

Paddock Press

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Paddock Hills New Year, New Beginnings

Welcome to 2025 in Paddock Hills.

Once again the Paddock Hills Assembly Trustees are committed to a full calendar of social events that residents have come to enjoy: our annual Block Party, National Night Out, a Fall Picnic, Halloween Party and Holiday Stroll. There is also interest in adding other events for kids and young adults along with happy hour mixers for “the big kids.”

For these events to grow it's important that we have solid, diverse leadership. The Paddock Hills Assembly is in need of new trustees and committee chairs for the year. Trustee elections will take place in April. Please consider signing up for a trustee position or volunteering for a social committee.

Pierrette Wallace, Assembly President and a lifelong PH resident, offered these thoughts on the coming year:

President's Letter

It's a New Year Paddock Hills and I'm Happy about it!
I enjoy new beginnings and a fresh start.

Although the world's news appears damning and about 75% negative at times, I would like to focus on some good. I am truly grateful for the diverse community of Paddock Hills. I have been around long enough to witness a lot of changes. I grew up here and so did my three kids. My grandkids are now attending our community events.

What I have learned in this time of being a board member and now president is that Diversity is key to success.

Everyone shouldn't look or think the same. With this great fabric of perspectives and backgrounds comes support, strength, new ideas and accountability.

All of which are needed in a great neighborhood like our own.

Achievable Goals for 2025:

- New board members – we are looking for two people to join our board. Please consider helping your community stay safe, beautiful, organized and friendly.
- Better attendance at our community meetings. There are some seasons where adding another meeting after work seems like the last thing you want to do.... BUT I promise our meetings are informative and efficient and geared towards solving problems and adding great things to Paddock Hills. Once a month, the fourth Monday of the month, an hour tops! Come join us. Let us know what is going on on your street.
- Kids Play Date. Maybe an End of School Year party for the entire neighborhood.
- Adult Play Date. In past years, various neighbors have hosted a happy hour in their driveways. I'd like to re-visit that idea. The drive-way talk was a great idea,

Take Care of Each Other:

I like to lead with the positive, but I'm not ignoring the concern with strife and changes around the world today. It's important to know the root of problems. However, it's also important to solve what's right in front of you. We don't need to agree on all policies or politicians, but we need to show compassion for one another. Everyone's starting line isn't the same nor access to resources. Be grateful for what you have and share knowledge or at least point someone in the right direction who may need help.

We can all start with our immediate families and our neighbors. If you see some trash, pick it up. If you know a family with small kids anonymously drop a bag of groceries or even a case of water.

We could be one of the 52 communities that do these good deeds for our neighbors JUST BECAUSE WE CAN. I know plenty of residents around Paddock Hills that already do this and I encourage you to keep going. It truly makes a difference.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next community meeting. Welcome to 2025.

Pierrette Wallace
President
Paddock Hills Assembly

Paddock Pete of Avon Drive
did not see his shadow
and predicts an early spring.



Paddock Hills 2025 Calendar

Meetings Community Meetings are all 7:00 pm	Community Events
January 27 Community Meeting	
February 24 Community Meeting	
March 24 Community Meeting	
	April 19 9am-12:00noon Neighborhood Clean UP
April 28 Annual Meeting	
May 19 Community Meeting	
	June 7 4pm-8pm Block Party Rain Date June 14
June 23 Community Meeting	
July 28 Community Meeting	
	August 5 7pm-9pm National Night Out
August 25 Community Meeting	
	September 21 5pm-7:30pm Fall Cookout Rain Date September 28
September 22 Community Meeting	
	TBD Fall Clean UP
	October 25 6pm-8pm Kids' Halloween Party
October 27 Community Meeting	
November 24 Community Meeting	
	December 14 5:30pm-7:00pm Holiday Stroll
No December Meetings	

One Trustee's Journey



Becoming a trustee for the Paddock Hills Assembly can be a rewarding experience on a personal level as well as helping the neighborhood.

Lina Orr, long time resident and current Assembly Vice President recounted her journey of service to the neighborhood.

“My husband & I moved here in 2001. We chose Paddock Hills because of the amazing architecture, diversity in people that lived here, and the location to both of our jobs. Also, as I grew up on an island in Maine, PH felt as though it was an island in the middle of city. After moving in and being here for a year or so, I was asked to join the community council. I had no idea of what it would be like as I had never been involved in that capacity with a neighborhood or a community. I started out as a trustee, helping with neighborhood clean ups, and offering my two cents worth on various issues that came up. After a year or so, the treasurer moved out of the neighborhood and I took over that position. I like numbers, owned a small business and was comfortable with working within a budget.

After several years of being a treasurer, and learning so much about the internal workings of the neighborhood & the city, I took over the presidency for seven years. Two years later, I was asked to be treasurer again, and accepted the position. Last year I was asked to be Vice President.

The amount of time that I have spent on various aspects of the positions that I have held is dependent on what is going on in my personal life. Sometimes, I have devoted as little as 1 to 2 hrs. a month or several hours depending on the needs of our community, sometimes it is much more.

The need for new people, new ideas, fresh views is so important to keep our neighborhood the best place to live in Cincinnati. We are looking for new trustees that are committed to keeping PH an amazing place to live.

So often, various issues will come up that people are not happy about or have new ideas that would be a boon to PH. The way to help is to become a trustee. The amount of time spent can be as little as 2 to 3 hours a month.

Please consider being a trustee.”

New Neighbors

It's often said an older, well-built house has "good bones."

In the case of the blue house on the corner of Paddock Hills Avenue and PH Lane, we have no doubt the house also has a "good soul."

It was home for many years to the late Gari Silverblatt, one of the neighborhood's most revered residents, known for nurturing children and adults alike through the years.

The newest residents of the home are Evangeline (Evey) & Ray Raymundo who moved in last fall.

Evey provided this family bio:

"I was born and raised in Northern Kentucky, attended UC and graduated from Northern Kentucky University. I work as a graphic designer at a small firm in Over the Rhine called goDutch doing branding, packaging, strategy, and web design for clients big and small. Most mornings you can catch me on the side porch doing the NYT crossword puzzle.

Ray grew up in the Washington Heights neighborhood of Manhattan before leaving to be with family in Miami, and then moving to attend college in Louisville, KY. Finally he moved to Covington, KY to be with the coolest girl ever who is also writing this bio. Ray works as a property management consultant. He has an encyclopedic knowledge of music and loves to appreciate and create it.



Together we love to cook, go to museums, explore the Nature Center, spend time with friends and family, travel, and sing along to 90s hip hop in the car.

We're also huge Bengals fans."

Evey said they found their home on Zillow after being burnt out on house hunting, losing several bidding wars around the area and were ready to give up for awhile.

One last look at the app turned up "the cutest blue house ever."

"We were charmed the instant we turned into the neighborhood. The beautiful homes, welcoming signage and the house itself made us fall in love right away," Evey remembers.

"We have felt at home here ever since before we moved in, with so many neighbors stopping to say hello and welcome during our first trick-or-treat (and warning us we didn't have enough candy) and confirming we'd made the right decision. So thank you for having us, Paddock Hills, and stop by to say hello any time!"

A Warm PH Coat Drive

Jamie Stoneham of Westminster reports the Paddock Hills coat drive was a huge success.

"We were able to bring a full car load to St Vincent DePaul," Jamie said. "We have such generous neighbors. Huge Thanks for helping our community stay warm. "



Stroll Kudos

With almost balmy December weather and several new attractions , residents had plenty of good things to say about the fifth annual Holiday Stroll.

“The new addition of the bounce house, holiday tractor and s'mores station truly enhanced the festive atmosphere and made the event a hit”, said Emma Kitzmiller, event chair.

This year’s "Best in Show" winner for decorations went to our very own Santa and Mrs. Claus, Owen Cramer and Pauletta Hansel at 1266 Avon Drive.

“Their retro holiday display captures nostalgia, whimsy, and the holiday spirit,” Emma said.

Please contact Emma if you have any suggestions on how to improve next year’s event, or would like to volunteer for helping out the planing.
(emma.kitzmiller@gmail.com)

2025 Best of Show

1266 Avon Drive
Home to
Owen Cramer and
Pauletta Hansel





Kids' Crafts Station

Santa's House



S'more Station



Submissions

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

The April issue will feature our spring cleanups and beautification efforts, If you have a project or gardening advice that you'd like to share please send it.

We would as always like to welcome new neighbors, celebrate our neighbors accomplishments and milestones and share some of your spring activities.

Send your contributions to (newsbird1@icloud.com).

We look forward to hearing from you.

Calendar/Upcoming Events

Monday February 24	6:00 - 7:00 PM 7:00 - 8:00 PM	Trustees Meeting Community Meeting	Avon Woods Nature Center
Monday March 24	6:00 - 7:00 PM 7:00 - 8:00 PM	Trustees Meeting Community Meeting	Avon Woods Nature Center
Monday April 28	6:00 - 7:00 PM 7:00 - 8:00 PM	Trustees Meeting Annual Meeting	Avon Woods Nature Center
Saturday April 19	9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon	Neighborhood Clean UP	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 Patrice Brooks Neighborhood Officer
patricebrooks@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>

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