



**NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION**

Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

August, 2010

Next monthly meeting:
Tuesday, September 21, 2010,
7:30 p.m.,
Deaconess Hospital,
Cafeteria, Lower Level,

From the President's desk



August has ushered in new board members and said good-bye to some powerhouse Board of Trustees. Thank you to Maureen France, Paul Gallagher, Julie Murray, and Linda Ziegler for their support and for their commitment to their community. Welcome new Board members Janine Denlinger, Tom Merriman, and Cherie Wallpe, and returning members Daniel Lewis and Craig Lloyd.

Many exciting things happening, including the Business District streetscape, ongoing work at 65 West, and the upcoming Classen Park and streetscape in front of St Monica's. And if you missed the newspaper, the streetcar is in its next stages and your community will need everyone to raise their voices loudly to make sure the streetcar makes it into our business district. More details to follow, but please be prepared to write letters, send emails to the City to let them know how much we want the streetcar in our neighborhood.

Neighbors in University Heights continue to work with the City to make sure the revisions at Riddle Road help support the community and not segregate it.

Congratulations to the West McMicken Improvement Association for a successful National Night Out. Neighbors marched down West McMicken to demonstrate against the growing prostitution problem that has been pushed up from Over the Rhine to the edge of our neighborhood. Everyone will continue to be vigilant and work with the police. Thanks again also to our neighborhood officer, Officer Lisa Johnson, for supporting us again.

Special thoughts for healing going out to Captain David Bailey, who has also been our continued advocate. Fast recovery, David!

One more month of summer, then school starts again. I hope everyone is enjoying the sun and having a break.

Remember no meeting in August, so see everyone on September 21st at 7:30 pm.

Rob Neel, President
CUF Neighborhood Association

Minutes of the CUF general meeting, July 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Rob Neel.

- **Police Report**

Officer Lisa Johnson discussed National Night Out on West McMicken for 8/3/10. Citizens on Patrol are partnering with the West McMicken Improvement Association to protest prostitution on the streets.

- At the September meeting, Lisa Johnson will also be bringing forms from State Farm Insurance detailing household items with serial numbers and other identification in the unfortunate instance of robbery.

- **Guests:**

Patrick Ward from the Deaconess Foundation spoke about the Transportation systems for seniors. It is up and running and enrolling. There is also a Betty White look-a-like contest.

- Erik Nebergall, a candidate for the House 32nd district, introduced himself.

- Board meeting minutes were reviewed. Continued discussion about advocacy for Fairview Pool was held. If we do not get the numbers up, the City will close our pool. Discussion about the steeples being capped at Old St George. Nothing new on the fund raising efforts.

- The streetscape continues in the business district.

- Discussion about the proposed West MLK changes and the impact on north-south throughways. The City will continue to engage us in this process. Pedestrian island in front of St Monica's begins soon. Classen Park project is still set to begin and contracted out.

- The Clifton Heights Music Festival was discussed. CUF approved the use of CHCURC's property along Hartshorn between McMillan and Calhoun for the outdoor event from 6 pm to 9

pm. There will be live music. The CHMA is partnering with CHIA for liquor permit purposes with several caveats about insurance, clean up, and security with police.

- Meetings continue about the parking permit system for the neighborhood. The fall re-Leaf program was discussed. Anyone with questions should seek out Paul Gallagher.
- University Heights continues with Wednesdays on the Porch, meeting neighbors. Cindy Lewis has the sign up sheet. They are beginning planning for the Yard Sale and the UHNA Block-fest in September.
- Treasurer's report: Balance June 1st- \$8,520.62; Expenditures 154.30, Income from Dues \$132; July 1st - \$8,498.32
- Dan Schimberg will present to the Board in August and to the general group in September about the 65 West project, the old Friar's Club property.
- Discussion about Paint the Town, a community organization that brings young professionals to volunteer painting houses together. They are looking at our community and the other neighborhoods of Uptown.
- Ongoing discussion about the Streetcar and paths up Vine or West Clifton. Either path, we need the streetcar to enter and go through our business district.
- Elections were held. Re-joining the Board will be Daniel Lewis from University Heights and Craig Lloyd from University Heights. Joining the Board will be Tom Merriman of Fairview, Janine Denlinger from University Heights, and Cherie Wallpe from Fairview.
- Meeting adjourned 9 p.m.

CUF Treasurer's Report

Balance July 1	\$8,498.32
Income:	
Dues	108.00
NSP	780.57
Expenses:	
Water Works	11.58
June Newsletter	139.80
Tools	288.17
Mulch	47.45
Balance August 1	\$8,899.89

Western Hills Viaduct upper deck street rehab work begins

As part of the City of Cincinnati's ongoing infrastructure maintenance, the Department of Transportation and Engineering will soon begin street rehabilitation work on the upper deck of

the Western Hills Viaduct. The City's contractor, the Great Lakes Construction Company, will perform the following work: replacing expansion joints, performing concrete repairs on the bridge deck and walks, and replacing the existing asphalt.

Construction on this project will occur in three phases. Phase 1 – The north lanes on the upper deck will be closed except portions at the west end; the north ramp from the lower deck will be closed for a portion of this phase.

Phase 2 – The center lanes on the upper deck near the west plaza will be closed. Phase 3 – The south lanes on the upper deck will be closed.

Detours will be posted as necessary and the following traffic restrictions apply:

- Upper Deck – One 11-foot lane will be maintained in each direction at all times. The upper deck will be closed to pedestrian traffic during construction in the south lanes.
- Lower deck – All lanes will be open between 6:00 and 9:00 AM and 4:00 to 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday, and during non-working hours. During work hours, one 11-foot lane will be maintained in each direction at all times.
- The north ramp from the lower deck to Queen City Avenue will be closed on some date TBD for 30 days.
- The ramp from southbound I-75 to the lower deck will be closed on some date TBD for four separate weekends.
- The ramp from northbound I-75 to the upper deck will be closed at some date TBD for 120 days.
- Spring Grove Avenue – All lanes will be open from 7:00 to 9:00 AM, 4:00 to 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday, and during all non-working hours. One 11-foot lane will be maintained in each direction during working hours.
- Northbound Harrison Avenue (ramp from State Avenue to Viaduct) will be closed on some date TBD for up to 120 days.
- Southbound Harrison Avenue (ramp from Viaduct to State Avenue) will have an 11-foot lane open at all times.
- All lanes on State Avenue will remain open at all times.

Cincinnati Pet Food Pantry

We at the Cincinnati Pet Food Pantry know how important family is. And we know your pets are part of your family. The Cincinnati Pet Food Pantry provides temporary pet food assistance to pet owners in need so they can keep their pets during difficult times. We depend on donations so the type of food and availability will vary.

If you need help feeding your pets, please

contact the Cincinnati Pet Food Pantry at cincinnati@petfoodpantry@gmail.com or 513-275-5842.

Upcoming distribution date:

Friday, Aug. 20,

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

11367 Deerfield Road in Blue Ash

Free recycling bin

Cincinnati residents living in single-family homes or in apartment buildings with fewer than 5 units can have a recycling bin provided at no cost. Bins are to be placed at curbside along with garbage on the regular trash collection day.

Acceptable items for recycling include newspaper, cardboard, glass and plastic bottles (remove lids), aluminum and steel cans. Unacceptable items include Styrofoam and plastic bags.

To order a bin or obtain more information, please call 513-591-6000 or visit www.cincinnati-oh.gov.

City of Cincinnati garbage guidelines

Place cans at the curb by 6 a.m. on your regular trash collection day (Thursday in the CUF neighborhood) and no earlier than 5 p.m. on the preceding day. Waste containers must be removed before the end of the day on which the waste was collected.

Household solid waste may include:

- Up to 3 bulk items, such as furniture and mattresses. (If more than 3 items, please call 591-6000 to schedule a pick up.)
- Carpet, bundled and tied in 4 ft. x 2 ft. rolls.
- Up to 4 tires.
- Wood, bundled no more than 4 ft. long and 10 lbs. Maximum.
- Construction and demolition debris is not accepted.
- Heavy metal items such as discarded refrigerators and metal furniture, as well as automobile tires, are collected as an additional service. An appointment is required for pickup of these items.

Please call Customer Service at 591-6000 to schedule a special collection or for more information.

Containers for combustible waste and for non-combustible waste shall be of substantial construction, with tight-fitting lids, water tight, and of such size as to be easily handled by one person. Plastic bag liners may be used for the

disposal of combustible waste if they are of heavy-duty quality and securely fastened at the opening when placed at the curb for collection.

Holidays —When a holiday falls on a weekday, all collections for that day will be collected on the following day and all collections for the remainder of the week are delayed for one day.

“The Future of Water” exhibit at Krohn Conservatory

Recent heavy storms have shown the power of water in the Cincinnati region and the need to effectively manage what falls from the sky. Stormwater runoff overwhelms the city’s combined sewer and drainage systems, creating a multitude of problems for residents. Now the community has the opportunity to learn what the Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati (MSD) is doing to meet the stormwater challenge.

The Cincinnati Park Board and Metropolitan Sewer District are partnering to provide an unique exhibit that describes local stormwater issues and the solutions being implemented by MSD through Project Groundwork, and demonstrates what local citizens can do to help. The “Future of Water” exhibit opened at the Krohn Conservatory in Eden Park (1501 Eden Park Drive, 45202) on July 28, 2010. The exhibit is designed to raise awareness in the community of the issues stormwater can cause - from flooded basements to impaired water quality to sewage overflows in local streams - and ways the community can pull together to help implement solutions. The exhibit is open from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm daily, including weekends, and runs through August 15, 2010.

The “Future of Water” exhibit traces the 150-year old history of the City’s sewer system and its original purpose of handling stormwater. The exhibit also describes MSD’s Project Groundwork, which is one of the largest public works projects in the history of Hamilton County. The goal of Project Groundwork is to develop sustainable and environmentally-friendly solutions to managing wet weather and sewer issues, with the potential for community revitalization as well.

The planting displays in the “Future of Water” exhibit demonstrate easy steps citizens can take to reduce rainwater runoff. Come to the Krohn Conservatory and see how planting a green roof or installing a rain barrel will make a difference. Check out sample rain garden designs that will add beauty as well as function to your landscape.



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CUF membership

Any person subscribing to the purpose of the CUF Neighborhood Association, Inc. and paying dues set by the Association may become a member. Election of Trustees is held at the annual meeting in July. Eligible voters are residents of the community who are at least 18 years of age and who are fully paid members of the Association and who have attended three general meetings after payment of dues during the year prior to the annual meeting. Non-resident members have voice but no vote in Association meetings and may not hold elective office. Annual CUF dues are \$6.00.

- CUF general meetings: 3rd Tuesday of each month, except August and December, 7:30 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)