



NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION

# Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

January 2021

## Next monthly meeting:

January 19, 2021

Online Format, 7 p.m.

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Dear Neighbors,

For a number of years, we have been concerned with the lack of street sweeping in our neighborhood. Previous efforts have been hampered by the number of transient residents, parking on both sides of crowded streets, lack of signage, no notice, no ticketing or towing. This has resulted in sweepers cleaning only down the centers of streets as they can't get close to the curbs.

In conjunction with various city departments, a pilot program was developed to debut on Riddle Road and Fairview Avenue. To date permanent 'No Parking for Street Sweeping' signs have been installed. Fairview Avenue is posted for the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month between 10 am and 1:00 pm; Riddle Road is posted for the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month between 10 am and 1pm.

Just as the plan was coming together, the COVID-19 pandemic hit the city, and a number of critical city workers have been ill. As we are now into the winter season, the rollout will be postponed a bit longer due to possibility of snow and the need to pretreat streets.

For the revised schedule, during the first month, March, there will be only warnings for failure to move parked cars; ticketing will begin in April. Until then we will attempt to notify residents in order to avoid problems.

The city Department of Public Services (DPS) has previously informed City Council and the City Administration of these plans and will do so again prior to March. Lastly, it is expected when actual tickets are issued, complaints will be directed via calls to City Hall. DPS staff will address complaints as they are received and keep the neighborhood involved. This is a collaborative test on permanent signage with enforcement which we hope results in cleaner streets - an outcome we are all anticipating. Your help is appreciated!

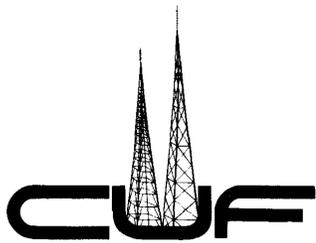
***Happy New Year!***



## CUF Neighborhood Association financial report

December 31, 2020

Notes	Amount
Check #	
Balance on: Nov 30, 2020	\$ 2,639.28
Income:	
Total income:	+ \$ -
Expenses:	
Bambach – Reimb. Trees	\$ 745.67
GCWW	\$ 13.72
Ziegler – Reimb. Postag	\$ 35.00
Total expenses:	- \$ 794.39
Balance on: Dec 31, 2020	\$ 1,844.89



### Notice to Members of the CUF Community Fund

The annual meeting of the CUF Community Fund will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2021. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, however, the meeting will be virtual this year.

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,

Linda Ziegler	President
Chip Kussmaul	Treasurer
Maureen France	Secretary
Craig Lloyd	Vice President
John Stork	Vice President

## Raised crosswalk installed

The city of Cincinnati has installed a raised crosswalk in front of Evanston Academy elementary school on Fairfax Avenue, the first pedestrian safety improvement of this type in the city. Raised crosswalks slow traffic and make pedestrians more visible to motorists.

The installation, which was completed Dec. 23, is part of the city's Vision Zero program managed by the Department of Transportation & Engineering (DOTE).

Vision Zero aims to eliminate traffic-related deaths and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy and equitable mobility for all.

Raised crosswalks improve pedestrian safety by making pedestrians more visible to motorists. The raised crosswalk also functions like a speed hump, which helps calm traffic. It is intended to ensure that vehicles driving in front of the elementary school adhere to the speed limit. This raised crosswalk is 6 inches high and 12 feet wide with an 11-foot ramp on both sides.

## Western Hills Viaduct update

For a number of years various stakeholders have participated in planning for a new Western Hills Viaduct, CUF included. A virtual update was presented by the city on December 3. The new viaduct will be constructed south of the current one. There will be only one level with four lanes in each direction, a sidewalk on the north side, and a shared path on the south side. While details are not finalized, it appears that no property will be taken from CUF for the connection at McMillan and Central Parkway.

A major stumbling block has been financing; the new viaduct is estimated to cost about \$335 million dollars. Resources from the city, county, state and federal governments are being assembled. At present about one-third of the total funding has been secured. Officials anticipate construction will begin in 2021 even without all funding in place. The railroads will continue to operate 24/7 during the entire construction period.

For more information, see the presentation on the city's website: <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/dote/news/highlights-from-whv-joint-public-meeting1/>



## Happy, Healthy and Housed:

Info for young women 15-24 planning on independent living or newly moved into an apartment of their own.

Thursday, January 14, 4:00PM

Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/508778826758849/permalink/508778850092180/>

About this Event:

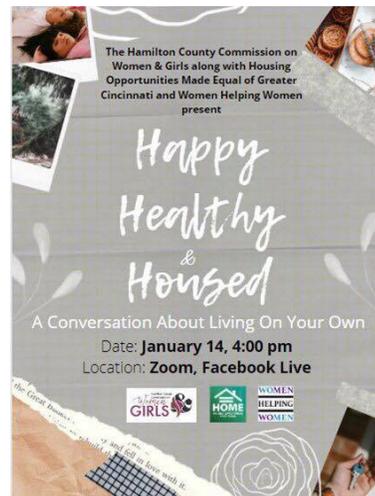
- Happy Healthy and Housed: A Conversation about Living on Your Own
- Alona Ballard (Housing Opportunities Made Equal) on safe and affordable housing
- Em Joy (Women Helping Women) on healthy relationships
- Dr. Alyssa Gerth (Christ Hospital) on personal health
- Q&A to follow

Living on your own for the first time is a major step in a young woman's life. No matter if you're new to an apartment, dormitory or military barracks, you want to avoid the pitfalls that can occur if you fail to stick to a budget or make poor decisions regarding your physical health or when picking a partner. That's why the Hamilton County Commission on Women & Girls, H.O.M.E. and Women Helping Women are presenting "Happy, Healthy and Housed," a conversation about living on your own.

Drawing upon their own experience and expertise, the event hosts will offer tips, advice and resources to ensure that you're on the path to a prosperous, healthy future.

Free and open to all; resource list to be mailed to all registered guests.

Presenting Sponsors: Housing Opportunities Made Equal, Women Helping Women, and Hamilton County Commission on Women and Girls



## Classes at Manifest Drawing Center

Beginning in the next few weeks, we are kicking off a dozen online, in-person, and hybrid classes for creative people interested in honing their drawing, painting, and photography practices. Some of the highlights of our upcoming Winter Quarter include:

1. Envision Project 5 is a 16-week, FREE film/darkroom photography class for high school students interested in exploring how photograph can expose and frame the world around them. The Envision Project is an ongoing partnership with the Ohio Arts Council and the Ohio Civil Rights Commission, and the program will culminate with a yearlong exhibition of students' photographs at the Civil Rights Commission in Columbus offices! No previous experience is necessary and ALL equipment is provided. Application Deadline extended to January 15th!  
<http://www.manifestgallery.org/studio/photo/workshops/envision/index.html>
2. Bridging the Gap: Preparing Tomorrow's Artists for Success is a 12-week, FREE studio art class for high school students—especially teens from traditionally under-represented communities—that will introduce high-school artists to many of the tools, resources, and lessons essential to a successful life in the visual arts (including undergraduate fine-arts programs... essentially a college preparatory program for young artists). Bridging the Gap was developed with the express purpose of ensuring that our next generation of visual arts leaders and educators is more diverse and more representative of our city than those that have come before. Application Deadline extended to January 15th!  
<http://www.manifestgallery.org/studio/gap/index.html>
3. Several Introductory-Level Courses demonstrating basic observational and technical strategies for art making and include our Drawing Essentials, Drawing as Mindfulness, and The Drawn Subject series of courses.
4. Second Tier, "Great Themes" Courses encourage in-depth exploration of timely subject-matter on a rotating basis, and include programs such as:
  - Figure Sculpting: Building Understanding with the Third Dimension (rendering the human form in 3 dimensions)
  - Color Experience: A Practical Approach (exploring color relationships for more lively visual communication)
  - Scary Stories to Tell in the Art (investigating the development of visual symbols and signs)
  - A Shared Value: The Invisible Bond Behind the Family Photograph (considering the deeper purpose and significance of our family photos)
  - Reasons and Means: Why We Photograph (looking at ways to nurture inspiration and enthusiasm in the darkroom and studio)
  - The Hawthorne Approach: Relational Drawing and Painting (using time-honored techniques to paint more dynamically from observation)
  - Painting the Great Indoors (elevating our quarantine environments to the level of fine art through the paint brush)
5. Our Weekly "Open" Series of Programs offers artists the chance to engage with our resources, studio, and community throughout the year. It includes at least three Open Figure Sessions, three Open Photography Labs, and a FREE Open Studio/Cast Lab every week.

In addition to this season's new curriculum to begin 2021, we will maintain our passionate commitment to providing specialized offerings, workshops, and demonstrations for the benefit of artists from across the country. From the Drawing Center's Drawing Marathons to our assorted, multi-day workshops (which typically take place once a season, are led by internationally renowned artists, and address topics as various as colored pencil drawing and traditional sign painting), our extra events are designed to be valuable resources for your creative neighbors and students.

For more information about any of these courses and events, our studios, our instructors, our scholarship opportunities, private atelier lessons, and COVID safety precautions, please review the enclosed flyers and visit: <http://www.ManifestDrawingCenter.org>

For 17 years, we have been here to support any creative, artist, and educator throughout our region in the common pursuit of quality in the visual arts and greater empathy through visual engagement. Our desire is to cultivate an atmosphere of artistic growth for everyone who wants to strengthen their skills and broaden their inspired network. If you can share the enclosed flyers and spread the word about our efforts, I'll greatly appreciate it and thank you for your generosity.

Please feel free to contact me at [mysock@manifestdrawingcenter.org](mailto:mysock@manifestdrawingcenter.org) if you have any questions or if you have ideas for additional ways we can best serve you, your community, and your progress.

Very Sincerely,

Adam Mysock  
Drawing Center Coordinator



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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: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, except August and December, 7:00 p.m., Hughes High School, 2nd floor, 2515 Clifton Ave.
- CUF Trustee meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m, Hughes High School, 2nd floor
- CUF annual meeting and election: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in July, 7:00 pm, Hughes High School, 2nd floor, 2515 Clifton Avenue

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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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