



**NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION**

# Newsletter

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**December, 2018**

## **Next monthly meeting:**

January 15, 2019

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

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

**Hughes High School Innovation Center  
20 November 2018**

Guests:

- Officer Nick Hageman – CPD 5
- Officer Jim Vestring/Officer Andrew Mueller-UCPD
- Bill Fischer – UC Student Affairs with Sigma Chi and IFC Reps
- Tom Reece – CRC (Cincinnati Recreation Commission)
- Mark Becher/Aaron Bartels/Gary Conner/Joe Antunavich/Neal Payton – Trinitas
- Leslie Mooney – CCAC (Clifton Cultural Arts Center)

Safety Updates:

CPD 5 Officer Hageman reported the most current CUF crime stats which includes a decrease in Violent Crime by 32% for cy-2018. Unfortunately, Thefts from Autos has increased by 33% for cy-2018. Similar to last month's reporting, Officer Hageman again reminded the Community to be extra vigilant during the Cold Weather months and Holiday Shopping Season. Officer Hageman also reported that the future new D5 building has been narrowed down to 2 final choices: (1) the current strip mall location on Hamilton Avenue in College Hill and (2) the old City Permit Building located on Central Parkway, next to the AAA Car Wash. He briefly explained the pros and cons of each choice, including the projected costs and timeframes. UCPD Officer Mueller reported of 1 frat related incident which occurred in October 2018. Said incident was immediately handled with sanctions by the Frat Organization, who properly

notified UCPD. Officer Mueller also reported that the most recent Safety Warning Blitz consisted of placing over 700 door hangers and performing over 100 car checks for unsecured valuables. UCPD Officer Vestring announced the dates/times of upcoming UC Football and Basketball Games, including the Cross-Town Shoot Out scheduled for Saturday, 8 December 2018. He also advised that these games will not adversely affect parking or shut down nearby streets as has been the trend for some time. Officer Vestring advised that the upcoming Shop-With-A-Cop Event for 2018 is still looking for 1 CUF family to participate. Lastly, Officer Vestring stated that this CUFNA General Meeting will probably be his last due to Officer Mueller is replacing him as the UCPD CUF liaison. Sigma Chi advised that their weekly meeting is held each Monday at 7:00 pm on Campus at Room 425 TUC and is open to the Public. IFC advised that most UC Frats have recently held new Chapter Elections.

Reports, Discussions & Announcements:

- The Treasurer's Report was shared.
- Leslie Mooney, CCAC provided a Slide Presentation update and recap of the most recent Park Board Presentation which was held on Thursday, 15 November 2018 that involves 2 possible site locations within Burnet Woods, and included a brief explanation of LEED Platinum Rating and Design. She also stated that the CCAC is "not" presently asking the CUF Community to take a position or stand on this matter.
- Mark Becher, Trinitas restated from last month, their desired goal of delivering the new Deaconess Site Building by August of 2019. A very lengthy Architectural Briefing with Slide Presentation was provided to update the CUF Community with the latest Construction Schedule Plans (including Demolitions) and Building Design Concept.
- Tom Reece, CRC advised that the new water lines and drinking fountains in Fairview Park will be installed soon.
- Jack Martin reported that the UC Police Reform Program "Final" Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 5 December 2018.
- Mark Bambach reported that the new Tree

plantings originally scheduled for Fairview Park on Saturday, 17 November 2018 at 9:00 am was postponed to a future date, due to the extremely bad weather caused by the 15 November 2018 Ice Storm. Mark advised that he will send out emails to reschedule this Tree Planting Event.

- Lyn Martin reported that Sprint has contacted CPS about installing 3 cell towers on top of the Hughes High School Building and if approved, Sprint is offering to pay CPS \$1,900.00 per month. No immediate decision has been made, especially since there could potentially be adverse health effects on both Students and Staff. She also reported that many Hughes High School students and their families are currently experiencing “food insecurity” issues. The School Principal is investigating the possibility of implementing an on-site food pantry to help alleviate some of these issues. It was also reported that the new CANS (Clifton Area Neighborhood School) requires an LSDMC Volunteer.

- Jack Martin advised that Chip Kussmaul is still attending CHCURC Meetings and working with the Port Authority on various projects, including the installation of new benches at some CUF Neighborhood Bus Stops.

- Jack Martin and Mike Morris recently met the developer for the old Church Building located at 2352 Ravine Street which may possibly be converted into a 2-story tall, 1-2 Bedrooms student housing apartment building.

- Jack Martin reported that the old Tri-Health Building located at the corner of MLK and Clifton Avenue is now owned by UC and that an RFP (Request for Proposal) has been published for the Riddle Road Field/DAAP Studio project. Cynthia Duvall reported that there have been recent improvements related to the overgrown weed situation.

- Linda Ziegler and Jack Martin reported from the most recent NOU (Neighborhoods of Uptown) Meeting that there is the potential for a new Hotel to be built in Corryville, just south of the University Plaza Kroger Store.

- Jack Martin reported that the Park Board is interested in selling 4 small lots to Mr. Sansalone due to the lot is located between 2 of his other properties and he actually maintains the landscaping along with his own. All 4 properties which lie between Central Parkway and W. McMicken Avenue were once the location of former blighted houses or buildings that were eventually demolished, thus the potential sale does “not” involve selling off any “true” park land. Jack also advised that Steve Schuckman with the Park Board has already promised that the sale proceeds will be used only for CUF Parks. Cynthia Duvall reported

that the Cincinnati Parks Foundation has awarded a \$3 million grant to be allocated to 8 City Parks, including all 3 parks located in CUF.

- Nathan Hess advised that the next Annual Neighborhoods Summit is scheduled for Saturday, 16 March 2019 at the Xavier University Cintas Center.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:45 pm  
Next General Meeting: January 15, 2019, 7:00 pm at the Hughes High School Innovation Lab.

Minutes submitted by Carolyn Young.

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## CUF financial report November, 2018

Balance on: Oct. 31, 2018 (\$ 6,999.58)

Income:

Total income: + (\$ - )

Expenses:

Pick Sticks - Paul Gallagher (\$ 303.70)

Mutt Mitts - Cherie Wallpe (\$ 1,117.83)

Water Works (\$6.28)

Total expenses: - (\$ 1,427.81)

Balance on: Nov. 30, 2018 (\$ 5,571.77)

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## “Town & Gown” survey

College Town Assessment, LLC is conducting a survey called the Optimal College Town Assessment to understand the quality of the relationship between the University of Cincinnati and the City of Cincinnati. All campus and community stakeholders are being invited to share their experiences and perception of the relationship at the link below:

<https://www.collegetownassessment.com/survey/ucmaincampus>

The data will be shared with the University of Cincinnati’s Campus and Community Alcohol and Other Drug Coalition to improve the relationship between the campus and community. If you have questions about the survey, contact Sarah Blanton at [sarah.blanton@uc.edu](mailto:sarah.blanton@uc.edu)

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## Street renaming

At the January 16, 2018 general meeting, new CUF resident, Benjamin Bedel brought up the subject of re-naming Coon Street in his neighborhood. There are no addresses facing this street, and it is not listed on the Hamilton County Auditor's website. The street was platted in 1900, although the southern end (down a steep hill toward Emming Street) was never developed. Today, the street is only one square long, ending at Fox Street, and looks more like a driveway. During a discussion at the January meeting, all were in favor of changing the name, including several residents with abutting properties. On July 3, 2018 the CUF trustees voted to approve the name change from Coon Street to Fox Street; a letter of approval was sent to the city.

Benjamin then approached city staff about initiating a name change. The process began with the City of Cincinnati Committee on Names which could find no information on how this name was originally chosen. Notices were sent to all abutting property owners with no objections received. The Committee then sent the recommendation on to City Planning, which approved the request on October 19. The proposal was passed on through Council's Economic Growth & Zoning Committee. Finally, at the full City Council meeting on December 5, 2018, Council voted unanimously to change the name to Fox Street.

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*Happy  
Holidays!*

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## Community assessment survey

Hello everyone.

I am reaching out as part of our effort to complete our 5 year Community Assessment for Hamilton County. We use the Community Assessment to understand the strengths and needs of our county and city so that we can improve the services we provide. I work for Head Start, and we use the Community Assessment to ensure that our programs meet the needs of our parents and children. Here at CHCCAA Head Start, we work hard to improve the educational outcomes of our children, as well as to help the parents of our children succeed at their personal, educational, and occupational goals. Every year, we are able to measure the success of children who leave our program on the yearly Ohio Kindergarten Readiness Assessment, and the data shows that, in comparison with children from similar socio-economic backgrounds across the state, children who leave our program show significantly higher readiness scores during their first months of kindergarten.

A central part of our Community Assessment is a survey. We administer this survey in order to hear from parents and community residents and to understand their perceptions of the strengths and weaknesses of various services in the county and city. We need to hear from community leaders as well as residents. Below is a link to the survey, and the attached email explains in more detail.

<http://bit.ly/CincySurvey>

I am asking you to take a few moments to complete our survey. It should take less than 20 minutes to complete and will offer us an enormous amount of useful data. If you are able to share the link to this survey with members of your community, through social media channels etc., that would be even more helpful. Again, our goal is to get as much feedback from as many people as possible.

We have over 100 Head Start classrooms throughout the city, so we help the children and families in every Cincinnati neighborhood to achieve their goals.

I am including a link (below) to the 2015 Community Assessment that was done in partnership with the Community Building Institute at Xavier University. We will be making the results of this year's Community Assessment available as well once it is complete.

[https://www.xavier.edu/communitybuilding/documents/CAA\\_Community\\_Assessment\\_SUMMARY\\_11.2015.pdf](https://www.xavier.edu/communitybuilding/documents/CAA_Community_Assessment_SUMMARY_11.2015.pdf)

Thanks,  
Ryan Hardesty  
Planning and Data Manager  
Community Action Agency –  
Cincinnati | Hamilton County

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## Fairview Park recreation area improvements underway

“In the past few weeks, significant gains have been made towards improvements for the Recreation Area in Fairview Park. A new water line has been installed; as well as two drinking fountains; both of which accommodate dogs as well. A picnic grove is in the process of construction. Much of the work has been done already. The picnic grove area has been mulched with wood chips. Four Zelkova trees were planted for future shade. Three more Red Maples were also planted in the vicinity. Also a new Mutt-Mitt stand was installed for dog owners to clean up after their pets. We should soon get picnic benches installed as well.

A big thank you to the Cincinnati Recreation Commission who has been spearheading these improvements and doing the bulk of the work. The Park Board has also been assisting with things as well as several volunteers from CUFNA. One person who has really been instrumental in both getting things off the ground and keeping it rolling is Tom Reese, Manager of the Clifton Recreation Center (CRC). Ever since he started coming to our CUFNA general meetings a couple years ago to address the baseball backstops in Fairview Park; he has tirelessly helped CUFNA with pursuing ongoing improvements to the Fairview Park Recreation Area. Thank you Tom.”

Credits: Mark Bambach





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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: \$6.00 per year.  
Make checks payable to CUFNA.

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