



**NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION**

# Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

December, 2010

## **Next monthly meeting:**

Tuesday, January 18, 2011,  
7:30 p.m., Deaconess Hospital  
Cafeteria, Lower Level, Straight Street

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



Our year draws to a close and we have seen many changes. We have seen the realization of the Classen Gateway. We have seen the continued pursuit of the streetcar to our neighborhood. We have seen the loss of the Friars Club building and new residential space in its stead. Fairview School undergoes transition into new residential space and a new daycare opened in our community. We have seen the continued partnership of the Business Association, the Redevelopment Corporation, and our neighborhood association.

Neighbors have spoken up loudly this year about crime, prostitution, trash, and graffiti, winning some key battles with staunch allies in the Police. Again a big note of thanks to Officers Lisa Johnson and Jason Volkert, and Captain Bailey.

Hughes High School finished its renovation and Dr. Rhodes has graciously invited our community into her building to see the beautiful Rookwood Tile. Those of us who braved the stairs to the roof were treated to one of the best views of the neighborhood and the City. Look for more tours in the spring!

We have seen changes at UC, changes in the City, a blossoming Over the Rhine, dreams of new street/road changes at the gateways to our community. Uptown Consortium has put new signs all around the neighborhood directing traffic. Our business district saw a new streetscape unfold this year.

Looking to the next year, we will see Towne Properties and Neyer visiting us with renewed energy for plans at the greenspace between Calhoun and McMillan. A new Kroger store, new businesses along Calhoun, expansion of Good Samaritan Hospital.

And most importantly, we must continue to support each other and work to make our neighborhood better. Whether you make it better with voice, with gloves and rake and shovel, or better

with family and friends, I encourage you to continue to make it better. We are only able to control the reality in which we live.

Happy Holidays to everyone and see everyone in 2011!

## **Minutes of the CUF General Meeting 11-16-10**

Introduction Opening Remarks

Police Report:

Officer Lisa Johnson passed out information on the 'Deerfield sliding lock' (for patio doors) to help secure homes. Also an example list of serial numbers for valuables was distributed for meeting attendees to help keep track of valuables.

Dec 4th, officers will go door to door in the community with students to hand door hangers containing information to help avoid certain crimes. Con artist are working in local neighborhoods with various soliciting schemes. The police recommend being vigilant and aware of solicitors looking in and around your home.

CUF attendees addressed parking issues within the community and the need for more enforcement. The police are aware of the problem but parking issues near campus can be overwhelming. Officer Johnson encouraged residents to keep informing police of problem as parking violations are a good revenue stream.

Officer Fry with UC Police had an addition to the door hangars; please inform him of Apartment buildings that are secured so the landlords can be contacted to distribute flyers within the apartment building. Bicycle thefts on campus are up on campus and one thief was caught. Officer Fry discussed the benefits of investing in a good bike lock if you travel and use a bike. He has researched various lock systems and can make recommendations.

Guest speaker: Todd with Good Sam Hospital discussed the hospital's request for a variance for construction of an office medical building near the corner of Dixmyth and Clifton. The medical office building will have 3 floors for parking and two floors with medical office space. A variance is needed for zoning setbacks to accommodate the new building within the Good Sam Hospital campus. The hearing is at Centennial Plaza, Nov.

24th at 9:30 am. There was no opposition from the Clifton Town Meeting to the request.

A vote for future NSP funding (\$5,000?) and how those funds will be allocated transpired. The vote was unanimous to keep the existing categories which were: Beautification/Safety (60%), Newsletter (28%), Marketing/Membership (6%), and Insurance (6%).

**Updates:**

\$450,000 in grant money from the City of Cincinnati was awarded to CHCURC for development/streetscape improvement.

Western Hills viaduct updates include an ODOT transportation meeting presenting 7 alternatives for a highway interchange. The date for completion of the project was set for 2017, but currently funds to revamp the I-75 may not exist. Designs are available through Stefan Spinoza (City of Cincinnati), and an official decision will be made in spring.

Suzanne Summer is looking for a replacement organizer for the spring Make A Difference Day. Feel free to contact her if interested.

Please take part in the Survey Monkey (online) link for input on how city funds are being spent.

Dr. Rhodes (Principal of Hughes H.S.) announced that personal tours are available for Hughes H.S. and to please contact her if interested. If there are questions concerning the suspension of Dr. Rhodes by the CPS School Board feel free to talk with her after the meeting.

Final guest presenter: Christian Hilsman concluded the meeting with a presentation about the Curbside Recycling Program and the Recycling Bank Rewards Program. The presentation was a short slide show outlining how the curbside recycling will work. The recycling program uses new technologies to track and collect information on the total amount of recyclable are being collected on a given route. The amount of participation and recyclables collected help generate points that are redeemable at various businesses around the city. Hilsman did his best to answer any questions and concerns about the program such as the lack of 64 gallon recycling containers that did not get distributed in the community. Any issues about the new curbside program can be directed to Sue Mangess with the City of Cincinnati.

City of Cincinnati City Council passed changes to the zoning and variance appeals process on October 12. The changes will do away with the Zoning Board of Appeals and City Council hearings as part of the zoning variance request procedure. The process has been streamlined to be overseen by a Planning/ Building Dept. employee to make decisions concerning zoning variances. John Ligon provided insight into the changes that will be taking place with Use Variance Standards in the Cincinnati Zoning Code.

Recycling Carts have been dispensed to some streets in the community. There may be questions about how the carts are distributed, please offer

feedback to the city if you experience problems or challenges with the new recycling program.

Meeting adjourned.

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## CUF Treasurer's report

Balance: November 1, 2010 \$6,428.77

Income:  
Dues \$118.00

Total Income: +\$118.00

Expenses:  
Landscaping 1,000.00  
Newsletter 144.59

Total Expenses: -\$1,144.59

Balance: December 1, 2010 \$5,402.18

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## CUF Person to Know / newsletter spotlight

Lucille Kotzbauer is a gem within the CUF community. A longtime resident of the area, Lucille is among those hardy behind-the-scenes individuals who make up the backbone of this community. From her work with St. George/ St. Monica ... to beautification efforts including trimming overgrown branches on sidewalks of neglected properties ... to watering new plants for vacant homeowners ... to picking up trash, Lucille is always vigilant and willing to help make our community a better place. She's an inspiration for others in the community.

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## RecycleBank

Cincinnati is enhancing their recycling service by partnering with RecycleBank - a rewards program that motivates people to take greener actions, like household recycling, by rewarding them with points that are redeemable online for rewards from local and national retailers, restaurants, pharmacies, grocers and more. Similar to frequent flier programs, the more a community recycles, the more RecycleBank Points participating households earn. Single or multi-family residences with Cincinnati curbside trash service are eligible to participate in the program free of charge.

- You must register to redeem rewards. To sign up for RecycleBank: visit [www.RecycleBank.com](http://www.RecycleBank.com) or call 1-888-727-2978

- Households in Phases I & II have received their new recycling carts - to find out which phase you are in and which week you will be picked up, check out the City's enhanced recy-

cling program overview at: [www.cincinnati-cycles.org](http://www.cincinnati-cycles.org) or call 513-591-6000.

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## Acronyms and organizations you might encounter in CUF:

**CEC:** Cincinnati Empowerment Corporation  
An area of Cincinnati designated by the Clinton Administration for improved economic development and possible government financial assistance through HUD. It consists of 9 neighborhoods: Clifton Heights, Corryville, Mt. Auburn, Avondale, Evanston, Over The Rhine, West End, Queensgate, and Walnut Hills.

**CHBA:** Clifton Heights Business Association. Our neighborhood business association.

**CHIA** - Clifton Heights Improvement Association  
A smaller group within the neighborhood of CUF created for the betterment of the Clifton Heights area of our neighborhood.

**CHCURC:** Clifton Heights Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation. The partnership of UC, CHBA, and CUF created for redevelopment  
**IIN** - Invest In Neighborhoods: An organization created by the 52 neighborhoods of Cincinnati to handle the NSP funds. This group manages the NSP funds in the City.

**NSP:** Neighborhood Support Program  
The city funds for the year for our newsletters, marketing, and beautification projects. Formerly run by IIN, now run by the City's department of community development.

**UC:** The University of Cincinnati. The western campus forms our neighborhood's southern and western borders.

**UHNA:** University Heights Neighborhood Association

A smaller group within the neighborhood of CUF created for the betterment of the University Heights area of our neighborhood.

**Uptown:** The neighborhoods of Avondale, Clifton, Corryville, CUF, Mt Auburn, and the Heights.

**Uptown:** A partnership between UC, the Health Alliance (University Consortium Hospital), TriHealth (Good Samaritan Hospital), Hospital), Childrens Hospital, and The Cincinnati Zoo, created to help re-invigorate and support the Uptown Neighborhoods.

**WMIA:** West McMicken Improvement Association.  
A smaller group within CUF created for the betterment of the West McMicken area of our neighborhood.

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## Decorate safely for the holiday season

Wintertime is the most dangerous time of the year for injuries and deaths from fire. Each year, approximately 450 children ages 14 and under die in

residential fires; children under the age of 5 are at the greatest risk. "Never, never leave lit candles unattended,"

says Suzanne Morton, Safe Kids USA fire and burn safety program manager. In 2005, candles started an estimated 15,600 home fires in the United States, and the top four days for candle fires are around Christmas and New Year's, according to the National Fire Protection Association. Battery-operated flameless candles are an alternative that does not have a fire risk.

Make sure your smoke alarms are working and that your children can hear them while they are sleeping; make and practice a home fire escape plan; and follow basic safety tips regarding holiday decorating. If you decorate a tree, Safe Kids USA and the USFA recommend these precautions:

- Never leave a lighted Christmas tree or other decorative lighting display unattended. Inspect lights for exposed or frayed wires, loose connections and broken sockets. Do not overload extension cords or outlets and do not run an electrical cord under a rug.
- Natural Christmas trees always involve some risk of fire. To minimize the risk, get a fresh tree and keep it watered at all times. Do not put the tree within three feet of a fireplace, space heater, radiator or heat vent.
- Decorate with children in mind. Do not put ornaments that have small parts or metal hooks, or look like food or candy, on the lower branches where small children can reach them. Trim protruding branches at or below a child's eye level, and keep lights out of reach.
- Do not burn Christmas tree branches, treated wood or wrapping paper in a home fireplace.

Safe Kids USA offers these tips to prevent poisoning:

- Keep alcohol (including baking extracts) out of reach and do not leave alcoholic drinks unattended.
- Color additives used in fireplace fires are a toxic product and should be stored out of reach. Artificial snow can be harmful if inhaled, so use it in a well-vented space.
- Mistletoe berries, Holly Berry and Jerusalem Cherry can be poisonous. If they are used in decorating, make sure children and pets cannot reach it.
- In a poison emergency, call the national Poison Control Hotline at 800-222-1222 to be routed to your local poison control center.

For more information about holiday safety, call 202-662-0600 or visit the fire and poisoning prevention pages at [www.usa.safekids.org](http://www.usa.safekids.org). For in-depth fire safety information, visit the USFA's fire safety Web site at <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/citizens/index.shtm>.

Cincinnati Fire Chief Wright

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# Happy Holidays!

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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.

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