



NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

August, 2017

Next monthly meeting:

Sept 19, 2017

Hughes High School, Innovation Lab
Second Floor, 2515 Clifton Ave., 7 p.m.

Dear Neighbors:

On July 18, CUF held its annual meeting. The first order of business was the election of new trustees. Maureen France, Jack Martin and Jules Rosen were elected to new terms. On July 29th, Jamie Campbell resigned his trustee position due to family obligations. At their first meeting August 1st, the new board voted to appoint Alan Edwards to fill the last year of Jamie's term. We would like to thank Jamie and the other retiring trustees John Ndulue, Dennis O'Brien and Tony Walsh for their service these past three years.

While not all board positions / duties have been decided, so far the officers are: Linda Ziegler president, Nathan Hess vice president, Chip Kussmaul treasurer, John Stork membership secretary, and Jack Martin recording secretary. Committee development will continue in the coming months.

At the annual meeting, the trustees voted to amend CUF's bylaws with the addition of the new Article XV – Meeting Decorum. The full text of our bylaws can be seen at the website: <http://www.cufna.org> Click on "Our Organization", then "Bylaws".

Attendees at the annual meeting also voted on Neighborhood Support Program categories. This year the city is funding each community at \$6,800, which is less than last year. For FY 2018, our proposal will be: Beautification \$4,300, Newsletter \$1,500, Marketing & Membership \$500, and Insurance \$500. In addition to continuing with the community planters, MuttMitts and deer cams, new suggestions include: benches near bus stops, additional trash containers, neighborhood banners and signs, sprucing up the Fairview Park exit at Ravine, and enhanced crosswalk safety.

CUF continues to participate in the Clifton Area Neighborhood School (CANS) planning process. With help from Clifton, Spring Grove Village and CUF, the school board is finalizing boundaries for the new school. We expect more news soon. Trustees Chip Kussmaul and Jules Rosen are CUF's representatives.

As discussed in previous newsletters and meetings, CUF has taken action regarding the proposed Trinitas development on the Deaconess Hospital site. For the past two years, we participated in the UC Impact study as arranged by the Mayor. The final plan was adopted by City Council in 2016, but never put into effect. Meanwhile Trinitas has gone forward under the old Deaconess zoning with what we feel is an inappropriate project. Several steps have been taken as a result. CUF, along with our community stakeholders, CHCURC, UC, Clifton Heights Business Association, formally requested that zoning changes recommended in the Impact Plan be put into effect. The trustees voted to oppose Trinitas's request for a tax abatement for their project. This item will be discussed in Councilmember Winburn's committee at some point. If you have an opinion on this, now is the time to contact Winburn's office at 513-352-5354 or charlie.winburn@cincinnati-oh.gov

The Neighbors of Uptown (NOU) is an informal group of community leaders from Avondale, Clifton, Corryville, CUF and Mt. Auburn who meet regularly to discuss common concerns. Sensing frustration similar to CUF's regarding lack of engagement by the city, NOU sent a letter to city administration and several department heads requesting to establish better channels of communication and cooperation. The City Manager's office has responded with an offer to meet.

Clearly, a lot is happening in our neighborhood right now. We hope to see you at the next CUF meeting on September 19.

Linda Ziegler

CUF Neighborhood Association general membership meeting Hughes High School 18 July 2017

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:10 pm, by Linda Ziegler.

Guests:

- CPD – Captain Bardoa, Sgt. Volkerding and Officer Hageman
- UCPD – Officer Jim Vestring
- James Brown – UC Off-Campus Patrol
- Laure Quinlivan – Cincinnati City Council Candidate

Safety Updates:

Officer Hageman said that violent crime is down, but property crimes have more than doubled. He urged residents to report to the Police when they see crimes.

Officer Vestring announced that this summer's student orientation has been larger than ever due to freshman enrollment. The UC administration is hiring more people to adequately deal with Greek life.

James Brown gave out significant numbers on the tons of trash being picked up by the Off-Campus Patrol, most of it in Corryville, and most as a result of FCC tailgating.

Reports:

The Treasurers Report was shared.

Announcements:

Ms. Quinlivan announced her candidacy for Cincinnati City Council, listing some of her initiatives from her last tenure. She also announced that she has produced an independent documentary film about CPD's new District #3 Police Station, to be aired on WCET in October.

A Proclamation was read whereby the Mayor Proclaimed 18 July 2017 as "West McMicken Community Garden Day".

Sally Larson presented a Petition for Redistricting of Ohio Congressional Districts.

Linda Ziegler reported on a meeting with CPS, Clifton and Spring Grove Village.

Julie Murray discussed a Zoning Hearing Examiners Hearing for front yard parking at 149 Parker Street, which her attorney would attend to protest the Variance. Jack Martin and Linda Ziegler announced that they also would be attending to protest the Variance.

It was announced that there would be a Council Committee Hearing on Trinitas' request for LEED Abatement for their Straight Street Project.

An update was given on the status of CCHIP and the Receivership of 489 Sandheger. It was reported that CHCURC has been granted receivership pending completion of engineering and construction cost estimating requirements.

Motions:

An Amendment to the CUFNA Bylaws, Article XV – Meeting Decorum, was approved following a Motion by Jack Martin and a 2nd by Mark Bambach.

CUFNA's proposal for Neighborhood Support Funds was approved unanimously following a Motion by John Stork and a 2nd by Jennifer Martin. The proposal matched our FY 2017 request, with the possible addition of bus stop benches to augment those being put in by CHCURC, additional planters, a trash can at the Fairview Avenue terminus, planting at the Fairview Park sign at Ravine Street, neighborhood flags, and enhanced crosswalks to promote safety.

Board of Trustees Election Results:

Maureen France, Jack Martin and Jules Rosen were all elected to 3-year terms.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15pm

Next General Meeting: 19 September 2017, at the Hughes High School Innovation Lab.

Minutes submitted by Jack Martin.

Financial Report July 2017

Balance on July 1, 2017	\$3171.38
Income:	
Dues:	36.00
Total	36.00
Expenses:	
Walpe-mutt mitts –adj payment	19.87
GCWW	52.68
Total	72.55
Balance on June 30, 2017	\$ 3134.83

Finding out your home's history

I was using the Williams Directories (digitized and online with Hamilton County Library) a few months ago and found out the original owner of my house on Fairview Avenue. It turns out that the original owner was a United States Congressman for a year. Victor Heintz. He served in congress in 1916, and then joined the army when the United States entered World War One in 1917.

If you have an old house in Cincinnati, you can first go to the end of the 1927 Williams Directory to look up your address, and see who lived there. Then you can look up that person's name in earlier directories (which only listed my name); to see if they were still living at that address in earlier years. In my case, the 1927 owner was also the owner when it was built in 1912. These directories were early precursors to modern phone directories.

Mark Bambach

<http://digital.cincinnati.org/cdm/search/collection/p16998coll5/searchterm/Cincinnati/field/title/mode/all/conn/and/order/search>

Greenspace Committee report

Our CUF Neighborhood has had over the years many people involved with various projects to help beautify the neighborhood. I just thought I'd give a little summary of some of the projects we've been doing over the past year.

Last fall we did tree plantings in two neighborhood parks. At the Cincinnati Recreation Department's Coy Field, we planted a honeylocust near the playground as well as 2 maples and an oak in the wood line. In Fairview Park, 3 honeylocust trees were planted by the basketball courts.

In the spring, we did our annual cleanup and mulching of the traffic islands by St. Monica Church and the Old Police Patrol Station. The recent improvements to the old Bellevue Incline Wall culminated this spring with the installation of the Incline Historical Marker designed by the City of Cincinnati's Graphic Designer, Lisa Bambach. A planting of sedum and daylilies was done just below the new marker this spring as well.

Speaking of the incline wall. There are 4 flower planters near the wall which are maintained by the Cincinnati Park Board. The CUF Neighborhood Association helps pay half of the planting and maintenance costs for these planters. There are a total of I think 18 annual planters which CUFNA has now. They are all maintained by a Cincinnati Park's Beautification Program in which several Cincinnati Neighborhoods participate. Four planters are by the incline wall; eight are at the intersection of McMillan, Ravine, and Fairview. There are several mosaic planters designed and constructed by CUF resident Suzanne Fischer: two by McMicken and McMillan, two at McMicken and Straight, two near McMicken and Marshall, and two near Classen Park by Calhoun and Jefferson.

The person instrumental in getting CUFNA involved with the Cincinnati Park's Planter program is Paul Gallagher. Paul celebrated his 90th birthday this year and is still going strong with beautifying our community. You will often see him with his watering truck; making sure that whichever trees the community had planted recently have a great head start in getting established.

It should be mentioned that a group of residents living near the old Bus Turnaround at Fairview Avenue have done a lot of improvements; with removing a lot of aggressive honeysuckle shrubs and having the old railing at the turnaround re-painted. It's a night and day difference in improvement there now.

The gardens around Corryville Catholic School

As a CUF resident who frequently drives down Calhoun Street, I've always been impressed by the wonderful gardens that surround the Corryville Catholic School next to the old St. George Church. Just about through the whole spring and summer, it's refreshing to see that there seems to always be something in bloom there. It really is one of the best looking gardens among all the various institutions in all of Uptown.

I checked with the school to find out who has been behind the work in maintaining such a pretty garden. I was put in touch with Carole Finkelmeier. Carole explained that she started volunteering with Corryville Catholic about 20 something years ago when a friend of her's was volunteering in the library. After working in the library, Carole and some friends also did a lot of painting in the school. That's when someone brought up the idea of sprucing up the outside. Back then, the landscape was looking a bit rough with quite a few weeds and scrappy bushes in need of care. That's when Carole, several friends, and teachers collected divisions of perennials from their home gardens and brought them to the school to plant. First, the front of the building was done; and then, over the years, the 2 sides as well.

Recently, several people from a Crossroads Church volunteer program called Go Local have been helping out quite a bit as well. The last few years they have had a volunteer day in the spring in which they help out with weeding and mulching and sprucing up. They replaced a dead magnolia, and planted a viburnum and hydrangea as well. Tammy Cox with Go Local has been helping organize their work. Several members of her family have helped out, along with several U.C. students.

I just thought that whoever is managing such a beautiful garden in our neighborhood deserves a little recognition in our newsletter. Thank you Carole, and everyone else who has worked with you in providing all of us with such a beautiful garden to enjoy. It's not often that the light turns red on me at the corner of Scioto and Calhoun, but when it does, I always have something pretty to look at while I wait.

Mark Bambach



Corryville Catholic School

Corryville Catholic School has been educating our community since 1877, first as St. George and since 1977 as Corryville Catholic. This year marks our 40th year as Corryville Catholic, and we are working on a reunion this Fall for graduates of the last 40 years. Check our Facebook page in September for more information on our reunion.

Today Corryville Catholic welcomes approximately 200 students from many different communities, socio-economic levels and cultural backgrounds. The faculty of Corryville Catholic brings personal dedication and respect for each individual to their daily work with students. Honoring the tradition of welcome, students from all religious backgrounds are accepted.

The administration and faculty strive to build a strong partnership with parents in the education of their children. They also stress the need for students to learn to recognize and respond to the needs of the local and global community by serving others.

At Corryville Catholic, students' horizons are expanded by these opportunities:

- challenging academic program with emphasis on Christian values
- a 5-star pre-school and Kindergarten through grade 8 in a safe environment
- affordable tuition, Ed Choice accepted
- classes in music, art, technology and physical education
- services of speech therapist, academic support and intervention specialist
- school library with Accelerated Reading Program

For more information:
Principal: Ms Linda Westendorf
lwestendorf@corryvillecatholic.org
513-281-4856
www.corryvillecatholic.org

 Corryville Catholic
Elementary School

Community Garden recognized

On July 18th the West McMicken Community Garden was honored by Mayor Cranley with a proclamation that recognized the efforts and contributions of community members in establishing this garden project. The community garden is located near the corner of West McMicken Avenue and McMillan Street.



University of Cincinnati Police Department

In 2015, after an officer-involved shooting in the community, the University of Cincinnati took steps to reform its police department with involvement of various community stakeholders.

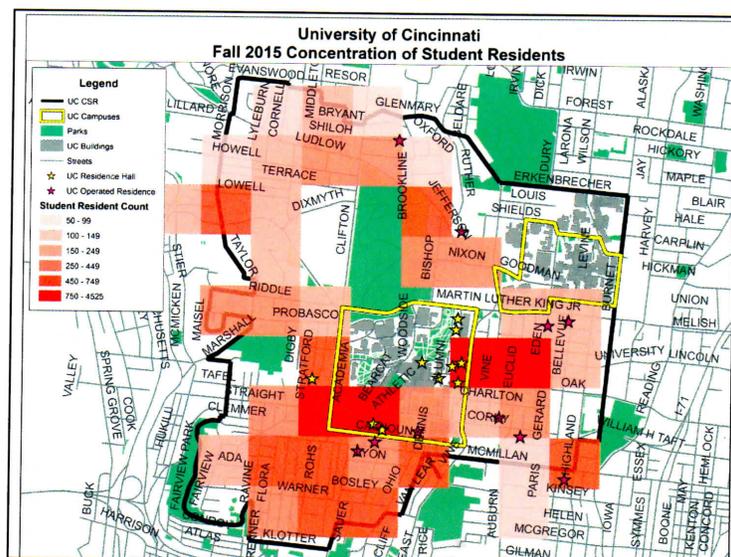
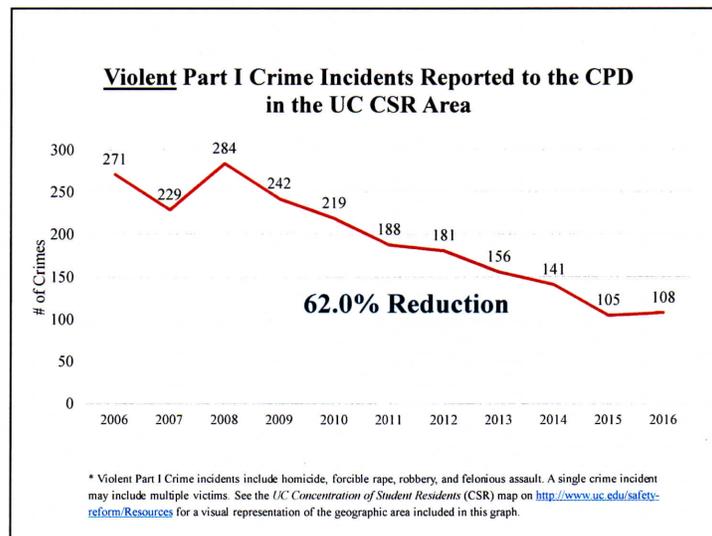
“The Safety and Reform Community Advisory Council (CAC) was formed in October 2015 to provide community input regarding reform efforts of the University of Cincinnati Police Department (UCPD). The goal of the CAC is to guide the UCPD forward to become a national model for best practices in urban-university policing. Members of the CAC provide oversight to ensure meaningful transformation and sustainability. Specifically, the CAC’s purpose is two-fold:

1. To advise the UC Vice President for Safety & Reform on developing UCPD’s reform agenda as well as tracking its progress and communicating its impact; and
2. To assist the UCPD Director of Police Community Relations in building, enhancing and expanding UCPD’s relationships with our diverse local communities.”

For further information see the website: <http://www.uc.edu/publicsafety/reform/cac.html>

Jack Martin, a CUFNA trustee is our representative on this council.

Periodically we receive updates from the UCPD. See attached results through 2016.



St. George Food Pantry

We Feed His Sheep



Recollections From Janet

Editor's note:
Director Janet
Cavanaugh
officially
retired on June
30, 2017 - but
we hope to see
her here often!

Twenty-six years ago, this mom of six children, who had lived her whole life on the West Side (note the caps) decided to spread her wings. I applied for the job as Buyer for the St. George Food Pantry (SGFP) in the Clifton/Corryville area of the city. Then, shortly afterward, I was appointed the Director of the Food Pantry. After the merger of St. George Church with St. Monica Church, SGFP was re-located in the lower level of the Corryville Catholic School.

So much has happened throughout the years. Many changes have taken place but our mission has remained firm: to provide food assistance for those who live in our community.

But it's become so much more than I would have ever believed: The challenges of the Christmas Gift Program; bikes restored by UC students; school supplies and back packs available for our kids; Union Savings Bank, our HUGE supporter; Moeller High School families who donate 375 boxes of food every year; many, many food drives, both large and small, but all important; awesome support from

Annunciation Church and Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church; adults with disabilities volunteering; financial support from generous donors and, of course, our committed Board members and volunteers. They are the backbone that keeps the SGFP doors open for those who are burdened with poverty. They do so much more than give out food. They have been my backbone as well.

I've had the privilege to share in so many life stories and been given the friendship of so many people. It's hard to express the experience of being able to meet with so, so many people of such varying backgrounds and cultures. We are truly a Pentecost Pantry! We are a family united in caring for one another.

What a great blessing I've been given! I thank you from the bottom of my heart and ask for your prayers. With the grace of God, I hope to keep a foot in SGFP. So 'til we meet again.....

Love and Blessings,

Janet

Expansion of Pantry Services

The Pantry has been blessed so far in 2017 and the Board has been looking for ways we could extend our blessings to the community. With the closing of the Kroger in Walnut Hills, residents of that area were left with limited options for food. The Pantry expanded to serve the residents of the Alms Hill apartments, a 200 unit affordable housing community on Victory Parkway, as well as the women residing at the new Anna Louise Inn on Reading Road in Mt. Auburn.

Another population that we now serve is Hamilton County Veterans. The V.A. Hospital is just down the street from the Pantry and we wanted to provide an option for veterans that struggle with food insecurity. Many veterans have already started coming in. In April 2017 a V.A. provider referred a veteran to the Pantry. When the provider called to check up on him, the veteran said he had gone to the Pantry the night before and was overwhelmed with gratitude. He said that all of the volunteers were so warm and welcoming and he has more food in his cupboard than he has had in months. Thank you to the Monday night crew for helping this Veteran have a great first experience with us!

If you know a veteran in need in Hamilton County, all they need to bring is their Veteran/Military ID. A piece of mail with their current address is helpful but not required.



Clean Out The Pantry

The annual Pantry clean out was held in February 2017. Leftover gifts and extra items from the holidays were distributed to clients. This included coats, clothes, toys, and household items. Everything was arranged on tables and each client was escorted around the Pantry to shop with the help of a volunteer.



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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, 7:00 p.m., Hughes High School, 2nd floor, 2515 Clifton Ave.
- CUF Trustee meetings: 1st Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m, Hughes High School, 2nd floor
- CUF annual meeting and election: 3rd Tuesday in July, 7:00 pm, Hughes High School, 2nd floor, 2515 Clifton Avenue

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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