



**NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION**

Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

March, 2010

Next monthly meeting:

Tuesday, Mar. 16, 2010, 7:30 p.m.,
Deaconess Hospital,
Cafeteria, Lower Level,
Straight Street

From the President's desk



Things keep getting busier and busier, everyone. And I can't stop thinking about spring planting!

Despite the scandals of the Cincinnati Empowerment Corporation, we are dedicated to working with the City to actualize the Classen Park project this springtime. Thanks to Sally Larson and Matt Bourgeois and Jack Martin for their continued efforts!

New trees have just been planted along West Clifton at the entrance to the community from Vine Street. And Debby Herman of Clifton Heights wrote a successful grant and was awarded \$5000 from the City for more lidded, wheeled trash carts in our neighborhood.

Graffiti has been especially bad. If you see Graffiti on a building or public space, please call the City at 591-6000 to report it. If you happen to see someone perpetrating graffiti call District 5 at 569-8500 to report them.

Many eyes are turned to our community for plans for development. The old Fairview School will continue to undergo renovation and a new daycare center is opening in the Annex of the building. Towne Properties continues to work with the City for the redevelopment of Blocks 1 to 4 of the Business District. Old St. George moves forward and we can all look forward to the capping of the steeples this month. And on a sad note, Friars Club will probably change forever.

We will probably see the end of this great landmark building along Ohio this year. The building has remained vacant for 5+ years now and is the site for a new development. Multiple developers have looked at the building and no one has been able to create a plan to salvage

the building. I dedicated the historical piece this month to this great building and the history behind it.

Mark your calendars for the April 24th Great American Clean Up, where neighbors and students walk the streets and do our own community trash pick up. Looking towards spring, it is a great time to start clearing brush from our gardens and to prepare for spring planting. Very soon the buds will start and spring will be here before we know it!

Happy March, everyone.

Rob Neel

CUF Minutes, February 2010

- Police Report
 - Officer Lisa Johnson announced the next installment of the landlord accreditation program.
 - Sgt. Volkerding asked that porch light be turned on at night.
 - Car break-in reports are still high; please lock valuables in the trunk out of sight.
 - There will be a police substation in the Stop & Go at 141 W. McMicken; more are planned.
 - Two area graffiti "artists" have been identified.
 - Police towing policy was explained during snow emergencies.
- Stephen Spinosa of the State ODOT explained the current design of the Western Hills viaduct and McMillan intersection. According to Federal requirements, each interchange affected by new construction must be configured as a full interchange, i.e. full access to both north and south bound traffic. Then, after the designs have been worked out, the impacts, both positive and negative are determined. The community can petition to have these designs altered if found objectionable. The current design as proposed destroys a significant part of W. McMicken south of McMillan and takes part of lower Fairview Park. The CUF Board has voiced its objections.

At each presentation it has been emphasized how important public opinion is to the process. If you have any reservations please let the state and city know.

- Dan Schimberg presented his project for the Old Friars Club site. Although the visuals he presented were bland, he does own a number of older buildings that are well maintained. He also finds some of the recent project in Coryville vulgar in style and size. Parking will be included in the rent. He promised to return to a future meeting as needed.

- Funds for the large, wheeled trash cans are available.

- Adriadico's update was discussed, parking was the problem and the city denied the permit.

Treasurer's Report

Balance on: Feb. 1, 2010 \$3,635.68

Income: \$0
Expenses: FedEx Office \$107.50

Balance on: March 1, 2010 \$3,528.18

*Feb. report revised 2-18-10. Late deposit \$36.00, #1092, included in \$3,635.68.

Parking Etiquette

If you own a vehicle in a college town, you know the frustration of bad-mannered parkers. Here are the City rules in an easy-to-read format.

Parking Etiquette

Do not park within an intersection.

Do not park within 20 feet of an intersecting roadway.

Park at least 20 ft. from a crosswalk, marked or unmarked.

Do not park in an area with a 'No Parking' sign. When parallel parking, do not park facing traffic. Do not obstruct traffic by parking in a bicycle lane, an alley or in any lane of traffic.

Do not park on a sidewalk, over a curb ramp, or on a planting strip.

Do not park on the front lawn of a property.

Do not park a vehicle 'for sale' on the street.

Do not repair a vehicle on the street unless it is an emergency.

Park at least 5 ft. from a driveway and do not block it.

Do not park within 10 feet of a fire hydrant. Do not park longer than 14 hours except vehicles for handicapped transport.

If you have questions, please refer to Section 508 of the Municipal Code:

<http://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=19996&stateId=35&stateName=Ohio>

Basic Rules For Safe Biking

- Pay attention to Ohio Revised Code 4511.53, 4511.55 and 4511.56. Many bicycle enthusiasts recommend keeping a copy with you when biking.

- <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/4511.53>

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- Equipment: Make sure you are riding a bike that is your size. And make sure your brakes work and the tires are not loose or wobbly.

- Wear a helmet every time you get on a bicycle.

- No more than one person on a bike at a time, unless on an approved baby seat.

- Basic safety: Look left and right and then left again before starting onto a roadway. When at an intersection, stop and repeat.

- Try to ride on the right side of the road, single. Ohio law for motorcycles and bicycles states that one should not ride more than two abreast.

- Ride with the flow of traffic and do not ride the wrong direction on one way streets.

- Don't ride on sidewalks!

- Give right of way to pedestrians.

- Refresh yourself on proper hand signals and use them to signal turns.

- (1) Left turn, hand and arm extended horizontally

- (2) Right turn, hand and arm extended upward

- (3) Stop or decrease speed, hand and arm extended downward

- Turning: The rules of turning for bicycles are the same for any other motor vehicle. In addition, you have the option to dismount and turn as a pedestrian by walking your bike and using pedestrian rules.

- Passing on the right is dangerous and illegal. Many are tempted to pass stopped traffic on the right.

- Enjoy!

The Mayor's Green Lecture Series - Krohn Conservatory

March Lecture:
"ECOMAGINATION: THE GE MODEL"

The Park Board is presenting the 2010 Mayor's Green Lecture Series at the Krohn Conservatory, to provide citizens with practical environmental information and access to the region's environmental leaders. Topics range from what citizens can do in their own homes and yards to live a greener life, to the decisions and actions of major corporations.

The Park Board is proud to partner with GE Aviation to present the March 17th Green Lecture titled "Ecomagination: the GE Model." GE is a world leader in corporate environmental responsibility. GE developed a matrix of product evaluation that includes the product's environmental impact, considering the entire cycle of the product.

The GE Model is being presented by Darlene Martin, GE Aviation Ecomagination Leader. Darlene holds a bachelor's degree in Industrial & Systems Engineering from the Ohio State University and a Masters degree in Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

When: March 17, 6 pm - 8 pm, Free but Limited Seating.

Reservations Required – call 352-4080.

Where: Krohn Conservatory, 1501 Eden Park Drive.

Living Our Green Life - Mayor's Lecture Series at Krohn Conservatory

- March 17, *Ecomagination: The GE Model*
- May 25, *Cincinnati Nature: A World without Fish (Fossil Hunting)*
- July 21, *Rain Gardens*
- August 18, *Vegetable Gardening and Food Presentation*
- September 15, *Beneficial Insects*
- October 20, *Why Trees Matter*
- November 17, *Ten Technologies that Will Change the World*

The Mayor's Lecture Series is sponsored by a grant from Duke Energy, and in-kind support by Worm's Way, Park + Vine, Andy's Mediterranean Grille and the Ohio State University Extension.



The Friars' Club

Originally known as the St. Anthony Sodality for Young Men, Friars began in 1860 and evolved through several name changes to Friars Club. Originating in Over-the-Rhine by members of St Francis Seraph Church at Liberty and Vine, the organization was created to give children of working class German immigrants adequate supervision during the summer and after school hours when their parents were working. By 1913, they had day and summer programs created for the community's boys.

By 1928, the building on Vine had fallen into disrepair and was in great need of renovation. The current building in Clifton Heights was built in 1931, in the midst of the Great Depression. The old building was abandoned for tear down.

A residential center for young men at UC was created, as well as a fitness center. The great murals in the lounge were created by a local muralist, Lumen Martin Winter, and were officially dedicated in 1944 during World War II.

From 1931 to 1956, the club actually had bowling lanes! In 1956, these bowling lanes were transformed into a ballroom. The club has sported a gymnasium, basketball courts, racquetball courts and a swimming pool.

The all male facility permitted girls to participate on certain days between certain hours, and then in 1979 the Athletic Club admitted female members.

The building closed its athletic club in 2004-5 and the building has been vacant since that time.



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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)