



**NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION**

Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

September, 2008

Next monthly meeting:

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

From the President's desk



I want to start by first thanking those who have come before me. Linda Ziegler has spent countless hours codifying and putting into documentation every part of CUF business. For me, it is like walking into an operating room that has been well-managed for years. We all owe her a debt of gratitude, and I will continue to seek her counsel. I would also like to thank the Board of Trustees for their continued devotion and hard work. A special thanks to Paul Gallagher, my neighbor and one of the most consistent advocates for beautification I have ever known.

I wanted to start the year with some of my thoughts. There is a lot of history in our neighborhood of conflict between different groups. I am not always sure how this has happened and I have not been present for most of it. I would like to stress that it is history, and while it might color the future, it does not define it for me. I believe our differences are what can make us even stronger.

My personal leadership vision for CUF involves better partnering with UC and the Uptown Consortium, better partnering with CHCURC (our redevelopment corporation that is responsible for getting Towne Properties involved), better partnering with our landlords, better partnering with The Heights, CHIA and the Clifton Heights Business Association, better partnering with the City, and better partnering with the residents of the neighborhood to bring our neighborhood to a new level of community. People will always have differences and different goals. I want us to focus on where we see the same common goal and work to achieve it. Where we cannot agree, we must find ways to reach compromise without compromising our group and personal values and ethics. I believe this is possible.

I do believe our neighborhood is poised on the brink of great change, and I want it to be change for the best. Towne Properties developing between Calhoun and McMillan; The Stratford Heights development; the possible streetcar; the business district Facade Renovation program; an active neighborhood beautification team called the Block Captains, who have partnered with local churches and UC's Center for Community Engagement to do clean-ups, park plantings, and community events; and renewed neighborhood group activity levels. These are all positive developments we can look toward to see the change happening in our neighborhood.

Momentum does not create itself; it must be created and enhanced. I encourage everyone to become involved. We cannot do this alone and we all benefit when our community is thriving. If you are a regular meeting attendant, reach out and come to an event, like the clean up on October 4th for UC's Center for Community Engagement clean up, or for the clean up October 25th for Make a Difference Day (details to follow). Bring a friend to the meeting or bring a friend to an event. But let's all get more involved.

I look forward to the 2008-2009 CUF year. I hope to see many new smiling faces!

Rob Neel
CUF President

Upcoming neighborhood clean up events. Get involved!

Are you looking for a way to help make our neighborhood better? Why not get involved with one or both of two upcoming clean ups?

The first clean up is a community event partnering with UC's Center for Community Engagement. This is the event where the honor students join us and work with us, and is a great way to see UC's students working side-by-side with community members. This is planned for Saturday October 4th, meeting at 8 am at UC's CCE center at the Stratford Heights development

on Clifton. We will be tackling several projects in the neighborhood, including cleaning up the entrance to Fairview Park, Coy Field, and several other large scale projects starting at 8 am. We will have lunch, then have a neighborhood trash pick-up from 1 to 3 pm. Please join us for the event!!

The other clean up event is Make a Difference Day, hosted by the Block Captains on Saturday October 25th. We will be meeting at Christy's on McMillan at 8:30 am for coffee and snacks, and then heading out into the streets for another group effort, mainly focusing on trash pick-up.

If anyone has specific clean up projects they would like to lead, this is a great day to do it.

Cincinnati Park Board Fall 2008 ReLeaf program

TO QUALIFY:

1. Property must be in the City of Cincinnati.
2. Trees must be planted within 30 ft of the right-of-way and visible from the street. Planting between the street and sidewalk and in backyards is not acceptable.
3. Plant the right tree in the right place. Please consider the mature size of the tree. Be aware of any obstructions from wires, utilities, or other structures.

Forestry staff will inspect each planting location before approving tree requests. A high priority is given to planting trees on private property along streets the Park Board cannot plant due to narrow right-of-ways. The Park Board encourages such streets to coordinate delivery and planting for interested property owners. Other priority areas include community focal points such as entranceways, street triangles, areas near street intersections, and public frontages along major streets.

WOULD YOU LIKE A FREE TREE ??????

Contact:
Cincinnati Park Board
Natural Resource Management Section
3215 Reading Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45229
If you have any questions, please call Phil Hucke or Doug Fritsch at 861-9070 ext.21.
Also you may contact CUF's Paul Gallagher at: 241-0558

Pacific Sunset Shantung Maple

Height: 20-30 feet
Spread: 20-25 feet
Growth Rate: slow to medium
Light Requirement: full sun to light shade
Leaf Color: Purple in spring, turning medium green as they mature and yellow-orange to red in the fall.



Homestead Elm

Height: 50-60 feet
Spread: 40 feet
Growth Rate: slow to medium
Light Requirement: full sun to light shade
Other: Highly tolerant of urban conditions and is disease resistant.



Skyline Honeylocust

Height: 50-60 feet
Spread: 35-50 feet
Growth Rate: fast
Light Requirement: full sun to light shade
Fall Color: Coppery Yellow



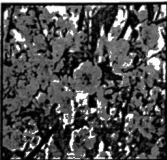
Forest Pansy Redbud

Height: 20-25 feet
Spread: 20-25 feet
Growth Rate: slow to medium
Light Requirement: shade tolerant.
Special notes: Leaves greenish purple in the spring



Sugartyme Crabapple

Height: 15-20 feet
Spread: 15 feet
Flower: white
Light Requirement: full sun
Fruit: bright red, up to 1/2 inch diameter.



Fall ReLeaf 2008 Tree Request Form

Community: _____

Planting Location: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: (work) _____ (home) _____

Email: _____

Name(s) of Person(s) Planting Trees: _____

Please describe the planting site below. Attach any plans or maps that provide specific planting locations. Urban Forestry staff will inspect all planting sites before approving tree requests, and will inspect afterward to ensure that the trees are planted in accordance to guidelines.

NOTE: Trees must be planted within 30 ft of the sidewalk or visible from the street.

Depending upon demand Urban Forestry may limit number of trees to one per site or substitute species.

TREE SIZE	SPECIES	REQUEST
Small	Forest Pansy Redbud	
Small	Sugartyme Crabapple	
Medium	Pacific Sunset Shantung Maple	
Medium	Skyline Honeylocust	
Large	Homestead elm	

Planting Site Description

Please return this form by September 26, 2008. You will receive a confirmation letter if you are to receive a tree.

TO: Fall RELEAF
3215 Reading Road
Cincinnati, OH 45229
Fax: 861-8669
Email: urban.forestry@cincinnati-oh.gov

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received: _____

Site Inspected: _____

Site Comments: _____