

# Paddock Press

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## President's Message

Happy Spring Paddock Hills!  
Spring brings new beginnings and optimism.

While we still have to be safe, the light at the end of the tunnel looks really bright!

Many think that spring is the best season because:

- After the cold and gloomy winter, warm spring sunshine calls us outside ...
- More sunlight hours in a day ...
- Fresh breezes and open windows ...
- Spring cleaning ...
- Playing, visiting and working outside ...

In 2021 we welcome the full return of Paddock Hills neighborhood clean ups, community pots, neighborhood gardens and a new Paddock Hills initiative "Adopt a Spot".

This summer we are planning to make use of one of Paddock Hills' underutilized resources, the CRC Recreation Fields on Reading Road for Paddock Hills Play Days.

Let's all join in and pitch in to make the most of all that Paddock Hills has to offer.

Please take a minute to take the Paddock Hills Community Survey and let us know how you feel we can enhance the quality of life and sense of community for all Paddock Hills residents. The link is on our website, [www.paddockhills.org](http://www.paddockhills.org).

All responses are anonymous.  
We want you to hear from you!  
Thank you for your time.

Lynne Stone  
President  
Paddock Hills Assembly



# Community News

## Beautification

Cathi Lowry, Chair of the Beautification Committee, has worked with Keep Cincinnati Beautiful (KCB) and other city agencies to launch a number of projects, taking a more holistic approach to the environmental concerns of Paddock Hills. They include refurbishing the basketball courts at the Cincinnati Recreation Commission Donte Evans Brown & Darrell Lane Recreation Area on Reading Road, organizing weekly Paddock Hills Play Days at the field, and a new year round effort to control litter with an Adopt-a-Spot campaign enlisting business and residents.

The **Recreation Area Community Cleanup** is **Saturday, April 10, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Meet at Avon Woods Nature Center. Come join the cleanup of Paddock Hills with volunteers from the University of Cincinnati. Your presence is important in welcoming the UC students and working alongside them! Pizza party following the cleanup!

The **Annual Neighborhood Cleanup** is **Saturday, May 1, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Meet At Avon Woods Nature Center. Pizza Party Following Cleanup.

**Paddock Hills Play Days** will be held at the Recreation Area on Reading Road between the closed Chase Bank and Avon Fields Golf Course **every Wednesday evening this summer with the kickoff day Wednesday, June 9, from 6 p.m. until dark.**

After dinner, walk down to the Recreation Area. Besides the basketball court and baseball field, there's plenty of space to organize a soccer game, frisbee throw, or red rover!

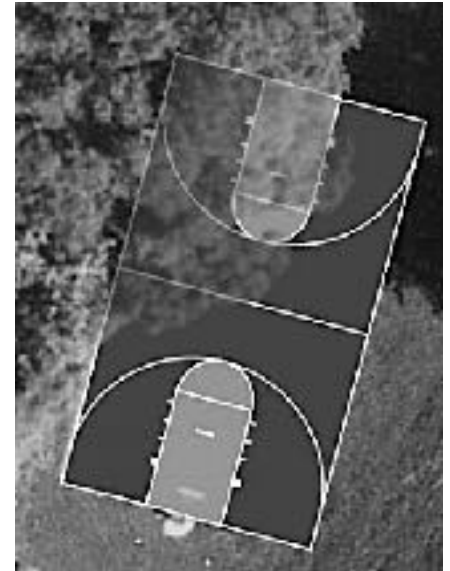
Come on down to say hello, the purpose is to have families and friends engage in outdoor play near our homes.

PHA is looking for a Chair-person for PH Play Days. To discuss, contact Cathi, [joca.lowry@gmail.com](mailto:joca.lowry@gmail.com) .



## Safe and Clean Grant

The Keep Cincinnati Beautiful Safe and Clean Grant to fix the basketball court at the CRC Donte Evans Brown & Darrell Lane Recreation Area was approved. Receiving the grant was the catalyst for our Paddock Hills Play Days on Wednesday's this summer! To meet the grant guidelines, can you volunteer to help prepare and paint the basketball post, backboard and rim? Or can you help to grade around the court, especially around the north end to keep mud from splashing up when it rains? Please contact Cathi [joca.lowry@gmail.com](mailto:joca.lowry@gmail.com) to help.



Paddock Hills can accomplish the basketball improvement and more when we come together, share the work, and have fun along the way!

Safe and Clean grants can be applied for twice a year, February and August. If there is an area in PH that needs attention, contact Cathi, to discuss submission for the grant. For example, the Huber and Kessel car garage can be addressed with this grant to improve the area with a privacy fence for the yard and garbage bin that sits too close to the street.

## Adopt a Spot

Adopt-A-Spot is in full gear in Paddock Hills.

Please join in and help maintain the beauty of our neighborhood!

This is a Keep Cincinnati Beautiful program to encourage monthly cleanup of our Cincinnati streets and sidewalks. The Paddock Hills Assembly is organizing neighbors to claim an area to keep clear of trash and debris. Contact Cathi for more information, or go online to KCB directly, <https://www.keepcincinnatibeautiful.org/programs/great-american-cleanup/adopt-a-spot.html>

Please sign-up online,

KCB will provide trash bags, tongs, gloves, bucket, water bottle and t-shirt.

When you sign up online for "Adopting Organization or Business:" enter PADDOCK HILLS ASSEMBLY and for "Name Desired on Sign:" enter NONE/NO SIGN and enter "N/A" in the last question regarding a sign.

The goal is to have all PH streets claimed by residents and businesses in 2021!

## Beautification Award

The Beautification Landscape award will be presented this summer in July. The beautification award takes in to account weeded landscape, 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. In 2020, PH neighbors nominated their favorite yards for the award and on every email was 1331 Westminster Drive, Robin Bratt and Bruce Bowden. This year if you have a favorite or more homes while walking our lovely neighborhood, please email Cathi with the street address, [joca.lowry@gmail.com](mailto:joca.lowry@gmail.com). Happy gardening!

# Let's Talk Plastic Recycling

The trash along our streets and highways every spring reminds us that Cincinnati has a litter problem. Not the least of which are the endless plastic bags we clean up every year at our Neighborhood Clean Up.

Many folks know that they can recycle bags at their grocer but not in their Green Recycle Cart, But did you know you can also take your plastic film and wrap to be recycled?

The following items accepted in plastic bag/film collection cans at nearby Kroger, Meijer, Walmart, Whole Foods, and Target stores:



- plastic retail bags,
- produce bags,
- newspaper bags,
- dry cleaning bags,
- cereal box liners,
- bread bags,
- paper product wrapping,
- canned good and bottled beverage wraps,
- air pouches, and bubble wrap.

## DROP OFF EMPTY PLASTIC BAGS & WRAPS AT PARTICIPATING STORES

### BAGS



Retail



Bread



Produce



Newspaper



Dry Cleaning

### PLASTIC PACKAGE WRAP



Coke Wrap



Cup Wraps



Flare Wraps



Paper Wraps

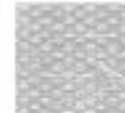
### SHIPPING



Air Pillows



Plastic Envelopes



Bubble Wrap

The materials collected at Kroger become more plastic bags at the Hilex Poly recycling plant in Vernon, Indiana. Materials collected at most other retailers go to the Trex Company.

FIND DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:  
[PlasticFilmRecycling.org](http://PlasticFilmRecycling.org)



NO BAGS OR WRAPS IN THE  
RECYCLING CART

# Meet the Mailman

“Paddock Hills is just a really nice neighborhood. I feel like the whole neighborhood is always looking out for each other.”

Joe Jones ought to know. As the Paddock Hills’ mail carrier, he walks the neighborhood at least five days a week for the last four years. Residents know Joe as an affable, smiling face always up for a chat and diligent about his job. Born and raised in Anderson, where he still lives, Jones graduated from Anderson High School and briefly attended Ohio University. “I actually wanted to be a veterinarian until I found out that’s like being a doctor. I don’t have the wits for that,” he said with a laugh. Jones has no regrets, enjoying his career as a mail carrier. “It takes its toll some days, I love it though. You get to move around all day instead of sitting at a desk. I feel like I get to practice for my trail hiking.” Joe’s passions are hiking national parks, Red River Gorge or kayaking and fishing.

Jones is the first regular mail carrier for the neighborhood after several years when Paddock Hills was considered what the post office calls “unassigned.” After a regular USPS readjustment, the neighborhood became a designated route four years ago. The reconfigured route is 90 percent residential encompassing all of Paddock Hills, and a few businesses on Tennessee. Joe enjoys the Paddock Hills route. “It’s a great part of town. I love it being mostly residential. It’s easier walking than other areas like Price Hill where it’s nothing but going up stairs all the time.”

“Everybody’s awesome. I had a customer give me a hot chocolate at the end of the day when there was all that snow. Everyone’s super nice and that makes my job great. Hopefully I get the mail to the right place and if I mess up hopefully everybody’s understanding. Just leave the mail out so I can correct it. I have found this is a trustworthy, helpful area.”

While he dropped the idea to become a vet, Jones has had his share of dealing with dogs —the bane of the mail man.

“Absolutely. It really is a big thing. I’ve had a couple dog incidents in other parts of town where owners are more careless. I’ve found that everyone in Paddock Hills are really responsible dog owners. Neighbors are looking out. They will tell me to watch out if they see a dog loose down the street.”

Joe says he plans on being the Paddock Hills carrier for the near future, but doesn’t rule out someday trying to bid on a route closer to his home in Anderson.

He also reminds residents he can pick up pre-paid packages. “I’m not sure a lot of people are aware of that. I can save them a trip to the post office.”

You can print pre-paid postage through the “click-and-ship” tool on the USPS web site (A package over 13 ounces can’t have regular stamps as a security measure.)



# Neighborhood News

## Summer Safety

More than 5,000 pedestrians are killed by cars each year in the U.S. and data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suggests children are particularly vulnerable.

Research has demonstrated again and again that speed is the main factor in these fatalities. In particular, for kids within neighborhoods, speed is a key factor.

The vast majority of pedestrian injuries happen on streets with posted speed limits of 25-35 MPH.

The chance of severe injury to a pedestrian hit by a car going 15 MPH, skyrockets when the car is going 30 MPH.

We are so lucky to have vibrant neighborhood streets full of dog walkers, parents with strollers, children playing, bike riders and those who take a stroll. These are our friends and neighbors, these are our streets, and we need to share them responsibly.

Slow down, then slow down some more. Please.

If your slow rate of travel inconveniences someone cutting through the neighborhood, so much the better.

Observe stop signs, watch for pedestrians walking around or between parked cars.

Let's enjoy a safe and fun filled spring and summer in the neighborhood!

## Pick Up on Aisle Pooh

We want to pass on this annual reminder:

Please pick up after your dog. The point was made recently in a letter to the Paddock Press:

I've been a PH resident for over 30+ years and am increasingly saddened at the disrespect dog owners are showing to our neighborhood.

I am a dog owner and as I walk my dog, I am seeing my "dog loving" neighbors leave their dogs "calling card" behind in yards and the grass medians. In particular, I find remains in front of my tree too often. If I didn't pick up the remains, I would have a huge pile. This to me is very disrespectful to the home owner. It only takes a minute to clean up after your dog. I may be forced to put a sign up hoping that this will fix the problem.

Judy Ellis

## Writing Tutor

Martha Stephens writes that she's interested in working with Paddock Hills students who'd like help with their writing. No charge. Stephens has tutored students in her church, and works with middle school, high school, and college students. She's retired from the UC English department — and has been a writer of books for some years ([marthastephens.wordpress.com](http://marthastephens.wordpress.com)).

Contact Martha at [stephen@ucmail.uc.edu](mailto:stephen@ucmail.uc.edu) .

## Plants Needed

We have three Paddock Hills community flower gardens that need flowers and plants. If you plan to revamp your home's gardens, please notify Robin Bratt or Cathi Lowery. We would be happy to take plants you are giving up or replacing. Tell your friends as well! The Paddock Road garden is huge and we need many, many plants. Robin can be contacted at 513-242-3420.

## Deadly English Ivy

Paddock Hills recently lost another beautiful giant oak tree. Robin Bratt passes along these words of tree care:

English Ivy is an effective ground cover, easy to grow and stabilizes hillsides. However, it is deadly to our trees. Ivy clings to the bark of trees and its roots grow into the bark. The leaves cover the roots and retain moisture on the bark that renders it susceptible to insects, fungi and decomposition. Removing ivy from the trees at Avon Woods has been a priority for the naturalist and has asked that Paddock Hills neighbors help remove it from their trees. This is the reason: This week, one of our 90+ year old Oaks had to be cut down for a sizable amount of money. I noticed one side of the tree was losing its branches and we had to repeatedly remove deadwood. I had been unable to remove the ivy from the tree because of its proximity to a fence. When the fence came down, I attempted to remove the ivy, but bark peeled off with it, and beneath the bark, the wood was molded and broken down.

We would still have one more original oak tree planted at the founding of our neighborhood if ivy hadn't accelerated its downfall. PLEASE! For the sake of our trees, and to save you a costly expense, remove English Ivy and other vines from your trees. If you wish to have an ivy on your tree, home or fence, please chose Virginia Creeper that does not destroy wood or brisk mortar. It provides beautiful fall color, and is a native to boot.

## Thank you from the Christmons

“The family of Henry Christmon wishes to thank the people of Paddock Hills for all the love and support we received during our loss.”

Mr. Christmon passed away January 19. He and his his wife, Kathleen, were honored during the Paddock Hills 100th Anniversary Celebration in 2019 as the first black couple to move to the neighborhood integrating Paddock Hills in 1965.

Henry had a long and distinguished career with the City of Cincinnati, serving as Director of the Neighborhood Youth Corps and running several other job training and youth programs.

## Newsletter Submissions

The Paddock Press continues to invite more submissions from our neighbors.

How are you celebrating summer in Paddock Hills?

What are you up to?

What amenities does your family enjoy in the community?

Please submit your news for the June edition by mid May.  
Paddock Press [newsbird1@icloud.com](mailto:newsbird1@icloud.com).

# Calendar/Upcoming Events

<b>Saturday April 10</b>	<b>9:00AM - 12:30 PM</b>	<b>Recreation Area Community Cleanup</b>	<b>Avon Woods Nature Center</b>
<b>Monday April 26</b>	<b>6:00 - 7:00 PM 7:00 - 8:00 PM</b>	<b>Trustee Meeting Community Meeting</b>	<b>Zoom Zoom</b>
<b>Saturday May 1</b>	<b>9:00AM - 12:30 PM</b>	<b>Neighborhood Cleanup</b>	<b>Avon Woods Nature Center</b>
<b>Monday May 24</b>	<b>6:00 - 7:00 PM 7:00 - 8:00 PM</b>	<b>Trustee Meeting Community Meeting</b>	<b>Zoom Zoom</b>
<b>Wednesday, June 9</b>	<b>6 PM until dark</b>	<b>First Weekly Paddock Hills Play Day</b>	<b>CRC Recreation Area</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

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/>

PH Free or Trade <https://www.facebook.com/groups/245307956815508>

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