



NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

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March, 2008

Next monthly meeting:

Tuesday, Mar. 18, 2008, 7:30 p.m.
Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria,
Lower Level
Straight Street

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

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.

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- 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
Fri., April 18, 7-8 p.m. Spring
Constellations
Fri., May 16, 7-8 p.m. Hercules Isn't too Bright

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.

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.

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.

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