



**NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION**

Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

October, 2011

Next monthly meeting:

October, 18, 2011,
7:30 p.m., Deaconess Hospital
Cafeteria, Lower Level, Straight Street

From the Vice-President's desk



Dear friends and neighbors of CUF,

This new newsletter format allows you to get to know me better and issues I find important. I am grateful that you have elected me to this board and I hope during my time as a CUF Trustee to represent the values and desires of this community. I am a firm believer in transparency in government and in hearing both sides of issues.

As we enter the autumn season, there are many ways to be involved, active members of our community. We need your attendance and voices at general membership meetings the third Tuesday of each month. CUF has addressed several very important issues this year: the University Square development, neighborhood boundary issues, a proposed social service site, and Department of Transportation changes at MLK from (Clifton Ave. to Hopple St.). All of these projects will have an impact on our daily lives. YOU are CUF. Membership in CUF is an organized way our community communicates our expectations for improvement with local officials regarding the issues we face.

We begin to pay closer attention to the media as politics takes center stage during the next few weeks, especially as we will elect City Council members in November. There are many opportunities in upcoming weeks to attend Council candidate forums, but there are also local and State ballot issues that we voters will decide. I encourage everyone to visit the Hamilton County Board of Elections website <http://www.hamilton-co.org/boe> and follow the prompts after clicking on "Where Do I Vote?"

Many of us have had our precinct poll location moved to St. Monica church parish hall (enter off Fairview Avenue).

This month we will have a speaker from the League of Women Voters Cincinnati Area bring a Hamilton County sample ballot and copies of the 2011 "Who's Who of Elections."

I look forward to seeing you on October 18, 2011 and hearing issues you find significant.

Cherie Wallpe
Vice President

Minutes, CUF Neighborhood Association General Meeting

Tuesday, September 20, 2011
Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria
Meeting convened at 7:25 PM
Meeting Chaired by John Stork, President

Introduction and Opening Remarks

New CUFNA Board of Trustees and officers were introduced:

- John Stork, President
- Cherie Wallpe, Vice President
- Nathan Hess, Treasurer
- Janine Denlinger, Membership Secretary
- Rob Neel, Corresponding Secretary
- Sally Larson, Recording Secretary

At large members:

- Daniel Lewis
- Rolf Kuhn
- Sharon Buckner
- Jason Pastoor
- Craig Lloyd (also NSP Manager)
- Karen Taravella
- Tony Walsh
- John Ligon

Incoming President John Stork, on behalf of CUFNA and the board of trustees, thanked the outgoing President Rob Neel for his years of outstanding service to the community.

Police Report

Sergeant Jason Voelkerding gave the report. He addressed many student issues including safety, neighborhood expectations and student behavior and university sanctions for inappro-

appropriate behavior. Now that school is in session, there will be additional police presence as well as crime prevention and safety education for students. UC Police and Cincinnati Police are continuing their practice of ride alongs.

Captain Karen Patterson has been re-employed at UC Media Relations and Crime Prevention. She plans to begin updates regarding crime prevention and neighborhood expectations on the UC website. University sanctions are in place for drunk and disorderly conduct where there is no actual criminal activity. Sgt. Voelkerding reported that informal methods for dealing with problems are more effective than more formal methods.

The Uptown Consortium has asked for a full service police unit for the Uptown area.

Sgt. Voelkerding expressed district concerns regarding the placement of a Talbert House facility in the CUFNA neighborhood, i.e., is it an appropriate fit given the range and frequency of criminal activity in the CUFNA area.

Guest Speakers

Michael Morgan, attorney and CUF resident, gave a presentation on the amicus brief he prepared on behalf of the Queensgate Business Alliance. The brief addresses issues with the City of Cincinnati's handling of "emergency notwithstanding ordinances." The CUFNA trustees have been provided with copies of the brief. Mr. Morgan also had copies available for meeting attendees.

Mr. Morgan has invited CUFNA to join in support of the brief. The brief is not part of any litigation but does present to the court support for matters in litigation. It is his position that City Council is misusing emergency status in order to circumvent community input with regard to referendums and zoning changes/variances. The brief maintains that the city is in violation of the state constitution and that the city has operated for sometime in ways that are illegal.

The brief needs to be filed by October 1, 2011. Should CUFNA agree to join the amicus brief, Mr. Morgan would like a letter from CUFNA indicating our support.

Old St. George

Sandra Wilson, CUF resident, raised concerns regarding the status of major repairs to the Old St George building. She suggested a letter to the UC Board of Trustees, city council members, the University architect and local media requesting action on the necessary repairs. Nick Denlinger, CUF resident pointed out that the insurance money for damages from the steeple fire had been released. Mr. Morgan pointed out that failure to repair historical build-

ings is a criminal offense. A letter to CHCURC requesting a status report and action has already been sent by the CUFNA board.

Citizens on Patrol

Sandra Wilson reported on meeting the new police chief at a CPOP event. CUFNA was presented with an award for our outstanding contribution to the CPOP program. Kudos to our hardworking and dedicated COP representatives.

VOA

Tony Walsh, CUF resident and board member, provided an update on information he received from a former resident at the VOA facility on McMicken. The individual reported on lax conditions at the facility and has filed a complaint with the Ohio Attorney General.

Tony also reported that surveying in the McMicken area is being done for placement of sound barriers along the I75 corridor.

October 8 Clean-up

Rob Neel, CUF resident and board member, has asked the University for 10-20 student volunteers to help with neighborhood park clean-up and mulching.

Talbert House

A discussion of the proposed Talbert House transitional facility on Central Parkway elicited many comments and concerns. Clients (up to 70 males) and programs would be housed in the former Parkway Hotel.

- Rob Neel pointed out that there are numerous funding sources including the VA.
- Sandra Wilson pointed out that a number of residences about the hotel property.
- Tony Walsh reported that the property was transferred to LETPA LLC on May 25, 2011.
- Jason Pastoor, CUF resident and board member, questioned whether or not this location was conducive to accomplishing the goals of the Talbert House program.
- Daniel Lewis, CUF resident and board member, expressed the importance of giving the plan a fair and informed hearing.
- Cherie Wallpe, CUF resident and board member, pointed out that the good neighbor agreement that Talbert House is requesting is not enforceable and program changes can be made at any time once the facility is up and running.

A show of hands vote was taken of those attending this meeting (excluding board members). Fifteen attendees voted against the proposed facility being placed in the CUF area; Zero voted for and four abstained. The board

agreed to hold an emergency session following the general meeting to determine appropriate action.

Local School Decision Making Committee

Beth Nagy, CUF resident and current representative on the LSDMC at Hughes High School reported that she has completed her term on the committee and that an opening is now available for another CUFNA rep.

Miscellaneous Announcements (Refer to Meeting Agenda for details)

- Block captains continue Monday night clean ups
- CPS Magnet School Open House
- Candidate Forum
- Meet the Chief
- Restore Your Wood Windows

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Graffiti ideas sought

Hey Friends and Neighbors!

Are you tired of Graffiti? I know I am! If you have any ideas on ways we can make it better please email me. I'm trying to get a committee together.

Hopefully we can make a difference in our community to rid ourselves of these chronic nuisance people—people who want to plague our neighborhood with this junk.

Please let me know what you think and pass this on. We need everyone's help.

Police Officer Lisa Johnson
Neighborhood Liaison Officer
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lisa.johnson@cincinnati-oh.gov

CUF Treasurer's report

Balance: September 1, 2011	\$9,160.75
Income:	0
Total Income:	\$.00
Expenses:	
web hosting	30.00
Soap Box Derby	130.00
Total Expenses:	- \$160.00
Balance: October 1, 2011	\$9,000.75

Opinions in healthcare by Rob Neel

What are the reasons we have different levels of healthcare in our society? Why do some seem to have the best care and others seem to have no access? Why do we see disparity in the average age of death for people of different cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds? I wanted to take a look at some of the components that lead to health. These include physical determinants of health (safety, environmental concerns, transportation, climate, animals/bugs), community social determinants (availability of practitioners and hospitals/clinics, schools, social networks), independent social determinants (health literacy, income, stress, exercise, behaviors), biologic determinants (handicap, "race", age, gender), cultural determinants (stigma, healthcare belief systems, religion), and government (laws, insurance, access to healthcare assistance).

This month I wanted to look at access to food.

The concept of the "food desert" is important. Access to healthy foods, including fresh vegetables and grains is key. Think about how many grocery stores we have that supply fresh food. We are lucky that we have Kroger's and we used to have (and will again soon) have IGA in Clifton. We also have Findlay Market just down the street, and the Natural Food Store. Now think about one of our neighboring communities: Avondale. Can you name one grocery store within that neighborhood? Or Northside? My medical students put together a map of the grocery stores near the community of Northside. I was surprised to see only the Sav-A-Lot within that entire community and how difficult it was to access Kroger's in Clifton without transportation.

How does this create a problem? People with lower socioeconomic backgrounds often do not have cars. While we can access groceries and have them home quickly in our neighborhood, imagine you either had to walk 60 minutes (or more) with your food, or take a bus and risk your milk spoiling after the 1.5 hours it takes to get downtown to Government Square then back home. That fried sandwich at your local fast food store just became so much easier to provide your family with a meal.

Then there is also the concept of the "food swamp." Imagine a morass of Wendy's and Kentucky Fried Chicken, and McDonalds, and Chipotle. Now imagine this as the only food source for a community within walking distance of home or work. Fast food tends to have

higher fat content, and lower fresh vegetable use. As Americans, we tend to eat what is put in front of us, and we tend not to go out of our way to access food.

Both fresh food absence and prepared food availability are determinants of health for our community. Think about that the next time you are out for groceries.

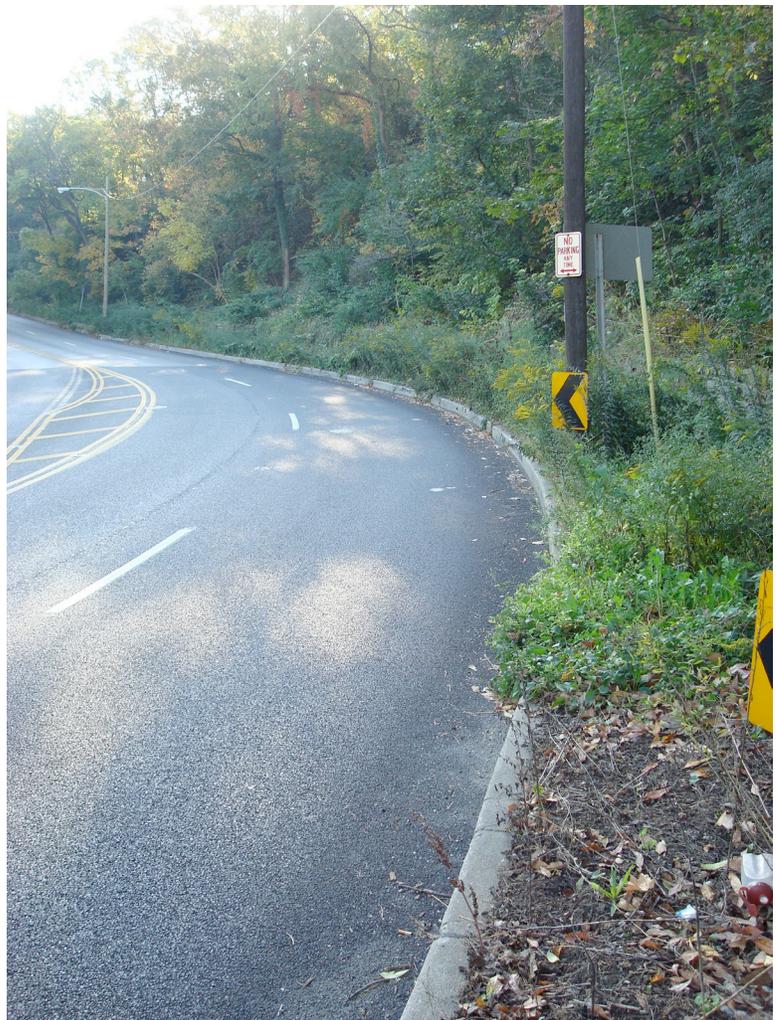
Save the Date! October 22nd, 8:30 am

On October 8th, neighbors joined forces with students from UC's Center for Community Engagement. Once again you can see the wall at Fairview Park entrance along McMillan and a cleaned up entrance to Bellevue Park. Thank you to everyone who participated.

On October 22nd, neighbors will again join forces for Make A Difference Day. Plan on meeting at Christy's in the business district to rally and divide and conquer projects in the neighborhood. Part of the plan is to finish the clean up and mulching along the Fairview Park entrance now that the poison ivy is all gone (or at least measurably better).

See you then.

Before...



During....



Look how happy Trustee Nathan Hess looks next to the wall that seemed to appear out of nowhere!

After!



The community councils of
Northside, Clifton, Mt. Auburn, Corryville, and CUF
invite you to an

Election Forum

October 19

7 p.m.

Clifton Cultural Arts Center (CCAC)
3711 Clifton Avenue

Please join us to meet the candidates, learn more about the ballot issues, and demonstrate our neighborhoods' civic engagement.

Format:

Ballot issues will be addressed first (before candidates), with 3 minutes for representatives to speak FOR and AGAINST. After all the issues representatives have spoken, there will be a few minutes for questions from the floor.

During the candidates' portion of the program, CITY COUNCIL, SCHOOL BOARD, and JUDICIAL candidates will be given 2 minutes to speak and 1 minute to respond to pre-circulated questions. After all candidates have spoken, if time permits, candidates will have an opportunity to respond to questions from the floor.

A representative of the League of Women Voters will moderate the forum.



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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 p.m, Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria, 311 Straight Street
- CUF Trustee meetings: 1st Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m, 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.