



NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION

# Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

October, 2014

## Next monthly meeting:

October 21, 2014,  
Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria,  
Lower Level, Straight Street

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## Check Details of Your Gas and Water Bills Carefully!

Declining prices for natural gas (also coal, oils, and other fossil fuels) have significantly reduced margins for utility operators. Concurrently, regulations have imposed new costs on these providers. This is evidenced by Duke Energy and Greater Cincinnati Water Works trucks clogging our streets daily. To meet these costs, both Duke and GCWW have changed their billing algorithms.

When your gas bill arrives, start by reading the second page ([see link](#)) there you will find "Fixed Delivery Service Charge" and "Gas Delivery Riders." The Fixed charge does not reflect usage; the Riders are a blend of fixed and usage-based. These are billed even if your metered usage is zero for the period. The electricity portion also has a modest fixed "Distribution Customer Charge."

Some low usage customers are converting to electric appliances on an "as they need replacement" basis for their hot water and cooking, activating gas only for the heating season. (Less attractive for high usage accounts where fixed charges become somewhat "absorbed".)

A more dramatic situation exists with water and sewerage, involving entirely different and convoluted arithmetic. Your principal determinant may be meter size, not volume of water used. This could reflect decisions of previous owners who, wary of experiencing slow water flow (most laymen call it "low pressure"), installed oversized service, just to be safe. Connection sizes are listed on your bill. The service size for which you are billed may not correspond to the size installed, so Columbo-style sleuthing may be necessary. To downsize your meter, a licensed plumber must be hired.

Caution: their fees can be significant ... they know how much money the conversion may save you in a year! Check the GCWW website for details and rate charts under Water and Sewerage Service Charges.

Oh, and I almost forgot ... I alllll-most forrr-gawwtt! I jussdoan unnerstannit. Maybe you can help me. How come while water rates remain reasonable, sewerage seems no longer to go down da drain as much as troo daroo! Can y'help me wit datwun? (As he gets into his battered Borgward sedan and, shaking his head in utter confusion, putters off in a cloud of blue exhaust.)

John Ligon

## COLUMBO



## CUF Neighborhood Association General Meeting

Tuesday, September 16, 2014  
7:30 pm Deaconess Cafeteria  
Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m.

Guest Presentations-  
CPD District 5 Officer Hageman said despite the recent spate of robberies, crime is statistically down. He is working with UCPD to keep crime down and educate students.  
Sgt. Volkerding – Billboards warning car owners of criminal activity will go up soon.  
Gilbane Development Corporation- PDF of Presentation attached.  
Russ Broderick and Michael Apt gave a presentation on the current status of the proposed development of the corner of McMillan, Clifton

and Lyon St. Some aspects of the project have been adjusted per concerns of the community. Previously the project was eight stories, now it is six stories (65ft. tall) on McMillan, 20ft. less. The Lyon St. side has been redesigned and is now 3 story townhouses. More in scale with the existing houses. The main building is now four stories on top of the two story garage behind the townhouses.

The density of the project and the parking have been adjusted to more favorable ratios and retail space has been enlarged (see PDF). The townhouses will be marketed to the community. Gilbane promises to meet again with CUF, create a gateway to the community and refine the design.

Fire Department Presentation- Lt. Glisson, of Engine 19 reported that up to August they have had 263 responses, 17 of those fires, 42 non fire responses, 204 EMS runs, 74 advanced Life Support and 106 Basic Bandaid runs. There was also a three alarm fire on Stanton Ave.

Old Business /Reports-

City Land Development Code – consultants have left Cinti, now Planning Dept will review feedback and make 1st revision for public review.

- \_Park Board Planters for 2015 – Same program, planters & locations as 2014.
- \_30 Problem Property citations from move-in/out period July 26-Aug 10.
- \_Board voted to support our OTR & North-side neighbors Citizen Engagement Action Team efforts: Questions? Contact Peter Hames phames@fioptics.com
- \_Board voted to support our CTM neighbor's efforts:

Resolution Clifton Town Meeting desires to make Clifton into a premiere bicycling community within greater Cincinnati in order to improve the vibrancy, safety and overall

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health of visitors and residents. To do so requires continued investment in on-street infrastructure such as the Central Parkway protected bikeway, bike lanes, sharrows, and bicycle related signage. These features add tremendous value for local businesses and help make our communities more livable and attractive to active individuals and families. Our neighborhood supports the initiative to promote more on-street bicycle infrastructure that connects Clifton to other neighborhoods in Cincinnati. Residents of Clifton use bicycles on established roadways in order to commute to work, school, and shop. We need and endorse the full usage of roads for cyclists for a full and productive lifestyle, not just recreational riding on off-road trails.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Announcements-Effective August 17, 2014 District 5 will have a new Captain, Bridget Bardua. Captain Nuedigate has moved to the Special Investigative Unit at CPD headquarters. We appreciate his service to CUF. The construction on McMillan is Duke Energy replacing pipes from Clifton Avenue To Vine St.

There was discussion of Gilbane's presentation. Members thought it was the most positive yet. There were questions about the effect of such a large development on existing residential. Some thought it might raise the bar for other landlords. Members also mentioned not wanting to permanently lose residential zoning on Lyon St. Cherie responded that protecting residential was a part of our organization's purpose.

Mark Bambach asked for help to plant bulbs in two locations-

St. Monica Traffic Islands (police island too) Dafodil Planting:

Sat. Oct. 4, 9:30: and Sun. Oct. 5, 9:30: Saturday we will be digging out a planting trench to prepare for the bulb planting. Sunday we will plant the bulbs.

Bellevue Park Crocus and small bulb plantings: Sat. Oct. 25, 9:30: Sun. Oct. 26, 9:30 Saturday we will be planting crocus bulbs in pre-tilled areas using trowels. Sunday we will finish planting the crocuses if needed.

There was a sign-up sheet on the membership table but you can email [cufna@cufna.org](mailto:cufna@cufna.org) to help. Paul Gallagher announced that a plaque will be installed at the incline wall on Clifton Avenue September 17, 2014 at 1p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

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## City's Action Plan

On October 13 a public hearing was held on the City's proposed 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan/2015 Annual Action Plan. Both documents detail the City's plan for the use of the following US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grants: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA).

The Consolidated Plan/Action Plan can be viewed on the City's Web site at the following URL: <http://www.cincinnati-oh>.

gov/community-development/references-resources/consolidated-plan/.

It can also be viewed in person at the Department of Trade and Development, 805 Central Avenue, Suite 700, Cincinnati, OH 45202, between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

Written comments must be submitted to Joy Pierson, Interim Community Development Administrator, by e-mail at Joy.Pierson@cincinnati-oh.gov; or by letter at Department of Trade and Development, 805 Central Avenue, Suite 700, Cincinnati, OH 45202. Oral comments may also be made at the public hearing on October 13.

Written comments must be received no later than October 29, 2014 at 5:00 PM to be included along with City responses in documents submitted to HUD.

Persons with disabilities are invited to use the accessible City Hall courtyard entrance. The courtyard may be accessed either through Eighth or Ninth Street, between Plum Street and Central Avenue.

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## Bulb planting in CUF

On October 5 and 6 CUF volunteers dug trenches and planted bulbs at the St. Monica traffic island on the corner of McMillan and Ravine Sts. Under the direction of Mark Bambach, some 600 bulbs were purchased and planted around the perimeter of the island and across the street by the old police station. CUF members and students volunteering through UC's Center for Community Engagement participated. Look for yellow petite daffodills blooming in April!

As mentioned in the minutes, volunteers will be needed for another bulb planting in Bellevue Park on October 25 and 26. Planting beds will be prepared for early-blooming crocus bulbs. If you'd like to help, contact Mark Bambach at markbambach@hotmail.com.

Thanks to all who have been coming out to work on CUF outdoor projects.

On a related note, the Park Board recently changed the planters throughout the business district to winter plant varieties.

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## 2014 City Holidays

When your regular trash collection day falls on the date shown, your trash will be collected the following day.

Collections for the remainder of the week will be delayed one day.

- Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2014: New Year's Day - Garbage collection for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will be delayed by one day.
- Monday, Jan. 20, 2014: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Monday, Feb. 17, 2014: Presidents' Day
- Monday, May 26, 2014: Memorial Day
- Friday, July 4, 2014: Independence Day
- Monday, Sept. 1, 2014: Labor Day
- Monday, Oct. 13, 2014: Columbus Day - Service will not be altered. Monday collection will occur on Columbus Day.
- Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014: Veterans' Day
- Thursday, Nov. 27, 2014: Thanksgiving
- Thursday, Dec. 25, 2014: Christmas - Garbage collection for Thursday and Friday will be delayed by one day.
- Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015: New Year's Day - Garbage collection for Thursday and Friday will be delayed by one day.

### Trash Amnesty Weeks

- During Trash Amnesty Weeks, residents may set out additional trash in sealed plastic trash bags next to their approved City-provided container. Amnesty weeks are centered around holidays when households typically generate more trash than normal.

### Upcoming amnesty days include:

- Memorial Day: May 27 to May 31, 2014
  - Independence Day: July 5 to July 11, 2014
  - Labor Day: Sept. 2 to Sept. 6, 2014
  - Thanksgiving: Nov. 29 to Dec. 5, 2014
  - Winter Holidays: Dec. 26, 2014 to Jan. 2, 2015
  - (Note: Even during Amnesty Weeks, bulky items must still be scheduled for special pickup.)
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**GCWW Water Service Charges**

January 1st, 2014

Meter	Incorporated		Unincorporated		Butler & Warren		Venice				
	Inside Cincinnati		Hamilton & Clermont		Hamilton County		County		Arlington Heights		Gardens
Size	Monthly	Quarterly	Monthly	Quarterly	Monthly	Quarterly	Monthly	Quarterly	Monthly	Quarterly	Monthly
5/8	\$ 11.66	\$ 16.89	\$ 13.76	\$ 18.68	\$ 14.75	\$ 20.02	\$ 15.82	\$ 21.48	\$14.41	\$20.63	\$12.00
3/4	\$ 12.97	\$ 20.83	\$ 14.99	\$ 22.36	\$ 16.07	\$ 23.97	\$ 17.24	\$ 25.71	\$15.97	\$25.30	\$12.00
1	\$ 14.80	\$ 26.32	\$ 16.71	\$ 27.53	\$ 17.92	\$ 29.51	\$ 19.22	\$ 31.66	\$18.14	\$31.83	\$12.00
1.5	\$ 21.96	\$ 53.95	\$ 24.03	\$ 57.16	\$ 25.75	\$ 61.28	\$ 27.63	\$ 65.73	\$26.77	\$65.38	\$12.00
2	\$ 28.57	\$ 76.38	\$ 30.66	\$ 80.31	\$ 32.87	\$ 86.10	\$ 35.26	\$ 92.36	\$34.70	\$92.44	\$12.00
3	\$ 63.56	\$ 177.69	\$ 67.21	\$ 185.41	\$ 72.05	\$ 198.76	\$ 77.29	\$ 213.22	\$77.00	\$214.77	\$12.00
4	\$ 119.30	\$ 307.43	\$ 128.74	\$ 323.13	\$ 138.01	\$ 346.39	\$ 148.05	\$ 371.60	\$145.05	\$372.06	\$12.00
6	\$ 239.10	\$ 604.95	\$ 258.09	\$ 633.85	\$ 276.67	\$ 679.49	\$ 296.80	\$ 728.93	\$290.72	\$731.72	\$12.00
8	\$ 350.41	\$ 902.46	\$ 376.85	\$ 944.58	\$ 403.98	\$1,012.58	\$ 433.38	\$ 1,086.27	\$425.78	\$1,091.38	\$12.00
10	\$ 487.09	\$ 1,219.81	\$ 527.31	\$ 1,280.10	\$ 565.28	\$1,372.27	\$ 606.41	\$ 1,472.12	\$592.55	\$1,475.83	\$12.00
12	\$ 579.45	\$ 1,430.10	\$ 630.53	\$ 1,506.26	\$ 675.92	\$1,614.71	\$ 725.11	\$ 1,732.20	\$705.56	\$1,731.35	\$12.00

**Water Commodity Charges**

January 1st, 2014

Per Month	Per Quarter	Inside Cincinnati	Inc Hamilton & Clermont	Uninc Hamilton Cty	Butler & Warren Cty	Arlington Heights	Venice Gardens
First 20 ccf	First 60 cc	\$2.28	\$2.85	\$3.06	\$3.28	\$2.85	\$4.70
Next 580 ccf	Next 1740	\$1.91	\$2.39	\$2.56	\$2.75	\$2.39	\$3.93
Over 600 ccf	Over 1800	\$1.70	\$2.12	\$2.28	\$2.44	\$2.12	\$3.50

**Fire Protection Charges**

January 1st, 2014

Branch	Incorporated		Unincorporated		Butler & Warren		Arlington Heights			
	Inside Cincinnati		Hamilton & Clermont		Hamilton County		Counties			
Size (inches)	Monthly	Quarterly	Monthly	Quarterly	Monthly	Quarterly	Monthly	Quarterly		
2 and Under	\$14.15	\$41.89	\$17.69	\$52.36	\$18.96	\$56.13	\$20.34	\$60.21	\$17.69	\$52.36
3	\$18.16	\$53.78	\$22.70	\$67.22	\$24.33	\$72.06	\$26.10	\$77.30	\$22.70	\$67.22
4	\$21.48	\$64.42	\$26.85	\$80.52	\$28.78	\$86.32	\$30.88	\$92.60	\$26.85	\$80.52
6	\$49.57	\$148.22	\$61.96	\$185.27	\$66.42	\$198.61	\$71.25	\$213.06	\$61.96	\$185.27
8	\$70.01	\$210.00	\$87.51	\$262.50	\$93.81	\$281.40	\$100.64	\$301.87	\$87.51	\$262.50
10 and over	\$84.48	\$253.13	\$105.60	\$316.41	\$113.20	\$339.19	\$121.44	\$363.87	\$105.60	\$316.41

**CINCINNATI WATER WORKS - COMMERCIAL SERVICES DIVISION**

**SEWERAGE SERVICE RATES**

**IN**

**METROPOLITAN SEWER DISTRICT OF GREATER CINCINNATI  
(RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS)**

Effective 1-9-2014

**MINIMUM CHARGES\***

<u>Meter Size in Inches</u>	<u>Number of Family Units</u>	<u>Minimum Charge Code</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Quarterly</u>
5/8	1	1	\$ 53.88	\$110.71
3/4	2 or 3	2	\$ 64.61	\$142.75
1	4 or 5	3	\$ 83.15	\$195.70
1-1/2	6 thru 12	4	\$ 128.21	\$332.56
2	13 thru 20	5	\$ 176.69	\$471.07
3	21 thru 50	6	\$ 433.05	\$1,208.95
4	51 thru 115	7	\$ 717.05	\$2,002.17
6	116 thru 250	8	\$ 1,402.92	\$3,955.82
8	Over 250	9	\$ 2,085.35	\$5,902.62
10	Over 250	10	\$ 2,802.36	\$7,887.50
12	Over 250	11	\$ 3,263.05	\$9,106.83

**COMMODITY CHARGES**

<u>Per Month</u>	<u>Per Quarter</u>	<u>Rate</u>
First 5 ccf	First 9 ccf	Minimum charge (above)
Next 45 ccf	Next 141 ccf	\$5.546 per ccf
All over 50 ccf	All over 150 ccf	\$4.435 per ccf

\* The minimum charge shall be based on the size of the water meter used to serve the premises, or the size of the premises served, as determined by the number of units therein, whichever results in the larger minimum charge.

On minimum charge 1 and 2 with family unit of 1 or 2, consumption billed during the second, third and fourth quarter will be billed on the consumption of the first quarter if it is lower. Those accounts in which no billing occurred in the first quarter will be billed for 25 ccf for minimum charge 1 and 35 ccf for minimum charge 2.



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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: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, except August and December, 7:30 p.m., Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria, 311 Straight Street
- CUF Trustee meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m, Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria, 311 Straight Street
- CUF annual meeting and election: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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