2011**  
**8:30 am - 10:30 am**

**Location: Cintas Center,  
 Xavier University**  
 To register go to:  
[www.xavier.edu/cbi](http://www.xavier.edu/cbi)

**Community-University Partnerships**

Panel: Dr. Carol Schaefer, Xavier University; Anzora Adkins, Evanston Community Council; Dr. John Kucic, Xavier University; Stacey Hill-Simons, Evanston Academy


Strong institutional partners can help create transformational change for communities. This panel of community and institutional leaders will facilitate a discussion on the importance of working together to create a thriving community.




**Mayor Mark Mallory's  
 Sustainability Forum**

Featuring: German Expert on Sustainability,  
 Director of the Fraunhofer Institute of Solar  
 Energy in Freiburg, Germany

**Prof. Eicke Weber**



**Monday, July 18th • 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**  
 Frisch's Theater inside the  
 Harold C. Schott Education Building  
 @ the Cincinnati Zoo  
 3400 Vine St., Cincinnati, OH

Sponsored by:  **PNC BANK**  
 LEADING THE WAY

Mayor Mallory invites you to come enjoy a light lunch, presentation, and discussion regarding the solar power innovations at the Fraunhofer Institute. World renowned materials scientist, Prof. Eicke Weber will be presenting information regarding solar energy and sustainable building.

This event has Limited seating! Please RSVP by July 13th. Park in the main zoo parking lot, enter through the main zoo entrance and present this email for entry into the zoo and you will receive a voucher for parking. We suggest you arrive approximately 20 minutes early.

RSVP: [rachelberman@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:rachelberman@cincinnati-oh.gov)  
 For more information call: 352-6297

## Safe Summer Nights

The Cincinnati Fire Department's Safe Summer Nights Program reaches out to more neighborhoods in July. Please see schedule below. The program ends Sept. 29, 2011.

For the past 12 years, CFD has provided a Safe Summer Nights Program to educate, distribute and install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms within all Cincinnati neighborhoods.

The Safe Summer Nights Program has been sustained through the generous support of the American Red Cross, State Farm Insurance and a Federal Fire Prevention & Safety Grant.

Overall, since the program started, the Cincinnati Fire Department has distributed approximately:

- 32,340 smoke alarms
  - 411 carbon monoxide alarms
  - 6,159 individually packaged batteries
- Each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., CFD fire companies will be distributing smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms, fire prevention educational materials and batteries in neighborhoods throughout the summer.

The following neighborhoods have been selected for the month of July:

- July 5th to 7th: Fairmount, Winton Hills, Walnut Hills and Sayler Park
- July 12th to 14th: West End, South Fairmount, Hartwell and Pleasant Ridge/Kennedy Heights
- July 19th to 21st: Mt. Washington, Over the Rhine, Sedamsville/Riverside and Carthage
- July 26th to 28th: Mt. Adams, Lower Price Hill, Northside and Oakley

The Safe Summer Nights Program also reaches out to Cincinnati residents who have smoke alarms that are 10 years or older. Smoke alarms continually monitor the air 24 hours a day, and after 10 years, the components become less reliable and are more likely to fail.

Since April of 1988, all residential buildings in the city of Cincinnati have been required to have working smoke alarms. All residential buildings must have smoke alarms installed outside of sleeping areas and on every level, such as basements,

cellars and finished attics. Apartment owners are required to provide smoke alarms for their tenants.

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## 'Music On The Trails' series at Burnet Woods

The Cincinnati Park Board is presenting an innovative musical concert series in Burnet Woods on the last four Sundays in July. These concerts called "Music on the Trails" will be uniquely presented in that the musicians will perform throughout or nearby the park's picturesque hiking trails. The sights and sounds of nature, and the live presentation of classical, folk, jazz and world music in an acoustic setting offer a new way to experience four favorite local performance groups.

MUSIC ON THE TRAILS – 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.:

- July 17th - The Faux Frenchmen (Hot Jazz Celebrating the Hot Club of France)
- July 24th - The Poulenc Woodwind Trio (Music of Mozart, Haydn & Handel)
- July 31st - Mohenjo Daro (World Music: Arabic, Indian and Romani Fusion)

"This will be a great way for new and long-time visitors alike to enjoy the sounds of nature among an eclectic mix of local artists," says Kip Eagen, Music on the Trails Director. Because the park will come alive with sound during "Music on the Trails," the "natural stages" will be ideal for hikers, picnickers, or folks enjoying the playground.

Music on the Trails is part of a series of concerts being produced through the sponsorship of the Groesbeck Fund, and with the support of The Clifton Town Meeting, the Uptown Consortium, and CityBeat Magazine.

This series will also include The Concert by the Lake on September 10th, an afternoon of live music and fun for the entire family located along Burnet Woods Lake. For additional information on Music on the Trails and all Cincinnati Park events, go to [www.cincinnatiiparks.com](http://www.cincinnatiiparks.com) or call 513-357-2604.

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## RNNC conference

The Regional Neighborhood Network Conference is being hosted for the first time in Cincinnati September 22-24 at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza hotel. Theme of the 2011 conference is "Building Bridges & Making Connections: 25 Years of Connecting Neighbors to Neighborhoods." Bridges connect people in several senses: literally to connect places, metaphorically to connect people, institutions, amenities, and assets, and figuratively to connect those who build bridges to a brighter future.

This 25th Anniversary of the RNNC promises to provide useful information on creating new partnerships and community building techniques to reach a new generation of grassroots leaders. In addition to workshop sessions, mobile tours and keynote presentations provide attendees with information on how to improve the quality of life of their neighborhoods.

Register by August 1 at <http://www.xavier.edu/communitybuilding/rnncincinnati/Registration.cfm> for a chance to win an Apple iPad.

## Community Building Institute

The Community Building Institute is hosting a series of conversations this summer to explore the benefits of forming lasting positive partnerships in community. They will explore some great examples of working community partnerships that are making positive change.

The first is The School/Community Connection on July 22 8:30-10:30am at the Cintas Center. Speakers are Ellen Schumer, Executive Director of COFI, Chicago, IL.; Rolonda Smith, Executive Director of Parents for Public Schools, Cincinnati, OH. Attendees will hear some great ideas about how to recruit parents to your efforts and better connect schools to our neighborhoods.

You can register for this session by July 18 at [www.xavier.edu/cbi](http://www.xavier.edu/cbi). Fee for the workshop is \$25, or you may register for this and the two workshops scheduled later in the summer for \$60. (see ad on page 5)

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## Clifton Town Meeting - Burnet Woods discussion

Clifton Town Meeting, Clifton's community council, is holding a special meeting to promote an informed discussion within the community about the proposed plans for the West Martin Luther King (MLK) Drive Improvement Project. The meeting will be held on Monday, July 25 at the Clifton Recreation Center, 320 McAlpin Avenue, at 7:00 p.m. Representatives from the City of Cincinnati's Traffic Engineering and Parks Departments will be there to present information and address questions and concerns.

We hope that you, as a stakeholder in the project, will be able to join us, and that you will circulate our invitation to your constituents. To provide a framework for the evening and to promote a productive presentation and discussion, we are circulating an agenda. If you believe we are missing an issue that is important to an understanding of the project, please let me know, and we will add it to the agenda.

We expect discussion on the following topics:

- 1) The most current version of the plan and how it has been revised to minimize or eradicate the impact on Burnet Woods;
- 2) The justification for proposed changes to the MLK/Clifton Avenue intersection and for any proposed changes to MLK east of Clifton Avenue, including plans for larger pedestrian islands in the MLK/Clifton Avenue intersection;
- 3) We understand that the latest version of the plan has eliminated the previously planned no-left-hand turn restriction into Riddle Road from MLK and out of Riddle Road onto MLK. If that is not the case, we expect to discuss the impact of any proposed changes on the University Heights neighborhood regarding Probasco Street and Riddle Road, and what that will mean for those streets and residents, especially with the closure of the West McMicken/MLK intersection;
- 4) The justification for demolishing residences on the north side of West MLK, versus the south side, when it seems more people live on the north side;
- 5) Any realignment of the Clifton Avenue entrance to Burnet Woods with Dixmyth Avenue; and
- 6) How the proposed mixed use path along the north side of MLK will connect with existing bike paths and sidewalks in the area.

Thank you for considering our invitation. We look forward to seeing you on July 25th to discuss this important project, with its far-reaching implications for residents and institutional stakeholders in the community. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the agenda, please contact me at 698-5046 or [kimbus@ulmer.com](mailto:kimbus@ulmer.com).

Karen L. Imbus

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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

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.