



NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION

# Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

July, 2015

## Next monthly meeting:

July 21, 2015

Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria,  
Lower Level, Straight Street

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## How Did We Get Here?

No, this isn't a philosophical or religious treatise akin to "Where did we come from?", but I do hope to bring a little enlightenment to how we all got to this neighborhood called CUF in the first place.

As the urban basin neighborhoods of Cincinnati filled up with people and industry in the latter part of the 19th Century, there was a need for additional room-to-grow among the working class citizens (the wealthy were already living in Clifton, Walnut Hills, Hyde Park – they could afford horses & buggies to travel up and down the hills).

In 1876, the Cincinnati and Clifton Inclined Plane Railroad was built as a commercial venture to carry passengers from Downtown (Elm & McMicken) to the Bellevue House in what is now Bellevue Hill Park. At that time property in CUF was only beginning to be bought and subdivided by developers with names like Moerlein, Cassat, Volkert, etc. Cyrus Jennings' Subdivision included his own house (where I live, pictured here circa 1885), which wasn't built until 1882.



By the end of the 1880s the developers were seeing the real potential of the neighborhoods that were so close to the center of the City, and offered "the purest air, and the most beautiful views"\*. In 1890, the Bellevue Incline was improved to be able to carry horse-drawn and electric streetcars that continued up Ohio Avenue and to points beyond, including the Zoo. In 1892 the Fairview Incline was built to carry streetcars from McMicken to the end of Fairview Avenue. It was a critical link to the Crosstown Street Railroad Line linking the West End and eastern suburbs without necessitating a connecting trip through Downtown.

It's interesting that McMillan Street carried the Crosstown Line, but Warner Street was the original commercial spine of Fairview and Clifton Heights - including two theatres, retail and commercial establishments on almost every corner, and the Warner Street (old Fairview) School. Warner Street was pedestrian connection to Fairview and Ohio Avenues (where the inclines/streetcars brought people). This connection, and the streetcar that went up and down West Clifton, allowed the pattern of development for the CUF neighborhoods south of McMillan to become the densest in the City; having overtaken the West End (urban renewal and the Millcreek Expressway/I-75) and Over-the-Rhine (urban flight and blight) in the middle of the last century.

So, as we all complain about that density, and the lack of on-street parking, we need to remember that we are descended from a time and place when public transit (and 2 of the 5 Cincinnati Inclines) was the answer to "How did we get here?".

Oh, and probably not coincidentally, the late 1890s brought the development of asphalt roads and the transformation of bicycles from the penny-farthing (big front wheel, little rear wheel – see photo) to the "standard", that we use today. And bikes don't require on-street parking spaces!

\* From Fairview Heights Souvenir, which you may link at: [http://virtuallibrary.cincinnati.org/virtuallibrary/vl\\_oldrare.aspx?ResID=2609](http://virtuallibrary.cincinnati.org/virtuallibrary/vl_oldrare.aspx?ResID=2609)

Jack Martin

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# CUF Neighborhood Association General Meeting June 16, 2015 Deaconess Cafeteria

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

## SAFETY UPDATES:

CPD D5 Officer Nicholas Hageman and Officer John Boyle.

Crime is down. The new class of recruits has just graduated.

Officer Hageman said the shooting in Northside was justified. There was a rally and march that evening that was peaceful.

The Chief's plan to reduce violence includes additional officers on the street. Winton Hills, Avondale and Mt Auburn will be saturated.

The world's largest Slip N Slide (1000 Ft.) will be on Jefferson Ave. on June 20th.

CFD Engine 19's Lt. Baker reported that as the heat increases so do the number of runs. The Women's Drop Inn Center and Anna Louise Inn have opened on Reading Rd. resulting in a number of runs.

In May there were 23 1 alarm fires, 62 No alarm runs and 251 EMS runs.

Spring service has been done on all Fire Hydrants. Pool Safety- Always keep an eye on your children around water.

Warming and cooking fires are ok unless neighbors complain about the smoke.

Someone set the playground equipment at Coy St. Playground on fire.

Treasurer's Report, Linda Ziegler

## OLD BUSINESS/Reports:

- Thanks received for historic story in the CUFNA Newsletter.
- Report streetlights that are out to Duke if they're on a wooden pole, include the number on the metal strip on the pole. Call (513) 651-4182
- Lights on metal poles are the city's responsibility-call 591-6000.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- Election Committee- Next Month is the Annual Meeting and Election on July 21.

All eligible members have been asked to accept nomination. Running for election are: Jamie Campbell, Nathan Hess, Chip Kussmaul, Julie Murray and Linda Ziegler. Six positions are open so we need seven candidates two more are needed at this time.

By-Law changes are to be discussed by the board in July. The main change would be the number of

trustees, from fifteen to nine. There are 36 members eligible to run and vote. It seems obvious that half that number sitting on the board doesn't make sense. By-law change procedure - Proposal, Board vote, attorney approves language, publication of the proposed change in CUF newsletter and then Trustees must vote to approve at the general membership meeting on July 21.

There was also discussion and interest in absentee voting.

The IDC #77 University Impact Area - the Neighborhood Committee of City Council approved renewal on June 15. Notification was sent to owners of record.

According to CUFNA by-laws, membership in CUFNA is open to anyone, however, only residents of CUF can vote for Trustees.

Little Sisters of The Poor Spaghetti Dinner will be Saturday June 27th.

Paul Gallagher has pic sticks available to people who pick up litter.

The Annual Meeting and election will be July 21st.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Minutes submitted by  
Recording Secretary Tony Walsh

Approved July 7, 2015

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## CUF Neighborhood Association Financial Report June, 2015

Balance on: May 31, 2015	\$ 14,813.03
Income:	
Dues	\$ 6.00
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Total income:	+ \$ 54.00
Expenses:	
water valve maintenance	\$ 245.00
flowers	\$ 35.95
newsletter	\$ 234.85
USPS bulk mail, postage	\$ 625.00
Probasco masonry	\$ 1,580.00
pik sticks	\$ 311.87
magnets	\$ 164.28
FedEx, cards printing	\$ 29.99
stamps	\$ 35.00
Mutt Mitts	\$ 319.08
Total expenses:	- \$ 3,581.02
Balance on: Jun. 30, 2015	\$ 11,286.01

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## Trustee elections

The election of CUF trustees will be in July at our general meeting. Here are the candidates' statements we have received at this time:

James Campbell

Known as Jamie to friends and family grew up in Clermont County, Ohio along the Ohio River. I've spent my adulthood living in various cities: Nashville, TN; Macon, GA and of course Cincinnati, Ohio. After the purchase of our home in University Heights 2 years ago my partner and I knew we had made the perfect choice. Neighbors came by, introduced themselves and I felt like I was finally "home." I enjoy showing dogs, landscaping, gardening, learning American Sign Language and giving my time to volunteer for different nonprofit events. Once I found this area of Cincinnati and met the people, I was excited and looked forward to being a part of this growing and thriving area. While living here, I've seen issues I would like to give my full attention to--specifically to improve the quality and safety of life in CUF. After attending several CUF meetings and networking among several other CUF members I would like to continue offering my skills and knowledge to help the betterment of this area in its continual growth.

Nathan Hess

I am a young professional and homeowner in CUF, and a former trustee. Outside of work, I am a musician and also enjoy tennis. I hope to inspire a greater sense of community among neighbors and greater collaboration with community partners. And I really like the relatively new tradition of going to a local establishment for drinks after CUF meetings. Safety and quality of life are my primary concerns, along with an interest in making improvements to our public spaces.

Chip Kusssmaul

As many know, Jan and I have been residents of Clifton Heights for over thirty years. We love the vibrancy and the eclectic feel. But there are problems, as we all know. Crime, litter, and disruptive students continue to plague us. Now that I am retired I hope to spend more time working to get the city and UC to address these problems.

Speaking of the city and UC, CUF is definitely on their radar, as it is sandwiched between OTR and UC. Plans are being made, as the new IDC, recently implemented by the mayor's office shows. We need to be proactive in making sure we have a seat at the table in making these

plans, rather than being forced to accept what other people have decided. I, and others, have been making an effort to increase long-term residency and home ownership in CUF. It's possible that we can get the city and UC to help us with this. But we must bring the ideas to them, and not wait for them to make the plans for us.

Linda Ziegler

I have been a resident of CUF since 1974 and a home owner since 1983. Although I did not grow up in this neighborhood, four generations of my ancestors lived in CUF. I am very interested in our history and in preserving historic buildings and residential areas.

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.

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## NatureCamps in Parks

Cincinnati Park Board Naturalists and summer counselors conduct a one-week daycamp session in a park near you this summer. This camp is held entirely outdoors!

Children who have completed kindergarten through 12 years old can participate in active fun centered around local nature themes. The main theme this year is ADAPTATIONS! Camps are held entirely outdoors and children are divided into groups by age. The Friday cookout is a popular activity at camp; children should bring hot dogs, buns and s'more fixins!

\*NEW THIS YEAR: 9th week of camp on August 3 - 7 at Burnet Woods!

Each session runs from Monday – Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Note: To ensure a fun time and room for everyone, children are limited to no more than 2 of the NatureCamp sessions listed below for the summer.

Fee: \$70.00 per camper per week

Week of June 30 is \$60.00 with no camp on July 4

Burnet Woods (Clifton / C.U.F.) (2 sessions)

June 8 - 12 and August 3 - 7

Enter on north side of Brookline Ave; meet at shelter building.

Visit their website: [www.cincinnatiiparks.com](http://www.cincinnatiiparks.com) to register online. For more information, call 321-6208 ext 11.

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## 2015 city holidays

affecting trash pickup

- Monday, Sept. 7, 2015: Labor Day
- Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2015: Veterans' Day:
- Thursday, Nov. 26 -Friday, November 27, 2015: Thanksgiving
- Friday, Dec. 25, 2015 Christmas - Garbage collection for Thursday and Friday will be delayed by one day.
- Friday, Jan. 1, 2016: New Year's Day - Garbage collection for Thursday and Friday will be delayed by one day.

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## Mutt Mitts

If you are dog walking and forget a bag (or need another) look for the one of the community sponsored green Mutt-Mitt Dispensers located in: 2 Bellevue Park (2008); 2 Fairview Park (2010); 1 Intersection of Fairview & Ravine (NEW!); 2 Coy Fields - 1 upper, 1 lower (NEW!).

Thanks to the Volunteers that keep them stocked!

Mutt-Mitts are made in Rabbit Hash, Kentucky.

Their mission is: "Intelligent Products, Inc. is committed to delivering quality products with great value and customer service excellence. We strive to listen to our customers and respond with enthusiasm and the utmost respect. We are dedicated to acting as one team, with one goal. We are proud to produce American made products that help protect our environment, reduce health risks, and solve problems for our customers."

<http://www.muttmitt.com>

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## 55 and older employment services

I would like to introduce you to Mature Services' Employment and Training Solutions where people 55 and older "Earn While They Learn." We are located at 644 Linn Street, Suite 935 in Queensgate. We specialize in providing mature workers with paid community service internships and job placement assistance in Hamilton County.

We are an established program but are always looking for job seekers to expand our mission. Do you know of any residents that are 55 or older and looking for employment? If you do, would you please have them call our office at (513) 924-9100. Below is a link to a brochure for job seekers.

[http://www.matureservices.org/ets/docs/SCSEP\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.matureservices.org/ets/docs/SCSEP_brochure.pdf)

I can be reached at 924-9100 or by email at: [tjacobson@matureservices.org](mailto:tjacobson@matureservices.org).

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## Clifton deer program

*from CTM:*

Too many deer devastate the eco-system and endanger drivers on our roads. For a healthy eco-system, experts say there should be 15-20 deer per square mile. Clifton is up to 50 per square mile in 2015. That's a 30% increase over last year!

On May 11, 2015, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) issued a permit authorizing Dr. Anthony J. DeNicola, Ph.D., President of White Buffalo, Inc., to proceed with a 3-5 year pilot research program. White Buffalo is a non-profit research organization that conserves ecosystems through wildlife population control with an emphasis on wildlife management alternatives in non-traditional settings (<http://www.whitebuffaloinc.org/>).

How will the Sterilization Pilot Program work? Easy - ovariectomies! Confused? An ovariectomy is the removal of a female deer's ovaries. It's similar to, but less invasive than, spay surgeries to sterilize dogs and cats. The "rapid ovariectomy" technique developed by the White Buffalo team takes place in the field and typically takes 20 minutes or less.

Surgical sterilization is routinely used to control population growth of domestic animals (i.e., dogs and cats) and at least 14 other species. It is recognized as safe and humane for use in deer by The Humane Society of the United States. Both The Humane Society and White Buffalo reports that the mortality rate is less than 1%. Plus, sterilized deer tend to be healthier and calmer than fertile deer -- and they don't attract bucks thereby reducing the chasing behavior that can result in dangerous deer-vehicle collisions.

Capture and sterilization happens at night when deer are most active and few people are in the parks. The lead veterinarian for the Program is Dr. Randy Junge, DVM, DACZM, who has 25 years of experience in zoo medicine and has performed approximately 60 deer sterilizations. Dr. Junge, who is currently VP of Animal Health at the Columbus Zoo, will perform the ovariectomies and train and supervise local veterinarians to also perform the procedure. As a result of sterilization, the herd size is at first stabilized and then shrinks through attrition. Most communities experience a 10-20% annual reduction in the number of deer.

We need YOU to help make this Program a success in our community! To be blunt, we need your BUCKS -- not deer, we have plenty of those -- but your pledges and cash donations. This Pilot Program will begin in the fall of 2015 so the time is now to make this program a success. There are many volunteer opportunities, including fundraising, neighborhood canvassing and field station volunteers. To learn more, to follow our progress, and to make a pledge/donation, please visit our website at [www.cliftondeer.org](http://www.cliftondeer.org) or go directly to [www.cliftondeer.org/donations/](http://www.cliftondeer.org/donations/).

We and the deer THANK YOU!

Beth Whelan, for the Clifton Deer Project

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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.

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