

Paddock Press

A publication for the neighborhood of Paddock Hills, Cincinnati, Ohio. Funded by the Neighborhood Support Program.
Newsletter address: PO Box 16028, Cincinnati, Ohio 45216-0028

Volume 30 Issue 1 February 2024

Paddock Hills Ready for Spring

It is the dreary time of year when blue sky and green shoots are rare but litter is abundant.

It may be many weeks away, but planning for spring is underway in Paddock Hills.

Our neighbor Mr. Turkey Buzzard recently got a head start removing road kill on Avon Drive and if you look really hard there are buds on some of the trees.



If you are ready to spring into action, here are a few ideas and events to get started:

Annual Cleanup

Please circle the morning of April 13th for our annual neighborhood cleanup which includes litter pickup and reestablishing the three community gardens. The event has turned into a great family outing and is followed by a pizza party at the Avon Woods Nature Center.

For more info, to volunteer or to ask how you can help, please contact Beautification Chair Lynne Stone (stonelynne58@gmail.com).

Pot Pitch

The Paddock Hills Assembly is asking for donations from residents interested in sponsoring one of the six flower pots that decorate entrances to the neighborhood.

For several year Paddock Hills has partnered with the city in the flower pot program. We split the cost with the city. In return, the city maintains the pot displays, including plant design and purchases, pruning and watering, and changing the displays seasonally. As part of the cost sharing, the neighborhood has paid \$200 per pot.

This year, the city has increased that cost sharing to \$330 per pot.

At the January Community Meeting, PH trustees felt it is a beautification effort worth continuing. Faced with a deadline to sign up for this year's program, the trustees voted to appropriate money to cover the increased costs, but decided to ask residents to consider pot sponsorships to help defray the cost.

Two pots are already fully covered by donations from two residents. More sponsorships are welcome. Please consider a \$330 sponsorship which could be dedicated "in memoriam" with appropriate signage for a loved one.

Donations of any kind are welcome to defray the cost.

If interested please contact Lynne Stone (stonelynne58@gmail.com), or message paddockhillsassembly@gmail.com .

The pots are located at the entrance of Egan Hills, Clearbrook, Paddock Hills Ave., Sunnyslope, Avon Drive and Egan Court.

Yard Help Wanted

If there are any teenagers, young adults (or able-bodied adults) looking to make some cash this summer doing grass mowing, yard cleanup and other yard or odd jobs, please let us know at the Paddock Press newsbird1@icloud.com .

We will post contact information in our April issue.

Many of our older residents are in need of help in maintaining their yards, something especially important for those who wish to stay in their homes as long as physically possible.

Healthy Neighborhood Meeting

Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney has been holding a series of meetings with representatives from each of the city's 52 neighborhoods.

Billed as a "Healthy Neighborhood" discussion, it is as a way for residents to communicate directly with city council members and other city officials about the biggest problems facing their communities.

It is Paddock Hills' turn for the meeting to be held 5:30 p.m. Feb 21 with a location yet to be determined (We will send out an email announcement when a site has been finalized.)

The meeting is open to all Paddock Hills residents.

The concept of the session is to "highlight the things that make Paddock Hills special and vocalize concerns and troubles you might be experiencing," according to a spokesman for the Vice Mayor's office.

Several PH Trustees plan to attend and raise several issues that have been consistently brought up over the months at community meetings.

They include: litter (especially on the area expressway ramps,), water ponding issues at some street corners, and concerns about panhandling, drug dealing and other safety issues at area gas stations/carryouts.

Sugar 'n Spice Update

A spokeswoman for owner Adam Mayerson said as of this writing Sugar N Spice is “real close” to reopening after being closed since November of '22 for a major remodeling that includes expanded space, a new kitchen and to-go window.

The much delayed opening, originally set for last fall, has apparently fallen victim to “finishing issues,” according to the spokeswoman.

We will certainly send out an email blast to the neighborhood when we hear a solid opening date, which we expect could come in the next couple weeks.

Paddock Hills Connected

From time to time we like to remind residents of the many social media outlets in which you can interact with other neighbors, whether it's sharing concerns, swapping & selling goods, looking for contractor recommendations or just staying in touch.

- The neighborhood web site (<http://www.paddockhills.org>) is a great resource for finding out about the Paddock Hills history and calendar of events. It also includes archives of minutes from community council meetings and past issues of the Paddock Press.
- Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/Paddock-Hills-266186546751105/>)
- Paddock Hills/North Avondale Free or Trade (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/245307956815508>)
- Nextdoor Paddock Hills
We recently created a formal link for the website NextDoor (<https://nextdoor.com/g/crf4af6be/>) When you make a Nextdoor account they ask you to put in your address and as long as you live in the Paddock Hills area zip code you should be able to join the group without needing any passwords.

Email, please

We rely mostly on email to distribute “breaking news” announcements to the neighborhood and to deliver this newsletter.

If your email should change, please notify us so you can stay up to date. New email or contact information may be sent to (paddockhillsassembly@gmail.com).

Your emails are protected, only used for neighborhood communications and never sold or distributed elsewhere.

2024 Calendar

<u>2024 Meeting Dates</u>	<u>2024 Event Dates:</u>
<u>January 22nd</u>	-
<u>February 26th</u>	-
<u>March 25th</u>	-
<u>April 22nd</u>	<u>April 13th</u> – Spring Clean Up 9am-12noon
<u>May 20th</u>	-
<u>June 24th</u>	<u>June 1st</u> Block Party, <u>June 8th</u> rain date 4pm- 8pm
<u>July 22nd</u>	<u>July 6th</u> – The Beautification Award
<u>August 26th</u>	<u>August 6th</u> – National Night Out 7pm-9pm
<u>September 23rd</u>	<u>September 22nd</u> , <u>Sept 29th</u> rain date – Cookout 5pm-7:30pm
<u>October 28th</u>	<u>October 5th</u> – Fall Clean Up 9am- 12noon <u>October 26th</u> – Halloween Party 6pm-8pm
<u>November 25th</u>	-
<u>December – No board meeting</u>	<u>December 8th</u> – Holiday Stroll 5:30pm-7pm

We Have a Winner

Congratulations Ruthemeyer Family!!

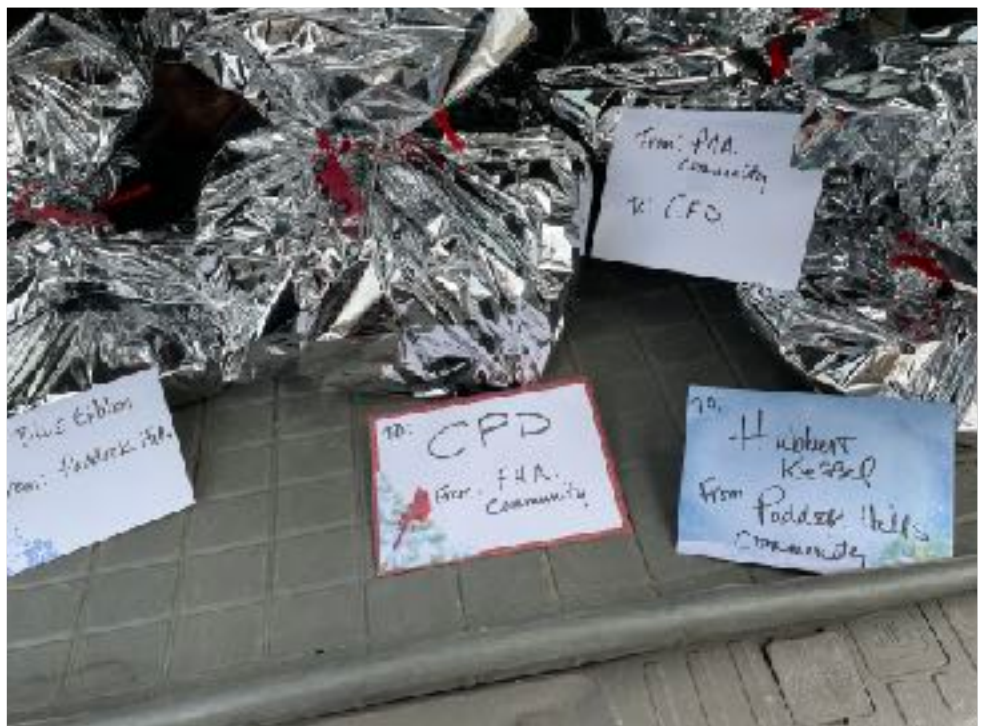
This year's Best in Show Holiday Lights display was the Ruthemeyer Family at 1310 Paddock Hills Ave.

If you'd like to know more about the history of this amazing display check out the December issue of the Paddock Press!



Holiday Cheer

Lynne Stone again packaged our leftover cookies and other goodies from the event to deliver to some of our favorite area businesses and police and fire stations.



Holiday Stroll

We are happy to report another successful Holiday Stroll last December. There were so many neighborly touches ranging from the wonderful fire pit at the Stallworth's to the beaming Santa and Mrs Claus (Owen and Pauletta Hansel), who we are convinced really are Mr and Mrs Claus.

There was again the engaging craft station at the Ayers' home and a special surprise with the amazing impromptu string concert from neighborhood kids.



New Neighbors

Please welcome new Paddock Hills residents Calista Sarakatsannis and Kyle McGrath, who hope to be fully moved in the end of February at 1266 Westminster.

The couple undertook an extensive, months-remodeling project, largely envisioned by Calista, that included walls being moved to allow for a more modern floor plan, re-plumbing, electrical work, windows, interior/exterior painting, refinishing original hardwood, tile bathrooms, and a new kitchen.



The Northern Kentucky natives decided Cincinnati was home and recently returned to the area after three years living in Jacksonville, Florida.

Calista's dream has been to live in an English Tudor. "I was was thrilled to find a neighborhood full of them," she said. "In addition to the architectural charm, it was the friendliness of neighbors, diversity of people, and the proximity to downtown Cincinnati that sealed the deal on Paddock Hills."

Calista and Kyle have been married since 2017 and share the extensive responsibilities of caring for their one feline child, Hemingway. Calista works in Sales Operations for Cimplifi, a legal technology company, while Kyle works as a Sales Area Manager for Staffco-Campisano, an electronics manufacturer's representative firm.

The couple says they enjoy game nights, concert going, trying new restaurants, and bicycling, with Kyle taking longer rides in pursuit of his first multi-day trip. They also enjoy traveling and learning about cultures across the street and across the world. In her free time, you can find Calista curled up on the couch watching 90's rom-coms, beautifying her surroundings, and sharing a laugh with friends, while Kyle enjoys reading, gardening, cooking, playing tennis/pickleball, fishing, and staying active with friends and the community of Cincinnati.

"As we settle in and plant new roots, we both look forward to being active members of the vibrant Paddock Hills community and the city of Cincinnati at large," Kyle said.

Submissions

Please send your contributions for the April Paddock Press by the last Monday in March.

We would like to welcome new neighbors, celebrate our neighbors accomplishments and milestones and share how the community is getting ready for summer months.

Calendar/Upcoming Events

Monday February 26	7:00 - 8:00 PM	Community Meeting	Avon Woods Nature Center
Monday March 25	7:00 - 8:00 PM	Community Meeting	Avon Woods Nature Center
Saturday April 13	9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon	Neighborhood Cleanup	Avon Woods Nature Center

Frequently Called Numbers

Unattended, abandoned cars, litter, overgrown weeds, snow removal, pot holes, dead animals, sidewalk repair and graffiti, etc.

To report concerns or request services from the city:

Cincinnati Public Works 591-6000

www.5916000.com

Cincinnati Police

District 4

513 569-8600

Officer Anthony Hill Neighborhood Officer

anthony.m.hill@cincinnati-oh.gov

513 569-8678

Avon Woods Nature Center

513 861-3435

Paddock Hills Media

Paddock Hills Neighborhood website <http://www.paddockhills.org>

Nextdoor Paddock Hills <https://nextdoor.com/g/crf4af6be/>

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/Paddock-Hills-266186546751105/>

Paddock Hills/North Avondale Free or Trade

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/245307956815508>

Paddock Hills Assembly Officers

President - Steve Munday

Vice President - Lina Orr

Treasurer - Robert Fecher

Secretary - Pierretti Wallace

Paddock Hills Assembly Trustees

Luekiucius Brown

Emma Kitzmiller

Suresh Nirody

Julie Stallworth

Liz Swain

Greg Watkins

Robert Fecher

Steve Munday

Lina Orr

Annie Stephan

Pierrette Wallace

NSP Grant Manager

Lina Orr

Committee Chairs

Beautification - Lynne Stone

Housing/Economic Development - Ellie Johnson

Safety, Security and Traffic - Luekiucius Brown

Security Cameras - Robert Fecher

Social - Julie Stallworth

Special Projects - Lynne Stone

Welcome - Emma Kitzmiller

Youth Programs - Robert Fecher

Paddock Press

Rick or Stacy Bird

email newsbird1@icloud.com

telephone 513-807-7129