



NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION

# Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

August, 2022

**Next monthly meeting:** September 20, 2022, hybrid format, 7 p.m.  
Google Meet and In-Person at Hughes High School, 1st floor

Dear Neighbors,

At the annual meeting of the CUF Neighborhood Association on July 19, three new trustees were elected, and the membership voted on our Neighborhood Support Program proposal for the coming year. Nathan Hess, Tracy Schwetschenau and Linda Ziegler were elected for three-year terms. Chip Kussmal and Craig Lloyd are rotating off the board but will still be involved in CUF activities going forward. At the first meeting of the new CUF trustees, on August 2, a slate of officers was selected: Jack Martin, President; Nathan Hess, Vice President; Mary Singler, Membership Secretary; Andrea Schwallie, Recording Secretary; Linda Ziegler, Treasurer. Duties of the Corresponding Secretary as originally defined in the by-laws are outdated at this point. Trustees will be discussing possible changes in the next few months. In addition, there are a few other necessary tweaks to the by-laws, for example, Classen Park has been renamed Gallagher Park. These will be discussed in future meetings.

Trustees will be putting together our proposal for the 2023 Neighborhood Support Program soon. Membership voted to continue with the same three categories we have used in past years: Beautification, Communication Projects, and Quality of Life Partnerships. Members are invited to suggest projects.

Other activities in the works are: 1) updating our website to include dues payment/communication/meeting attendance functions; 2) administrating two grants from Keep Cincinnati Beautiful for a new community garden and solar powered stop signs; and 3) preparing the biennial Community Budget Request to the city.

We are well into the First Fridays in Bellevue Hill Park program. So far, the events have been well-attended and have and have generated

funds for future projects. Based on the success of this year – which was funded with one-time city money – we hope these events can become self-sustaining. Remaining dates for Bellevue Hill Park events are:

- Friday, September 2nd, 5 - 10pm - Live Music
- Sunday, September 3rd, TBD - Live Music
- Friday, October 7th, 5 - 10pm - Live Music\*
- Friday, October 28th, 5 - 10pm - Live Music

There is no general meeting in August. Hope to see you on September 20th.

## CUF Neighborhood Association General Meeting

Safety Update:

UC Police Carra Sparks: Officer Sparks provided University of Cincinnati updates. The country music concert scheduled for 07/20/2022 has been cancelled.

CPD Officer Dent: Officer Dent provided a report of crime statistics in the neighborhood.

Guests:

- Bob Hyland-re: Clifton Ave Corridor: Bob, a professor at UC, provided a report and collected feedback from the neighborhood regarding a topic option for next school year's Environmental Studies capstone class.
- Justin Becker-focus groups on housing: Justin, a graduate student at Miami University, reported that he is working on an Urban Planning research project, and will be conducting a community-oriented focus group / survey pertaining to residents in off-campus housing, including permanent residents. He is looking for 20-25 people, and participants will receive a gift card. Those interested can reach out to him at becker13@miamioh.edu.
- Trinitas – District at Clifton Heights update:
- Crayford Hoying reported that they will be

performing foundation work on block A1 in the next couple of months

- Prus Construction reported that they are working on the utilities in Stratford by University Circle. Duke will be onsite starting in August pulling wire. In block A2, they are planning to start construction in late September / early October to align with a 2024 move-in date.

- Rocky Goins from ISLVentures reported that he visited Clifton Heights with the design team, and that they are working on refinement and floor plans to the senior living facility. They will provide a more detailed presentation in September.

- Dora Kay of Moseley Architects reported that they assessed the topography and the grade of the area. She presented conceptual floor plans for the parking garage of the senior living facility to be located at Straight Street and University Court. The latest plans include a second entrance to the garage for easier access.

Reports / Announcements:

- Treasurer Report: Attached to meeting agenda.

- CRC (Cincinnati Recreation Commission, Jim Moore): Not Present

- LSDMC/CPS (Local School Decision Making Committee): Lyn Martin reported that the LSDMC is currently on hiatus for the summer. However, due to custodial staffing shortages, the principal of Hughes is giving up four days for her summer to personally lead volunteers to clean up the school and prepare it for the next school year. Volunteers came on 07/17 and 07/18 to wipe down marble and perform weeding. On 07/23 and 07/24, volunteers are welcome to come to the school anytime between 8:00 am and 7:00 pm to help out. Also, Hughes is looking for old newspapers to use for the garden beds if anybody has newspapers that they wish to donate.

- CANS local school: Tracy Schwetschenau reported that CANS is also on summer break, but there will be a family play day on 07/24/2022 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. It is an ice cream social with games. All are welcome to attend.

- CHCURC (Clifton Heights Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation): No updates at this time.

- CHBA (Clifton Heights Business Association): No updates at this time.

- NOU (Neighborhoods of Uptown): Jack Martin reported that they are meeting at the new Flatiron Café, at Dorchester and Auburn Ave.

- Invest in Neighborhoods (IIN): No updates at this time.

- UC Community Development: Not Present.

- CP/Marshall development: No updates at this time.

- Litter/Graffiti: Jack Martin reported that, if there is graffiti in the right of way you can report it using the Fix-It-Cincy app or by dialing 591-6000.

- Information Technology: Mary Singler reported that the IT subcommittee is working on changing CUFNA's website platform from Squarespace to Wild Apricot in order to integrate an online membership system. The goal is to move to the new website by the end of August. The new system will require an email address for all members.

- Street Sweeping / Parking: Jack Martin reported that the street sweeping is taking place on Thursdays between 10:00 am and 1:00pm. July is a warning month for parking tickets on Ohio Ave., Stratford Ave., McMicken St., Straight St., and Marshall Ave., with actual tickets to be issued starting in August. Jack to call parking enforcement on street sweeping day to remind them.

- Community Budget Request (CBR):

- Jack Martin reported that the three projects for this year's community budget request are:

1. Rebuilding the Warner Street steps, which connect Fairview Park to Fairview Avenue at Warner Street.

2. Constructing a sidewalk on McMillan St. from the entrance of Fairview Park to W. McMicken, and adding a new bike lane in the portion of the road that has been blocked off to traffic.

3. Implementing new neighborhood gateway signage for each of the three neighborhoods in CUF.

- Jack Martin also reported that two previous CBR projects are being worked on: the sidewalk on McMillan from the entrance of Fairview Park to the intersection of Fairview Ave. and Ravine St. is currently in the design phase, and making the North-South streets from Flora St. to Ohio Ave. one way only are currently being assessed.

- Bellevue Music Events Planning & Volunteers, Master Planning Committee Volunteers:

- Jack Martin reported that:

- There will be concerts in Bellevue Park on 08/05/2022 and 08/06/2022 and more volunteers are needed.

- The hillside in Bellevue Park is showing signs of slippage. The patio underneath the pavilion is starting to shift, and they need to

fix the drainage and stabilize it. If CUF wants to apply TIF money to preserve the pavilion, then CUF needs a committee who is willing to go to the park board and be the voice of the neighborhood. Anyone who is interested can reach out to Jack.

- There is a Park Board meeting on 07/21/2022 at 9:00am. Items on the agenda include new safety netting along Clifton Ave., fixing the fencing along the overlook, and closing Bellevue Park circle to vehicular traffic. Jack to attend.

Old Business:

- Keep Cincinnati Beautiful (KCB): Maureen reported that they received the grant for both the solar-lighted stop signs at Straight St. / McMicken Ave. as well as the start-up funds for the new community garden.

New Business:

- Neighborhood Support Program (NSP): Mary Singler reported that, last year, CUF received about \$8,000 and voted to apply it to: beautification, communication, and quality of life partnerships. This year, CUF will receive approximately \$7,000. Mary reported that Linda Ziegler recommended that this year's Neighborhood Activation Fund money be applied as follows:

- 76% towards beautification,
- 15% towards communication
- 9% towards quality of life partnerships.

All CUF residents present at the meeting were eligible to vote. Mary created an online poll within Google Meet for residents to vote either in favor of or against the categories and breakdowns. There were 17 residents present at the meeting. 14 voted to keep the categories as-is, and one voted against.

- Letter of Support for Gateway Lofts: Jack Martin reported that the developers for a new residential student housing complex at the corner of W. McMillan St. and Morlein Ave. have presented new design concepts to the board of trustees and are asking for a letter of support. The CUFNA trustees have agreed to send a joint letter with CHCURC.

- Donorport: Jack Martin reported that CUFNA received an email about joining a crowd-funding platform similar to GoFundMe, only for non-profit organizations. It didn't look legitimate, but CUFNA is looking into it.

- Trustee Election Results: Jack Martin reported that the ballots for the CUFNA Board of Trustees election were sent out by mail this year to eligible voters. There was an early deadline because of the possibility of a tie. Out of the 24-25 eligible members, 23 voted.

The results were counted at the July board meeting. This year's winners are: Linda Ziegler, Nathan Hess, and Tracy Schwetschenau. Jack thanked Chip Kusmaul and Craig Lloyd for their work as Trustees.

Announcements:

GoVibrant Million Steps Challenge: Cynthia Duvall reported that the GoVibrant walking competition is running from May 28th to October 15th. Anyone who is interested in joining the million steps challenge is welcome to register and log their steps using GoVibrant's website (<http://govibrant.org/>) or their the mobile app. Also, there is newly placed signage for a 3.75 mile GoVibrant walking route in CUF.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:12pm

Minutes taken by: Andrea Schwallie

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## CUF Neiborhood Association Financial Report: July 2022

Balance on: 6-30-2022 \$10,161.75

Income:

Bellevue party receipts	930.00
Square Space Bellevue receipts	734.01
Square Space Bellevue receipts	213.85
Square Space Bellevue receipts	53.15
Square Space Bellevue receipts	199.72
Dues	10.00

Total Income: + \$2,140.73

Expenses:

Generic Events, Bellevue	500.00
Alex Foley, Bellevue	250.00
Jack Martin	96.85
GCWW	11.09
CSU Producer, Bellevue	25.00
Northside Bank VISA	762.56

Total Expenses: - \$1,645.50

Balance on: 7-31-2022 \$10,656.98

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## Fall ReLeaf

For the last 35 years, Cincinnati Parks' Fall ReLeaf program has grown, improved and sustained the canopy coverage of our city. The highly successful effort has given away 20,000 free trees consisting of more than 40 species. In fact, this is one of the programs helping raise Cincinnati's overall tree canopy 5% in just the last 5 years (38% - 43%). Please consider doing your part to help keep the momentum going by signing up for a tree for your property and/or encouraging others to do the same. Registration for free trees opens August 20th at 8 a.m. The link for registering is: <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/cincyparks/news/apply-for-your-free-tree-its-releaf-time/>



### Sugar Maple

Botanical Name: *Acer saccharum*

Height and Spread: 75 ft by 50 ft

Growth Rate: Medium

Crown Shape: Dense

Light Requirements: Full sun and partial shade

Other: Beautiful fall foliage



### Blackgum

Botanical Name: *Nyssa sylvatica*

Height and Spread: 50 ft by 30 ft

Growth Rate: Slow to medium

Crown Shape: Oval

Light Requirements: Full Sun/Partial sun/shade

Other: Attracts birds and other wildlife



### Ironwood

Botanical Name: *Ostrya virginiana*

Height and Spread: 35 ft by 30 ft wide

Growth Rate: Slow

Crown Shape: Oval

Light Requirements: Partial to deep shade

Other: Low maintenance, tolerates drought and heavy clay soils



### Red Oak

Botanical Name: *Quercus rubra*

Height: 60 - 75 ft

Growth Rate: Fast

Crown Shape: Rounded

Light Requirements: Full Sun

Other: Brilliant fall color and great value to wildlife



### Pawpaw

Botanical Name: *Asimina triloba*

Height and Spread: 20 ft by 15 ft

Growth Rate: Slow

Crown Shape: Pyramidal

Light Requirements: Full Shade to Part Shade



### American Plum

Botanical Name: *Prunus americana*

Height: 10 - 20 ft

Growth Rate: Fast

Crown Shape: Broad

Light Requirements: Full Sun/Partial shade

Other: Deciduous tree



### Green Giant Arborvitae

Botanical Name: *Thuja x 'Green Giant'*

Height and Spread: 60 ft by 20 ft

Growth Rate: Fast

Crown Shape: Pyramidal

Light Requirements: Full sun/Partial sun or shade

Other: Releases a pleasing aroma when leaves are squeezed



### Allegheny serviceberry

Botanical Name: *Amelanchier laevis*

Height and Spread: 20 ft by 20 ft

Growth Rate: Slow

Crown Shape: Spreading

Light Requirements: Part Shade

Other: White spring blooms and edible fruit for wildlife



Once again CUF is participating in the Million Step Neighborhood Challenge sponsored by the go Vibrant organization.

CUF is a small but mighty participant, and we urge all to sign up and start walking! Below is information on how to get started:

Go to [www.govibrant.org](http://www.govibrant.org) or download thegovibrant app via Apple Store or Google Play

Rules:

- Steps cannot be backlogged more than 2 weeks
- 20,000 steps or 10 miles a day is the max you can enter on the website drop-down menu. Apple Health and Samsung Health will record the exact number without limit
- Start date is May 28th. Steps cannot be logged prior to this time. Cut-off date for logging steps will be October 8th, one week from the official contest end of October 15th.
- Two categories of winners will be announced - one for large and one for mid-sized neighborhoods, based on the number of residents, in order to make the Challenge fair and equitable
- Winning neighborhoods will receive bragging rights, a winning certificate and extra publicity from go Vibrant
- Individuals who reach 1 million steps on their own will receive a loud shout-out from go Vibrant

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## UC classes

Fall Semester 2022 Term Dates:  
August 22–December 10, 2022

Holidays:

- Labor Day Holiday: Monday, September 5, 2022
- Veterans Day Holiday: Friday, November 11, 2022
- Thanksgiving Weekend Holiday: Thursday, November 24–Sunday, November 27, 2022
- Reading Days:  
regular classes suspended; co-curricular activities continued, Monday, October 10, 2022, Tuesday, November 8, 2022





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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: 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: \$10.00 per year.  
Make checks payable to CUFNA.

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