



Newsletter

NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

January, 2008

Next monthly meeting:

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

From the President's desk



There is a lot of activity in the neighborhood these days. Suzanne Fischer, Paul Gallagher and Maureen France organized the placement of the six new mosaic planters at three gateways: Jefferson and Calhoun Streets, McMillan and McMicken Streets, and Marshall and Central Parkway. These planters are the result of the collective efforts of our CUF neighbors on McMicken. The Tower Fund and the Neighborhood Support Program paid for materials and plants.

Several preliminary meetings have occurred in the past two months for the upcoming Neighborhood Enhancement Program. Pamphlets produced by the city describing the program are to be distributed to all residences in the designated area in January. Next, an informational meeting will be held January 28th at 6:30 pm. The location has not been finalized at this point but will be included in the pamphlets. Then there will be a kick-off press conference on Friday, February 1, at 10:00 a.m. at Old St. George Church on Calhoun Street. All are welcome. In the meantime you can report property issues on your block ASAP - using the simple online form at:

<http://www.zoomerang.com/recipient/survey.zgi?p=WEB227658VX3DV>
Peter Kulik and Debbie Herman are compiling this information.

The kick-off for the Great American Clean Up is set for Saturday, February 2, from 9:00 a.m. until noon at City Hall. The

actual clean up day is scheduled for Saturday, April 26. Keep Cincinnati Beautiful, which sponsors the event, is working to coordinate this effort with the Neighborhood Enhancement Program. The Give Back Cincinnati folks, who helped with a major clean up on Calhoun last year, will again be with us.

Also coming up is the 6th annual Neighborhood Summit. The two-day event begins with a dinner Friday, February 15, followed by workshops from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. on Saturday at Xavier University's Cintas Center. Topics to be covered include reducing gun violence, foreclosures, zoning, grant writing, and fighting liquor licenses. For more information and to register call 921-5502 or visit www.investinneighborhoods.com.

Representatives from UC attended the January Trustee meeting to discuss their choice of developer, Towne Property, for Block 4 on Calhoun Street. UC has already invested \$14 million in the project mostly for land purchase. Recouping this money is the most important aspect of the development from the university's point of view. It is clear that what UC feels is the best use of this land is not necessarily the same as residents' views. UC now wants the CHCURC board to vote to approve the choice of Towne Property. UC has one vote on CHCURC's board, the Clifton Heights Business Association has three, and CUF has one. After lengthy discussion the Trustees voted to have our board member abstain from voting to approve the Towne Property project. It likely will happen no matter how we vote, but we didn't want to give the impression of supporting the proposed development, which contains elements not endorsed by CUF residents.

Last fall the city's Department of Transportation and Engineering applied for funding for a major improvement project along Clifton Avenue all the way from Vine

Street to McMillan Street. We were recently notified that the project has been approved. Representatives from the city will attend our February general meeting to review plans.

Finally, on a sad note, one of our neighbors, Rosella Vogele, has died. Rosella and her late husband Auggie were long-time residents of CUF. Over the years they both were active members of the community. Rosella last served as a CUFNA Trustee in 2002. She was also on the board of the Tower Fund. Most recently, although incapacitated due to a stroke, she helped Paul put labels on the newsletters. She was a gentle soul who will be missed by those who knew her.

Linda Ziegler

As there was no general meeting in December, 2007 there are no minutes.

Treasurer's Report for December, 2007

Balance 11-1-07	\$3,713.08
Income	
Dues	26.00
Keep Cinti Beautiful award	250.00
Total Income	+276.00
Expenses	
Cat spay	240.00
Tree cuts	2,800.00
Labels	26.61
Metro ads	102.00
Kinko's Oct newsletter	75.00
Total Expenses:	-3,243.61
Balance 12-1-07	\$745.47

Notice to members of the CUF Community Fund



The annual meeting of the CUF Community Fund will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2008.

The agenda for the meeting is to review and approve the minutes of the Funds' February 2007 annual meeting, vote to elect three members to the Board of Trustees, review the 2007 financial report of the Fund and discuss issues pertaining to the Fund.

Copies of the minutes and the Funds 2007 financial report will be distributed to all members attending the meeting.

The slate of candidates running for the three positions on the Board of Trustees are: Ms. Linda Bailey, Ms. Betty Ferone, Mr. Paul Gallagher and Ms. Linda Wellbaum

CUF Community Fund

Membership Requirements

To be a member of the CUF Community Fund, one must be a paid member of the Clifton Heights, University Heights and Fairview Neighborhood Association (CUF) for twenty-four months prior to the annual meeting of the members and must be a permanent resident residing within Clifton Heights, University Heights or Fairview as designated in the by-laws of the CUF Neighborhood Association, Inc., or its successor organization. A permanent resident is defined as one residing year round within the CUF community for at least four consecutive years (48 months) immediately preceding the consideration of member status. The burden of satisfying the requirement of permanent residency is upon the individual seeking to be a member.

Personal invitations will be mailed to individuals that satisfy the first requirement for membership, (paid member of CUF for twenty-four months prior to the annual meeting). Invitations will designate which individuals will need to provide proof of permanent residency.

The members of the Board of the CUF Community Fund wish to extend to all members of the CUF community a happy, healthy, safe and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

Dennis O'Brien	President
Linda Bailey	Treasurer
Craig Lloyd	Secretary
Betty Ferone	Vice President
Linda Wellbaum	Vice President

Neighborhood Enhancement Program

The Neighborhood Enhancement Program is a 90-day focused strategy addressing neighborhood quality of life issues in CUF. The program is designed to jumpstart the community on the road to revitalization and redevelopment through a coordinated partnership between the City of Cincinnati and the CUF community.

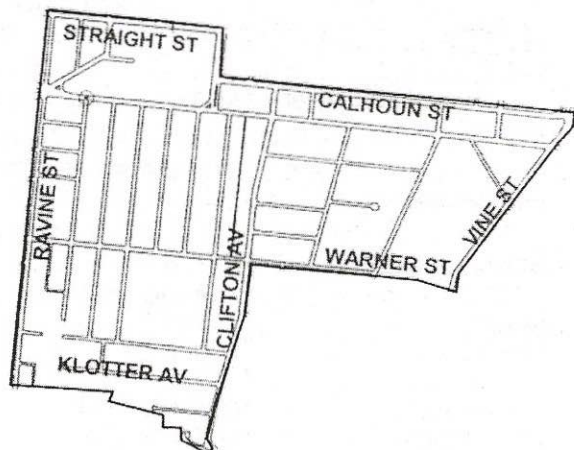
The City of Cincinnati departments of Community Development, Health, Fire, Police, Law, and Public Services, Transportation & Engineering, and Recreation as well as the Cincinnati Geographic Information System (CAGIS), Keep Cincinnati Beautiful and other agencies and community groups collaborate under the initiative to maximize available resources for the greatest positive impact in CUF.

The collaborative effort has been designed to meet the needs of the neighborhood. Initiatives include: concentrating building code enforcement; identifying and "cooling down" crime hot spots; cleaning up streets, sidewalks and vacant lots; beautifying landscapes, streetscapes and public rights of way; and engaging property owners and residents to create and sustain a more livable neighborhood.

The Neighborhood Enhancement Program builds upon other initiatives already in place and serves as a catalyst for community re-building. If property owners receive a violation notice, resources may be available.

If you have any questions about property maintenance or codes, please call or visit the City of Cincinnati, Department of Buildings and Inspections, Business Development and Permit Center, 3300 Central Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45225, call 352-3275 or visit the website at www.cincinnati-oh.gov/buildings.

Focus Area:



Wintertime green tips

Even though it is wintertime, we still create air pollution. Be green this winter using the tips below:

Burn smart—Natural gas and propane stoves and fireplaces are the cleanest way to warm your home through the winter. Certified wood burning fireplaces are a cleaner alternative to open fireplaces and older uncertified stoves. Duraflame logs are a great option for wood fires.

Carpool—If you are attending events or parties or having a party of your own, encourage your guests to carpool. This is a good way to reduce fuel use and it will even save you time finding a parking spot! Carpooling is also a great way to save gas money.

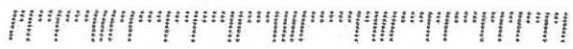
Anti-Idling—Even on the coldest winter days, driving a vehicle is the most effective way to warm it up. Idling a vehicle wastes money and gas, damages our vehicles, creates air pollution and can harm our health. With modern engines, 30 seconds of idling produces the maximum amount of heat that can be generated before driving away.

Change your furnace filter monthly to help your furnace run more efficiently. Set the heating thermostat to the lowest comfortable temperature - between 66°F and 68°F is recommended. For every 1°F you set your thermostat lower, you can save 1-3% on your heating costs.

Ways to reduce particulate levels—Smog alerts may soon become a problem in the winter, not just the summer. Recent adjustments to federal regulations have tightened the particulate matter standard, increasing the possibility for winter smog alerts issued due to high particulate levels. Wintertime open burning and idling your car, combined with weather inversions, can make particulate-based winter smog alerts a reality for residents.

Making a few adjustments to your activities in the upcoming winter months can help you conserve energy, natural resources and reduce air pollution. Use these tips and do your part in helping to create cleaner air!

For more information, please visit the Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services online at www.hcdoes.org



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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.)