



**NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION**

# Newsletter

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**August, 2008**

## **Next monthly meeting:**

Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2008, 7:30 p.m.  
Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria,  
Lower Level  
Straight Street

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



First the good news for those who haven't heard. Baby Joseph Matthew Bourgeois came into the world on July 17. Proud parents are Emily and Matt Bourgeois. Baby Murphy Patrick Kulik came into the world August 4. Proud parents are Shannon and Peter Kulik.

Next in order of excitement are results of the CUF Trustee election. At the annual meeting on July 15 Nick Denlinger, Rolf Kuhn, Julie Murray, Rob Neel and Dennis O'Brien were elected to three-year terms. Julie has since decided that due to the many demands of her life, she can't accept a second term on the board, but she will continue to participate on the UC landlord accreditation committee. Sally Larson was chosen to replace Julie. At the first meeting of the new board on August 5 officers were chosen: Rob Neel, president; Maureen France, vice president; Nick Denlinger, treasurer; John Stork, membership secretary; Rolf Kuhn, recording secretary; and Dennis O'Brien, corresponding secretary.

As a follow up to the Neighborhood Enhancement Program, Maureen France, Peter Kulik, Debbie Herman and I met with the City Manager and the members of CUF's NEP team on July 15. We reviewed results of the program, discussed what went well and what didn't go so well. We suggested some areas of improvement for future NEP teams. Mainly we wanted to be sure that NEP initiatives continue in CUF. Probably the best outcomes are the relationships we have developed with employees in the various city departments. One example of an on-going NEP effort is the landlord accreditation program. Julie Murray and Debbie Herman have been participating on this committee. On August 14 the program will kick-off with the first landlord going through the accreditation process. In addition our Citizens on Patrol and CPOP groups

continue to meet regularly with city employees to identify and solve problems. Copies of NEP reports will be available at future CUF meetings and will be posted on the web.

Paul Gallagher has been elected by the Trustees to serve as CUF's point man with the city for revocable street privileges. These are granted by the city when projects involve public rights of way, such as when we placed the mosaic planters on sidewalks. Most recently a new water source has been installed at Straight and McMicken Streets to allow for maintenance of the landscaping project.

At the July meeting, we were given survey materials from Metro (formerly Queen City Metro). Through the "grow METRO" initiative, they are trying to understand our community's need for bus service. Please take a few minutes to respond to the survey on line at [www.go-metro.com](http://www.go-metro.com).

Remember, there is no general meeting in August. See you in September.

Linda Ziegler

## **Minutes of the CUF Neighborhood Association meeting for July 15, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Linda Ziegler. No corrections or additions to June minutes.

**District 5 Police report:** the crime stats for this month have not been prepared yet. This year's National Night Out will be held in College Hill on August 5. All are invited. In a continuation of the Neighborhood Enhancement Program, walking patrols are still happening. Police are working on an action plan for when students return. Current complaints: prostitutes on McMicken and in Fairview Park, shopping carts being abandoned in the neighborhood, July 4th fire works. Captain Bailey stressed that when calling 911 or the dispatch number 765-1212, be sure to state, Yes, you want to talk to an officer. The private complaint service is available to mediate problems between citizens. A criminal charge is

not necessary for a referral.

**Guests:** Mike Moose from Glaserworks and Dan Deering gave a presentation on streetcars. Originally phase I of the plan called for a loop from the riverfront through Over the Rhine. However, City Council wants the plan to “touch” UC in the first phase. The discussion is what route to take up the hill. The Uptown Consortium proposes going up Vine Street; sentiment at the meeting is for using Clifton Avenue. Mike and Dan suggest sending letters to the city manager, Council, and/or Michael Moore from the Department of Transportation expressing our preferences.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Balance 6-1-2008	\$4,246.50*
Income:	
Dues	133.00
Invest AIG	861.00
Total	+994.00
Expenses	
Cake	36.95
Total	-36.95

Balance 7-1-2008 \$5,203.55

\* Includes 2 deposits previously omitted from Treasurer’s report.

**Trustee Meeting Report:** Linda, Maureen, Peter and Debbie Herman met this afternoon with the City Manager and CUF’s NEP team at City Hall. They discussed the good points and weak points of the program and offered suggestions for improvements in future neighborhoods. The trustees voted to oppose a request by Dan Schimberg to purchase part of Cliff Street behind the Friar’s Club. They sent a letter of support for the two business district projects presented by Matt Bourgeois last month: gateway improvements in Classen Park and street scape study in the Old Town section. The trustees also voted to send a letter restating their objections to sections of the Uptown Consortium’s park study. CUF remains opposed to selling any existing parkland or building restaurants/housing on existing parkland.

**CHCURC:** The vacant Hardy’s and Arby’s buildings have finally been torn down! CHCURC is close to signing contracts with a developer for Old St. George, which will provide rehabilitation and reuse of the building.

**Announcements:** CUF received a letter from the Mayor thanking us for our participation in the Soap Box Derby. He hopes to increase the number of communities participating and the prize money for the winner of the Mayor’s Cup. Queen City Metro staff are currently visiting neighborhoods gathering information on residents’ desires for changes/improvements in bus service. They stopped by the Rohs Street Café

Monday and left information and surveys for us. The deadline for the next round of Safe and Clean grants is August 1st, at 5:00 pm. CUF received a waiver request for front yard parking at 698 Riddle Road. Rick Dieringer from Invest in Neighborhoods was introduced. CUF will have an audit of NSP funds in the near future. The Uptown Tour of living has been set for Spring 2009.

**New Business:** Zach Garrison, from Leslie Ghiz’s office, spoke about her current project identifying problematic convenience stores in the neighborhoods. Those in attendance gave several examples of trouble spots in CUF. Zach can be reached at 352-3344 and zach.garrison@cincinnati-oh.gov.

Dawn Jackson from Laketa Cole’s office was introduced. She will be the community liaison. She can be reached at: 352-3946 and <http://dawn.jackson@cincinnati-oh.gov>.

Trustee election results were announced: Nick Denlinger, Rolf Kuhn, Julie Murray, Rob Neel and Dennis O’Brien.

There is no general meeting in August.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

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## Eden Park hosts 2008 Green Partnership of Greater Cincinnati

The Park Board was proud to host the grand announcement of the Green Partnership of Greater Cincinnati, on June 30, 2008. Cincinnati is one of the few cities to create a partnership between local government, major educational institutions and include a private sector company. The press conference was started on the right note when the officials from the five partner agencies arrived in front of the Eden Park solar panels driving small electric cars!

The officials each described green projects already underway in their respective organizations, as well as their excitement to participate on the Green Partnership teams where everyone can share best practices in order to benefit our entire region:

- Superintendent Rosa Blackwell, Cincinnati Public Schools
- Commissioner Todd Portune, Hamilton County
- Sandra Meyer, President, Duke Energy Ohio
- Mayor Mark Mallory, City of Cincinnati
- President Nancy Zimpher, University of Cincinnati

In describing the City of Cincinnati’s green projects, Mayor Mark Mallory thanked Vice

Mayor David Crowley for his work on the Climate Protection legislation recently approved by City Council, and described the City's Green Initiative accomplishments by Cincinnati Parks. The Park Board began implementing green projects in 2006 when the Mayor first announced his environmental vision for Cincinnati. "The Park Board is committed to the efficient delivery of basic city services, and our Green Initiative projects generate cost savings to the taxpayers of Cincinnati, as well as environmental benefits for our region," said Willie Carden, Director of Parks.

Over the past two years, Parks achieved economic and environmental objectives by installing a renewable energy system at Eden Park, converting 33% of park mowing equipment to bio fuel, reforestation and deploying "smart" trashcans in Parks. The Park Board is launching a second wave of Green Initiative projects in 2008, continuing its environmental leadership in Cincinnati. Citizens will benefit from a new solar energy system at park operations headquarters in Avondale, additional "Big Belly" smart cans, planting beautiful rain gardens to filter storm water and reforestation of inner city neighborhoods. During the Green Partnership press conference, the Mayor was announced that he is counting on Parks to meet his goal to increase annual tree planting from 2,000 trees to 3,000 new trees in 2008! With the new wave of projects in 2008, the Park Board has undertaken 14 Green Initiative projects to benefit our community.

To view all 14 initiatives: <http://dynamic.cinci-parks.org/greeninitiatives12008.html>

## Fall schedule for Burnet Woods

### Canoeing 101

Sat., Sept. 27, 11:00 – 3:30 p.m. – Burnet Woods Lake

Can you canoe? Of course you can! No worries about fast currents or obstacles when you paddle out onto Burnet Woods Lake. Basic instructions and safe practices are discussed onshore before launching canoes into the water. All participants will be provided life jackets. Not recommended for children under 6 years. Program will be cancelled during stormy weather. For more information, please call 751-3679.

### Fishing 101

Sun., Sept. 28, noon – 3:30 p.m. – Burnet Woods Lake

Join us for a fun day of fishing. Bring your own equipment or use a cane pole from the Nature Center. A fishing license is NOT required, but reservations are needed. Bait and training are provided. Meet at the north end of the lake. For more information, please call 751-3679.

### Burnet Woods Hiking Club

1st and 3rd Saturday of each month, 9:00. – 11:00 a.m. Starts Oct. 4

New for 2008! Designed primarily for continuous walking at a fitness pace, the Burnet Woods Hike Club will hit the trails this fall. The first hike of each month will take place at Burnet Woods and will be easy to moderate. The hike on the third Saturday of each month will alternate between several area parks and preserves and will be more strenuous. For more information and reservations, please call 751-3679.

### Birds At Armleder

Sat., Oct. 11, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. – Armleder

This program, for those new to birding, will be a great introduction to our feathered friends.

Chances are good that we will see our resident waterfowl as well as migrating raptures and warblers. Bring your own binoculars or borrow a pair of ours. Meet at the Main Shelter building... by the playground. For more information, please call 751-3679.

### Native Plants and Invasive Species

#### Workshop

Sat., Oct. 18, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Burnet Woods – Slide Presentation and Short Walk

Sat., Nov 8, 9:00 – noon – Invasive Removal and Restoration

Sat., Nov 22, 9:00 – noon – Invasive Removal and Restoration

This workshop will serve as an introduction to the wonderful diversity of Cincinnati's native wildflowers and examine the threats posed by non-native invasive species. The first program in the series will be a presentation on the identification of native and non-native plant species with the following two programs focusing on habitat restoration. Classes will meet at the Trailside Nature Center. For more information and reservations, please call 751-3679.

### Public Planetarium Programs

Come join us at the Wolff Planetarium for an introduction to the fall constellations and some of the legends connected to them. Programs are open to adults and older children accompanied by adults. Seating is limited; please call 751-3679 for reservations. Fee: \$2.00 per person. Public planetarium shows presented by Dean Regas, Outreach Astronomer at the Cincinnati Observatory and Michael George, Cincinnati Park Board Naturalist.

#### Fall Skies

Fri., Sept. 18, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Fall Constellations

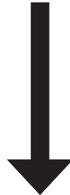
Sat., Oct. 4, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Fall Constellations

Fri., Oct. 16, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Monster In The Sky

Sat., Nov. 1, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Fall Constellations

Fri., Nov. 20, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. All About Orion

Please see the following seven pages for the  
90-day progress report of the  
2008 CUF Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP)



### 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 pm, Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria, 311 Straight Street

**CUF Trustee meetings:**

1st Tuesday of each month, 7:00 pm, 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.

*(please check the membership expiration  
date on your newsletter mailing label)*

## CUF Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP)

This is the 90-Day Progress Report of CUF NEP activities. This report covers the activities of the Police Department, Code Enforcement Division of Community Development, Health Department and Fire Department, which mainly cover the enforcement aspects of this project. Keep Cincinnati Beautiful, Duke Energy, Public Services Department, Department of Transportation and Engineering, and the Department of Community Development provide customer/citizen assistance as part of the effort. Community Stakeholders in CUF include the Clifton Heights Improvement Association, Clifton Heights Business Association, CUF Neighborhood Association, University of Cincinnati, Hughes High School, Uptown Consortium, People Working Cooperatively, Inc., The Home Ownership Center and Job Corp.

The full City team meets once a week to share information and plan the team's operations. The CUF Stakeholders and Community Partners meet the second week of each month fostering a partnership in which the residents and other community organizations seek input on implementation concerns, address neighborhood problems, supply information, and come up with solutions to problems.

### I. Enforcement

#### Police

District Five used a portion of the Take Back Our Streets funding for overtime in the CUF area. This overtime was divided between walking, patrolling, and business contacts. During the duration of this 90-day project the following numbers were noted:

Extra Hours Worked	919
Motorized/Foot Patrol	919
Radio Runs	381
Warrants Served	48
Business Contacts	176
Citizen Contacts	320
Adult Arrests	101
Juvenile Arrests	10
Curfew Arrests	5
Vice Arrests	21
Moving Violations	118
Parking Violations	285
Pedestrian Violations	15
OVI Arrests	4

#### Confiscations

Crack Cocaine	0.5g
Pills	4
Marijuana	3.31g
Vehicles	1
Guns	3

Central Vice Control Section has conducted multiple sweeps in CUF. The Central Vice Control Sweeps produced the following numbers:

Total Arrests	80
Soliciting/Loitering	50
Possession/Trafficking	12
Warrant Arrests	4
Other	7
Seizures	
Crack Cocaine	12.85g
Powder Cocaine	23.73g
Marijuana	657.3g
Heroin	8.09g
Firearms Recovered	4
Currency	\$498.00

District Five conducted one alcohol/curfew sweep during this 90-day period. There were 8 arrests made for alcohol/curfew violations during this time.

There was one Landlord Training session completed during this 90-day period, which resulted in 9 area landlords being trained in drug safety and Chronic Nuisance Abatement.

Surveys were conducted of 120 people either living or visiting CUF. The results for this survey were sent to the City Manager and passed out throughout the community. District Five will assist Keep Cincinnati Beautiful with the follow-up blight surveys for the CUF area.

The District Five Liaison Unit attended over 30 different CUF community involved meetings including CUF Citizens on Patrol, CUF Street Cleaning Meetings, CUF Community Meetings, CUF Business Association Meetings, and Clifton Heights Improvement Association Meetings (CHIA).

District Five worked in partnership with University of Cincinnati and Stakeholders of the community to develop a Landlord Accreditation Program with the landlords in the community. This project was designed to set up a tier system for landlords to follow when renting a house/apartment in the CUF neighborhood.

District Five contributed in many ways to the success of the Neighborhood Enhancement Program. Many relationships were built and will continue to remain after the program has moved on to other communities.

Below is a Total of all Police Activity for the first Ninety Days of the Neighborhood Enhancement Program. (Statistics include Vice and District Operations.)

Extra Hours Worked	919
Motorized/Foot Patrol	919
Radio Runs	381
Warrants Served	52
Business Contacts	176
Citizen Contacts	320
Adult Arrests	101
Juvenile Arrests	10
Curfew Arrests	5
Vice Arrests	101
Moving Violations	118
Parking Violations	285
Pedestrian Violations	15
OVI Arrests	4
Confiscations	
Crack Cocaine	12.90g
Powder Cocaine	23.73g
Marijuana	660.61g
Heroin	8.09 g
Pills	4
Currency	\$498.00
Vehicles	1
Guns	5

Department of Public Services and Litter Control Unit of Health Dept.

The Litter Control Unit of the Cincinnati Health Department conducted a total 234 inspections of complaints involving litter or trash-related issues in the focus area during the 90 days of the CUF NEP. These inspections resulted in the issuance of 137 civil citations. Many of these citations were the result of inspections conducted by Litter Control staff concentrating on issues identified in the CHIA Block Report.

In addition to enforcement, Litter Control staff worked with staff from the Department of Public Services and Keep Cincinnati Beautiful to develop strategies that focus on trash issues related to University of

Cincinnati students living in off-campus housing.

Plans being finalized for the June student move-out period include:

- A centrally-located drop-off spot for waste and recyclable materials
- A swap shop located in the CUF neighborhood for exchange of re-usable items
- Special collections by the Vietnam Veterans of America of re-usable items
- Additional waste collection scheduled by Department of Public Services staff

#### Fire

During the final 30 days of CUF's Neighborhood Enhancement Program, the Cincinnati Fire Department worked with the CUF Community, the University of Cincinnati and various City Departments to address student-housing concerns in the CUF area. In addition, on 4/15/08, the Cincinnati Fire Department had 27 of its fire inspectors inspect structures in the CUF Focus Area from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM.

Even though many of the residents were not home, the Fire Department was able to perform 63 fire inspections. In a number of the properties, the Fire Department was able to educate the occupants on fire safety and the importance of installing and maintaining smoke alarms.

The Cincinnati Fire Department will continue its efforts to get in the homes of those living in the CUF focus area using weekends and other appropriate occasions to complete interior fire inspection of the CUF area properties.

In addition, the Cincinnati Fire Department is looking forward to working with property owners as they seek to qualify to be part of the Landlord Accreditation Program. This process will undoubtedly enable the Cincinnati Fire Department to have greater access to the properties in the CUF area, because property owners will be setting appointments for fire inspections to take place. This effort and others will help enhance the quality of life of the residents of the CUF area.

During the 90 days in the focus area, a few important things took place: the community was able to establish relationships with members of the Fire Department. This will result in faster non-emergency service delivery from the Fire Department. Also, the CUF community leaders were educated on how the Fire Department operates in regards to enforcing fire codes. They were also given assurance that some of the issues that they felt were fire code issues were not such and that no one was in harm's way.

The Fire Department is happy to have been part of the Neighborhood Enhancement Program's efforts in the CUF area, and looks forward to contributing towards the continued success of CUF.

#### Property Maintenance Code Enforcement

Announcements were 1130 buildings were inspected. 713 buildings were found to be in violation necessitating orders. 2982 individual violations were cited. So far, 31 buildings have complied with the orders issued & those cases are now closed. 6 buildings are being processed for demolition. 1 is out to bid and 2 are under contract. Property Maintenance Code Enforcement (PMCE) assisted with the UC area rental property classification initiative and will be providing ongoing services by issuing Certificates of Inspection. PMCE made joint inspections with the Fire Department to investigate possible overcrowding in off campus student rental housing.

## II. Community Enhancement/Citizen Assistance

#### Keep Cincinnati Beautiful

During the last 30 days, Keep Cincinnati Beautiful (KCB) has continued to focus on working with the City team and neighborhood stakeholders to support the NEP efforts.

On Saturday, April 5th KCB partnered with volunteers from University Christian Church and UC to distribute 800 safety kits to area residents. In an additional collaboration with Rumpke and the City of Cincinnati Department of Neighborhood Operations/Public Services, the same neighborhood groups simultaneously passed out 75 recycling bins and information on what can be properly be recycled. The safety kits had previously been assembled by staff and clients at the Hamilton County Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (MRDD), and two Girl Scout Troops grouped the kits together for easy dispersal Saturday morning. The safety kits included a small compact florescent light bulb for

peoples' porch lights, crime prevention tips, a magnet with important City and safety numbers to call, proper garbage disposal guidelines and a copy of the BearCat news. Several full-time residents also volunteered, and the event provided an opportunity for neighbors to talk, answer questions and educate each other concerning important issues that had been identified by the stakeholders. Clifton Community Cleanup also conducted a cleanup event, followed by a grill-out at Rohs Street Café. Supplies for the safety kits, cleanup and grill-out were all provided for by KCB.

KCB is still assisting both UC LEAP and Hughes High School in their efforts to promote recycling across their respective campuses for the "Return the Warmth" challenge. (This is a national contest in which plastics #1(PET) bottles are recycled into fleece jackets that will be donated to neighborhood children.) The contest will conclude May 31st and is sponsored by Keep America Beautiful, Aquafina and Sam's Club. Results will be announced later in the spring.

Hughes High School and KCB has developed more programming with students. Under the direction of Sandy Wetzel, a science teacher and junior class advisor, a group of students made a commitment to pick up litter 2-3 times a week along Clifton Avenue and West McMillan. This activity by the students has made a difference in terms of trash, and created a more positive interaction and impression in their neighborhood. Keep Cincinnati Beautiful has gladly donated bags, gloves and litter sticks for the Hughes Litter Patrol students in support of their efforts.

The Great American Cleanup (GAC) on April 26th was a big success in CUF, with over 90 volunteers contributing a total of 360 hours of labor and collecting 2400 pounds of debris. KCB supplied volunteers with bags, gloves, drinks, tee shirts and other support materials needed for the cleanup. We are grateful to the Department of Neighborhood Operations/Public Services for supplying a SuperCan to volunteers during the GAC to more easily facilitate work in Schorr Alley. KCB also supplied paint for the area to cover graffiti and beautify some fencing. A more detailed description of the GAC efforts is provided under the stakeholders' section of this report.

Also over the last month KCB has worked closely with the Department of Health and Litter, City of Cincinnati Department of Neighborhood Operations/Public Services and UC Campus Security to create a multi-pronged approach to address UC's "Move Out" days in the late spring and summer. KCB anticipates a comprehensive approach to be in place by early June, and to repeat successful aspects of the program again in August/September when the largest impact is felt by the neighborhood.

Lastly, KCB conducted the post-Blight Index on May 1, 2008 and has found that there has been a 19% decrease in blight over the 90 NEP. We will repeat this index again after one year from the date of NEP/CUF inception, and will report those results to the City Manager, as well as all City Department and stakeholders involved

#### Community Development

The Department of Community Development has (DCD) assumed the responsibility for coordinating and leading the CUF initiative in addition to organizing the effort to assist CUF residents in responding to code violation orders. DCD continues to rely upon its contractors, People Working Cooperatively (PWC) and the Home Ownership Center (HOC). PWC handles emergency repairs for low-income homeowners under a City contract and has agreed to conduct a special CUF focus during this 90-day initiative.

Under another City contract, HOC offers home rehab loans for low-income homeowners. HOC also has other loan products from non-City sources as well as different kinds of counseling (credit, home ownership, home repair, etc) which are helpful in CUF. They highlighted their newest product with their partner, Third Federal Savings, at the February 1 Press Conference.

#### Department of Public Services – Neighborhood Operations Division

Street cleaning crews addressed 22 service requests during the month of April including alley cleaning, cleaned all the major thoroughfares, addressed all dead animal complaints, and glass clean up from breaking and entering. Sweeping crews swept 2 miles, removing 1 cubic yard of debris. A hand crew removed 2 cubic yards of litter. The Neighborhood Operations Division supplied one roll off for Great American cleanup. Graffiti was removed from 27 locations during the month of April.

#### Transportation and Engineering (DOTE)

Street Signs - Department of Transportation (DOTE) staff and neighborhood leaders inspected all signs in NEP area. 200 signs were found in need of repair or replacement. Crews plan to start work on the signs this week and complete the replacements in about two weeks.

Street Lights - DOTE staff continue to work with Duke Energy to replace the burned out streetlights. The need for streetlights on Cassatt Street has been identified and planning for this lighting project is in progress.

Duke Energy

During the 90 days, Duke Energy has repaired or replaced a total of 71 lights in the focus area.

### III. Community Stakeholders

University of Cincinnati

Led by Captain Karen Patterson, the University of Cincinnati took the leadership role in facilitating a partnership with City enforcement agencies, community residents and property owners to develop the Landlord Accreditation Program as follows:

CUF Landlord Tier System

Phase I – Completed

Tier 1

- A) Inspection by the Cincinnati Police Department.  
This is a crime prevention inspection.  
This is not a code enforcement inspection so there is no pass or fail rating.  
There is no cost for this inspection.  
Please call 569-8500 if you want to set up an inspection by the police department.

Tier 2

- A) Inspection by the Cincinnati Police Department.  
This is a crime prevention inspection.  
This is not a code enforcement inspection so there is no pass or fail rating.  
There is no cost for this inspection.  
Please call 569-8500 if you want to set up an inspection by the Police Department.
- B) Inspection by the Cincinnati Fire Department.  
This is a code enforcement inspection so there is a pass or fail rating.  
There is no cost for this inspection.  
Please call 357-7585 if you want to set up an inspection by the Fire Department.

Tier 3

- A) Inspection by the Cincinnati Police Department.  
This is a crime prevention inspection.  
This is not a code enforcement inspection so there is no pass or fail rating.  
There is no cost for this inspection.  
Please call 569-8500 if you want to set up an inspection by the Police Department.
- B) Inspection by the Cincinnati Fire Department.  
This is a code enforcement inspection so there is a pass or fail rating.  
There is no cost for this inspection.  
Please call 357-7585 if you want to set up an inspection by the Fire Department.
- C) A Certified Inspection by the Code Enforcement Division of Community Development.  
This is a code enforcement inspection so there is a pass or fail rating.  
There is a cost for this inspection.  
Please call 352-3271 if you want to set up an appointment for a certified inspection.

All of these inspections were already offered by their respective departments.

The University of Cincinnati will develop a web site that the landlords can place their properties on once

they complete the requirements for a tier. That listing will stay active for two years, at which time the listing will drop off if the landlord has not updated the listing. A board will be developed to assist landlords with questions about the process and to make sure the landlords have completed the required inspection for the tier they want to be listed in.

Phase II is still in process and will include a system to be developed where student tenants will be held accountable for their conduct in CUF Landlord Tier System buildings.

Clifton Heights Improvement Association

By April 30th, after a vigorous email and phone call campaign, the neighborhood association had contractors from Duke back out to repair the sidewalks that had been left asphalt-filled since September of 2007. Thanks to Duke for helping to facilitate and get the sidewalks back to cement.

On April 26th, the largest Great American Clean-Up to date was held. There were over 80 volunteers from UC, the neighborhood associations, and St. Monica-St George joined in for a Saturday of cleaning and beautifying. Teams led clean ups of Bellevue, Classen, and Hollister Triangle Park, cutting down brush and removing debris in our ongoing battle to reclaim our parks. One team cleaned Schorr Alley, a small city street that was littered with years of debris, stones, trash, and overgrown weeds and yard waste dumping, filling a dumpster from the city. And then volunteers also spread out through the streets, picking up trash and cleaning sewer grates and rainwater drains. Over 270 person hours were spent in the neighborhood. And then afterwards, the volunteers met at Bellevue Park and ate food donated by our local businesses—Mac's, Potbelly's, Arby's, Spicy Pickle, Jimmy John's, Panera, Bagel Brothers and BW3s. A great community building exercise was held resulting in cleaning dirty streets and neglected parks and alleys.

With the two \$3000 grants from the NEP via Keep Cincinnati Beautiful, the neighborhood association had agreed that trash remained a big issue. Large industrial trashcans were offered to the landlords and homeowners at half off, using the grants to subsidize them. And so far over \$5400 worth of trashcan requests have been collected, resulting in ordering over \$10,000 worth of new lidded, wheeled, trash cans for the area to help keep trash under control. The cans will be ordered and then distributed in the late spring. The remaining monies will be used for an upcoming dog poop post and picker-upper program.

On April 14th, the Landlord Committee met with representatives from UC, the neighborhood associations, landlords, and the fire/buildings inspection departments to help develop a long lasting approach to helping landlords and the neighborhood associations work better together.

The Clifton Heights Business Association was finally successful in garnering a dumpster for the business district that resulted in the removal of the trash cans that were permanently parked along the sidewalks of McMillan and Calhoun and obstructing foot traffic as well.

By April 7th, the Parks Board, with the guidance of some long-standing neighbors, removed over 40 tires and rubbish from the west side of Fairview Park, helping to make the parks greener and more beautiful. On April 5th, the community participated with Keep Cincinnati Beautiful and the Cincinnati Fire Department and University Christian Church to distribute recycling bins, safety kits with free long-lasting fluorescent light bulbs to light up the neighborhood, and smoke alarms. Then the good folks from University Christian Church led a neighborhood sweep and clean, followed by a social lunch for the volunteers.

On March 20th, the Block Captains mulched over 180 cubic yards of mulch in the neighborhood tree islands and tree lawns, making the sidewalks more appealing. On March 16th, the neighbors and Block Captains attacked the Ravine edge of Fairview Park and cleaned out over 30 bags of glass and trash from the hillside. Also removed were two steel drums and what looked like two different car's exhaust systems. In mid-February, the CHIA membership participated in a "night walk" to identify burnt out streetlights.

City can requests were made to the city by the neighbors asking for new city trash cans at key areas, such as the bus stop at McMillan and Wheeler. Requested sites were sent in by neighbors and given to the trash department.

By February 1st, CHIA had collected over 400 project targets at addresses in the community, which

were given to the city at the onset of this NEP 3 month. Complaints ranging from lighting issues, police issues, building code violations, etc, were organized by address and severity and distributed to the city and the city departments to better help the city understand our target problems and help identify the worst properties.

#### CUF Neighborhood Enhancement Program 90-Day Report

Organizations involved in the CUF Neighborhood Enhancement Program:

CUF Neighborhood Association, CUF Community Fund, CUF Citizens on Patrol, CUF CPOP team, CUF Block Captains, West McMicken Improvement Association, University Heights Improvement Association, Clifton Heights Improvement Association, Clifton Heights Business Association, CHCURC, University Christian Church

#### Activities in April:

- CUF CPOP, City Transportation Department (Childress) and Police Partnering Center (Armstrong) survey street signs and recommend replacements where needed
- Police Partnering Center (Martell Armstrong) presentation to Citizens on Patrol re: target hardening
- CPOP, Public Services (Valeska), and Health Department (Jacobi): street cleaning at Spring break
- Block Captains, CUF NEP team, Keep Cincinnati Beautiful: delivering recycle bins, light bulbs and safety kits to residents
- CUF: cat neutering/spaying
- CUF NEP team, Keep Cincinnati Beautiful: identifying residents in need of assistance with NEP citation corrections, painting
- CPOP, Urban forestry (Hunt), Parks (Burkhart): remove tires from Fairview Park
- Citizens on Patrol and District 5 officers: Cinco de Mayo prevention efforts
- H.O.M.E. (LaTonya Springs) presentation to CUF re: equal housing information
- Citizens on Patrol: identify street lights needing replacement and street without any poles
- CUF, CHIA, WMIA, UHIA, Block Captains, CHBA: Great American Clean Up
- City Transportation Department (Heins & Vogel) presentation to CUF trustees re: ML King work
- CUF NEP team: Garbage can sale with US Bank & Third Federal NEP funds
- CUF/UC/landlord committee: develop tier system for rental units
- Regular monthly meetings of above groups

#### Job Corp

Job Corp is partnering with Keep Cincinnati Beautiful (KCB) to help people in need of assistance to comply with orders for painting by utilizing the monetary donation from Uptown Consortium to address code violations relating to painting. While the initial leg work for this project has occurred during the last 30 days, the actual implementation will occur post-NEP and represents part of the efforts for sustainability.

#### People Working Cooperatively, Inc.

PWC has completed 13 projects in the CUF area and has 25 projects in process. Additionally PWC will have over 50 volunteers working on CUF Projects for the Repair Affair on May 10. Also, this year eight homes in CUF will be receiving some potted flowers. There will be some other projects happening in CUF as well.

#### The Home Ownership Center, Inc.

HOC continues to work with interested customers who are considering the rehab loan program for repairs on their homes in the CUF focus area.

#### Cincinnati Police Partnering Center (CPPC)

CPPC has teamed with Sandra Wilson of CUF, DOTE, and Urban Forestry to identify and replace all blighted street signs in the CUF NEP focus area. The group canvassed the area to collect pictures and video footage of all signs on 4-10-08. On 5-5-08 work began to replace nearly 200 blighted signs within the target area.