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5th Annual Paddock Hills Block & Rock

Summer is here! Time for a repeat!

Same time, same place with a few new faces.

Saturday June 2

"The In-Between"

4:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Paddock Hills Lane

Burgers, dogs, an assortment of sides and beverages provided.

Bring a dessert to share.

Suggested Donation	\$5.00 per person
RSVP	Liz Swain 242-7766



Note: Street will be closed from 12:00 - 9:00 PM for set up and clean up. Volunteers needed to assist with set up at 1:00 and tear down This year we are asking that pets remain at home.

Come Out and Play at the Cincinnati Neighborhood Games

Small but mighty!



That's what our neighbors will say about Paddock Hills this summer when we compete in the 2018 Cincinnati Neighborhood Games! Begun in 2016, the Neighborhood Games brings all 52 Cincinnati neighborhoods together for fun and friendship. Imagine the Olympics, but with water balloons, hoola hoop, cornhole, tug of war and supersize Jenga, along with 11 other fun sports to enjoy with your neighbors. Not feeling very athletic? Don't worry, the Games also include trivia, chess and stein holding! There are plenty of activities for both youth (under 14) and adults, including a new event this year called Torch Bike Relay. A full list of games can be found here: <u>http://www.cincygames.com/events.html</u>

We'll join up with North Avondale for Neighborhood Tryouts (called "qualifiers") on Saturday, July 7th, from 1-4 pm at the North Avondale Recreation Center, 617 Clinton Springs Avenue. That's when we all get to show off our amazing talents! No pre-registration required, just show up and play!

From there, a select few will be chosen to represent us at events throughout the last week of July, beginning with the Parade of Neighborhoods at 7 pm. on July 21 in Washington Park which will feature participants from each neighborhood following each neighborhood flag. Finals Day is Saturday, July 28, ending with the presentation of the medals and the Neighborhood Cup.

Owen Cramer of Avon Drive serves as Paddock Hills' Neighborhood Captain. You can contact him at opcramer@gmail.com with questions. Check out the Cincinnati Neighborhood Games website at <u>www.cincygames.com/</u> for other details as well.

See you at the games!

It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood

For many years, the Paddock Hills Environmental/Beautification Committee honored homeowners with properties that are well maintained and stand out from the rest.

Lynne Stone has announced that the committee will resume the award this year.



The committee begins their process in late June and takes several weeks to make their final decisions.

All residences within Paddock Hills are considered and the committee chooses a property based on its appearance from the street.

The committee will present the award sculpture the Paddock Hills Assembly commissioned to proudly display in their yard until the next honoree is selected.

Three Words to Live By - Pick It Up

Litter - It seems like a never ending problem but we can all help.

"I like to pick trash off the ground. I like to grab other people's litter off the street and throw it in the garbage. And I think you will too. It's a little weird. My spouse is not a huge fan of the habit. But it's not so bad! I have hand sanitizer in my bag. I don't grab disgusting drippy wet trash, just the occasional stray plastic bag or flyer or coffee cup. And you know, taking care of other people's garbage makes me feel good. The first few times you pick up litter, you're probably doing it in anger, at the person who just dropped his or her trash on the street just because they felt like it. And yes, a lot of trash really did get there that way.

But when you pick up other people's trash long enough, like an undercover volunteer, you start making up stories about it, stories that make you forgive the trash throwers. Maybe this plastic bag was properly disposed of, but a heavy wind carried it out of the trash can. Maybe this pen fell out a car door. Maybe someone dropped this coffee cup because they were jumping away from a speeding car. And this feels good because sometimes it's the truth. Garbage cans fill up.They fall over. Weather happens. People make mistakes."

Anonymous

You can't fix it and you can't run away from it. Well, you could move to Japan.

Or as some of our neighbors already to you could occasionally take a bag with you on your walk and pick up a bit of litter.

Thank You

Thanks to H J Benken's generous donation of flats and flats of wave petunias to enhance Paddock Hills' public spaces.

They were planted in the three neighborhood gardens to give us lots of bright annual



color over the summer months.





We thank the intrepid Trustees that got the petunias in the ground.

We also appreciate the volunteers who made the Neighborhood Cleanup a success this year in spite of the weather.

If Paddock Road and the gardens look tidier to you, it is due to their efforts.



Welcome New Trustees

The Assembly welcomes our new Trustees:

Emma Kitzmiller Nicole McWhorter and Lina Orr.

The new trustees were elected unanimously at the April Community Meeting.

A fourth candidate on the slate withdrew prior to April election.

In order to comply with the bylaws the Trustees will identify and appoint a qualified candidate.

Joe Galvin has agreed to continue as acting President. The Vice President position remains open.



Membership

Membership in the Paddock Hills Assembly runs from August to August.

Residents who have not yet joined or renewed their memberships for the current year may do so by mail or take care of it at the Block&Rock with exact change or a check.

Please complete form below to accompany your dues.

A membership table will be set up for the coming year at the National Night Out August 7th.

Join or renew your Paddock Hills Assembly membership by mail. PO Box 16028, Cincinnati, Ohio 45216-0028

Suggested dues:

Single Membership \$20

Family Membership \$40

Other Donation Amount

Name(s)

Address

Preferred email

Preferred phone

Neighborhood News

Paddock Hills Resident Elected Chief of Tui Tribe

Willie Landrigan continues his international travel and diplomacy.

'Besides Evie and me, former Paddock Hills residents Melanie Bates and Kristin Abercrombie (our daughter from Texas) made the trip to New Zealand. There were 44 of us in total.

We covered both the North and South islands of New Zealand with stays in Auckland, Rotorua, Wellington, Blenheim, Kaikura, Christchurch, Twizel, Queenstown, Te Anau and Dunedin.

In Rotorua we went to a traditional Maori Hangi (feast), where I was elected the Chief of our Tui tribe. My duties included accepting a peace offering from the local Maori chief and then having to learn and do the Haka. Video unfortunately exists of this.

Only 6 of us went on to Fiji afterwards where we rode out Cyclone Keni, a Category 3 storm."



Paddock Hills Resident Volunteers in Las Cruces New Mexico Paddock Hills resident and retired University of Cincinnati professor Martha Stephens spent a month in late winter in Las Cruces, New Mexico, continuing her ongoing volunteer work and social activism in that region.

We highly recommend reading about Martha's adventures in her blog posts at <u>marthastephens.wordpress.com</u> as she has been on the front lines of what has become the "immigration debate" for years.

In her blog Martha details her volunteer work with friends in a small adobe church helping take care of immigrants from Honduras and Guatemala hoping to enter the United States. She also writes about the Women's March in Las Cruces.

Welcome to the Neighborhood

Dr. Claire Cunningham & her husband Miguel Rueda (pronounced Red-ah, like "I read a good book") joined the neighborhood last October after purchasing the recently renovated home at 4515 Bristol Lane. They have a 6-month old daughter, Evangline (Evie), and an adorable 3-legged dog, Harley. The couple met while in college at the University of Maryland and relocated to Cincinnati in 2008.

Claire is a doctor of internal medicine who did her residency at UC and has practiced in primary care at the VA Medical Center in Clifton since 2012. She enjoys photography, boxing (seriously, don't mess with her!), and travel. Ask her about her many adventures, she's been to some really cool places and has the pictures to prove it!

Miguel is a marketing consultant specializing in consumer research & brand strategy, although he's currently taking time off to be a full-time dad (with a little freelance work on the side, just to keep things spicy). He enjoys painting, table-top gaming, and sharing good times with friends & family. Don't be afraid to stop & say "Hi" if you see him working in the yard. He very rarely bites, unless provoked.

Dog Poop Disposal

Dog poop collected when walking your pet, should be collected in a plastic bag and disposed of it in a black trash can. Of course, if there's no trash can nearby, you'll need to carry the bagged poop until you find a suitable receptacle.

Do NOT put dog poop or other animal waste in green recycling bins or yard waste collection containers.

Calendar/Upcoming Events

Saturday June 2*	4:00 - 8:00 PM	5th Annual Block & Rock	The In Between Paddock Hills Lane
* Rain Date Saturday June 9			
Monday June 25	6:00 - 7:00 PM	Trustee Meeting	Avon Woods
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Community Meeting	Nature Center
Monday July 23	6:00 - 7:00 PM	Trustee Meeting	Avon Woods
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Community Meeting	Nature Center
Tuesday August 7	7:00 - 9:00 PM	National Night Out	The In Between Paddock Hills Lane
Monday August 27	6:00 - 7:00 PM	Trustee Meeting	Avon Woods
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Community Meeting	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 LaDon Laney Neighborhood Officer ladon.laney@cincinnati-oh.gov 569-8676

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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