



**NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION**

Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

April, 2012

Next monthly meeting:

April 17, 2012,
7:30 p.m., Deaconess Hospital
Cafeteria, Lower Level, Straight Street

Get Active

Happy Spring, CUF Neighbors!

We hope you are enjoying the wonderful weather. Our neighborhood is blossoming with flora and fauna (and new developments!), which give us renewed hope as we continually strive to maintain an aesthetic, safe and prosperous place in which to live and work.

A few notes to share this month:

WANTED: Citizens to Serve – We need YOU Election of our Board of Trustees takes place in July, and we are on the search for civic-minded, community-oriented individuals interested in representing the concerns of all neighbors. We have several seats open to replace current members who have upcoming expired terms. The term is a three-year commitment. If you are interested, or if you know someone who would be a good candidate, please let us know. Eligible candidates must have attended three general meetings between May 2011 and May 2012, and be current on their membership dues.

Please Help Save Fairview Pool

We are in danger of losing our pool next year due to budget cuts and low attendance. Please help with our efforts to save this community gem which was constructed in 1936 and is uniquely nestled within a city park setting. Go to www.cincyrec.org to purchase a pool membership. It will help us possibly save the pool for next year. We currently are reviewing options on ways to save, fund and improve our pool ... but, first, we need our pool membership to increase. So, go online TODAY to get your pool membership and

get ready for some summertime fun. We'll keep you posted on developments as they unfold. See you poolside!

Vacation Time – Keep Your Home Safe

As vacation time approaches, just a friendly reminder about the variety of steps you can take to keep your home safe in your absence:

- Use indoor timers to turn lights on and off at various times in different rooms in your home.
- Also, use timers for your porch lights or install motion-detector lights at different points on your property.
- Alert a trusted neighbor when you will be gone; give that person a house key for emergencies.
- Stop mail and newspaper delivery ... or, have a trusted neighbor pick up these items daily.
- If you're away on trash day, have a trusted neighbor take out and put back your garbage/recycling cans.
- If you have a driveway, and you're using your car for vacation, have a trusted neighbor park his/her car in the driveway.
- Notify police of your absence. Contact CUF Neighborhood Police Officer Lisa Johnson @ lisa.johnson@cincinnati-oh.gov.

See you at the next general CUF meeting!
(Bring a neighbor with you.)

Your CUF Board of Trustees

Minutes of the CUF Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting 2/20/12

Introduction and Opening Remarks Daniel Lewis welcomed everyone and introduced himself as the facilitator for the night.

Police Report: Officers Lisa Johnson (CPD)

and Officer Aaron Frey (UCPD)
Crime stats distributed.
Riddle attempted rape and exhibitionism on UC campus, and they caught the boy (Cincinnati State student).
Graffiti issue: Still in pre-trial. Letters sent to the judges as far as cost, time spent. Two pending graffiti issues.
Halstead and tires issue. Call 591-6000 or log into www.5916000.com
Capt Neudigate has increased the patrols right now to decrease the robberies. High activity periods. 6 in district 5, 4 of those 6 weeks are in CUF. 6 additional officers on days and nights to prevent. Increased cops and undercover squads in the next few weeks to help keep Cinco de Mayo more controlled.
Jason Volkerding reached out to OSU police to see how they handle some of these problems with house parties.
Ohio State Highway Patrol will be doing DUI stops.
Sandra asked if we could leave an empty police car at a local hot spot.
There is a new law with fiscal punishment for dog excrement that is not cleaned up.
Eureka Terrace arrest.
2314 Flora Street has become a party house. Steve Anderson brought that up.
Police were lauded for several arrests for a house party on Atkinson.
2308 Wheeler: Landlord, parents showed up, and police. 7 arrests for obstruction because they did not open the door when they were supposed to.
2177 Sohn Street
630 Straight Street
Officer Frey: UC is quiet because of exams and spring break. District 4 and 5 did flyer hangers in the community for the community with 30 student volunteers. Theft is up on campus.

April 21st is clean up day

Guests:
Rome Ntukogu(N-tuh-kah-gu), The Heights Music Festival
www.theheightsmusicfestival.com
April 6th and 7th
Rome came to discuss the biennial music festival in the neighborhood and encouraged us to come to the event the weekend of April 6th/7th. Day-time festival 3:30 on Saturday.
Venues are Roxx, Lenhardts, Baba Budans, Mac's, Rohs Street.
April and October of every year.
Volunteers are always welcome. Contact Rome!

Membership Report

Are you paid up? Elections are July.
Postcards: Postcards will be going out for the membership reminders about when to renew.

Like us on Facebook. CUF Neighborhood Association is up on Facebook.
Julie M. asked about re-instituting the email reminders.

CHCURC Update

Cherie Wallpe gave the update.
Old St. George: Duke Energy fixed the electrical at Old St George and they start brick and cornice work, starting on Thursday.
Development continues.

Uptown Consortium Update

Nothing new besides the developments along Corryville are being noted.

Citizens on Patrol Update

4 new members have signed up.

Clifton Heights Business Association Update

No new updates.

University Heights Neighborhood Association Update

Wednesday on the porches start in the summer.
Block Party in September.
Community yard sale also in the fall

West McMicken Neighborhood Group Update

VOA update: no updates
I-75 and McMicken and Western Hills Viaduct: no updates
Community Garden will be opening up a few spaces. Please contact Tony Walsh. The cost is \$15 per lot and includes CUF membership.

Block Captain Announcements and Clean Ups
Weekly Sunday clean ups. Trash, weeds, you name it. Turn cleaning the neighborhood into a social event.

Julie Murray is getting a group together for Saturdays, next on April 6th.

Julie Murray also has been contacted Andrew Glenn about the street cleaning. Cherie and John Stork are working on getting this going. They are meeting with the City.

Tafel St. was pointed out as a target.
April 21st for hopeful Spring Clean Up.

Old Business:

Mayor's Community Recycling Challenge: John Stork reminded everyone to call in abused or unused recycling carts. You may also call the City to get recycling bins.

Letter to landlords/property owners: Problem Properties are to be brought to the Board's attention.

Fairview Pool: Membership and pool drive. The Board voted to have money spent to buy mem-

berships to give to neighbors to encourage them to join CUF (as a scholarship reward) and also to encourage more use of the pool. Individual and family memberships will be given and this will be advertised to the community.

New Business:

Straight Street landslides. 3 landslides. Sandra asked to have the Rich Pohanna contact the City again. Cherie has had multiple emails and phone conversations with him on this subject. Charles Graves and Rich Pohanna (invite him to the Board meeting)

Meeting adjourned

CUF Treasurer's report

Balance: March 1, 2012 \$9,295.99

Income:

Membership dues \$36.00

Total Income: \$36.23

Expenses:

Total Expenses: \$0.00

Balance: April 1, 2012 \$9,331.99

Plan Cincinnati draft

Now that we have released the draft version of Plan Cincinnati, we invite you to review the draft and provide us with your feedback before we update the draft and move it forward to the City Planning Commission later this summer/fall.

We encourage you to submit your comments to Chris Morbitzer at chris.morbitzer@cincinnati-oh.gov <<mailto:chris.morbitzer@cincinnati-oh.gov>> .

Please submit your comments no later than Friday, April 20th, 2012.

You can view the document as a whole or by specific Initiative Area here: <http://plancincinnati.org/draft/index.htm>

Thank you for your commitment to the future of Cincinnati!

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a comprehensive plan for the future

Strategic priorities meetings

The City is conducting a series of open sessions to help articulate the "strategic priorities" that will guide and inform funding decisions for the 2013/2014 budget. This process is being led by the Denver-based non-profit Center for Priority Based Budgeting, with the public outreach being conducted by a Cincinnati-based firm that specializes in working with local governments, The Novak Consulting Group.

Six facilitated sessions will be held throughout the City, each expected to last approximately two hours. Please plan to attend one of the sessions to provide your input in this process:

- 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 10, The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Main Branch Downtown, 800 Vine St.
- 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, Pleasant Ridge Recreation Center, 5915 Ridge Ave.
- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, Hartwell Recreation Center, 8275 Vine .
- 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 16, Dunham Recreation Center, 4356 Dunham Lane.
- 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, College Hill Recreation Center, 5545 Belmont Ave.
- 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Avondale Branch, 3566 Reading Rd.

The City's Priority-Driven Budgeting process relies on what the public articulates as the communities' strategic priorities. The City's programs and services will then be evaluated based on the contribution they make to the strategic priorities. The Cincinnati City Council will make final decisions on the priorities identified as part of the City's budget process.

"After the past several years of wrangling over the City's priorities, we are taking a different approach," said City Manager Milton Dohoney, Jr. "City Council has asked us to go to the citizens in a systematic way to gather input on what is most important to them. That's what we will use to build the budget for the next two years. That is why public participation is critical."

In addition to the public meetings, please stay tuned into the process virtually by following and participating in online collaboration opportunities through a "wiki" or electronic bulletin board and a dedicated Facebook page.

- Join the wiki at <http://bit.ly/BudgetWiki>
- Join the budget process on Facebook at <http://on.fb.me/CincyBudget>
- Or, visit cincinnati-oh.gov to sign up for updates.

Plan now to participate! It's Your City. Your Money. Your Voice!

Urban design workshops

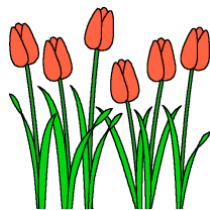
A five-day series of charrettes (interactive public meetings with lots of talking and drawing) will put residents and professionals at the same table, working together to identify what the Form Based Code should contain. All sessions are on the fourth floor of Centennial II, 810 Central Ave.

Here's the schedule of events as it currently stands:

- Saturday, April 28: Opening Session: "Help Build Our Form-Based Code." 45 minute orientation at 10 AM, repeated at 2 PM. Open Design Studio 10 AM to 7 PM. Anyone welcome to come and participate at any time.
- Sunday, April 29: Open Design Studio 10 AM to 7 PM. Anyone welcome to come and participate at any time.
- Monday, April 30: Open Design Studio 10 AM to 7 PM. Anyone welcome to come and participate at any time. Brown Bag Lunch presentation on Complete Streets at 12 PM. Public Open House on results to date at 6 PM.
- Tuesday, May 1: Open Design Studio 10 AM to 7 PM. Anyone welcome to come and participate at any time. Brown Bag Lunch presentation on Urban Retail at 12 PM.
- Wednesday, May 2: Design Studio closed to the public for final preparations. Brown Bag Lunch presentation on Urban Retail at 12 PM. Final presentation of charrette results at 6:00 PM.

Cincinnati Parks

- Wolff Planetarium Show - Spring Constellations
Fri., April 20, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Trailside Nature Center in Burnet Woods



Discover the Spring constellations and some of the legends connected to them. For adults and children ages 5 and older accompanied by an adult. Seating is limited. Reservations and pre-payment required. Fee: \$5 per person. Call 751-3679 for reservations.

- 2nd Annual Camp Canine at French Park
Saturdays, April 21 - May 12 from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

At last, a camp for you and your best friend! Camp Canine has everything!! Exercise for you and your best friend on a 30 minute guided hike each Saturday, weekly giveaways, prizes, and owner & pet bonding activities. Special guests share information and techniques to ensure the well-being of your dog. Dogs must be on a leash

at all times and have a 2012 dog license, a good temperament, and current vaccinations. Camp size is limited; one dog per person. Register at www.cincinnatiiparks.com A second session of the camp will be held in August at Ault Park. Fee: \$25 per camp or \$50 for both. For more information, call 321-6070.

- Where are the Buttercups?

Sun., April 22, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Buttercup Valley Nature Preserve

Enjoy a variety of flowers in this gem of a park that has been nurtured by Northside Greenspace for over 10 years. Are there buttercups to be seen? Or yellow imposters? Removing invasive weeds can refresh a woodland. Come enjoy the results of years of labor. Meet at the east end of Stanford Drive in Northside. Call 542-2909 for more information.

- Wildflower Walk and Talk

Sat., April 28, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Burnet Woods

Celebrate spring as we walk the wooded hillsides of Burnet Woods in search of our woodland wildflowers. From their early folklore to some of their more interesting reproductive strategies, we'll discover the fascinating world of these living jewels. Meet in front of the Trailside Nature Center. For more information, call 751-3679.

Hello CUF neighbors!

In an effort to encourage membership in the CUF Neighborhood Association and as a way to promote use of the CUF Neighborhood pool in Fairview Park, the CUF Neighborhood Association is awarding summer passes to the CRC Pools! That is a \$25 value for individuals and \$75 value for families!

If you know individuals or families that are looking for a great way to beat the heat this summer and spend time with others in the pool, please send them our way.

To be eligible for the pool passes, up to a \$75 dollar value, individuals or families must 1.) Be a resident in the CUF Neighborhood; 2.) Come to a CUF meeting; and 3.) Become a CUF member. To become a voting member of CUF, you must attend three meetings as a paid member. Anyone who receives a pool pass will be asked to come to three meetings during the year.

Please help us spread the word to families and individuals who might benefit from this great resource in our community! But tell them to hurry: we have limited numbers! 'See everyone at the April 17th meeting!

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Program

Opening April 21, 2012!

FREE to Hamilton County, Ohio Residents Only. Bring proof of residency, such as a driver's license or utility bill. Hamilton County covers the cost per car dropping off material to encourage proper disposal of your household hazardous waste. Remain in car at all times.

This program prohibits the acceptance of hazardous waste from businesses, churches, schools, and non-profit organizations.

Dates: April 21 through November 3

NEW Locations: Environmental Enterprises, Inc.
4600 Spring Grove Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio
45232 (Directly across from Winton Road) MAP
Tuesdays from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm and Saturdays
from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
10163 Cincinnati-Dayton Road, Sharonville, Ohio
45241 MAP

Wednesdays from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
(Closed July 4 and October 31)

Acceptable Items:

• Pesticides/Fertilizers • Solvents/Thinners •
Lawn/Pool Chemicals • Cleaners • Household/
Auto Batteries • Fire Extinguishers • Propane
Tanks • Oil-based Paint • Mercury • Fluorescent
Bulbs • Driveway Sealer • Gasoline/Motor Oil •
Antifreeze • Thermostats

Unacceptable Items:

• Latex Paint* • Radioactive Materials • Medical
Waste • Explosives/Ammunition • Smoke Detec-
tors • Tires • Yardwaste • Garbage • Roofing
Materials • Appliances • Computers/Electronics
• Heating Oil or Fuel Tanks • Unmarked Cyl-
inders • Fireworks/Gun Powder • Prescription
Drugs

* Latex Paint will be accepted only if resident brings other household hazardous waste. If resident brings only latex paint, resident will be charged \$1.50 per gallon of paint (minimum charge of \$5.00). Check or credit card only - Cash NOT accepted.

Latex paint is not hazardous and can be safely thrown away with your regular trash once it is solid. Simply leave the lid off and mix in sand, sawdust, or kitty litter to speed up the process. Once it is solid, place the can next to your trash with the lid off so your waste hauler can see that it is dry.

Reduce waste by only purchasing the volume of paint you will need.

If you have questions, click [here](#) or call (513) 946-7766.



Tree for Truman

On March 29 a flowering dogwood tree was planted in Classen Park honoring Truman Toland, a longtime CUF member and volunteer.

see: [<http://zach.be/2011/10/truman-toland-1922-2011/>](http://zach.</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Council term limits

from Laure Quinlivan,
Cincinnati City Council Member

In today's meeting of the Government Operations Committee, we passed two versions of 4-year terms ordinances. One version has all 9 council members running in a single election every 4 years; the other has either 5 or 4 members running in staggered elections every 2 years. Before council votes one version onto the November ballot, we are seeking community input.

Both versions retain the 8-year term limit. 4-year terms would begin with the 2013 council elections, and we will not reset the term limits, as previously discussed.

I encourage you to discuss both options for 4-year terms within your respective community councils and then share your preference with me and my colleagues. If there is a consensus among your members, we would certainly welcome a statement from your community council. In order to allow ample time for community debate and feedback, we will wait until our August council meeting for the full council vote on which option will appear on the November ballot.

Also, please share the following survey link with anyone interested in voicing your opinion on 4-year terms: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/4-Year_Terms_Survey
To further facilitate community discussion, the Government Operations Committee will be holding a series of evening public hearings at City Hall and in various neighborhoods. These hearings will begin in March, and I will share the details as we have them.

Cincinnati City Council supports 4-year terms as a non-partisan, good government reform. Before we take action, we would like to know which election pattern you prefer.

Cincinnati Recreation Commission

Fairview Pool:
2219 Ravine Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45219
513-421-4576
aquatics@cincinnati-oh.gov



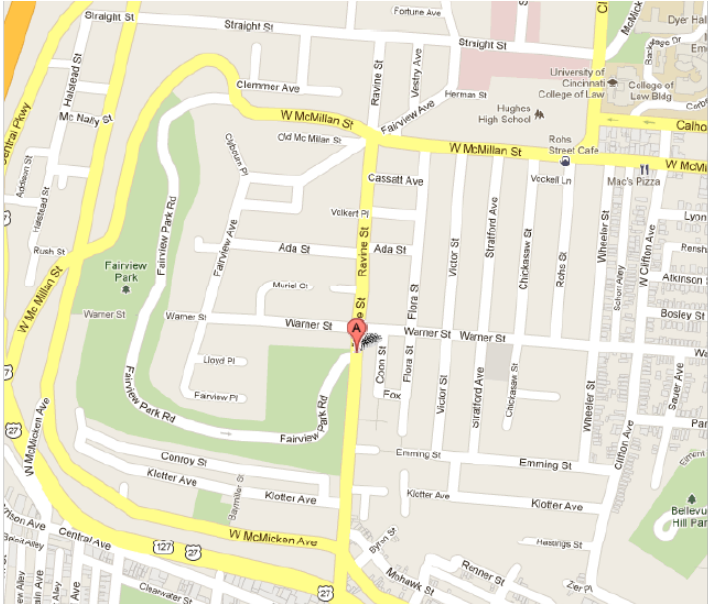
Shallow water pool. Offers swim lesson program. Located in Fairview Park.
Daily User Fee at all pools (except Dunham Otto Armleder) All Ages \$2.00 or you can buy the all pool season pass now!

ALL CRC POOLS MEMBERSHIP NOW AVAILABLE ON-LINE

The Cincinnati Recreation Commission now offers memberships to city pools on-line. The public may purchase 2012 All CRC Pools Memberships and 2012 Dunham Otto Armleder Pool Memberships on-line until pools open this summer. As of Monday, June 4, 2012 All CRC Pools Memberships will be available for purchase at CRC pools. The public will no longer be able to purchase Pool Memberships at Recreation Centers. CRC is offering an Early Bird Discount on 2012 All CRC Pools Memberships until March 1st.

Go online today and buy your all pool pass for 2012.
<http://cincyrec.org/crc/2012PoolMembs.htm>

Enter by foot at the letter A or enter Fairview Park Drive off West McMillan!
Use it or lose it, folks!
Most CRC Pools will have extended their schedules and will remain open until Saturday August 13, 2011.





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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 p.m., Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria, 311 Straight Street
- CUF Trustee meetings: 1st Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m, 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.

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