

Paddock Press

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National Night Out

Please come out and join us for the Paddock Hills National Night Out Tuesday, August 3, 7-9 p.m. along “The In-Between” on Paddock Hills Lane, between Avon and Paddock Hills Ave. (Note: The street will be closed at 6 p.m. for setup and during the event).

The Annual Paddock Hills National Night Out Celebration is a great summer community event for the whole family. The national event began in 1984 as a community-police awareness-raising event in the United States, and is held the first Tuesday of August..

Among the activities:

- Meet new neighbors and visit with old friends.
- Meet representatives from District 4 Police and Engine 9 Fire House.
- Clowns, magicians and soft serve ice cream.
- Join or renew your Paddock Hills Assembly membership.
- Book bags for start of school.

We have a new back to school activity for the kids this year, the PH Assembly will be providing canvas book bags for school kids and fabric markers to decorate the bags, along with supplies like pencils, pens, stickers and book marks.

More Upcoming Events:

The next Play Day at the Donte Evans Brown & Darrel Lane ball fields is Wednesday, July 28th at 6:00 PM, will feature the Kona Ice truck. Remember to bring your favorite yard game, balls or toys to strike-up a friendly fun game!

The next young adult meet-and-greet happy hour will be Friday, August 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m. hosted by Megan and Jason Wurth, 1283 Avon (corner of Paddock Hills Lane) at their driveway side yard. Megan started the event as a way to foster friendships in the younger Paddock Hills community aimed at people in their 20's/30's/40's. Feel free to bring your favorite happy beverage. For more info, please contact Megan at mowurth@icloud.com .

On Tuesday, August 10 we will have a dessert/ice cream truck in the neighborhood. Cups 'N Cones will be parked at the Paddock Hills Ave. Little Library from 8:30-9:30 PM.. They only accept credit or Venmo for \$5 or more transactions. Cash only below \$5. Prices range from \$3-8 depending on sizes.

President's Message

It is that time of year when we collect annual dues. The dues are used to pay for:

- City Permits,
- Insurance,
- Landscaping, beautification, improvements, maintenance and repairs to common areas (little libraries, ball field, gardens, city pots, signage),
- Security cameras
- Social events (block party, cook-out, National Night Out, Holiday Stroll, etc.) ,
- Communications (newsletter, website, postcard calendar of events, signs and flyers)

We try to maintain a reserve to pay any unexpected or irregular expenses that occur.

COVID was a good example of that, when many of you made donations that got us through this crisis!

Thank you for your trust and continued support to make Paddock Hill's STRONG!

Please use this form and bring dues to National Night Out, or mail to the Assembly.

You can also pay using PayPal at the Paddock Hills website <http://www.paddockhills.org> .

Lynne Stone

President

Paddock Hills Assembly

Membership year runs August 1, 2021 to July 31, 2022.

**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://www.paddockhills.org>.

If using PayPal please make note of the information below.

Suggested dues:

Single Membership \$20

Family Membership \$40

Other Donation Amount

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Preferred email _____

Preferred phone _____

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

Paddock Hills Beautification Award

The 2021 Paddock Hills Beautification award was presented to Denise O'Neal and John Rushing of 1252 Westminster Drive. During the Holiday Stroll, the O'Neal/Rushing home had beautiful blue lights with reindeer, a snowman and trees lighting up their yard. The yard continues to delight passers-by with summertime color in the flowerbeds and tasteful yard art in the front bed near the home. The cranberry-colored sphere and wind ornament accentuate the flowering plants and beds. A favorite plant is the cranberry-colored succulent near the street sidewalk!



The O'Neil/Rushing home had the most nominations from PH neighbors.

Honorable mention homes which also received votes are Megan and Jason Wurth of Paddock Hills Lane and Mary and Joseph Ayers of Avon Drive. Other homes exhibiting weeded landscape, edged lawn, manicured flowerbeds, trimmed shrubs, vibrant colors of plants and flowers were Ellie and Mary Jo Johnson of Westminster Drive, Jen Schulte and Chris Ruthemeyer of Paddock Hills Ave, Chris Rush and Shaneia Bryant of Avon Drive, and Charlotte McEnery on Sunny Slope Drive. Congratulations!



Chris Rush and Shaneia Bryant Avon Drive



Megan and Jason Wurth Paddock Hills Lane



Mary and Joseph Ayers Avon Drive



Jen Schulte and Chris Ruthemeyer Paddock Hills Avenue



Charlotte McEnery Sunnyslope Drive



Ellie and Mary Jo Johnson Westminster Drive

Viewing homes for the 2021 Beautification award was a reminder of how delightful it is to walk our Paddock Hills neighborhood. We have friendly neighbors taking time to say hello, mature trees providing shade and coolness, and beautiful homes to view. Thank you to all Paddock Hills neighbors that take care of their properties and homes!

ReLeaf Program 2021

Yes, you can get FREE trees planted in your yard thanks to a program from The Cincinnati Parks Foundation and MadTree Brewing. They are sponsoring the Fall ReLeaf 2021 program, which can improve property values and health.

It is critical you register so the ReLeaf information can send you information to reserve up to three free trees to be planted in your front or backyard.

Click this link, <https://cincinnati.parks.regfox.com/releaf-application> to add your email for registration for the program. Selection is best if you order early so click the link to add your email then put a reminder on your calendar to check your email on August 21st for the registration form.

“Paddock Hills and trees are synonymous,” says Cathi Lowry, Beautification chair.

“While driving in another city, I was struck with the old homes but missing the mature trees. Our community has beautiful magnolia trees, towering oaks, and wild redbuds. We are blessed with ancient trees in our yards. Here is a picture of a magnolia bloom captured on Paddock Road.”

Litter Report

If you have noticed litter on your street or at a particular spot in Paddock Hills, the Beautification Committee would like to invite you to join the Adopt-a-Spot program run by Keep Cincinnati Beautiful. All you need to do is pick up litter in the area you have chosen one day a month for one year. It does not need to be a whole street, it could be a block, street corner, or part of a park. There is no need to purchase any special equipment, Keep Cincinnati Beautiful will supply all the materials needed to you after signing up.

Sign up today and help keep Paddock Hills beautiful! <https://www.keepcincinnatibeautiful.org/programs/great-american-cleanup/adopt-a-spot.html> .



Yard Tip

Ivy on your trees could be very harmful, adding weight and taking nutrients that trees need to stay healthy and vibrant. Many trees in our neighborhood have large wintercreeper or English ivy vines growing up them. Not only can this harm your trees, making them more susceptible to limb breakage during storms, it also greatly promotes the spread of wintercreeper and English ivy, two very invasive non-native species that have invaded large parts of Avon Woods and many other wooded areas in Cincinnati. Now is a great time to free your trees from these plants. This can be done by simply cutting out a 2-inch segment of the vine near the base of the tree. Don't try to pull the vine off, as that will damage the bark of your tree. The vine will fall out naturally after it dies. To learn more: <https://organicplantcarellc.com/ivy/> .

Neighborhood Garden Plots and Pots

Did you know that Paddock Hills neighborhood tends to 4 garden plots that enhance the beauty of our neighborhood? These plots are at the entrance to PH from Reading Rd on Avon Drive cared for by Mary and Joseph Ayers, east side of Paddock Rd near the golf course cared for by Denise O'Neal and John Rushing, east side of Paddock Road across from Clearbrook cared for by Robin Bratt and Bruce Bowden, and Reading Rd. at the ballfields cared for by Susan Glas.

The commitment to Paddock Hills from Ayers, O'Neal/Rushing, Bratt/Bowden and Glas shines in these gardens! They are clean of litter, colorful in bloom and maintained with care.

In addition, the city maintains and replants seasonally the large pots at the entrances to the neighborhood which Assembly funds underwrite. Kathy Grant (pot at Paddock Hills Ave & Paddock Rd) along with Nancy & Suresh Nirody (pot at Paddock & Sunnyslope) generously sponsor a pot every year.

Beautification Chair

Cathi Lowry, resident since 1992, has worn many hats in her PH tenure. Cathi was recruited immediately as the Youth Coordinator. This hat involved walking the neighborhood and talking to young people who would participate in the cleanups and attend the yearly events of bicycle safety day and the Halloween party. Back then the youth was paid \$10 for attending the cleanups. Sugar and Spice would provide drinks then the crew would take a break at the Donte Evans Brown and Darrel Lane Ballfields while the kids got to know each other. A very memorable time was when a refugee from Liberia moved on to Sunny Slope, the kids asked many questions of his African home, wondering if lions, elephants, and zebra were in sight.

Next was the Environmental Chair which fit perfectly with Cathi's dedication to Avon Woods, planting trees and litter cleanup. During this time PH planted over 40 trees to help replace the stately street trees that had to be removed. Cathi and Erin Morris, Cincinnati Park naturalist continued the Halloween parties to include a Halloween hike through the woods educating the kids on conservation and walking lightly. Currently, as the Beautification Chair, the work continues with Keep Cincinnati Beautiful, writing a grant and communicating to neighbors about Adopt-A-Spot.

"I couldn't imagine living in PH and not doing something to maintain and improve our community, Lowry said. "I enjoy walking our beautiful streets, talking with neighbors, and picking up litter!

Fix It Cincy

Fix It Cincy has a mobile app, see link below. Get involved and help keep the neighborhood clean, safe and vibrant! The upgraded Fix it Cincy! app allows users greater access to various Cincinnati government departments such as Transportation & Engineering, Buildings & Inspections, and Health, but the focus remains on Public Services. Now, service requests filed using the app go directly into the City's Customer Service Request (CSR) system. Add the app today!

<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/cityofcincinnati/cincinnati-city-hall-mobile/> .

Doug Smith

“I love working in Paddock Hills. It’s one of my favorite neighborhoods. It’s the greenery, man. Paddock hills is so lush.”

So says landscaper Doug Smith who is plenty familiar with the neighborhood. For several years, Smith has had at least four regular clients in Paddock Hills (a couple more on an ad hoc basis) that use his landscaping and mowing services through his D&A Landscaping, which has clients throughout Greater Cincinnati as far north as Mason and West Chester.

But he always looks forward to coming to this urban-locked oasis.

“One thing I love about Paddock Hills is all the foliage,” Smith says. “It’s so refreshing. I like it better than most any other neighborhood because of that. You take a place like Mason— it’s always hot. There aren’t any trees out there.”

Smith got started in the business in 2004 when he was clerking at a law firm and doing yard work on the side. Attorneys at the firm helped him start an LLC so he could take his landscaping business full time. (He still has lawyers from the firm as clients). Smith followed up with an agriculture/horticulture degree from Cincinnati State and now offers four-seasons services including yard cleanup, installations, weed control and commercial snow removal.

Smith did the neighborhood a favor last summer during the pandemic. Doug, who does mowing and mulching in the neighborhood gardens, donated his services when the Assembly was forced to temporarily cancel his contract because of a Covid-related shortage of funds. “I’m a firm believer that it is better to give than to receive. I like helping people if there is a a problem. It doesn’t hurt us to do a few minutes of free work a week. I’ve been blessed.”



Doug Smith and his son,
Tyjuan Greenlea Smith

Block Party

The annual Block Party held in June at Avon Woods Nature Center received plenty of positive feedback as old friends mingled with several new neighbors at the first chance in a over a year for the community o come together. The event was nicely summed up in this email from Mary Carol Hopkins:

Congratulations on a super event! What a wonderful, vibrant party! This was exactly the right timing, when almost everyone is finally beginning to feel safe, the tables were far enough apart for families with unvaxed children to feel okay, and it was just plain SO wonderful to see everyone at last.

I love the street parties too, but it was really good to be back up at Avon Woods, on the grass, all that wonderful shade & woodsy smells. All this lock-in has made us forget the joys of nature, and I'll be going back there to walk. I think a lot of the kids don't even know it's there.

The food was fine, the crew in good humor, the ice cream a big hit, and thanks for leaving the loud music for later. Gave us a chance to talk, renew old friendships, make new ones, and catch up on how all our kids are doing.

Sign me up to help with the next one!

Cheers,

MaryCarol



Paddock Hills Play Days

There have been four Wednesdays of play at the Donte Evans Brown & Darrel Lane ball fields. This past Wednesday has been the best yet!



Thank you to the families who came down for a festive game of kickball. It was a beautiful evening with nine children running around the dusty fields and parents cheering them on, as well as kicking and catching.

Neighborhood Notes

It's Commonly Jazz is back this summer, kicking off August 5 at Seasongood Pavilion in Eden Park with pianist William Menefield. The popular summer series is curated by Carolyn Wallace, a longtime Paddock Hills resident, who created the event 36 years ago then held at the old Swifton Commons. The free concert series, featuring the finest local jazz talent, is each Thursday in August. For a complete schedule, visit itscommonlyjazz.com.

The Paddock Hills Assembly is planning to update the neighborhood directory, last published three years ago. If you are new to the neighborhood in the last three years, or have changed your contact information, would you please email the information to paddockhillsassembly@gmail.com. We are looking for names of adults living at your residence, address, phone number and email. The directory will be made available free of charge this fall to all Assembly members in good standing.

India Nichols is still available for work helping residents with babysitting, dog walking or light yard work (lawn mowing, raking, watering, planting). India, 16, a student at Roger Bacon, is Red Cross Certified in babysitting, CPR and first aid. Contact her at 513-384-9648. (She prefers work on the east side of Paddock Road.)

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
569-8600

Officer Anthony Hill Neighborhood Officer
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/>

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