

Paddock Press

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Fall Cookout and Potluck



**Please join us 5 -7:30 p.m. Sunday, September 22
for the Annual Fall Cookout at the Avon Woods Nature Center.**

The event is a chance to visit with old friends and meet new neighbors in the peaceful setting of Avon Woods while playing a little corn hole or ladder golf, and other games for the kids.

Grill master Chris Fries will be slinging burgers, dogs and metts with all the fixings. Neighbors are encouraged to bring pot luck sides or desserts, but all are welcome with or without a dish.

Rain date will be one week later, September 29.

Fall Cleanup



The Fall Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, October 5.

Clean up Cincy partners with UC to bring up to 50 students to help us pick up trash/ debris in our neighborhood.

This year the focus will mostly be along Reading and Paddock Roads.

Please consider volunteering. According to Beautification Chair Julie Stallworth: "We are looking for neighbors to serve as group leaders for the students. We will aim for groups of 5-8, depending upon how many students come."

We will meet at the Avon Woods Nature Center between 10 and 10:15.

UC students are dropped off by a bus and we distribute gloves, pickers, trash bags, etc. and then disburse for the clean up."

The event will conclude at 12:30 p.m. with a pizza party at the Nature Center.

"This is a great opportunity to engage in what makes Paddock Hills so special," Stallworth said. "It's only a few hours, and a wonderful way to serve and meet some neighbors."

If you are able to volunteer, please contact Julie Stallworth.
(513) 227-6522

Halloween Party



**One of Paddock Hill's longest running traditions,
the annual Halloween Party, will be 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 26 at the Avon Woods Nature Center.**

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 at fecherm@gmail.com .

Welcome Officer Brooks

We are sad to report that Anthony Hill, our beloved and popular neighborhood police officer, has been transferred to another posting.

He has been replaced with a veteran of the CPD, Patrice Brooks. Brooks has been an officer for 18 years, serving in Districts 3, 5 and now 4. Brooks has been in the neighborhood unit for two years. In addition to Paddock Hills, She also serves Bond Hill and Roselawn.

At the August community meeting Brooks pledged to bring the same attentiveness and diligence to her role as Officer Hill did for several years.

To contact Officer Brooks:
513-569-8677
patricebrooks@cincinnati-oh.gov

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., September 21, 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. 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:

<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/cincyparks/news/apply-for-your-free-tree-its-releaf-time/>

It has been our experience that you need to act as soon as the site opens on September 21 to have the best shot at getting a tree.

The successful ReLeaf effort has given away 20,000 trees consisting of more than 40 species over the last 35 years.

Avon Woods Nature Center



Another deferred maintenance project has been completed! The Nature Center roof was in need of replacement, and it now has a brand new one thanks to the work of the Parks Department Planning and Design team.

The new roof is a 060 reinforced EPDM membrane roof and will last up to 50 years with proper maintenance.

President's Letter

Happy September Paddock Hills,

I hope everyone has had a good start to the back-to-school season. Paddock Hills Assembly is happy to welcome all families to our fall cookout this Sunday, September 22nd, from 5-7 pm. We will grill and are hoping you will bring some good side dishes along with your family.

We'd love to fellowship with you and relax and eat before we approach this last week of September.

The leaves are falling, but that may have more to do with the drought than the season. The city of Cincinnati has experienced one of the driest summers to date. An article in Cincinnati.com says that "...about half of Hamilton County is in an abnormally dry state. Lawns and gardens are suffering as a result."

If your lawn and gardens are like my family's, I'd like to offer a few tips. The best time to water your lawn during a drought is early morning, between sunrise and 8 am. This allows the water to soak into the soil and be absorbed by the grassroots before significant evaporation occurs due to the sun's heat. Watering early in the morning allows the grass blades to dry out during the day, reducing the risk of fungal diseases. Lastly, it's best to water deeply but less frequently to encourage deeper root growth.

On a safety tip, please be diligent in protecting your property and our community vehicles. We have experienced an uptick in vehicle break-ins. Take all valuables inside at all times, lock car doors, and be on the lookout for our community. Thank you to all who reported concerns, crimes, and ring camera footage to assist us with reporting these thefts. Some other things we can do to protect our property and neighborhood are to ensure all street lights are working and use motion detectors for our lawns and driveways. This will sometimes deter a person's unauthorized movement on personal property.

Our next community meeting will be Monday, September 23rd.
We would love for you to attend.

See you at the cookout!

—Pierrette Wallace



Trustee Position Open

The 11- member Paddock Hills Assembly is down one trustee after Greg Watkin resigned from the board, citing a desire to concentrate more on his work and family.

If you are interested in becoming a trustee now is a good time to step forward to fill out remaining months of Watkin's term (elections are in April).

To apply for the position, or find out more about the post, please contact Pierrette Wallace at paddockhillsassembly@gmail.com .

A Home for Pablo

Steve Munday, former president of the Paddock Hills Assembly, is sadly leaving us, moving back to Colorado in November. Steve says he has come to the difficult decision that he cannot bring his beloved dog Pablo with him and he is looking for a family to adopt the dog.

As Steve writes:

“I know we have many caring animal lovers in our neighborhood, and the thought of him being able to continue to trot around these streets on walks is immensely appealing to me.

He is an older doggo, around 11 I think, but he is in generally good health. He is house trained, and routine is his friend. He is a gentle soul and good with kids. He is, one suspects, a beagle, pointer-shepherd blend.

Please reach out to me if you have room in your heart and your home for our Pablo, 513-476-3860.”



A Paddock Hills Odyssey

You want to know what Paddock Hills was like in the '50s and '60s. Ask Judy Naim. She was born here. And still lives here.

"I can go down any street and tell you who lived in every house when I was growing up," Judy said.

Sometimes Judy has to laugh when she reflects on her life journey.

"So, here I am, still in Paddock Hills," Judy said. "There is a part of me that says, 'How did I end up where I started?' But that's just psychological. It's a great neighborhood. The houses are so pretty, so different, so unique."

When Judy was born in 1948, her parents lived in the then new apartments on Reading Lane (off Avon Drive at the bottom of the hill) which at the time were considered state-of-the-art apartment living,

When she was nine months old, her parents bought the house at 1220 Paddock Hills Avenue, set back in the woods adjacent to the ravine.

Judy remembers growing up in Paddock Hills in the '50s and '60s as an idyllic time, typical of many middle class neighborhoods of the day where the mother didn't need to work and the economics of time permitted even middle class families to hire gardening and cleaning help. "It seems like everyone had a maid and a gardener. The yards were so well maintained."



Judy's other memories of growing up in Paddock Hills:

—“The neighborhood was packed with kids. We were the war babies. We were always outside. It was a time when your parents would tell you to go outside and play and don't come back except for lunch. The creek and the woods was where we would all meet. We'd play there all the time.”

—“There was no air conditioning back then, we always had the windows open. A neighbor played the harp and I remember you could hear her play. We had Charlie the popsicle man, a peddler who had all kinds of household items in his truck, a bread man and of course a milk man. So, yeah, I guess it was just like you'd see in the movies.”

—“Sugar n' Spice was an integral part of all our lives. We'd walk down the hill to go there. They were open in the evening, after a movie you'd go there to get a hot fudge sundae. Like now, it was really the only place you could go.”



Judy went to Bond Hill Elementary, Woodward High School and graduated from Ohio State in 1970 with a teaching degree. But she was more interested in an adventure before settling in with a job, so she spent three years on a kibbutz in Israel, an experience aided by family members who still lived in the Jewish state. That was where she met her husband Saul, an Italian Jew. The couple has been married 53 years.

Saul and Judy moved back to Cincinnati where Judy began a three decade career in Cincinnati Public Schools, teaching elementary, mostly at Sands Montessori. Saul finished his studies to become an architect. The couple lived in apartments and a house in Finneytown before purchasing their current home at 1252 Paddock Hills Avenue in 1989, literally a stone's throw from where she grew up.

Judy says the neighborhood has always been known for its diversity. “When I was growing up there was religious diversity—the neighborhood was mostly Catholic and Jewish families.”

In the late ‘60s the first black families moved in. “There was a lot of racism,” she remembers. “A lot of for-sale signs went up.” She notes the newly formed Paddock Hills Assembly helped stop the white flight, fostering a more tolerant neighborhood feeling that led to Paddock Hills becoming one of the rare, truly integrated neighborhoods in the city by the late ‘70s.

Judy points out the neighborhood has been remarkably stable since she was a little girl, noting it always seems to “regenerate,” pointing out there has been a recent influx of younger families with kids in the last few years.

“I hope those families stay. That was what I remember growing up here. People stayed. People moved in and lived here for a long time. It’s a great neighborhood.”



Save the Date

Planning is underway for the fifth annual Holiday Stroll, Sunday, December 8. Please consider volunteering to help out with this wonderful event that lets residents experience the spirit of the season in Paddock Hills. If you are interested in helping out with planning and organizing the night’s festivities, please contact Emma Kitzmiller (emma.kitzmiller@gmail.com)

Submissions

Please send your contributions for the December Paddock Press by the last Monday in November.

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

Submit to (newsbird1@icloud.com).

Calendar/Upcoming Events

Sunday September 22	5:00 - 7:30 PM	Fall Cookout	Avon Woods Nature Center
Monday September 23	7:00 - 8:00 PM	Community Meeting	Avon Woods Nature Center
Saturday October 5	10:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Fall Cleanup	Avon Woods Nature Center
Saturday October 26	6:00 - 7:30 PM	Halloween Party	Avon Woods Nature Center
Monday October 25	7:00 - 8:00 PM	Community Meeting	Avon Woods Nature Center
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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
513-569-8677

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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