

# Paddock Press

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## October Brings: Fall Cookout, Neighborhood Cleanup, Halloween Party

**Avon Woods Fall Cookout**  
**5 - 7 PM**  
**Sunday October 9th**  
**Avon Woods Nature Center**

A chance to visit with old friends and meet our many new neighbors, enjoy the Nature Center trails, play a little corn hole or ladder golf; the cookout features hamburgers, hot dogs and metts with all the fixings.

Neighbors are encouraged to bring pot luck sides or desserts, but all are welcomed with or without a dish!

**Neighborhood Clean-Up**  
**10:30 AM - 12:30 PM**  
**Saturday October 15**  
**Avon Woods Nature Center**

Thanks to a partnership with Keep Cincinnati Beautiful, some 50 University of Cincinnati students will be made available to help with a Fall Paddock Hills clean-up

The Clean Up Cincy program at UC has become the largest student led beautification program in the region sending volunteers into Cincinnati communities in the spring and fall to pick up trash and other sustainability efforts. Please consider pitching in to help match this wonderful opportunity to better our community.

Neighborhood volunteers are needed to help lead the UC students commencing at the Avon Woods Nature Center. If you can volunteer, please contact Lynne Stone ([stonelynne58@gmail.com](mailto:stonelynne58@gmail.com)).





## Halloween Party

6 - 8 PM

Friday October 28

Avon Woods Nature Center

It's all treats and no tricks at the annual children's Halloween Party, one of the neighborhood's longest running traditions. The children get to show off their costumes and enjoy a night of crafts and games. Pizza and refreshments will be provided.

Organizer Robert Fecher would appreciate any volunteers to help with the activities. ([feherrm@gmail.com](mailto:feherrm@gmail.com)).

## President's Letter

Hello Neighbors,

In my first "Letter from the President" back in February, I wrote that part of the reason I was willing to take on this role was because of the volunteerism that is so much a part of our neighborhood. I knew I would not be doing it alone. My letters were half civics lesson and half poetic waxing about all those people I know who do so much for our neighborhood.

I've told you about our Trustees who decide the direction. I've told you about the Committee Chairs and Members who gather the info and do the detailed coordination. I've told you about many of the others whose many hands make the work lighter.

This final letter of the series I want to dedicate to all of those I *don't* hear about. Because I know you are out there too. Some of the faces I recognize, but I do not yet know your names, folks who help set up and tear down events, who bring delicious dishes to our Fall Cookout, who run the hot chocolate stands for our Holiday Stroll. Others I hear nothing at all about, folks who check in on their elderly or less-abled neighbors, those who pick up random trash on their dog walks, those who keep protective watch over children playing in the neighborhood. With few exceptions, we are a marvelous example of neighbor helping neighbor. I know I have done favors for my neighbors, and I know they have done the same for me, and would again, if asked. Step out your front door. Look to your left. Look to your right. Look across the street. See them. Now look at yourself. Those are the people that make Paddock Hills a great place to live.

I look forward to seeing you at the Fall Cookout, Neighborhood Cleanup and the Halloween party in the coming month. Now, ... I wonder what my next series of letters will be about... If you find out, please let me know.

-Steve Munday

# Mural Plus

The “birdies” will migrate to other areas of Paddock Hills.

After the successful completion and dedication of the Paddock Road mural in August, the Paddock Hills Assembly was able to secure additional Covid-relief funding from the city designated for projects that further neighborhood cohesiveness.

This fall three utility boxes, owned by Cincinnati Bell (now Alta Fiber), will be painted in a motif similar to the mural, representing the bright neighborhood colors, including some of the expressive birdies created by mural artist Tammy Stephens. Expect to see Tammy decorating the otherwise drab utility boxes this fall. The boxes are located on Avon near Paddock Hills Lane, at the corner of Paddock Hills Ave and Paddock Hills Lane, and on Sunnyslope.

PH special projects coordinating Lynne Stone says, “We feel this is a wonderful way to spread a welcoming neighborhood ‘brand’ by extending the gateway feel the Paddock Road mural provided our neighborhood.”

Also approved by the PH Assembly is a commemorative plaque to be placed at the mural which will highlight the symbolism in the design and recognize the artist and others involved in the installation.

The Paddock Hills Assembly also wants to thank PH resident Greg Watkins, who donated through his company, the Sterger Group, the anti-graffiti coating for the mural. The coating, a significant cost, is necessary to protect the mural by making it easier to clean off any possible vandalism.

The Sterger Group specializes in acquisition and development of rental space, including repurposing, rehabbing and remodeling.



## Working Your Way Back To.... Paddock Hills

This is the second in a series of features on Paddock Hills residents who were raised in the neighborhood, or lived here at a younger age, and returned. Indeed, Paddock Hills seems to have a number of residents who have found their way back. The latest example is Bill Bartl, who moved back to the neighborhood earlier this year:

Bill's first stint in Paddock Hills was the early '80s and Bill Bartl confesses he might not have been exactly a favorite of his neighbors living in the cul-de-sac at the end of Paddock Hills Avenue. "I was 28, just out of school, a bit of a party animal. This was my first nice house," Bill remembers "We threw some hellacious parties. I'm sure the neighbors weren't too happy."

After nearly four decades, Bartl has moved back to Paddock Hills, to 1239 Avon, with his new wife Terry, the second marriage for both. Having just retired from a 30-year career with Snap-On Tools, Bill assures us he's a little mellower than his earlier days on the cul-de-sac.

"Now I am very much vested in the neighborhood and community. But, hey, you still have parties. I loved going to one they had this summer (the Block Party)...But back then I had a set of friends and wasn't focused on neighbors. I was focused on getting the house in shape. I wish I would have held on to it. I loved that house."

Early on Bill was in to fixing up and flipping houses, which he did after three years of living in the the Paddock Hills home. He remembers learning a lot about how homes in this neighborhood were built when he was gutting parts of that first PH residence. "I had done a little bit of construction so I knew what was behind the walls on these houses. On Paddock Hills Avenue I gutted the kitchen and hallway. The studs were actually fir and not pine. A 2 by 4 was really a 2 by 4 and often they used a 2 by 6 or 8."

Bill fondly remembers partaking in the long-time Paddock Hills pastime of sneaking on the Avon Fields golf course to play a couple holes late in the day. And he remembers the wonderful diversity of the neighborhood. "My neighbor on one side was Tecumseh Graham (one of the first black city council members) and a Northern Kentucky University professor on the other."

And there were the foul-ups of the self confessed "party animal." One night he forgot to set the brake on his Corolla and it rolled into the flower bed of the woman who lived at the end of the cul-de-sac. "The next morning I answered the door in nothing but my cutoffs and here is a Cincinnati police officer asking, 'Is that your car?' Fortunately, all I did was ruin \$30 worth of flowers."

When Terry and Bill were looking for a home, Terry reminded him of how fondly he spoke of once living in Paddock Hills.

On a whim, Terry put the neighborhood into their real estate alert finder. “This house popped up around noon on News Years Eve (2021). The realtor met us and we signed a contract that day.”

Bill, raised in Kenwood, a graduate of Indian Hill High School and Ohio State, raised his family with his first wife in Indian Hill, which he compares to Paddock Hills in one way.

He says, back in the day, a flippant saying in Indian Hill was, “‘All the boys can’t wait to get away from here, then they come back to spawn.’ I think Paddock Hills is just like that. I know right now parts of Oakley and Norwood are hot, but this is still this little undiscovered gem.”

Welcome back Bill and Terry.

## Neighborhood Notes

### **New Neighbors**

Welcome to the neighborhood Gene and Khrystian Butler, who recently moved into 1348 Westminster. Both drive for Metro and have two children, King (9) and Rose (2). Khrystian says, “King likes karate and making new friends.

We selected Paddock Hills specifically because of the neighborhood. My son especially loves the neighbors and how welcoming they are.”

### **Tutor Help**

Looking for a back to school tutor, or do you know someone who is?

Julie Stallworth, recently retired from Cincinnati Public Schools, is offering her tutoring services in all subjects, specializing in K-6. Julie, with a specialized reading certificate K-3, has 33 years experience in elementary education.

Contact her at (513) 227-6522; [jstall@fuse.net](mailto:jstall@fuse.net) .

### **Submissions**

We invite you to submit items for inclusion in the December issue of the Paddock Press. Please forward pieces telling us about new neighbors, family milestones, wildlife sightings, or fall events to [newsbird1@icloud.com](mailto:newsbird1@icloud.com) prior to November 28.

## Holiday Stroll—Save the Date

The third annual Paddock Hills Holiday Stroll will be held December 11 with planning well underway for the event. The Paddock Hills Assembly has already booked the holiday train, which was a big hit for kids and parents last year as it wound through the neighborhood.

So far plans are to continue the hot chocolate stations, provide plenty of holiday cookies, the Letters to Santa mail box (which will be answered) and enhanced light displays.

Those interested in volunteering for the event, or have ideas on how to make it even better, are encouraged to attend the next community meeting (Oct. 24). Tentative ideas being considered are to ask for neighborhood singing volunteers who might like to organize carolers, and perhaps people willing to man fire pits to make s'mores.

Again, we welcome any and all ideas to celebrate the season at this uniquely Paddock Hills event.

When inaugurated in 2020, the event was an instant hit as a way to safely emerge from the Covid lockdown and has proven a wonderful way to view our wonderfully decorated homes and enjoy holiday cheer with neighbors.



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

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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](http://www.5916000.com)

### Cincinnati Police

District 4  
569-8600

Officer Anthony Hill Neighborhood Officer  
[anthony.m.hill@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:anthony.m.hill@cincinnati-oh.gov)  
569-8678

**Avon Woods Nature Center**  
861-3435

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