



NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

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November, 2019

Next monthly meeting:

November 19, 2019 Hughes High School, Innovation Lab
Second Floor, 2515 Clifton Ave., 7 p.m.

CUF Enough

Dear Neighbors,

Building on the success of our recent Party in Bellevue Park, we have decided to host a potluck for our November 19th meeting. Just for this occasion, we will be meeting in ST. MONICA'S PARISH NEWMAN CENTER (the former school behind the church, where we vote). CUF will supply plates and silverware, cups, and drinks. Others are invited to bring a dish. We will begin at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you there!

We hope to meet new neighbors and share some of our recent accomplishments and upcoming projects. Here's a partial list of what we've been doing this year with our community partners.

CUF participated in the city-wide Cincy Flag Project which produced an individual flag for each neighborhood. To view all the flags and read their descriptions, see <https://www.cincyflags.com>. Our team will be flying this flag in future Cincinnati Neighborhood Games. In the 2019 competition, CUF received 11 medals coming in 5th city-wide in points.

The 43rd Straight Street Hill Climb will be held on Sunday, November 24th, 9:00 a.m. Come join several dozen of your neighbors in what is billed as "two minutes of self-inflicted torture" running and cycling up one of Cincinnati's steepest inclines. Sounds like fun! For more information see: <https://www.bikesignup.com/Race/OH/Cincinnati/StraightStreetHillClimb>. All proceeds benefit the local Soap Box Derby group.

Sixteen large flower pots at major intersections were planted and maintained three seasons through our partnership with the Cincinnati Park Board, the CUF Community Fund and the Neighborhood Support Program. Working with the Clifton Heights Community Urban Redevelopment Corp (CHCURC) and

the Clifton Heights Business Association, we now have snazzy new benches at bus stops throughout the community. Have a seat, they're pretty comfortable!

Continuing with our long-standing support of green projects, we are planting trees in Fairview Park and Hughes High School to replace ones that have died. We are soliciting a new landscaping design for the St. Monica island, which is in need of refreshing.

We continue to be active in area parks. Our Community Parks Advisory Council has been attending quarterly meetings, networking with other communities and learning of new opportunities. For example, a group called Go Vibrant designs walking routes through neighborhoods that emphasize local points of interest. CUF and our Neighbors of Uptown partners Corryville and Mt. Auburn are exploring a collaboration with Go Vibrant to create routes that connect to existing routes in Walnut Hills, Avondale and Clifton. For more information, see: <http://govibrant.org>. The Cincinnati Park Foundation recently received a grant from Duke Energy for removal of invasive species from Burnet Woods. There have also been improvements to the entrance to Bellevue Park from Sauer Street. Meanwhile a dedicated group of neighbors have been filling MuttMitt dispensers in the parks.

A lot is happening along McMicken Avenue: A safety grant was received for new solar lighting at the McMicken-McMillan corner park in cooperation with Keep Cincinnati Beautiful and the Park Board. Residents are creating individual ceramic numbers on each step of the stairs from McMicken to Fairview. A proposed West McMicken Avenue Historic District is currently under nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for its association with public transportation. This nomination is supported by the West McMicken Improvement Association, the Ohio Department of Transportation and Cincinnati Preservation Association.

There is also educational news in CUF. Andrew Rehfeld was recently installed as the new president of Hebrew Union University, located in University Heights. For more information on this institution, see: <http://huc.edu>. The Clifton Area Neighborhood School is now up and running.

To follow their progress, see: <https://www.canselementary.org>.

Some of our other on-going activities are: potential housing development/restoration in cooperation with CHCURC and UC; a parking study with the participation of all neighborhood stakeholders as part of the Trinitas Deaconess project; work with the city on a viable street sweeping program. In the coming year we hope to have a new CUF on-line presence to facilitate information sharing and membership development.

So, there is some activity of interest for everyone. Come join us.

Are you CUF enough?

CUF Neighborhood Association General Membership Meeting

Hughes High School Innovation Center
15 October 2019 - The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:02 pm, by Nathan Hess.

Guests:

- Officer Nick Hageman – CPD 5
- Officer Carra Sparks – UCPD
- Aaron Bartels and Mark Beecher – Trinitas
- Joe Antunovich – Antunovich & Advisors
- Eric Lucas – MKSK
- Mike Wentz – Wentz Design
- Colleen Reynolds – DSD Advisors (Global Parking Strategy)
- Tom Reese – CRC

Safety Updates:

- UCPD Officer Sparks provided upcoming UC Football home game dates for October 2019 and advised that Homecoming is scheduled for Saturday, 9 November 2019. He also advised that UC Basketball begins on Thursday, 31 October which is also Halloween and that UCPD will be patrolling off campus that day.
- CPD 5 Officer Hageman provided current YTD Crime Stats with Overall Crime being down 3 percent and Citizens Calls-for-Service into the 911 Dispatch Center remain steady. Officer Hageman also reminded the community of the City's Halloween Trick-or-Treat upcoming on Thursday, 31 October 2019 from 6:00-8:00 pm and if handing out candy to please have your porch lights on.
- 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. Officer Hageman reported that the City Transportation Engineering Dept. is working on this issue. There was also a brief announcement concerning a home invasion robbery attempt that took place earlier today on Probasco Street, whereas the homeowner was at home at the time and shot the 2 suspects who are both now at an area local hospital. Recent off campus college student parties were discussed, specifically 2421 Fairview Avenue which has been forwarded to UC Student Affairs for investigation and added to UCPDs Party House List (for repeat offenders).

Special Guest Speakers:

None

Reports, Discussions & Announcements:

- The Treasurer's Report was shared by Nathan Hess.
- The District at Clifton Heights and other Trinitas related updates: Aaron Bartels from Trinitas provided a summary to date of the timeline for demolition and construction of the District at Clifton Heights (formerly the Deaconess Hospital), including the Project TIF beginning in 2020 and anticipating 2 years for construction completion by 2022. Colleen Reynolds from DSD Advisors provided a recap of the recent Phase I Global Parking Strategy Meeting. Mike Wentz from Wentz Designs provided an overview of the latest design changes (including landscaping) of the Tri-Delta Zeta Chapter Building located at the top of Straight Street. During his presentation, there were several questions and suggestions from the General Membership concerning the position of the building and the front parking lot, which is in essence a “front-yard” parking lot. Some ideas that were suggested included modifying the current design by rotating the main building's front door and parking lot so that it does not face Fortune Street or installing dense landscape screening between the “front-yard” parking lot and Fortune Street (based on

November CUF Neighborhood Association general meeting & potluck

Where:

St. Monica-St. George Parish Newman Center
(Basement Level in the old School Building)

When:

Tuesday, November 19, 2019 (6:30 pm Potluck
& 7:00 pm Meeting)

What:

Come & join your CUF Neighbors for a friendly potluck followed by the monthly general meeting. Feel free to bring a side dish or desert of your own to share. The Association will be providing 1-2 main (meat & meatless) dishes along with refreshments, plates, & utensils.



Take a hike in Burnet Woods!

Join UC's Dr. Denis Conover for an exploration of the habitats/plants of Burnet Woods! Dr. Conover shares information on identifying the over-100 species of trees documented in Burnet Woods, native v. non-native plants, the impact of invasive species, and more. Come see what the woods have to offer this week! Meet outside Trailside Nature Center (the Ludlow Avenue entrance is recommended if parking). Free. Hiking footwear/clothing to be both on and off trail is recommended. Hike is usually less than 2 miles but of moderate to difficult intensity.

November 24 at 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM · EST



Pollen Nation – gardener survey

A survey of our 86 registered gardeners netted a completion of 285 responses, and the results were encour-aging!

- One of four of registered gardens were new gardens.
- Of the existing gardens, two-thirds were expanded.
- About 80% used the Zoo's list of recommended plants, either website or pocket guide.
- 95% talked to family, friends, and neighbors about planting for pollinators with 75% encouraging others to start gardens.
- About half visited the Pollen Nation Facebook page.
- Over half bought a yard sign.
- 80% found the newsletter helpful.
- 84% rated the Plant For Pollinators Website as either moderately or very helpful.
- 60% found the pocket guide moderately or strongly useful.



2019 Straight Street Hill Climb

A .36 mile assault on one of Cincinnati's steepest inclines. The Straight Street Hill Climb is two minutes of self-inflicted torture. 2019 will be the 43rd anniversary of the run started by the Clifton Track Club.

There are Three events. The First event is the Classic Run event. A Bike race and Duathlon (Run and Bike) were added in recent years and have boosted the number of competitors participating. The Straight Street Duathlon is the Worlds Shortest Duathlon (as far as we know) !

Proceeds benefit the Cincinnati Soap Box Derby. After party at Mecklenburg Gardens, featuring Queen City brats and metts, Wiedemann's Fine Beer and the beautiful Mecklenburg Beer Garden.
Sunday, November 24, 2019
at 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM.



<https://www.trisignup.com/Race/OH/Cincinnati/StraightStreetHillClimb>

Neighborhood Leadership Academy

The City of Cincinnati is launching a Neighborhood Leadership Academy to provide residents with valuable tools and resources for better understanding how city government works and how they can be more engaged with the process. The goal is to equip participants with the knowledge necessary to make them more engaged residents and to help them become civic leaders in their respective neighborhoods.

The program is scheduled to begin Tuesday, January 14, 2020, and will run for nine consecutive weeks from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Invest in Neighborhood's headquarters (315 W. Court St.). Each week will have a specific prompt and leadership from corresponding City departments will be in attendance for each session. Sessions will discuss things ranging from the City's budget to technology and data analytics initiatives used by the City to public health initiatives.

Visit the [Neighborhood Leadership Academy page](#) for more information.

The Academy will culminate with a graduation ceremony at the annual Cincinnati Neighborhood Summit on March 14, 2020 at Cintas Center on the campus of Xavier University.

The Neighborhood Leadership Academy is free and available to all resident of Cincinnati residents. Class size is limited to 25 participants so residents must apply for consideration. The application is available online.

The Neighborhood Leadership Academy is brought to you by the Engage Cincy Action Team (ECAT) and the City of Cincinnati. For more information, please visit www.cincinnati-oh.gov/ecat or contact Engage.Cincy@cincinnati-oh.gov.

Recyclable items

The Cincinnati Recycling Program accepts the following materials:

All plastic bottles and jugs, regardless of the number stamped in the bottom. If you crush the jug/bottle, you can screw the lid back on for recycling. Labels ok.

NOTE: To be considered a bottle or a jug, the mouth (top) of the container must be smaller than the bottom

Glass jars and bottles (any color) – Metal lids ok if detached from bottle, labels ok

Aluminum beverage cans

Steel cans – Labels may be left on

Cartons (Juice boxes, soup/stock boxes, etc.) – remove caps and straws

Empty aerosol cans - with lids and tips removed

Paperboard (cereal boxes, frozen food boxes, 12-pack containers, etc.)

Cardboard - broken down to 3'-by-3' sections

A variety of paper products

- o Office paper

- o Newspaper

- o Magazines

- o Junk mail and envelopes (with or without windows)

- o Telephone books

- o Paper grocery bags

- o Clean pizza boxes

Some odds items are not able to be recycled through the City's curbside recycling program but are accepted by local recycling and reuse outlet centers. A list of such items is available here.

Should It Be In A Garbage Bag?

No, please just place your recyclable items in the cart or bin. The only exception is shredded paper, which may be placed in a clear plastic bag.

Plastic Grocery Bags

Plastic bags are not accepted in the City's curbside recycling program. Due to stringent standards for the reselling of this material, manufacturers require plastic bags be clean, dry and in like-new condition to be used in the manufacturing process. Due to the collection and separation process, Rumpke Recycling can't meet those manufacturer's standards. Many local retailers have established plastic bag recycling programs. We encourage you to seek out these types of opportunities to recycle your plastic bags and films.



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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
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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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