



**NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION**

Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

July, 2013

Next monthly meeting:

July 16, 2013,

Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria,
Lower Level, Straight Street

Seemingly endless days of heat and oppressive humidity — welcome to my birth month, July. As a child my mother often told the story of how uncomfortable she was in the lead-up to my arrival. Nearly 60 years ago not that many public spaces were air conditioned, with the notable exception of movie theaters. As if on cue, last week the blather of a local newscast spilled out the words “record high today in 1954.” Cutting through the fog in my half-listening brain I sympathized with her experience. Not that heat and humidity always bothered me. Up until my teens, summer was for outside adventures, playing baseball, goofing around in the woods, digging holes in the field next door, directing the hundreds of toy soldiers in my command.

When the magic moment of puberty arrived, the ability to shrug off heat departed. The long summer days that had seemed so short for all those activities became structured for survival. Up very early to cut the grass, just light enough to see, in by 10:30 a.m. to avoid the rising heat. Hibernating in the basement building things until after the sun receded, only making forays upstairs to visit the kitchen or the bathroom. On Saturday, stay up all night watching Bob Shreve’s vaudevillian antics and mediocre movies.

Having a birthday in July was a great experience. Even though you didn’t get the call-out during the school year like others, July isn’t close to any other present-worthy occasions. Far enough away from the start of school to discourage clothing choices, any gift of toys would be utilized immediately, no waiting for temperate weather like you had to do at Christmas.

Fireworks, another July staple, weren’t even that special since Rozzi’s was right up the street. They donated heavily to Loveland to keep from being annexed. It must have worked for the city line still stops right at their former property line. Rozzi’s put on unofficial displays as well, on several occasions they had spontaneous eruptions,

you just had to walk out to the front yard to see the event.

Since the all-volunteer fire department was three doors down, the parade of arriving rescue workers in all their horn blowing, siren wailing, tire squealing glory would arrive at the station, to be followed after a short interval by the siren wailing, horn blowing, light flashing scramble out of the station. To this day I have never witnessed a fire company with such a penchant for sonic disruptance — almost as if they could quash the blaze with noise.

Named after the most famous Roman of them all, July is the first of only two successive months with equal numbers of days. Augustus could equal Julius, not usurp him.

Although June is the official start to summer, it doesn’t usually get cooking until July; an event, if you remember this time last year with temperatures of 104°. Lest you get the idea that I hate summer, it ain’t so — relaxing with a libation in the evening after surviving another hot day, watching the spiritual magic of lightning bugs, seeing dragonflies dart to and fro, feeling the cool breeze, watching the stars and satellites overhead, after it finally becomes dark.

I really can’t imagine living anywhere without four distinct seasons. Have a happy summer!

Rolf Kuhn

CUF Neighborhood Association Minutes, General Meeting May 21, 2013, Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria, 7:30PM

Board members present:

Cherie Wallpe, Julie Zavon, Sally Larson, Linda Ziegler, Rolf Kuhn, John Ligon, Craig Lloyd, Ken Jordan, Daniel Lewis, Sharon Buckner
Absent: Rob Neel, Chip Kussmaul, Janine Denlinger, Tony Walsh, Nathan Hess

Meeting chaired by Sharon Buckner

Police Report

Officer Lisa Johnson reported that there were several burglaries in University Heights. There was an excellent turnout at the march to protest human trafficking in the McMicken area. Residents, police officers, media and various state and local officials were represented. Based on vehicle identification and backed by new legislation, Officer Johnson sent 25 letters to "johns" as well as 10 related to drugs. Another interview with the media is scheduled for some time in July. The graffiti problems continue.

Guest - Cincinnati Fire Department

The following report was presented by the Cincinnati Fire Department:

May 2013

Lt. Eric Enginger
Engine Co. 19

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Total responses 250
EMF responses 188
Fire responses 13
Other responses 49

Ladder Co. 19
Total responses 174
EMF responses 68
Fire responses 14
Other responses 72

Browned Out:
6 times -
May 11, 12, 16 23, 29,
31

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May 3, 7, 8, 18, 20, 23
31

CFD News

- Recruit class graduated in April; new class expected to start in fall.
- Engine Co. 35 - New firehouse in Westwood opening in August
- Kids' Safety Fair: May 21st
- Safety Tips:
 - stay hydrated
 - check on elderly

Fairview Pool

Applications for pool membership are ready to go in the newsletter. Copies are also available at the general meeting for taking home to complete.

Talbert House

Work continues on finalizing the Good Neighbor Agreement regarding the Parkway Apartments.

New Business

Smiling Moose Deli is moving into the property vacated by Old Chicago Gyros at 200 W. McMullan Street.

The Livable Communities Committee approved the Community Entertainment District for Clifton Heights.

Announcements

Resident Sandra Wilson suggested that the CUFNA board consider appealing the recent zoning decision regarding Mac's Pizza and the use of outdoor speakers.

The CUFNA annual meeting and election of board members will take place on Tuesday, July 16. Polls open for voting at 7PM. Candidates are: Carolyn Young, Christian Huelsman, Cherie Wallpe, Craig Lloyd and John Stork.

The Underground Freedom Center has an exhibit about 21st Century human trafficking. The exhibit is titled Invisible: Slavery Today. See <http://freedomcenter.org/slavery-today>.

Nick Tilley, Campaign Manager for Mike Moroski, candidate for City Council briefly spoke about the candidate.

CUF Treasurer's report

Balance: June 1, 2013 \$7,602.34

Income:

Membership dues: \$34.00

Refund from State 501c3 fee: \$25.00

Tower Fund grant: \$4,000.00

Total Income: \$4,059.00

Expenses:

Newsletter printing: \$255.59

Mike Morgan attorney fee: \$537.50

Tim Mara attorney fee: \$1,312.50

Total Expenses: - \$2,105.59

Balance: July 1, 2013 \$9,555.75

Household Hazardous Waste

From now through November 2, residents can drop off their household hazardous waste for free at the following Environmental Enterprises, Inc. location:
4600 Spring Grove Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45232
(Directly across from Winton Road)
Tuesdays from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. and
Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
(Closed May 25 and August 31)

The Shape of Things to Come: the Future of the CUF Business District

What would you like the business district to look like?

Now's your opportunity to contribute to a process that will change the future of the business district. The city and CUFNA will be working together to replace the current zoning with a "form-based code". Anyone in CUF--residents, businesses, and other organizations--can be involved in the process.

Developing a form-based code

CUFNA will work with the city Planning Department to develop a vision for the neighborhood that includes desirable building height, façade, a building's relationship to the sidewalk, etc. "Visioning" is the architectural design process that develops a form-based code to replace the existing use-based code. (The existing use-based zoning with its focus on permitted land uses such as "residential" or "commercial" does not regulate form and appearance the way a form-based code does. A form-based code is a better way to preserve the character of the neighborhood.)

The visioning process culminates in a "charette" where the proposed vision for the neighborhood is presented. The charette is a public input session. All community stakeholders can attend. Real estate developers, residents, and businesses can express their issues and give feedback on the proposed form-based code. The city's Planning Department evaluates this public input to settle upon a final recommendation for changes to current zoning that it presents to the Planning Committee in a public hearing. If approved, the recommendation then goes before City Council.

The Process Begins

When City Council approved an Interim Development Control District (IDC) for the CUF business district on April 10, 2013, it set the stage for CUFNA to work on a form-based code. The IDC is a temporary measure, but with it in place, the city Planning Department must review and approve any proposed changes in the business district. An IDC does not prevent development, but requiring Planning Department approval is a measure of protection while the neighborhood is working on a form-based code. (The IDC is un-

related to the process seeking historic landmark designation for the Goetz House.)

Developing a form-based code for CUF is expected to take about two years, but the Planning Department cannot work with CUFNA before completing work on form-based codes already underway in several other neighborhoods. Since IDCs can be extended, CUF's initial 90-day IDC is expected to be extended.

Useful Additional Resources

+ Learn more about form-based codes at the Form-Based Codes Institute
<http://formbasedcodes.org/what-are-form-based-codes>

Julie Zavon

Apartment Overcrowding

From Edward Cunningham at Cincinnati Buildings and Inspections: "We ask that if neighbors suspect more than five unrelated individuals are living in a single family house or a single dwelling unit, they file a complaint so overcrowding can be investigated." Register the specific address(es) of overcrowded housing to City Services at 513-591-6000 or 591-6000.com.

Toolbank

The Cincinnati Community ToolBank offers an inventory of tools—shovels, rakes, drills and so much more—to help nonprofit organizations, religious and educational institutions, community groups and their volunteers increase their impact.

The Cincinnati ToolBank is part of a national network of tool-lending programs and comes as the result of nearly one year of collaboration between greater Cincinnati leaders.

The Cincinnati ToolBank inventory will feature more than 140 types of tools available for community projects. Charitable organizations may borrow high-quality tools—shovels, ladders, drills, wheelbarrows, and other essential tools—to increase the impact of volunteers while reducing expenses. Membership is required (free) and a nominal rental fee is charged. For more information, visit their web site: <http://www.cincinnati.toolbank.org/Home.aspx>

CUF board member candidates

The 2013 election of CUF board members will take place at the July meeting. Thanks to all who have come forward to run for the open positions. Here are the candidates' statements:

Christian Huelsman

After having lived in Clifton for 5 years, I moved to the Hollister Triangle in CUF in August 2012. I held a seat as a Clifton Town Meeting trustee for 3 years, from 2009 to 2012, during which I started its green committee, organizing the Great American Cleanup and Make A Difference Day for several outings. In 2011, I co-founded Spring in Our Steps, a community organization that cleans up public stairways and alleys, in order to repurpose them as community connections and event spaces. To date, I have spear-headed nearly 90 community cleanup projects. I fuse my planning expertise with my love for community and public visioning in my work, in order to redefine what it means to engage our neighbors. Our streets should be clean, safe, groomed, and well-lit. Important issues in CUF should receive a balanced input process, to give stakeholders an opportunity for their voices to affect positive change. Our community funds should be utilized more effectively to invoke a more positive experience in CUF, for residents and visitors alike. My background in urban planning, neighborhood leadership, and long-term community visioning and enhancement makes me well equipped to serve on the CUFNA board.

Craig Lloyd

I have been a CUF resident for over 30 years and have served on our neighborhood association as a trustee, newsletter editor and NSP manager. I am a UC alum and an educator. Among the issues that I am interested in for this community is increasing owner occupancy which calls for continued residents' involvement in crime prevention and improving/maintaining both the streetscape and the housing stock. Our efforts over the years have made a difference in an area of the city that has tremendous possibilities.

John Stork

I am a librarian at UC and have lived in CUF for over 10 years. Between work and home, I have a strong commitment to the betterment of the neighborhood and I previously served on the CUFNA Board for six years as president and membership secretary. I would like to help CUFNA work toward developing a stronger partnership with UC in addressing issues in our community such as homeownership, tenant stewardship, and neighborhood upkeep.

Carolyn Young

After several years of living as a Renter in Cincinnati's Eastside Neighborhoods (Pleasant Ridge and Oakley), I purchased my very first home in September of 2002 in the CUF Area, specifically Fairview Heights. I am a very proud member of both the CUF Neighborhood and West McMicken Improvement Associations. Prior to purchasing my home, I had always enjoyed visiting CUF and the Clifton Gaslight areas for their diversity of people, restaurants, and entertainment (i.e. Esquire Theatre). Upon moving into my home, I was immediately welcomed into the neighborhood by my closest neighbors in the vicinity of Halstead and Straight Streets, and soon became equally welcomed by other neighbors and friends in the surrounding West McMicken/CUF area. Throughout the years, I have had to travel and live for extended periods of time away from my home for Army Reserve Training and Mobilizations. My closest neighbors and others within our Community were extremely helpful and supportive during those times of absence. I honestly feel that our neighborhood and community is one of the best places to live in Cincinnati, and hope that I can contribute as positively to this Board as so many other members and role models before me have contributed throughout the years.

Cherie Walpe

I am a native Cincinnati and graduate of UC. I have lived in the CUF area for the last 18 years. As a homeowner and parent, I believe it is necessary to participate in and help shape what happens to our community. Having this forum (CUFna) to meet and discuss these issues is an important part of attracting people to and retaining members of our community.





Neighborhood Association
2364 West McMicken Avenue Cincinnati, OH 45214
Representing: Clifton Heights • University Heights • Fairview

2013 Fairview Pool Grant Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

- _____ Family Pass
_____ Adult Pass (age 19 to 49)
_____ Senior Pass (age 50 and up)

I/We acknowledge that our attendance at the Fairview Park pool may keep this valuable community resource viable. As resident(s) of the CUF community applying for this grant I/we agree to adhere to all Cincinnati Recreation Commission aquatics centers rules and regulations. I/We agree to pay one year CUF Neighborhood Association membership dues and attend at least three meetings during the twelve month membership period. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month (no meeting held in August and December) in the Deaconess Hospital cafeteria at 311 Straight Street at 7:30 p.m. I/We understand that the CUF Neighborhood Association Board will grant passes on a first come-first served basis until the budgeted amount (see June newsletter) has been reached.

Signature

Date

The CUFNA Board reviewed this application on: _____

Did the applicant receive a 2012 Fairview Pool pass? _____

CUFNA meetings attended: _____



MLK Planning Study

Please join us for an OPEN HOUSE!

Saturday, July 20, 2013, 10:00 am – 12:00pm

Wednesday, July 24, 2013, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This study is intended to build upon recent and past planning efforts and is intended to guide the Uptown neighborhoods, institutions, and City in visioning the future character and nature of the corridor in preparation of the new interchange at MLK Boulevard and I-71.

Formal presentations will be given on the half-hour. The same material will be presented at both meetings, so feel free to attend the day that is most convenient for you.

Hampton Inn – Uptown-University Area
3024 Vine Street
Cincinnati, OH 45219

Accessible from Metro bus routes #1, #24, #38x, #39, and #78.

Parking is available in the Hampton Inn parking lot.

Your opinions are important to the outcome of this study process!

Written comments may be submitted at the meeting, emailed, faxed or mailed to the study team.
Please provide comments by August 2, 2013

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We look forward to seeing you there!



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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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