

Paddock Press

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Fall Events in Paddock Hills: Cookout to Cleanup

“I cannot endure to waste anything so precious as autumnal sunshine by staying in the house. So I have spent almost all the daylight hours in the open.”

—Nathaniel Hawthorne.

A number of Paddock Hills events will give you plenty of chance to enjoy the crisp air of autumn starting this Sunday with the **Annual Fall Cookout and Potluck**.

Please join us **5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Sunday, September 21**

at the **Avon Woods Nature Center** for burgers and hot dogs with all the fixings.

Neighbors are encouraged to bring potluck side dishes or desserts, but all are welcome with or without a dish. Bottled water will be provided. Feel free to bring your own favorite beverages. (Rain date one week later).

The annual picnic is a chance to visit with new friends and meet our new neighbors in the peaceful setting of Avon Woods while playing a little corn hole, ladder golf and other games.



The neighborhood-wide Yard Sale, sponsored by the Paddock Hills Assembly, will be held **10 a.m. - 5 p.m. September 27 & 28.**

So far some 20 households have signed up to participate and their addresses will be included on a promotional flyer. If you did not sign up in time to be included in the flyer, feel free to participate in the sale if the spirit moves you on either day or both.

Any questions about the events, please contact the Assembly (paddockhillsassembly@gmail.com)



One of Paddock Hill's longest running traditions, the annual **Halloween Party**, will be **6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Saturday, October 25** at the **Avon Woods Nature Center.**

With Halloween on a Friday this year, the event sort of kicks off a weeklong celebration (for better or worse)! The gathering gives neighborhood kids a chance to show off their costumes and enjoy a night of crafts, games, pizza and refreshments.

Organizer Robert Fecher would appreciate any parent volunteers to help in planning and managing the kids. Please contact Robert (fecherrm@gmail.com).

The annual Fall Cleanup is tentatively scheduled for November.

Julie Stallworth, Beautification committee chair, reports:

“Clean up Cincy, the organization we have worked with in past years, has a new president. They work through the University of Cincinnati and will send students to help us with the cleanup. They are targeting the fall cleanup for **November 8**. Please mark your calendars. We meet at the **Avon Woods Nature Center** and spend a few hours cleaning the major corridors, gardens, and little libraries in Paddock Hills. This is a great opportunity for students who need community service hours, more to come.”

Volunteers will be needed to help coordinate students in smaller groups. A pizza party will follow the event.

Julie also asks “Do you love power tools?”

“If you are interested in volunteering periodically to work with other neighbors (an hour on a weekend or evening) to keep common areas tidy, please contact me.

Also, we are in need of members for our beautification committee. Gardening, cleanups, etc. Please consider joining us! It’s a great way to get to know your neighbors!”

Julie Stallworth, Beautification Chair (stallwj12@gmail.com) 513-227-6522



President's Letter

Good Day Paddock Hills,

Our end of the summer events are quickly approaching. We are hopeful that your year is going as well as it is going fast.

I have a question. What would you do if you hit the lottery? Would your generosity increase? Would your personality change or your address? Just wondering.

The last time I checked the powerball or Mega Million winning ticket was not purchased at the Shell Gas station on Paddock Road. However, when I get the winning ticket, I'd like to remain anonymous. Keep my job, but I'd go on a few more vacations. Invest in some treasures. Now, I cannot deny or confirm that my attitude wouldn't change. I can confirm that I'd have some land in Paddock Hills. It's really a great place to live. Until then, I am reminded by birds chirping around 5:50am, that everyday we wake up, we all have hit the lottery.

With fall nearby, the holidays are quickly approaching and family traditions of gathering and sharing are being practiced. My family has some cool traditions, some of which I have shared with you over the years. Kwanzaa is one of those traditions. The PHA Cookout and The PHA Neighborhood Yard Sale is a way of practicing the Kwanzaa principle Ujamaa.

In Kwanzaa, Ujamaa represents the principle of cooperative economics, which emphasizes building and maintaining businesses, stores, and other economic ventures within the community to ensure collective wealth and economic self-reliance. It encourages collective work, shared resources, and supporting each other's businesses to retain wealth and promote financial stability and community prosperity.

I would like to see Paddock Hills and our residents in a prosperous light. So hitting the lottery isn't far-fetched for us, because I understand prosperity isn't solely related to money. It's also related to attitude. Prosperity covers more than financial gain. It also covers physical health, which enables us to be active participants in taking care of ourselves, helping our neighbors and being present for our community. Prosperity allows us to be productive members of society, somewhere adding value. It allows us to pick up trash, pull weeds, plant flowers or a tree, fund a lemonade stand, show up with a good attitude, donate to the beautiful flower pots you see on our corners, design/print/hand out flyers, attend a cookout with a casserole dish or a dessert to share, sit at table and part with some items that someone else could use, give an needed perspective at your community meeting, volunteer on a board or committee..... We all have some wealth that's bigger than money and abilities to share.

"Wherever your treasure is, your heart will be also" This verse from Matthew 6:21, teaches that where a person invests their energy, time, and resources (their "treasure") reveals their true priorities and passions (their "heart").

If you see something that needs improvement, are passionate about, and will add value to Paddock Hills, we are all ears. And the best way to be heard is to attend your community meeting. The next meeting is 9/22. You can also email me at paddockhillsassembly@gmail.com.

See you soon.

Enjoy the Autumn Season.

Pierrette Wallace
President
Paddock Hills Assembly

Free Trees

The City of Cincinnati's ReLeaf program is again offering free trees to city residents on a first-come, first-serve basis. The city initially accepts applications from what has been deemed "low canopy areas" (Paddock Hills is not one of those). But beginning 8 a.m., Saturday, September 20, applications are open to all city residents. At that time you can go online and request a sapling.

The program offers a wide variety of trees. You must be able to pick up the tree at designated dates in October. They are not small. They can be 6-8 feet high with a sizable root ball. You are allowed to plant the tree anywhere in your yard, except between the sidewalk and the street, which is maintained by the city's Urban Forestry Department.

For an application go to:

<http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/cincyparks/news/releaf-2025/>

It has been our experience that you need to act as soon as the site opens on Saturday to have the best shot at getting a tree.

The ReLeaf effort has given away over 26,000 trees consisting of more than 40 species over the last 35 years. In fact, the city's Parks Department claims the Releaf program helped raise Cincinnati's overall tree canopy 5% (from 38% to 43%) between 2010 and 2020.



Paddock Road Traffic

Assembly Trustees requested the city look into the possibility of adding street calming humps along Paddock Road between Clearbrook and Tennessee. We learned that our request was not granted based on a city study that takes into account crash and speed data among other factors.

The trustees will consider at a future meeting the possibility of allocating money to post our own street calming signs that would have to be approved by the city.

Save the Date

Preparations are under way for the sixth annual Holiday Stroll to be held December 14.

Organizer Emma Kitmiller says she is looking into again booking a holiday-themed bounce house and bringing back the tractor ride. She is open to any staging suggestions, or fresh ideas for other attractions, and looking for volunteers to help plans and execute the event.

If you would like to be involved, please contact Emma (emma.kitmiller@gmail.com).

National Night Out

Last month's National Night Out and Ice Cream Social proved to be a great time. The rain held off and plenty of weiners and ice cream were consumed. As Pierrette Wallace put it: "Thank you everyone for offering your time, talent, conversations and good attitudes. The forecast was a little shaky, but we were given a rainbow."





Dues

The National Night Out is also the time we ask residents to renew their membership with the Paddock Hills Assembly.

Treasurer Robert Fecher reports dues contributions are down slightly from a year ago and he is encouraging neighbors to renew memberships.

Dues can be paid at Sunday's Cookout.

The Paddock Hills Assembly membership year runs August 1, 2025 to July 31, 2026.

Dues can be paid at the Fall Cookout, mailed to Paddock Hills Assembly:

PO Box 16028, Cincinnati, Ohio 45216

Or through PayPal at the Neighborhood Website <http://paddockhills.org> .

If using PayPal please make note of the information below.

Suggested dues:

Single Membership \$20

Family Membership \$40

Other Donation _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Preferred email _____

Preferred phone _____

Membership dues support community improvement projects, website, flyers, postcards and signs, beautification efforts, social activities and events.



Calendar / Upcoming Events

Sunday September 21 Rain Date 9/28	5:00 - 7:00 PM	Fall Cookout	Avon Woods Nature Center
Monday September 22	6:00 - 7:00 PM 7:00 - 8:00 PM	Trustees Meeting Community Meeting	Avon Woods Nature Center
Saturday & Sunday September 27 & 28	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Yard Sale	Neighborhood
Saturday October 25	6:00 - 7:30 PM	Halloween Party	Avon Woods Nature Center
Monday October 27	6:00 - 7:00 PM 7:00 - 8:00 PM	Trustees Meeting Community Meeting	Avon Woods Nature Center
Saturday November 8	9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon	Fall Cleanup	Avon Woods Nature Center
Monday November 24	6:00 - 7:00 PM 7:00 - 8:00 PM	Trustees Meeting Community Meeting	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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