



**NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION**

# Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

September, 2019

## **Next monthly meeting:**

September 17, 2019,  
Hughes High School Innovation Lab,  
2nd Floor, 2515 Clifton Ave., 7p.m.

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## **Streetsweeper (or Lack Thereof) in CUF**

As you may know, the streetsweeper is supposed to clean alternating sides of the streets of our neighborhood on the first and third Thursdays of every month. However, many of our streets are never swept and where streetsweeping does occur it usually just involves running the sweeper down the middle of the street, as no notification is given to residents and no enforcement of illegal parking streetsweeping days occurs.

Moreover, we are paying for a streetsweeping program (wages, gas, etc.) that benefits us in no way whatsoever, as trash tends to collect at the lowest point under cars at the curb. This month streetsweeping is supposed to occur on September 5th and 19th. We are currently collecting photographs that document the trash that has collected along our curbs and in our sewer inlets. Send your photos taken following this month's streetsweeping dates to rosenjules@gmail.com. Please note the date and street of photo submissions.

Jules Rosen

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## **CUF Neighborhood Association General Membership Meeting**

Hughes High School, Innovation Lab  
Second Floor, 2515 Clifton Ave., 7 p.m.

16 July 2019 - The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:02 pm, by Nathan Hess.

### Guests:

- Capt. Craig Gregoire – CPD 5
- Sgt. Todd Ploehs – CPD 5
- Officer Nick Hageman – CPD 5
- Officer Jim Vestring – UCPD
- Officer Carra Sparks – UCPD
- Aaron Bartels, Mark Beecher, Colleen Reynolds, Glenn Neely, Mike Wentz – Trinitas & Wentz Design Representatives (The Heights & The Deacon Straight Street Projects)

### Safety Updates:

- UCPD Officer Vestring introduced Officer Sparks who will be Officer Mueller's replacement. Officer Vestring also advised that he will be staying on as our Campus Police Liaison until January 2020 or possibly April 2020. He provided the remaining July 2019 and August 2019 sporting events schedules for FC Cincinnati and that the UC Bearcats 1st Football Game is scheduled for the end of August/early September against UCLA at Home. This past school year's close involvement between UC Fraternities and Sororities with the Campus Police Department has been very positive, resulting in only 5 total Formal Complaints against these student organizations.
- CPD 5 Sgt. Ploehs filled in for Officer Hageman tonight and agreed with Officer Vestring's assessment of the reduced amount

of complaints against student organizations and advised that complaint calls from the community do result in identifying nuisance properties. Sgt. Ploehs introduced the new District 5 Commander, Capt. Gregoire (pronounced Gregory). Capt. Gregoire advised that he hopes to be assigned to District 5 for a long time. He then spoke about last year's crime stats for both the City of Cincinnati and D5 as a whole, are historically low, which has resulted in a new baseline but that "Theft from Autos" is still higher than he would like it to be. He also reported that last night's Car Burglary involved 4 Juveniles. Sgt. Ploehs also made 2 announcements; (1) The City of Cincinnati's Website has a new link for residents and businesses to register their surveillance cameras with the Police Department and (2) The D5 National Night Out Event is scheduled for Tuesday, 6 August 2019 from 6-9 pm at College Hill Presbyterian Church.

- Additional Safety discussions between the General Membership and both Police Departments; (1) Burnet Woods Assault Incident of a 16 year old girl on the swing set by a large male stranger of which Officer Vestring advised that UC Police are "not" authorized to patrol in Burnet Woods and Capt. Gregoire briefly described the Police Sex Crimes Dept. (including Sketch Artists), (2) Capt. Gregoire advised that both CUF and Clifton will be seeing an "increase" in Police presence and support, and (3) Sgt. Ploehs reported of a recent Homeless Encampment cleanup by the Park Board.

Special Guest Speakers: None

Reports, Discussions & Announcements:

- The Treasurer's Report was shared by Nathan Hess.
- Aaron Bartels of Trinitas provided a recap from 1 year ago regarding the Concept Design Process for the Old Deaconess Hospital site and the number of tasks that have been accomplished to date. Upcoming events

include the 1st Public Hearing with the City Planning Commission, which is scheduled for this Friday, 19 July 2019 and if approved goes on to City Council; subsequent Design Phases will be forthcoming/ Hospital Demolition wraps up in early August; Straight Street reopens on 1 August 2019; the Medical Building will begin Demolition in October 2019; Construction will be closing out on The Deacon for the students moving in on 15 August 2019; and the next set of design concept plans are scheduled for presentation at the next CUFNA General Meeting scheduled for 19 September 2019. Mike Wentz of Wentz Design gave a brief Architectural Overview with Concept Drawings regarding the new construction of the Tri-Delta Zeta Chapter Sorority House located at Straight Street and University Court. The new facility will consist of 17 rooms housing 34 residents, 3 stories high, will have an on-site Director living there at all times during the school year, and will actually be owned by the National Organization but leased out to the Local Chapter.

- Tom Reece of CRC (Cincinnati Recreation Commission) reported of a possible Burnet Woods Childrens Outreach Program; 130 kids are scheduled for Summer 2019 Day Camps; and that registration for the new CANS School can be accomplished online.

- Fairview Park and Bellevue Hill Park updates: Tom Reece of CRC advised that the newest trees in Fairview Park are being watered regularly and that he is trying to obtain a replacement for the single new tree that died over the winter. Ashley Campbell, one of our newest members gave a brief overview of her efforts each week to pick up trash and litter in Fairview Park, including the 60 plus illegally dumped tires that she and her family gathered up and took to various local tire recycling centers around the end of March. She also advised that she received a monetary donation for this from a nice lady that she met from the CUF NextDoor.com website and that another person besides this lady has expressed a desire to also donate money to this effort. It

was briefly discussed that “if” the problem continues to grow with Illegal Tire Dumping, that this recycling effort (separate from RUMPKE’s current process of shredding the tires to absorb landfill gases), could be a “possible” candidate for future NSP Beautification Funds.

- Parks Foundation Grants: Jack Martin advised that we will be needing volunteer committee members to help plan the proposed event for Bellevue Hill Park (only), it will probably be held on a Sunday, and will also involve a joint clean-up of the Park and the Ohio Avenue/Sauer Street Steps.

- Burnet Woods updates: Cynthia Duval reported on the schedule for upcoming events this summer in BW.

- CHCURC/CUF Housing Initiative  
Redevelopment Corporation and Calhoun Street Block 1 updates: Chip Kussmaul advised that Block 1 is still making some slow progress and that Brenden Regan will go through CUF with the identification of potential abandoned properties suitable for the Housing Initiative.

- CHBA updates: Jack Martin reported that the new City of Cincinnati Residential Rental Registration Program will be a “mandatory” requirement and that City Council Member Greg Landsman will be attending the next CHBA Meeting scheduled for Thursday, 18 July 2019. Nathan Hess also made a repeat of a previous announcement regarding the City’s Sidewalk Repair Program and that CUF has been placed on the 2 years waiting list.

- NOU updates: Linda Ziegler advised that she and Maureen France met recently with personnel from INVEST regarding the abolishment of “The Heights” as 1 of the 52 Neighborhoods since it does “not” perform properly as a Neighborhood Community Council, nor meet proper NSP funding and accounting criteria and should be taken off of the INVEST Organization’s Books. It was also stated that “The Heights” does meet the State of Ohio 501.3.C criteria but this is still totally separate from the City of Cincinnati and INVESTs’ criteria. Megan Smith advised that she is the head of UHRDC (University Heights

Redevelopment Corporation) and could facilitate a meeting with “The Heights” Community Council Leaders to discuss this issue.

- LSDMC/CPS update: Tracy Schwetschenau reported that the CANS School is in a flurry of activity in preparation of the 1st day of School, there is a need for adult volunteers, and that they are working with CRC to help provide after school child care. Lyn Martin reported that the next meeting at Hughes STEM High School won’t occur until September 2019, that the 1st Day of School is scheduled for 19 August 2019 but uncertainty exists as to whether there will be a Community Clap-In early that morning when the students arrive.

- 2019 Cincinnati Neighborhood Games: Maureen France reported that the Games are in progress this week.

- CUFNA Board of Trustees July 2019 Elections: Nathan Hess announced the Winners of Tonight’s Election are: Chip Kussmaul, Craig Lloyd, and Linda Ziegler, and thanked this year’s outgoing Members.

- Annual NSP Categories for Fiscal Year 2020: The Categories voted for approval during Tonight’s General Meeting are: (1) Beautification Projects, (2) CUFNA Newsletters, and (3) CUFNA Marketing & Membership.

- Uptown Waste Diversion: Nathan Hess reported that this is scheduled for the last week of July 2019 and will be located across the street from Old St. George (Crossroads) Church. This program will also be accepting used electronics.

- Various Additional Announcements by Nathan Hess and others: (1) A copy of the CUFNA Trustees Letter regarding the Zoning Change request for “The Deacon” from IR (Institutional Residential) to PD (Planned Development) is located on the front table. (2) A copy of City Council Member Landsman’s Motions regarding Enforcement of Parking Violations with Fines is located on the front table. (3) The Proposed Chamber of Alternative Transportation Program which is a Grant Application Program designed to study a Shuttle Service between Mt. Auburn,

Corryville, and CUF. (4) Vision Zero Cincy Survey Fliers regarding Pedestrian Safety and Eliminating Traffic Deaths is on the front table and there is also a link to the survey on tonight's meeting agenda. (5) Julie Murray reported that a Community Forum on the Preschool Promise Budget is scheduled for Thursday, 19 July 2019 at 6:30 pm at the North Avondale Rec Center. In summary, (1) a "new" Director is needed and (2) CPS (Cincinnati Public Schools) is going to be asking for more money for this program.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:55 pm

Next General Meeting: 17 September 2019, 7:00 pm, Hughes Stem High School Innovation Lab.

Next Board Meeting: 3 September 2019, 7:00 pm, CHCURC Offices

Minutes submitted by Carolyn Young.

## CUF financial report, August, 2019

Balance on Jul. 31, 2019	\$ 2,339.45
Income:	
Tower Fund Reimbursement	(\$ 3,855.67)
Total income:	+\$ 3,855.67
Expenses:	
Robert Jones Plumbing	(\$110.00)
GCWW	(\$9.12)
Total expenses:	-\$119.12
Balance on Aug. 31, 2019	\$ 6,076.00



## APPLY TODAY TO BE A SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD!!!!

### REQUIREMENTS:

- A serious desire for the safety and wellbeing of the children in Cincinnati.
- Ability to pass a criminal record background check.

This is a great opportunity to retirees/ grandparents/parents looking to make a few extra dollars. You work 45 minutes before the start of school and 30 minutes after school releases each day. You do not work if school is closed.

Starting pay is \$10.69 per hour – paid for 3 hours each day worked. Paychecks received monthly.

IF INTERESTED CONTACT: CHRIS SIMON 513-352-2505 or 513-473-7953 FOR AN APPLICATION

## **Pedestrian Safety Town Hall: Next steps to protect children and families**

From Councilmember Landsman's Office:

Councilmember Landsman is hosting a Pedestrian Safety Town Hall: Next Steps to Protect Children and Families:

Thursday, September 12th, 6:00 pm.  
Evanston Recreation Center (3204 Woodburn Ave. Cincinnati, Ohio 45207)

We will discuss a new effort to reduce speeding in school zones, protecting our children and families, and next steps to take real action. Please share this information with others who may be interested in attending! We look forward to you joining us on, September 12th at 6:00 pm.

RSVP by emailing: [Sam.ballachino@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:Sam.ballachino@cincinnati-oh.gov)

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## **Curbside recycling 'checkup'**

Placing the wrong items in recycling is a big problem. A recent audit of the City of Cincinnati's recycling found that 28% of the material placed in curbside recycling containers isn't accepted in the City's recycling program.

"Placing wrong items in the recycling container may seem harmless, but in reality, it can prevent your material and other people's material from being recycled," said Sue Magness, recycling coordinator for the City of Cincinnati.

To help educate residents on what should be placed in recycling carts, the City of Cincinnati has partnered with Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District, the Ohio EPA, the Recycling Partnership and Rumpke Waste and Recycling on a grant-funded project.

Beginning in September, a "curbside checkup team" will visit 20,000 households in Cincinnati and review what items were placed in recycling carts. If incorrect items are in the container – residents will receive an education piece listing what items shouldn't be included. The first time an incorrect item is discovered, residents receive a "Good Try" tag with an explanation on how to improve recycling for the next collection day. If the resident continues to place incorrect items in recycling, an "Oops" tag will be left behind along with the full recycling cart. The curbside checkups will run through early November. Before the curbside checkup team takes the field, each household in the project area will receive two mailings explaining what can be recycled.

"We don't want to discourage residents from recycling," Magness said. "However, for recycling to work, residents need to place the correct items in recycling containers."

While not all City residents will receive a "curbside checkup," the City is hoping that all residents take a closer look at what each household is placing in recycling containers.

The most common offenders are plastic bags, clothing, batteries, flammables, scrap metal, pots/pans, to-go containers, and "tangles" such as cords, hoses, and chains. Some of these materials pose a hazard to the employees and machines at the sorting facility, while others contaminate recyclables and render them unsellable. With excessive contamination, the companies that utilize the recyclables could stop purchasing the material.

A detailed list of items accepted in the program is located on top of the recycling containers.

For more information, visit the [City's recycling website](#), Hamilton County's recycling website and [Rumpke's website](#). Also make sure to follow the City's Recycling pages on Facebook and Twitter, as well as Nextdoor for recycling-related news and to ask questions about the City's recycling program.

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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 \$10.00.

- CUF general meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, except August and December, 7:00 p.m., Hughes High School, 2nd floor, 2515 Clifton Ave.
- CUF Trustee meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m, Hughes High School, 2nd floor
- CUF annual meeting and election: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in July, 7:00 pm, Hughes High School, 2nd floor, 2515 Clifton Avenue

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: \$10.00 per year.  
Make checks payable to CUFNA.

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