



NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

March, 2024

Next monthly meeting: March 19, 2024, hybrid format, 7 p.m. Google Meet and In-Person at Hebrew Union College, 1st floor, Herrman Learning Center

CUF Neighborhood Association general meeting minutes

General Meeting Agenda Feb 20, 2024

Call to Order by at 7:03pm by Rob

Present: Rob, Chris, Linda, Chip, Nathan, Mary, John. Kelly & Tracy virtual

* You can email the Board at: thecufna@gmail.com

* Board Members: Robert Neel, Nathan Hess, Mary Singler, Kelly Ambrosius, Linda Ziegler, Chris Donahue, Chip Kussmaul, Tracy Schwetschenau, John Stork

- Goals and Priorities. The CUFNA Board has summarized its Goals and Priorities for this coming year and we hope you will take some time to look through the document and provide feedback. Flyers on table.

- Call for Volunteers: Backups for Neighborhood Roles Please email thecufna@gmail.com if you are interested.

Reports:

- Clifton Heights Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation (CHCUTC): (Chip Kussmaul)

The Clifton Heights Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation, CHCUTC, was established as a partnership between the Clifton Heights Business Association, the CUF Neighborhood Association and the University of Cincinnati. The partnership is dedicated to the revitalization of the Clifton Heights neighborhood through various initiatives and redevelopment projects.

<https://cliftonheights.org/about/about-clifton-heights-urban-redevelopment-corporation>

- Vine and Polk Street Affordable Housing Project updates; Letter of support.

- Block 1 updates. UC is purchasing Block 1. CUFNA sent a list of community desires for Block 1, such as a Police Center or Transportation Hub.

- Local School Decision Making Committee (LSDMC): Lyn Martin (Hughes High School) & Susan Heinrich (Clifton Area Neighborhood School, or CANS):

Hughes has moved from a 1 to 3 star school. A senior at Hughes was awarded a Marian Spencer four year scholarship for a full ride to UC.

There will be more than a \$100,000 deficit next year for CPS. Even so, they are looking into doing something with the Annex Building behind Hughes. Contact Lyn Martin if you have internships for their high school students. Hughes is a STEM school.

Susan: CANS: is working with the City on an application for a conditional use permit for the Rawson Farmhouse which is owned by CPS. The property is zoned residential.

The Food pantry on McAlpin should be installed in 3 more weeks.

There is a Back to School Community event with CRC & CANS tentatively scheduled for Aug 10 from 12:00-3:00pm. Dewey's monthly fundraiser on Ludlow brings in \$250-300/monthly. Alive & Well on Telford will donate \$1.00 for every margarita purchased in February.

- NSP (Neighborhood Support Program). The City's Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) provides annual funding to Community Councils for neighborhood projects and activities. It is our main source of funding.

A Community Council's NSP proposal must be

approved in an open meeting which includes any residents living within that neighborhood, then a presentation to the NSP Review Committee made of other neighborhoods.

- Invest in Neighborhoods
- Treasurer Report (below).
- UC Student update: Apr 20 is Burnet Woods Festival. Food trucks will be present.
- University of Cincinnati update: Megan Smith. UC parking lots sold out last year. UC is looking at different parking initiatives & cheaper parking. There's an online live tracker for UC Parking lots for students who don't have permits.

UC had a meeting with ODOT on pedestrian safety at Jefferson & Calhoun Streets.

Metro Route 51 runs between Northgate & Hyde Park through Clifton. It was added for students. Metro routes are listed on UC's website & are talked about at student orientation. The UC student group will work on informing Freshmen about public transportation.

A month ago UC created a Pedestrian Safety Group.

- University Relations/Town & Gown: Tracy Schwetschenau, Daniel Cummings, Brooke Lipscomb. Daniel: The Community Action team will continue. There is a Be A Good Neighbor Campaign to be mindful of the mixture of people living in the community.

A MOU (Memorandum Of Understanding) is in progress between Daniel & Brooke Lipscomb of the City Manager's Office to sustain relationships.

CUFNA will partner with Daniel to get students to help elderly residents with leaf raking, snow shoveling, etc.

- Trinitas Mark Becher, Betsy: The Hub is the student housing building that should open this summer. There are no changes to street closures. The Hotel will be finished in the Fall. It is pet friendly. There is a concern with health issues with the doggie excrement that isn't picked up.

Old Business:

- The CUFNA Board of Trustees met on February 06, 2024 and the first Tuesday of every month.

- McMicken & Straight St construction follow up, letter. The Trustees wrote a letter to the City about the road splitting in half and the house vibrations. Rob took the letter to the Mayor's office last Thursday.

- Beta Theta Pi Fraternity House Project -2630 University Ct. They will come to a future meeting to talk about the construction behind Coy Field.

- Street Conversions. In the future there may be a one way street pilot on Rohs & Chickasaw Streets. The one way street would be North on Rohs & South on Chickasaw. The one way streets were a result from a traffic study and won't affect parking.

- Resident, Karyn Ranz would like CUFNA to ask ODOT for residential parking permits. CUFNA has no say in parking but Rob asked the Mayor to pay attention to our parking issues.

Safety Updates:

- CFD Engine Co.19
- UC Police: Sgt Brinkers and Sgt Valerius. Officer Carra will be back full time next month. There are 3 UC basketball games left. Mar 11-17 is Spring Break for UC.

73 new ADs were installed. Narcan stations were also installed.

A UC Student Group working with Women Helping Women is trying to get neighborhood businesses involved.

Burglary flyers will be distributed in the neighborhood around Mar 07.

- CPD District 5: Amanda Johnson, Neighborhood Liaison Officer: amanda.johnson@cincinnati-oh.gov-. Thanks to Officer Johnson for the tire removal on Straight St. Officer Johnson can make requests for cameras from KCB (Keep Cinti Beautiful) if dumping keeps happening in the same spot but it takes awhile to get the cameras.

There were two felonious assaults, one involving an officer who is back to work.

There is an uptick in stolen Kias & Hyundais.

Tuesday, Aug 06 is National Night Out at Ziegler Park.

There is a huge homeless encampment in the 2800 block of W McMicken which will be ad-

dressed in the next two weeks. Outreach talks to the group & links them to resources.

There is a tent in Coy Field that has been there for months. Officer Johnson will follow up.

CPD brought three visitors who are with their Understudy Program. They are assigned to a unit to see what happens before they join the academy.

513 765 1212 is General Dispatch.

Overtime parking is an issue: cars need to be turned over because the space is public parking. Officer Johnson tries to contact the drivers before towing. By law your car needs to be moved every 48 hours.

Two houses were torn down at W McMicken & Riddle. There was a request to put up a fence before dumping starts. The Police need data in order to get a fence.

New Business:

- Community Budget Requests. The McMillan sidewalk by Ravine at Fairview Park is supposed to happen this year in the dry season. The traffic study & sidewalk are past CBR projects. We will discuss future CBR projects at the next meeting. Think about what is valued in this community.

- Street Cleaning Requests It's a health, aesthetic, & safety issue. Rob took a letter expressing these concerns to the Mayor's office.

- Connected Communities meetings with Planning and Engagement. Please sign up below to attend a meeting.

- www.cincinnati-oh.gov/connectedcommunities

- David Kirk, a business owner with an office on Central Parkway that backs up to Halstead & Kottman, advised CUFNA that DOTE told him to contact us to ask for the removal of the barrier at Kottman. Mr. Kirk says the barrier makes it difficult for those needing to drive to his business. The barrier was put up by the police for past prostitution. The Captain of Police and the residents want the barrier.

- A resident who lives on Detzel advised that there is a lot of illegal parking at the cul de sac. The Police won't tow because of the current signage. Cars block his driveway & are parked on the sidewalk. The resident will email Officer Johnson & CUFNA & send pictures. Officer Carra suggested painting the curb by his

driveway so drivers don't park there. In order to get a vehicle towed off of your property there has to be a sign about towing on your property. Rob advised the Mayor about our parking issues.

Announcements:

- Roots to Boots KCB program. Applications accepted until March 15 on the KCB website.

- Streetcar Survey: copy & paste this link in your browser <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JZZ6NW5>

- Housing survey on the property at 1001 Marshall: copy & paste this link in your browser https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdc_pzWEv_Dx22MkXC8Noc9Tlx-eovuFABLAQ6NRqzcvWrAePw/viewform

- May 17th Community Clean Up: The event will appear on the KCB website shortly if you would like to volunteer.

Points Of Pride:

- Thank you Maureen France, Mary Singler & the Community Garden for working on a grant for the garden. They received a \$1,000 grant for native plants & pollinators. Check out the CUFNA newsletter if you are interested in volunteering.

- Thank you Linda Ziegler, for submitting our 2023 NSP final report and AIG report, our 2023 tax certificate, and for representing us. Linda manages our NSP Fund.

- Thank you Matt Bourgeois and CHCURC for fixing the bench at the West Clifton bus stop!

Next Board Meeting: Mar 05 at 7:00pm at CHCURC Office

Next General Meeting: Mar 19 at 7:00pm at Hebrew Union College

Linda moves to adjourn at 8:45pm.

Minutes submitted by Kelly.

CUF Neighborhood Association Financial Report: February, 2024

Balance on: 1-31-2024 \$4,498.68

Income:

Dues, on-line	10.00
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Total Income: + 40.00

Expenses:

Wild Apricot fees	5.22
GCWW	9.08
Total Expenses:	- 14.30

Balance on: 2-29-24 \$4,524.38

Ohio Primary

The Ohio primary election is coming up March 19th. The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. Visit their website for all the information you need for the primary.

<https://ohio.gov/government/topic-hubs/>



The news from Hughes

Hughes High School is interested in creating more apprenticeship opportunities for students and is seeking recommendations. A bit of background: Hughes is a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) high school. STEM schools prepare students for jobs in many careers. In fact, according to a 2023 report by the National Science Foundation, almost a quarter of the U.S. workforce are in STEM jobs and the number of STEM occupations is growing. Even students who don't end up in STEM careers benefit from the curriculum that focuses on collaboration, critical thinking and problem-solving.

By the time Hughes students reach the 10th grade, they are required to choose one of the four STEM "pathways" offered at the school:

- Health Sciences – This pathway prepares Hughes students for further study or jobs in healthcare and research.
- Plant and Animal Sciences – Students who choose this pathway, called "Zoo Academy," attend classes at the Cincinnati Zoo and are taught by Zoo employees. They focus on animal care, plant conservation and environmental studies.
- IT/Software Development – This pathway trains students for a wide range of opportunities including computer programming, web design, systems engineering and gaming. Qualified students have the opportunity to complete the first year of U.C.'s Bachelor of Science Information Technology (BSIT) program while at Hughes.
- Engineering Futures – This project-based curriculum prepares students for future careers in civil, mechanical, biomedical, and sustainability engineering.

Do you work for a company or organization in one of these STEM fields that might be willing to provide apprenticeships or hands-on experiences for Hughes juniors and seniors either during school days or in the summers? If so, please contact: Ms. Susan Grasso at grasso@cpsboe.k12.oh.us

(Correction: Hughes is one of four Title I Ohio high schools that are no longer Priority Schools, not the only one as reported in last month's newsletter.)



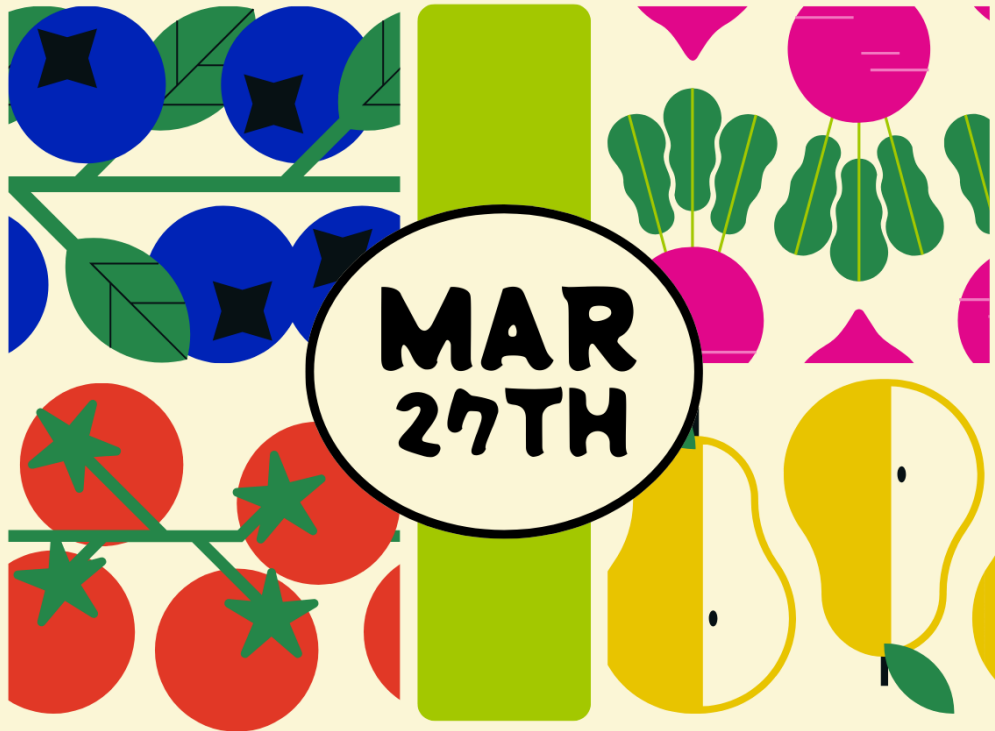
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FARMERS

**11
AM**

MARKET

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All businesses welcome!

**FREE
ENTRY**

Free parking
vouchers - tables
and chairs available

Location:

University of
Cincinnati Main
Campus, Campus
Green

Local businesses opportunity

Hello local vendors,

Since last semester was a HUGE success, we are BACK! We are thrilled to invite you to participate as a vendor at University of Cincinnati's bi-annual Farmer's Market, set to take place on March 27th, 2024, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Campus Green which is located on UC's main campus (map attached). This event promises to celebrate and showcase small, local businesses' products to an eager and diverse audience of students, faculty, staff, and community members.

Event Details:

Date: March 27th, 2024

Time: 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Location: University of Cincinnati main campus, Campus Green (Large green space right next to Lindner College of Business)

Address: 2600 Clifton Ave., Cincinnati OH 45221

Why become a vendor at University of Cincinnati's Farmer's Market (UCFM)?

Expose your brand to a large customer base.

Engage with people who are eager to support local businesses like yours.

Network with like-minded vendors and establish potential partnerships within the community.

Promote sustainable and locally sourced products!

Registration and Booth Information:

To secure your spot as a vendor, please register by March 6, 2024, at 11:59 PM by filling out the form linked below. There is no vendor fee, so it is on a first-come, first-served basis! Spaces are limited, so don't delay in securing your spot. Before the event, we will contact you again with further information.

SIGN-UP SHEET: UCFM Sign Up Form

Additionally, all vendors are required to comply with local health and safety regulations so if you are selling produce or any type of food related products, you must send over your general liability insurance and food handlers permit. Once you have signed up, we will contact you individually for the specific forms.

IF POSSIBLE, please bring your own booth setup, including tables, chairs, and any other display materials you may need to showcase your products effectively. If you don't have a table or chairs, you can specify this on the form, so we know which businesses need what. We will also have free parking vouchers (1-2 per booth, if needed) so please specify this on the form as well.

Contact Information:

For any inquiries or further details about the event, registration process, or booth arrangements, please feel free to contact me. We are more than happy to assist you in any way we can.

Lucy: ghariblj@mail.uc.edu, (513) 302-1369

We sincerely hope you will join us for UCFM on March 27th, 2024, at the University of Cincinnati's main campus. Let's come together to make this Farmer's Market a huge success while supporting the local economy and fostering a sense of community.

Thank you for considering our invitation, and we look forward to having you as part of this extraordinary experience!

Best Regards,
Lucy Gharibian-Aberg

Green grants for organizations



The Green Cincinnati Plan Seeds of Change Grant Program is now open and accepting proposals until April 30th, 2024.

Organizations can apply for up to \$20,000 to carry out a community-initiated project that aligns with the Green Cincinnati Plan's priorities.

The Green Cincinnati Plan Seeds of Change Grant Program is an initiative led by the City of Cincinnati's Office of Environment and Sustainability in partnership with the Greater Cincinnati Foundation. The grant program aims to support sustainable, equitable, and resilient efforts that relieve burdens and increase benefits for those most affected by climate change in Cincinnati.

Interested in learning more? We will be hosting a Pre-Application Workshop on Thursday March 14th 5:30-7:00pm at the Price Hill Branch Library, Room 212 at 970 Purcell Avenue, in addition to Drop-in Office Hours (see below).

Pre-Application Workshop
Thursday, March 14th 5:30-7PM
Price Hill Branch Library, Room 212, 970 Purcell Avenue

Drop-In Office Hours
Wednesday, March 20th 10am-12pm - Price Hill Branch Library Study Room 110, 970 Purcell Avenue

Wednesday, April 3rd 9am-12pm - Working in Neighborhoods, 3726 Llewellyn Ave

More coming soon!

Application DUE	April 30, 2024 by 11:59 PM
Application Review & Approval	May 1st-June 14th
Award/Decline Notification	June 15, 2024
Implementation Timeframe	June 15- December 31, 2024
Grant Reports Due	January 31, 2025

[For more information visit our website.](#)

For additional assistance, please contact oes@cincinnati-oh.gov.

Free state tax advice

Are you a new taxpayer and looking for guidance? Are you unsure of what is new for your 2023 tax return? Or do you just need a tax refresher?

These are the webinars for you!

Topics Include:

Ohio Universal Payment Coupon (OUPC), OH/TAX eServices Account, Filing original and amended returns, How to view and make payments, How to view outstanding liability, Tax preparer access Redesignated SD 100 (Combined Return), The webinars will be lead by a team of talented tax professionals who will spend time to make sure you have the information you need for an easy, stress-free filing season, Don't miss the live Q&A session after the webinar!

SIGN UP TODAY!

Click the RSVP link below for the date and time you'd like to attend.

*Content is the same for each webinar. No continuing education credits will be offered.

[March 19](#)
[6-7 p.m.](#)
[RSVP](#)

[March 21](#)
[10-11 a.m.](#)
[RSVP](#)





The Clifton Cultural Arts Center had its grand opening and open house on March 9, 2024. CCAC's new home is located at 3412 Clifton Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45220.

"The Clifton Cultural Arts Center was conceived in 2002, when the century-old Clifton School building, a beloved neighborhood landmark, was about to stand vacant. From the unbridled imaginations of a few visionary minds, the idea to re-imagine the historic building as a thriving cultural arts center emerged. Soon, a growing group of neighbors, volunteers, activists and community leaders – from Clifton, Uptown and across Cincinnati – joined forces to make that crazy dream a reality.

CCAC is a collaborative, regional arts center fueled by a shared passion and singular belief – that the collective experience of creative and artistic expression brings together diverse communities and nurtures more inspired, more insightful children and adults.

The new 18,000 sq. ft. building — the first purpose-built community arts center in Cincinnati — hosts educational programs, community events, and cultural experiences for individuals of all ages and backgrounds to come together through shared experiences."

In addition to their cultural and educational programming the center has event spaces available for rental.

For more information go to: <https://cliftonculturalarts.org>





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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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