



**NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION**

Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

April 2022

Next monthly meeting: April 19, 2022, hybrid format, 7 p.m.
Google Meet and In-Person at Hughes High School, 1st floor

Dear Neighbors,

In 2019 and 2020, our Community Park Advisory Council (CUF PAC), operating under the Clifton Heights-University Heights-Fairview Neighborhood Association, was awarded \$1,000 by the Cincinnati Parks Foundation. We held Picnics in the Park in Bellevue Hill Park, which included volunteer work, food and live music.

This year, CUFNA received a \$10,000 grant from the city's Neighborhood Activation Funds and a \$1500 grant from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation to hold a series of events from May through October, which we are calling First Fridays in Bellevue Hill Park. We have partnered with the Cincinnati Park Board for an Earth Day Event and hope to hold additional events on several Sunday afternoons during the summer. Our goal is to make these events weekly and sustainable for the long-term, through additional grants, food and beer sales, taking advantage of the Pavilion's concession window.

Cincinnati Parks sponsored and administered a survey of Bellevue Hill Park in Spring 2021 that showed popular interest in closing the circular drive to vehicles, moving the picnic area to within the circular drive, providing live music, and making food and drink available.

We also are making efforts, through outreach and grant applications, to assist Parks with getting the Pavilion listed as an historic structure and implementing an historic renovation. Parks Planning and Design staff have reported to the Park Board that the Pavilion will need \$1MM - \$2MM worth of structural stabilization and general renovations in the very near future, and are contemplating a closure of the Pavilion until that work can be completed. Knowing this has energized CUFNA to work as quickly as possible to raise awareness of the amazing asset that we have in Bellevue Hill Park.

First Fridays in Bellevue Hill Park Details:
The City-provided Neighborhood Activation Funds will be used to secure permits to sell beer; sound, lighting and movie equipment and licensing; police security; and production and promotion staff (Monigold Studios and Genesis Events). How many additional events we are able to provide this summer will be dependent on how well we are able to fundraise and how much money we are able to make on concession and merchandise sales.

All \$1500 of the Cincinnati Parks Foundation Grant will be used to pay bands and musicians. This money will be spent before the end of September, or the balance will be returned to the Foundation. If we are able to generate enough revenue, we will return all of the grant to the Foundation.

Dates for Bellevue Hill Park events:

- Friday, 22 April, 3 - 10pm - Cleanup and Live music*
- Friday, 6 May, 5 - 10pm - Live Music*
- Friday, 3 June, 5 - 10pm - Live Music*
- Friday, 1 July, 5 - 10pm - Live Music*
- Sunday, 3 July, TBD - Live music
- Friday, 5 August, 5 - 10pm - Live Music*
- Friday, 2 September, 5 - 10pm - Live Music*
- Sunday, 3 September, TBD - Live Music
- Friday, 7 October, 5 - 10pm - Live Music*
- Friday, 28 October, 5 - 10pm - Live Music

* These events have been asked for and approved by Parks. In addition to 22 April, there will be two more cleanups. At least one of the Friday dates will be a Bike-IN/Walk-In Movie night, with music until dark. If all goes well, we could add several more Sundays and possibly other weekends.

CUF Neighborhood Association General Meeting

Hybrid Virtual / In-Person Meeting Held Virtually on Google Meet, and In-Person at Hughes High School

Meeting Presider: Chip Kussmaul, President CUFNA

Meeting Commenced on: Tuesday, March 15 2022 at 7:00 pm

Safety Updates:

UC Police:

- Officer Sparks mentioned there are 3 Finalists for selection as the new University Safety Department Head.

- Chip Kussmaul briefly mentioned recently communicating with Officer Sparks to possibly recruit some UC students to join Citizens-on-Patrol.

CPD:

- Sgt. Ploehs advised that there's a new COPP (Citizens-on-Patrol Program) Training Class tentatively scheduled for the end of April 2022 at the Police Academy with more info to follow. Please let any interested neighbors know.

- Officer Shawn Dent reported that overall crime is down by 13 percent compared to last year:

Crime Stats:

	2021 YTD	2022 YTD	% CHNG YTD
OFFENSE			
HOMICIDE	0	0	N/C
RAPE	4	2	-50%
ROBBERY	3	2	-33%
FELONIOUS ASSAULT	0	0	N/C
TOTAL VIOLENT CRIME	7	4	-43%
BURGLARY	11	10	-9%
AUTO THEFT	29	12	-59%
THEFT	12	15	25%
THEFT FROM AUTOS	28	35	25%
TOTAL PROPERTY CRIME	80	72	-10%
TOTAL CRIME	87	76	-13%

Guests:

Liz Peak-Uptown Mobility

- Uptown Mobility is looking for feedback on what places in uptown need to be connected by pedestrian, bike, or public transportation. Provide feedback through this link: www.research.net/r/2022SORTA_UCMNA

Bob Hyland-Burnet Woods Student Research

- Bob provided overviews of three research

papers conducted by UC students in the "Environmental Writing" class. "Species Removal in Burnet Woods Using Dwarf Goats," "Urban Oasis: Comparison of Avian Biodiversity and Population in Developed and Preserved Areas," and "Environmental Study of a Dog Park in Burnet Woods." The studies can be read by clicking this link: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1SMvjbEITap4aF6kqoCPwWG8kcQdbB0li>

Brendan Regan-TIF funds for Vine St project

- Tax Increment Financing are funds derived from increase in property values that are designated for "hyper local" uses. Per City Ordinance, 25% of TIF needs to go to affordable housing. CHCURC was asking for support to apply for TIF funds to buy property on Vine Street. Once acquired, CHCURC would come back to CUF to get input on future development. At this time CHCURC is looking to develop this property as rental units. Discussion of the group centered around how to balance the needs for affordable rentals and promoting home ownership. Brendan said that it is not out of the realm to consider developing both market rate and affordable housing on the property. This has been done in Covington and OTR. No plans have been created yet. This would go through a community feedback process on plans for development if it is purchased.
- There was no opposition to CHCURC moving forward with applying for TIF for the Vine Street property.

Connie Porter-People Working Cooperatively-energy savings (MARCH MEETING)

- Connie gave a presentation on the weatherization program and process. There is also a home repair and veterans' program. This is targeted to low-income renters and owners.

Aaron Bartels and Mark Becher, Trinitas – District at Clifton Heights Update:

The construction of the Marriot Hotel "Hotel Celare" on Straight and Clifton is moving forward. Drawings of the Hotel were shown at the meeting; these drawings can be posted on CUFNA's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CUFNA/photos/pcb.5277581392293165/5277576012293703>

The hotel will offer queen and king hotel rooms with second-floor meeting and event space and 18,500 square feet of leasable ground and second-floor retail or restaurant space, it will also have a rooftop bar on the seventh floor and outdoor terraces. Construction will also begin on the student housing, which is planned across from the Deacon Parking Garage. Pete

Bergman from Messer Construction gave an overview of the street closures, which will occur starting April 2022. Straight Street will have lane restrictions with flaggers, part of Stratford will most likely be closed. There may be as many as 4 tower cranes on the site.

Reports / Announcements:

- Treasurer’s Report – sent with the minutes.
- CRC (Cincinnati Recreation Commission, Jim Moore) – no report
- LSDMC/CPS (Local School Decision Making Committee) – New superintendent Iranetta Wright, from Detroit Public Schools started in February. Hughes Auditorium renovation complete.
- CANS local school – Open House 4/12/2022. CUF/CANS event to be held in May at Bellevue park.
- CHCURC (Clifton Heights Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation) – see section on Brendan Regan – Vine Street project.
- Litter/Graffiti – no report
- Consolidate IT – a proposal will be submitted to the trustees on the next phase of the IT project.

Old Business:

- Street sweeping (&parking) – Warning tickets will be given starting in March for cars parked in street sweeping zones on Ohio, Stratford, McMicken. Real ticketing to begin in May.
- Neighborhood activation fund– \$10,000 designated to activate Bellevue Park. Open the concession stand to sell beer, close the circle drive to cars, and coordinate 8 music events. Contact Jack Martin to help.

New Business:

- Zoning density – Proposal failed
- Dog Park – Jack suggested that CUF use the Burnet Woods resolution on reason to not install a dog park at Burnet Woods as a basis for a resolution on why Fairview Park Discussion should be considered as a dog park location. A discussion ensued on the pros and cons of a dog park at Fairview. More thought is needed on this issue. It was suggested that members read the Burnet Woods Environmental dog park study & consider asking Bob Hyland to have students study the impacts to Fairview Park.

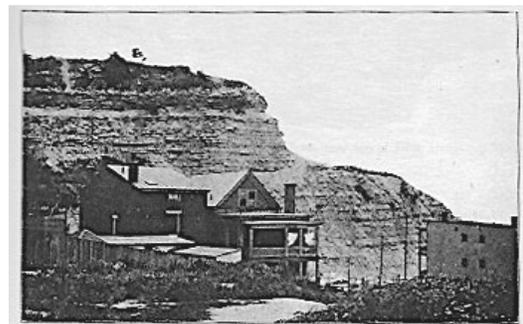
Meeting adjourned at: 9:04 pm

Minutes taken by: Mary Singler

CUF Neighborhood Association financial report: March 2022

Balance on: 2-28-2021	\$17,855.79
Income:	
Dues deposit	10.00
Total Income:	+ 10.00
Expenses:	
Singler, SquareSpace	116.07
ACH GCWW	7.71
Total Expenses:	- 123.78
Balance on: 3-31-2022	\$17,742.01

Old CUF



B.—Fairview formation (quarry beds) near the Bellevue Incline, Cincinnati, capped by the Bellevue member of the McMillan formation. (See p. 67.) (Photo by Bassler.)

A photo illustration from a 1948 reprint of *Geology of Cincinnati and Vicinity*, originally published in 1916, by Nevin M. Fenneman, Ph.D., a professor at UC.

Dr. Fenneman describes the composition of the CUF area: “Above the Eden shales, and much exposed in the hillsides near Cincinnati, are about 200 feet of alternating limestone known as the Maysville group. In southwestern Ohio this group was early known as the ‘Hill Quarry beds.’

Technically it is divided into two formations, the Fairview below and the McMillan above. Of the 120 feet of limestone and shale which compose the Fairview, the uppermost fifty feet have more limestone than shale. Good sections of the formations may be studied in the steep bluff one mile west of Bromley, Ky, also along Clifton Avenue, Cincinnati, below the Bellevue Incline, and in the quarries bordering Mill Creek Valley on both sides. Fragments of the Bellevue Beds are found frequently in the refuse of the quarries. Its technical name *Bellevue* is taken from the former Bellevue hotel which stood at the incline used by the Clifton-Elm cars.”



ENROLL NOW FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Enrollment for KG-4th grade is NOW OPEN.

Please go to the Ed Center at 2651 Burnett Ave. to enroll or call 513-363-0123 for information. You may refer to CPS website for required documentation prior to visiting. <https://www.cps-k12.org/families-students/forms>

Required documentation for enrollment includes:

- Registration: <https://www.cps-k12.org/sites/www.cps-k12.org/files/pdfs/Forms-Student-Registration-Information-Form.pdf>
- Proof of Residency: https://www.cps-k12.org/sites/www.cps-k12.org/files/pdfs/Forms_Enroll_Proof_of_Residency_CPS.pdf

As always, sign up for our electronic newsletter for up-to-date [CANS](#) news. PRESCHOOL

Our building accommodates one preschool classroom. Attending CANS preschool is not necessary for guaranteed access to other CANS grades if you reside in CANS boundaries. Siblings of current CANS students will be given priority for available preschool spots. Additional CPS preschool spots are available at Rising Stars Academy. Families must pay tuition for preschool or be income eligible for reduced rates. Scholarships will be available for full time Pre-K children whose families make up to 200 percent of the federal poverty threshold. For information regarding enrollment to CANS preschool, please call Michelle Senger at 513-363-6581 or the Early Education Office at 513-363-0240.

CHECK YOUR BOUNDARIES

CANS is a neighborhood school serving the communities of Clifton Heights, University Heights, Fairview, Clifton, and Spring Grove Village. To find out if you live within the Clifton Area Neighborhood School boundaries use CPS' Interactive Cropper Map System to find and view your School Assignment by School Name and Street Name.

SPREAD THE WORD

Tell your friends and family about the new school. If you are interested in learning more or contributing to the CANS PTO-Advisory Group, please contact us!



Digital improvements

Coming this spring, Duke Energy will implement a new, modernized billing and technology system that will provide customers with an improved digital experience, more convenient and flexible options, along with more insight into their energy use and spending.

The options described below will be available to Duke Energy customers in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana when our system updates are complete on April 6, 2022, unless otherwise noted. While we're working, certain services and account features will be temporarily unavailable. We appreciate your patience as we work through our system conversion. See more about what's ahead and make note of important dates to plan accordingly.

NEW OR ENHANCED BILLING & PAYMENT OPTIONS

Eligibility requirements may apply
INSTALLMENT PLANS

Payment arrangements are known as installment plans. Residential customers may now sign up for installment plans through the website and automated phone system. Residential customers may continue to enroll by speaking with a customer care specialist. Installment plan details will be available through the online experience to help customers track and monitor their progress.

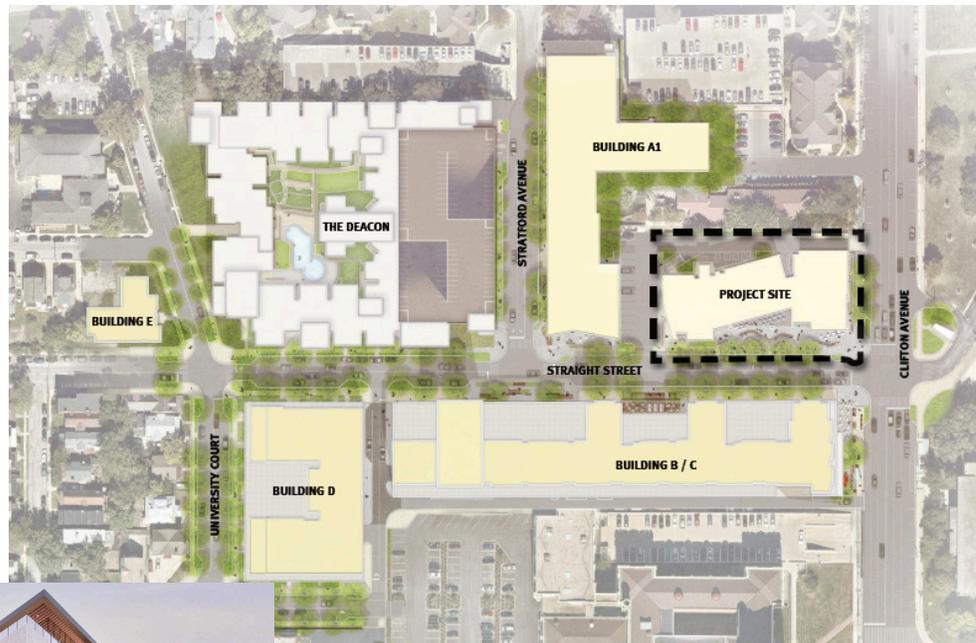
DUE DATE EXTENSION

Residential and small and medium business customers will now have the ability to request a due date extension of up to 10 days for their current bill. This option is available for use twice per calendar year through the website, automated phone system or a customer care specialist.

BILL ENHANCEMENTS

- The usage snapshot features the average outdoor temperatures for the past 13 months.
 - For customers enrolled in Budget Billing, an updated analysis chart clearly displays the progression of plan charges compared to actual usage costs.
 - Net metering customers will now see the amount of energy delivered and consumed each month, as well as the net metering balance.
- For residential customers | duke-energy.com/MoreForYou

Plans for The District



Site plan for the Hotel Celare project to be constructed at the NW corner of Straight Street and Clifton.

Upcoming schedule for work at Clifton and Straight

Clifton Avenue and Straight Street, A1- Findorff/Core (The Hub)

First week of April:

- Began mobilizing to the site
- Equipment delivery
- Site clearing

Second week of April:

- Equipment delivery for earth retention work
- Utility/Street Scape/Infrastructure - Prus/Crawford Hoying/Trinitas

First week of April:

- Mobilized to the site
- Began work on Clifton from Straight St. working North
- Expect daily lane closures

Second week of April:

- Continue work on Clifton Avenue
- Expect daily lane closures

A2- Brackett Builders/Crawford Hoying (Hotel Celare)

- Completed public hearing in preparation for Planning Commission

The website for the project will be updated on a regular basis at:

<https://courbanize.com/projects/trinitas-cuf/information>



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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: _____

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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