

Paddock Press

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Block Party

Don't miss the Paddock Hills social event of the year!

The annual block party will be held Saturday, June 4 from 4-8 p.m. at the In-Between, Paddock Hills Lane between Avon Drive and Paddock Hills Avenue.

The catered event will feature burgers (and veggie burgers), hot dogs, bake beans, potato and pasta salads and more. There will be an ice cream truck. Bottled water will be provided, but feel free to bring your own refreshments.

We will have a DJ along with games for kids (and adults). Rain date will be June 11.

After being delayed a bit last year by the cicada infestation, and canceled the year before because of the pandemic, here's a chance for the neighborhood to bust out, renew friendships, meet the significant number of new residents who have moved in the last couple years.

Traffic Note: Paddock Hills Lane will be blocked off around 3- 9 p.m. Saturday.



Paddock Hills Play Days

Paddock Hills Play Days will return on Wednesday evenings this summer beginning June 15 at the Donte Evans Brown & Darrel Lane ball field.

Last summer's Play Days were a big hit.

At 6:00 pm on Wednesdays, bring a frisbee or a ball or just show up to watch and enjoy the outdoors and neighbors having summer fun!



President's Letter

Hello Neighbors,

Just a short note this issue. We are about to welcome in our new class of Trustees in June, so please help welcome our brand new members at the Block Party this Saturday: Annie Jachthuber (Stephan), Julie Stallworth, Chris Ruthemeyer, and Greg Watkins. Also, as of May, Robert Fecher is our new VP. Many, many thanks also to our departing Trustees: Bruce Bowden, Kim Gordon, Cathi Lowry, and Lynne Stone.

In my last letter, I suggested that I would fill you in on all of our Committees and what role they play in our community, but, since one of our first agenda items in June will be to refine our Committees, and update a few Chairs, I will wait until the next Paddock Hills Press letter to get into all of that.

The only other thing I'll mention is that our Block Party this Saturday is our main membership drive for the Paddock Hills Assembly. Membership dues, which are voluntary, but encouraged, form a significant part of our neighborhood budget and go toward supporting events like this one. Individual membership is \$20 and Family membership is \$40, though any and all donations are welcome.

Hope to see you at the Block Party.

And thank you to all who work to make that event happen.

-Steve Munday

PH Assembly: New Faces, New Blood

The Paddock Hills Assembly held elections in April and May for new officers and trustees. Steve Munday was selected by the Paddock Hills trustees to continue as Assembly president. Robert Fecher was elected vice president replacing Lynne Stone, who has been term limited out of office. Lina Orr will continue as treasurer; Pierrretti Wallace was selected to another term as secretary.

Seven trustees were elected. Three are current trustees selected for new three-year terms: Emma Kitzmiller, Lina Orr, and Liz Swain. New trustees are Chris Ruthemeyer, Julie Stallworth, Annie Stephan and Greg Watson.

Here's a quick bio on three of our new trustees:



Greg Watson, Chris Ruthemeyer, Julie Stallworth

Chris Ruthemeyer brings a unique and useful skillset to the trustee board.

Now a physical therapist, Chris has a degree in urban planning from the University of Cincinnati and was on the Dearborn County planning commission for two years, later working for a company that designs subdivisions and road improvements.

“I bring knowledge of city codes and enforcement and the ability to figure out where to find the information,” Chris says. “Because of these jobs, I had to attend council meetings throughout the area and I bring knowledge of how other councils are run.”

Chris has also remodeled some 20 houses around the city, two in Paddock Hills.

Chris and his wife have lived here for over ten years, now with two children. “I want to be involved in the board to make this a safe community for the upcoming generations.”

Julie Stallworth and her husband, Byron, moved to Paddock Hills 20 years ago, first living on Avon Drive, now on Paddock Hills Ave. They have two children, Maya (21, University of Toledo) and Jerome,(20, University of Cincinnati.)

“We love this neighborhood because of its people, diversity, and for its central location,” says Julie, who retired last May after 33 years in Elementary Education with Cincinnati Public Schools.

“I’m happy that I now will have the time to volunteer as a trustee for Paddock Hills. There are so many exciting things happening in our neighborhood, I am enthusiastic to figure out what my contributions will be. Whether it is as a liaison to the City, beautification, safety or one of our social events, I am eager to do my part! Hopefully we will all be together this summer after two years of interruptions, I am anxious to meet so many new neighbors!”

Annie Stephan, an account executive at UPS, and her husband, Paul, moved to Avon Drive in late December from Chicago. Annie has jumped right in to neighborhood service.

“In Chicago, they never had anything like this where you could get involved at the neighborhood level. I found what you are doing is so interesting.”

Annie thinks bringing a fresh perspective from someone who has lived outside the city can be helpful to the Assembly. Most of all, she is dedicated to preserving the neighborhood’s unique character.

“We were welcomed the first day we moved in. It feels nice to be part of a community. This is such a cool spot. It’s in the middle of the city, but feels like its own private thing. I want to make sure we continue to have our own culture and neighborhood identity”

Paul and Annie Stephan



Beautification Award

The Beautification Landscape award will be presented in early July. The 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 and no visible trash cans. Please feel free to nominate a neighbor (or your own yard!) if you have favorites while walking the area. Email Cathi Lowrey with the street address, joca.lowry@gmail.com .

Mural Update

Work is expected to begin on schedule this summer for the colorful “birdies” mural to be installed on the retaining wall on Paddock Road. Final approval should come from city council in the next couple weeks.

“Everything has gone smoothly. Everything has been approved,” said Lynne Stone special projects coordinator. “After final approval of council, work begins immediately with completion expected by August. We expect the painting to take about seven weeks.”

Fly the Colors

The Paddock Hills Assembly does have a limited number of neighborhood flags for sale. The flags were issued a couple years ago when the city commissioned designs for all 52 neighborhoods. The PH flag features a stylized pin oak leaf representing the trees that were planted in the front yards when the neighborhood was established and a slanted “A” shape representing our striking Tudor-style homes. Garden flags are \$20; full size flags, \$40. If interested please email Lina Orr turnerorr2@gmail.com .



Speed Cushions

The city has approved plans to install speed cushions along Paddock Road. The installation of the traffic calming measure is a huge win for Paddock Hills trustees who have been lobbying the city for several years to do something about speeding down the hill with cars reaching a maximum speed as they hit the intersection of Paddock Hills Avenue, where many families cross between the the western side of the neighborhood and the east side.

City officials could not give an exact date for the installation, but promised the speed cushions should be installed by fall.

The long running frustration about the Paddock Road situation was summed up in a recent email to Paddock Hills trustees from former resident Kim Gordon: “In full transparency, this was the number one reason why we desired to move from Paddock Hills. We have no children of our kids’ ages on Sunnyslope, but know that there are so many young, thriving families in our neighborhood. When we tried to cross Paddock Road, it was so dangerous. Every time we tried to walk the neighborhood, cars just zoomed by and one too many times got too close for comfort. While we felt included in the neighborhood events and planning, Paddock Road is an isolating feature of the neighborhood. I hope our story can be of help to make Paddock Road safer.”

A speed cushion is similar to a speed bump, but with cutouts to allow emergency vehicles to easily pass. According to data gathered during a three-month trial period last fall on Winneste Ave, the Department of Transportation and Engineering found only 11% of drivers exceeded the 25 mph speed limit while the speed cushions were in place. That’s compared to 95% of drivers speeding prior to the installation.



The Puddle

After Paddock Hills Lane was repaved a year ago, the work left a giant puddle forming at the corner of Paddock Hills Ave whenever there are heavy rains.

The city engineering folks have admitted the repaving was poorly done causing the problem, which essentially blocks pedestrians and dog walkers from using the sidewalk to cross the intersection. At this point it is unclear what the city intends to do about the issue. Trustees continue to press the city engineering department on the matter.

Street Sweeping

A reminder that the City does do street sweeping in Paddock Hills on the first Wednesday of every month (next scheduled date, June 1). Residents are urged to remember the dates and keep their cars off the streets. The city does not post the street sweeping days on phone poles, as it used to, nor are tickets issued if you are parked on the streets. The sweeping trucks will simply go around your vehicle.

Sweepers are not designed to pick up large quantities of leaves and other lawn debris. They will clog the sweepers. Please don't rake or blow such debris into the streets at any time since they will clog sewer drains, already under stress from this spring's heavy rains.

For further information about street sweeping and many other city services you are encouraged to download the City's very useful app: "Fix It Clncy" available for Apple and Android devices.

Save the date: National Night Out

The National Night out celebration will be held 7 p.m. Tuesday August 2 at the In-Between. It is a chance to mingle with our police and fire responders. The PH assembly will have an ice cream truck along with face painting and other activities for children.



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

Saturday June 4	4:00 - 8:00 PM	Block Party	The In Between
Monday June 27	6:00 - 7:00 PM 7:00 - 8:00 PM	Trustees Meeting Community Meeting	Avon Woods Nature Center
Monday July 25	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>
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