



**NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION**

Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

November, 2011

Next monthly meeting:

November, 22, 2011,
7:30 p.m., Deaconess Hospital
Cafeteria, Lower Level, Straight Street

Reaching beyond

Like our homes and our children, the greater world around us does not take care of itself. That world is what cradles the things we hold dear. As deeply as we care for the things we hold dear, so also must we care for the cradle. Below are a few examples of opportunities in our neighborhood for you to reach out and find in yourself the power to be a force for good. The need is there. The opportunity is there. It is for you to listen and hear what speaks to your heart, to your skills, and to your resources.

CUF Neighborhood Association -- Find Your Voice

The CUF Neighborhood Association is the official political ears and voice for the Clifton Heights, University Heights, and Fairview neighborhoods. In recent years, the CUF NA has represented your interests in matters as diverse as advising the city on who should be able to break zoning rules, fighting to keep our parks intact, fighting to keep our yard waste pickup, and fighting to keep our weekly trash pickup. But we cannot faithfully represent your interests without your voice. Come make yourself heard and become somebody in-the-know about what is happening where you live. General meetings are every third Tuesday of every month, except December and August, in the cafeteria on the basement floor of Deaconess Hospital.

Citizens on Patrol – Those Who Are Our Guardians Need Eyes and Ears

The Citizens on Patrol is a group of neighbors who monitor our neighborhood and report directly to the police. On matters ranging from graffiti and late-night party houses to prostitution and drug dealing, the Citizens on Patrol keep their eyes and ears open and once a month come together to discuss issues with District 5 officers. Come have the honor of assisting the

heroes that work to keep us safe and our property unmolested. Sandra Wilson is the local coordinator for Citizens on Patrol. The primary contact is Sharon Buckner (skbcatur1@earthlink.net).

Annual Cleanup and Landscaping Projects – Take Care of the Place You Call Home

Two to three times a year, sponsors provide breakfast, lunch and materials so that neighbors can come together and invest a Saturday morning in landscaping and cleaning up our parks, woods, and streets. Keeping our neighborhoods beautiful is a daunting task, and for these few times a year, we can all come together and work as a team. Turnout for these events ranges from a dozen or so people to several hundred. Currently, that turnout consists overwhelmingly of UC students. More of the rest of us need to come and show that we too believe in our community. Contact Rob Neal (neelrt@uc.edu).

St. George Interfaith Food Pantry – Helping to Meet the Most Basic of Needs

Located behind the Corryville Catholic School on Calhoun Street, St. George Interfaith Food Pantry has been serving our community for over thirty years. Requiring proof of address, it specifically targets members of our CUF community who for whatever reason, find themselves in need of food. Along with donations of food and money, the food pantry needs volunteers to interview clients, and to fill bags of food as they are requested. Come give a hand. Contact Janet Cavanaugh at 751-8771 or email her at (jacavanaugh@fuse.net).

The Interfaith Hospitality Network – Being There When the Bottom Falls Out

Where do they turn when the unthinkable happens and financial catastrophe leaves a family without a home or a means to rebuild their lives? The Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN), which is currently based in Hyde Park, has a rigorous and structured program for helping homeless families with children back on their feet. During the day, children are in school and parents are about the business of putting their lives back together. At night, these families are fed and housed at religious centers through-

out the city. For roughly nine years, St. Monica – St. George Catholic Church has been one of those religious centers. Three or four time a year, St. Monica – St. George converts the main hall of its parish center for temporary housing and hosts as many as four homeless families for a week. Volunteers are needed to set up, tear down, prepare meals, and serve as evening and overnight hosts. Contact Cindy Lewis 221-2540

Looking Out for Your Neighbors – Little Acts of Kindness Go a Long Way

Get to know your neighbors. Look for opportunities to reach out. Does an elderly person need a friend? Is there a foreign student who needs a ride to grocery shopping? When you are mowing your lawn, do you have an extra minute to catch the front lawn of your neighbor who is on vacation? When you get out of your car coming home from work, can you take a few seconds to check for trash on the street near your house? Sometimes something as simple as putting the morning newspaper onto your neighbor's porch as you pass by is a way of letting that neighbor know that somebody cares. In time, bonds are built from little acts of kindness.

Daniel Lewis

Minutes, CUF Neighborhood Association general meeting Tues., Oct. 18, 2011; 7:30 PM

John Stork opened the meeting with an announcement regarding the death of Truman Toland, long time resident and former community council board member on Wednesday, October 12, 2011. Mr. Truman and his wife Marie, who preceded him in death, were very active and much beloved members of the community. Memorial donations may be made to the CUF Neighborhood Association, 2364 W. McMicken, Cincinnati 45214.

In keeping with the CUFNA board's decision to rotate meeting chairpersons, Cherie Wallpe, Vice President chaired the meeting.

Police Report

District 5 was represented by Sgt Jason Voelkerding and Officer Lisa Johnson; UC police were represented by officer Lance Long.

The district has been working on a campaign emphasizing safety and ways to prevent becoming a victim of crime. Flyers have been placed on car windshields. There were two rapes in Clifton which are currently being investigated.

The district continues to work on parties,

noise and litter. They will be surveying the neighborhood on Mondays and issuing warning regarding litter. There will be one warning, thereafter citations will be issued to property owners. They will also be working with the city on parking signage. District 5 continues to cooperate with Cincinnati State and Xavier University on issues involving students.

Craig Lloyd mentioned "texting" parties where students are trolling streets and texting to find out where parties are being held. Sgt Voelkerding indicated they are aware of the problem. Officer Johnson indicated that if there is not a satisfactory response to calls regarding this or any other nuisance, please email her so that she may investigate and follow up on Monday morning. Sgt Voelkerding reported that there are 8 staff assigned specifically to CUF.

Officer Long reported on drug related incidents on the UC campus. Car thefts continue to be an ongoing problem. The next home game for UC is 11/3. He also reported on several on-going campus construction projects.

Business Spotlight

Toya Montgomery, owner of Clipp and Sipp internet cafe was introduced. She gave a brief history of starting her business located at the corner of Chickasaw and McMillan.

League of Women Voters

Sherrie Heyse and Chris Martin of the League gave a lengthy and detailed presentation on the ballot issues voters will decide on at the November 8 election. Their publication "Who & What" was distributed. The league provides non-partisan information about candidates and issues. They pointed out that the back page can be used by voters to note their selections and may be used when they go to the polls to cast votes.

They also pointed out that many polling places have been consolidated. Postcards were sent to residents affected by the change. Voters can check with the Board of Elections to verify their respective polling places.

Christian Huelsman -

*Office of Environmental Quality & Recyclebank
Community Outreach*

Christian reported on the Mayor's recycling challenge program that will kick off on December 1. The goal is to increase the recycling participation and diversion rates.

The program is open to all community councils and various financial incentives are available to participating communities meeting thresholds related to increased recycling and identification of abused/misused recycling carts.

Membership Report

CUFNA received three new members in two months.

CHCURC Update

Cherie Wallpe, interim representative to the CHCURC board reported that 4 motions were passed and there was a presentation by Nate Wessel on the parking permit proposal.

New officers of the CHCURC Board are Dan Dearing, President; J. D. DuBois, Vice President and Christie Windholtz, Secretary.

Citizens on Patrol

Sandra Wilson reported that Mac's Pizza is holding outdoor dining in the parking lot on weekends and that this may be in violation of the zoning ordinance.

CHIA

Julie Murray asked whether or not CHIA is still active and in existence.

West McMicken Association

Maureen France reported that issues with the VOA are status quo at the moment and that the I75 interchange will not take place or at least not affect their area. What will happen is tied to the question of whether or not the Western Hills viaduct renovation will occur.

Announcements:

Candidate Forum

October 19, 7 PM

Clifton Cultural Arts Center

Mohawk Honor Roll Memorial Rededication (WWII)

November 11 at 2PM

Ravine and McMicken Streets

October 22

Make a Difference Day

Neighborhood Cleanup

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM

CUF Treasurer's report

Balance: October 1, 2011	\$8,942.54
Income:	0
membership dues	36.00
Total Income:	\$ 36.00
Expenses:	
web hosting	121.29
clean up supplies	248.59
planter shims	98.80
water pump service	44.94
Total Expenses:	- \$513.62
Balance: November 1, 2011	\$8,464.92



I-71 / MLK Interchange

Please join us for an Open House!

Thursday, November 10, 2011, 3:00 – 7:00 PM

Saturday, November 12, 2011, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Formal presentations will be given on the half-hour.

Information on the Two-Way Taft & McMillan Study will also be available.

Hampton Inn – Uptown-University Area

3024 Vine Street

Cincinnati, OH 45219

Accessible from Metro bus routes #1, #24, #38X, #39, and #78.

Free parking is available in the Hampton lot, located off of Vine St. and MLK Dr.

Your opinions are important in determining the Preferred Alternative!

Written comments may be submitted at the meeting, e-mailed, faxed or mailed to the study team. Please provide comments by December 3, 2011:

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Visit our website for more information: www.UptownAccessStudy.com

We look forward to seeing you there!

The Straight Street Hill Climb

11/20/11

Pre-registration is \$10 per competitor, for one or both races.

Race morning registration is \$15 per competitor, for one or both races.

T SHIRTS:

\$10 each if pre-registered by Nov 11.

\$10 on race morning, if available.

AWARDS:

Top 3 in each race division.

RACE DIVISIONS:

- Running and Cycling, Kids (9 and under), Youth (10 thru 13), Teen (14 thru 17), Men (18-49), Women (18-49), Masters (50 and over), Clydesdale (200 lbs and over)
- The Double (both run and bike)

Event management reserves the right to combine divisions if there are not enough participants.

START TIMES:

Running race starts at 9:00 a.m., Cycling race(s) at 9:30 a.m.

Depending on the number of entries, bikes may be broken into heats.

- more info on www.straightstreethillclimb.com

Volunteers needed!

Not up for running or biking it up Straight St?

No problem. Come out and watch. We need approximately 20 volunteers to help with registration, timing and scoring, and course monitoring. Can you spare a couple of hours?

Do it yourself energy savings

from CUF trustee Jason Pastoor.

November is here and cold weather is fast approaching. Many older homes in the CUF neighborhood may suffer from energy loss costing us dearly in our pocketbooks. Conserving energy will save us money in the long run with a little investment in our homes now. To reduce energy bills, simple draft proofing at doors and windows will make immediate improvements to home comfort in the winter.

However, air penetrations into the home may go unnoticed and continue further energy loss in the home. Brick and wood frame homes experience a lot of energy loss at the basement and attics. Cold air can enter the home through cracks and gaps in the basement, get heated up at your expense and then escape by traveling up and out of the home through unseen holes into your attic. Stopping this movement can slow heat loss dramatically and reduce your energy bills.

Professionals may use equipment such as a home depressurizing blower door and smoke stick to locate these holes and remedy them, but knowing where and what to look for will offer you a head start in the process. Cold air enters many older homes at the band boards and sill plate where the outer wall meets the home's foundation. Cutting sections of extruded polystyrene foam board (pink board) and friction fitting it between the floor joist and the house foundation and then sealing the perimeter of the board with silicon caulk or a bead of touch foam is the first step to weatherizing the home. This blocks air infiltration into the home and is also a step in preparation for adding insulation to walls in some homes.

Air travels through the path of least resistance and in the basement, it is easy to spot where cold air will travel next. Plumbers and electricians use existing holes or make penetrations into walls and floors (chaseways) for the homes infrastructure. The chaseways travel up interior and exterior walls and will exit into the attic at vent stacks and electrical penetrations creating mini-chimneys of warm air. Blocking the gaps at drain pipes, water pipes and electrical conduit as it runs up into the home from the basement will begin to slow the natural convection of air and the chimney effect. Sealing the penetrations in the attic will eliminate air flow into the attic and allow attic insulation to do its job.

Expanding touch foam to seal the penetrations should be adequate to stop air flow, though large gaps can be sealed by plugging

it first with foam board and sealing the smaller gaps with the expanding touch foam. Sealing these spots is important and in a lot of instances fiberglass insulation is used by stuffing and plugging areas where air infiltration occurs. However, without proper sealing, air can move around and through the fiberglass insulation just like a furnace filter.

Here's to a warm and cozy winter!

-Jason

Protect your home against burglary

Everyone looks forward to taking vacations. Unfortunately, this can be an opportune time for a burglar to strike, especially if there are obvious signs that your home is unoccupied. Whether gone for a day or a couple of weeks, take the following precautions:

- Check all doors and windows to make sure they are securely locked. If any locks need to be replaced or reinforced, make these improvements before you leave.
 - Use automatic timers on interior lights. A timer can also be used on a portable radio.
 - Use photo electric cells (which screw into the light socket) on exterior lights. These devices will "automatically" turn lights on/off depending on the level of darkness.
 - If you will be gone for an extended period of time, arrange to have your lawn mowed. It is also a good idea to ask a neighbor to park a car in your driveway and to use your garbage container.
 - Make sure that items such as children's toys, ladders, lawn furniture, etc. are put away.
 - A trusted neighbor should be informed of your vacation plans; when you are leaving and expected return date. Leave a key with a trusted friend or neighbor so that the position of curtains, blinds can be changed. Also if you don't cancel newspapers and postal delivery, ask them to pick up and place in the house.
 - Inform trusted neighbors on all four sides of when you'll be gone so that a complete look-out is maintained. Be selective, however, in announcing your plans to anyone else.
 - If you have an alarm system, make sure it's activated when you leave. Leave the alarm key with a neighbor and show them how to turn the system on and off.
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ATM safety tips

- Utilize an ATM located inside an open business whenever possible.
- Avoid using street ATMs during night time hours.
- Always be aware of suspicious persons or vehicles in the area of the ATM. Trust your gut feeling. If things don't feel right, avoid that ATM.
- Have ATM card out of your wallet or purse before approaching the ATM.
- Don't write your ATM personal identification number on your card or keep the number in your wallet.
- When entering your personal identification number, try to keep the numbers from the view of others.
- Don't withdraw large amounts of cash.
- Secure your money at the ATM. Don't walk away with money in hand.
- Always take your receipt with you.
- If a robber demands your money, don't argue or fight with the suspect. Note the robber's description and give the robber the money.
- Get away as soon as it is safe to do so. Remember the money is not worth getting hurt over.
- Report all robberies to police as soon as possible by calling 911.

Truman Toland remembered

CUF resident Truman Toland passed away on October 12 at the age of 89. His death was preceded by that of his wife of many years Marie and youngest son Troy. He is survived by his daughter Toni and son Robert as well as 4 grandchildren.

Truman earned his BFA degree from Yale University and worked as a graphic designer for most of his life. He has paintings in the collections of Yale, UC Law School and the Los Angeles County Court House as well as many private collections.

Truman was one of our community's strongest supporters. He was a longtime member of the CUF Neighborhood Association and served several terms as a trustee. He volunteered with the CUF tree board helping to plant dozens of trees throughout our neighborhoods. He used his artistic skills in creating the CUF logo, graphics for CUF's Day in Eden booth in the 1990s and, more recently, helping to design the CUF website graphics. For a period of around three years Truman contributed a series of editorial cartoons for the newsletter (see below). He was also a volunteer at the Museum of Natural History & Science in Cincinnati where he helped craft the dinosaur exhibit.

His devotion to the neighborhood is evident in his obituary where it was requested that donations be made to the CUF Neighborhood Association. Our community is truly a better place as a result of Truman's many contributions.





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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.