

# Paddock Press

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## Paddock Hills Strong

Last year Paddock Hills celebrated its 100th birthday. As we embark on our second century, the past few months have shown that Paddock Hills will endure.

While our State and City continue social distancing and other practices that show signs of effectiveness in keeping our residents safe and healthy during the Covid-19 pandemic, we see our neighbors taking responsibility to keep themselves and each other safe and make the best of the current situation.

As we navigate through these difficult times we are reminded of how fortunate we are to be part of this strong community that supports each other individually and supports our community as a whole.

It is the power of this community that will propel us through this challenge to better times.

We thank you all, whether home schooling your children, working at home, working at an essential business, serving in the medical community or as a first responder, sewing masks, delivering groceries, volunteering in the larger community or keeping an eye out for your neighbors. Thank you.

## Newsletter Delivery

From time to time we deliver hard copies of the Paddock Press in an effort to reach new community members and neighbors who are absent from our email address list.

As we have moved to more cost effective electronic distribution and Web based platforms it is sometimes difficult to make connections.

If you are not currently receiving email copies of the Paddock Press, or need to update or make changes to your information please contact Paddock Press

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We are always looking for opportunities to welcome new neighbors, and celebrate our residents' accomplishments and milestones

# President's Message

The COVID-19 pandemic has created a new normal for our nation, our city and our community. Some good and some "not so good" has resulted from this crisis.

The Paddock Hill's Assembly (PHA), cancelled our March, April & May Community Meetings, the May 2 Clean-up and pizza party, and the June 2 Block party.

I understand this is a tough time for many members of our community, but I would be remiss as your President to not ask for your help.

We have not received our Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) funding which is approximately 60% of our budget). Initially, we were told not to expect any funding for 2020. Last week we received the good news from Elizabeth Bartley, Director of Invest In Neighborhoods, that Paddock Hills will be reimbursed for monies already expended.

The bad news: we have no idea when we will get the money. These are uncertain times and the city is deep in financial crisis. Ms. Bartley advised not to expect NSP funding for 2021 and recommended we continue with our community efforts to seek funding in other ways. The NSP 2021 budget topic is on the city's agenda in June, 2020. I will keep you posted as to the outcome.

While we have cancelled two events this year, PH neighbors need to understand we have fixed costs that occur monthly and annually that involve keeping our community clean, safe and protected. They include costs for security cameras, postage, printing, supplies, insurance, landscaping and beautification.

I am asking each household to consider a \$30 donation, or whatever you can afford, to help secure and underwrite the instability of NSP funds for 2020 and 2021. This amount is not part of our annual community due's collection (representing the other half of our budget) that occurs in August. Every cent we collect (donations & dues) goes directly to support our PHA community. We do not maintain a profit, but allow for a small cushion for emergencies or unexpected expenses.

We are a board of 100% committed volunteers! We are dedicated to keeping Paddock Hills a thriving and safe community. We are often recognized as "the best kept secret of Cincinnati!" Our community is currently going through a dynamic rebirth of prosperous and healthy families. It is an exciting time to be a Paddock Hills resident!

Your financial support is necessary to continue in the Paddock Hills the traditions and quality of life we are accustomed to.

Donations can be mailed to Paddock Hills Assembly, PO Box 16028, Cincinnati, Ohio 45216 or through PayPal at [paypal.me/PaddockHills](https://paypal.me/PaddockHills) .

Lynne Stone  
President  
Paddock Hills Assembly

# Paddock Hills Public Gardens

The Paddock Hills gardens have historically been maintained with NSP funds from the City of Cincinnati, which are no longer available.

There are three neighborhood gardens to maintain:

Avon Drive Garden, located at the bottom of Avon Drive near Reading Road,  
Golf Course Garden, located at the Paddock Hills sign on Paddock Road, and  
Paddock Road Garden, located on Paddock Road across from Clearbrook.

In line with Covid-19 social distancing, the Neighborhood Cleanup did not occur this year. Therefore, we are asking all neighbors to consider taking a trowel and trash bag to spruce up gardens and sidewalks during your next stroll. Any trash collected will need to be disposed of in personal trash receptacles. We are in this together and can continue to have the most beautiful tree lined streets in Cincinnati!

A Shout Out to Robin Bratt and Bruce Bowden of Westminster Drive for volunteering to maintain the Paddock Road Garden. Robin took it upon herself to drag four tires and miscellaneous trash from the ravine behind the garden!

Lina Orr of Bristol Lane has generously offered to keep up with the Golf Course Garden. Thank you!



That leaves the Avon Drive Garden in need of kind caretakers. If you are interested in claiming the Avon Drive Garden as your project, please email, [joca@gmail.com](mailto:joca@gmail.com).

Please consider any effort to continue improving our neighborhood by picking up trash, pulling weeds and clearing sidewalks. Any effort, no matter how small it seems makes a positive impact.

A Paddock Hills family spotted recently picking up trash on Avon Drive. Thank you!

# 2020 Beautification Award

The Beautification Award will go forward in 2020.

Another chance to enjoy a walk along the streets of Paddock Hills and pick your favorite home.

The award takes into account a weeded landscape, edged lawn, weeded flowerbeds, trimmed shrubs, vibrant coordinated colors of plants and flowers and no visible trash cans.

This year, let's make it a group effort, email Cathi Lowry [joca.lowry@gmail.com](mailto:joca.lowry@gmail.com) with the addresses of the home(s) you feel deserve recognition for a job well done on landscape and maintenance. Votes will be collected and the award presented later this summer. The Beautification Award is a yearly even that allows the Paddock Hills Assembly to give a shout out to neighbors who take pride in their property.

Happy gardening!



## Paddock Hills Neighborhood Flags

Have you noticed the Paddock Hills Neighborhood flags on houses and in yards as you walk the neighborhood this spring?

We have two large flags left for \$40 each and are placing another order for garden flags. The garden flags will be available for \$20 each. To place an order drop an order form and check or cash payment in the mailbox at 4225 Bristol Lane.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Large Flag \$40

Garden Flag \$20

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

# Paddock Hills Tag You're It!

These are the times when small things can change the whole day for someone.

Even during this time while we stay at home and events are cancelled we can social distance together and pass the gift of kindness to a Paddock Hills neighbor.

Tag You're It! is a random neighborhood project/game, where you brighten someone's day by dropping a simple gift on a neighbor's porch. We have no idea which of our neighbors are struggling with the additional burdens placed on them by current events.

- It's optional - participate if you like, perhaps there is one neighbor you are thinking of or you would like to make several deliveries.
- It's anonymous - no need for thank you notes or stressing out. It really is the thought that counts here. If a gift is not your cup of tea, appreciate the gesture and pass it on.
- It can be a creative outlet - your gift might be a store bought bakery item, a restaurant gift card, a bottle of wine, a potted plant etc. Or it might be a poem a drawing or a painted rock.
- It's family friendly - it can be social service project for home schooling parents and kids.
- It's easy - use the tag below or make a similar one, attach it to a small gift and place the gift on a doorstep between now and the end of June.

## Tag You're It!

Someone in Paddock Hills is thinking of you!



We are in this together!

And we will get through this together!

Together we are Paddock Hills Strong!

If you would like a page of tags to print, email [newsbird2@icloud.com](mailto:newsbird2@icloud.com) and put "tag request" in the subject line.

# Neighborhood Notes

Neighborhood staple Sugar n' Spice has remained open for carryout orders. And the restaurant's owners are letting patrons buy a meal for a healthcare worker. When customers order a meal, on phone or online, they are asked if they want to donate toward providing meals for healthcare workers (513-242-3521; [www.eatsugarnspice.com](http://www.eatsugarnspice.com)).

Yard waste pickup did resume this month, after being delayed because of the COVID emergency. The city's program usually resumes April 1 but had been on hold. You can place yard waste in bags or cans marked for yard waste. Yard waste is picked up every other week on the same day as recycling. Still postponed until June is bulk pickup requests.

A big thank you to Doug Smith of D & A Landscaping who has volunteered to continue grass cutting and trimming at the Avon Drive Garden. Doug has contracted for that work for the past four years and says that he loves Paddock Hills and wants to help us during these challenging times

## Fitness Corner

I'm working out every day... okay almost every day! Here's the challenge, if you're bored and need a change in your workout routine, join me on Saturday May 23, 10:30 am, at the Mercy Medical Complex on Reading Road. As you turn in the lot, look at the field to your right. Weather permitting (above 60° and dry) that is where we will workout for 45 minutes. Bring a mat and plan on social distancing.

Lynne Stone  
ACSM Certified Personal Trainer

## 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](http://www.5916000.com)

### Cincinnati Police

District 4  
569-8600

Officer Anthony Hill Neighborhood Officer  
[anthony.m.hill@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:anthony.m.hill@cincinnati-oh.gov)  
569-8678

**Avon Woods Nature Center**  
861-3435

### Paddock Hills Media

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

Nextdoor Paddock Hills <http://paddockhills.nextdoor.com>

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

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