

Paddock Press

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Block Party Returns

The annual Paddock Hills Block Party and Picnic is Saturday, June 26 from 5 - 8 pm at the Avon Woods Nature Nature Center.

The catered event will feature burgers, metts, mac & cheese and more. We will have a DJ along with games for kids (and adults).

Note that the date was changed from June 9 to give the cicadas time to do their thing and go back where they came from. The event has traditionally been held at the "In Between" on Paddock Lane, but it was decided this year to hold it at the Nature Center to better accommodate those who live on the west side of Paddock Road.

"One comment we often hear from our neighbors on the west side of Paddock is to hold more community events on that side of the neighborhood," said Lynne Stone, president, Paddock Hills Assembly. "Holding the event at the nature center is one way to make it easier for the western side of our neighborhood to get involved."

Come on out and catch up with the neighbors and have some fun.

Young Adult Meet and Greet Happy Hour

With the influx of several younger families and single adults in the neighborhood the last few years, Megan Wurth figures the time is right to organize an informal social group for younger Paddock Hills residents.

She hosted a kickoff happy hour-style event in her yard at 1283 Avon (Corner of Paddock Hills Lane) Friday, July 16, 6:30- 8:30 p.m.

"We want to invite new and established neighbors in your 20's/30's/40's, to a monthly adult gathering to get to know each other," Megan says. "I have noticed there are enviable relationships amongst the residents who have been here for years, we'd like to foster those kinds of friendships in the younger Paddock Hills community.

For further information, or to volunteer to host or organize future such events, please contact Megan at mowurth@icloud.com.

Introducing Play Days

Paddock Hills Play Days start Wednesday, June 23

(please note the change from the previously stated date. Baseball ends on 6/16, so we cannot start until 6/23.)

The hope is PH Play Days will become a weekly event—every Wednesday this summer—hearkening to the “Good Ole Days” of hanging out as neighbors to laugh and watch the kids play.

The Play Days start at 6:00 PM until dark at the Donte Evans Brown and Darrell Lane Ball Field on Reading Rd. Stroll down after dinner for some exercise and socializing. Bring yard games, balls, and toys to strike-up a friendly fun game!

On June 30 the PH Play Day will feature a kickoff party with Kona Ice.

PHA is seeking a neighbor or neighbors to Chair PH Play Days. This volunteer position would involve:

- weekly email blasts to our community to come join the fun at the ball fields
- periodically securing a vendor, e.g., Kona Ice, Ice cream truck, etc.
- asking other neighbors to assist with organized games, e.g., red rover, 3-legged race, soccer, kickball

To discuss, contact Cathi, joca.lowry@gmail.com .

Community Survey

Thank you to all neighbors who completed our recent Community Survey.

The anonymous replies were positive and spoke to the many and varied interests of our community members.

Based on the results of the survey the Board has already started to make adjustments and improvements to community events and committees.

Some of these include a variety of events on both sides of Paddock Road, more digital and paper communication, and a new approach to our community Welcome Committee.

If you are interested in joining the Welcome Committee or becoming involved with any of our committees or events please email President Lynne Stone paddockhillsassembly@gmail.com .

President's Message



Happy Summer! We finally experienced the light at the end of the COVID tunnel and then the Brood X Cicada swam occurred! I want to share a positive light on these red eyed creatures because cicadas have their beneficial place in our environment.

They prune "mature" trees, aerate the soil, and once they die, their bodies serve as an important source of nitrogen for growing trees. Trees in Paddock Hills are very important to us so we protect our young trees. As trees go through their seasonal cycles, shedding and growing leaves, the composition of their sap changes. And when cicada nymphs feed on that sap, they likely pick up clues about the passage of time. The 17th iteration of the trees' seasonal cycle gives the nymphs their final cue: it's time to emerge.

Now if you're like me, you've noticed a pattern with these loud Brood X Cicadas. I find they are least active at nighttime when they are most likely up in the trees, and early in the morning when the temperature is cooler. The cicada's group chorus also repels birds that hunt by day, so when these insects stop singing, there's a good chance the birds have gone to bed. Interesting trivia, male cicadas in the same brood will stick together when calling in order to increase the total volume of noise!

The good news for those who find cicadas irritating, they should start to die off by late June. Just in time for our Community Gathering up at Avon Woods Nature Center and Paddock Hill's Ball Park Wednesday play dates!

Paddock Hill's Strong,

Lynne Stone
President
Paddock Hills Assembly

Speed Patrol Progress

Paddock Hills Trustees have spent months repeatedly expressing concern to the city about speeding on Paddock Road. Finally the city has taken some steps to alleviate the problem.

“We are going to install pedestrian triggered flashing lights at the golf course crossing,” says Melissa McVay, senior city planner with the Department of Transportation and Engineering. “Construction should start any day now.”

Also, thanks to the efforts of neighborhood police officer Anthony Hill, an empty police car has been routinely parked near the crossing. Hill says the decoy car’s presence has sharply reduced speeding down the Paddock Road hill.

Litter Control

The Paddock Hills Assembly Beautification Committee is seeking neighbors who like to keep things CLEAN!

We need a neighbor or neighbors to take charge of our Litter Control.

This volunteer position would involve:

- organizing ongoing street clean ups
- helping with community clean ups
- helping with Keep Cincinnati Beautiful special projects and Grants
- Interfacing with City Services (clean-ups and making sure city services are obtained)

You do not have to clean up the neighborhood yourself!

Let's work together to keep PH litter free and safe.

To discuss, contact Cathi, joca.lowry@gmail.com

2021 Beautification Award

The Beautification Award is a steel sculpture celebrating our neighborhoods’ spirit! Each year the award is relocated to a new Paddock Hills yard to recognize that home's contribution to the beauty of our Paddock Hills Community.

This year the award will be presented July 10

The yard should consider 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.

You may submit a yard meeting this criterion to Cathi Lowry, via email, joca.lowry@gmail.com.

New Trustees and Officers

The Paddock Hills Assembly welcomed four new trustees at the April community meeting. The four were elected to serve a three-year term, rounding out the 11-member board of trustees. A look at your new neighborhood representatives:

Robert Fetcher, is an accountant at the Western & Southern Financial Group, married to Chelsea Hahn a teacher at The Summit Country Day. They have two children, Lily and Oliver.

“We’ve loved living in the neighborhood the past two years and getting to know the variety of neighbors,” Robert says. “Make sure you stop by our house around Halloween to see our dragons and other decorations.”



Kim Gordon, has lived in PH since July of 2014 and was instrumental in getting the Little Libraries installed. Kim is an adjunct at the University of Cincinnati in their gifted endorsement program for teachers and works part time at her church. She and her husband, Blake, have two boys: Will, 6, and Forrest, 3.

“I look forward to serving our community,” Kim says.

Steve Munday is doing his second stint in Paddock Hills.

“Yes, I moved back to the neighborhood for a second time a couple years ago, this time with my two, now teenage, kids. Jacob will return to Earlham College for his sophomore year and Makayla will be a senior in high school in CPS.”

Steve has been a high school math teacher and an aerospace engineer at GE. Now he is a business analyst. “I basically crawl around in databases and pull out pretty pictures (of data). I am an avid Go player and currently trying to learn Japanese to go to Japan next year.”



Pierretti Wallace has quite the Paddock Hills pedigree, raised on Clearbrook she returned to the neighborhood in 2006. Her mother, Carolyn Wallace is known to area jazz lovers as the founder of the annual It's Commonly Jazz festival.

Maintaining a career in the construction management industry for over 19 years, Pierretti is the parent of three high school grads including twins graduating this May.

“My hobbies include traveling and the investment in black art and living artist and am currently a supporter of “King Me” a photo series uplifting the images of black men within their communities,” Pierretti says. “This is something I am truly proud of as my kids have become an integral part of supporting a living artist and understand the importance of being a treasured and trusted member of your community and village.”

At the May community meeting new officers were elected by the board of trustees to serve a one-year term.

Lynne Stone will continue as president, Nicole WcWhorter is the new vice president, Lina Orr was re-elected as treasurer and Pierretti Wallace was selected as secretary.

One Merchant Goes the Extra Mile

PH trustees often hear grumblings at community meetings about some of our retail neighbors. So, it's refreshing to here a "good news" story about a merchant who went the extra mile in this letter to the Paddock Hills Press:

This is a feel-good story concerning one of our neighborhood merchants, Bond Hill Cleaners, located right down Avon hill at 4517 Reading Road. My wife and I have consistently used their services for the 23 years that we've lived in Paddock Hills. It's owned and run by Tom Hunt and his brother Lou, and was founded by their father, Louis, in Walnut Hills in 1958.



One day recently, as I was picking up my dry cleaning all neatly packaged together as usual, Lou carried out a separate piece on his arms in a clear plastic bag. He said, "We don't know how this happened." I was speechless as I stared at one of my favorite dress sweaters. It looked as if it had been put in front of a firing squad, and it definitely hadn't survived! The mystery as to why the other delicate items from that same load came out fine was never solved. But Lou immediately said, "We'll take care of it."

I had purchased the sweater at Banana Republic, so I went to their website to see if I could find an identical sweater to replace it. The label said the sweater was 100% Merino Extra Fine Italian Wool, which gave it a nice weight for a light sweater. When I couldn't find the same merino wool sweater online, I called Banana Republic and learned it was not available at this time of year, but might come back in the winter. The next day I called Bond Hill Cleaners to tell them what I had learned. To my amazement, Tom Hunt answered and said, "On my way home from work last night, I bought another one for you at Banana Republic. It's the same style and almost the same color." I went right over to the store and saw that, indeed it was the same style, though in a summer-weight material.

I couldn't believe Tom had made such a personal effort to replace my sweater. I gladly accepted it and complimented him for going the extra mile so quickly. He said, "I take care of my customers."

He certainly does!

Marc Katz
Perth Lane

New Neighbor

Among the newest Paddock Hills residents are Mauricio and Julie Peredo who moved to the area to be closer to their son. "Everyone we have met has been incredibly welcoming. We love the neighborhood," Mauricio writes.

"My wife Julie, son Julio, and I just moved here from Laurel, Maryland. We moved here to be closer to family; our oldest son, his wife and two grandkids (3 and 1) live on Bristol Lane. Our middle son and his wife live in Ann Arbor, Michigan so we are excited they are now 3.5 hours away from us instead of 8 hours. Julie is a former kindergarten teacher who loves to spend time with the grandkids and enjoys crafts such as stamping. Julio and I are both physicists and are contractors supporting NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. For a hobby, I am a woodturner and look forward to setting up my shop here once the unpacking is done."

Neighborhood Notes

India Nichols is looking for work helping residents with babysitting, dog walking or light yard work (lawn mowing, raking, watering, planting). India, 15, is Red Cross Certified in babysitting, CPR and first aid. Contact her at 513-384-9648.

Martha Stephens is 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 students from middle school to college. She is retired from the UC English department.

**Please note a former listing for Martha's services had an incorrect email.
The correct one is: stephem@ucmail.uc.edu .**

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>
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