



NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

February, 2018

Next monthly meeting:

February 20, 2018

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

Bellevue overlook

The Cincinnati-Clifton Incline Plane, better known as the Bellevue Incline, connected Elm Street in Over-the-Rhine to Ohio Avenue in Clifton Heights. It was touted as “the only direct route to Burnet Woods Park, Zoological Garden and Clifton.” The Elm Street steps used to run adjacent to the incline from McMicken to Clifton avenues where the steps would terminate and the incline would bridge Clifton Avenue on its way to the summit at what is now Bellevue Hill Park. For many years, the Bellevue House stood at the top of the incline and was a popular destination for dancing and leisure.

This ornate resort that once was perched on the edge of the hill at the end of Ohio Avenue, in what is now Bellevue Hill Park, had a 400-foot-high rotunda, a wrap-around veranda and a crow’s nest view of the city. It is memorialized today with a small bronze plaque and a lovely patch of flowers. The stone pier still stands near the sidewalk on Clifton Avenue halfway between the park and the bottom of the hill. Its twin, which stood across the street, is long gone. The two piers once formed a bridge of the Bellevue Incline over Clifton Avenue. Signage nearby says, “Welcome to Clifton Heights.”

The park’s current pavilion was designed by architect R. Carl Freund in 1955 to serve as an outdoor dancing venue. An example of organic architecture, it features a cantilever roof, bandstand and three pergolas that form the pavilion’s signature concrete canopy. *source: Cincinnati Parks.com*



A horse-car departs the Bellevue House (1876-1926) on the Cincinnati-Clifton Incline Plane. The first electric streetcars appeared in 1889. *submitted by Chip Kussmaul*

CUF Neighborhood Association General Membership Meeting

Hughes High School Innovation Center
16 January 2018 -

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:05pm, by Linda Ziegler.

Guests:

- CPD – Captain Bardoa, Sgt. Volkerding, Officer Hageman,
- UCPD – Officer Jim Vestring, Sgt. Dave Hoffman
- James Brown, Ken (?) – UC Off-Campus Patrol
- Joel Koopman – City of Cincinnati Public Services
- Tom Reece - CRC
- Moreo Rivera - Trinitas

Safety Updates:

Officer Hageman and Sgt. Volkerding reported that crime has generally gone down, except for auto thefts and theft from autos.

Officer Vestring and Sgt. Hoffman asked for suggestions from the community for crime-prevention measures (partially in response to community backlash toward the “Criminals are Watching” yard sign campaign). Richard Spencer is scheduled to speak on the UC Main Campus on the afternoon of 14 March, in a ticketed event.

Reports:

- The Treasurer’s Report was shared.

Announcements:

- Joel Koopman reported that Public Services will mount permanent signs for Street Sweeping, along with ticketing and use of a “super sucker” vacuum truck.
- Illegal rental property signs are being discussed with, and studied by, the City, with future action to be announced.
- There is a CUF/McMicken group working on the Western Hills Viaduct and to protest the threatened demolition of the Brighton Bridge.
- Tom Reece re-reported that a new Picnic Area, with a drinking fountain, and conversion of the former baseball fields into a multi-purpose field would happen in 2018 in Fairview Park. A new sign at the entrance to Coy Playground on Marshall will be installed.
- A list of street crossings in the CUF neighborhood that could use enhanced crosswalks (zebra striping) was generated in response to a request from Mel McVay of DOTE.

The list included: McMillan @ Fairview Park Drive; MLK & Clifton; McMicken & McMillan; Warner & Ravine; McMillan west of Clifton where Hughes students board busses; Marshall & Probasco.

- New Member Benjamin Bedel requested that the name of Coon Street be changed.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45pm.
Next General Meeting: 16 January 2018, at the Hughes High School Innovation Lab.
Minutes submitted by Jack Martin.

Financial Report, Jan., 2018

Balance on Jan 1, 2018	\$5065.40
Income:	
Dues	6.00
Total	6.00
Expenses:	
Ziegler-agenda	7.80
FedEx-newsletter	363.54
GCWW	21.18
Total	392.52
Balance on Jan 31, 2018	\$4678.88

Online City Survey

The City of Cincinnati is launching an online survey tool to give residents a simple, interactive way to report their concerns about pedestrian safety. The web-based tool, known as the Pedestrian Safety Survey, is available at <http://cagisonline.hamilton-co.org/pedsafetysurvey/> through April 30, 2018.

It is easy to use and intuitive. Users link to a map of the City with a drop-down menu of neighborhoods. From there, users identify a particular street in a specific neighborhood and can add a new concern or comment on an existing one, with the option to pick examples from a list of common pedestrian-safety concerns such as walk signal too short, vehicles run red lights or stop signs, and crosswalk needed. Survey submissions are anonymous.

The Department of Transportation & Engineering (DOTE) will use the responses to identify trends, which will help it determine

where future safety improvements could be made.

“As a crowd-sourcing tool, the Pedestrian Safety Survey will help us gauge the magnitude of a specific concern,” said Michael Moore, director of DOTE. “We will use the feedback to prioritize safety improvements in our neighborhoods.” A trial version of the survey was tested last August.

The survey isn’t a substitute for the City’s Fix It Cincy! app or Citizen Service Request (CSR) site at www.5916000.com. Residents should continue to use those tools to report specific maintenance requests.

The survey tool complements the Fix It Cincy! app and CSR site because it is interactive and allows individual users to share their feedback anonymously with other members of the public.

Free tax service



This information is provided by the United Way of Greater Cincinnati offering tax preparation assistance that could save you time and/or money. Questions should be directed to Rina Saperstein, Tax Program Manager for the United Way of Greater Cincinnati. 513.762.7255, or Rina.Saperstein@uwgc.org

Myfreetaxes.com

- Is an opportunity for you to save more of your hard-earned money and take advantage of tax credits and refunds.
- free, secure mobile-optimized website sponsored by United Way and powered by H&R Block.
- Any household earning \$66,000 or less can file federal and state taxes for free.

You save money:

- Approximately \$250 dollars by not paying a tax preparer and are assured you get all the credits and refunds you deserve.
- Many working families are eligible for the Earned Income Credit, which can increase your refund by up to \$5000.

Support, Convenience and Flexibility:

- Has a helpline supported by United Way IRS-certified operators to answer your questions and help you learn to file their own taxes.
- 80% of online tax filers take 1 hour to complete their taxes
- Go at your own pace, in your own place and progress can be saved until completion

Next Steps:

- Go to MyFreeTaxes.com for more information.

Please note that the site was updated with 2017 information in late December.

HAMILTON COUNTY

American Red Cross Greater Cincinnati Chapter
Evanston: 2111 Dana Avenue, 45207

Cinti-Hamilton County Community Action Agency

Bond Hill: 1740 Langdon Farm Road, 45237

Price Hill Collaborative at Elder High School

Price Hill: 4005 Glenway Avenue, 45205

Harrison Community Center

Harrison: 300 George Street, 45030

The Healing Center

Springdale: 11345 Century Circle West, 45246

Hearing Speech and Deaf Center (ASL)

Mt. Auburn: 2825 Burnet Ave 45219

Madisonville Community Center

Madisonville: 5320 Stewart Road, 45227

Millvale Community Center

Millvale: 3303 Beekman Street, 45225

North Avondale Community Center

North Avondale: 617 Clinton Springs, 45229

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Finneytown: 703 Compton Road, 45231

OhioMeansJobs- Cincinnati-Hamilton County

Over-the-Rhine: 1916 Central Parkway, 45214

Urban League of Greater SW Ohio

Avondale: 3458 Reading Rd, 45229

Xavier University Schiff Family Conference Center

Norwood/Evanston: 1624 Herald Ave, 45207

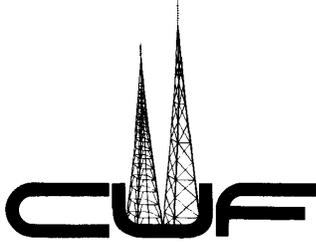
100% renewable energy for city facilities

Saves \$ and Reduces Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

The City of Cincinnati has signed an electricity contract with Dynegy Inc. to purchase 100% green energy for almost all City facilities beginning January 2018. This represents another step in Cincinnati’s transition to 100% renewable energy by 2035.

Now all City police and fire stations, health clinics, recreation centers and most other City Administration buildings - including City Hall - will be powered entirely by renewable energy through at least 2021.

The City will save more than \$100,000 per year compared to current utility rates and the results of this green power purchase will reduce the City’s greenhouse gas emissions by 9.1%.



Notice to members of CUF Community Fund

The annual meeting of the CUF Community Fund will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2018.

The agenda for the meeting is to review and approve the minutes of the Fund's February 2017 annual meeting, vote to elect two members to the Board of Trustees, review the 2017 financial report of the Fund and discuss issues pertaining to the Fund. Copies of the minutes and the Fund's 2017 financial report will be distributed to all members attending the meeting.

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.

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.

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
John Stork	Secretary
Maureen France	Vice President
Craig Lloyd	Vice President

District 5 headquarters meetings

The City of Cincinnati will host a series of community meetings to offer residents an opportunity to provide feedback on the relocation of the current District 5 police headquarters. Residents can take part in a pair of input sessions Thursday, March 1 and Wednesday, March 7 at the Public Services Building (1115 Bates Ave.) in Camp Washington and College Hill Recreation Center (5545 Belmont Ave.) in College Hill, respectively. Both meetings will run from 6 to 8 p.m.

Topics of discussion at these meetings will include:

- Basic specifications and criteria for the new facility
- Preliminary sites researched so far
- Positive and negative aspects of each site
- Residents will also have a chance to review each of the preliminary sites in detail and suggest other potential locations.

A third public meeting will take place Tuesday, April 3, at 6 p.m. at McKie Recreation Center (1655 Chase Ave.) in Northside. Staff and residents will discuss each of the proposed sites in greater detail and consider whether each site should be considered for final review.



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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.