



NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

June, 2010

Next monthly meeting:

Tuesday, June 15, 2010, 7:30 p.m.,
Deaconess Hospital,
Cafeteria, Lower Level,
Straight Street

From the President's desk



Spring is almost over and summer will be here before we know it. Many big things will be happening in the neighborhood, like the beginning of the Old Town Business district renovation, and the Classen Park re-do.

I was reminded recently of a great word: enable. "To provide (someone) with adequate power, means, opportunity, or authority (to do something)" or "to make possible, practical, or easy." How do we enable ourselves to make the neighborhood better?

I think the power is in each of us. It is the summation of the little things we all do to make the neighborhood and our City better. Here are little things I have seen neighbors in our community do that we can all take part in to try and make the neighborhood better.

1. Leave your front and back porch light on overnight. Light discourages crime.
2. Find out your immediate neighbors' names. You might be surprised what you have in common.
3. Talk to your neighbors about leaving their lights on at night.
4. Plant a tree. Every year the City gives away free trees. Look for the Re-Leaf program in the fall.
5. Enjoy one of your local eating or drinking establishments. Take a friend.
6. Walk the neighborhood with your pet or with a friend or loved one. Crowded sidewalks are an attraction and a crime deterrent.
7. Sweep the sidewalk in front of your house. Feel free to weed any tree islands or spaces choked with weeds.
8. Spend an afternoon in one of our parks: Coy Field, Bellevue, or Fairview.
9. Check on your elderly neighbors, especially with the looming heat indexes.

10. Pick up trash near your house for 3-4 minutes every day.

The Neighborhood is made up of everyday people who work to make things better. Be part of that change and enable us all by enabling yourself!

Let's have a wonderful summer, CUF!

Rob Neel

Minutes of the CUF general meeting, May 2010

- Police Report
 - Four robbery suspects were apprehended, guns were confiscated.
 - Panhandlers are trying to sleep in basements and outbuildings. Please keep your property secure.
 - Between April 22 and May 8, fifty arrests were made for prostitution and solicitation in our area. In addition, fifteen cars were impounded from the "customers." Channels 5 and 12 will cover this problem sometime in early June; they will show film of the girls, the johns and their cars.
 - Remember, lock your house and shed and keep items that can be scrapped secure. Again, police are asking us to keep porch lights on.
 - Mr. Schwartz, a resident of Fairview Avenue, who was a trust attorney, is to be arraigned for embezzling funds from his clients on June 8 at 9:00 a.m. in the Federal Court House, Judge Jennifer Barrie presiding. Any resident who wishes to testify or write a letter about this individual should send it either to the court house or Officer Lisa Johnson.
 - Officer Johnson has two block watch contacts, Cherie Wallpe and Amy Stowers. If you know these individuals they are good at getting that information back to Lisa.
 - Sharon Buckner will be collecting data on people we should know about in the neighborhood — criminals, can collectors, etc. and will post photos of them on a Web site. Hopefully, this will start up in late summer! This should help identify suspicious activity by unfamiliar individuals.
 - Another incentive to become a Citizen on Patrol (COP) member is to get firearm and/or evasive

driving skill training.

As always, the police are extremely grateful for our help in keeping the CUF neighborhood safe.

- Two representatives from the Cincinnati Water Works talked about the upcoming ballot issue concerning changing the Water Works mission. They explained how they could serve a larger area, generate more profit, and help the city financially if the ballot passed. There were a number of pointed questions asked and concerns voiced, but not a lot of answers provided. More discussion will follow.
- The CUF Board voted to support the Old St. George Tower Fund by using matching funds from the community. This could provide a total of \$10,000 for this project. The more permanent capping of the steeples has begun.
- Funding was found to bury the utilities in the old town district. Does this mean fewer telephone poles for illegal poster postings?
- The Great American Clean-Up was a great success. 100 bags of trash and 50 bags of recycling were collected.
- It was reported that the murals at the Friars Club were supposedly removed years ago.
- The soapbox derby updates were mentioned.
- The rerouting of the proposed streetcar was discussed. It seems the W. Clifton route is gaining support.
- Mac's Pizza is again appealing for extended hours. Rolf Kuhn will speak for the Board/Community.
- Parking permit system is also gaining some favor. Corryville and Avondale are interested in this.
- Kroger will close the University Plaza location for a complete rebuild in January 2011. They expect to reopen in November 2011.
- A metro transit center might be located at the new University Plaza location.
- Dr. Virginia Rhodes of Hughes High School will be meeting about after school problems with some students and area businesses.
- There has been much rowdiness in the 2400 block of W. McMillan recently. The Uptown group might be able to provide assistance.
- A new veterinarian has opened an office on Howell Street in the Clifton gaslight area.

Dumpsters for large items

It's that time of year again! UC has finished another quarter. As we have done the past two years, roll off dumpsters will be placed in the parking lots at Old St. George and Bellevue Park by Department of Public Services staff on Wednesday morning, 6/09/10 and remain on

site through 6/18/10. DPS and Litter Control staff will regularly monitor both sites throughout the period.

If past years are any indication, this will continue to be a "win-win" situation for both the community and city staff.

REMINDER: This is to accommodate households that cannot set out for normal Thursday collection. Yard waste and demolition and construction debris is not accepted in the dumpster.

Bill Jacoby,
Supervisor, Litter Control Unit
Cincinnati Health Department
513-564-1752.

CUF Treasurer's Report

Balance May 1:	\$9,035.98
Income:	
Dues	30.00
Expenses:	
March newsletter	\$136.79
April newsletter	\$124.80
Soap box derby expenses	\$283.77
Balance June 1	\$8,520.62

CUF 2010-11 meeting schedule

Monthly General Meetings

(3rd Tuesday of the month)

September 21, 2010, October 19, 2010

November 16, 2010, January 18, 2011

February 15, 2011, March 15, 2011

April 19, 2011, May 17, 2011

June 21, 2011, July 19, 2011

(No general meetings in August or December)

Cincinnati Park Board fall re-leaf program

Would you like a tree for your yard?

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.

A high priority is given to planting trees on private property along streets the Park Board cannot plant due to narrow right-of-ways. They encourage 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.

Forestry staff will inspect each planting location before approving tree requests.

Trees available are: Eastern Redbud, Downy Serviceberry, Black Gum, River Birch, Dawn Redwood, Shingle Oak, Greenspire Linden.

A request form is enclosed with this news letter.

CUF board member elections

The 2010 election of CUF board members will take place at the July meeting. Thanks to all who have come forward to run for the open positions. Here are the candidates' statements:

Janine Denlinger

Living in all three arms of the CUF neighborhood has been an intimate and wonderful experience. I am motivated by my love of the community to be active in Citizens On Patrol as the personnel coordinator and a member of the CPOP team, and I look forward to serving the community as a trustee on the CUF Board. My vision for our neighborhood is to work toward seeing an increase in home ownership and continuing safe living for all residents.

Debby Herman

I moved from Madison, Wisconsin to Clifton Heights in November 2005 to work for the AAUP faculty union at the University of Cincinnati. I picked this neighborhood because I value living in a diverse, walkable neighborhood, and was impressed by the level of community involvement in CUF. I've never regretted that decision. While we might face challenges, CUF

is a great neighborhood with huge potential for an even better future. I hope to be able to contribute to the CUF Board by continuing my focus on practical projects that help make this a cleaner, more attractive neighborhood that will attract a growing number of homeowners.

Daniel Lewis

I am employed by UC as a research analyst for the Cincinnati Addiction Research Center. I have been married for 12 years, a resident of University Heights for roughly 17 years, and active in neighborhood politics for roughly seven years. I am currently a trustee for CUF and a liaison for CUF to the Heights Neighborhood Association. I am also active in Citizens On Patrol, and I routinely represent CUF at UC student neighborhood improvement projects.

Craig Lloyd

I have been a CUF resident for over 30 years and have served on our neighborhood association as a trustee, newsletter editor and NSP manager. I am a UC alum and an educator. Among the issues that I am interested in for this community is increasing owner occupancy which calls for continued residents' involvement in crime prevention and improving/maintaining both the streetscape and the housing stock. Our efforts over the years have made a difference in an area of the city that has tremendous possibilities.

Tom Merriman

I relocated a few years ago from Cleveland, Ohio to the Fairview area, and have found this community to be dynamic toward future growth. My work background includes 30 years of banking experience and my civic efforts include serving as chairman and treasurer on various community committees over a seven-year period. Go Fairview Flyers!

Cherie Walpe

I am a native Cincinnati and graduate of UC. I have lived in the CUF area for the last 15 years. As a homeowner and parent, I believe it is necessary to participate in and help shape what happens to our community. Having this forum (CUFna) to meet and discuss these issues is an important part of attracting people to and retaining members of our community.



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CUF membership

Any person subscribing to the purpose of the CUF Neighborhood Association, Inc. and paying dues set by the Association may become a member. Election of Trustees is held at the annual meeting in July. Eligible voters are residents of the community who are at least 18 years of age and who are fully paid members of the Association and who have attended three general meetings after payment of dues during the year prior to the annual meeting. Non-resident members have voice but no vote in Association meetings and may not hold elective office. Annual CUF dues are \$6.00.

- CUF general meetings: 3rd Tuesday of each month, except August and December, 7:30 pm, Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria, 311 Straight Street
- CUF Trustee meetings: 1st Tuesday of each month, 7:00 pm, Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria, 311 Straight Street
- CUF annual meeting and election: 3rd Tuesday in July, 7:30 pm, Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria, 311 Straight Street



CUF Neighborhood Association
2364 West McMicken Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45214

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: () _____

Email: _____

Membership Type:

Voting Membership: CUF resident _____

Non-voting Membership: _____

CUF organization: _____

CUF business owner: _____

Non-resident: _____

Non-resident property owner: _____

Membership fee: \$6.00 per year.
Make checks payable to CUFNA.

(please check the membership expiration date on your newsletter mailing label)