

Paddock Press

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Community News

Fall Cookout

The Lowrys will be hosting

the **Annual Community Fall Cookout and New Neighbor Welcome** on **Sunday October 13th 5-7 PM** at the cul de sac on Egan Hills Drive.

Pot Luck, please bring a dish to share. It's a yummy fall tradition.

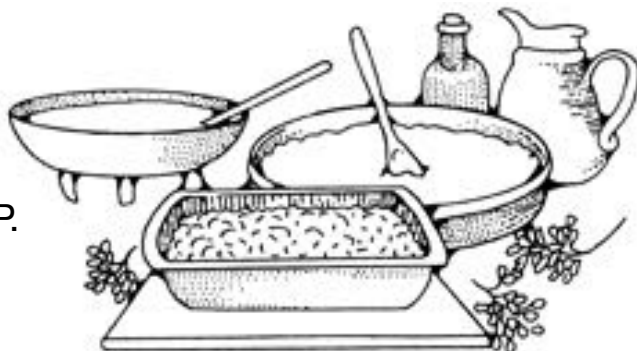
Please bring a note with your side dish, explaining what it is (perhaps its a family favorite), as well as whether it contains anything which someone might be allergic to: nuts, etc.

Water, burgers and hot dogs will be provided.

Come out and enjoy the fall weather meet the new neighbors and share a meal together.

Bring a chair or two if you have them.

We hope to see you there. There is no need to RSVP.



Community News

Annual Halloween Party

Well, Fall is upon us. And along with wonderful autumnal evenings comes one of the best holidays of the year: Halloween.

The Paddock Hills Children's Halloween Party at Avon Woods Nature Center will be held Friday October 25 from 6:00-8:30 and Joe Galvin is looking for volunteers to help make it happen.

"I am asking for help in creating a different event this year. This will be my fifth year assisting with the Halloween party, and it has always been a version of the same thing. Let's make this year different, and inject some new energy into the event. The thing is, I am lousy party planner, and don't know where to start, so I need your help.

If you are interesting in assisting this year, please email me. I would like to get together by early October, so we have plenty of time to plan and prepare. Halloween was always fun for me as a child, and I want to make sure our event is exciting for the children and families who join us."

To volunteer contact Joe Galvin jjosephgalvin@gmail.com.

Paddock Hills Avenue Runoff

Heavy spring and summer rains the last few years, have caused serious flooding in backyards and basements of those who live adjacent to the Avon Fields Golf Course along Paddock Hills Ave. Since early spring, the Paddock Hills Assembly, with the help of City Council Member Greg Landsman's office, has continued to press the Cincinnati Recreation Commission and other agencies to address and monitor progress on overland runoff and drainage issues. The persistence paid off.

Emma Kitzmiller, who along with Joe Galvin and Chris Ruthenmeyer formed a committee to get some action from responsible agencies reports that the CRC has come forward with a comprehensive plan for Avon Fields.

"At our September community meeting we were joined by representatives from Cincinnati Recreation Commission. Our neighborhood Overland Flood Committee has been working with them concerning golf course flooding which has affected multiple residences along the golf course side of Paddock Hills Ave. They presented their plan of action to resolve these issues to community members. Work is scheduled to begin in the next few weeks and is expected to be completed by the end of this fall. Thank you to CRC for your prompt response and plan of action!"

If you would like specific information on the CRC plan to reroute rainwater on the golf course, feel free to contact Emma Kitzmiller emma.kitzmiller@gmail.com .

Message From the President

Thank you for paying your dues!

I never want to take it for granted that I live in a beautiful community with great neighbors that care about their neighborhood.

The dues that you pay take care of the beautification of our gardens (planting, weeding, mulching), weekly mowing of the Avon Drive entrance way, administrative tasks (book keeping, tax preparation, filing), security cameras and maintenance, social events (Block Party, National Night Out, Halloween Party, Awards Dinner, New Neighbor Fall Cook-out, etc.), and the Neighborhood Cleanup supplies.... just to name a few of the items that come to mind.

The bottom line is, none of this is possible without your commitment and dedication to pay your annual dues. Annual dues are paid in August.

If you have not paid your dues this year you still have an opportunity to mail your dues to: P.O. Box 16028, 45216-0028, or come to the Annual Community Fall Cookout and New Neighbor Welcome on Sunday, October 13 at 5:00pm-7:00pm.

We presented the Paddock Hills Neighborhood Flag in June at our Community Block Party. Many were disappointed with the colors of light blue and yellow and wanted our rich colors of orange and deep green back.

Well, the PHA Board heard your cry and our new flag with our rich colors, was unveiled at the Findlay Market Friday September 27. To see our flag and the description of the design open up the web site below.

We will have an opportunity for you to buy your own neighborhood flag to display on your property!

More information coming soon.

<https://www.cincyflags.com/paddock-hills>

Lynne Stone
President

Join or renew your Paddock Hills Assembly membership at National Night Out or 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 _____

Fix It Cincy!

In spite of frequent calls by the Assembly and a service request placed by Susan Conner the weeds on Paddock Road across from Egan Hills often make the sidewalk impassable. Paul Jones has cleared the area several times after observing that a man in a wheelchair had to go into the street. Let's see what happens if we all download the app and report it! There's power in numbers and there's an app for that.

City of Cincinnati has an app, Fix it Cincy! that can be downloaded to a smart phone or computer. The app can be downloaded from Google Play or the Apple App Store at no charge.

The upgraded app allows users to report problems or request a service, such as icy/slippery streets, potholes, graffiti, litter, missed garbage collection and residential maintenance issues. Bulky item pickups can be scheduled.

Fix it Cincy! app can be used to report issues that improve our neighborhood, and multiple Paddock Hills residents reporting on an issue will alert the city that many people are affected, e.g. weeds and sidewalk maintenance.

Pictures can also be included in the request along with comments.

Neighborhood News

Neighborhood Night Out

National Night Out like a lot events this summer was rained out.

But the urge for hot dogs and spicy metts, face painting the magician and balloon animals was not to be denied and a Neighborhood Night Out was rescheduled.

The weather indulged us with a beautiful evening enjoyed by young and old, veteran and new neighbors.

Thank you once again Liz Swain,
for putting this event together.



Paddock Hills Proud

Viewing homes for the 2019 Beautification award was a reminder of how delightful it is to walk our Paddock Hills neighborhood. We have friendly neighbors taking time to say hello, mature trees providing shade and coolness, and beautiful homes stately presenting themselves. The beautification 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 without overuse, and no visible trash cans. The 2019 award was not easy due to so many neighbors taking pride in their property. Thank you to all!

The 2019 Beautification Award is presented to Marilyn Jackson of 1234 Avon Drive. The home is well appointed with edged flower beds, color on the front porch and flower beds, and traditional tutor paint.



The large Ginkgo Tree in the front yard is majestic with its looming branches without obstructing the home.

Congratulations, Marilyn! Your attention and time with your beautiful home enhances Paddock Hills neighborhood!



The beautification award is a yearly event and enables the Paddock Hills Assembly to give a Shout-Out to all neighbors who take pride in their property.

We have a new neighbor for our runner-up.

The charming home at 4530 Paddock Road across from Clearbrook Drive is owned by Lindsay and Chris, who moved in with their daughter this summer from Kentucky.

Their newly renovated home is charming, it is freshly painted with dark grey shutters and trim and terra cotta color stairs that echo the tiled roof.

The window boxes are the finishing touch on this beautiful runner-up.



I continued strolling down Paddock Road and Clearbrook Drive admiring our neighbors' homes.

At the end of the cul de sac I stumbled upon Janice.

We enjoyed a chat in the shade of the large maple and oak trees talking landscaping.

From there I meandered up Springmeadow Drive where Margie, her grandchildren, Marie and her beagle were taking in the beautiful day with a walk too! The kids were curious about a Red Bud tree and its seeds, disappointed that there was no edible fruit but happy to learn to watch for purple blooms in the spring. The colorful plantings and manicured yard in the background deserve a thumbs-up.



Paddock Hills is a diverse neighborhood with stately tudors and sought after ranches sprinkled throughout.

Good Job, to all the residents who take pride in their property and make our Paddock Hills neighborhood the best place to live.

Cathi Lowry
Beautification Committee Chair

The Leitzingers

Paddock Hills celebrates its 100th anniversary this year. The Paddock Press is featuring stories of the neighborhood's history and long time residents. This issue: The Leitzingers.

It was 1967 and Paul and Mary Leitzinger were looking for a home after moving to Cincinnati from Pittsburgh. Paul had taken a job with Federated. Mary would begin a career as a nurse. They were living in an apartment near Swifton Commons while they house-hunted when they heard of a listing in Paddock Hills.

"We came up Avon in October and these huge oaks were just aflame with color," Mary said. "It was gorgeous." Paul remembers: "She said, 'This is where I want to live.'" "We drove all the way to the end of the street to see the house," said Mary. "It was great."

The end of Avon Drive is where they have lived for 52 years. The Leitzingers have been in Paddock Hills longer than any other family, except for Henry and Kathleen Christmon, the first African American family to move here in 1965, living on Perth moving recently to Springmeadow (Profiled in the July/August Paddock Press).

It would be well into the '70s before Paddock Hills was racially balanced. The Leitzinger's got a distasteful introduction to 1960's racial attitudes as they looked at their house. "Our realtor said, 'I do have to tell you there is a 'colored' family a couple blocks over.'" Mary says she just shrugged. "It was a time of white flight and there was a lot of red lining."

The Leitzinger's would raise five children—three boys, two girls—in the neighborhood. Mary remembers the '70s as a time when Paddock Hills was dominated by young families.

"When we moved in, the neighborhood was filled with children. Everybody had a bunch of kids, a lot of young families. We began carpooling to Bond Hill school. We had a choice of going to St Agnes, but we chose Bond Hill. Some of our friends said we weren't 'good Catholics,'" Mary said with a laugh. "But we wanted to fit in with the neighbors and the kids our kids were playing with."



The Leitzingers

Over the years the Leitzingers occasionally house shopped. “We did look at a couple in North Avondale, but they just looked like a lot of upkeep. We stayed. We were always happy here.”

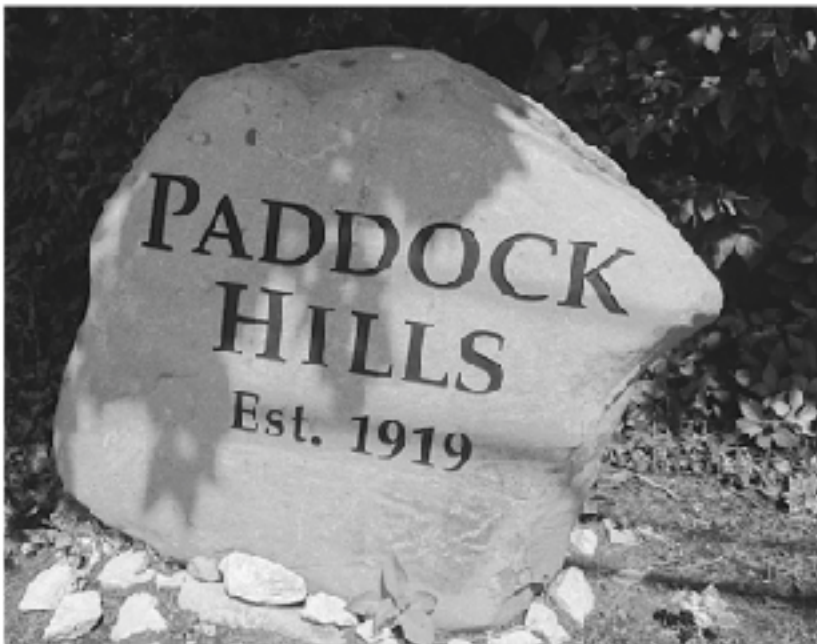
The only headache the couple has experienced is with their stone stairway, that runs adjacent to their home down to Paddock Road. Their house sits on the ridge overhanging Paddock and their property line extends down the hill.

“The steps would be used by cleaning ladies who worked in the neighborhood and teenagers would go down there to catch their buses. Occasionally we’d see a little tryst down there in the bushes,” Mary said.

But by 2000 those steps had turned into a route for drug dealers, a hangout for beer drinking and pot smoking. “I was just cleaning up cans and bottles,” Paul said. “It wasn’t safe.” After consulting with police, the steps were closed off in 2013. They were deteriorating and becoming a hazard too costly to repair.

Overall, the Leitzingers believed the neighborhood has remained a comfortable, stable area, without any major problems, except, as Mary says with a laugh, “a couple annoying neighbors who didn’t take care of their dogs.”

Like many residents, Mary mourns the loss in recent years of so many of the oak trees that had first charmed her to Paddock Hills. And she notes the biggest ecological change has been the onslaught of garden-eating deer in recent years.



Mary is heartened by the recent trend where more millennials have discovered Paddock Hills. “We are seeing some very young families again moving in with babies. That is so delightful, because for a while we hardly had seen any children. Just us old folks.

I’m glad that’s changing again.”

Newsletter Submissions

The Paddock Press would like to invite more submissions to introduce our new neighbors and announce our community members' milestones and accomplishments.

We've been gifted a lot of new families in our 100th year. Let's celebrate them.

Please submit your news for the November/December edition by the end of October.

Paddock Press newsbird2@icloud.com.

Calendar/Upcoming Events

Sunday October 13	5:00 - 7:00 PM	Fall Cookout New Neighbor Welcome	Egan Hills Drive Cul-de-sac
Friday October 25	6:00 - 8:30 PM	Children's Halloween Party	Avon Woods Nature Center
Monday October 28	6:00 - 7:00 PM 7:00 - 9:00 PM	Trustee 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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