



NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

October, 2013

Next monthly meeting:

October 15, 2013,
Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria,
Lower Level, Straight Street

Safety is an issue that concerns us all. CUF and various other community stakeholders are currently approaching fire and criminal safety from several different directions.

As a result of the fire deaths of two UC students earlier this year in University Heights, City Council and the Fire Department have taken steps to prevent a repeat of such tragedies. First, City Council has passed two new ordinances.

- Requirement for all rental units to have photo-electric smoke alarms outside sleeping quarters,
- Requirement that the largest, most accessible window in a sleeping room be designated for escape and rescue, and that no window unit air conditioner be installed in that window.

Although these ordinances apply only to rental property, homeowners should also abide by them for their own safety.

Second, the Fire Department has developed a program called Cincinnati Safe Student Housing. This is a voluntary program for landlords and tenants. The Fire Department inspects any residential unit for fire safety at no cost. The Fire Department works with owners whose units do not pass inspection to correct deficiencies. There are no fines or penalties as long as landlords correct any problem areas. Units passing this inspection are then listed as certified safe properties on a website for two years and then require a re-inspection. It is hoped that listing on this website will be a positive incentive for landlords to participate. So far 20 inspections have been done; 6 have passed. Again, as with the new ordinances, the goal is to use this program throughout the city, not just for students. Any resident can request an inspection which is free. Call 357-7585 to schedule an inspection. The website is: <http://www.cincinnatiastudenthousing.com/>

Since taking office, UC President Santa Ono has been a strong supporter of increasing safety on and off campus. To that end, he has created the President's Safety Committee, which is composed of police, fire, UC and community representatives. CUF trustees regularly participate on this committee.

UC's Institute of Crime Science uses very sophisticated tools to define and address crime in our community. There is a three-pronged effort at public safety:

1. Crime Calendar

Institute of Crime Science staff have combined UC and city crime statistics to come up with maps of hot spots, crimes committed at various times of the day and year, and comparisons over time. The area under study encompasses the campus, hospitals, and parts of Corryville, Clifton and CUF – where 80% of students live.

2. Strategic Deployment

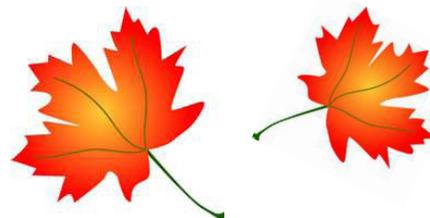
Using all the collected information, the police are then able to make informed decisions about where and when to deploy officers and what activities are most effective (foot patrols vs. car patrols, etc.). UC has put funding into increased street lighting, cameras and patrols of Cincinnati officers.

3. Be smart. Be safe

This is an educational effort to encourage students to participate in their own safety. Examples include police officers participating in all incoming student orientations this year, presentation of alcohol awareness information, etc.

Overall UC, with President Ono's leadership has begun to look at crime/safety issues on campus and in the community. CUF will continue to participate in these efforts.

Linda Ziegler



9/17/13 minutes of the general membership meeting

Started 7:33 pm. Met in larger cafeteria space due to boiler maintenance in our usual meeting space.

Police:

Officer Lisa Johnson, Sgt Volkerding from Cincinnati Police Department:
Police are cracking down on unruly students. Curfew sweeps, open containers. Plain clothes officers have been in the community.
Aggravated robberies are up. Robbery West Nixon: arrested 1, then 2 others named. West Hollister: Burglaries there.
Parking issues being addressed for properties with cars on the front lawn.
Citizen's complaints are up against police from parents about the students.

New underage drinking reporting issue:

To make an underage drinking arrest: Used to be observe, take a picture, then write it up. Now they have to prove it is alcohol. Observe, collection of liquor/beer into evidence bottle, seal it, dump the bottle, wrap with evidence tape, then to coroner's office to prove it was an alcoholic beverage. State law issue. Has made it harder to target underage drinking.

Graffiti question: Graffiti

A member asked about graffiti (his front wall of his home was graphitized) and that he was asked about his stats: height, weight, hair, eyes. Officer Voelkerding answered that it is a national data base collection about victims for statistics. 10 arrests in the last 10 months. IF YOU ARE VICTIM OF GRAFFITI- Document graffiti with pictures and send to Lisa Johnson, and they are keeping track for restitution. You can paint over, but keep track.

Officer Lance Long from UC:

Greek Director Leah Howell, on board with stricter guidelines.
October 4th and 5th big party planned a Sigma Chi-Ofc Johnson says this will NOT happen, but be aware that it is currently planned.

Old Business:

CUFNA President announced that we will be asking the City and UC for additional shifts for police on the weekends. The CUF Board approved a letter to send to district 5 and UC to fund more police on the weekends.

Request to be more vigilant to email Lisa Johnson or cufna.org criminal activity. You can write

letters to document that quality of life is being affected by unruly behavior, problem properties.

Announcements about the Board:

The Board elections happened in July. The Board welcomes John Stork and Christian Huelsman to the Board, and Christian will be taking Vice President role, John Stork taking corresponding secretary role.
Sally Larson has resigned 6 months early from her term limited position for personal reasons. Sally was thanked for effort and time.
Carolyn Young was asked to take her position and she accepted to finish the end of Sally's term for this year.

Fairview Park clean up happened September 15th with the help of UC students.
Rob Neel led 20 UC students to help clean the entrance along Mcmillan. Pictures will be posted in the October newsletter.

Christina Huelsman is leading a group on September 28th with UC students for "Into the Streets" again to target the areas from the Wagner Steps to Tafel, to McMicken, back to Straight, then to Hukill Alley.
Meet at Wagner Street Steps on Straight, opposite Luna. 9:30 am to 2 pm.

CHCURC Update:

Signs are up for upcoming restaurants. No new announcements.
New businesses coming in. No member questions were asked.

Planning Meeting last Friday because of the IDC for planning commission approval. All were for signage. All signs met current zoning standards.

Guests:

Cody Rush Ossenbeck came to talk about one way to increase property ownership and homes. Owns a family business in the neighborhood. Lives on Ravine. He is a real estate investor and landlord in CUF. Presented to community he wants to promote home ownership, owner occupancy and property restoration in CUF neighborhood. He states that home ownership has been difficult for the younger generation. So he researched home ownership loan programs. FHA loans target older homes. Older properties that need repair. Cody explained the FHA 203 K loan: Take a home assessed at low value near another property and show that it might be a better value. The loan would cover the value of the home to fix up the home, but you have to show them what you think the value of the home might be. Single family homes up to a 4

unit building. Italianate buildings with a storefront are also allowed. Hamilton County LandBank program is in its infancy. But a property gone to police auction twice can be bought by the Land-Bank.

Seeking people who want to develop home ownership and to improve the property. Urban Pioneers pilot Program founded. Looking for volunteers for a pilot program. Cody will make himself available to all interested parties and will share his knowledge and experience. He can be contacted at: Nazcarestoration.com. or 513-615-5656.

Greater Cincinnati Home Ownership Association: Cate McCarthy, marketing director for out reach. HUD associated, nationally

1.Classes: Two classes offered: 1. Financial Fitness 2.Home ownership buying class

2.Bank Owned home for foreclosures, sheriff's sales, donated properties; contractor in house does restoration, then sold to people who complete the programs. Looking for first time home buyers? Not clear yet.

a.12 homes in the queue.

b.Usually on bank lists already.

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Old Business continues:

Announcements for Candidate Forums:

Two upcoming candidate forums:

Candidate Forum on Neighborhood Development: Monday September 23rd 7-9 pm St Johns Unitarian Church, 320 Resor Avenue in Clifton
Small group discussions with candidates
Sponsored by the League of Women Voters, Cincinnati Association, Urban League, Women's City Club, AIR Inc, and Citizens for Civic renewal

Uptown Neighborhood Candidate Forum:

Thursday September 26th 6:30 to 8:30

Hampton Inn at 3024 Vine Street in Corryville
Sponsored by Neighborhoods of Uptown and Uptown Consortium

Western Hills Viaduct update:

Tony Walsh just came from a meeting re Western Hills Viaduct revisions.

More input about the Western Hills Viaduct and alternatives is being provided and the City is seeking input.

Thursday September 19th 4 pm is the next meeting, then another 6 pm on the same day. Room 115 at City Hall. Presentation and you can give input.

Citizens on Patrol:

Sandra Wilson has made big strides on the clean-up of property around Eliza and Hukill Alley.

New Business:

Question from attendee: Are all newsletters mailed? She was curious why her mother (a member) did not receive an August newsletter in the mail. Answer: In 2009-10 there was no funding to maintain a monthly mailed newsletter due to decrease in City funding to all community councils. As of that date the newsletter went digital. After a year and a half and many member requests to revive a mailed copy, in June 2011, the Board budgeted and approved a quarterly newsletter mailing. Newsletters are posted online each month and mailed in March, June, September and December.

The September newsletter is coming this week. Post Office changed the rules about the tape closures/tabs on mailers. August is posted online.

Sandra Wilson reminded everyone about Pets services for people/pets without a lot of money: UCAN for spaying animals.

1230 West Eight Street
www.UCANCincinnati.org

Pets In Need for animals. Vets services
520 West Wyoming Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45215
www.PINCincinnati.org

Adjourned 8:16 pm.

CUF Treasurer's report

Balance: August 1, 2013	\$8,097.95
Income:	\$0
Total Income:	\$0
Expenses:	
GCWW:	\$71.30
Acorn Host:	\$30.00
Transcription fee:	\$198.00
Active Domain:	\$36.39
Tax status assistance:	\$50.00
Clean up supplies:	\$752.08
Park Board trees:	\$1,775.00
Total Expenses:	-\$2,912.77
Balance: September 1, 2013	\$5,185.18

CUF Treasurer's report

Balance: September 1, 2013	\$5,185.18
Income:	
Membership dues:	\$42.00
Total Income:	\$42.00
Expenses:	
Newsletter printing:	\$153.49
Clean up supplies:	\$196.94
Total Expenses: -	\$350.43
Balance: October 1, 2013	\$4,876.75



CINCINNATI PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

Inside and Outside the Old House:
Fall 2013 Programs

Saving Buildings With the Land Bank

Saturday, October 12, 10 am – noon
Hauck House, 812 Dayton Street, West End
Presented by the Hamilton County Land Reutilization Corporation

Learn how the land bank's new Preservation Grant program can save important historic buildings in your community by stabilizing rather than demolishing them. Then walk over to the Hummel House at 1910 Freeman Avenue (2 blocks away) to see the HCLRC's stabilization work in progress on the building exterior. Sponsored by Tri-State Wholesale Building Supplies.

- All above programs: \$5.00 CPA members and students, \$10.00 guests. Reservations required: 513-721-4506 or info@cincinnatiapreservation.org.

AFC's Great House Tour 2013 will take place on Saturday, October 12 in Indian Hill at the Lloyd Taft House, designed by Gwathmey Siegel & Associates.

This year, we are very pleased to present Robert Siegel, FAIA and Founding Principal of Gwathmey Siegel, for an informal lecture Saturday, October 12 at the Jarson-Kaplan Theater at the Aronoff Center.

For complete ticket reservation information, please visit AFC website. <http://www.architectureincy.org/infobox/great-house-tour-2013/>

Timed tours will begin at 12pm, 12:30pm, 1pm, 1:30pm, 2pm, 2:30pm, 3pm, and 3:30pm, with a limited number of guests for each time slot. The lecture at 6 pm will include information about the house, architects, and owners. Tour tickets are \$45, lecture tickets are \$50. A combined ticket for both is \$85; specially-priced student tickets available. Architects and landscape architects have the opportunity to earn 1.5 CEUs by attending both the tour and the lecture.

Tickets are limited for both tour and lecture.

2013 Columbia-Tusculum Homes Tour

Sunday, October 13, 2013 – 11am to 4pm
The historic neighborhood of Columbia Tusculum is once again planning to showcase their beautiful homes in the 2013 Home Tour. This year's theme, "225 Years Young" celebrates and focuses on the past, present and future of the lovely and thriving neighborhood. As Cincinnati's old-

est neighborhood, many of the homes have been renovated throughout the years to maintain their beauty. The tour will focus on the pride and joy of the Historic district: the Painted Ladies, but will also recognize some of the newer gems of the neighborhood, such as the cutting edge LEED certified homes.

We invite all to come be a part of this fantastic day. Proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to the Columbia Tusculum neighborhood council with the purpose of continuing to maintain and beautify the local neighborhood. FEATURING LIVE MUSIC THROUGHOUT THE TOUR!

- Details – Columbia Tusculum Historic Home Tour: October 13, 2013, 11 am – 4 pm
- Ticket price (in advance): \$10
- Ticket price (day of): \$12

For up to date information, check out our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/CTHomeTour2013

All About Masonry

Saturday, November 16, 9 am – noon.
Presented by Ken Hughes
Hauck House, 812 Dayton Street, West End
- \$5.00 CPA members and students, \$10.00 guests.
Reservations required: 513-721-4506 or info@cincinnatiapreservation.org.

HIP - property improvement program

The Hamilton County Home Improvement Program (HIP) is an initiative of the Hamilton County Commissioners and the Hamilton County Treasurer. The "HIP" loan allows homeowners in Hamilton County communities to borrow money to repair or remodel their homes or rental property at interest rates 3% below the lowest rate a bank would normally offer. Loans may be used for: Bathrooms, Decks, Kitchen Remodeling, Plumbing, Ceilings & Walls, Garages, Landscaping, Room Additions, Central Air & Furnaces, Gutters & Roofs, Paint & Carpeting, Siding, Windows & Doors

- Loans at 3% below market rate, 5 year term - only one outstanding loan at any given time
- Available in participating Hamilton County communities
- No Income Restrictions or limits (must be able to meet bank's credit requirements)
- Loans capped at \$50,000
- For one-family, or two-family, and commercial properties valued up to \$350,000 (based on Hamilton County Auditor's appraisal)
- Owner-occupied and investment dwellings
- No property value limit on multi-family dwellings (three or more units)
- Loans can be used for alteration, repair, maintenance, improvement & code violation compliance & property upgrades. http://www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/hc/hc_hip_details.asp

Councilmember Seelbach introduces preservation strategy



For Immediate Release:

From: Office of Councilmember Seelbach

Date: 8/6/2013

Contact: Jon Harmon – 352-5211

Seelbach to introduce Proactive Preservation Measures

Today, City Councilmember Chris Seelbach announced plans to introduce a three-pronged strategy to increase preservation in Cincinnati through a proactive, cooperative effort.

"Recently, Cincinnati has seen a spate of high-profile demolitions and disagreements between property owners and the preservation community," said Councilmember Chris Seelbach. "We need a proactive approach that ensures Cincinnati's historic structures are here for generations."

The strategy will be unfolded through two ordinances and a motion introduced this fall. The first will deal with the underground historic beer caverns and sub-basements that are the prized feature of various tours that occur every weekend in Over-the-Rhine. Recently, in the construction of a new parking lot near the Rothenberg School, underground beer caverns were discovered and immediately paved over. Following the model of other U.S. Cities and Federal projects, the City can require a brief stop work order to determine the historic significance of the find and ensure the structure can be preserved while the project continues.

Secondly, the City would adopt a practice to review local properties added to the National Register of Historic Places within 6 months of designation. The Glencoe-Auburn Place Row Houses, a uniquely historic site in Mt. Auburn, were designated historic by the Federal Government in 2004, but never received historic review by the City. After a change in ownership last year they were demolished this spring abruptly without any notice.

Finally, Councilmember Seelbach will call for a Historic Preservation Task Force to spend the next year identifying 100 properties that should be reviewed by the Historic Conservation Board as potentially deserving historic designation.

"By beginning the process now, before buildings are in trouble and being considered for demolition," Seelbach said, "We can work with property owners and the community to save buildings for future generations."

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Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Program

April 20 – November 2, 2013

FREE to Hamilton County Residents Only.
 Bring proof of residency, such as a driver's license or utility bill.
 Remain in car at all times.

This program prohibits the acceptance of hazardous waste from businesses, churches, schools, and non-profit organizations.

Hamilton County covers the cost per car dropping off material to encourage proper disposal of household hazardous waste.

Acceptable Items:

- Pesticides/Fertilizers
- Solvents/Thinners
- Lawn/Pool Chemicals
- Cleaners
- Household/Auto Batteries
- Fire Extinguishers
- Propane Tanks
- Oil-based Paint
- Mercury
- Fluorescent Bulbs
- Driveway Sealer
- Gasoline/Motor Oil
- Antifreeze
- Thermostats

Unacceptable Items:

- Latex Paint*
- Radioactive Materials
- Medical Waste
- Explosives/Ammunition
- Smoke Detectors
- Tires
- Yardwaste
- Garbage
- Roofing Materials
- Appliances
- Computers/Electronics
- Heating Oil or Fuel Tanks
- Unmarked Cylinders
- Fireworks/Gun Powder
- Prescription Drugs

* Latex paint will be accepted only if resident brings other household hazardous waste.
 If resident brings only latex paint, resident will be charged \$1.50 per gallon of paint.

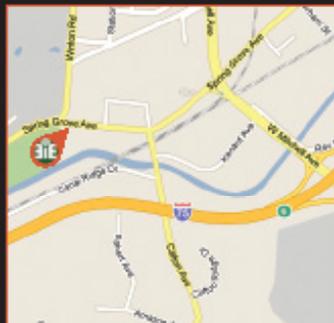
More Information:
HamiltonCountyRecycles.org
 514-7766



Dates: April 20 - November 2, 2013
Locations: Environmental Enterprises, Inc.

4600 Spring Grove Avenue
 Cincinnati, OH 45232
 (Directly across from Winton Road)
 Tuesdays – 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 Saturdays – 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 Closed May 25 and August 31

10163 Cincinnati-Dayton Road
 Sharonville, Ohio 45241
 (Corner of Cincinnati-Dayton and Crescentville Road)
 Wednesdays – 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.





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2364 West McMicken Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45214

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.

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