



**NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION**

Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

August, 2023

Next monthly meeting: September 19, 2023 (no August meeting), hybrid format, 7 p.m. Google Meet and In-Person at Hebrew Union College, 1st fl., Herrman Learning Center

Dear Neighbors,

The annual meeting of the CUF Neighborhood Association, including the trustee election, was held on July 18th. Three trustees were elected and two more were appointed to fulfill unexpired terms. The new slate of trustees and officers is as follows: Rob Neel, president; Nathan Hess, vice president; Linda Ziegler, treasurer; Kelly Ambrosius, recording secretary; Chris Donohue, membership secretary; Mary Singler, corresponding secretary; Chip Kussmaul, Tracy Schwetschenau, and John Stork. In addition to duties specified in CUF's by-laws, members are involved with our various community partners: the CUF Community Fund, Keep Cincinnati Beautiful, Invest In Neighborhoods, Neighbors of Uptown, Cincinnati Parks Advisory Council, the Clifton Heights Business Association, and the Clifton Heights Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation.

There are a number of ongoing projects including refining our Wild Apricot membership/information system, completing the community garden grant, redesigning the CUF brochure, and most importantly producing our monthly newsletter. Special thanks to Craig Lloyd who has taken on this task for many years!

Since last year two new efforts have consumed a lot of time. The city and UC are focused on neighborhood safety as a result of unauthorized gatherings in the neighborhood. Tracy Schwetschenau is taking the lead participating in the various committees. Last year we received two grants that were used to activate Bellevue Hill Park. This year we only received a small grant, which again we've used for First Friday concerts in the park. Organizers would like to continue those efforts and broaden them to appeal to a wider audience on more days of the week.

In November we will be voting on the 2024 Neighborhood Support Program proposal. We hope to develop an on-line survey to collect ideas in the fall.

As you can see, this is a busy time in CUF. Volunteers are welcome; come join us!

See you on September 19th.

CUF Neighborhood Association General Meeting

Meeting Commenced on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 7:05 pm

Board of Trustee Ballots / Voting: Eligible CUF residents cast a ballot.

Safety Update:

CFD Engine Co. 19: Chris Anderson

Chris provided the following summer safety tips:

- In the summer heat, drink plenty of water and stay hydrated.
- Have a plan to stay cool, including a plan if there's a power outage.
- Wear lightweight clothing.

Chris also reported that CFD is hiring. In order to be eligible, applicants must be between the ages of 18-41, have a High School Diploma or GED, and a valid driver's license. If interested, please reach out via Fire.Recruiting@cincinnati-oh.gov

UC Police: Carra Sparks

Officer Sparks reported that:

- 08/10/2023 is the National Night Out at Winton Woods Harbor from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

UCPD will be present.

- 08/12/2023—08/20/2023 are the residence hall move-in dates.
- 08/12/2023—12/09/2023 is Fall Semester.
- UCPD is currently hiring police, security officers, and dispatchers. Reach out via email if interested.
- Reach out if there are any complaints regarding the behavior of University of Cincinnati college student neighbors.

CPD District 5: Shawn Dent

Officer Dent shared the crime statistics. He also reported that:

- CPD is currently hiring police officers.
- 08/01/2023 is District 5's National Night Out at Patrick's Park in College Hill from 5:00pm—8:00pm.

Guests:

Update on the District at Clifton Heights:

Mark Becher reported that:

- They are working on the exterior of the student housing building, and will be doing drywall next.
- Starting in late August, Stratford Ave. will be closed.
- They are continuing to do streetscape work, mostly in the area in front of The Deacon.
- The leasing office for the new student housing building, The Hub, is now open at 224 W. McMillan.

Betsy Hoying reported that:

- There is weekly trash pickup taking place in the lot next to Hughes High School.
- They will be installing a temporary banner / signage on the fence at Straight St. and Clifton Ave. It will be 10 fence panels long.
- At Hotel Celare, the plumbing work is underway.
- They will be doing a concrete pour starting on 07/27/2023.
- Panel deliveries start on 07/20/2023.

CHCURC Utility Wraps:

Brenden Regan and Molly Cardosi shared the proposed design concepts for the utility box wraps. There are three designs that will be applied, in different color combinations, to a total of 18 boxes in the neighborhood.

- Concept 1: A repeating pattern based on the architecture of Hughes High School, featuring gargoyles and tulip-shaped tiles.
- Concept 2: Graphics merging the CUFNA logo with elements from the CUF neighborhood flag.
- Concept 3: Inspired by student life.

CHCURC Updates:

Brenden Regan reported that

- The Uptown Waste Diversion Event will take place again this year from 07/26/2023—08/06/2023 at Block 1.
- CHCURC is applying for additional grants to apply to the workforce housing on Vine St. across from Inwood Park.
- 2136 Ravine St. is still being worked on.
- A new mural will be painted soon at 335 W. McMillan St.

University of Cincinnati Student Body President and Vice President: Taylor Morgan and Vu Pham

- Taylor and Vu introduced themselves as members of student government. They are working on gender-based violence prevention, as well as pedestrian safety. They hope to attend CUFNA meetings regularly and learn more about the neighborhood.

City Council Candidate: Anna Albi:

- Anna introduced herself and reported that she is running for City Council. She is focusing on community safety and gun violence prevention.

Business / Reports / Announcements:

- June Treasurer's Report: Attached to the general meeting agenda. Linda Ziegler reported that they are transferring funds from the KCB grant back to the tower fund. CUFNA is still waiting to hear back about whether the NAF money applied to last year's events was approved.
- Trash & Litter Cleanup Committee:
 - o Nathan Hess reported that CUFNA has materials available for litter clean-up if anybody is interested.
 - o Mark Bambach asked if it would be possible to coordinate a clean-up event with volunteers from UC, and offered to provide assistance if needed.
 - o Tracy Schwetschenau reported that the clean-up event at Christ the King Church was very well-attended.
- Street Safety: Nathan Hess reported that CUFNA sent a letter to the city with a list of priorities. The City collaborated with the University and other neighborhoods and is still compiling a list.
- LSDMC/CPS:
 - o CANS – Susan Heinrich: Not Present.
 - o Hughes HS – Lyn Martin: No updates; the first day of school is 08/17/2023.
- CHBA (Clifton Heights Business Association) Jack Martin reported that there was no June Meeting. The next meeting is

07/20/2023.

- NOU (Neighborhoods of Uptown) – Linda Ziegler reported that:
 - o CTM is not officially taking a stance on the dog park in Burnet Woods.
 - o The main go Vibrant sign in Gallagher Park has been stolen, and the CUF GoVibrant route still needed to be added to GoVibrant's website.
 - o They are working on updating the City's boundaries for CUF to match the updated boundaries in CUF's bylaws.
- IIN (Invest in Neighborhoods): No updates. This month's meeting was cancelled.
- UC Community Development – Megan Smith: Not present.
- Neighborhood Development
 - o Nathan Hess reported that Gateway Lofts is under construction.
 - o Linda Ziegler reported that the water tap on McMicken near the Hallmar development has been replaced. Planning Department is looking into who cut the water line. CUF is looking into getting an easement if CUF doesn't already have one.
- IT, Website Development, etc. news/ updates: Maureen France and Craig Lloyd are working on a new brochure about CUFNA to distribute and will be presenting drafts to the CUFNA board.
- CBRs - Community Budget Requests: No updates at this time.
- CUFPAAC (Parks Advisory Council)
 - o Bellevue Hill Park: Nathan Hess reported that the bollards in the Bellevue Park circle are supposed to be installed this week.
 - o Jack Martin reported that there will be concerts in Bellevue Park on the first Fridays of the month in August, September, and October. So far, the turnout has been good. There will also be a Jazz Potluck Jam on 08/26/2023 from 12:00pm—4:00pm.
 - o Fairview Park: Maureen France reported that the mosaics on the steps connecting McMicken Ave to Fairview are complete.
- KCB - Safety and beautification: Maureen France reported that CUFNA received an extension in order to complete repairs to the steps leading up to the new community garden and Carolyn Young donated decorative fencing for the community garden.
- CUFNA Trustees
 - o Nathan Hess reported that
 - o Jack Martin has resigned from the Board.
 - o Maureen France is term limited.
 - o Andrea Schwallie has chosen not to run for re-election.
 - o John Stork is up for re-election and was on the ballot.

Nathan Hess thanked the trustees for their dedication to CUF and reported that the CUFNA board will decide how to fill Jack's vacant position.

Election Results: Chris Donahue, Kelly Ambrosius and Chip Kussmaul were elected as the new trustees on the Board.

Next General Meeting: Nathan Hess reported that there is no general meeting in August.

The next CUFNA board meeting will take place on the 3rd Tuesday in August, instead of the usual first Tuesday.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:30 pm

Minutes taken by: Andrea Schwallie

Rider Alert

Metro's Fall Service Change Effective Aug. 13, 2023

19 Metro routes will have minor running time adjustments and increased frequency in Metro's next quarterly service change. In addition to annual service increases to accommodate the new Cincinnati Public Schools (CPS) academic year, Metro will add new service along Rt. 43 serving the new Greyhound/BaronsBus station on Galbraith Road.

Take the bus to the bus

The new, enhanced Rt. 43 will provide 24-hour service to the Galbraith Rd. Greyhound/Barons Bus station seven days a week, as frequently as every 30 minutes during peak travel times.

CPS back in session

The majority of the service improvements will serve student riders. [Maps and Schedules](#)



CUF Neighborhood Association Financial Report: July, 2023

Balance on: 6-30-2023 \$13,135.22

Income:

Dues	\$10.00
Hallmar Four Corners	275.00
Dues - (online payment)	10.00
KCB garden reimbursement	3,000.00
Dues	10.00
Dues	20.00
Total Income:	+ 3,325.00

Expenses:

Wild Apricot fees	1.73
Genesis Events, Bellevue Park	350.00
Decal Impressions, newsletter	489.75
Craig, domain register	15.45
Northside Bank VISA	101.61
CUF Community Fund	3,000.00

Total Expenses: - 3,958.54

Balance: \$12,501.68

Balance to be reimbursed by KCB: + 56.61

Balance of Community Fund loans to be repaid:
- \$2,632.93

Balance on 7-31-20223 after loan repayment:
\$10,025.36

CUF Community Fund loaned CUFNA \$39,000 to cover costs from the two Keep Cincinnati Beautiful grants for a community garden and solar stop signs. CUFNA will repay loans to CUF Community Fund as KCB reimburses CUFNA for expenses submitted.

CUF Community Fund loan activity:

Solar stop signs: \$12,500
KCB grant; \$9,336.84 total cost paid, leaving \$3,163.16. Total \$9,336.84 reimbursed by KCB. \$9,336.84 reimbursed to Community Fund. Remaining \$3,163.16 transferred to community garden grant.
Community garden: \$26,500 KCB grant plus \$3,163.16 remaining from stop sign grant = \$29,663.16 total; \$24,136.17 expenditures. \$21,503.24 has been reimbursed by KCB. \$21,503.24 has been reimbursed to Community Fund.



Summer vacations are winding down but the upcoming events with Mill Creek Alliance are in full swing. Paddle with us at our next Urban Stream Adventure, restore habitats at our next WorkPARTY in the Watershed, and if you have volunteered with MCA in the past, be sure to RSVP for the Volunteer Appreciation Picnic!



[Urban Stream Adventure: August 26, 9am-1pm](#)



[WorkPARTY in the Watershed-September 02, 10am-1pm](#)



[RSVP Today for the Volunteer Appreciation Picnic](#)

Bellevue park live music

Live bands perform at the pavillion in Bellevue Park on the first Friday of each month during the summer, 6:30 until 10:30-11 pm.

Burnet Woods appeal

Burnet Woods needs your help once again and we hope you will join us in signing this petition to City Council requiring due diligence in community engagement and the study of environmental impact prior to the installation of synthetic turf in our city parks and public lands.



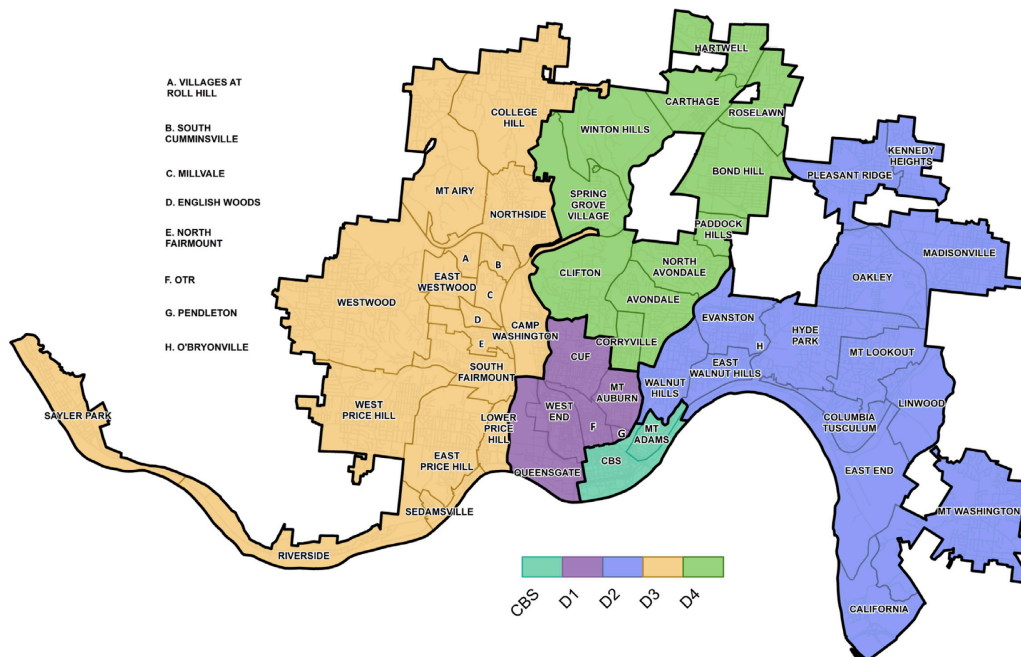
Stop Toxic PFAS Exposure: Don't let them Turf our Cincinnati Parks

Not only is there concern about the process by which the Park Board arrived at its decision, there is great concern about the installation of synthetic turf as part of this project. Synthetic turf, among many other environmental contaminants, contains PFAS "forever chemicals" which leach into the environment and bioaccumulate in the bodies of living organisms.

Green plastic is not greenspace, and the assurance that a product is 10-degrees cooler than other synthetic turf means the turf temperature reaches 140-degrees in the sun instead of 150-degrees. Usage of this product, especially in replacement of healthy mature greenspaces, is being on the wrong side of the current climate crisis. This project could easily be redirected into making a gray surface parking lot a re-greened space with trees and natural features. Burnet Woods' place in our community as a migratory bird stopover with shaded mature trails in the center of three business districts, five hospitals, three colleges and three different communities is unique. It is our green heart center in a loud, gray, hardscaped world.

Cincinnati police districts restructured

The police districts in the city of Cincinnati are being restructured. This change is set to occur at the end of 2023. A new district CBS, including the central business district and Mt. Adams, has recently been created. District 5 will be eliminated, and the seven neighborhoods currently served by D5 will be disbursed among existing Districts 1, 3 and 4. CUF will be re-located along with Mt. Auburn into District 1. See the attached map. Stay tuned for further information as it is received.



Old CUF

A view of lower Klotter Avenue taken by the Highway Department in 1931. The scene is looking east from Ravine Street. Note the steps leading to upper Klotter, the frame buildings on the right and the gas lights. A contemporary view shows the changes since.



Photo source: UC Digital Resource Commons





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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, Hebrew Union College (HUC), 3101 Clifton Ave.
- CUF Trustee meetings: 1st Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m, CHCURC office meeting room.
- CUF annual meeting and election: 3rd Tuesday in July, 7:00 pm, Hebrew Union College (HUC), 3101 Clifton Avenue.

CUF Neighborhood Association

2364 West McMicken Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45214

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: () _____

Email: _____

Membership Type:

CUF resident _____

Non-voting Membership: _____

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

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