



**NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION**

# Newsletter

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**September, 2011**

## **Next monthly meeting:**

September, 16, 2011,  
7:30 p.m., Deaconess Hospital  
Cafeteria, Lower Level, Straight Street

## **From the President's desk**



As my inaugural message as President, I would first like to thank Rob Neel, my predecessor, for the years of his exemplary service as President and for many hours and sweat (and no doubt tears) he has spent to further develop CUFNA as a positive organization for improvement in the neighborhood. It is my hope to continue Rob's great work. Fortunately we can continue to employ his talents as he continues to serve on the Board.

I would also like to recognize those Board members who have accepted officer positions. These include Cherie Wallpe as Vice President, Sally Larson as Recording Secretary, Rob Neel as Corresponding Secretary, Janine Denlinger as Membership Secretary, and Nathan Hess as Treasurer. And of course my continual thanks to those others who are devoting their time to serving on the Board: Sharon Buckner, Rolf Kuhn, Daniel Lewis, John Ligon, Craig Lloyd, Jason Pastoor, Ric Pressar, Karen Taravella, and Tony Walsh. I look forward to working with all of you and appreciate greatly your support and encouragement.

Starting this year, the Board will be taking on a more visible role. Members of the Board will be leading most the general meetings and writing to the community in this section of the newsletter. In addition to helping distribute some of the organizational workload, it is hoped this will help the community better know who the CUFNA leaders are and allow Board members to communicate issues important to them.

I am looking forward to this opportunity of serving as president. I would like to continue the collaboration with and outreach to individuals and organizations such as Citizens on Patrol, CHCURC, others that share interests within our community. I feel a lot of progress has been

made in recent years to become more active, positive, and inclusive - let's work to continue this. I encourage your feedback, questions and concerns at [cufna@cufna.org](mailto:cufna@cufna.org) or please share them with any Board member.

John Stork

## **TIF funding**

The City of Cincinnati allows tax increments within certain areas to help pay for public infrastructure projects.

Interested in learning more about TIF funding?

Go to: <http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/cdap/pages/-3496-/>

## **CUF Treasurer's report**

Balance: August 1, 2011	\$9,160.75
Income:	0
Total Income:	\$ .00
Expenses:	
web hosting	30.00
Soap Box Derby	130.00
Total Expenses:	- \$160.00
Balance: September 1, 2011	\$9,000.75

## **Bike/Runner Safety**

With several recent crashes involving pedestrians, the Cincinnati Police Department would like to urge residents who walk, run and bike to keep their minds on their safety.

When it comes to traffic safety, information can save lives and prevent the hurt and injury caused by accidents. The majority of motorist/pedestrian/cyclist

accidents occur in the evening between 6 p.m. and midnight, with greater incidence on weekends.

#### **Be Aware of Your and Others' Visibility**

Be aware that there are others on the road that may not be noticeable to you - and conversely, that others may not be able to see you. Take steps to become more visible at night, and encourage others to do the same.

#### **Use Reflective Gear or Lights to Be Seen**

If walking, running or biking at night, wear white or light colors, use appropriate lighting on your bike, and always wear highly-reflective gear that provides 360° visibility, including products made from Scotchlite and Reflexive (with visibility up to 1,500 feet). Use caution with reflective products that do not state their reflective distance. LED runners lights are extremely inexpensive and have little weight.

#### **Walk, Run and Bike in Well-Lit Areas**

Know which roads and paths are sufficiently lit for safe nighttime walking and cycling, and plan your route accordingly.

#### **Use Extra Caution in Crosswalks**

Drivers often have difficulty seeing someone in a crosswalk at night. You should not presume the crosswalk is empty. Cyclists should dismount and cross by foot, and pedestrians should not believe the driver could see them in the crosswalk within a safe stopping distance, especially if dressed in dark colors. Accidents are most frequent during vehicle right turns.

Share the Road, and Know Your Place on It  
Roads, sidewalks, and bike paths exist for a good reason -- be sure you are where you belong. A pedestrian or cyclist who darts into the street without regard to safety laws can cause a serious accident.

#### **Be Wary of Common Distractions**

Scanning through songs on an iPod, texting a friend, and even talking on a cell phone can reduce your ability to react to threatening traffic situations. Save the high-tech for full stops.

#### **Know and Follow Traffic Laws**

Whether traveling by car, by bike, or on foot, know the rules of the road -- particularly right-of-way laws. Cyclists should use appropriate signals and lanes, and pedestrians should only cross at official crosswalks.

- Guide to Bike Laws Link: [http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/bikes/bike\\_laws.htm](http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/bikes/bike_laws.htm)

#### **Scan the Road in Front of You for Vehicles and Pedestrians**

Remain vigilant at night by visually scanning your surroundings. Pedestrians should stop at the curb to view the road, and cyclists should look over their shoulder to see if the road is clear when turning. It is important for motorists to check their blind spot when backing up or changing lanes.

#### **Use Available Safety Gear**

Take advantage of all of the safety gear available to you. Seatbelts, good breaks, and working windshield

wipers are crucial for motorists. (It's hard to see someone at night through a smear.) If on a bike or motorcycle, wear a helmet. Doing so is 88% effective in preventing serious brain injury.

When accidents occur, the lives of both the person behind the wheel and the person hit are changed forever. Friends and family members also share the pain. Most of this suffering is preventable, and the first step is awareness. Once you become aware of safety issues, you will start to see how you can be part of the solution. The next step is to speak up about it -- to your friends, family, and lawmakers who can make positive changes in your community and beyond.

**Be safe. Be seen.**

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## **2011 computer & TV recycling event**

Hamilton County; Ohio Residents Only

This program prohibits the acceptance of computers and electronics from businesses, churches, schools, and non-profits.

May 2 through October 31, 2011

Monday - Friday, 9 am - 4 pm

Also open Saturday, October 15, 9 am - 2 pm

Drop-Off Location: 2trg,11085 Kenwood Road  
Blue Ash, Ohio 45242

Items accepted at no charge: TVs, CPUs, hard drives, personal copiers, docking stations, monitors, scanners, printers, cellular telephones, tape and disk drives, VCR and DVD players, circuit boards, cables, mainframes, servers, terminals, fax machines, PDAs, back up batteries, chips, keyboards, mice, modems, computer speakers, CD-Rom drives, and laptops.

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## **Parking Etiquette**

If you own a vehicle in a college town, you know the frustration of bad-mannered parkers. Here are the City rules in an easy-to-read format.

Parking Etiquette:

Do not park within an intersection.

Do not park within 20 feet of an intersecting roadway.

Park at least 20 ft. from a crosswalk, marked or unmarked.

Do not park in an area with a 'No Parking' sign.

When parallel parking, do not park facing traffic.

Do not obstruct traffic by parking in a bicycle lane, an alley or in any lane of traffic.

Do not park on a sidewalk, over a curb ramp, or on a planting strip.

Do not park on the front lawn of a property.

Do not park a vehicle 'for sale' on the street.

Do not repair a vehicle on the street unless it is an emergency.

Park at least 5 ft. from a driveway. Do not block it.

Do not park within 10 feet of a fire hydrant.  
Do not park longer than 14 hours except vehicles for handicapped transport.

If you have questions, please refer to Section 508 of the Municipal Code:  
<http://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=19996&stateId=35&stateName=Ohio>

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## RNNC conference

The Regional Neighborhood Network Conference is being hosted for the first time in Cincinnati September 22-24 at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza hotel. Theme of the 2011 conference is "Building Bridges & Making Connections: 25 Years of Connecting Neighbors to Neighborhoods." Bridges connect people in several senses: literally to connect places, metaphorically to connect people, institutions, amenities, and assets, and figuratively to connect those who build bridges to a brighter future.

This 25th Anniversary of the RNNC promises to provide useful information on creating new partnerships and community building techniques to reach a new generation of grassroots leaders. In addition to workshop sessions, mobile tours and keynote presentations provide attendees with information on how to improve the quality of life of their neighborhoods.

Register at <http://www.xavier.edu/community-building/rnncincinnati/Registration.cfm>

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## Household hazardous waste drop-off program

Now Open!  
FREE to Hamilton County Residents Only. Bring proof of residency, such as a driver's license or utility bill. Hamilton County covers the cost per car dropping off material to encourage proper disposal of your household hazardous waste.

Dates: July 30 - December 3, 2011

NEW Locations: Environmental Enterprises, Inc.

- 4600 Spring Grove Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45232 (Directly across from Winton Road) MAP  
Tuesdays from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm and Saturdays from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

- 10163 Cincinnati-Dayton Road, Sharonville, Ohio 45241 MAP

Wednesdays from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Acceptable Items:

- Pesticides/Fertilizers • Solvents/Thinners • Lawn/Pool Chemicals • Cleaners • Household/Auto Batteries • Fire Extinguishers • Propane Tanks • Oil-based Paint • Mercury • Fluorescent Bulbs • Driveway Sealer • Gasoline/Motor Oil • Antifreeze • Thermostats

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## City of Cincinnati Garbage Guidelines



Place cans at the curb by 6 a.m. on your regular trash collection day (Thursday in the CUF neighborhood) and no earlier than 5 p.m. on the preceding day. Waste containers must be removed before the end of the day on which the waste was collected.

Household solid waste may include:

- Up to 3 bulk items, such as furniture and mattresses. (If more than 3 items, please call 591-6000 to schedule a pick up.)
- Carpet, bundled and tied in 4 ft. x 2 ft. rolls.
- Up to 4 tires.
- Wood, bundled no more than 4 ft. long and 10 lbs. Maximum.
- Construction and demolition debris is not accepted.
- Heavy metal items such as discarded refrigerators and metal furniture, as well as automobile tires, are collected as an additional service. An appointment is required for pickup of these items.

Please call Customer Service at 591-6000 to schedule a special collection or for more information. Containers for combustible waste and for non-combustible waste shall be of substantial construction, with tight-fitting lids, water tight, and of such size as to be easily handled by one person. Plastic bag liners may be used for the disposal of combustible waste if they are of heavy-duty quality and securely fastened at the opening when placed at the curb for collection. Holidays - When a holiday falls on a weekday, all collections for that day will be collected on the following day and all collections for the remainder of the week are delayed for one day.

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## Recyclebank

Businesses in CUF--like Arby's, The Spicy Pickle, Bagel Brothers, Campus Cyclery, & Penn Station--can realize more customers and increased revenues from Recyclebank members.

Your neighborhood businesses can benefit from residents signing up for Recyclebank. Residents simply go to [www.recyclebank.com](http://www.recyclebank.com) or call 1-888-727-2978 to register, then use their points to shop locally. The more people that sign up for the free program, the more they can patronize these local establishments.

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## 2011 Fall ReLeaf program

*Get Your Free Trees!*

Thanks to grants obtained from Duke Energy and the Cincinnati Parks Foundation, 550 trees will be distributed free of charge to residents and property owners within the City of Cincinnati.

Cincinnati Park Board's Fall ReLeaf Program - free trees to line city streets

The program's goal is to supplement the city's urban forest by providing trees to plant on private property near the street, where there is not enough space in the public right-of-way to plant a street tree. To qualify for a free tree, the planting location must be within the City of Cincinnati city limits, must be visible from the street, and must not conflict with utilities. Seven different species of trees will be available. The trees usually come in 5-gallon containers and are 6 to 8 feet tall.

**WHEN:** To apply for a free tree, property owners must submit a tree request form to the Park Board Urban Forestry Division by Friday, Sept. 16, 2011.

### TO QUALIFY:

1. Property must be within Cincinnati city limits.
2. Trees must be planted within 30 ft of the right-of-way or visible from the street. Planting between the street and sidewalk and in backyards is not acceptable.
3. Plant the right tree in the right place. Please consider the mature size of the tree. Be aware of any obstructions from wires, utilities, or other structures.

A high priority is given to planting trees on private property along streets the Park Board cannot plant due to narrow right-of-ways. The Park Board encourages such streets to coordinate delivery and planting for interested property owners.

Other priority areas include community focal points such as entranceways, street triangles, areas near street intersections, and public frontages along major streets.

Forestry staff will inspect each planting location before approving tree requests, and will inspect locations after planting to ensure guidelines are followed.

Applications are processed on a first-come first-served basis. If you are awarded a tree, you will receive notification by October 7th.

If you have any questions, please call Phil Hucke or Doug Fritsch at 861-9070 ext. 21  
Fax: 861-9162, email: [urban.forestry@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:urban.forestry@cincinnati-oh.gov)

Cincinnati Park Board Natural Resource Management Section 3215 Reading Rd. Cincinnati, Ohio 45229





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## Fall ReLeaf 2011 Tree Request Form

Cincinnati Neighborhood: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work/cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email : \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person Planting Trees (if different) : \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the planting site below. Attach any plans or maps that provide specific planting locations. Urban Forestry staff will inspect all planting sites before approving tree requests, and will inspect afterward to ensure that the trees are planted in accordance to guidelines.

**NOTE: Trees must be planted within 30 ft of the sidewalk or visible from the street.**

*Depending upon demand Urban Forestry may limit number of trees to one per site or substitute species.*

TREE SIZE	SPECIES	REQUEST
Small	Pagoda Dogwood <i>Cornus alternifolia</i>	
Small	Japanese Tree Lilac <i>Syringa Reticulata</i>	
Medium	Katsura <i>Cercidiphyllum japonicum</i>	
Medium	Yellowwood <i>Cladrastis kentukea</i>	
Large	Sun Valley Maple <i>Acer rubrum 'Sun Valley'</i>	
Large	Kentucky Coffee Tree <i>Gymnocladus dioicous</i>	
Large	Pecan <i>Carya Illinoensis</i>	
Large	Norway Spruce <i>Picea abies</i>	

### Planting Site Description

Please return this form by **September 16, 2011**. You will receive a confirmation letter by **October 7** if you are to receive a tree.

**TO: Fall RELEAF**  
**3215 Reading Road**  
**Cincinnati, OH 45229**  
**Fax: 861-9162**  
**Email: urban.forestry@cincinnati-oh.gov**

### FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Site Inspected: \_\_\_\_\_

Site Comments:



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2364 West McMicken Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45214

## 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 \$6.00.

- CUF general meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, except August and December, 7:30 p.m, Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria, 311 Straight Street
- CUF Trustee meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m, Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria, 311 Straight Street
- CUF annual meeting and election: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in July, 7:30 pm, Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria, 311 Straight Street

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: \$6.00 per year.  
Make checks payable to CUFNA.