



NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

July, 2008

Next monthly meeting:

Tuesday, July 15, 2008, 7:30 p.m.
Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria,
Lower Level
Straight Street

From the President's desk



The Soap Box Derby took place Saturday, June 21. About 60 cars were involved, which was more than double the number from last year. CUF's driver, Annika, and brother Joschka, her pit crew, were cheered on by numerous supporters. Although she drove well in the Fairview Flyer, by the luck of the draw her opponents were both seasoned racers. The Flyer was knocked out after the second heat. Our training partner, Jamal Merchant, driving the Rothenberg Rocket, made it through five heats. The Cincinnati Cup was won by Tom Clifford of Pleasant Ridge. The derby has generated a lot of interest and goodwill among city neighborhoods, and there is talk of scheduling more races. Meanwhile the Mayor just announced a challenge with Louisville; the top eight finishers from the June 21 race will compete against the Kentucky team later this summer.

The Uptown Consortium presented its parks plan at the end of June. The plan, which has been in the works for a few years, encompasses all parks within the Uptown area. Some of the more controversial elements of the plan call for a restaurant and parking lot to be built in Burnet Woods and housing to be built around the edges of Fairview Park. CUF representatives were joined at the presentation by Clifton Town Meeting reps in expressing opposition to such development. In addition, the CUF trustees have voted to send an official letter to the Park Board and Uptown stating our opposition to the sale of any existing park lands and to any construction on park property.

The Uptown Wayfinding Signage Project is getting closer to completion. Designs are being reviewed by the city's Traffic Engineering Division, and a presentation has been scheduled. These signs will replace the old, faded ones that were erected several decades ago. They will point the way to hospitals, the zoo, etc, and also identify each Uptown neighborhood. Gayle Prager has been serving on this committee.

City Council has adopted the Climate Protection Action Plan dealing in a comprehensive way with climate change, conservation and sustainability. Eighty recommendations are outlined. The final version of the plan will be posted on the City's website shortly.

CUF's annual meeting and election of trustees will take place on July 15. Doug Sanker and Laura Kleckner will be leaving the board. We thank them for their terms of service. The annual meeting is a good opportunity to update your membership. We hope to see you then.

Linda Ziegler

CUF Neighborhood Association minutes for June 17, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Linda Ziegler.

Minutes for May were approved.

Police Reports: District 5 officers report burglaries up a bit in Districts 4 and 5, half through open windows. Copper theft continues to be a problem, and theft of aluminum siding is also increasing. Vice arrests, a focus of CUF's NEP efforts, are still high. Officers will begin walking patrols now through September. DNA is helping clear up new and old cases, but results take 3-4 months. When reporting nuisance calls, be sure to get the exact address of the building. This allows the police to document number of calls to an address, which is necessary to cite under the city's nuisance ordinance. This ordinance does not apply to single family homes.

UC police report fewer alcohol offenses on campus. Morgan and Scioto residence halls are being rehabbed. Graduate students formerly living there will be looking for places to rent.

Guest: Matthew Andrews from the city presented plans for the major rehab of Clifton Avenue from McMillan down the hill to Vine Street. Funding for this comes from CUF's Community Priority Request from two years ago, city and state funds. Greg Long and John Brazina, city engineers, are responsible for making this project happen. In addition to new street paving, there will be new sidewalks, less concrete, more trees. There are also plans for a

gateway enhancement near the old incline foundation.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance May 1, 2008 \$4,600.51

Income:

Dues 30.00
Donation from KCB award 100.00
Total Income +130.00

Expenses:

Mulch 231.00
Newsletter Kinko's 55.44
Derby car weights 304.43
Cat spay/neuter 341.00
Total expenses: -931.87

Balance June 1, 2008 \$3,798.64

Trustee Report: Six candidates for election in July were introduced: Nick Denlinger, Rolf Kuhn, Sally Larson, Julie Murray, Rob Neel and Dennis O'Brien. Invest in Neighborhoods had its annual meeting in June. There has been some discontent on the board with Rick Dieringer who has been the acting Director for two years. The Invest board voted to hire another person in that position. This sparked a vote at the annual meeting by community council presidents to remove members of the board who voted to hire the other person. The Uptown Consortium has proposed an Uptown Tour of Living throughout all Uptown neighborhoods. CUF trustees, Maureen, Gayle, and Linda, have attended several meetings about this. The planning process continues. The trustees voted to support the restoration of the steeples on Old St. George as a requirement for development of that property.

CHCURC Report: Block 4 development is progressing. Towne Properties now has an option to buy the Hardy's and Arby's property. CHCURC and Towne are working toward a contract. The project currently includes 100 apartments, 70,000 feet of retail, 50,000 feet of office space, a hotel, and above ground parking. Towne Properties has asked to have first option on Block 1 also. We may be in a position to ask for clean up/planting of that area if an agreement is reached.

The Clifton Heights Business Association has prepared two proposals for possible funding by the Cincinnati Neighborhood Business Districts United. The first is for \$75,000 to design and construct gateway signage for Classen Park; the second is for \$30,000 to fund a study of the streetscape in the Old Town area of the business district.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm. Minutes submitted by Linda Ziegler.

Hamilton County Environmental Services recycling report

Hamilton County Communities recycled 31,985 tons in 2007! Congratulations, Hamilton County! We increased our recycling by over 600 tons between the first and second halves of 2007!

The recycling efforts in Hamilton County saved the equivalent of:

- 274,042 trees
- 1,744,119 gallons of gasoline
- Enough energy to power 5,136 average homes for an entire year.
- 26,528-ton reduction in greenhouse gases, the equivalent of removing 21,095 cars from the road.

Over three-fourths of all Hamilton County communities improved their recycling rates between 2006 and 2007. The top five highest recycling rates were:

- Wyoming 25.02%
- Madeira 24.53%
- Mariemont 24.42%
- Blue Ash 23.43%
- Indian Hill 19.33%

All communities should be proud of such a successful year. Let's make 2008 even better!

Important phone numbers for the Cincinnati Police Department

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Governor Williams 513-569-8595
governor.williams@cincinnati-oh.gov

Jason Voelkerding 513-569-8506
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Liligenia Wharton 513-569-8592
liligenia.wharton@cincinnati-oh.gov

Jason Pechiney 513-569-8594
jason.pechiney@cincinnati-oh.gov

Capt. David Bailey 513-569-8504
david.bailey@cincinnati-oh.gov

Emergency Dispatch 911
Non- Emergency Dispatch 513-765-1212

VICE Unit 513-352-2960
District Five 513-569-8500

CUF 2008 Soapbox Derby entry

Scenes from this year's Soapbox Derby held on June 21. The race course was on Gilbert Avenue near the Baldwin Building. CUF's entry was piloted by 9-year-old Annika von Hofe.

The starting ramp



Annika at speed

Annika with brother Joschka



Online exhibit celebrates the history of Old St. George Church

Old St. George Church in Clifton Heights has been a landmark in the community for 140 years. The landmark became news that captured the attention of the tri-state as live television captured the fire that engulfed its two steeples last February. A new online exhibit from the collections of UC's Archives and Rare Books Library traces Old St. George through the years.

The exhibit can be found at this link:

<http://www.libraries.uc.edu/libraries/arb/exhibits/stgeorge/index.html>

The exhibit was created by Eira Tansey, a student worker in Archives and Rare Books who just graduated from UC with a bachelor's degree in geography.

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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
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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)