



**NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION**

Newsletter

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March, 2020

Next monthly meeting:

March 17, 2020

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

Tower Fund

Dear Neighbors,

The CUF Community Fund, commonly referred to as the "Tower Fund", was created by a 1986 agreement between Multimedia, owner of the transmission tower at the end of Chickasaw Street, and the CUF community council. CUF agreed not to press for the dismantling of the tower in exchange for compensation from Multimedia. As a result, a separate 501(c)(4) corporation was created. The agreement specified an annual payment from Multimedia of \$8,125, plus monthly payments of \$1,000 for a period of eight years into the CUF Community Fund. The annual payments occurred for eight years; the monthly payments continued until 2004.

According to the Code of Regulations, the goals of the Fund and the criteria for the distribution of grants are:

1. The preservation and promotion of resident ownership in the CUF neighborhood;
2. The promotion of residential stability in the CUF neighborhood;
3. The beautification of the CUF neighborhood environment;
4. The promotion of the quality of life in the CUF neighborhood;
5. The promotion of zoning that encourages and promotes owner occupancy of low-density residential property in the CUF neighborhood;
6. The protection of the CUF neighborhood from the encroachment of commercial, high density residential, and institutional activity and development;
7. The continuing existence and vitality of CUF or its successor organization.

Management of the Fund is the responsibility of a five-member board of Trustees elected at

an annual meeting. Current Trustees are: Linda Ziegler, President; Chip Kusssmaul, Treasurer; Maureen France, Secretary, Craig Lloyd and John Stork, Vice-Presidents.

To date the Fund has granted \$226,000 for a variety of community projects, such as bus stop benches, community gardens and flower pots, police support, MuttMitts and cat spay projects. Any community stakeholder may propose a project to the Trustees by means of an application form which can be found on the CUF website at: <https://www.cufna.org/>. In addition, the Fund's Code of Regulations is also posted on the website. A complete list of Fund projects can be requested from the Trustees.

CUF Neighborhood Association General Membership Meeting

Hughes High School Innovation Center

18 February 2019

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:10 pm, by Nathan Hess.

Guests:

- Officer Nick Hageman – CPD 5
- Officer Carra Sparks – UCPD
- Officer Jim Vestring – UCPD
- Taylor Liggins – Issue 7 Campaign Manager
- Nate Moorehouse – UC Area Pedestrian & Bike Safety Study
- Kyle Wilson – Clean Up Cincy/Bellevue Park Biergarten Proposal
- Isaac Wolff – AEPi
- Matthew Peterson – Sigma Chi
- Colleen Reynolds – DSD Advisors (on behalf of Trinitas & Associates)

Safety Updates:

- UCPD Officer Sparks reported the following: (1) upcoming UC UC Basketball and FC Cincinnati Home Games Schedules for February through April 2020, (2) there are currently "no" Political Rallies on the schedule at UC, but will advise the community if this does change, (3) there has been a recent uptick in Burglaries at both The Deacon and some other Frat

Houses, (4) UCPD Officer Jim Vestring has been extended in his current position for 1 more year.

• CPD 5 Officer Hageman reported the following: (1) Tuesday, August 4, 2020 CPD-5 National Night Out in Mt. Airy Forest and urged everyone within all D-5 Neighborhoods to attend (please see the flyer located on the sign-in desk), (2) this year's CPD Recruit Class is quite large and has an expected graduation date of mid-summer 2020, (3) recent CPD Promotions including the Executive Assistant Police Chief and several new Lt. Colonels and Captains, (4) most Crime Stat Categories (Robberies; Burglaries; Auto Thefts; Thefts-from-Autos; and Shootings which are occurring mostly in the northern D5 neighborhoods, except for yesterday's incident in Camp Washington at Hopple Street) have seen a major uptick recently. Following Officer Hageman's standard briefing, there was some dialogue with questions from the general membership regarding the following: (1) CALURMOM tagging on the Ravine Street Market and throughout CUF, (2) parked cars routinely blocking side-walks for pedestrians; particularly a red SUV located at 414 Ada Street, (3) older cameras located on Warner Street are being replaced with 5 newer ones, courtesy of UC and are in process of installation.

• Isaac Wolff representing the AEPi Fraternity and Matthew Peterson, new President of the Sigma Chi Fraternity advised of several upcoming dates and times for various parties/events (including Rush Week) scheduled for February through early April 2020. Of particular note is the Latke Fest Philanthropy Event scheduled for Monday, April 6, 2020. Both fraternity houses are located in the 2600 block of University Court, off of Straight Street near The Deacon. Guest Speakers:

• Taylor Liggins representing the (county-wide) Issue 7 Campaign introduced herself and spoke briefly about the proposed Hamilton County Sales Tax increase (that would be offset by a reduction in Cincinnati Income Tax) if approved by the voters on March 17, 2020. She proceeded to specify the various Metro Bus Routes (#17/19/46/78/31/51) which service the CUF and UC areas that would benefit (increased weekend and peak time frequency) from passage of Issue 7. Yard signs and volunteer opportunities are available for those interested. She can be reached at Taylor@moveforwardcincy.com or refer to <http://reinventingmetro.com> or <https://>

moveforwardcincy.com websites & social media outlets to learn more.

• Nate Morehouse representing UC Area Pedestrian & Bike Safety advised of a proposed study of the intersection of MLK Drive and Clifton Avenue beginning this spring of 2020 and will include 24/7 drone traffic monitoring and a forthcoming Community Input Survey. Questions can be sent to reinvisioningintersections@gmail.com.

• Kyle Wilson representing Clean Up Cincy gave a brief presentation with blown up drawings (courtesy of UC) depicting the history of CUF and spoke of a proposal for a Bier Garten in Bellevue Hill Park which would replace the current automobile round-about near the overlook and provide an enhanced picnic area for the public to enjoy. Currently 84% of CUF homes are occupied by renters and this idea could generate revenue for the park.

• Colleen Reynolds representing DSD Advisors (filling in for Trinitas tonight) reported the following: (1) that the Tri Delta House rebuild is currently going through the City Planning Department process, (2) Blocks B, D, & C south of Straight Street are in process of securing Development Partners, (3) Trinitas is conducting an "internal" investigation into the recent Burglaries at The Deacon, (4) Andrea Davis, The Deacon Apartment Manager reported that she is also working closely with CPD-5 to help solve these incidents and has sent out an email blast to all residents with Safety Tips, (5) Walker Consulting Parking Issues Study is complete and will be posted on their website in the near future, (6) Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 7:00 pm is the next CUF Parking Solutions Community Meeting to be held at Hughes High School, 2nd floor Innovation Lab. Additional dialogue with questions was held with the general membership concerning the following: (1) status of Saint Monica Landscaping Redesign Plans with Spring weather arriving soon, (2) relocation of Sprint and Verizon cell towers, currently the exact new locations have not been communicated to the general public by either cell phone provider or local government agency.

Reports, Discussions & Announcements:

• The Treasurer's Report was shared by Nathan Hess.

• CRC (Cincinnati Rec Commission)

Representative Tom Reese was absent.

• Neighborhood Parks: Nathan Hess reported the following: (1) the dead tree in the Fairview

Park picnic grove has been replaced, (2) a new overhead street light is being installed in lower Fairview Park near the playground located at W. McMicken & W. McMillan Streets, (3) the CUFNA Board has discussed a Tree Planting in honor of the recent passing of long-time CUFNA Member and Tower Fund President, Dennis O'Brien.

- CHCURC Block 1 and Housing Initiative updates: Chip Kussmaul advised that both are moving along and that the CUFNA & CHCURC have donated \$10 thousand dollars to help promote home ownership & long-term residency.

- CHBA updates: Jack Martin advised that there are no major updates to report.

- NOU updates: Linda Ziegler reported the following: (1) the next UC Move-in/Move-out planning has already begun and that the same location in CUF (the empty block 1 lot across from Old Saint George) will be used, (2) the Go-Vibrant Walking Trails joint initiative with the Corryville and Mt. Auburn neighborhoods entails the possibility of major signage and the memorial tree for Dennis O'Brien; and 2 possible walking routes (a long & a short) through CUF.

- UC Community Development updates: Megan Smith with UCURCH reported the following: (1) more outside security lighting being installed at the old Tri-Health location, (2) the Church restorations should be beginning soon, and (3) UC has entered into a satellite parking agreement with Cincinnati State that includes using the UC Shuttles.

- LSDMC/CPS updates: Hughes Rep Lyn Martin reported the following: (1) Hughes LSDMC meeting was recently held, (2) the new Community Resource Coordinator lead agency replacing UC is the Gaskins Foundation, (3) Hughes new food pantry opened up on February 10th; it will be open twice a month; and they are looking for outside volunteers. CANS Rep Tracy Schwetschenau reported the following: (1) CANS is adding new classes for K, 1st, 2nd, & 3rd grades, (2) a possible school name change is only at the CPS Committee stage.

- Additional Announcements by CUFNA President Nathan Hess:

- CPD-5 National Night Out: Carolyn Young advised that she has joined the planning committee (representing W. McMicken Citizens-on-Patrol) and will be attending planning meetings and working with several other people from the Mt. Airy Neighborhood Community Council/Citizens-on-Patrol groups and they are looking for a wide net of participation from all

D-5 served neighborhoods. More information to follow.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:44 pm
 Next General Meeting: 17 March 2020, 7:00 pm, Hughes STEM High School (Innovation Lab, 2nd floor)

Next Board Meeting: 3 March 2020, 7:00 pm, CHCURC Offices

Minutes submitted by Carolyn Young.

CUF financial report February, 2020

Balance on: Jan 31, 2020 \$ 9,464.61

Income:

Membership \$ 70.00

Donation \$ 24.00

Total income: \$ 94.00

Expenses:

Ziegler - Newsletter Reimb \$211.20

GCWW \$ 7.84

Total expenses: \$ 219.04

Balance on: Feb 29, 2020 \$ 9,339.57

CAM Summer Camp

The Cincinnati Art Museum is the place for summer fun and creativity. Kids can jump into art with eight weeks of exciting projects, gallery games and more! Explore a different theme each week with activities taught by skilled educators and museum staff. Designed for children ages 6–12. Before and after care available. Members save \$50 per week!

Summer Camp Registration is Now Open. Learn More: <https://www.cincinnatiartmuseum.org/events-programs/families-teens/summer-camp/>

Coy Field Care Day

From UC's News Record:

A University of Cincinnati student is organizing his second event aimed at beautifying a local park and helping more UC students to engage with the surrounding community.

The Coy Field Care Day initiative was started last year by Karthik Sakthivel, a third-year medical student at UC, as a way to make Coy Field more appealing to the surrounding communities through beautifying the landscape and facilities.

Located just north of UC's main campus, Coy Field is a three-level park surrounded by greenspace complete with a playground, football field, baseball field and a basketball court.

This year's event aims to expand on the group's previous work by including a kickball tournament as well as additional service opportunities for UC students and community members to get involved with, said Sakthivel.

"We're really trying to promote the event overall as a community event this time," he said.

The park is mostly used by families and as a practice field for the local Hughes High School's sports teams, said Nathan Hess, president of the CUF Neighborhood Association. However, the park has suffered from a number of problems such as plant overgrowth, graffiti, litter and disrepair of some of the facilities, he said.

While searching for a "community project" to get involved with, Sakthivel initially heard about Coy Field through UC's Center for Community Engagement (CCE).

"[I] thought that'd be something that I could make an impact on," Sakthivel said. "The project's just kind of grown ever since."

Funded through grants from the university, last year's event saw approximately 60 UC students attend, as well as a total of 20 students and staff from Hughes High School, according to Sakthivel. The event also received a positive reception from the community.

"Last year, it was really successful — everyone involved had great things to say about it," Hess said. "The park looked really good after the event and people said that they would like to do it again this year."

While he thinks Coy Field Care Day is a great initiative, Sakthivel also wants to find a way to keep the park clean long-term.

"We're trying to find the best way to make

sure that we're maintaining this area throughout the year," he said.

This year's event has already partnered with the CCE, Cincinnati Public Schools, the Cincinnati Recreation Commission, the Club Sports Board, UC Undergraduate Student Government, the UC Faculty Senate and Student Activities and Leadership Development.

The kickball tournament will feature teams from both UC and Hughes High School.

Given Coy Field's status as a "community hub," Sakthivel believes it's important that UC students — as members of the larger Uptown community — do their part to take care of the park.

"I think it's important that we take the time to really care about the different locations and things that are in the community," Sakthivel said. "Coy Field being one of those things that's kind of been forgotten about."

"It provides more of a bond to the community if you put something into it yourself," he added.

This year's Coy Field Care Day will be held April 4 at 10 a.m., with kickball beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Keep Cincinnati Beautiful Spring Clean-Up Season

Punxsutawney Phil told us that spring is right around the corner and WE ARE READY FOR IT! Are you ready to get your hands dirty and join us for a fun event this spring?



It is hard not to notice all the trash and debris that have piled up along the roadways over the winter months. Together we are going to clean it up and keep our neighborhoods looking beautiful. We already have dozens of events planned but we need your help!

Easily find and sign up for fun spring events on our website.

Organizers: Don't forget to register your event as an official Great American Clean-Up. We can then provide supplies, logistical support, and promotion for extra volunteers.

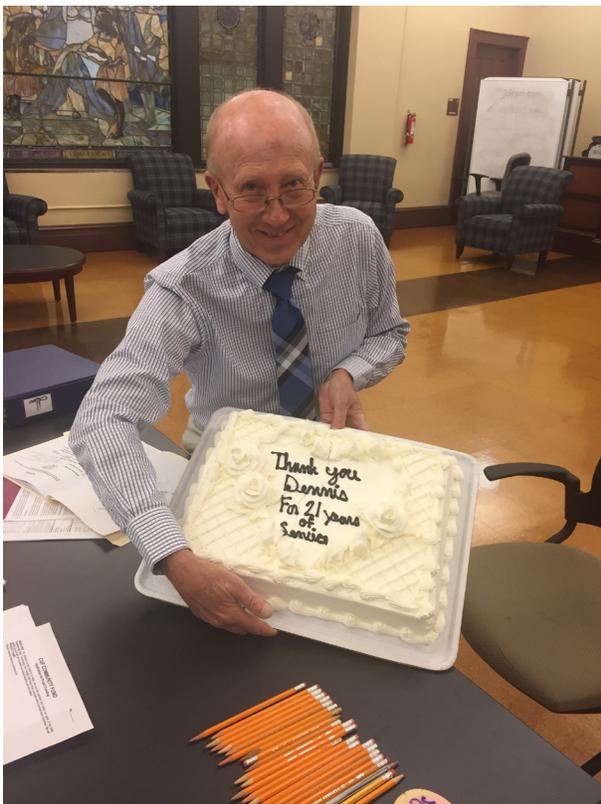
<https://www.keepcincinnatibeautiful.org/how-to-help/events.html>

Dennis O'Brien

The CUF Neighborhood Association recently lost one of its most active members. Dennis O'Brien passed away on January 31, 2020 at the age of 68. He served various terms on the CUF board for over twenty five years. He will be remembered for his steady and thoughtful approach to the community's problems and solutions and for his sense of humor in the process. He served as president of the Tower Fund during that time and gave the year end report at its annual meeting just last year. During his term, he provided leadership in growing the Fund with smart investments that enabled the funding of significant projects throughout the community. Dennis was also a member of the Tree Board. His neighbor, Paul Gallagher, a retired fireman and admitted "Tree Nut" has led this effort for nearly 40 years. Dennis and many dedicated neighbors are responsible for planting hundreds, now thousands of trees in our community. Many of those are "sidewalk trees" where Paul, Dennis, John Wood and Truman Toland cut openings in the concrete sidewalks to allow for tree planting.

Dennis was a teacher for over 40 years at St. Xavier High School where he served as chair of the Art Department and was a member of the Faculty Association as an elected officer.

He resided on Kotter Avenue in a beautifully maintained home that contributed to that street's appearance.



Dennis at last year's annual general membership meeting with a cake presented in appreciation of his long time service as president of the CUF Tower Fund.



Paul Gallagher, Truman Toland, John Wood and Dennis during a tree planting project.

CANS preschool enrollment 2020-21

Clifton Area Neighborhood School (CANS) siblings will receive priority enrollment into our preschool class for next year. Sibling enrollment will take place sometime in March and the school will notify parents of these dates as we get closer. Open enrollment into the preschool class for next year starts on April 13th. If you have additional questions or want to learn more about preschool enrollment at a neighborhood school please visit <https://www.cps-k12.org/enroll/preschool-enrollment>

Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 9am are potential tour dates for parents wanting to learn more about CANS. Please let any interested parents know to call 363-2200 to schedule a tour during these times!

Spring Fest in Burnet Woods

Come celebrate the beauty and bounty of Spring time at this FREE family event April 18. Live music, wild edible food demonstrations, animal encounters, and more!
Saturday, April 18, 2020 from 11:00 am to 02:00 pm at Trailside Nature Center, 3251 Brookline Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45220.

Are you familiar with the remarkable natural resources that Burnet Woods has to offer? Glorious wildflowers, diverse habitats, hundreds of native plants and trees present a spectacular spring showcase. Children's activities keep the whole family entertained. Great live music, wild edible food demonstrations, animal encounters, crafts and vendors will be on site as well as experts to answer your questions about native plant conservation and habitat restoration. Visitors may also take guided tours of Burnet Woods to learn about the area's ecology and history. These activities are sure to keep the whole family entertained.

Free parking is located along the Brookline Drive entrance off of Jefferson/Ludlow.
Visit https://www.cincinnatiiparks.com/calendar/#start_date=2020-04-01&view=month or call 513-861-3435 for more information.



Issue 7 will be on the ballot in Hamilton County on Tuesday, March 17. Please join with the Better Bus Coalition in helping secure transformational funding for our region's bus system.

Burnet Woods parking passes

If you are a UC student, employee or work near campus and are in need of parking look no further than Burnet Woods. We offer convenient and affordable parking when compared with other options ... located in a park.

<https://cincinnatiiparks.regfox.com/burnetwoodsparkingpass>

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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, 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: _____

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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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