



NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION

# Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

July, 2012

## Next monthly meeting:

July 17, 2012,  
7:30 p.m., Deaconess Hospital  
Cafeteria, Lower Level, Straight Street

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Like many people my first exposure to life in the CUF neighborhood began when I transferred to the main campus of UC. After a childhood in the suburbs and a first year stint at a branch campus, I immediately realized that the "Clifton" experience was the real McCoy. Though I continued to work near the I-275 beltway, my program consisted mainly of studio classes, where several hours of class time was required for every credit granted. Active class time was only about 25% of the time needed to complete the work, as much exploration and experimentations often didn't lead to a speedy solution. Consequently, a majority of my young life revolved around this area. One quickly learned where the best meal could be obtained at 2:00 a.m., where supplies could be acquired on Sunday evening, which part of Burnett Woods was a quiet place for a quick nap between long stretches of studio time (the parks were open 24 hours a day then).

So here I am 40 years later. The element that I most appreciate is the multiple layers of history that compose an older neighborhood. Today we have glossy color magazines and TV shows full of houses and decorating ideas. Building at the turn of the previous century was a more individualized affair. A mix of house styles and types were the norm. Then you stir in the anomalies of age, a later addition, a business attached to the front, a later style inserted in a row of homogenous examples. Rather than object to these things I revel in the expressive nature they represent. Some of our surrounding affluent neighbors lack this ad-hoc quality, and I feel it is to their detriment.

CUF is a true dichotomy — the largest, most densely populated neighborhood within the city with a huge migratory workforce — and a place where there are so few services, no post office, library, police or fire station, public school, grocery store, hardware store, or movie theatre. These all exist in close proximity to our area, but not in CUF. As a consequence, living here takes

some extra effort.

The true nature of living here is the great diversity of residents, not only of age but also of backgrounds or nationalities. Along with this mix comes a more casual appearance, many areas have a beautifully maintained appearance, others could use a jiffy. The tattered nature of some areas spurs me to care even more, as my imagination can provide results that are not presently visible — but possible.

There is a core group of people who do care. Some focus on crime and safety, others on beauty and cleanliness, some on the welfare of people and pets. Many in this group are involved in multiple areas of concern, but all involved agree others are always needed. It is not easy to live in an area where so much needs to be done with so few resources to accomplish the tasks.

It is wearing to witness so much trash, neglect, crime and apathy and not be discouraged. However, the reward of becoming a part of a force for positive change trumps just standing by which accomplishes nothing. At the risk of sounding too self-aggrandizing, please join the (too) few to (hopefully) help the many.

Peace, love & soul,  
Rolf Kuhn

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## Minutes, CUF General Meeting Tuesday, June 19, 2012

Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria, 7:30 PM

Meeting co-chaired by Janine Denlinger and Sharon Buckner

### Guests:

- Cincinnati Zoo - Rhiannon Hoeweler, Sr. Project Manager and Jennifer Gaynor, Sr Aviculture Keeper and a delightful baby penguin (not yet given a name). Representatives reported on zoo programs re cell phone recycling, encouraging zoo visits, wet land development in Warren County, partnership with Green Delivery for fresh, local produce and various community partnerships in Cincinnati.

A large number of children in attendance were introduced to the penguin and had an opportunity to feel its soft downy feathers.

#### Police Report

- Officer Lisa Johnson is creating a website that would have details on criminal activity in the community and photos and other details regarding suspects/known perpetrators. Police are currently working with Local News 12 re the identification of "johns" involved in prostitution arrests.
- Six graffiti arrests have been made. Three have been sentenced. Each received 180 days of house arrest, \$5000 restitution and 500 hours of community service picking up trash in the CUF area. Those who are also UC students are subject to additional discipline by the university.
- Two robbery suspects were arrested - ages 23 & 32.

#### Guest

Wayne Coates, Hamilton County Recorder. Mr. Coates made a presentation on the function of the County Recorder's office and also handed out brochures listing the types of documents recorded and maintained by the office. The website can be accessed at [www.recordersoffice.hamilton-co.org](http://www.recordersoffice.hamilton-co.org). Mr. Coates noted that the earliest record date back to 1789.

New Neighbor - Christ the King Church  
Christ the King Church will now be located in the space previously used by the Baptist Church at the corner of Warner and Flora Streets. The Executive Pastor is Doug Shell. CUFNA Board Candidates

The election will be held at the July 17 general meeting. Candidates present at the meeting were asked to stand and be recognized.

#### Treasurer's Report

Nathan Hess presented the May 2012 Treasurer's Report.

#### CHCURC

- CUFNA representative to the CHCURC Board, Cherie Walpe, reported that work continues on Calhoun and McMillan Streets. Traffic and parking continues to be a problem due to construction. She agreed to follow up on Bob Oberding's complaint about restricted right of ways at the USquare site - echoed by other members. They want to know how long public right of ways and metered parking will be restricted on Calhoun and McMillan between Ohio to Clifton (at DuBois Books).

- Old Town renovation is also underway. Phase 3 will begin next year. The CUF business district received the largest neighborhood grant for business district improvements.

#### Guest

Council Member, Laurie Quinlivan

- Ms. Quinlivan reported on legislation allowing

for Community Entertainment Districts. This allows non-profit community organizations to apply for low cost liquor licenses for restaurants. Ms. Quinlivan noted that several communities have already established CED's. The community determines the district boundaries (max allowed is 75 acres; one license for every 5) with the support and approval of property owners. Licenses can only be granted to establishments serving food. The legislation allows the district to be amended so that if a licensee becomes a nuisance, the license may be revoked. Licenses are not transferable to another business owner.

#### Announcements

- Soap Box Derby

Linda Ziegler reported on the upcoming Soap Box Derby Race scheduled for Saturday, June 23. Race will begin at the site of the old Oakley Drive In. Two young CUF residents will be in the race. Residents are encouraged to turn out and cheer them on.

- Coy Park Bike Polo Court

The Cincinnati Recreation Commission has opened a Bike Polo Court at the end of Joselin Avenue.

- Household Hazardous Wastes

The drop off program is in effect April 21 through November 3 at 4600 Spring Grove Avenue; Tuesdays 2-6 and Saturdays 9-1.

- Fairview Pool

Passes have been allocated. Individual day passes will be available at the pool.

- Planters

Planters are in progress at the triangle in front of St. Monica's.

Meeting adjourned at 9PM

### CUF Treasurer's report

Balance: June 1, 2012           \$8,750.18

Income:  
membership dues           \$205.15  
Invest in Neighborhoods   649.00  
Total Income:               \$854.15

Expenses:  
Fairview Pool passes       \$675.00  
Newsletter printing       \$223.29  
Soap Box Derby reg.       \$100.00  
Derby pitcrew shirt       \$20.00  
Derby car repair/parts   \$639.30  
cat spay/neuter           \$170.00

Total Expenses:           - \$1,827.59

Balance: July 1, 2012       \$7,776.74

### CUF Soapbox Derby news

The Cincinnati Local Soap Box Derby race was held on Saturday, June 23. The race is open to all comers, and the winner goes on to compete in the international event in Akron. In addition, racers from Cincinnati compete for the Mayor's Cup.

This year CUF was represented by two racers: veteran pit crew member and driver Joschka Yang vom Hofe and newcomer Marin Pastoor. Both had competed well in the opening races of the season in St. Bernard; each coming away with a second



place trophy. Marin did well in his first few heats. However, in what proved to be his final race, after hitting a bump in the track his helmet slipped down over his eyes obscuring his vision. Shortly thereafter he made contact with a bale of hay and the timing mechanism. He is OK, the Fairview Flyer will need a few adjustments.

Joschka went on to finish third overall and second in the Mayor's Cup winning trophies for himself and CUF. LaVante Heard of the Madisonville team won his third consecutive Mayor's Cup. Later in the summer are races in Gulf Manor and Madisonville. Stay tuned, racing fans.

### Summer Pet Care

Summertime! The season we spend most of our time having fun outdoors. But as the mercury soars, we can't forget our pets need special attention. Here are some warm weather pet care tips:

- NEVER leave a dog or child in a parked car! Even with the windows open a car's temperature can reach over 120 F in minutes. Take the little ones in with you. Leave your furry friends at home.
- Limit exercise. Hot asphalt and concrete can burn pet's paws. Walk in the cool mornings or evenings.
- Animals should have a shady cool place to rest while outdoors.
- Animals must have free access to plenty of fresh, clean water in a non-tip bowl.
- Know the signs of pet heat stress: heavy panting, glazed eyes, a rapid pulse, a staggering gait, vomiting, or a deep red or purple tongue.

- Be on the lookout for puddles of engine coolant. Make sure your pet doesn't drink from puddles in the street. Clean up spills immediately! Anti-freeze has a sweet taste but can be fatal to pets and children if ingested.

If you believe an animal is being neglected or abused contact the Hamilton County SPCA at 513-541-6100. They investigate all reports of animal neglect and abuse. It is their job to determine if an animal is being properly cared for. For more details and information visit their website at [www.spcacincinnati.org](http://www.spcacincinnati.org), or the Humane Society of the United States at [www.hsus.org](http://www.hsus.org).

### Heatstroke, heat cramps, & heat exhaustion

Heatstroke, heat cramps, and heat exhaustion can be brought on by high temperatures (e.g. August summers in Cincinnati), by strenuous physical activity, or by other conditions that impair your body's response to temperature (some medications, older age).

Heat cramps present with profuse sweating, fatigue, thirst and muscle cramps. Heat exhaustion follows heat cramps, and presents with headache, nausea, dizziness or lightheadedness, fast heart beat, nausea, skin that feels cool and moist, and dark urine.

Heatstroke is a life-threatening condition that occurs when your body temperature reaches 104 F (40 C) or higher. Heatstroke follows heat cramps and exhaustion, and presents with body temperature >104 degrees, sweating stops, rapid shallow breathing, fast heart beat, muscle cramps, and eventually neurologic symptoms, such as hallucinations, seizures, and even coma.

The best treatment is always prevention. Avoid dehydration, avoid alcohol and caffeine (which predispose you to dehydration), and avoid clothing that does not let your perspiration evaporate and cool your body. Avoid sunburn. Think about car safety. When parked in the sun, your car can reach a temperature of more than 160 F (71 C). Don't leave children or anyone in a parked car in hot weather for any amount of time.

If you do experience heat cramps/heat exhaustion, you can usually treat these by resting and decreasing activity, getting to a cool spot, like a shaded or air-conditioned area, and drinking fluids with electrolytes (Gatorade or other sports drinks). Remove clothing and apply cool water to your skin.

If you have progressed past heat cramps and heat exhaustion and you feel any of the symptoms of heatstroke, seek medical attention immediately. You may require emergency room treatment.



Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

## CUF board member candidates

**The 2012 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:

### Sharon Buckner

The CUF community has been my neighborhood of choice for 29 years. I contend it is the best neighborhood in the city because of its diversity, central location and naturally beautiful situation. Being active in the Citizens on Patrol (COP) program allows me to contribute an extra layer of safety to residents and myself. I enjoy problem solving and as a previous three-term member and officer of the CUF Board I have been able to hone these skills. Your vote will enable me to work on important issues, i.e., helping to attract more single family home owners, establishing a dialogue with our neighbor, the University of Cincinnati, parking, bringing more single entrepreneurs into the business mix and improving the quality of life in our community.

### Kenneth Jordan

Having lived in Clifton Heights since 1986, I have enjoyed its proximity to the University of Cincinnati, especially the College Conservatory of Music, and the ease of getting to downtown/Over the Rhine with everything that blossoming area has to offer. I would like to see our CUF neighborhood enjoy an improved livability similar to what has been going on in downtown and OTR. The CUF neighborhood has suffered a drop of 20% in owner-occupied homes from 2000 to 2010 according to an April 2, 2012 article in the Cincinnati Enquirer. With that in mind I hope to focus on quality of life issues including housing, parking and vandalism/trash. It would be nice to see more owner-occupied homes with families rather than more rental properties with absentee landlords. With more progressives on City Council I would reach out to them for assistance in that area. I had served my country for 30 years as an investigative Agent with the National Labor Relations Board. I would bring to the CUF Board the same character and effort that forged my successful career: approaching issues with an open mind, listening to all sides, asking the questions that need to be answered, then analyzing and reporting in a careful and thoughtful manner. I put my money where my mouth is. I am now a new member of C.O.P. in our neighborhood. I serve as a member of my Fraternity chapter's Board of Governors and I have been asked to serve on the Development Committee of The Know Theatre in OTR.

### Chip Kussmaul

My wife Jan and I have lived in the same house in Clifton Heights for a little over thirty years. We have been restoring our house for that entire time. Not quite done yet, but we're CLOSE! I was a science teacher for six years, but for the last few decades I've had my own architectural woodworking business, Cincinnati Woodworks. However, I'm close to retirement and hope to be able to spend more time involving myself in the community. We live in and near some very old neighborhoods with wonderful housing stock. These neighborhoods deserve our best efforts to preserve both the structures and the neighborhood, family, feel. In short, I'm a traditionalist. I feel we are being squeezed by UC on one side, and city hall on the other. It is my hope that we can maintain, and even advance the family nature of our neighborhoods. For this to happen we must have greater expectations of co-operation from UC and city council. This is like the tail wagging the dog, but then these are our neighborhoods and we have a right to greater co-operation.

### John Ligon

John has been a resident-owner since 1971 and a member of CUF (with occasional lapses) since then. He served as Treasurer in the mid-1970s and was on the Tower Fund board from its inception until the late 1980s. He is standing for renewal of his current term on the CUF board.

### Jack Martin

My wife, Lyn, and I have lived in Clifton Heights since we were married in 1972. We raised two children, a dog, and took in (and neutered) as many stray cats as we could stand. 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, but still don't know what I want to do when I grow up.

### Julie Zavon

I've lived in CUF for 9 years. My background is in science and business, and I have more than 20 years of management and consulting experience. As a member of the Board of Trustees I will use my experience in planning, practical problem solving, consensus building, and communications to benefit our community. I know the CUF well from daily walks for exercise and errands. (When on these outings I am energetic about picking up trash.) In free time, I'm a painter and enjoy gardening.

### Linda Ziegler

I have been a resident of CUF since 1974 and a home owner since 1983. Although I did not grow up here, four generations of my ancestors lived in CUF. I am very interested in our history and in preserving historical buildings. The most serious threat to the viability of our neighborhood is the lack of homeowners/permanent residents. I would like to see CUFNA continue its efforts in promoting us as a vibrant urban neighborhood connected to surrounding communities and downtown. We can help accomplish this by encouraging our neighbors to participate in CUF's activities.



## CUF stats

The Department of City Planning and Buildings Statistical Database contains information on the neighborhoods inside the boundary of the City of Cincinnati. This information is collected from various resources, such as the U.S. Census Bureau, State of Ohio, Hamilton County and various City departments.

The database includes tables charts and maps that illustrate statistically and graphically the character and makeup of the City based on its 48 statistical neighborhood areas.

Go to 2010 Cincinnati Statistical Neighborhood Approximations <http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/cdap/pages/-3578/>

## Fairview Pool passes

In an effort to encourage membership in the CUF Neighborhood Association and as a way to promote use of the CUF Neighborhood pool in Fairview Park, the CUF Neighborhood Association is awarding summer passes to the CRC Pools! That is a \$25 value for individuals and \$75 value for families!

If you know individuals or families that are looking for a great way to beat the heat this summer and spend time with others in the pool, please send them our way.

To be eligible for the pool passes, up to a \$75 dollar value, individuals or families must 1.) Be a resident in the CUF Neighborhood; 2.) Come to a CUF meeting; and 3.) Become a CUF member. To become a voting member of CUF, you must attend three meetings as a paid member. Anyone who receives a pool pass will be asked to come to three meetings during the year.

Please help us spread the word to families and individuals who might benefit from this great resource in our community! But tell them to hurry: we have limited numbers!

### Fairview Pool:

2219 Ravine Street

Cincinnati, Ohio 45219

513-421-4576

[aquatics@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:aquatics@cincinnati-oh.gov)



Shallow water pool. Offers swim lesson program. Located in Fairview Park.

Daily User Fee at all pools (except Dunham Otto Armleder) All Ages \$2.00 or you can buy the all pool season pass now!

## ALL CRC POOLS MEMBERSHIP NOW AVAILABLE ON-LINE

The Cincinnati Recreation Commission now offers memberships to city pools on-line. The public may purchase 2012 All CRC Pools Memberships and 2012 Dunham Otto Armleder Pool Memberships on-line until pools open this summer. As of Monday, June 4, 2012 All CRC Pools Memberships will be available for purchase at CRC pools. The public will no longer be able to purchase Pool Memberships at Recreation Centers. CRC is offering an Early Bird Discount on 2012 All CRC Pools Memberships until March 1st.

Go online today and buy your all pool pass for 2012.

<http://cincyrec.org/crc/2012PoolMembs.htm>

Enter by foot at the letter A or enter Fairview Park Drive off West McMillan!

Use it or lose it, folks!



# Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Program

**Open April 21–November 3**

**FREE to Hamilton County Residents Only.**  
 Bring proof of residency, such as a driver's license or utility bill.  
 Remain in car at all times.  
 This program prohibits the acceptance of hazardous waste from businesses, churches, schools and non-profit organizations.

**Dates: April 21 - November 3, 2012**  
**Locations: Environmental Enterprises, Inc.**

<p>4600 Spring Grove Avenue <b>MAP</b>          Cincinnati, OH 45232          (Directly across from Winton Road)          Tuesdays – 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.          Saturdays – 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.</p>	<p>10163 Cincinnati-Dayton Road <b>MAP</b>          Sharonville, Ohio 45241          (Corner of Cincinnati Dayton Road and Crescentville Road)          Wednesdays – 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.          Closed July 4 and October 31</p>
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Hamilton County covers the cost per car dropping off material to encourage proper disposal of your household hazardous waste.

**Acceptable Items:**

- Pesticides/Fertilizers
- Solvents/Thinners
- Lawn/Pool Chemicals
- Cleaners
- Household/Auto Batteries
- Fire Extinguishers
- Propane Tanks
- Oil-based Paint
- Mercury
- Fluorescent Bulbs
- Driveway Sealer
- Gasoline/Motor Oil
- Antifreeze
- Thermostats

**Unacceptable Items:**

- Latex Paint\*
- Radioactive Materials
- Medical Waste
- Explosives/Ammunition
- Smoke Detectors
- Tires
- Yardwaste
- Garbage
- Roofing Materials
- Appliances
- Computers/Electronics
- Heating Oil or Fuel Tanks
- Unmarked Cylinders
- Fireworks/Gun Powder
- Prescription Drugs

\* Latex paint will be accepted only if resident brings other household hazardous waste. If resident brings only latex paint, resident will be charged \$1.50 per gallon of paint (\$5.00 minimum charge). Check or credit card only – Cash NOT accepted.

**More Information:** Call 513-946-766 or visit [www.HamiltonCountyRecycles.org](http://www.HamiltonCountyRecycles.org)



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2364 West McMicken Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45214

## CUF membership



CUF Neighborhood Association  
 2364 West McMicken Avenue  
 Cincinnati, Ohio 45214

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

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.