



NEIGHBORHOOD  
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# Newsletter

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November, 2014

## Next monthly meeting:

November 18, 2014,  
Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria,  
Lower Level, Straight Street

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As many of you know I work for UC Libraries and I would like to present a few great library resources within the neighborhood you may not be aware of.

The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County (PLCHC) is one of the largest public library systems in the country offering access to books, videos, and music, both in hard copy format and electronically on-line. While CUF does not have its own branch, there are branches close by in Corryville, Clifton, and Downtown. Did you know as a cardholder of the PLCHC you can order materials on-line from 27 public library systems and 90 academic libraries from across Ohio for pick up at the PLCHC library of your choice free of charge? This is available thanks to two statewide library consortia, one for public libraries called SearchOhio, and another for academic libraries called OhioLINK. PLCHC and UC Libraries belong to these respective consortia. These consortia also allow PLCHC cardholders to go to any member library to borrow directly on their PLCHC card.

UC Libraries (UCL) ranked in the top 50 of research library systems in North America by the Association of Research Libraries. There are 13 subject and location specific libraries in its system, including libraries devoted to classics, music, rare books, and the sciences among others. UCL locations are open to the public and, as mentioned, most of its circulating materials can be borrowed directly with a PLCHC card. UCL also offers many resources of local interest on-line such as Cincinnati Birth and Death Records 1865-1912 (great for local genealogical research) and an extensive collection of photos of Cincinnati streets and buildings taken by the office of the City Engineer from 1920 to 1956 documenting construction of the subway system and street

improvements, as well as the UC yearbook (Cincinnatian) and newspaper (News Record). Cincinnati is one of four locations for the Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) and is home to both the Klau Library and the Jacob Rader Marcus Center of The American Jewish Archives. Its network forms the second largest Jewish library in the world. Largely supporting the teaching and research mission of HUC-JIR, it also makes available materials on the history of Jews and Jewish communities in the Western Hemisphere. Access is available to the community.

The library resources available to CUF residents (and others) are great – I encourage you to take advantage of them!

More information can be found here:

<http://cincinnati.library.org/>

<http://www.cincinnati.library.org/services/searchohio.html>

<http://www.libraries.uc.edu/>

<http://digital.libraries.uc.edu/>

<http://huc.edu/research>

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## CUF Neighborhood Association General Meeting

10/21/14 General Meeting Deaconess Cafeteria

Cherie Hill Wallpe called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m.

Guest Presentation--

CPD District 5 Captain Bardua introduced herself.

Sgt. Volkerding -- Madisonville Citizens on Patrol will patrol with CUF COP on Friday 10/24/14 U.C. Football player crime using up District 5 resources. The back up quarterback assaulted someone on the street.

Good news-- 38% reduction in violent crime. Bad news-- theft from autos is up. Bait cars are being used to no avail. "Two Gun Gang" drive

by, hold up and go. They then switch out drivers and cars for the next time.

CPD District 5 Officer Hageman –Prepare and protect yourself. Robberies will be up during the holidays. Crosswalk concerns are a low priority with CPD officers who are paid by U.C., they have bigger fish to fry.

There is a new Police Chief at U.C., Jason Goodrich

New Business: Announcements:

Cherie – Pita Pit 73 W.McMillan conditionally approved for a liquor license.

Jack Martin-- Land Development Code--second draft is online at

Cincinnati.OH.gov/planning. The review period is through January. There are before and after maps on the website. You can enter your address for comparison. The third draft starts in January.

Charter Review Forum--Issue 11 is on the ballot to correct and update language.

Chip Kusmal--CHCURC--Old St. George is up in the air. Block one is seeking proposals. Chip is proposing single--family housing.

Gilbane Development Update-- No word on renewal of I.D.C. The planning commission met 10/17/14 to discuss the zoning change. Four members recommended approval of the planned development. The CUF board has voted to oppose the Zoning Change. Only the area of the proposed development is affected. Residents of Lyon St. voiced opposition to the Zoning change.

There was a discussion of parking density, some points made-- Clifton Town meeting has a parking requirement of 1.5 per unit. Gilbane put in town houses and more parking to please CUF.

1.2--acre site might not support parking for an eight--story building. Zoning changes have long--term implications.

Mark Bambach--Thanks to those that helped plant daffodils at St. Monica/ St. George. There will be another planting at Belleview Park Saturday 10/25/14.

Kathy Wright the new principal of Hughes High School introduced herself to the CUF community and looks forward to working with us.

Head Start's Home School Program--Head Start has expanded it's services to include "Home School" serving families from the time the mother is pregnant till the child starts Kindergarten. 513--569--4510 for more info.

Election Day is 11/4/14 check the board of election's web site for your polling place.

Speakers:

Chris Flowers, Museum Center Issue 8 --to restore Union Terminal 100%. Sales and use tax, time limited to 5 years.

Brenda White, Talbert House Issue 6, Hamilton County Family Services drug and alcohol treatment.

Meeting adjourned 8:49 p.m.

Minutes by Recording Secretary Tony Walsh

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## NSP

The Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) was initiated by the City of Cincinnati to provide funds to community councils in support of neighborhood projects and activities. Many councils use these funds to assist with membership drives, publish newsletters, engage in beautification and clean-up activities, provide summer employment or cultural activities to neighborhood youth, and underwrite the cost of sending community leaders to workshops and other training and networking opportunities, among other things.

There are currently 51 neighborhood councils recognized in the City of Cincinnati. NSP is an annual process open only to these 51 neighborhood councils. Councils must submit an annual proposal that has been approved by residents living within that neighborhood.

At the November CUF meeting we will be voting on our 2015 NSP proposal.

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## Spring in Our Steps

This is the 50th anniversary of the Cincinnati Preservation Association, formerly the Miami Purchase Association. Each year CPA presents various awards for excellence in rehabilitation and stewardship. This year our own Christian Huelsman was given a stewardship award for his organization Spring in Our Steps. Quoting the CPA newsletter: "Formed in 2012, Spring in Our Steps (SiOS) is a Cincinnati-based initiative to take back neighborhood infrastructure -- forgotten spaces such as city steps, alleys, and sidewalks -- and reclaim them for the pedestrian.

SiOS's hardworking volunteers have completed 120 cleanup projects in OTR, Mt. Auburn, Clifton Heights and Northside, beautifying and celebrating these forgotten spaces, improving safety and holding fun events to engage the community."

Congratulations, Christian!



## Share your neighborhood memories

Cincinnati residents will have a chance to share their recollections about old neighborhoods, including some that no longer exist, at a new photo exhibit documenting 20th century life in the city. For the first time, the stunning photos by Daniel J. Ransohoff, George S. Rosenthal and Ben Rosen are being exhibited together at the Cincinnati Skirball Museum and The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives on the campus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. The exhibit, which is being displayed until Dec. 21, is part of FotoFocus, the citywide biennial celebration of photography.

"We hope to start a conversation about these neighborhoods, especially the West End, that were such a big part of the fabric of the city," said Abby S. Schwartz, director of the Skirball Museum and curator of the show.

The 60 black-and-white photos document the architecture of the West End before construction of Interstate 75 split communities apart. They show the stark reality of life as families struggled with poverty in neighborhoods throughout Cincinnati. And they depict historic events in the city, including the devastation of the 1937 flood.

The exhibit also will feature a panel discussion with local historians, scholars and consultants focusing on the West End.

The panel discussion will be at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 12 at Mayerson Hall on the HUC-JIR campus. It will be free and open to the public. Reservations are requested by calling Jen Mendelson at 513-487-3098 or [jmendelson@huc.edu](mailto:jmendelson@huc.edu). Support for the program is being provided by the Daniel J. Ransohoff Lectures Fund of HUC-JIR.

## 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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## New Office of Performance & Data Analytics

Cincinnati's new Office of Performance and Data Analytics is designed to boost customer service and save taxpayer money through greater accountability and improved efficiency.

Chad Kenney Jr. will lead the office as it focuses on three main objectives:

- Design and implement performance management agreements with department heads.
- Establish an Innovation Lab to address some of the City's most challenging operational and customer service issues.
- Design and establish a Citistat program, which will use data to methodically zero in on areas of underperformance and improve service throughout city government.

Mr. Kenney previously served as the Director of Baltimore's CitiStat program, a nationally recognized performance management system. He led a team in developing key performance indicators for Baltimore City, a government with an annual budget of \$3.4 billion and 15,000 employees serving 620,000 residents.

His accomplishments include helping to lead changes within the Baltimore Fire Department that are projected to save \$70 million over 10 years while increasing pay 14.5% for firefighters; increasing customers' satisfaction with Baltimore city services from 50% to 70%; and managing a survey of all 72,000 street lights to find wasted money on non-functioning lights.

Kenney also spent two years as a Teach for America Corps Member, teaching high school mathematics at a Baltimore City Public School. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics and a Masters in Teaching degree from Johns Hopkins University.

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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

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2364 West McMicken Avenue  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45214

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

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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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