



**NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION**

Newsletter

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February 2022

Next monthly meeting: February 15, 2022, online format, 7 p.m.

Clifton Area Neighborhood School (CANS)

If you are strolling down Clifton Avenue in the afternoon, you may hear CANS students laughing and playing together on the playground. CANS, or Clifton Area Neighborhood School, was founded in 2017 and is located at 3711 Clifton Avenue. CANS currently serves PreK-4th grade students from the CUF, Clifton, and Spring Grove Village neighborhoods. CANS will grow to house PreK-6th grade by adding one additional grade per year.

At CANS, we focus on the development of the whole child rather than a sole focus on academics. Our Expeditionary Learning Model (EL) seeks out hands-on, experiential learning opportunities for students to foster social, emotional, and physical development. Each day at CANS starts off with a CREW meeting, where students learn new ways to be Conscious, Responsible, Engaged, and Welcoming throughout the day. These social emotional skills are reinforced both inside and outside the classroom, and parents are encouraged to continue practicing CREW skills with their students at home.

In 2002, Cincinnati Public Schools launched an initiative for all CPS schools to become Community Learning Centers (CLCs). CLCs are hubs for community services and events, and they seek out partnerships within the community to bring in academic, recreational, or health-related services to students within the school. CPS understands that schools and communities are connected and need to work together to be successful. CANS is just beginning to develop its presence as a Community Learning Center. We are in the process of creating a food and clothing pantry for CANS families in need and are accepting donations of food, gently used clothing, school supplies, backpacks, and winter supplies such as hats, gloves, and coats.

Anyone interested in more information about partnership opportunities or pantry donations can reach out to our Resource Coordinator Julia Bonfield at jbonfield@costars.org or 513-527-7332.

CANS families would like to extend heartfelt appreciation to all who participated in fundraisers for our school playground. Children learn valuable skills in physical and social development while on the playground, and we are proud to offer our students an interactive place to play and grow. Students in our afterschool program can often be heard begging their parents to let them stay and play outside a little longer!

Interested in enrollment? Call the CANS main office at 513.363.2200

CUF Neighborhood Association general meeting

Held virtually on Google Meet
Meeting president: Chip Kussmaul, President CUFNA

Meeting commenced at: Tuesday, January 18, 2022, 7:01pm

Safety Update:

UC Police, Carra Sparks

- Spring Semester began on 01/11/2022 and will be virtual until 01/24/2022.
- Spring Break will be from 03/14/2022 to 03/20/2022.
- The semester ends on 04/28/2022.
- There are several upcoming home basketball games:
 - 01/20/2022 vs. Tulsa.
 - 02/03/2022 vs. Memphis.
 - 02/06/2022 vs. Houston.
 - 02/17/2022 vs. Wichita State.

• UCPD Chief Whalen is semi-retired, but will be staying on until April, as they have not yet found his replacement.

• CPD District 5:

Officer Dent:

- Violent crime is down in every category except robberies.

- Theft-related crime is down in most categories, except for theft from autos.

- Crime is down 9% overall.

Sergeant Ploehs:

- There have been over 70 vehicles damaged in CUF; they've made an arrest in connection to the crimes and a suspect has been charged with vandalism.

- There have been a large number of break-ins at both the Deacon and U-Square garages.

They've made an arrest on 01/12/2022 and a suspect has been charged with eight theft from auto offenses in the Deacon garage.

- Cincinnati Police will be filling out vehicle report cards and leaving them on vehicles to educate drivers on securing valuables.

- Captain Adam Hennie will be replacing Captain Gregorie as District 5 commander.

- Linda Ziegler asked if the City of Cincinnati will update the website with the new information.

Sergeant Ploehs sent the changes off, and will check to make sure it's been updated.

- Carolyn Young asked for additional information regarding shots fired and a round recovered near 2567 W. McMicken on 01/11/2022 at 8:00am.

- Sergeant Ploehs said that, if rounds are recovered, a task force analyzes the shell casings and enters them into a database used nationwide. However, he has no additional information about this particular incident.

- Eric Blyth made an announcement regarding a missing person:

- A 14-year old girl was last seen on 01/14/2022 walking from W. McMicken towards Ravine Street. Investigators are looking for anyone who may have video footage.

- She is a white female, 5'7" tall, weighing 170 lbs., with brown hair.

- Officer Ploehs specified that the personal crimes unit and the local FBI are involved in the investigation.

Guests:

LaKeisa Ealey, Community Engagement / Marketing Manager, Preschool Promise:

- Preschool is no longer free: Preschool Promise is a tuition assistance program to help ensure that children living in the CPS district have access to quality preschools.

- It is funded by a tax levy; this is the end of the last year of the first levy, with the second levy

beginning in July 2022.

- They are currently accepting applications for new students.

- To be eligible, the household must be at or below 300% of the federal poverty guideline.

- Cincinnati Preschool Promise will also be holding a Pitch Night, a competition for individuals, non-profits, businesses and entrepreneurs to present new ways to support early childhood education. The deadline to apply is 02/03/2022.

• Brenden Regan, Neighborhood Housing Committee, Assistant Director:

CHCURC's Housing Initiative is working on a number of properties including:

- 2455 and 2457 W. McMicken Ave.

- 489 Sandheger Place

- 496 Sandheger Place and 495 Riddle Rd.

- 2136 Ravine St.

- 2025 Vine St.

- 2035 Vine St.

- 2736 Wagner St.

- 2467 W. McMicken Ave.

- 2323 W. McMicken Ave.

- 606-610 Riddle Rd.

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

Aaron Bartels announced that Trinitas sold the Deacon building in Mid-November to Global Student Accommodations and Yugo.

- The sale helps Trinitas invest in the next phase.

- The Tri-Delta site is complete and students have moved in.

- They are currently working on the demolition of the old Tri-Delta site for the hotel development.

- They are currently working on the design process for the hotel.

- They are also working with Core on contracts and developers for the student housing project. Reports / Announcements:

• Treasurer Report: Included on the meeting agenda

• LSDMC/CPS (Local School Decision Making Committee):

Lyn Martin reported that:

- CPS will hold virtual learning until 01/24/2022.

- Due to COVID, there is a staff shortage; and they are currently looking for substitute teachers.

- Hughes received a school grant from alumni; the LSDMC will be doing the budget and will be looking for fundraising ideas to apply it to larger projects.

CANS local school:

• Tracy Schwetschenau reported that:

- CANS will be adding a fifth grade class next year and are looking for new families.

- They hope to plan a neighborhood activity in the spring.
- They also hope to offer tours of the school to community councils in the near future.
- Julia Bonfield reported that:
 - CANS is currently remote.
 - The food pantry is still running, and will be expanding to include a clothing / school supplies pantry.
- CHCURC (Clifton Heights Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation): Brenden Regan reported that:
 - They've applied for grants for murals. The locations are: on Vine Street heading downhill, the Gfroerer Co. Rug Cleaning building on West Clifton Ave., and a residential building on McMillan Ave.
 - The updated disc golf course will be installed in Burnet Woods this spring.
 - They are applying for upgrades to the signage at U-Square.
- CHBA (Clifton Heights Business Association): Jack Martin reported that the CHBA did not meet in December.
- NOU (Neighborhoods of Uptown): No updates at this time.
- IIN (Invest in Neighborhoods) Chip Kusmaul reported that the location of the District 5 police headquarters is still up in the air.
- UC Community Development: Megan Smith reported that the University of Cincinnati will be remote until at least 01/24/2022.
- Tree planting, CPAC: Linda Ziegler reported that the four trees have been planted in CUF parks to honor Paul Gallagher. In addition, Classen Park has been renamed to Gallagher Park. The signage is in the process of being updated, and will be paid for by the Tower fund. Once the signage is complete, there will be some sort of ribbon cutting or dedication.
- Gateway Lofts: Jack Martin reported that the Planning Commission did not approve the project. However, the developer has the right to appeal their decision.
- CP/Marshall Development: Jack Martin reported that a hearing had been scheduled for 01/21/2022, but has been postponed. Although the CUFNA Board is not against the project, there are some aspects of the project that they do object to, namely that the latest plan includes a large surface parking lot—whose placement would create a large void in the neighborhood—and that the aesthetics do not match the rest of the area.
- Litter/Graffiti: No updates at this time.
- Consolidate IT: Mary Singler reported that the subcommittee is still working on basic infrastructure, including: updates to the existing content on the website, changing trustee

role descriptions to include a better transfer of responsibilities, and a more cohesive membership system.

Old Business:

- Street Sweeping & Parking: No updates at this time.
- KCB-Safety and beautification: No updates at this time.

New Business:

- UC Police Patrols:

Carra Sparks reported that there is a plan to update the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to give UC Police jurisdiction on the north side of Calhoun Street in the businesses underneath University Park Apartments. It would not change the patrols on the south side of campus. The City of Cincinnati would like to get feedback from the local Community Councils before issuing final approval. Before writing a letter of support, the CUFNA board of trustees wanted to discuss the topic at a general meeting to get comments from the community. The feedback was positive.

- Snow Angels: CUF residents have asked if there are any local volunteer organizations that shovel snow from walkways and driveways in the winter. Jack Martin reached out to the person running Clean-Up Cincy, who directed him to Fran Larkin, but has not heard anything back yet.

- Brighton Approach Bridge: Maureen France reported that the Brighton Street overpass will be demolished and replaced with a new bridge designed for both vehicles and pedestrians.

- McMillan Sidewalk: Jack Martin reported that DOTE received funding to construct a sidewalk on the south side of McMillan St., from the entrance of Fairview Park to the intersection of McMillan and Fairview Ave. It will be built before the end of the summer.

- One-Way Streets: Jack Martin reported that the city is looking into the possibility of making a portion the following streets one-way:

- Ohio Ave.
- Morlein Ave.
- Wheeler St.
- Rohs St.
- Chickasaw St.
- Stratford Ave.
- Victor St.
- Flora St.

This would allow for better access for shuttle busses and emergency vehicles on the narrower roads.

The city will initiate a substantial public outreach program in the coming months to gather input and gauge interest.

Happy Birthday



Paul Gallagher who is having a park named after him for his many years of work advocating for, organizing, planting and maintaining trees in the CUF neighborhoods recently celebrated his 95th!

2022 **Summer Camp** Preview is Here!

Mark Your Calendars:
Registration Opens February 26 at Noon

Ready for exploring this summer at camp? Cincinnati Parks' Explore Nature! team offers one week summer camps at various locations for ages 3 1/2 – 14 years old. Our camps include daily hikes, games, live animal encounters, experiments and make & take projects to keep campers active all day.

Cincinnati Parks is committed to providing a safe environment for our campers and staff. Due to current circumstances with the COVID-19 pandemic, we will be following state guidelines, the Center for Disease Control (CDC,) and American Camp Association (ACA) guidelines to keep everyone safe. Learn more on our website about COVID precautions at this year's summer camps.

[Summer Day Camps Registration Link](#)
[Summer Day Camps Preview Online](#)

Scholarships are available for those families in need of financial assistance.

[Click here](#) to review scholarship details & apply.

We look forward to another year of successful and rewarding experiences at Summer Camps for your children...our campers! Please contact our main office at 513-321-6070 if you have any questions.

Krohn Conservatory Spring Show,
Folklore of the Forest and More

Visit Krohn's Spring Show from February 12 - March 6. Discover the magic and mystery of an enchanted forest. Learn the tales and history of some of the oldest characters in forest folklore.

Upcoming Events:

DIY Fairy Jewelry, Feb. 6 | 11am-1pm
Storytime, Feb. 9, 16, 23 & March 2 | 11am
Date Night Craft, Feb. 12 | 6-8pm
Owl Fest, Feb. 19 | 1-3pm

[Click here to purchase admission tickets](#)



Black History Month - Cincinnati Parks has Ties to the Underground Railroad
February is Black History Month. Did you know that Cincinnati Parks' LaBoiteaux Woods Nature Preserve has ties to the Underground Railroad? Escaping slaves passed through the ravines at this park on their way north toward freedom.

[Read more!](#)

Our Recycling Family is Growing:

Cups Now Accepted
Have you heard the news?
Rumpke Waste and Recycling just announced they have expanded the residential recycling program to include



paper, plastic and aluminum cups. The addition of these materials to the recycling program is a testament to high value our region places on recycling.

Rumpke is constantly working with partners to develop solutions for expanded recycling opportunities. Paper mills have recently pledged to accept paper cups and innovations in plastic recycling have opened up secure, long-term partners for additional types of plastic. Additionally, new technology at the recycling facilities is helping to sort the plastic cups from the stream.

PAPER CUPS

Empty cups
Remove straws
Remove plastic lids and toss in trash
Ex: Fast food beverage cups, Starbucks, etc.

PLASTIC CUPS

Empty cups
Remove straws
Place plastic lids back on
Avoid throwing the lids loosely into cart
Ex: Starbucks, Souvenir cups, etc.

ALUMINUM CUPS

Empty cups
Ex: Stadium cups, DORA cups, etc.

UNACCEPTABLE CUPS

Disposable plastic party cups ("Solo" is a common brand)
K-Cups
Styrofoam cups
Plastic coffee cup lids
Straws
Take out containers and clamshells (fruit containers for example)

Old CUF



A 1921 view of McMicken Avenue as it curves east toward Ravine Street. The photo was taken by the Department of Highways as part of a study of the effects of subway construction going on along what is now Central Parkway. The sidewalk has shifted in this image. An open cab Model T Ford truck is parked at the curb.

b & w photo source: University of Cincinnati Libraries Digital Resource Commons



The same scene in 2022 shows some of the remaining buildings including the tall Mockbe building on the right.

Dear Supporters of Preserve Burnet Woods,

We hope you've had a healthy and happy winter season so far! As 2022 rolls on, and winter wanes to spring, we have some great opportunities for you to help us make this our best year yet for protecting our beloved community-supported greenspace!



Join Us for Give Back Night (GBN) at Dewey's Pizza, Tuesday, February 15, 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. Come meet with some PBW Board members, break bread, and help us plan for 2022 in Burnet Woods. All supports, family and friends are invited to eat pizza and and raise funds! Mention GBN when ordering and up to 20% of all food purchases will be donated to Preserve Burnet Woods. Order online deweyspizza.com.

Also, join us for a PBW Board Meeting. Want to learn more about how our all-volunteer nonprofit operates? We invite all who are interested to attend our Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 24. The meeting will take place virtually on Google Meet. Email bob@preserveburnetwoods.org to receive login information as the date approaches.

Thank you
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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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