

Paddock Press

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National Night Out and Mural Celebration

It's time to celebrate the "Birdies" mural. Residents are invited to gather at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, August 2 in front of the mural along Paddock Road for a celebration and appreciation of our unique public art project.

There will be music from a steel drum band, along with refreshments and cookies. It's a chance to take in the mural, meet the artist, Tammy Stephens, and there will be remarks from Paddock Hills Assembly members and city officials involved in the effort.

Following the mural celebration residents can walk to the In-Between for the National Night Out event which will feature hot dogs and metts, an ice cream truck and activities for the kids such as face painting, a magician and a clown. It's also a chance for residents to interact with District Four officers and Engine 9 firefighters.

Note: We will have 2 police cars stationed on Paddock Road to ensure pedestrian safety, and "The In-Between" on Paddock Hills Lane, between Avon and Paddock Hills Ave will be closed for set up and National Night Out from 6-9 PM. Plan accordingly.



6:15 PM

**Gather by the balloons
at Egan Court on Paddock
Road across from the mural.**

6:30 PM

Mural Dedication

7:00 - 9:00 PM

**Return to The In Between
for National Night Out**



Mural Backstory

The mural, made possible by a city grant from congressional Covid relief funds, is one of the few times a city-owned retaining wall has been used for public art and city officials are please with the initiative from the PH Assembly.

“The development of the Paddock Road Mural on the public retaining wall, a gateway to the Paddock Hills neighborhood, was a truly collaborative, inclusive, and professional process that can serve as a model to be followed for future art projects in the city right-of-way,” said Cheri Rekow, Senior City Planner for the city.

“The Paddock Hills Mural commission provided an opportunity to employ a professional artist, many of whom are still struggling from the impact of the pandemic. Engaging professional artists contributes to the local economy as well as enhancing the public realm.”

The “Welcome to Paddock Hills” mural will be completed by this week by artist Tammy Stephens who designed the colorful avian wildlife scene. Tammy has said she wanted the diverse representation of different kinds of birds to symbolize the diversity of Paddock Hills.

Grant money was awarded after PH met the requirements for a project that might help a community emerge from the pandemic.

“We thought the mural was the answer to mark a fresh start in the community after the depressing isolation due to Covid and meet the city’s goal to “build a robust public life,” said Lynne Stone, PH special projects chair. “The city wanted inviting and engaging spaces that encourage interaction between different types of people and make art an essential element in our public spaces. Our hope is the mural will bring unity, inclusion and strength to Paddock Hills and all that enter our beautiful community.”

The PH Assembly partnered with Kip Eagen, an experienced Cincinnati curator and public art project manager, on the project.

“I have worked on public art projects for over 35 years and the team that organized this project worked together flawlessly. It was an absolute pleasure working with the city and the Paddock Hills community to see this mural come to life.”



Tammy Stephens

Mural Silent Auction

Mural cochair Stephanie Schlagel has secured from artist Tammy Stephens original watercolor concepts of the seven panels that make up the Paddock Hills mural.

The panels will be for sale during a silent auction at National Night Out, with bidding from 7-8 p.m.

These are original watercolor paintings suitable for framing, measuring approximately 14 inches high by 22 inches long.

There will be four stand alone panels sold separately and three center panels that will be sold as a unit.

Starting bid for each of the 4 stand-alone panels is \$250.
Starting bid for the set of three center panels \$400.
Bidding is in \$5 increments.

Proceeds from the auction will go to the Paddock Hills Assembly and offset expenses for the mural's anti-graffiti coating.

It's Commonly Jazz

The city's longest running free jazz concert series, It's Commonly Jazz, has been curated/promoted for 38 years by Paddock Hills resident Carolyn Wallace.

Each year we encourage residents to support Carolyn's impressive endeavor aimed at showcasing the city's premiere musicians by getting them out of the late night clubs and into the family-friendly, bucolic settings of Eden Park's Seasongood Pavilion.

This year's event features concerts 6- 8 p.m. starting August 4 with shows every Thursday in the month. Among the featured players are Mike Wade, Eddie Love, Mark Lomax, Brandon Meeks and the CCM Jazz Academy Ensemble. For a couple schedule, please visit, www.itscommonlyjazz.com .

President's Letter

Hello neighbors,

The year rolls merrily on. We had a great Block party last month and are about to have another great get-together with National Night Out on August 2nd. The neighborhood mural is very nearly finished as I write this, and we look forward to celebrating it with you in front of the mural just before the Aug 2nd festivities. And then there are all the other great things happening in our neighborhood like the new speed humps, the redesigned website (paddockhills.org), etc. We are a busy, busy community.

Every month since I began in the role of President, we've had packed agendas to work through. How do we keep it all organized and moving forward? Committee Chairs and members. And not the do-nothing, debate-to-no-end kind of committee. Our Committee Chairs and members get things done! Each Chair handles a different area of concern. Sometimes the Board asks them to look into some thing or another. Sometimes a resident may approach one of our Chairs directly. Sometimes they gather information on their own initiative. In all cases, when it comes to a significant development or a decision point, they bring their info to the Board meetings for discussion and Trustee vote.

In our June meeting, we did a little realigning of our committees and voted in a couple new people to lead them. Julie Stallworth just took over Beautification Chair from Cathi Lowry, who had been filling that role for a while. The Beautification Committee as a whole coordinates our neighborhood cleanups, arranges for the maintaining of our garden areas, and presents the Beautification Award, among other things. Our Social Committee, chaired by Liz Swain but manned (and womaned) by many, makes arrangements for all of our neighborhood events. Luekiucius Brown, Chair of our Safety, Security, and Traffic committee is one of our longest serving resident experts in communicating with the city to get things done. Ellie Johnson chairs our Housing and Economic Development committee. He and Lina Orr have recently been doing a very thorough inquiry into a Senior Living development being proposed at the corner of Victory Parkway and Asmann. Lina also recently took over from Faraz Rizvi as our NSP Coordinator. Emma Kitzmiller, Welcome Committee Chair, prepares warm welcome for new residents in Paddock Hills. Robert Fecher manages Youth Programs like the Little Libraries and the Halloween party. He's also our technical lead on the neighborhood security cameras. And last, but by no means least, Lynne Stone has become our Special Projects Chair. Most recently, she and Stephanie Schlagel have been driving the Mural effort.

With so many devoted people working on our neighborhood's behalf, there is never a shortage of topics for our monthly agendas. If you have any questions, concerns, or curiosity about any of these areas of interest, feel free to reach out directly to our Chairs. Of course, also know that if you just send a note to paddockhillsassembly@gmail.com, we'll be sure to get it to the right people to keep it all organized and moving ever forward, Enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to seeing you all at National Night Out!

-Steve Munday

Block Party



On beautiful June evening at this year's Paddock Hills Block Party neighbors renewed old friendships and made new ones.

The event was well attended by longtime residents as well as our many new Paddock Hills neighbors.

Thanks to Liz Swain for organizing the evening, the music and cookout fare; and to Robert Fecher for organizing activities for the kids.

Steve Munday, Assembly president, says residents were generous with signing up with donations, Assembly Membership Dues and the purchase of neighborhood flags.

Note: Please consider renewing your membership at the upcoming National Night out , if you have not already done so.

Membership year runs August 1, 2022 to July 31, 2023

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.

Beautification Award

The Beautification Landscape award is presented once a year in July, it considers a weeded landscape, an edged lawn, manicured flowerbeds, trimmed shrubs, vibrant coordinated colors of plants and flowers without overuse, and no visible trash cans. Paddock Hills Assembly presents the beautiful silver sculpture to the neighbor exhibiting these qualities.

The 2022 PH Beautification Award recipient is Diane and Joe Flack of 4503 Sunnyslope Terrace. The Flack's landscaping around their home and corner lot is beautifully appointed with manicured flower beds along the home and defining the boundary of their yard at every angle. Some of the highlights are the space under the back deck with thriving, large ferns creating a peaceful space. The flower beds have colorful blooms, including gorgeous clusters of yellow lilies. The mulched beds provide a garden tour throughout the entire yard.

Congratulations, Diane and Joe!



Diane and Joe Flack,
Julie Stallworth and Cathi Lowry

The beautification committee is also featuring John and Janice Lambert's yard at 1010 Clearbrook Drive for its unique, pristine beauty of Chinese influence. The Shao-Ben Garden was designed and created by Benny Scheiner. The name of the garden is in tribute to the Shaolin Temple in Hunan province in China and the gardens creator Ben Scheiner, thus the name "Shao-Ben". The entrance begins at the right corner of the home and traverses a secluded walkway with a Garden Sign and turns left to a small Zen Garden, containing a Stone Lantern, Water Fountain, Rocks, Birdbath, and Shrubbery from around the world. A stone walkway meanders peacefully down the hill providing a full view of the garden. At the bottom of the hill, you pass through a Tori Gate, that is a replica of the ancient entrances to the gardens of the Northern Shaolin Temple, which is the inspiration for this garden. You continue your journey into the garden by crossing a red wooden bridge. Standing on the bridge you see the dry waterfall coming down from above then disappearing into a dry creek bed. The dry creek bed passes under the bridge, circumventing boulders, and continues as it surrounds a pagoda standing in its center as a sentinel surrounded by various grasses.

As you continue across the bridge you enter the gardens main area where you are surrounded by three light stanchions and our flagpole. An area for respite with seating and a fire pit sits under a canopy of trees, facing the two opposing Archways addressing the center of the garden. At the center of the garden is a 30' stone terrace with a ten-foot Yin-Yang in its center with the signs of the five elements in the creative cycle. The environment in the garden is a meadow in a young forest, emitting a feeling of everlasting spring, and providing a hidden refuge of serenity that is in harmony with nature.

The Shao-Ben Garden is used primarily for training in the Chinese arts of Qi Gong and Shaolin Wing Chun. However, the garden can be made available to our friends and neighbors, upon written request, for training in the holistic arts, internal health, and meditation purposes.

Thank you, Lamberts, for sharing your beautiful home with us! Happy gardening!



- Cathi Lowry



You Can Go Home Again

It has come to our attention that there are several Paddock Hills residents who would qualify as returnees—folks who either grew up here, or lived here as young adults, moved away and then returned later in life. We believe it a testament to the stability and friendliness of the neighborhood that so many people have returned when they found a chance.

In coming issues of the Paddock Press we want to feature their stories—why they returned, what it was like growing up here and how the neighborhood has changed.

Our first installment in this series comes from Susan Glas of Paddock Hills Avenue:

My family moved back to Cincinnati from Milwaukee in 1964. We had family, the Wolfs, living at 1102 Sunnyslope. That, along with tree lined streets, lots of kids, proximity to good public schools, old friends and soon-to-be new friends drew us to Paddock Hills. As a young adult, I always loved coming back to the neighborhood, seeing new families and familiar ones, and hearing about the goings on in PH. When Mom and Dad were ready to move into a retirement community in 2006, I decided to come back. I learned from someone at the city Office of Neighborhood Development that people like me, who return to the neighborhoods of their youth, are called “recidivists.”

The neighborhood has changed, in expected and unexpected ways. So many of the great trees are gone. Thankfully, Sugar and Spice is still here, but Capri's Pizza, Charlie's ice cream truck, and the Good Design gift shop are not. Kids go to many different schools and don't play sports on neighborhood teams like we did. There's a great influx of young families with kids, bringing with them the happy sounds of playing outside, but it's sad to witness the passing of spirited and dynamic neighbors. Who doesn't miss Gari Silverblatt's restaurant reviews in the Paddock Press?

Enthusiasm abounds for some new ideas and for social events. I wish I felt more of an overall sense of compassion and understanding for each other than I did in the old days. If someone brings a concern, any concern, to the community, that person should experience others listening with open minds and hearts and a willingness to problem-solve. A hallmark of Paddock Hills in the past was an understanding that your problem might not be my problem, but I could still be part of the solution.

Submissions

We invite you to submit items for inclusion in the October issue of the Paddock Press. Please forward pieces telling us about new neighbors, family milestones, wildlife sightings, or fall events to newsbird1@icloud.com prior to September 19

Trustee's Meetings are open to members of the community; agenda items discussed and voted upon in the Trustee's Meetings are announced and recapped at the Community Meeting.

Calendar / Upcoming Events

Tuesday August 2	6:15 - 7:00	Mural Dedication	Paddock Road
Tuesday August 2	7:00 - 9:00 PM	National Night Out	The In Between
Monday August 22	6:00 - 7:00 PM 7:00 - 8:00 PM	Trustees Meeting Community Meeting	Avon Woods Nature Center
Monday September 19	6:00 - 7:00 PM 7:00 - 8:00 PM	Trustees Meeting Community Meeting	Avon Woods Nature Center

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>
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