



NEIGHBORHOOD
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October, 2019

Next monthly meeting:

October 15, 2019 Hughes High School,
Innovation Lab
Second Floor, 2515 Clifton Ave., 7 p.m.

Why am I always so late???

By: Carolyn S. Young

Lately (no pun intended), I have been feeling that I am in a constant state of being late, whether it is submitting a newsletter article (such as the one that I am hurriedly writing right now); compiling a set of meeting minutes (ouch, those are worse than normal for me right now); mundane household chores and errands, including grocery shopping; and especially relevant to this time of year (October), Halloween Decorating around my house and yard. The only thing I seem to still be fairly good at on a consistent basis is getting myself to various appointments (we'll see what the VAMC on Vine Street has to say about that next month when I show up for my annual physical) or community meetings that I periodically attend.

Several (and I do mean several) decades ago, punctuality was not exactly one of my better attributes. I "vaguely" remember being promoted to an E-5 (Enlisted Rank) in the U.S. Navy as a very young 21-year old Sailor and the Admiral of our Command who was officiating my promotion commented on the fact that "she's late to her own promotion ceremony". Fortunately for me, RADM Gillcrist was also the father of a couple of high school aged teenagers still living at home that weren't too much younger than me, so he seemed to take it in stride and cut me some slack. Since then though I have morphed throughout the years of going in almost the opposite direction, enough to usually arrive anywhere from 15 minutes to a half hour early for appointments or meetings. But....occasionally I find myself slipping back into my (very old) old ways and will end up making it to an appointment just-in-the-nick-of-time (30 seconds or less to spare).

A psychologist (hopefully none of you out there reading this hurriedly written article is one) would probably say that I am either sub-consciously placing a lower priority on the tasks

and activities that I am constantly late for or that I just don't really want to do them at all, but will eventually get around to doing them out of some sort of guilt complex (hey, I am Catholic after all). Either way, you (psychologists) are probably right (which is another reason why I hope none of you psychologists are actually reading this), but I still like to think that over the years (I actually mean decades), that I have finally evolved into a much more responsible and reliable person, friend; relative; neighbor; volunteer, etc. than the young 21-year old U.S. Navy Sailor who never seemed to have her alarm clock set at exactly the right time (no google calendars or cell phone reminders back in those days), or her uniform ironed just perfectly, or her shoes spit-shined shiny enough (that's just the nick-name from back before my time even, I "never" spit on my shoes but actually used water on a rag to rub in the shoe wax), or any other number of excuses that I "vaguely" remember using back then. And "if all else fails", I can always blame things on how late this darn Fall Weather is in arriving this October of 2019.

I wish everyone in our CUF Community a wonderful Fall Season and Happy Halloween and please don't forget to bring your little Trick-or-Treaters to my house at 2642 Halstead Street on Thursday, October 31, 2019, and probably from 6-8 pm!! I'm usually ready on time for it, but I do remember there was one year when there were kids who were lined up on my porch at 5:30 because they were trying to get to a Halloween Party and I was really scrambling to get my candy in the buckets for them. Now, we hardly ever get any young kids coming by our house for treats, so I kind of miss those days.



CUF Neighborhood Association General Membership Meeting

Hughes High School Innovation Center
17 September 2019 - The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:15 pm, by Nathan Hess.

Guests:

- Officer Nick Hageman – CPD 5
- Officer Jim Vestring – UCPD
- Officer Carra Sparks – UCPD
- Aaron Bartels, Mark Beecher, Colleen Reynolds, – Trinitas and DSD Advisors (The District at Clifton Heights & The Deacon Straight Street Projects)
- Tom Reese and Tiffany Stewart – CRC
- Joel Koopman and Jude Johnson – Cincinnati Public Services
- Daniel Cummins, UC Assistant Dean of Students and John Keith, Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life

Safety Updates:

- UCPD Officer Sparks provided upcoming UC and FC Cincinnati game dates for the remainder of the month, door hanger safety handouts, safekeeping of valuable in cars and homes (including unlocked doors and windows or access through window air conditioners), UCPDs International Safety Accreditation Application with Visiting Assessors scheduled from 28 September through 1 November 2019 and including a Public Input Phone-In Session scheduled for 30 September 2019 from 1-3pm (please see the flier for details and the phone number). Issac Wolff of AETT advised of upcoming parties scheduled for Friday, the 5th and Wednesday, the 31st of October, 2019 from 10pm-2am and 1 other event scheduled for Friday, 25 October 2019 and will have UCPD presence which was also confirmed by UCPD Officer Vestring.
- CPD 5 Officer Hageman advised that the Door Hanger Safety Event conducted on 7 September 2019 throughout CUF was also expanded into the Clifton Gaslight area and was very successful. He also advised of a recent spike in Burglaries and Theft-from-Autos since the new UC school year started in August, and provided additional YTD Crime Stats including Community Calls-for-Service. Relative to Community Policing and Crime Prevention, Officer Hageman advised that CPD 5 will be distributing yard signs to area businesses and that he could bring a few extras to next month's CUFNA General Meeting for any homeowners/

residents who may be interested in placing them in their yards/neighborhood watch areas, etc.

- Additional Safety discussions with the General Membership included Motorcycle Speeding and excessively loud noises caused by extremely large groups of Motorcyclists parking in concentrated areas and often blocking roads and sidewalks, etc. of which Officer Hageman advised of a possible plan by CPD 5 to install “temporary” movable speed humps on Calhoun and McMillan to help with these issues, since direct Police confrontation is “not” an option for safety reasons. Other discussion also revolved around the parking and truck loading safety hazard problems recently occurring at the top of Straight Street since the new District at Clifton Heights Building opened up in August 2019.

Special Guest Speakers: None

Reports, Discussions & Announcements:

- The Treasurer's Report was shared by Nathan Hess.
- Tom Reece and Tiffany Stewart of CRC (Cincinnati Rec Commission) summarized the newest CRC 5 Year Business Plan which incorporated 900 community members interviews and input, he also provided stats of newly improved Rec Centers, Aquatic Facilities, Equipment, Technology (membership card swiping), Tennis Courts, Community Gardens, and Pickle Ball Courts. Maintenance Planning & Upkeep needs improvement but has been negatively affected by large budget cuts, thus the CRC will be looking for private/corporate partners to assist these efforts.
- Joel Koopman and Jude Johnson from Cincinnati Public Services were invited to speak to the General Membership on the current status of the Neighborhoods Street Sweeping Program which was implemented approximately 1 year ago. The program has been very successful in almost all of the City's 52 Neighborhoods with a few exceptions, and of the worst of those is CUF which has seen the most problems and challenges preventing the street sweeping program to operate properly (unmoved parked cars, temporary signs torn down, etc.). The next step for CUF appears to be targeting 1-2 streets at a time for “strict” Parking Enforcement (ticketing) either by the City's Parking Enforcement Department or CPD 5 during street sweeping days. Stratford and Warner were mentioned as the 1st 2 streets to renew the street sweeping (opposite street sides alternating every two weeks each month) and

to include ticketing, but community members asked if other more Residential (non-student rental) type of streets such as Fairview Avenue and Riddle Road would be better candidates for beginning Phase 1 of the Pilot Program. Also, the Temporary Signs (which get constantly torn down) will be replaced with Permanent Signs. All of this requires Cincinnati City Council approval (even though the parking codes with enforcement are already on the books?). Mr. Koop advised that he will be seeking a CUF Community Council Letter of Support for this proposed effort.

- Daniel Cummins from UC Student Affairs and John Keith with FSL currently work with 41 UC Student Organizations and reiterated their support and commitment to the off-campus community and to please contact them by email with any concerns regarding off-campus “registered” students. There was some additional discussion and debate with community members concerning “historically problem” student rental houses with non-UC registered students. Daniel offered to work with the CUF community to try and problem solve a possible “loophole” of said students of whom the community believes are really going to UC but don’t show up in UC’s registration records. John advised of an upcoming 15 minutes in length street closing due to a Sorority Invite and a Trick-or-Treat and Decorating Frat Houses down on Stratford Row which lasts until 6 pm on Sunday, 27 October 2019.
- Trinitas updates: Aaron Bartels provided a few updates on The Deacon (old Deaconess Hospital) Redevelopment and the Unanimous Approval by Cincinnati City Council on 7 August 2019 for PD (Planned Development) Status. He also mentioned that Eli Ruth had successfully managed the move in of UC Student Residents into The District at Clifton Heights Building on 15 August 2019. Aaron proceeded to describe more plans for construction of the future Retail at The Deacon site and the new Tri Delta Sorority House. He advised that demolition of the old Medical Office Building should begin in October 2019 and that final demolition and grinding down of waste materials should be completed in mid-December 2019.
- Global Parking Solutions update: Jack Martin of CUFNA and Colleen Reynolds announced and distributed a flier for the 1st Phase Open Public Meeting scheduled for Monday, 23 October from 7-9 pm at Hughes High School to discuss the “problems” experienced by the community with parking. This is the kickoff meeting for a 6-month study being performed by Walker Parking Consultants and funded by Trinitas.

- Burnet Woods updates: Cynthia Duval of PBW (Preserve Burnet Woods) advised that the Park Board reviewing a proposal by the CEF (Camping Education Foundation) to renovate Trailside Center, which would include restoring the Historic Building back to its original character (versus the bad remodeling jobs of past decades). If approved, the Park Board will issue MOUs (Memorandum of Understanding) in 3 phases for: (1) Design & Planning, (2) Construction Plans, and (3) Operations. Cynthia also stated that PBW has no “official” position on this effort. Additionally, she provided a schedule of upcoming events to be held in Burnet Woods.

- Fairview and Bellevue Hill Parks updates: Linda Ziegler who is on the Fairview Park CPAC advised of a “Go Vibrant” effort which involves designing Walking Paths throughout a neighborhood-currently Clifton and Walnut Hills have them but CUF and Mt. Auburn do not. The cost for designing said walking paths is between \$3,000 & \$5,000.00

- CHCURC/CUF Housing Initiative Redevelopment Corporation and Calhoun Street Block 1 updates: Nathan Hess advised that Brenden Regen with CHCURC will be a guest at either the October or November 2019 General Meeting.

- NOU updates: Linda Ziegler advised that the most recent UC Move-In Move-Out/Waste Diversion Program held on 27 July – 04 August 2019 was very successful but a new location will be needed for next year (Block 1 development/construction).

- LSDMC/CPS update: Lyn Martin introduced herself and described the position for the benefit of our newest members. Lyn passed on information from the School Principal that Hughes High School has an enrollment of 1,000 plus students, has hired security guards, and been approved for a grant from the FreeStore Food Bank of \$650.00 per month to operate an on-site (discrete) food pantry for needy students, new school bus stop benches have been ordered, and a thank-you for our assistance with an application for the Re-Tree program for the school grounds. Tom Reese reported on behalf of LSDMC CANS Rep Tracy Schwetschenau that the CANS school is still looking for Adult Volunteers and that you do not need to be a parent of a CANS student.

- Additional Announcements by Nathan Hess: (1) CUF Neighborhood Party scheduled for Sunday, 6 October 2019 from 12 noon-5pm still needs volunteers besides the cleaning of the Sauer Steps, examples are food & beverage servers, id checkers, and final cleanup-CHBA (Clifton Heights Business Association) has

volunteered their Trailer which will be serving free beer and pizza-there will also be live music, and (2) The Proposed Chamber of Alternative Transportation Program between Mt. Auburn, Corryville, and CUF) would allow the UC Bearcat Shuttle to be opened up to non-students in these communities and most of it (\$2 Million dollars) would be funded by the State of Ohio and UC itself would only have to fund another \$500,000 dollars.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:07 pm

Next General Meeting: 15 October 2019, 7:00 pm, Hughes Stem High School Innovation Lab.
 Next Board Meeting: 1 October 2019, 7:00 pm, CHCURC Offices

Minutes submitted by Carolyn Young.

CUF financial report, October, 2018

Balance on: Aug. 31, 2019 \$ 6,076.00

Income:

AIG Dividend	\$ 709.00
Membership	\$ 167.00

Total income: + \$ 876.00

Expenses: 09/06/19

France - NG Reimb	(\$ 30.00)
Lloyd - Website Reimb	(\$ 87.80)
Cincinnati Parks Board	(\$ 2,700.00)
GCWW	(\$ 13.56)
Morris - Map Reimb	(\$ 29.26)
2019 NSP Reimb	(\$ 28.76)
Total expenses:	- (\$ 2,889.38)

Balance on: Sep. 30, 2019 \$ 4,062.62



Burnett Woods Events

Fall is fast approaching in Burnet Woods, but many migrant birds are still passing through on their way to Winter homes. Did you see our Facebook post on eBird.org to find out what birds have been spotted recently? Happening this week –

Sat 10/12 – Nature Encounters at Trailside, 10AM-4:00PM

Sat 10/12 – Free Yoga at Trailside, 11AM (by World Peace Yoga)

Sun 10/13 – Give an Hour: Litter Pick-Up, 7:30AM Time change!

Sun 10/13 – Sunday Birdwatching Group, 8AM

Sun 10/13 – Fall Foliage Hike, 2:30PM

<https://preserveburnetwoods.org>

BLINK 2019

More than 1 million people are expected to take part in the art, light and culture event, which will span 30 total city blocks from Findlay Market across the Roebling Bridge and into Covington, Kentucky. In order to accommodate the scale and specific route of the event, the City of Cincinnati, in conjunction with local law enforcement and the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber, established a temporary traffic pattern plan to support the anticipated influx of visitors and the safety of pedestrians.

The plan includes limiting access to several primary and side streets in the urban core starting at 7 p.m. during each night of BLINK. Motorists will be allowed to travel on several major north-south and east-west streets with police assistance during the evening portion of the event, which will run 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10 and 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11 through Sunday, Oct. 13.

Commuters and event visitors are encouraged to carpool and use public transportation due to anticipated traffic and limited parking within event zones. Metro will offer bus service from Park & Ride locations throughout BLINK.

Metro will offer Park & Ride service from Cincinnati State Community & Technical College to make getting to and from all the BLINK festivities easy.

Party in the Park

On Saturday, 10/6, members of CUF and residents of the area met for a neighborhood get together in Bellevue Park. The day began with a cleanup of the Sauer Avenue stairs leading from the end of Sauer to the park. The steps are to be rehabbed in the near future. Free live music, food and drinks were provided.



Fire Safety Open House

October 12 | 10am - 4pm | 315 W. Court St.



The Cincinnati Fire Department and Cincinnati Fire Museum are hosting an open house for all ages.

- FEATURING**
- Fire Truck Rides
 - Fire Safety Presentations
 - Fire History Tours
 - Drinks & snacks
 - Half-off admission

Kids under 6 are always admitted free.





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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 \$10.00.

- 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., CHCURC offices.
- 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: \$10.00 per year.
Make checks payable to CUFNA.

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