

# Paddock Press

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## Paddock Hills Celebrates National Night Out

Please join us for the annual National Night Out celebration,  
**6:30 - 8:30 pm, Tuesday, August 5 at the In-Between**  
(Paddock Hills Lane between Avon and Paddock Hills Avenue).

NNO is one of the deep summer's great neighborhood pleasures for an ice cream social and weenie roast. The event is designed to give neighbors a chance to build partnerships with the the police and fire departments that serve us. Representatives from District 4 and Engine 9 Firehouse will be on hand.

The Fire Department will bring a fire truck for kids (and adults) to explore & former neighborhood police officer Anthony Hill will be on hand to renew old friendships.

For entertainment there will be Brett Sears, magician extraordinaire, Nicki the balloon artist, Julie O'Neal face painting, and Mingles Soft Serve Ice Cream.

Paddock Hills trustee Chris Fries will be grillmeister serving up hot dogs and mets. Water and ice will be provided. Feel free to bring your own refreshments of choice.

The event also marks the start of the fiscal year for dues for the Paddock Hills Assembly. Please use the form (below ) or the flyer recently distributed.

**A bit of history:** Paddock Hills has celebrated National Night Out for decades. The nationally promoted anti-crime event began in the early '80s growing out of front porch vigils and other crime prevention partnerships to foster neighborhood camaraderie and a positive relationship with community-oriented police tactics. The annual community building effort, held nationwide on the first Tuesday in August, now touches over 40 million participants in some some 17,000 communities, according to the NNO organization. For more information go to [natw.org](http://natw.org) .

**Traffic note** : Paddock Hills Lane will be blocked off. Please thank our neighbors with driveways on the street who have kindly agreed to let us have our event there again.

# Annual Dues

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

Dues can be paid at National Night Out, 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.



# Sign Up for the Neighborhood Yard Sale

Paddock Hills Assembly trustees voted at the July meeting to hold a neighborhood wide yard sale **10 am to 5 pm., September 27 & 28** (with rain dates a week later).

Neighbors are free to do both days or one day- their pick.

If you want to participate it is important to sign up by September 6th so you can be included in a flyer publicizing the event.

<http://paddockhills.org> .

Please note your address and if you plan to participate both days or just one.

The PHA will put out a flyer that has the households participating and which days they will be holding their yard sale.

The flyer will go out about a week ahead & we will send out an email about two weeks before the event.

Long time residents recall neighborhood-wide yard sales were regularly done in Paddock Hills '80s & '90s, but interest diminished in the aughts.

We shall see if we can revive this neighborhood tradition.



# President's Letter

This year is moving so fast. I truly love the summer. I don't mind the heat and I run at the opportunity to be in the sun as often as possible. I believe it's one of nature's best medicines.

We have made some changes this year to our completed events. We have also added some weekly activities and altered time frames to our activities to come. I am taking into consideration the feelings and opinions of our meeting attendees, event attendees and those who respond to those weekly emails. We as a board are using that feedback to shape how we plan and what we attack moving forward.

The Paddock Road corridor is looking good thanks to those who pick up trash and love our community enough to put their hands in the dirt and tend to our gardens.

Our board has grown! We have more hands on deck and more compassionate people serving our community. For that I am grateful. We are approaching the 4th quarter of 2025. Our goal is to get work done and give flowers in advance.

Let's recap the Achievable Goals for 2025:

- **New board members** – We were looking for 2 people to join our board. We gained 3! Welcome Julie, Kevin and Terry (*See story below*).
- **Better attendance at our community meetings** - Our July meeting had double our usual attendees. It's election season so I anticipate this number to increase as city council candidates are looking to be seen and heard.
- **Kids Play Date.** We didn't do it. But parents are already busy keeping up with summer activities. Plus I gained a new grandbaby and will be looking for activities within walking distance to take all 3. Ideas loading.
- **Adult Play Date.** This turned out to be the Wednesday Walking Club. So far so good. A route created and agreed upon by the participants. Yard sale in September will be as close to a playdate as we can get.

I said this in January, and I want to reiterate this message as our city has experienced some violence as well as the world. I like to lead with the positive, but I'm not ignoring the concern, pain or strife around the world today. It's important to know the root of problems when we look at the world we all occupy. 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.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next community meeting and our remaining 2025 events.

Pierrette Wallace,

President Paddock Hills Assembly

# Wednesday Walks

Now that the heat & humidity has broken (for now) Pierrette Wallace will be resuming her regular Wednesday Walking Club.

“Thanks to lots of feedback we have carved out a nice route for the group,” Pierrette said. “Takes us about 45 minutes. Gets us fresh air, steps in and connected while exercising. Unless the forecast shows rain or extreme heat, we will be there!”

- Meet at 6:30pm at the corner of Paddock Road and Paddock Hills Avenue.
- Travel South on Paddock Road to Avon Field Golf Club entry.
- Take the Avon Fields walking trail behind Nature Center to Red Bud
- Walk Red Bud, Rose Hill and back through Avon Fields
- Outlet onto Egan Hills Drive to Paddock Road





# Meet the New Trustees

Three new trustees were elected to the Assembly board in June. Two are new faces, another is a previous board member:

**Terry Bartl**, has worked in IT for over 30 years, currently for Capgemini at GE Aerospace. Terry has a son, two daughters and three grandsons.

Terry's husband, Bill, actually lived in Paddock Hills when he was in his 20s and the couple jumped at a chance to buy their house on Avon Drive when it popped on the market New Year's Eve 2021. They made an offer that day.

"Bill shared what an interesting neighborhood it was. I did some reading and loved the neighborhood's rich history," Terry said.

"I love the neighborhood for its diversity, central location and spirit of people caring for not only their property but the neighborhood spaces and one another."

Terry loves the challenge of using ever changing technology to help talented people accomplish goals. She thinks that spirit will carry over to her work on the PHA board of trustees.

"I actually majored in Public Administration and worked as a neighborhood and community organizer in the 80's. I've experienced the impact of strong neighborhood participation. I'm very proud to be part of PHA and look forward to working with others to continue the richness of our neighborhood."



**Kevin Farmer** brings his entrepreneurial energy to the PHA board, as co founder of the Petals Playhouse & Activity Center providing affordable learning and play options specifically designed for adolescent parents and their families. The facility serves children under six years old and partners with Rosemary's Babies Company to provide quality care and support.

Kevin is a resident of Avondale  
(PHA bylaws permit Paddock Hills business owners to be board members).

He is also the founder and owner of Made You Look Promotions, a marketing and media agency that provides public relations services to both local and national companies.

Kevin is an avid long-distance runner. In 2024, he completed a solo ultra-marathon from Cincinnati to Columbus to raise funds for the development of Rosemary's Babies Company and Holloway House, demonstrating his deep commitment to family-centered causes.



**Julie Stallworth** returned to the board of trustees after first serving for a year in 2022. The past year Julie has also been the Beautification chair overseeing spring and fall cleanup efforts and coordinating efforts to maintain the community gardens.

Julie and her husband, Byron, moved to Paddock Hills over 20 years ago, first living on Avon Drive, now on Paddock Hills Ave.

“We love this neighborhood because of its people, diversity, and for its central location,” says Julie, who retired three years ago after 33 years in Elementary Education with Cincinnati Public Schools.



## It's Commonly Jazz

The It's Commonly Jazz concert series, curated by long-time Paddock Hills resident Carolyn Wallace, kicks off its 41st season 6-8 p.m.. Thursday August 7, once again at the Seasingood Pavilion in Eden Park.

Erwin Stuckey performs Thursday followed by John Strange (8/14), Rusty Berge (8/21) and concludes with Baltimore-based vibraphonist Warren Wolf (8/28) .

Wallace has managed to nurture the event into the longest running free concert series in the area, in part thanks to continued support from Fifth Third Bank as the presenting sponsor for 35 years.

It all started off as a weekly music event in the courtyards of Swifton Commons Mall in summer of 1985. Wallace says it is common to see patrons wearing t-shirts and carrying handheld fans from 30 years ago.

“It's become a rite of summer,” she says. “The patrons are loyal, sophisticated and knowledgeable about jazz. They come in all sizes, ages, races, and income levels. Their common denominator is that they love jazz.”



# Beautification News



Hello Paddock Hills Neighbors,  
Summer is in full swing Our gardens are growing (especially the weeds)  
Many thanks to Mary Ayer's and Susan Glas who are taking care of the gardens at the bottom of Avon and near the ball fields. My garden is on Paddock Road south near the golf course. I'd also like to thank the neighbors that I see picking up trash as they stroll through the neighborhood. Every little bit makes a big difference.  
We are still in need of neighbors to join a beautification committee. No one is officially assigned to the Paddock Road garden near the mural. We weeded about half of it. Fair warning. There's a lot of poison ivy down there. My husband Byron will treat it and then we will complete the job. I have had to step away a bit this spring/summer as my mother had surgery and she is now in a rehab facility. I have also been caring for her and her husband who is in a different facility.  
If you are interested in helping with gardening, anytime you could commit would be greatly appreciated.

Julie Stallworth

# Beautification Committee Needs

## Neighborhood Gardens

Avon Drive Garden	Mary Ayers
Ball Field Garden	Susan Glass
	one additional volunteer needed
Golf Course Garden	Julie Stallworth
Mural Garden	Three volunteers needed.

Commitment to a PHA garden includes:

Planting in the spring after landscapers mulch

(Keep Cincinnati Beautiful donates the flowers)

Keeping gardens free from weeds and watering as needed

Cleaning up trash that may be in the garden or surrounding areas

## 2025 Landscape/Beautification Award

Unfortunately, we did not have a beautification landscaping award in July because we did not have a committee to judge. If you are interested, please reach out to me and perhaps we can make it happen

We partner with both Keep Cincinnati Beautiful and the University of Cincinnati to host spring and fall cleanups. UC sends volunteers and Keep Cincinnati Beautiful helps coordinate and provide materials and trash pick up service. Neighbors are provided with gloves and pickers and trash bags and work together to clean the common areas of our neighborhood primarily up and down Paddock and Reading roads as well as Tennessee.

This is a twice a year commitment that can support students who need service hours. Usually on a Saturday for no 10-1. Pizza provided afterward. This is a great way to introduce kids to community service.

We would like to develop a committee for **Periodic Cleanups** including trimming limbs, sidewalk weeds, around gardens, community entrances, flower pots and little libraries.

If interested in any of these endeavors please contact me, Julie Stallworth 513-227-6522 or [stallwj12@gmail.com](mailto:stallwj12@gmail.com) .



# Block Party

A good time was had by all at the Annual Block Party in June.

“It takes a good team to organize and good neighbors to attend and participate. We had both,” said Carolyn Wallace, PHA president.

And, yes, it rained. “I love a good attitude and when the rain came there was no complaint”, said Pierrette.

“There was dancing in the rain and a huddle on the nearest porch. Emma’s excellent playlist kept playing, the last few orders of Topped Fries were served, and the ice cream truck still pulled up putting a smile on everyone's face.”



# Save the Date

The annual Fall Cookout/New Neighbor Welcome will be held 5-7:30 p.m., Sunday, September 21 at the Avon Woods Nature Center.

# Calendar / Upcoming Events

<b>Tuesday August 5</b>	<b>6:30 - 8:30 PM</b>	<b>National Night Out</b>	<b>The In Between</b>
<b>Monday August 25</b>	<b>6:00 - 7:00 PM</b> <b>7:00 - 8:00 PM</b>	<b>Trustees Meeting</b> <b>Community Meeting</b>	<b>Avon Woods Nature Center</b>
<b>Sunday September 21</b> <b>Rain Date 9/28</b>	<b>5:00 - 7:00 PM</b>	<b>Fall Cookout</b>	<b>Avon Woods Nature Center</b>
<b>Monday September 22</b>	<b>6:00 - 7:00 PM</b> <b>7:00 - 8:00 PM</b>	<b>Trustees Meeting</b> <b>Community Meeting</b>	<b>Avon Woods Nature Center</b>
<b>Saturday &amp; Sunday</b> <b>September 27 &amp; 28</b>	<b>10:00 AM - 5:00 PM</b>	<b>Yard Sale</b>	<b>Neighborhood</b>

## 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  
513 569-8600  
Officer Patrice Brooks Neighborhood Officer  
[patricebrooks@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto: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>

## Paddock Hills Assembly Officers

President - Pierrette Wallace  
Vice President - Lina Orr  
Treasurer - Robert Fecher  
Secretary - Emma Kitzmiller

## Paddock Hills Assembly Trustees

Terri Barti	Kevin Farmer
Robert Fecher	Chris Fries
Emma Kitzmiller	Kyle McGrath
Suresh Nirody	Lina Orr
Julie Stallworth	Liz Swain
Pierrette Wallace	

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Robert Fecher

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Housing/Economic Development - Ellie Johnson  
Safety, Security and Traffic - Lina Orr  
Security Cameras - Robert Fecher  
Social - Pierrette Wallace  
Welcome - Emma Kitzmiller  
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