



NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

January 2022

Next monthly meeting: January 18, 2022, online format, 7 p.m.

Dear Neighbors,

Last fall, the Urban Forestry Board, the CUF Community Fund and the CUF Neighborhood Association pooled resources to plant a tree in each of our parks in honor of Paul Gallagher. Although this was supposed to be a surprise, Paul showed up to help. We planted a white oak in Bellevue Hill Park. Red maples, Paul's favorites for fall colors, were chosen for Coy Field, Fairview Park and Classen Park.

But we were not done yet! As many of you may have heard by now, at the December 16th Cincinnati Board of Park Commissioner's meeting, the Board voted to change the name of Classen Park in Clifton Heights to Gallagher Park for our "Tree Guy" Paul Gallagher. The CUF Neighborhood Association and the CUF Community Fund spear-headed this effort with support from the Urban Forestry Board and other community stakeholders. [See enclosed notifications.] In addition to a career in public service with the Cincinnati Fire Department, Paul has served on the boards of every organization in our community. What he is best known for, however, are the thousands of trees he has planted throughout CUF and other neighborhoods. The CUF Community Fund is paying for a new sign in the park and a commemorative plaque. We hope to have a celebration at the sign's unveiling. Stay tuned for details!



Gallagher Park



Bellevue Park



December 20, 2021

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Mr. Paul Gallagher
259 Klotter Avenue,
Cincinnati, OH 45219

Dear Mr. Gallagher,

On the Board of Park Commissioners, I am writing to inform you that at their December 16th, 2021, meeting the Board unanimously voted to re-name Classen Park as "Gallagher Park". This was done in recognition of the extraordinary public service and commitment to the natural environment and enhancement of Cincinnati's tree canopy you have unwaveringly provided over the last 50 plus years.

The Board was moved by your amazing volunteer service and commitment in planting and caring for thousands of trees throughout the city as well as your many years of volunteer work and advocacy on the importance of expanding the city's tree canopy. We express our collective gratitude for the lifetime you have spent greening Cincinnati by planting, watering and caring for thousands of trees in yards, public rights of way and parks in CUF, Clifton, Camp Washington, Central Parkway, Liberty Street, Findlay Market among others.

As was made clear by the many committed CUF community members who recommended this re-naming and spoke in favor at the Park Board meeting, the success we have achieved in growing the City's tree canopy would not have been possible without your effort, leadership and commitment.

We hope you will accept this small token of appreciation warmly. Our staff will be working with your neighbors to develop and install new signage at Gallagher Park and will be in touch as soon as it is prepared for installation.

With Gratitude

John E. Neyer,
Interim Director
Cincinnati Board of Park Commissioners

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Deputy Director

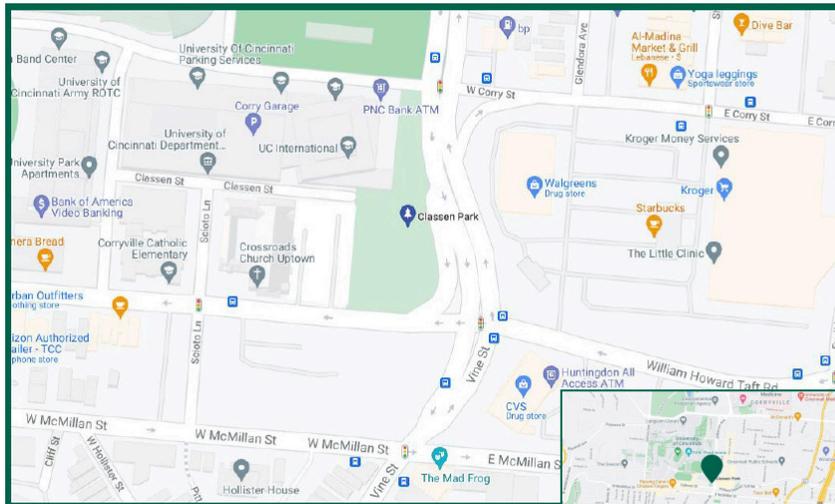
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Classen Park (Gallagher Park)





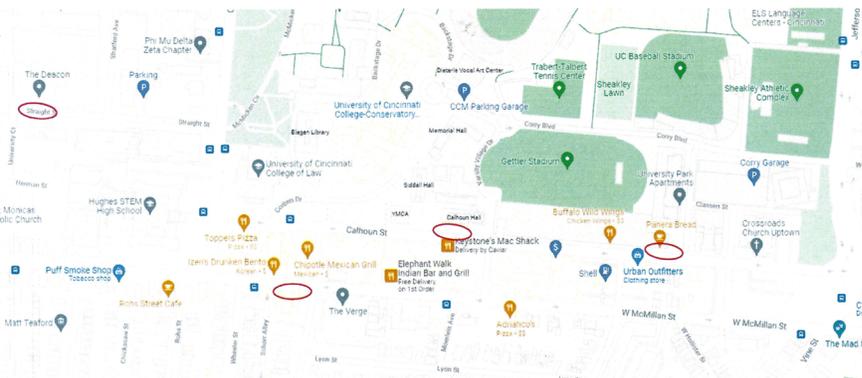
Paul Gallagher



Paul Gallagher, Truman Toland, John Wood, and Dennis O'Brien in a photo from around 1985, showing the first crew to plant trees along Klotter Avenue.

CUF & Corryville Rideshare Zone Pilot

- Background
 - Rideshare pick up/drop off recommendation in CUF Walker Report (p.35)
 - Data from rideshare partners shows Short Vine, Calhoun, McMillan, and Straight are very highly utilized
- Pilot recommendations
 - Goal is to minimize impact to existing on-street parking
 - Eliminate afternoon parking restriction on EB McMillan (remove No Parking M-F 3p-6p)
 - Install signage and properly geofence for 90-day pilot, evaluate data



CUF Neighborhood Association financial report, 12/31/21

Balance on: November 30, 2021 \$10,874.03

Income:

Paypal Dues 37.37

Paypal Dues 18.93

Total Income: + 56.30

Expenses:

Spectra Scapes trees 1,900.00

Tower Fund 301.03

UCPD 200.00

Jones Plumbing 180.00

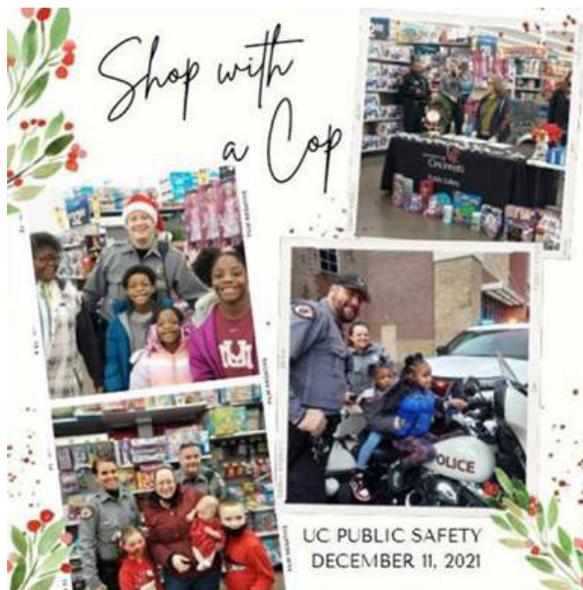
GCWW 8.15

Total Expenses: - 2,589.18

Balance on: December 31, 2021 \$8,341.15

UC Public Safety outreach

We are extremely appreciative of the individuals and companies that donated their time or money to help bring smiles and laughter to 42 children in our community. We are pleased to share that this is a significant increase from past years. Let's take a moment to celebrate the impact we made this holiday season! [Click here](#)



Notice to members of the CUF Community Fund

The annual meeting of the CUF Community Fund will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022. Due to the continuing pandemic, the meeting this year will likely be a combination of in-person and virtual.

The agenda for the meeting is to review and approve the minutes of the Fund's previous annual meeting, vote to elect members to the Board of Trustees, review the financial report and projects completed, and discuss current issues pertaining to the Fund.

Invitations will be mailed to all Fund Members in advance of the annual meeting and include the slate of candidates running for open positions on the Board of Trustees, copies of last year's minutes, financial report and projects completed.

CUF Community Fund Membership Requirements

To be a Member of the CUF Community Fund, one must be a paid member of the CUF Neighborhood Association for twenty-four months prior to the annual meeting of the Members and must be a permanent resident residing within Clifton Heights, University Heights or Fairview as designated in the by-laws of the CUF Neighborhood Association or its successor organization. A permanent resident is defined as one residing year around within the CUF community for at least four consecutive years (48 months) immediately preceding consideration of Member status. The burden of satisfying the requirement of permanent residency is upon the individual seeking to be a Member.

Sincerely,

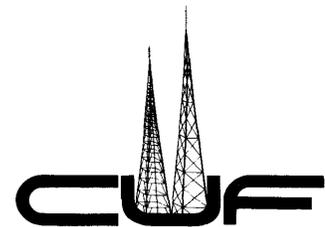
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Brighton approach bridge to be replaced

The City of Cincinnati Department of Transportation & Engineering (DOT) will replace the existing Brighton Approach Bridge with a new span for vehicles and pedestrians. Detailed design work on the replacement bridge begins next month and construction is expected to start in late 2023 or early 2024.

The 96-year-old concrete bridge, which spans Central Parkway between Colerain Avenue and West McMicken Avenue, is in poor condition with widespread deterioration.

DOT decided to replace the bridge after considering feedback from area residents, community councils and a variety of stakeholders in late 2021.

DOT and its engineering consultant conducted a public meeting in October and met with surrounding community councils in the West End, CUF and Over-the-Rhine to discuss options. Those included the option of removing the bridge and building a new handicap-accessible pathway on a nearby hillside, building a new bridge for pedestrians only or replacing the existing bridge with a new one for vehicles and pedestrians.

“The concern which stood out most was the potential of losing the connection between neighborhoods that the current bridge provides,” said Brandon Lecrone, project manager. “There was a desire to keep that connection for both vehicles and pedestrians in order to promote safety, foster future development, and honor the historic and aesthetic significance of the bridge.”

The city has secured state, federal and local funding for the \$5 million project. Read more about the project [Here](#).



Mill Creek Alliance

Wholeheartedly, THANK YOU to the many volunteers, donors, partner schools, businesses, and friends of the Mill Creek!

Shout out to all Trail-Blazers and Earth-Shakers who:

- Removed litter through the 28 miles of the Mill Creek
- Coordinated 10 volunteer clean up events in the watershed
- Trained 100+ citizen scientists for water quality data sampling
- Hosted 1 successful pop-up livery, free to the public
- Taught 200+ local students Environmental Science
- Observed and identified 95+ species of birds using the watershed
- Restored Sharon Creek confluence project and made progress on 7 more projects of the Mill Creek



[INTERESTED IN BEING A VOLUNTEER?](#)

Burnett Woods



- Burnet Woods Birdwatching Group
1st and 3rd Sunday of the month; 9:00AM

Explore what feathered friends are nesting, resting or hunting the tree canopy of Burnet Woods. Walk will be on and off paths and trails. Meet outside of Trailside Nature Center. Suggested entrance to park is the Ludlow/Jefferson Avenue entrance. Binoculars are recommended. Free. Want to know what birds you might see? [Click here!](#)

- Nature Hikes w/ Dr. Conover
Almost every Sunday; 2:30PM

Join Dr. Denis Conover of U.C. to learn about the trees and wildflowers of Burnet Woods as they transform through the seasons. This peaceful and informative walk is very popular with our local naturalist community. Walk will be on and off trails, and may include steep hills. Please wear close-toed shoes appropriate to hike. Long sleeves and pants are recommended. Meet outside Trailside Nature Center. Free.

- Membership/Donate

There are lots of ways to help support Burnet Woods! Do what you can with what you have – whether it's to spend 5 minutes sending a short email or sharing your time in Burnet Woods!

BECOME A MEMBER / DONATE.

[Click here for online membership or to make a donation.](#)

Proposed one-way streets

CUF One-Way Conversions

- Background
 - Recommended conversion of several streets in CUF to one-way in Walker report (p. 21-22)
 - City DOTE is currently evaluating impact, cost, and community/property owner opinions
- Next Steps
 - DOTE will be mailing comment cards to property owners and launching a project website to gather feedback from tenants and other frequent users of these streets
 - DOTE will also solicit feedback from CPD and CFD, based on the comments in the Walker report regarding emergency vehicles
 - Based on feedback from multiple sources (including CUFNA), DOTE will render a recommendation.
- Potential drawbacks
 - Increased speed on these streets (may recommend speed humps/speed cushions to mitigate)
 - Increased traffic on Warner St and at corners

As displayed in the heat maps and described in the *Supply & Demand Analysis* section, there are many vehicles parked illegally. Enforcement can assist with a large portion of this. However, in some cases the streets are too narrow to act as a two-way street and have cars parked on both sides. It makes for a very congested environment. Because of this, it might be necessary for a traffic analysis to be performed. It is very possible that an emergency service vehicle is unable to make it through several of the residential streets in CUF due to the large number of on-street vehicles. Making every other street one way, could curb this issue. This is especially true of the north/south streets south of McMillan Street as displayed below:



CUF Walker Report (p. 21)

Old CUF



A 1921 view of the Addison Street bridge crossing over the drained Miami Canal, now the site of Central Parkway. Addison Street runs off of Halstead Street. The bridge allowed access to the Camp Washington neighborhood.



This 1922 photo shows the bridge in the distance, looking south, with excavation work being done for the Cincinnati Rapid Transit (subway) project. A small railroad was constructed to haul dirt from the work sites along the way.



A 1927 photo shows a temporary wooden structure after the bridge was removed.



Today three of the buildings shown on the left still stand as seen in this color photo looking east from Central Parkway, which now travels above the unfinished subway.

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Happy New Year!



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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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