



NEIGHBORHOOD
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Newsletter

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December 2021

Next monthly meeting: January 18, 2021, hybrid format, 7 p.m.

CUF Neighborhood Association General Membership Meeting

Meeting Commenced at: Tuesday, November 16, 2021, 7:04 pm

Safety Update:

UC Police: Daryn Chenault

- There will be an upcoming away football game on 11/20/2021 at 3:30pm. If UC wins, then there will be a home game on 12/04/2021 at 3:30 pm.
- There are two upcoming basketball games, 11/18/2021 vs. Presbyterian at 7:00 pm, and 11/27/2021 vs. Monmouth at 2:00 pm.
- Thanks to the donations for Shop With A Cop, 38 kids (25 families) will be able to participate this year.
- UCPD Chief Whalen is retiring. There will be an event to celebrate his retirement on 12/17/2021.
- District 4 and District 5 will be working with UCPD to distribute a safety checklist for students in the neighborhood on 11/19/2021.
- Fall semester ends on 12/11/2021

CPD District 5:

Officer Dent:

- Violent crimes are down 30% from this time last year.
- Auto Thefts are up 4% from this time last year.
- Property crimes are down 13% from this time last year.
- There was a robbery on W. McMicken; the victim was uncooperative with police.
- There was a felonious assault on Straight Street.
- There was an aggravated assault at Hughes High School: one student assaulted another student outside of campus.
- There were burglaries in close proximity on 10/30 and 10/31; they were likely related to each other.

Sergeant Ploehs:

- The police would like to remind the community

to watch their belongings when holiday shopping, and to have neighbors watch for package deliveries.

- Police are aware of issues with speeding on residential side streets. They installed a speed trailer on Warner at Ravine Street; it has since been removed.

Guests:

Aaron Bartels, Mark Becher, and Russ Hunter—
District at Clifton Heights update

Aaron reported that:

- They are working to obtain building permits for the parking podium at Stratford Ave. and Straight St. and hope to start construction in early 2022.
- The construction of the Tri-Delta site is on schedule for a 12/15/2021 completion date. Students will be relocating during winter break.

Reports / Announcements:

- Treasurer's Report: Included on meeting agenda
- CRC (Cincinnati Recreation Commission, Jim Moore): Not present
- LSDMC/CPS (Local School Decision Making Committee):
 - Lyn Martin reported that:
 - The LSDMC appointed a new student representative who made a plea at the meeting for how much students are struggling this school year.
 - Community representatives typically make an annual contribution to the school. In the previous year, it was a \$500 donation. Now is the time to start thinking about how to handle donations for this year.
 - The student-based health center is offering COVID-19 vaccines at Hughes. It is open to anyone who schedules an appointment.
 - Heidi Yocum reported that:
 - A felonious assault involving two students

occurred; the situation has been addressed.

- A former student trespassed into the Hughes building and was apprehended by the security at the school.
- The administration is actively working to address tardiness for students.
- Hughes is under accreditation renewal for High School and STEM.
- Hughes has partnered with General Electric for their GE Academy, a 3-year engineering program.
- Hughes also received \$48,000 in STEM materials for STEM focused supplies and programming.
- CANS local school:
- Julia Bonfield reported that:
- The food pantry is still looking for donations.
- CANS will be participating in Adopt-A-Family and will have a Giving Tree for the holidays.
- CHCURC (Clifton Heights Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation): Chip Kusssmaul reported that Brendan Regan will be coming to the general meeting in January to discuss the housing initiative.
- CHBA (Clifton Heights Business Association): No Updates at this Time.
- NOU (Neighborhoods of Uptown): No Updates at this Time.
- Invest in Neighborhoods (IIN): Chip Kusssmaul reported that they are still working on community engagement with city council.
- UC Community Development: Megan Smith reported that there will be a SORTA survey in the student newsletter.
- Tree planting, CPAC—Paul Gallagher: Jack Martin reported that 3 maple trees were planted on 11/12/2021 to honor Paul's tree planting efforts. The locations are Classen Park, Fairview Park, and Coy Field. There will also be an oak tree going into Bellevue Park at a date to be determined.
- Gateway Lofts: Jack Martin reported that the Planning Commission voted at the 11/05/2021 meeting to place the Planned Development request on hold. The developer did not incorporate the feedback from the neighborhood. This includes adding a story on W. McMillan St. and removing a story on Lyon St. to preserve the residential area on and around Lyon.
- CP/Marshall development: Jack Martin reported that the developers have been receptive to feedback. They will be coming into town to present their latest plans at on 11/17/2021 at 5:30 pm in the CHCURC offices. Although not certain what they plan to present, they have announced that they will not be

developing the NE corner of Marshall and W. McMicken due to the topography.

Old Business:

- Street sweeping (&parking): Jack Martin reported that Joel Koopman is waiting on DOTE to decide where the new street sweeping signs should go.
- Christian Huelsman asked about existing outdated signage in the neighborhood. Jack said to reach out to him to report any anomalies.
- KCB-Safety and beautification-volunteers / Neighborhood activation fund: No updates at this time.
- Consolidate IT: Craig Lloyd and Mary Singler reached out to Invest in Neighborhoods to send out a survey asking which systems other neighborhoods use. So far, 30 neighborhoods have responded.

New Business:

- Straight Street Cleanup: Cherie Wallpe mentioned that the Straight St. Hill Climb is scheduled for 11/21/2021 at 9:00 am, and asked if it was possible to get a group of volunteers to clean up litter ahead of time. Linda offered to follow up with the park board, as a student cleanup is already scheduled for the weekend.
- Graffiti / Litter: Carolyn Young is trying to get the chronic litter and graffiti in the neighborhood addressed, specifically around the 2800 block of W. McMicken Ave. Carolyn hopes to get a representative of public works to attend general meetings in the future, or to conduct ride-alongs with city officials to see the extent of the issue.
- Christian Huelsman also expressed concerns about the drainage issues on Marshall behind the apartment complex that faces Probasco.
- Cherie Wallpe mentioned that she has met with Public Services in the past, and that the current issues mirror previous issues. She offered to reach out to her contacts.
- Preschool Promise: Carolyn Young reported that she has been in touch with the Preschool Promise coordinator, and will invite a representative of Preschool Promise to attend a future General CUNFA meeting.
- Ohio Ave. Steps: Christian Huelsman reported that the Step Up to Art installation at the Ohio Ave. Steps will be reviewed by City Council on 12/01/2021. If approved, then Step Up to Art will begin painting the steps in the spring. Spring in Our Steps is currently working with DOTE on signage, and is looking into installing



2022 Neighborhood Summit

Leadership for the Future
in partnership with Cincinnati Public Schools
Saturday March 12, 2022
Woodward High School

Leadership comes from many places and in many forms. This Summit will highlight the people, projects, programs, and partnerships that take us into the future. Areas will include youth leadership, grass roots leadership, and new leadership; leadership at the municipal, organizational, or individual level; and projects and programs that take us, our neighborhoods, and our city into the future.

The past two years have created new realities that were unimaginable to most and propelled us into ways of thinking, ways of working, ways of including, and ways of leading that created a future/now situation we were unprepared for. How do we take this and use it to build leadership for the future? How do we come out of this time by seeing it as a moment for transformative leadership which interrogates and seeks to disrupt that which was/is taken for granted?

Call for speakers:
Please tell us how your session idea fits with the theme. We encourage multi-speaker sessions and/or panels with time for audience interaction or discussion. Let us know if this is a presentation, panel, or a workshop

Please note this is a preliminary call. Final titles and abstracts will be asked for after session selection. [Click here for the submission form.](#)

The call for speakers will close Thursday
December 16, 2021

Energy grants for apartment building owners

The City of Cincinnati's Office of Environment and Sustainability announces the availability of its next round of funding for property owners as we work together to reduce the energy burden faced by low-income tenants and, in turn, make housing more affordable. See below and visit the website to learn more. Funding for this effort is provided by Duke Energy Ohio.

Matching Grants for Property Owners - next round of applications due 1/7/22
Up to \$80,000 to be dispersed in the form of \$5,000 matching grants by mid-January

Contact Molly Robertshaw with questions after reviewing the [website](#).



*Happy
Holidays!*



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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

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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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