



NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

October, 2008

Next monthly meeting:

Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2008, 7:30 p.m.
Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria,
Lower Level
Straight Street

From the President's desk



To my fellow neighbors in Clifton Heights University Heights and Fairview Heights, I wish you all well as we approach this beautiful fall.

Few can argue that this has been one of the most beautiful autumns in recent years. Near perfect weather, with warm days and cool nights, changing foliage, and blue skies have punctuated our hillside landscapes. Take a friend or a neighbor for a walk through one of your neighborhood parks.

Bellevue Park, at the end of Ohio Street, is a classic example of hillside parks, with its beautiful homage to the view with the Daniel Ransohoff Overlook and the unique outdoor pavilion designed in the 1950s by Carl Freund. The pavilion was designed for outdoor dancing (as was the trend at the time) and was inspired by Frank Lloyd Wright.

Coy Field and Tennis Courts straddles our community and the Heights. Located between Marshall, Probasco, and Digby Avenues in an old limestone quarry, the park has baseball fields, a playground, and a trail for walking. Yes, we even have free public tennis courts that are available for use at the end of Joselin by calling the Cincinnati Athletics Department at 352-4020.

Fairview Park between McMillan, Fairview, and Ravine is an example of the good work that comes out of a country facing financial adversity. The Federal Works Project Administration was responsible for

building the many beautiful stone walls that highlight the landscape. A person can drive the almost 1 mile along the scenic drive and be treated to views of the Western Hills, Union Terminal, the River and downtown. Truly a panoramic view!

Fairview reminds me that the American character is unstoppable, and no matter what adversity we face, we can overcome as long as we put our noses to the grindstone and get to work. So I encourage and challenge you to become more involved in the community and to roll up your sleeves and try to make our neighborhood the heart of the city and of Uptown!

Rob Neel

Minutes of the CUF general meeting, September 16, 2008

- Rob introduced himself and welcomed the group. He pointed out the University Heights group and their success.

- **District 5 Police report:** Sgt. Volkerding gave the crime report; requested all in attendance fill out a police survey. Officer Lisa Johnson has returned to active duty. Suggestions for anti-crime camera locations were requested. In response to recent thefts it was suggested that valuables be kept out of sight in cars; It was explained why the police sometimes ask for your SSN. Crime at UC is down.

- Bonnie Phillips of the Office of Environmental Quality gave a presentation explaining enforcement guidelines and reclamation projects.

- A letter has been sent to the park board requesting speed limit signs and speed bumps in Fairview Park.

- After a semi-annual audit, CUF has been recertified by NSP for the next two years.

- Towne Properties will have a naming

ceremony for block 4 September 30.

- Block captains will announce a clean up at Victor and Warner streets and encourage participation.

- Make a Difference Day, October 25, was announced.

- Elizabeth Metz from UC's Center for Community Engagement announced Into the Streets would be held on October 4.

Old Business

- NEP provided two dumpsters to handle trash overflow on move-out days.

- CUF's entry into the Soap Box Derby came in 3rd at a recent race.

- Daniel Lewis talked about the CHIA initiative to list available houses in the area; pointed out difficulties in promoting ownership

- Open House for the firehouse at 301 Ludlow on October 11 was announced.

- Holiday party to be held in January, date and location TBD.

CUF Neighborhood Association Financial Report, September, 2008

Balance on 8/1/08 \$5,151.40

Income

Dues \$46.00

Total income: \$46.00

Expenses

Computer flash drive \$13.84

Webhosting service \$30.00

Gardening supplies \$168.88

Total expenses: -\$212.72

Balance on 9/1/08 \$4,984.68

Financial Report, October, 2008

Balance on 9/1/08 \$4,984.68

Income

Dues: \$48.00

Total income: +\$48.00

Expenses

Kinko's \$284.84

Gallagher clean up \$316.00

Check printing \$25.35

Bank service charge \$5.00

Total expenses: -\$631.19

Make A Difference Day October 25th, 2008

Join your neighbors, partnering with Keep Cincinnati Beautiful, at Christy's at 8:30 am on October 25th for the Make A Difference Day clean up. We will be spreading out and cleaning up the neighborhood and making a difference one trash bag at a time. A small group will be finishing the Fairview wall mulching project. Come for the company and the sense of community engagement!! See you Saturday the 25th!!

Into the Streets

On Saturday October 4th, CUF neighbors and 200 students from UC joined together to work in the neighborhood and attack major clean up projects and to engage their neighbors. The parks were sites of heavy work, as well as the business districts and even voter registration teams. Thanks to Elizabeth Metz and Beth Nagy from the neighborhood for organizing so many eager volunteers.

One great example of teamwork was the Fairview Park project. 20 UC students joined with 4 CUF neighbors to de-weed the stretch of McMillan along the northeastern edge of the park

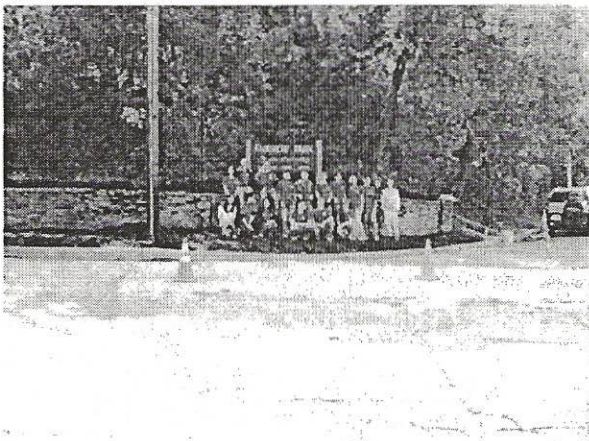
and actually show off the beautiful old wall underneath all the brush. Thank you to everyone who worked on this project!!!



Fairview Wall Before



Fairview Wall After



Volunteers

CPOP

4th Annual CPOP Awards Banquet
5:30 - 8:00 PM November 06
Cintas center, Xavier University

The CPOP Awards Banquet is a celebration to honor community members and the Cincinnati Police Dept. in their continued work in partnership "to develop and implement effective strategies to reduce crime and disorder while facilitating positive engagement and increased trust between the police and neighborhoods."

Registration begins at 5:30 pm. There is no cost for the banquet. However, seating is limited, so an RSVP is required by Friday, Oct. 24.

This event is hosted by the Community Police Partnering Center, with support from the Fraternal Order of Police, American Civil Liberties Union, & City of Cincinnati. Lead sponsor is Macy's Inc.

Invest In Neighborhoods Leadership Session

Mark your calendars for 7 pm, Wednesday, October 22, when Invest In Neighborhoods will once again offer their session on leadership skills.

Pickett Slater-Harrington of the Community Building Institute will discuss methods of drawing residents to a community council and keeping them engaged. He also will give pointers on how to get members to work together and lead a council to greater effectiveness. The class will be at the Invest office at 315 West Court Street.

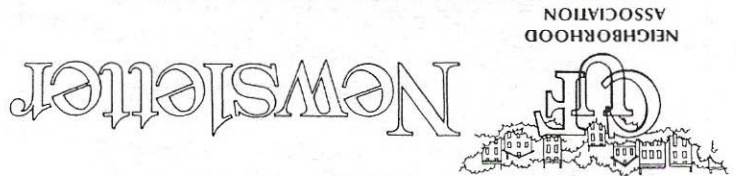


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2008 employment open house

The Hamilton County Park District is holding employment open houses on February 2, 2008 from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm at the following locations: Winton Woods Visitor Center, Sharon Woods Visitor Center, Miami Whitewater Forest Visitor Center, and Woodland Mound Sweetwine Banquet Center. Over 100 positions are available for the 2008 season. The Hamilton County Park District is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Hiring starts at 16 years of age. Visit GreatParks.org for more information.

Wireless recycling facts

There are nearly 200 million wireless subscribers in the U.S. today. With an average lifespan of 18 months, wireless phones are discarded at a rate of 130 mil-

lion per year. A recycled wireless phone can often be refurbished for reuse. If not, it has valuable, recyclable components that can be used to make: copper plumbing pipes, gold and silver jewelry, automotive bumpers or dashboards, and rechargeable battery packs.

Proper recycling:

1. Cancel your phone service and delete all personal data,
2. Remove the battery and place tape over terminal ends,
3. Place wireless phones, batteries and accessories in a plastic envelope and mail to: Sprint/KAB Recycling Project, 2555 Bishop Circle W, Dexter, MI 48130-9825. (Kinkos and Staples also offer recycling drop-off boxes.)