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# Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

February, 2008

## Next monthly meeting:

Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2008, 7:30 p.m.  
Deaconess Hospital  
Cafeteria, Lower Level  
Straight Street

## From the President's desk



This month we have some good news, and some bad news. Friday, February 1 began on a high note. City Manager Milton Dohoney along with representatives of the Homeownership Center of Greater Cincinnati, District 5, University of Cincinnati, Third Federal Savings Bank, CUF, CHCURC and the Clifton Heights Business Association held a press conference in the great hall of Old St. George to kick off the Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) in CUF. The program brings together city staff and neighborhood partners for 90 days to integrate services and community redevelopment efforts to remove blight, lower crime and generally improve the neighborhood. U.S. Bank provided \$3,000 seed money to each NEP neighborhood last December to help with this program. Third Federal Savings also provided a \$3,000 donation to the Beautification Fund designated for CUF.

The press conference went well, and everyone was feeling great...until Old St. George caught fire later that evening. Luckily the fire was contained mainly to the top half of the steeples. All things considered, there was minimal damage to the rest of the structure. Steps were taken immediately to remove the charred timbers and stabilize the steeples. We do not yet have a full report from the fire investigators. There is insurance, and we will make every effort to rebuild this landmark in our neighborhood.

Speaking of landmark buildings, it appears that Rothenberg Elementary has been spared the wrecking ball. Last fall, after the

school board stated its intention to tear down the school and rebuild on the same location, a diverse group came together to save the building. A number of architects, engineers and builders challenged the school board's figures which indicated that renovating the building would cost millions more than new construction. Actual estimates now show the costs to be about equal. CUF presented a letter of support for saving the building at the school board meeting on January 28. Superintendent Rosa Blackwell has now recommended that the building be renovated and again used as a school. The issue of what to do with other abandoned school buildings remains with us, as the school board eventually plans to vacate Fairview.

The trustees have appointed a nominating committee to begin the process of identifying candidates for election in July. We will be electing five trustees. If you are interested in serving of the board, please let one of the trustees know.

At our February meeting, representatives from the city will be presenting information on the upcoming Clifton Avenue project. This project will have a major impact on the streetscape from Vine Street all the way up to McMillan. In March, Councilmember Laketa Cole is scheduled to bring her Neighborhood in the Neighborhood program back to CUF. This will give us an opportunity to interact with committee members and city staff during our regular monthly meeting.

On February 7, CUF presented our 2007 wrap up and prospective 2008 NSP proposal to the Invest in Neighborhoods review committee. We ended 2007 with \$1.88 of our allocation unspent, and the committee voted to approve our 2008 proposal. Craig Lloyd is once again serving as our NSP manager, and Nick Denlinger is serving as CUF's representative on the review committee this year.

We received an announcement that

the 2008 Soap Box Derby will take place on June 21. CUF entered the race last year and participated in the Mayor's Cup competition among city neighborhood entries. We hope to be back again for another run and are looking for a driver between the ages of 8 and 13.

See you February 19.

## CUF Neighborhood Association minutes for January 15, 2008 general meeting

- No minutes from December
- District 5 Police Report  
CPOP projects completed have shown 25% reduction in robberies since 2005
- 3 online surveys will be conducted for neighborhood enhancement program; beginning, during and after
- UC Police – Theft was high on campus in December
- Cincinnati Park Board  
Burnet Walk at the Trailside Nature Center on January 18th and a hike at Mt. Storm from 10-11 a.m.
- Keep Cincinnati Beautiful – Robin Henderson  
- Agendas for NEP  
- April 26th Great American Cleanup Partnering with Give Back Cincinnati  
- Garbage Education Kit – recycling geared toward students and residents  
- Subsidize large trash cans (90 gallons)
- Clifton Heights Block Captains  
- 114 Block Reports for Clifton Heights  
- Garbage is the main issue  
- Neighborhood enhancement program at Old St. George Feb. 15th  
- January 28th, Informal meeting 6:30-7:30 at Deaconess
- CHIA  
- Saturday, 10am, people will meet at Baba Budans to survey underreported blocks for the NEP
- Police Partnering Center – Marcel Armstrong

• Treasurer's Report	
Balance, December 1, 2007:	\$745.47
<i>Income:</i>	
NSP	\$1,818.50
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>+1,818.50</b>
<i>Expenses:</i>	
Evans Landscape	495.00
Suzanne Fischer	368.88
Paul Gallagher	86.80
Paul Gallagher	386.59
Kinko's Nov & Dec	150.00

Invest reimbursement	95.93
Total expenses:	-1,583.20

Balance, January 1, 2008: \$980.77

- Trustee Meeting  
- Walter Rhinehouse (OTR Community Council President) identified Mohawk area as a collaborative effort  
- CUF voted to make Matt Bourgeois our Empowerment Zone Representative  
- School Board – CUF sent a letter to CPS in support of renovating Rothenberg School
- CHCURC  
- Towne Property chosen for block 3&4 development proposal. Trustees voted to have CUF representative on CHCURC board abstain. Votes were overridden by other CHCURC members.  
- Clifton Avenue improvement funding approved, city officials will address the neighborhood association next month.

## Citizens on Patrol

Below is the 2008 schedule for Citizens on Patrol basic training for all new recruits to the program. Training is held at the Police Academy, 800 Evans Street, Room B.

1st Quarter: Applications due by 2-20-08  
Training dates: Thursday, 2-21, 2-28, 3-06, 5:30 pm until 9:30 pm

2nd Quarter: Applications due by 5-7-08  
Training dates: Thursday, 5-8, 5-15, 5-22, 5:30 pm until 9:30 pm

3rd Quarter: Applications due by 8-6-08  
Training dates: Thursday, 8-7, 8-14, 8-23, 5:30 pm until 9:30 pm

4th Quarter: Applications due by 10-29-08  
Training dates: Thursday, 10-30, 11-6, 11-13, 5:30 pm until 9:30 pm

## Upcoming public programs offered through Trailside Nature Center

*Wildflower Walk and Talk*  
Sat., April 19, 10:30 a.m.–noon - Burnet Woods  
Let's 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 learn about the fascinating

world of these living jewels. Meet in front of the Trailside Nature Center. For more information, please call 751-3679.

### *Lazy Days Are Here Again*

Sat., June 21, 11:00a.m.– 2:00 – Burnet Woods  
Come and enjoy a lazy day on the water at Burnet Woods learning the basics of canoeing. Adventurers of all ages are invited to take a turn on the paddles as we explore the aquatic community that shares this beautiful lake with us. Canoes, paddles and life vests provided. For more information and reservations, please call 751-3679.

### *Public Planetarium Programs*

Come join us at the Wolff Planetarium for an introduction to the spring constellations and some of the legends connected to them. Programs are open to adults and older children accompanied by adults. Seating is limited; please call 751-3679 for reservations. Fee: \$2.00 per person.

Public planetarium shows presented by Dean Regas, Outreach Astronomer at the Cincinnati Observatory.

	Spring Skies	
Fri., March. 14,	7–8 p.m.	The Zodiac
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## A healthier ride to school

Submitted by: Jasmin Watson-El, Public Affairs Intern

The bus ride to school just got healthier for children in the Southwest Ohio region. Mobile sources, like school buses, that run each day for hours on end, are being retrofitted to reduce harmful pollutants released into the air. Ken Edgell, Environmental Administrative Coordinator for Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services (HCDOES), created the Southwest Ohio Clean Diesel Campaign. Edgell wants "to provide a healthier ride and environment for school kids who are on the buses every day."

Goals of the campaign include:

- To reduce the air pollution from diesel-powered engines including school buses, on-road and off-road vehicles.
- To retrofit all 1994-2004 diesel-powered school buses in Southwest Ohio (approximately 800), to provide a cleaner, healthier ride to school for children.

- To educate transportation managers about the numerous emissions reduction devices available for diesel-powered engines.
- To promote the successes of the campaign to local media outlets.

To date, through grants obtained from the U.S. EPA's Voluntary Diesel Retrofit Program (\$120,000); the Duke Energy Foundation (\$100,000); and, the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (\$24,000), a total of 265 school buses have been retrofitted with diesel oxidation catalysts since 2004. As a result, approximately 15,900 pounds of pollutants have been removed from these 265 buses annually. Emission reductions are estimates because of the varying ages of the buses involved and the varying miles traveled per year.

School districts that have partnered with HCDOES in the Clean Diesel Campaign include Bethel-Tate, Deer Park, Finneytown, Forest Hills, Franklin City, Hamilton City, Indian Hill, Lakota, Loveland, Mariemont, Mason City, Mt. Healthy, New Richmond, Northwest, Oak Hills, Princeton, Ross, St. Bernard/Elmwood Place, Three Rivers and Winton Woods. Within the next year, more than one hundred buses will be retrofitted.

Diesel exhaust is a health concern because it consists of fine particulate matter and thousands of gases. Particulate matter is a complex mixture of extremely small particles and liquid droplets such as acids (like nitrates and sulfates), organic chemicals, metals, and soil or dust particles. The size of particles is directly linked to their potential for causing health problems. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is concerned about particles that are 10 micrometers in diameter or smaller because those are the particles that generally pass through the throat and nose and directly enter the lungs. Once inhaled, these particles can affect the heart and lungs and cause serious health effects.

Diesel exhaust from school buses contains particulate matter and toxic air contaminants including arsenic and formaldehyde. Diesel exhaust can cause chronic bronchitis, cardiovascular problems, cancer and decreased lung function in children. It is very important for schools, parents and their children to be educated about the health problems associated with environmental pollutants like diesel exhaust.

For more information on the Southwest Ohio Clean Diesel Campaign, please contact Ken Edgell at (513) 946-7751 or at ken.edgell@hamilton-co.org or visit [www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus/](http://www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus/).

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## Hamilton County offers FREE collection programs to residents

Spring is not too far away and to help with your Spring cleaning, the Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District will be offering free programs to help you properly dispose of your unwanted materials. The programs listed below are free of charge and for Hamilton County residents only.

- Computer Recycling Collection Program, March 31 through December 30, 2008. Recycle old computer equipment like monitors, CPUs, hard drives, mice, keyboards, laptops, docking stations, back-up batteries, power cords, speakers, modems, external hard drives, memory chips, storage chips, cellular phones, printers, scanners, and desktop fax machines during this free collection program at: Technology Recycling Group 5139 Kieley Place, St. Bernard, OH 45217. Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Closed on all major holidays
- Yard waste Drop-Off Sites. March 29 through November 30, 2008.

Hamilton County residents can recycle or compost twigs, leaves, brush, grass clippings and other yard waste at one of three yard waste drop-off sites, including:

- East:** Turpin Farm  
3295 Turpin Ln.  
Anderson Township  
Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday - Sunday: 11:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
\*Closed May 26, July 4, September 1, and November 27
- West:** Kuliga Park  
6717 Bridgetown Rd.  
Green Township  
Saturday - Sunday: 11:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- North:** Rumpke Sanitary Landfill  
Struble Rd. and Colerain Ave.  
Colerain Township  
Saturday - Sunday: 11:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

For more information about these free collection programs, call the Recycling Hotline at 946-7766 or visit [www.hamiltoncountyclecycling.org](http://www.hamiltoncountyclecycling.org).

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## From the President's desk



This year's Neighborhood Summit was held at Xavier University on February 16. At the kick-off dinner the evening before, awards were given for outstanding community volunteers. Our own Paul Gallagher was designated a "Gem of the Queen City" for his untiring efforts on behalf of CUF.

The annual meeting for the CUF Community Fund was held February 26. Three trustees were elected: Linda Bailey, Betty Ferone and Sally Larson. Dennis O'Brien and Craig Lloyd are the other two continuing trustees. The Fund is available for projects that further the goals of the CUF Community Plan. Last year funding was provided for CUF's feral cat neutering program, 6 mosaic gateway planters, a park bench and Mutt Mitts, and the streetscape at Straight and McMicken Streets. Applications for projects are available from Community Fund and CUF trustees.

The city Zoning Board of Appeals is composed of five members representing the City Planning Commission, real estate and architectural interests and community organizations. Currently there is a vacancy for one community representative. Mike Morgan, a CUF resident and Executive Director of the Over the Rhine Foundation, has expressed an interest in this position. Mike met with the CUF trustees this month who then voted to give him their endorsement.

Matt Bourgeois has completed the application process to become CUF's representative on the Cincinnati Empowerment Zone board. Our position has been vacant for a number of years.

The University of Cincinnati has recently agreed to allow CUF members to purchase memberships to the Campus Recreation Center at reduced rates. In order for this to happen, a form must be completed and signed by CUF trustees Julie Murray or John Stork. Anyone interested in a membership can obtain a form at a CUF meeting or from the trustees.

Every liquor license comes up for review by the State Board of Liquor Control each year. In preparation for this City Council's Vibrant Neighborhood, Recreation and Public Services Committee has scheduled two public hearings where citizens can bring complaints about establishments selling liquor. Dates are: Tuesday, April 1 at 6:00 pm and April 15, 3:00 pm in Council Chambers in City Hall. Sergeant Mark Kelly is the contact person for liquor complaints in District 5. He can be reached at 569-8500.

And speaking of the Vibrant Neighborhood Committee, Laketa Cole will bring her Neighborhoods in the Neighborhood program to CUF at our regular monthly meeting on March 18. The committee was also here last year, and we were able to focus city attention on CUF issues. The NIN meeting will begin at 7:30; we will have a brief CUF meeting immediately following. Please bring questions and concerns for the public officials.

See you then.

Linda Ziegler

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## CUF Neighborhood Association minutes for February 19, 2008 general meeting

### District 5 Police Report

- Aggravated robberies, robberies, theft from autos and burglaries have experienced an increase since last year.
- A metal (copper theft) study is being initiated. Copper pipes in some vacant houses will be painted with a general notice at the house entry. Metal scrap yards have been notified for follow up in case of theft.

### UC Police

- Crime is down by 17% from last year at this time.
- Students will be on break from March 21st to April 2nd

### Neighborhood Enhancement Program

- Landlord Training on March 26th at the police academy 6 to 8 pm
- A personal safety course will be conducted for U.C. freshman
- The first sweep for prostitution was conducted with 7 arrests.
- After a basketball game at Hughes H.S., it is clear the school needs to be a part of the NEP. Large groups of young people were identified as a problem in the community after the ball game.
- Uptown Consortium will be installing surveillance cameras in the business district soon.

### Discussion of upcoming levy issues (for March 4th)

- Dave Jeneke discussed the benefits to voting yes on Issue 17 (the Cincinnati Zoo Levy).
- Katy Heinz (CUF resident) was seeking support and promoted the Cincinnati Public Schools (CPS) operating budget levy with a yes vote for Issue 10.

### City of Cincinnati West Clifton - Street Improvements

- Matt Andrews (City Architect) presented preliminary street improvements to West Clifton Ave. from Vine St. to McMillian Ave. The preliminary design will be due in July. The improvements will consist of the following:
  - o A rebuilt traffic signal at W. Clifton and Vine
  - o All new sidewalks
  - o A sidewalk with new stone retaining wall on the South side of Bellevue Park (along W. Clifton)
  - o Curb replacement
  - o New pavement
  - o Improved drainage
  - o New trees and
  - o New pier wall

### Treasurer's Report:

Balance February 1, 2008 \$706.37

*Income:*  
Dues 18.00  
NSP 4,833.77  
Total income: +4,851.77

*Expenses:*  
US Postal permit renewed \$175.00  
Cat spay/neuter 184.00  
Feb. newsletter 79.23  
Metro ad 34.00

Total expenses: -472.23

Balance March 1, 2008 \$5,085.91

### Trustee Meeting

- Thank you letter to the Cincinnati Fire Department for the job well done at Old St. George
- Paul Gallagher was nominated "Gem of the Queen City" at the Neighborhood Summit Dinner
- A letter is being drafted to the Cincinnati Park Board in regard to Community Priority Request (CPR) money awarded for two CUF projects. There seems to be confusion about the process and when the projects will be initiated.

### CHCURC

- Old St. George fire damage is contained to the steeples
- The insurance company is capping the steeples
- Block 3 Fed Ex Kinkos opened February 19th
- T-Mobile will be in by May or June

### Old and New Business

- Laketa Cole's Vibrant Neighborhood meeting will be before the March CUF meeting
- FYI -Rothenberg Elementary School will remain a school and will not be demolished (letter from CUF trustees was in support of keeping it a school).
- Liquor license renewals are up. If any issues or problems, complaints are welcome
- CUF residents can now get a discount at the U.C. Recreation Center. Please see Julie Murray or John Story if interested.
- Soap Box Derby drivers wanted! 8 to 12 years of age. The race is in June.
- Spaying of cats at a discount for those that qualify is now available until April (\$15) call 721-CATS.
- Summer camps are being offered at Burnet Woods Trailside Nature Center

## Trailside Nature Center: public open hours

March 1 through June 1:

Wednesday-Friday 2:30-5:00 pm  
Saturday 11:00 am-5:00 pm  
Sunday 1:00-5:00 pm

Closed to the public on Monday and Tuesday - available for scheduled private programs only. Closed on all legal holidays.

To schedule a program, call 321-6070.

Public planetarium shows presented by Dean Regas, Outreach Astronomer at the Cincinnati Observatory.

### Spring Skies

Fri., March 14, 7-8 p.m. The Zodiac

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## Household hazardous waste collection

Beginning March 1, the Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services is sponsoring a drop-off site in the City of Cincinnati to accept such items as paint, car batteries, motor oil, solvents, fertilizer, and propane tanks.

The site is located at Environmental Enterprises, 4650 Spring Grove Avenue, in Spring Grove Village. Hours are Tuesdays from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm; Thursdays from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm; and Saturdays from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. For more information call 946-7700 or visit [www.hamilton-countyrecycles.org](http://www.hamilton-countyrecycles.org).

## Potholes

Last year over 2,000 citizens reported dangerous potholes located on city streets. Once again, the city is asking for your assistance in identifying potholes to ensure faster repair. City crews are patrolling the streets as part of a proactive effort to get potholes filled.

When reporting potholes, include the exact location (street name, intersection, nearby address, etc.), the number of potholes and a description as to where the pothole is positioned (middle of street, near curb, etc.). Report potholes to: 591-6000 or [pothole@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:pothole@cincinnati-oh.gov).

## Multi-family residences can recycle too

Residents of single-family homes have had the opportunity to take advantage of Hamilton

County's excellent recycling resources. Now, the Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District wants to help apartment owners and condominium associations provide their residents with recycling opportunities.

Multi-family properties generate a large amount of waste in Hamilton County and are often not included in a community's curbside recycling program. It is the District's mission to promote recycling, waste reduction, and responsible waste management in Hamilton County. For that reason, we want to assist apartment managers and condominium associations in providing recycling services to their residents.

Through the Multi-Family Recycling Assistance Program, the District will work with apartment owners, condominium associations and their waste hauler to coordinate the easiest and most efficient method of recycling for your property. The District will then pay for the first year of your recycling contract if owners agree to pay for the following two years.

The District offers:

- Consultation meeting and a customized recycling plan.
- Coordination of recycling services with your waste hauler.
- First year of recycling contract paid.
- Education about recycling for your tenants.

Why Should Multi-Family Residences Recycle:

- Saves Natural Resources—Conserves oil and metals so we will have them in the future.
- Saves Energy—It usually takes less energy to create products from recycled materials. Recycled aluminum takes 95% less energy than making new aluminum from virgin materials.
- Saves Money and Creates Jobs—The recycling process creates far more jobs than landfills and also is the less expensive waste management method for cities and towns.

The Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District encourages multi-family residence owners to take advantage of this great program. For more information, please contact Michelle Balz at (513) 946-7789.

## EPA Brownfield job training

The City of Cincinnati Department of Community Development is the recipient of a US EPA Brownfield Job Training Grant. The grant provides four free eight-week training sessions (throughout 2007 - 2009) for residents of Hamilton County to become Environmental Field Technicians. The eight-week training includes courses to become Ohio licensed lead abatement workers and as-

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bestos abatement supervisors. The next training session (Session 2) begins March 24 and applications can be made to Super Job locations at 1916 Central Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45214 (513) 731-9800 or 1740 Langdon Farm Road, Cincinnati, OH 45237 (513) 631-3062. Applicants should bring to Super Jobs the following for a complete application package:

- \*driver's license
- \*copy of high school diploma or certificate
- \*3 letters of recommendation
- \*1 self-written letter as to why the applicant wants to be considered for the program
- \*police check

The applicant should make sure to take the TABE test at the Super Jobs location (basic reading and math skills test). Upon admission into the program, the applicant will undergo a drug screen and medical screen paid for by the grant. For more information, contact Aisha Tzillah, Brownfield Job Training Grant Coordinator at (513) 352-4982 or visit the following links:  
<<http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/cdap/pages/-3830-/>>  
<<http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/cmgr/pages/-17800-/>>

## 2030 OKI Regional Transportation Plan update

OKI has scheduled a series of open houses where recommendations for the 2030 transportation plan for Hamilton County and the surrounding seven counties in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana will be presented. Community input is also requested.

The remaining open house dates and locations can be found at <http://www.oki.org/transportation/publicParticipation.html>

## UCan Spay/Neuter Clinic

More than 31,000 pets were euthanized in Greater Cincinnati last year. Help reduce that number permanently.

The United Coalition for Animals, a group of area shelters, rescue groups and individuals, operates a spay/neuter clinic at 1230 West Eighth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45203. Clinic hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30 am until 5:30 pm. For more information call: 721-PETS (7387) or see: [www.ucanclinic.org](http://www.ucanclinic.org).

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## 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

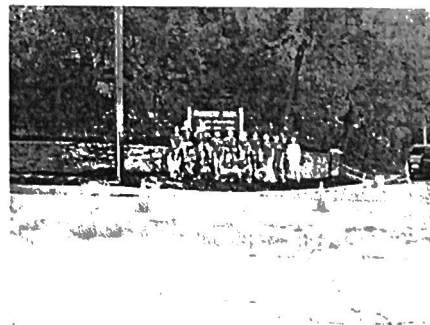
and actually show off the beautiful old wall underneath all the brush. Thank you to everyone who worked on this project!!!



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.