



NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION

# Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

April, 2016

## Next monthly meeting:

April 19, 2016

Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria,  
Lower Level, Straight Street

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## Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Here are a number of updates of on-going issues in CUF.

A young couple attended last month's meeting who have recently bought a house in University Heights. They have already received a letter from some investor wanting to purchase their home. Unbeknownst to them, every home owner in CUF regularly receives such solicitations. It seems that most consumer protection efforts address those seeking to sell something rather than those seeking to buy something. A member of the city's law department offers the following: Cold calling/contact is a common way investors buy and flip houses. But there probably isn't anything illegal about just calling or sending letters. Most investors hope to buy at about 65% of a home's value and then resell. They call many numbers before making deal. Selling a house to a cold caller is unlikely to be a good deal and should be avoided. Oral contracts for leases over a year or sales of land are not court-enforceable, so people should not worry about accidentally agreeing to sell over the phone.

Here are links to the national Do Not Call Registry, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio information page on Do Not Call, Ohio Attorney General Tips and Scam Reporting page and Consumer Protection Laws:

<https://www.donotcall.gov/>

<http://www.puco.ohio.gov/puco/index.cfm/be-informed/consumer-topics/do-not-call-registry-preventing-unwanted-telemarketing-calls/#sthash.4AACzDfD.dpbs>

<http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Individuals-and-Families/Tipster.aspx>

<Http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Individuals-and-Families/Consumers/Laws-Protecting-Consumers>

As mentioned in previous newsletters, CUF has hired a consultant to do research toward the end of developing an historic district. Work is now underway. The consultant is interested in old photographs of Clifton Heights. If you have any, please email them to our website at <http://www.cufna.org> or give copies to trustees at the April meeting.

On April 6th City Council voted to extend CUF's Interim Development Control District for six more months to allow for completion of the UC Impact Study. Committees continue to meet and are now beginning work toward developing final recommendations.

Restoration work is about to begin on the old incline structure at the bend in Clifton Avenue coming up the hill from downtown. Weeds and vines will be removed, and the stones will be tuck-pointed as needed. The city plans to install panels with historic images, and an awning may go up to shelter people waiting for the bus. CUF has contracted with the park board for maintenance of two additional planters on the opposite side of Clifton Avenue, bringing our total to 18 pots throughout the community.

Last month a ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the top two floors of the Parkway Apartments in the old motel on Central Parkway. This program, operated by Talbert House, is specifically designed to house veterans.

Green-Up Day is Saturday, April 30th. We hope to do some work sprucing up our parks. For more information contact [jennifer.harten@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:jennifer.harten@cincinnati-oh.gov). Hope to see you then.

Linda Ziegler

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## CUF Neighborhood Association General Meeting, 3/15/16 7:30 pm Deaconess Cafeteria

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

Guests:

- Joyce Powdrill, Uptown Consortium

## Safety Updates:

There was no fire department report.

Officer Hageman gave District 5 report. Year to date crimes, particularly violent, and calls for service are down in CUF 25 – 50% over last year. There have been several recent arrests.

Officer Vestring gave the UC police report. UC is maintaining a list of problem properties. There are currently 3 on the list. Staff from student affairs will be riding with the UC “party patrol”. Residents should continue to report loud parties, etc. james.vestring@uc.edu. The UC canine unit will come to a future CUF meeting.

Joyce Powdrill, from Uptown Consortium reported on a new smart phone app: youruptown.com. This is a bi-monthly email notification of local businesses in the Uptown neighborhoods. There are approximately 50,000 workers in Uptown; the program hopes to capture their buying power for local businesses.

## Treasurer’s Report

### Reports:

Trustee: Meetings continue for the UC Impact study; we are about halfway through the process of issuing a final report. CUF has hired Chris Finney’s law firm to complete a White Paper detailing our problems with zoning, building, trash enforcement. The goal is to schedule meetings with the Mayor, City Council, city department staff and UC for discussions. Keep Cincinnati Beautiful is monitoring our deer cams per our contract. Cameras have been in Coy field for six weeks; they will be moved to new “hot” locations soon. Weather permitting we will have a spruce-up at the St. Monica island this Saturday, headed up by Mark Bambach.

CHCURC: Block 1 development continues with usual site preparations.

### Old Business:

- Planning Commission meeting Friday, March 18, 9:00 am to extend UC impact IDC

### New Business:

Residents from Marshall/McMicken area expressed concerns about recent purchases of buildings on Marshall that apparently will

be demolished. CUF is not aware of any development plans in that area. Current work is happening at a lot on the east side of McMicken Avenue to correct drainage problems. Owners may not have had required permits for the work; this has been reported to the city. This building is used as a studio for architecture students at DAAP but is privately owned. There were also questions about the vacation of Hallmar. The owner of property on either side petitioned the city to vacate the street last fall; there has been no notice of further activity. Any street vacation is a public process.

### Announcements:

- Clean Up Cincy 2016: Saturday, April 2nd. Join a team at: <http://tinyurl.com/cleanupcincy16>
- Keep Cincinnati Beautiful State Roadway Cleanup is April 2nd. For more information or to sign up to volunteer: <http://keepcincinnatibeautiful.org/event/2016-state-roadway-cleanup/>
- Cincinnati Neighborhood Games, July 16th, Yeatman’s Cove, 9:00 am – 9:00 pm, Henry Frondorf, 513-748-1507, [www.CincyGames.com](http://www.CincyGames.com)

Next General Meeting: April 19, 2016  
Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.  
Minutes submitted by Linda Ziegler

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## Financial Report March 2016

Balance on March 1, 2015	\$9,156.29
Income:	
Dues	48.00
Total	48.00
Expenses:	
Fed Ex –newsletter	309.94
Total	309.94
Balance on March 31, 2016	\$8894.35

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## Update on the Little Miami Incinerator

After weighing many options, the City of Cincinnati and MSD are proposing a technology known as anaerobic digestion to replace the sludge incinerator at MSD's Little Miami treatment plant in the East End.

Anaerobic digestion will convert the sludge to a Class A biosolid that can be applied to farmland as fertilizer. This technology has environmental benefits and is also significantly cheaper than upgrading the incinerator, which is aging and not in compliance with new U.S. EPA air standards.

The Little Miami incinerator was shut down on March 21 for routine maintenance. During this shutdown, MSD is hauling the sludge to the Rumpke Landfill for disposal. The City and County are in discussions with the U.S. EPA to continue operating the incinerator for an up to a year to allow more time to implement a long-term solution.



## Great Parks of Hamilton County Public Listening Sessions

### We need your input!

We're hosting 12 public listening sessions across the county, and we want you there. Bring your thoughts and ideas about the future of Great Parks of Hamilton County. These informal, open-house style meetings will give you a chance to interact one-on-one with our friendly staff. Questions? Call 513-521-7275.



 **Great Parks**  
of Hamilton County [greatparks.org](http://greatparks.org)

DATE	LOCATION	DATE	LOCATION
★ <b>Thu, Mar 17</b> 6-8:30 p.m.	<b>William Henry Harrison High School</b> Activity Center 9860 West Road Harrison, Ohio 45030	★ <b>Tue, Apr 12</b> 6-8:30 p.m.	<b>Colerain Community Center</b> 4300 Springdale Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45251
★ <b>Wed, Mar 23</b> 6-8:30 p.m.	<b>Delhi Township Glen Carder Lodge</b> Glen Carder Lodge 5125 Foley Road Green Township, Ohio 45238	★ <b>Thu, Apr 14</b> 6-8:30 p.m.	<b>Green Township Nathanael Greene Lodge</b> Mulberry Room, Lower Level 6394 Wesselman Road Green Township, Ohio 45248
★ <b>Mon, Mar 28</b> 6-8:30 p.m.	<b>Woodlawn Community Center</b> Auditorium 10050 Woodlawn Blvd. Woodlawn, Ohio 45215	★ <b>Wed, Apr 20</b> 6-8:30 p.m.	<b>College Hill Recreation Center</b> Multi-Purpose Room 5545 Belmont Avenue Cincinnati, Ohio 45224
★ <b>Wed, Mar 30</b> 6-8:30 p.m.	<b>Civic Garden Center</b> 2715 Reading Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45206	★ <b>Thu, Apr 21</b> 6-8:30 p.m.	<b>Clark Montessori Cafeteria</b> 3030 Erie Avenue Cincinnati, Ohio 45208
★ <b>Tue, Apr 5</b> 6-8:30 p.m.	<b>Anderson Center</b> Community Room 7850 Five Mile Road Anderson Township, Ohio 45230	★ <b>Mon, Apr 25</b> 6-8:30 p.m.	<b>Rhinegeist</b> 1910 Elm Street Cincinnati, OH 45202
★ <b>Wed, Apr 6</b> 6-8:30 p.m.	<b>Saylor Park Recreation Center</b> Multi-Purpose Room 6720 Home City Avenue Cincinnati, Ohio 45233	★ <b>Wed, Apr 27</b> 6-8:30 p.m.	<b>Blue Ash Recreation Center</b> Lower Level 4433 Cooper Road Blue Ash, Ohio 45242

## Youth 2 Work Program

The City's Youth 2 Work Program is a consortium of City departments, local nonprofits, and partner organizations working to recruit, train and employ youth on behalf of the City of Cincinnati.;

The 8-week program provides job readiness and life skills training to Cincinnati youth between the ages of 14-18 through internal City Departments or outsourced organizations. Youth will work between 20-30 hours a week from June to August earning \$8.10 per hour (the current minimum wage for youth in Ohio).

Employers include City departments, nonprofit organizations, and private sector partners. Youth are placed in career-oriented employment opportunities such as law enforcement, fire and safety, horticulture, recreation, art, technology and administration.

Jobs are posted through the City's NeoGov page and the Urban League of Greater Cincinnati. Some of the jobs are listed below.

2016 Y2WK Summer Intern  
(Urban League)

2016 Y2WK-PARKS GREEN  
LEAF SUMMER YOUTH  
PROGRAM

FIRE SUMMER CADET  
(CIVILIAN) (PART-TIME)

## Nature and Modernism

by Patrick Snadon

With Spring's arrival, everyone is drawn to nature. And what better place to explore it than Cincinnati's parks? Our City has a great park system and many of its buildings are Mid-Century Modern. Some parks, like Eden Park, date to the 19th-century. But in 1907, the City hired landscape architect and planner George Kessler (1862-1923) to develop a comprehensive park and boulevard plan that recommended new parks and parkways to connect them, capitalizing on Cincinnati's dramatic topography and hillside views. Central and Columbia Parkways formed parts of Kessler's recommended system. Kessler's plans were reinforced in 1924, when planner Ladislav Segoe (1894-1983) created for Cincinnati the first, comprehensive urban plan for any American city.

By mid-20th-century, Cincinnati's parks had gained numerous, small buildings and service structures. Architect Frank Lloyd Wright's "organic" style of Modernism seemed better suited to these natural settings than those abstract vocabulary and industrial materials of the International Style. Of many local architects who designed park buildings, the most notable was Carl Freund (1902-1959). Originally from Wisconsin, Wright's home state, Freund followed Wright's organic principles without having directly studied with him.

Among Freund's most notable park buildings are his 1939 Trailside Nature Center in Burnet Woods, a low-slung structure of rough-cut limestone and wood. Freund's 1955 Park Administration Building in Eden Park is of stone, brick and wood, with deeply overhanging roofs and looks like a miniature house in Wrightian style. Freund's most delightful building, however, is his little pavilion of 1955, in Bellevue Hill Park (Clifton Heights). This small but sculptural structure, of natural limestone and steel-reinforced concrete, served as a bandstand and dancing area while also housing a concession stand and toilets. Whimsical circular roofs, with petal-like perforations, cantilever from clustered central columns that rise from planting beds. They recap, at a smaller scale, the famous "lily pad" columns that Frank Lloyd Wright designed for the Johnson Wax Headquarters in Racine, Wisconsin (1939). Unlike Wright's complex, however, which is internally focused, the Bellevue Hill pavilion is precariously perched on the edge of a steep hillside and opens to distant and breathtaking views of both nature and the downtown Cincinnati skyline—just as George Kessler's 1907 plan envisioned.

source: Cincinnati Preservation Association





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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: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

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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