



**NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION**

# Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

**February, 2016**

## **Next monthly meeting:**

February 16, 2016

Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria,  
Lower Level, Straight Street

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## **Housing efforts**

CUFNA has just created a new housing committee. With the various issues concerning student “party house” rentals, and the continued encroachment of apartment buildings, it was felt that the CUF community should make a positive effort to set the direction of housing in our neighborhood. With that in mind, Craig Lloyd, Jack Martin, and Chip Kussmaul, with input from Jules Rosen, have had a number of meetings in order to address these issues. We will meet monthly and report back to the CUF board.

Of course, housing in our community is a big issue. We have a lot of ground to cover, and we are approaching it from two different directions. First, we have developed an agreement with CHCURC to identify and restore distressed properties. We are looking for properties in foreclosure and/or which have numerous code violations against them. Such properties would be renovated and then either sold or rented out to responsible parties. We are still investigating what area(s) might be the best place to start. Of course one of the biggest issues is financing. This will be one of CHCURC’s primary responsibilities. There are various funding sources available, and with CHCURC’s background with financing redevelopments, we hope to proceed relatively smoothly.

The second direction is to establish CUF as a unique neighborhood by creating an overlay district. CUF is actually one of the first suburbs of Cincinnati, and has the distinction of having had both the Bellevue and Fairview inclines,

which were connected by streetcars. A study is just beginning in which significant buildings and areas will be listed. In the end, we hope to establish that CUF has a unique character that is worth preserving. This is not an effort to force homeowners to conform to arbitrary requirements. Rather, we want to maintain the neighborhood’s unique character. If you have any thoughts about this, please get in touch with us.

We have seen OTR change, in a very short time, from a place that people avoid, to a place that people enjoy. Change is coming to all of Uptown, whether we like it or not. It is the hope of the CUF Housing Committee that we can get out in front of these changes and lead them in a desirable direction that benefits us all.

Chip Kussmaul

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## **Minutes of the CUF Neighborhood Association Meeting for January 19, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.  
by Linda Ziegler

### **Safety Updates:**

- CFD Engine 19: Ron Dantz spoke about dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning during cold weather. Breakdown of CFD runs are: 80% EMS, 15% fires, 5% miscellaneous.
- CPD District 5: Jason Voelkerding reported that overall the city’s crime rates continue to fall, and CUF’s have fallen in particular. There has been a recent 11% drop in property crimes and a 15% drop in violent crimes. In December there were no robberies in CUF.
- UC Police: Jim Vestring is the new community engagement officer. Last year the UC night ride program provided 130,000 individual rides.



## OES

2015 was a busy year for the City of Cincinnati's Office of Environment and Sustainability (OES).

• Midwest Regional Sustainability Summit

OES partnered with Green Umbrella and Xavier University's Brueggeman Center for Dialogue to produce the 1st Annual Midwest Regional Sustainability Summit in 2015. The Summit, attended by more than 300 individuals representing more than 150 businesses and organizations, is focused on helping small and mid-sized businesses grow their businesses and their profits by embracing green business practices and offering green products.

• Environmental Advisory Council Reorganized

The City's Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) was created by City Council Resolution in 1976, and has been advising city government on environmental matters for nearly 40 years. In 2015, the EAC was reorganized and re-energized. A new slate of advisors was recruited and appointed, including more racial, age, gender, and political diversity.

• Food Policy Council Created and Staffed & Local Food Advocate Hired

Thanks to successful grant applications authored by OES, the Greater Cincinnati Regional Food Policy Council launched in 2015, staffed by a Director, and a Local Food Advocate was hired. A funding consortium including Interact for Health, the Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile, Jr./US Bank Foundation, and The Funders Network came together to ensure that Cincinnati has the infrastructure to develop and implement food policies and programs that enable Cincinnatians to produce, process and consume more fresh, healthy, local food.

• Energy Manager Position Created

In 2015, the City created and staffed an Energy Manager position in the Office of Environment and Sustainability. OES managed the completion a \$7.8 million dollar Energy Performance Contract with Honeywell. This contract included the conversion of 4800 street lights to LED lights, as well as LED conversions of external lights at many Recreation, Health, and Public Services buildings.

For more about OES and its programs and accomplishments in 2015 go to:

<http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/oes/>

## Notice to members of CUF Community Fund



The annual meeting of the CUF Community Fund will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2016.

The agenda for the meeting is to review and approve the minutes of the Funds February 2015 annual meeting, vote to elect three members to the Board of Trustees, review the 2015 financial report of the Fund and discuss issues pertaining to the Fund.

Copies of the minutes and the Funds 2015 financial report will be distributed to all members attending the meeting.

The slate of candidates running for the three open positions on the Board of Trustees are: Maureen France, Paul Gallagher, Cindy Lewis, Julie Murray, Rob Neel, John Stork and Linda Ziegler.

### CUF Community Fund

#### Membership Requirements

To be a Member of the CUF Community Fund, one must be a paid member of the Clifton Heights, University Heights and Fairview Neighborhood Association (CUF) for twenty-four months prior to the annual meeting of the Members and must be a permanent resident residing within Clifton Heights, University Heights or Fairview as designated in the by-laws of the CUF Neighborhood Association, Inc., or its successor organization. A permanent resident is defined as one residing year round within the CUF community for at least four consecutive years (48 months) immediately preceding the consideration of Member status. The burden of satisfying the requirement of permanent residency is upon the individual seeking to be a Member.

Personal invitations will be mailed to individuals that satisfy the first requirement for membership. (Paid member of (CUF) for twenty-four months prior to the annual meeting). Invitations will designate which individuals will need to provide proof of permanent residency. The members of the Board of the CUF Community Fund wish to extend to all members of the CUF community a happy, healthy, safe and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

Dennis O'Brien	President
Linda Ziegler	Treasurer
Cindy Lewis	Secretary
Maureen France	Vice President
Craig Lloyd	Vice President

## Hatching Spring Blooms

“Start your new year with the sparkling colors, invigorating smells and chic designs found in the Krohn Conservatory Hatching Spring Blooms floral show. A canopy of pastel painted branches is suspended above a dozen trees decorated with hundreds of painted eggs to celebrate the coming spring.”

Tuesday through Sunday (closed Mondays) 10 am. - 5 pm. \$4.00 adults \$2.00 children (4 and under free)

WHERE: Krohn Conservatory

WHEN: January 16 - March 13 10 am - 5

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## Film featuring CMHA residents

A round of applause for the Q-Kidz Dance Team! The squad that has danced its way into the hearts of people in our area has taken to a much bigger stage. Members of the Q-Kidz Dance Team performed in the independent film *The Fits*, and now the movie is part of the 2016 Sundance Film Festival. 65 films were selected for the U.S. Competition, World Competition and out-of-competition NEXT categories by the Sundance Institute.

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## Inclusive Cincinnati

Last summer, I worked with the Cincinnati Human Relations Commission to host a fun dinner with a diverse group of guests to discuss how to we could end discrimination of all kinds.

As a continuation of that effort, I have started a Facebook group called Inclusive Cincinnati:

<https://www.facebook.com/Inclusive-Cincinnati-Connecting-Cultures-and-Communities-1563143477303920/>

The goal of this group is to (1) provide fun social events where people of various backgrounds can come together and (2) promote positive human relations.

Feel free to like the page to see information about upcoming events.

I look forward to your participation!

Best,

Christine

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## Stars in Your Eyes



“Join us for a special evening of romance under the stars. You’ll hear some of the greatest love stories ever told as we slowly make our way through the seasons. Seating is limited; please call 751-3679 for reservations. Programs are open to adults and children ages 5 and older accompanied by an adult. Fee: \$5.00 per person.

The Wolff Planetarium... where the stars come to life.”

WHERE: The Wolff Planetarium, Trailside Nature Center, Burnett Woods Park

WHEN: February 12, 7 pm - 8 pm

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## UC Safety and Reform Community Advisory Council website:

<http://www.uc.edu/safety-reform/cac.html>

This website includes minutes and copies of some material that has been presented. For example: [http://www.uc.edu/content/dam/uc/safety-reform/documents/UC%20Safety%20and%20Reform\\_CAC%20Presentation\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.uc.edu/content/dam/uc/safety-reform/documents/UC%20Safety%20and%20Reform_CAC%20Presentation_FINAL.pdf)

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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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