



NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION

# Newsletter

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April, 2018

## Next monthly meeting:

April 17, 2018

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

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## April article

submitted by Nathan Hess

### CUF Membership dues to increase to \$10 on July 1st

After discussion at several board meetings and with general membership, the board voted to increase the CUF annual membership dues from \$6.00 to \$10.00 beginning July 1, 2018. The increase will help cover the cost of mailing the newsletter to all members once per quarter, and support additional projects to help improve outreach and membership. The board voted to offer a discounted amount of \$5.00 per year to any member experiencing financial hardship, as we strive to be inclusive of all students and residents of CUF. Any discounted membership requests must be directed to either the President or Membership Secretary of CUFNA.

### Volunteers needed Saturday, May 12th

Volunteers are needed to assist with sidewalk edging and litter cleanup at Fairview Park on Saturday, May 12th, from 9am to 1pm. We need at least 3-5 community volunteers to join with volunteers from Crossroads church as part of their GO LOCAL community outreach. Student volunteers from Crossroads are managing and leading these projects. All supplies will be provided. We welcome their involvement and efforts to help improve the quality of our neighborhood spaces. Please consider giving one morning in May to helping improve our park while meeting new neighbors and friends. To volunteer, please contact Nathan Hess at [hesstwin@hotmail.com](mailto:hesstwin@hotmail.com).

### Is Winter over? A Spring Challenge

This past winter seems to be clinging on for longer-than-normal. As the ground thaws and spending time outdoors becomes more appealing, I offer a challenge to reflect on the

following poem about allowing any coldness of heart to thaw as well. Let us look for the good in those with whom we share our neighborhood, and commit to respect and civility when disagreements arise.

### The Cold Within by Patrick Kinney

Six humans trapped by happenstance  
In bleak and bitter cold.  
Each one possessed a stick of wood  
Or so the story's told.

Their dying fire in need of log  
The first man held his back  
For of the faces round the fire  
He noticed one was black.

The next man looking 'cross the way  
Saw one not of his church  
And couldn't bring himself to give  
The fire his stick of birch.

The third one sat in tattered clothes.  
He gave his coat a hitch.  
Why should his log be put to use  
To warm the idle rich?

The rich man just sat back and thought  
Of the wealth he had in store  
And how to keep what he had earned  
From the lazy shiftless poor.

The black man's face bespoke revenge  
As the fire passed from his sight.  
For all he saw in his stick of wood  
Was a chance to spite the white.

The last man of this forlorn group  
Did naught except for gain.  
Giving only to those who gave  
Was how he played the game.

Their logs held tight in death's still hand  
Was proof of human sin.  
They didn't die from the cold without  
They died from the cold within.

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## CUF Neighborhood Association General Membership Meeting

Hughes High School Innovation Center  
20 March 2018 - The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:05pm, by Linda Ziegler.

### Guests:

- CPD – Captain Doug Weisman, Officer Nick Hageman
- UCPD – Officer Jim Vestring, Lt. Bill Richey, Sgt. Jenn McMahan
- Bill Fischer - UC
- Moreo Rivera - Trinitas

### Safety Updates:

Officer Hageman reported that crime has generally gone down, except for theft from autos, which was up 65%. There will be a 3rd public meeting about the location of a new District 5 HQ – 3 April, at the McKee Center in Northside. The temporary District 5 HQ will open in College Hill on 3 April. Captain Doug Weisman was introduced as the new District 5 Commander.

Officer Jim Vestring announced that UC Main Campus enrollment is down 250 students for Fall 2018. He also introduced recent promotions within UCPD - Sgt. Jenn McMahan and Lt. Bill Richey.

### Reports, Discussions & Announcements:

- The Treasurer's Report was shared.
- Alan Edwards has CUFNA on Member Chimp for e-mailings, etc.
- Membership dues were discussed again.
- Mike Morris reported on the status of CHCURC & CUFNA bus stop benches. RSP applications are nearly complete.
- Maureen France reported on the Neighborhood Summit, encouraging all residents to attend in 2019.
- Linda Ziegler reported that Benjamin Bedel is making progress on changing the name of Coon Street to something else.
- Chip Kusssmaul reported on CANS.
- Linda Ziegler shared the new efforts of Building and Zoning to enforce "Rental Signage".
- Street Sweeping was discussed. There was moderate improvement over the previous effort, but work needs to be done to get ALL vehicles moved during street sweeping.
- UCPD has decided to basically stick with last year's policy of restricting on-street

parking on streets around campus during FCC events. The situation will be monitored and changes will be made if necessary.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15pm  
Next General Meeting: 17 April 2018, at the Hughes High School Innovation Lab.

Minutes submitted by Jack Martin.

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## Financial report, March, 2018

Balance on March 1, 2018 \$4753.80

### Income:

Dues	48.00
NSP	4531.50
Invest in Neighborhoods AIG	782.00
Total	+ 5,361.50

### Expenses:

GCWW	15.67
Bambach-weed killer	52.63
Total	- 68.30
Balance on March 31, 2018	\$10,047.00

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## From James Weaver, city planner - District 5 HQ

Thank you for all of the great feedback you gave us at these meetings. We started out with 20 potential sites, and you suggested an additional 17. Based on your feedback, we have narrowed those 37 sites down to 11. We will now take a deeper dive into objective criteria for those sites.

All of the meeting materials from these meetings, including the presentations can be found on our website at [www.cincinnati-oh.gov/district5](http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/district5). There is also a survey for you to provide feedback on the top 11 sites if you were unable to attend the meeting on April 3. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CincyDistrict5>

Once we finish analyzing each site, the Chief of Police and the City Administration will make a site recommendation, taking public input

into account. The goal is to begin property acquisition in Summer of 2018, finalize a design and hold a groundbreaking ceremony in the Fall of 2018, with the grand opening of the new District 5 Headquarters in late summer of 2020.

We are also looking for volunteers to be a part of our Community Advisory Group to help design the public art portion of the building. The time commitment is approximately one meeting a month. If you couldn't attend the meeting this week and are interested in being on our Community Advisory Group, please let me know and I will add you to the list.

Thank you again for taking the time to provide your input on this important project.

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City of Cincinnati | Department of City Planning  
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## Solarize Cincy 2018

The City of Cincinnati, in partnership with the Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance (GCEA), is kicking off its Solarize Cincy 2018 program at the same time the city is being recognized for its solar-energy efforts. The Solarize Cincy program, which brings affordable solar-power solutions to homes in the city, will run through June 30.

This is the third year that the city and GCEA have teamed up to promote solar installations in the city. This year's kick-off coincides with the city being recognized by the Environment Ohio Research & Policy Center as the top solar city in Ohio -- both by per capita and total megawatts -- and as one of the top five solar cities in the Midwest, a region that includes Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

### 2018 Solarize Cincy

A number of factors continue to make the installation of solar panels an attractive and economical option for Cincinnati residents in 2018:

- Availability of a 30 percent federal tax credit, which ends in 2019.
- The cost of a solar installation has dropped by nearly 75 percent in the last 10 years.
- Using the Solarize Cincy volume discount offerings, residents can save between five and 20 percent over the normal cost of solar installations; the larger the system,

the greater the savings.

- Today's solar panels are more visibly appealing than in the past, can be customized to unique roofs, and are more durable, with warranties that now exceed 25 years.
- The in-house infrastructure needed to support the system is less complicated than in the past and takes up very little space.

### About GCEA

The Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance is a nonprofit organization with a mission to facilitate investment in energy efficiency and renewable energy projects for the purpose of reducing carbon emissions. Founded in 2009, the Energy Alliance has facilitated more than \$46 million in commercial and residential energy projects through its PACE, Solarize, and Get Efficient Programs.

The Energy Alliance is the region's leader in bringing PACE financing to commercial property owners in Ohio and Kentucky. Its Get Efficient and Solarize programs provide homeowners with the assistance and support they need to make their energy efficiency and renewable energy projects a reality.

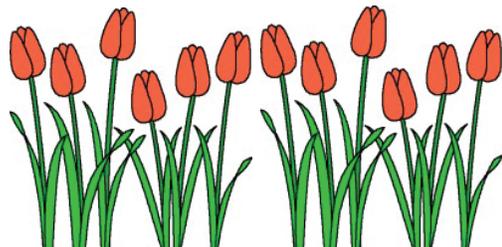
For more information, visit [www.greatercea.org](http://www.greatercea.org) or contact GCEA at (513) 621-4232.

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## Blog spotlights CUF

CUF trustee Mark Baumbach forwarded this blog by Annette Januzzi Wick discussing CUF:

<https://gettinmycityon.wordpress.com/category/best-of-cincinnati/>



## Greetings CUF residents & friends

How does the 3-legged race, hula hoop challenge, and water balloon toss sound? FUN, right? This summer you can take part in those and more while getting to know your neighbors at this year's Cincinnati Neighborhood Games!

It's an Olympics-style event that includes the 52 Cincinnati neighborhoods competing in cool games and races like trivia, tug of war, corn hole and more. It kicks off this May with neighborhood qualifiers and the finals will be held at the end of July. This competition happens every other year so the next one won't occur until 2020.

You don't have to live in Cincinnati proper to participate. You can choose your neighborhood team based where you work or attend church/school as well as where you live.

The goal is to bring Cincinnati residents together through this completely volunteer program. And new this year—there will be a Torch Bike Relay through every neighborhood!

If you are interested in learning more, you can visit [www.cincygames.com](http://www.cincygames.com). All neighborhood qualifying dates will be on the website in early May

I hope you will join us in the Neighborhood Games as a participant or fan. The qualifying events will be held on June 30th from 9am-Noon at Fairview Park.

Choose an event that you like/are good at and come have fun! Bring your family and friends to participate or support the participants.

Please give me your name, address, phone number and email and let me know which events you would like to participate in. Contact me at [francem@uc.edu](mailto:francem@uc.edu)



Thanks for your participation.

Maureen France, CUF Captain,  
Cincinnati Neighborhood Games



### CINCINNATI NEIGHBORHOOD GAMES BICYCLE TORCH RELAY

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**20<sup>TH</sup> & 21<sup>ST</sup>**

STOPS IN ALL 52 NEIGHBORHOODS  
BEGINS IN SAYLER PARK & ENDS AT  
THE OPENING CEREMONIES IN  
WASHINGTON PARK  
TOTAL DISTANCE: 84 MILES

FOR MORE INFO & SIGN UP TO RIDE VISIT:  
[CINCYGAMES.COM/TORCH-BIKE-RELAY.HTML](http://CINCYGAMES.COM/TORCH-BIKE-RELAY.HTML)



## One stop drop for difficult to recycle items

April 22, 2018, Washington Park, OTR

Join Keep Cincinnati Beautiful & OES along with other partners for Earth Day OTR and drop off your hard to recycle items such as:

- Cell Phones & Small Electronics
- Batteries
- Lightbulbs
- #5 Plastic Packaging (No lids)
- Clothes, Linens, Shoes (Clean & Dry)
- Chip and Snack Bags (Empty & Dry)
- Games & Toys (No Stuffed Animals)

[www.keepcincinnatibeautiful.org](http://www.keepcincinnatibeautiful.org)

## City yard waste collection

Started again on April 2, 2018

In the City of Cincinnati separated Yard Waste Collection began the week of April 2, 2018 and continues until the second week in January 2019.

Yard Waste is collected on the same day as your recycling.

Questions or missed pick up? Call 513-591-6000.

## Civic Garden Center

Plant Sale and Gardening Classes!  
2715 Reading Road  
Building Community Through Gardening,  
Education and Environmental Stewardship

Plant Sale May 3- 5, 2018

Classes on Gardening, Composting, Food Preservation, Lawn Mower Tune up and more!

## Community garden workday

April 14, 2018, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm  
West McMicken Community Garden  
2446 W McMicken Ave.  
contact: Jenn Bakes  
(513) 221-0981

Join us for a day of volunteering in the West McMicken Community Garden. We need help clearing vines & brush, and organic matter from plots in the garden and the walkways. No experience necessary- just wear clothes you can get dirty, and bring water!

## Spring Fest in the Woods - Cincinnati Parks

When: April 28, 2018 @ 11:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Where: Trailside Nature Center, 3251 Brookline Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45220, USA  
It's a celebration of Spring!  
[http://www.cincinnatiiparks.com/event/spring-fest-in-the-woods-3/?instance\\_id=18510](http://www.cincinnatiiparks.com/event/spring-fest-in-the-woods-3/?instance_id=18510)



## Seasonal Krohn Conservatory show

(513) 421-4086  
[www.cincinnatiiparks.com](http://www.cincinnatiiparks.com)  
Other areas of the Conservatory to Explore!  
In addition to the seasonal floral display, we invite everyone to enjoy the beauty of our rainforest under glass. <http://www.cincinnatiiparks.com/programs-and-events/seasonal-krohn-conservatory-show-513-421-4086/>





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