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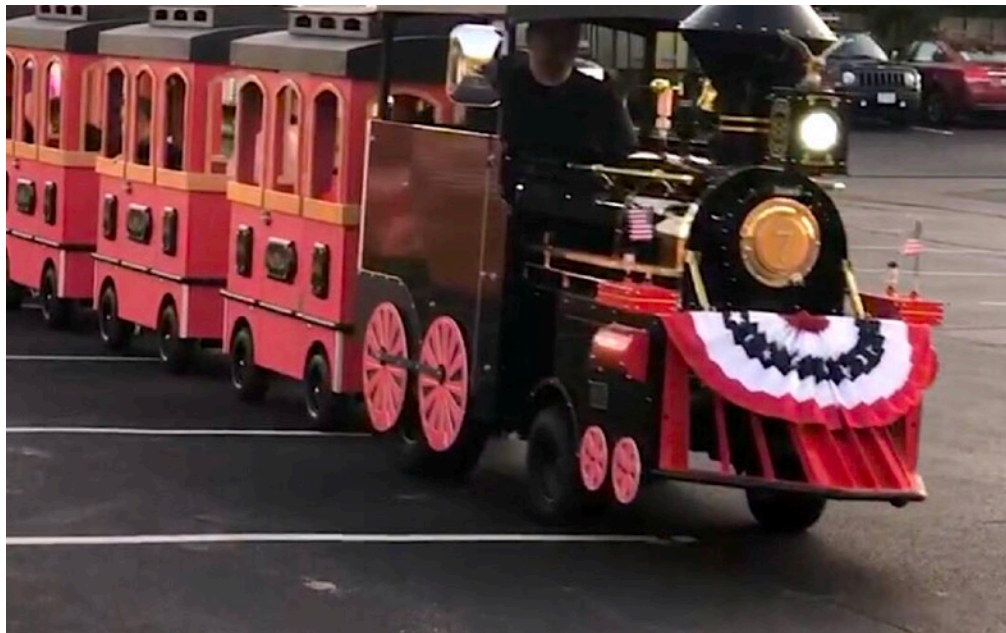
All Aboard For the Holiday Stroll

Please join us for the second annual Paddock Hills Holiday Stroll
5:30-700 p.m., Sunday, December 12.

Launched last year, the event turned out to be a perfect antidote
for a year of being cooped-up.

“We again hope to see families safely wander the streets taking in the impressive holiday decorations, renewing friendships, and enjoying the wonder of neighborhood children while sipping hot cocoa,” said Emma Kitzmiller, chair of this year’s event.

The feedback after last year’s inaugural event was positive, with many commenting it was one of the best events the Paddock Hills Assembly has organized in years. It would seem the Holiday Stroll has quickly settled in as a neighborhood tradition.



The 2021 Stroll will be centered on the an axis running along Paddock Hills Lane from Westminster to Paddock Hills Avenue, but residents are encouraged to wander widely to take in the holiday decorations.

Holiday Stroll Details

Among this year's festivities:

- A four-car trackless train will make runs through the neighborhood accommodating up to 16 children at a time.
- An arts and crafts station for kids to make decorations and holiday cards.
- Yes, Santa Claus will be in attendance with opportunities for kids to have their picture taken with the boss elf and we expect there will be a couple renegade motorcycle Santas
- a Letters to Santa mailbox installed in the Paddock Hills Ave. cul-de-sac, thanks to the efforts of Chris Ruthemeyer. A committee has been formed to make sure all the letters will be answered. Chris has also promised a special light show around the Santa box.
- There will be cookies and self-serve hot chocolate stations.
- This year an award will be given to the best decorated house, residents are urged to have any holiday decorations up by December 11.

COVID NOTE: The Holiday Stroll is an outdoor event. Hand sanitizer will be provided at stations. Please observe sensible precautions and keep the evening safe and welcoming for all members of our community.

TRAFFIC NOTE: No streets will be closed during the Holiday Stroll, but residents are strongly urged to please pay attention to the time of the event and voluntarily restrict vehicular travel, especially along Paddock Hills Lane and the Paddock Hills Avenue and Westminster cul-de-sacs. Travel through the neighborhood will be congested with people in the streets and a motorized train giving rides through the area.

A Mural for the Neighborhood?

The Paddock Hills trustees have approved a grant application that may result in a unique public art project for the neighborhood.

A \$10,000 grant is available to each of the 52 city neighborhoods under the Neighborhood Activation Fund through the department of Community and Economic Development. The money is available from the Covid relief bill passed by Congress earlier this year. To obtain the funding, neighborhoods must come up with a project that helps enrich and bring together the neighborhood after the disruptions and stress of the pandemic. The grant application approved at the the November community meeting is a plan to install a painted mural on the retaining wall along the eastern hillside on Paddock Road.

Kip Eagan, a local curator and public art consultant, would be the project manager, soliciting three ideas for the mural drawing inspired by our neighborhood themes of inclusivity, unity, pride and other Paddock Hills legacies, such as the pin oak trees. It would utilize the colors in our neighbor flag. The community would vote on one of the three designs. "This is a historic public art proposal," said Lynne Stone, assembly president. "We would be the first inner city community to commission an art project for a retaining wall."

If the grant is approved, it's believed the mural could be completed by next fall.

President's Letter

Dear Paddock Hills Community,

I am writing to inform you about the change of leadership of the Paddock Hills Assembly

I will be stepping down as President of PHA effective January 1, 2022. My replacement, Steve Munday, was voted in as President by the PHA Trustees on November 22, 2021 and I was voted in as Vice President.

It is with great pleasure that I pass the baton to a person who loves and cares for Paddock Hills as much as I do. Steve will be a great President and is equipped with the skills and technology to take Paddock Hills to the next level!

It has been nothing less than an honor and joy to serve this great community as your president! Working with strong and dedicated Board members, we have been able to accomplish: the little libraries and improvements on Egan Hills and Paddock Hills Avenue, new equipment and basket ball court at the Paddock Hills Ball field, new events like the Holiday Stroll and New Neighbor picnic, new PHA Welcome folders, new directory, new PHA website and enhanced Facebook site. just to name some highlights!

I'm excited because even more is coming for 2022!

As President I have also had my share of working solutions to "dog issues", parking issues, street calming, property abuse, and drug soliciting... all in an effort to keep our community safe and vibrant.

I thank you for the opportunity to be your President and contribute to such an incredible organization. I look forward to operating as your Vice President and continuing to work with this dynamic team of people!

Paddock Hills Strong,

Lynne Stone



Paddock Hills Avenue Parking

Residents along the eastern end of Paddock Hills Ave., near Paddock Hills Lane and the cul-de-sac have agreed to voluntarily limit street parking rather than pursue formal parking restrictions on the street, for now.

Problems were caused by many cars parking on both sides of the street. Many residents were parking all their cars on street instead of using driveways and garages. It has been observed that emergency vehicles have trouble making it down the street. One resident was waiting a long time after a 911 call. She went outside and saw one of the firefighters get out of the truck and direct the truck S-L-O-W-L-Y down the street.

Public works trucks are allowed to skip the street if there isn't enough clearance. Residents say they have missed recycling and snow clearing in the past.

Also, parked cars obstruct sight-lines for south-side residents pulling out of walled driveways or driveways that are steep hills, risking safety of children, bike riders, and cars.



Rather than seek intervention in form of parking restrictions, this compromise was agreed upon by the residents:

- When possible, residents park vehicles in their driveways or garages, especially on trash collection and snowy days.
- Alert neighbors if hosting party and expecting large crowd.
- Avoid garaging a car on the street for more than a couple of days.
- If there is an issue, first try talking to the neighbor car owner, if the neighbor is known to you and you feel comfortable having the conversation with that neighbor.

Early reviews suggest the voluntary, neighborly, compliance has been working with parking issues much improved. Residents plan to revisit the issue in another month.

All of Paddock Hills could take some inspiration from these voluntary efforts, especially this time of the year. The holidays mean more visitors to the neighborhood—friends, family, parties— that can congest the streets. Please make an effort to be extra considerate and use your off-street parking options to help our visitors have a positive experience coming to the neighborhood.

Mark Your Calendar

Paddock Hills Events 2022

- Mon., January 24, 7pm – Community Meeting, Avon Woods
- Mon., February 28, 7pm – Community Meeting, Avon Woods
- Mon., March 28, 7pm – Community Meeting, Avon Woods
- Sat., April 9, 9am-12pm – Neighborhood Cleanup, Meet at Avon Woods
- Mon., April 25, 7pm – Community Meeting/Annual Meeting, Avon Woods
- Mon., May 23, 7pm – Community Meeting, Avon Woods
- Sat., June 4, 4-8pm – Block Party @ The In-Between (Paddock Hills Lane), Rain date 6/11
- Mon., June 27, 7pm – Community Meeting, Avon Woods
- Sat., July 9 – Transition of Beautification Award to 2022 Beautification Winner
- Mon., July 25, 7pm – Community Meeting, Avon Woods
- Tue., August 2, 7-9pm National Night Out and PHA Membership @ The In-Between
- Mon., August 22, 7pm – Community Meeting, Avon Woods
- Mon., September 19, 7pm – Community Meeting, Avon Woods (9/26: Rosh Hashanah)
- Sun., October 9, 5-7p – Fall Cookout/New Neighbor Welcome, Avon Woods
- Mon., October 24, 7pm – Community Meeting, Avon Woods
- Fri., October 28, 6-8:30p – Kids' Halloween Party, Avon Woods
- Mon., November 28, 7pm – Community Meeting, Avon Woods
- Sun., December 11, 5:30-7p – Holiday Stroll, and “Best House Decoration award” vote

Fall in Paddock Hills



Fall Cookout
New Neighbor Welcome



Halloween

Snow Shoveling / Babysitting Services

India Nichols is available for snow shoveling this winter as well as dog walking/sitting, light yard work, babysitting and housework.

India, 16, lives in Paddock Hills, attends Roger Bacon High School and is Red Cross certified in babysitting, CPR and first aid. Contact her at 513-384-9648.

Note: If any other Paddock Hills teens are looking for snow shoveling or other yard and housework, please contact us at the Paddock Press.

We will list your services on the neighborhood social media sites and in the newsletter.

Carolyn Wallace Honored

The African American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Cincinnati inducted Carolyn Wallace into the Black Business Hall of Fame, at its annual banquet in November.

A long time Paddock Hills resident, Wallace was recognized for her “vision, passion and dedication to Black businesses and the communities they serve.”

Wallace operates Perfect Brew catering service and is the founder of It's Commonly Jazz, the city's long running free concert series celebrating 35 years.

Safety Reminders

The Holiday Season and the warm evenings of early summer always prompt a safety reminder about our cars and garages.

Protect yourself and your property from crime ranging from the petty rummaging of cars for change to stealing garage door openers to access your home.

Do not leave packages or electronics in your cars when parked.
Lock your car when parked, even when empty.
Keep your garage door closed when not in use.

Make your car and home a hard target for criminals,
and make our neighborhood an unappealing place for criminal activity.

Calendar / Upcoming Events

Sunday December 12	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Holiday Stroll	The In Between Paddock Hills Lane
Monday January 24	6:00 - 7:00 PM 7:00 - 8:00 PM	Trustees Meeting Community Meeting	Avon Woods Nature Center
Monday February 28	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>

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

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