CUF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

June, 2016

Next monthly meeting:

June 21, 2016
Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria,
Lower Level, Straight Street

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We are preparing for the annual meeting in July, during which new board members will be elected and Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) categories decided.

According to our revised bylaws, we are moving from a board of fifteen down to nine; so this year only three new trustees will be elected. (Their statements are inside.) Please take a minute to see if your membership dues are up-to-date. This information is found at the bottom of the label on your newsletter. Dues can be mailed in using the coupon in the newsletter or paid to the Membership Secretary during meetings. Remember, all newsletters can be found on CUF's website at: http://cufna.org/org.html.

The city has recently moved to a fiscal year, from July through June, for NSP funding. Each year we must take a formal vote on categories and amounts for the upcoming year. Bring your ideas to the July meeting. This year, in addition to the usual flower pot plantings and general clean-ups, the major NSP project has been the repair of the Clifton Avenue incline structure. Invasive vegetation has been removed and tuck pointing has been completed. Graphic panels depicting historic incline images are coming next and maybe an awning. We're also working on a bench or some other type of seating in the structure.

On Monday, June 27th at 10:00 am, there will be a formal presentation of the final design of our ArtWorks mural project at the 2740 West McMicken studio. The mural, depicting Cincinnati's canal history, will be located along Central Parkway near Marshall Avenue. Artist, Jim Effler, and 14 youth apprentices will be introduced and discuss the mural process and their research with CUF neighbors. Please plan to attend.

There are a number of on-going efforts that CUF is participating in: First is the UC Safety and Reform Community Advisory Council that has just chosen new leadership and made recommendations for the UC police department. CUF's representative, Jack Martin, will continue with this group for the next 18 months as the recommendations are implemented. Follow the committee's progress at: http://www.uc.edu/safety-reform/cac.html. CUF continues to participate in discussions of "what's next?" for the Cincinnati Public Schools. In particular, the CUF, Clifton, and Spring Grove Village community councils are meeting with CPS and the Clifton Cultural Arts Center (in the old Clifton Elementary building) to explore the possibility of a neighborhood school. Trustee Chip Kussmaul is taking the lead on this committee.

A group of community activists, led by Peter Hames, former president of the OTR council, has been working for several years toward developing meaningful citizen-city engagement. There is now a webpage called Community Voices at: https://www.communityvoicescincy.wordpress.com.

The Neighborhoods Committee of City Council is currently working on policies and procedures concerning Neighborhood Business Districts. For the past 20 years, a non-profit organization, Cincinnati Neighborhood Business Districts United (CNBDU), has existed to advise the city on such matters as determining grants to various business districts, much as Invest in Neighborhoods advises the city about community council funding through the NSP program. Clifton Heights, one of the identified business districts, has benefitted from this program in the past. The Neighborhoods Committee, along with the Department of Community and Economic Development, will recommend rules for adding and removing districts as needed.

Upcoming guests in the next few months include representatives from Greater Cincinnati Water Works, Citizens Complaint Authority, UC Greek organizations, and Ohio Attorney General's office.

See you on June 21st.

Linda Ziegler

names associated with faces for familiarity.
Officer Vestring will be bringing different Officers to CUFNA meetings each month. REPORT all bags and backpacks left at bus stops.
Guest Speakers Meredith Newman and Karen Rumsey, LISW
CCROW Program (Cincinnati Citizens Respect Our Witnesses),
The Cincinnati Police Department, in collaboration with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office, along with numerous community agencies and community volunteers, launch a new witness support program. This program will facilitate the support and empowerment for witnesses of homicides and violent crimes. Services include but are not limited to: relocation assistance, transportation, court-related assistance, referrals and counseling services.
Cincinnati Police says:
#SeesomethingSaysomethingCPD
For more information on CCROW, visit http://cincinnati-oh.gov/police/ccrow/
To learn more about volunteer opportunities or how to offer financial support
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Recorded by C. Wallpe#SeesomethingSaysomethingCPD

For more information on CCROW, visit http://cincinnati-oh.gov/police/ccrow/
To learn more about volunteer opportunities or how to offer financial support
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Financial Report May 2016

Balance on May 1, 2016	$8797.59
Income:	
Dues	0.00
Total	0.00
Expenses:	
Finney Law#3532	280.50
Finney law#3819	1248.00
Keep Cinti Beautiful	125.00
McAaron Martin	6150.00
Total	7803.50
Balance on May 31, 2016	$ 994.09

Trustee elections

The election of CUF trustees will be in July at our general meeting. Here are the candidates' statements we have received:

Julie Murray
Julie Murray has owned her two-family home on Parker Street in CUF for 26 years. She has been an active member of CUFNA for many years. She works full time in her private practice of interfaith holistic spiritual direction and somatic psycho-spiritual therapy on the first level of her home and lives with her dog, Lilly, in the upper unit. Keeping her garden and yard beautiful is one of her joys and contributions to the neighborhood. Julie's particular interest in being on the CUF Board is to contribute to increasing active membership from a wider variety and number of CUF residents as well as to participate actively in the interface between CUFNA and the City of Cincinnati.

Mark Bambach
I've been living on Fairview Avenue for the past nine years. I've gotten involved with working on some of the greenspace projects in the neighborhood. I've also been attending the current University Area Impact Zoning meetings. Preserving the character of our neighborhood is a big part of the goal of those meetings. As a trustee, I would like to continue helping manage some of the public greenspace areas in the neighborhood. I am also very interested in how we can encourage more owner occupied housing in CUF, including families. Certain things need to be done to better market our neighborhood. Increasing membership in CUFNA is something I think is important. I would also like to see more social events in the neighborhood. Perhaps CUFNA can help support that in some way. Neighborhood's become stronger when its residents know each other and care about each other.

Mike Morris
After graduating with honors from Beavercreek High School just outside of Dayton, Ohio, I moved to Cincinnati in 2012 to attend the University of Cincinnati and pursue a degree in Civil Engineering. I currently work for an engineering firm here in Cincinnati and have been offered employment post-graduation. My residency in Clifton Heights started on Chickasaw St. where I rented for a year before purchasing my current residence on W. Clifton. I have a strong commitment to investing in CUF in order to improve the neighborhood for all who enjoy it's convenient, vibrant, and interesting features. I am excited to have the opportunity to bring a new, young, and common sense voice to the fight for a better neighborhood. Though I am young, I have a plethora of past leadership experience including entrepreneurial ventures, and as Treasurer on the Board of Trustees of the UC chapter of the American Concrete Institute. I believe I would be a great fit benefit to the CUFNA board of trustees, and am honored be afforded the opportunity to serve.

John Stork
I am a librarian at UC and have lived in CUF for over 13 years. Between work and home, I have a strong commitment to the betterment of the neighborhood and I previously served on the CUFNA Board for six years as president and membership secretary. I would like to help CUFNA work toward developing a stronger partnership with UC in addressing issues in our community such as homeownership, tenant stewardship, and neighborhood upkeep.

I-75 / Hopple construction

Work on the Interstate 75/Hopple Street project requires the permanent closure of the ramp from eastbound I-74 to Central Parkway ramp.

Work began with lane closures on eastbound I-74 the evening of Thursday, June 9 with a short-term closure of the Beekman Road entrance ramp. Lanes reopened the morning of Friday, June 10 and the ramp from eastbound I-74 to Central Parkway ramp was permanently closed at that time.

New access to Central Parkway from eastbound I-74 will be the Hopple Street exit.

This ramp closure is required to accommodate the new northbound I-75 on-ramp from the Hopple Street bridge that will open in the fall. It also allows for the construction of the ramp from eastbound I-74 to northbound I-75 as part of the upcoming I-74/I-75 interchange reconstruction project, scheduled to start in the fall of 2017.

Arrow boards and/or signs will be in place to alert motorists of the upcoming permanent ramp closure. Again, all work is dependent upon weather.

To help ensure the safety of the construction workers as well as the traveling public, motorists should remain alert, reduce their speed and watch for stopped traffic while passing through the work zone.

A Coyote is in Your Backyard. What Should You Do?

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1. Understand that coyotes are common throughout Ohio's 88 counties in both rural and urban settings. There are no wild wolves living in Ohio.
2. Identify that the canine is truly a coyote and not a stray dog. See the back of this card for tips. If you determine that the animal is a stray dog, contact your county dog warden.
3. If you do have a coyote on your property, remove all "attractants" to possibly deter the coyote from returning. This includes removing garbage and pet food before nightfall and cleaning up around the grill. Coyotes prey primarily on small mammals such as rabbits and mice. Small pets may also be taken. Keep small dogs and cats inside or stay with them at night when coyotes are most active. Coyotes are curious, but generally fearful of humans. Clap your hands and shout to scare off coyotes that are investigating your yard.
4. If the coyote visiting your yard seems to lack a fear of humans or is presenting a conflict even after removing attractants from your yard, contact a nuisance trapper. You can locate a trapper near you by calling the Division of Wildlife at 1-800-WILDLIFE (945-3543). Coyotes in rural areas can be controlled through legal hunting and trapping methods. Consult the yearly *Ohio Hunting and Trapping Regulations* booklet for more information. Go to www.wildohio.com to view more information online.

Coyote

Description

A slender animal, very similar in appearance to a medium-sized dog and much smaller than a wolf, a species not currently found in Ohio. The majority of coyotes are gray, though some show a rusty, brown or off-white coloration. It has a bushy tail which is usually tipped with black.

Habitat

The coyote's strength is that it can adapt and exploit most any habitat to its advantage, including forests, clearcuts, and woodlots in rural and urban areas.

Reproduction

Mating occurs between late January and March. A litter of about six young are born two months later. Both adults hunt for food and feed the young. At about three weeks of age, the young leave the den under the watch of the adults.

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Canis latrans

Did you know?

- Although coyotes are small, they are the largest of the three members of the Canidae (dog) family found in Ohio. The other two canids are the gray fox and the red fox.
- Coyotes are most active at dawn and dusk, but may be seen frequently throughout the day.
- Coyotes eat a variety of foods including, small mammals, insects, fruits and berries, and items meant for pets and humans.

Opinion: create Office of Community Engagement

Sue Wilke is vice president of Northside Community Council, and Peter Hames is past president of the OTR Community Council.

We endorse the recent opinion piece "How to Help Cincy Neighborhoods" (March 7) and support its recommendations to jump-start community engagement. The suggestions parallel and complement a number of the suggestions that we, as two of the co-chairs of the Citizen Engagement Action Team (CEAT), made in our proposal, "Strength in Unity – A Proposal to Create a Flourishing Culture of Citizen Engagement in the City of Cincinnati."

Based on our research of 17 similar cities across the nation, literature review and materials review, we proposed that city government – including the mayor and city council – and Cincinnatians work together to implement these recommendations:

1. Adopt a citizen engagement policy and principles: It is clear, and supported by our review of models and best practices, that standards (or principles) of excellence for public participation must be in place to support an effective and successful community engagement policy.
2. Create a citizen engagement infrastructure: Across the United States, public participation practices have been steadily shifting local governments toward more open, transparent and participatory processes. These processes engage community stakeholders in a timely fashion by engaging early, often and meaningfully until a final decision is made that is supported by majority consensus. Accountability for implementing community engagement needs to be fixed with the city manger. In turn, a Citizens Advisory Committee should be appointed to work with the manger.
3. Create a citizen engagement academy for training and development: Training is an important aspect of ensuring effective community engagement. Training of community members, as well as public administrators, will ensure both are working effectively toward implementation of the city's engagement policy and principles.
4. Implement a strategy on how to use social media to implement citizen engagement: Social media provides a powerful opportunity for citizens to be engaged 24/7. The city should develop and implement a strategy on how it will use social media as a way to implement the community engagement policy and principles.
5. Develop an annual report card on results and accountability for citizen engagement: In the spirit of "what gets measured gets done," the city must define what success looks like and how to measure it. We recommend the city develop an annual report card to update the community on results and to promote ongoing improvement. The community engagement advisory committee should be tasked to help determine appropriate measures of success and accountability.

While we have been successful working with members of the city administration and council in securing adoption of citizen engagement mission, vision, policy and principles, there has been little effort to publicize them broadly or to actively implement and follow the policy and principles. What has been lacking is the creation of the infrastructure that is needed to support the effort so, as Ryan Messer says, we are not subject to "haphazard good intentions" with unsatisfactory results.

We strongly agree that the city needs to harness the commitment and expertise of our residents to solve problems, create change and make our city better for all its residents. Failed efforts at engagement have shown that it is time to create an Office of Citizen Engagement as other forward-looking cities have done or at the very least solicit and appoint a Citizen Advisory Committee to oversee this important work and measure results to move us forward.

We call upon our mayor, City Council and city manager to engage now.

Source: Cincinnati.com

CUF house for sale

1916 Arts and Crafts Prairie Style home, located on the corner of Graham St and Ohio Ave, across from Belleview Hill Park, which has an amazing view of downtown and Kentucky. Four bedrooms, and a full bathroom located upstairs. 2176 Ohio Ave.

link: https://cincinnati.craigslist.org/reo/5597262574.html

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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: 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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