



NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

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August, 2008

Next monthly meeting:

Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2008, 7:30 p.m.
Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria,
Lower Level
Straight Street

From the President's desk



First the good news for those who haven't heard. Baby Joseph Matthew Bourgeois came into the world on July 17. Proud parents are Emily and Matt Bourgeois. Baby Murphy Patrick Kulik came into the world August 4. Proud parents are Shannon and Peter Kulik.

Next in order of excitement are results of the CUF Trustee election. At the annual meeting on July 15 Nick Denlinger, Rolf Kuhn, Julie Murray, Rob Neel and Dennis O'Brien were elected to three-year terms. Julie has since decided that due to the many demands of her life, she can't accept a second term on the board, but she will continue to participate on the UC landlord accreditation committee. Sally Larson was chosen to replace Julie. At the first meeting of the new board on August 5 officers were chosen: Rob Neel, president; Maureen France, vice president; Nick Denlinger, treasurer; John Stork, membership secretary; Rolf Kuhn, recording secretary; and Dennis O'Brien, corresponding secretary.

As a follow up to the Neighborhood Enhancement Program, Maureen France, Peter Kulik, Debbie Herman and I met with the City Manager and the members of CUF's NEP team on July 15. We reviewed results of the program, discussed what went well and what didn't go so well. We suggested some areas of improvement for future NEP teams. Mainly we wanted to be sure that NEP initiatives continue in CUF. Probably the best outcomes are the relationships we have developed with employees in the various city departments. One example of an on-going NEP effort is the landlord accreditation program. Julie Murray and Debbie Herman have been participating on this committee. On August 14 the program will kick-off with the first landlord going through the accreditation process. In addition our Citizens on Patrol and CPOP groups

continue to meet regularly with city employees to identify and solve problems. Copies of NEP reports will be available at future CUF meetings and will be posted on the web.

Paul Gallagher has been elected by the Trustees to serve as CUF's point man with the city for revocable street privileges. These are granted by the city when projects involve public rights of way, such as when we placed the mosaic planters on sidewalks. Most recently a new water source has been installed at Straight and McMicken Streets to allow for maintenance of the landscaping project.

At the July meeting, we were given survey materials from Metro (formerly Queen City Metro). Through the "grow METRO" initiative, they are trying to understand our community's need for bus service. Please take a few minutes to respond to the survey on line at www.g-metro.com.

Remember, there is no general meeting in August. See you in September.

Linda Ziegler

Minutes of the CUF Neighborhood Association meeting for July 15, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Linda Ziegler. No corrections or additions to June minutes.

District 5 Police report: the crime stats for this month have not been prepared yet. This year's National Night Out will be held in College Hill on August 5. All are invited. In a continuation of the Neighborhood Enhancement Program, walking patrols are still happening. Police are working on an action plan for when students return. Current complaints: prostitutes on McMicken and in Fairview Park, shopping carts being abandoned in the neighborhood, July 4th fire works. Captain Bailey stressed that when calling 911 or the dispatch number 765-1212, be sure to state, Yes, you want to talk to an officer. The private complaint service is available to mediate problems between citizens. A criminal charge is

not necessary for a referral.

Guests: Mike Moose from Glaserworks and Dan Deering gave a presentation on streetcars. Originally phase I of the plan called for a loop from the riverfront through Over the Rhine. However, City Council wants the plan to "touch" UC in the first phase. The discussion is what route to take up the hill. The Uptown Consortium proposes going up Vine Street; sentiment at the meeting is for using Clifton Avenue. Mike and Dan suggest sending letters to the city manager, Council, and/or Michael Moore from the Department of Transportation expressing our preferences.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance 6-1-2008	\$4,246.50*
Income:	
Dues	133.00
Invest AIG	861.00
Total	+994.00
Expenses	
Cake	36.95
Total	-36.95

Balance 7-1-2008 \$5,203.55

* Includes 2 deposits previously omitted from Treasurer's report.

Trustee Meeting Report: Linda, Maureen, Peter and Debbie Herman met this afternoon with the City Manager and CUF's NEP team at City Hall. They discussed the good points and weak points of the program and offered suggestions for improvements in future neighborhoods. The trustees voted to oppose a request by Dan Schimberg to purchase part of Cliff Street behind the Friar's Club. They sent a letter of support for the two business district projects presented by Matt Bourgeois last month: gateway improvements in Classen Park and street scape study in the Old Town section. The trustees also voted to send a letter restating their objections to sections of the Uptown Consortium's park study. CUF remains opposed to selling any existing parkland or building restaurants/housing on existing parkland.

CHCURC: The vacant Hardy's and Arby's buildings have finally been torn down! CHCURC is close to signing contracts with a developer for Old St. George, which will provide rehabilitation and reuse of the building.

Announcements: CUF received a letter from the Mayor thanking us for our participation in the Soap Box Derby. He hopes to increase the number of communities participating and the prize money for the winner of the Mayor's Cup. Queen City Metro staff are currently visiting neighborhoods gathering information on residents' desires for changes/improvements in bus service. They stopped by the Rohs Street Café

Monday and left information and surveys for us. The deadline for the next round of Safe and Clean grants is August 1st, at 5:00 pm. CUF received a waiver request for front yard parking at 698 Riddle Road. Rick Dieringer from Invest in Neighborhoods was introduced. CUF will have an audit of NSP funds in the near future. The Uptown Tour of living has been set for Spring 2009.

New Business: Zach Garrison, from Leslie Ghiz's office, spoke about her current project identifying problematic convenience stores in the neighborhoods. Those in attendance gave several examples of trouble spots in CUF. Zach can be reached at 352-3344 and zach.garrison@cincinnati-oh.gov.

Dawn Jackson from Laketa Cole's office was introduced. She will be the community liaison. She can be reached at: 352-3946 and dawn.jackson@cincinnati-oh.gov.

Trustee election results were announced: Nick Denlinger, Rolf Kuhn, Julie Murray, Rob Neel and Dennis O'Brien.

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Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Eden Park hosts 2008 Green Partnership of Greater Cincinnati

The Park Board was proud to host the grand announcement of the Green Partnership of Greater Cincinnati, on June 30, 2008. Cincinnati is one of the few cities to create a partnership between local government, major educational institutions and include a private sector company. The press conference was started on the right note when the officials from the five partner agencies arrived in front of the Eden Park solar panels driving small electric cars!

The officials each described green projects already underway in their respective organizations, as well as their excitement to participate on the Green Partnership teams where everyone can share best practices in order to benefit our entire region:

- Superintendent Rosa Blackwell, Cincinnati Public Schools
- Commissioner Todd Portune, Hamilton County
- Sandra Meyer, President, Duke Energy Ohio
- Mayor Mark Mallory, City of Cincinnati
- President Nancy Zimpher, University of Cincinnati

In describing the City of Cincinnati's green projects, Mayor Mark Mallory thanked Vice

Mayor David Crowley for his work on the Climate Protection legislation recently approved by City Council, and described the City's Green Initiative accomplishments by Cincinnati Parks. The Park Board began implementing green projects in 2006 when the Mayor first announced his environmental vision for Cincinnati. "The Park Board is committed to the efficient delivery of basic city services, and our Green Initiative projects generate cost savings to the taxpayers of Cincinnati, as well as environmental benefits for our region," said Willie Carden, Director of Parks.

Over the past two years, Parks achieved economic and environmental objectives by installing a renewable energy system at Eden Park, converting 33% of park mowing equipment to bio fuel, reforestation and deploying "smart" trashcans in Parks. The Park Board is launching a second wave of Green Initiative projects in 2008, continuing its environmental leadership in Cincinnati. Citizens will benefit from a new solar energy system at park operations headquarters in Avondale, additional "Big Belly" smart cans, planting beautiful rain gardens to filter storm water and reforestation of inner city neighborhoods. During the Green Partnership press conference, the Mayor was announced that he is counting on Parks to meet his goal to increase annual tree planting from 2,000 trees to 3,000 new trees in 2008! With the new wave of projects in 2008, the Park Board has undertaken 14 Green Initiative projects to benefit our community.

To view all 14 initiatives: <http://dynamic.cinci-parks.org/greeninitiatives12008.html>

Fall schedule for Burnet Woods

Canoeing 101

Sat., Sept. 27, 11:00 – 3:30 p.m. – Burnet Woods Lake

Can you canoe? Of course you can! No worries about fast currents or obstacles when you paddle out onto Burnet Woods Lake. Basic instructions and safe practices are discussed onshore before launching canoes into the water. All participants will be provided life jackets. Not recommended for children under 6 years. Program will be cancelled during stormy weather. For more information, please call 751-3679.

Fishing 101

Sun., Sept. 28, noon – 3:30 p.m. – Burnet Woods Lake

Join us for a fun day of fishing. Bring your own equipment or use a cane pole from the Nature Center. A fishing license is NOT required, but reservations are needed. Bait and training are provided. Meet at the north end of the lake. For more information, please call 751-3679.

Burnet Woods Hiking Club

1st and 3rd Saturday of each month, 9:00. – 11:00 a.m. Starts Oct. 4

New for 2008! Designed primarily for continuous walking at a fitness pace, the Burnet Woods Hike Club will hit the trails this fall. The first hike of each month will take place at Burnet Woods and will be easy to moderate. The hike on the third Saturday of each month will alternate between several area parks and preserves and will be more strenuous. For more information and reservations, please call 751-3679.

Birds At Armleder

Sat., Oct. 11, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. – Armleder
This program, for those new to birding, will be a great introduction to our feathered friends. Chances are good that we will see our resident waterfowl as well as migrating raptures and warblers. Bring your own binoculars or borrow a pair of ours. Meet at the Main Shelter building... by the playground. For more information, please call 751-3679.

Native Plants and Invasive Species

Workshop

Sat., Oct. 18, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Burnet Woods – Slide Presentation and Short Walk
Sat., Nov 8, 9:00 – noon – Invasive Removal and Restoration
Sat., Nov 22, 9:00 – noon – Invasive Removal and Restoration

This workshop will serve as an introduction to the wonderful diversity of Cincinnati's native wildflowers and examine the threats posed by non-native invasive species. The first program in the series will be a presentation on the identification of native and non-native plant species with the following two programs focusing on habitat restoration. Classes will meet at the Trailside Nature Center. For more information and reservations, please call 751-3679.

Public Planetarium Programs

Come join us at the Wolff Planetarium for an introduction to the fall 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 and Michael George, Cincinnati Park Board Naturalist.

Fall Skies

Fri., Sept. 18, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Fall Constellations

Sat., Oct. 4, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Fall Constellations

Fri., Oct. 16, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Monster In The Sky

Sat., Nov. 1, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Fall Constellations

Fri., Nov. 20, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. All About Orion