

# Paddock Press

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## President's Letter

Hello Neighbors,

Spring is bouncing along, sun, rain, sun, cold, rain, warm... Work is beginning on our neighborhood garden areas. Most of our flowerpots have been sponsored. (I believe there are a couple more spots if you'd like to join in.) This weekend is our neighborhood Spring Cleanup.

And if you'd like to get more involved on the leadership side, our annual Board elections will be at our April 24th meeting. Each year we elect about a third of the Board membership. This year, there are three seats open. If you'd are interested, reach out to our Nominating Committee, Don Swain, Ellie Johnson, and Pierrette Wallace.

And whether you choose to get more involved or not, we look forward to seeing our neighbors out and about as the weather continues to improve. There is much to look forward to this year. Take care and be well.

Steve Munday

## Annual Spring Cleanup

The annual neighborhood spring cleanup is this Saturday, April 1, from 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Once again the Paddock Hills Assembly environmental committee has arranged to have up to 50 students from the University of Cincinnati help with the task as part of the The Clean Up Clncy program at UC. It has become the largest student led beatification program in the region sending volunteers into Cincinnati communities in the spring and fall to help with sustainability efforts.

To compliment this wonderful student workforce, Paddock Hills volunteers are needed to lead and organize the students.

"Tools, bags, gloves and pizza will be provided," says Julie Stallworth, environmental committee chair. "We typically focus on the major roads through our neighborhood which collect the most litter and trash."

If you are available to volunteer , please contact Julie at 513-227-6522, or [jstall@fuse.net](mailto:jstall@fuse.net) .  
Volunteers should be at the Avon Woods Nature Center at 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

# Spring Cleaning and Beautification

Time for the annual spring cleaning—clean out the garage , prepare those flower beds and start planting. We have several tips for your spring cleaning needs.



Yard waste pickup from the City of Cincinnati resumes for Paddock Hills April 11 and will continue to the end of the year. Yard waste pickup is the same week as recycling.

Yard waste should be placed in clearly marked cans with handles; paper bags designed for yard waste or bundled with heavy twine or cotton rope. Yard waste containers and bags exceeding 25 lbs. in weight will not be collected. Yard waste placed in city garbage carts, recycle bins or plastic bags will not be collected.

Sticks and branches may be tied into bundles of no than 3' lengths and 2' in diameter. No tape, plastic rope or metal wire may be used to bundle.

For more info: [www.cincinnati-oh.gov/public-services/yard-waste/](http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/public-services/yard-waste/) .

A reminder that the city sends street cleaners through our neighborhood on the first Wednesday of every month. Residents should circle those dates and try not to park on streets those Wednesdays. Gone are the days when city posts no parking signs on street cleaning days. So, the fewer cars on our streets, the better they are cleaned.

You can schedule for the city to remove bulk items such as old furniture and appliances at no extra charge. The best way to schedule a pickup is to download the city's 311cincy app or visit [311cincy.com](http://311cincy.com) . We have found it to be a an efficient, user-friendly app to access a number of city resources.



## Paddock Hills Facebook Swap

If you have items you don't need any more and would like to offer them to neighbors who might have a use for them,

please frequent the Paddock Hills/North Avondale FREE OR TRADE group page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/245307956815508> .

# Become a Pot Sponsor

One of the ongoing beautification efforts in the neighborhood are the six large flower pots at entrances along Reading and Paddock roads. They are maintained by the city, replanted three times year with seasonal flora. The Paddock Hills Assembly must reimburse the city to defray costs and we have asked neighbors over the years to consider sponsoring the pots.

Each pot costs \$200 a year. In the past, the response has been excellent. But we could use some more sponsors. If interested in donating to the program, you can contact Julie Stallworth. Donations may be made in \$50 increments; you do not have to sponsor an entire pot.

We would like to thank those residents who are pot sponsors. They include long-time sponsors Kathy Grant and Suresh and Nancy Nirody, along with new pot donors Mauricio and Julie Peredo and Mary Carol Hopkins.



# Landscape Award

A reminder that the annual Beautification Landscape award will be presented July 8.

A committee accepts nominations and presents the award to a resident whose yard demonstrates the following : a weeded landscape, an edged lawn, manicured flowerbeds, trimmed shrubs (which are free of vines), vibrant coordinated colors of plants and flowers without overuse, and no visible trash cans.

The 2022 recipient of the silver sculpture trophy was Diane and Joe Flack of 4503 Sunnyslope Terrace.

Later this spring, consider nominating your own yard, or a neighbor's.

More details will be available in the June Paddock Press.



# Trustees Wanted

The April Community meeting is designated as the annual meeting and is an important one when new trustees are elected.

The PH Assembly Board of Trustees has 11 trustees serving three year staggered terms. This year three trustees need to be elected.

If becoming a trustee is not your thing, committee chairs and volunteers are needed on the social, security and beatification committees.

If you're interested, please contact [paddockhillsassembly@gmail.com](mailto:paddockhillsassembly@gmail.com) with any questions.

# Arrest Made in Paddock Hills Homicide

There was a rare homicide in Paddock Hills February 18 at an apartment complex in the 1100 block of Clearbrook. A 17-year-old identified as Traveon Sprigs was killed in the shooting and a 13-month old child was injured with gunshot wounds.

Police have arrested a 15-year-old in connection with the shooting.

Cincinnati Police assured residents at the monthly PH Community Meeting this week that the shooting was a domestic dispute and the neighborhood should not be beconcerned that the incident was one of random violence.

In fact police report violent crime in the Paddock Hills neighborhood is extremely rare and according to District 4 data reports of property crime, auto thefts and burglaries are all down.

# Save the Date

Mark your calendars now for this years  
Paddock Hills Block Party.

Saturday June 3, 4:00 - 8:00 PM.

See you there!



# Paddock Hills Legacies

## Paul Leitzinger

Paddock Hills is mourning the death of Paul Leitzinger, who passed away February 27, at the age of 88. Paul and his surviving wife, Mary Helen, married for 64 years, have lived in Paddock Hills since 1965, at the very end of Avon Drive. They are the longest residing family in the neighborhood.

Paul and Mary Helen raised five children and the couple has seven grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

Paul had a long career with Federated and over the years was involved with the Paddock Hills Assembly, his parish, the Archdiocese Office, CABVI, Su Casa, and the St. Vincent de Paul pantry.

In an interview with the Paddock Press in 2019, Mary Helen remembered how they were living in an apartment near Swifton Commons when they looked at a house in Paddock Hills. “We came up Avon in October and these huge oaks were just aflame with color,” she said. “It was gorgeous.” Paul remembered: “She said, ‘This is where I want to live.’” “We drove all the way to the end of the street to see the house,” said Mary. “It was great.” The end of Avon Drive is where they have lived ever since.

Paul's family is asking for donations to be made in his name to a few causes closest to his heart: The Church of the Resurrection (in Bond Hill), where they have been members for almost 55 years; Cincinnati Association for the Blind and The Gardner Center for Parkinson's and Movement Disorders at UC Hospital where Paul was treated for his Parkinson's for over 20 years.



Paul and Mary Helen 2019

## Martha Stephens

Long time Paddock Hills resident and retired University of Cincinnati English professor, Martha Stephens, will be the featured speaker at a symposium this Saturday exploring her work in the '70s that led to exposing unethical full body radiation experiments at what was then known as UC's General Hospital.

From 1960-72 the hospital received funding from the Defense Department to conduct the experiments on nearly 100 civilian cancer patients. Stephens investigation into the issue found the experiments resulted in pain, suffering and deaths. Her whistleblowing led to the end of the experiments.

Stephens will discuss her work at the session to be held at 2 p.m. Saturday April 1 at Probasco Auditorium, 2839 Clifton Ave. This event will include faculty members in the College of Medicine and in the History Department.

The session can also be viewed on line at [bit.ly/zoom-april1](https://bit.ly/zoom-april1) .

“I was the first to discover what had happened,” Stephens told the Paddock Press. “In these secret radiation experiments, individuals thought they were getting cancer treatment but were irradiated over their whole bodies for the DOD's program to find out how much radiation an individual could sustain.

Twenty one people died in these tests within a month of their radiations, and I was the first person at UC to reveal many years ago what had happened.”

Stephen's book about the sordid history, “The Treatment,” came out in 2020.



Martha at Paddock Hills Block Party 2022



## Calendar / Upcoming Events

<b>Saturday April 8</b>	<b>10:30 AM - 1:00 PM</b>	<b>Annual Spring Clean Up</b>	<b>Avon Woods Nature Center</b>
<b>Monday April 24</b>	<b>7:00 - 8:00 PM</b>	<b>Annual Meeting</b>	<b>Avon Woods Nature Center</b>
<b>Monday May 22</b>	<b>7:00 - 8:00 PM</b>	<b>Community Meeting</b>	<b>Avon Woods Nature Center</b>
<b>Saturday June 3</b>	<b>4:00 - 8:00 PM</b>	<b>Annual Block Party</b>	<b>The In Between Paddock Hills Lane</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 Anthony Hill Neighborhood Officer  
[anthony.m.hill@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:anthony.m.hill@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 <http://paddockhills.nextdoor.com>

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

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