

Paddock Press

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Spring Clean Up



**“In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt.”
— Margaret Atwood, “Bluebird’s Egg”**

With spring finally here,
it’s time for a little cleanup and renewal of homes and yards and people.

Please consider volunteering Saturday, May 3 for a couple hours (10-noon) for the annual neighborhood spring cleanup. Meet at the Avon Woods Nature Center. The cleanup will be followed by a pizza party.

(Note : the date was moved from April 19, since many residents found it difficult to volunteer because of Easter weekend.)

Beautification Chair Julie Stalworth says it’s more important than ever to have a good turnout since we do not have the benefit of University of Cincinnati students to help this year.

“During the fall clean up, we tackled Paddock and Reading roads. This time, we will focus on the interior of the neighborhood, the gardens and Tennessee Ave—primarily the corner where Shell is located, Julie said. “We will need volunteers who have trucks or larger vehicles to collect debris and Keep Cincinnati Beautiful will coordinate a pick up location for us.”

Please message Julie if you are able to volunteer
and have any suggestions or areas of concern for cleanup and beautification issues.
(jstall@fuse.net ; 513-227-6522)

Common Garden Maintenance

We have several committed neighbors that keep our three public gardens beautiful located at the bottom of Avon Drive and along Paddock Road.

Julie Stallworth would like to invite new (and not so new) residents to join a gardening committee to better organize the public garden maintenance.

“A gardening committee would help lighten the task- and it is a great way to get to know your neighbors. Our clean ups and gardening tasks are also a great way to get the kids involved! Many students have helped us to earn community service hours. Everyone is welcome.”

Again, please contact Julie if you can participate in a summer long effort.



Spring Cleaning Notes

Yard waste pickup from the City of Cincinnati resumed for Paddock Hills April 8

and will continue to the end of the year.

Yard waste pickup is the same week as recycling.

Yard waste should be placed in clearly marked cans with handles, paper bags designed for yard waste or bundled with heavy twine or cotton rope. Yard waste placed in city garbage carts, recycle bins or plastic bags will not be collected. Sticks and branches may be tied into bundles of no than 3' lengths and 2' in diameter.

A reminder that the city sends street cleaners through our neighborhood on the first Wednesday of every month. Street sweeping plays a critical role in keeping Cincinnati's streets and water clean. A clean street keeps storm drains clear of debris and helps prevent street flooding due to clogged catch basins and prevents pollutants from reaching waterways. Street sweeping works best when the sweepers can sweep from curb to curb.. Residents could circle these Wednesdays on your calendar and remember to not park in the streets on those days.

You can schedule for the city to remove bulk items such as old furniture and appliances at no extra charge. The best way to schedule a pickup is to download the city's 311cincy app or visit 311cincy.com . We have found it to be an efficient, user-friendly app to access a number of city resources.

Consider the Paddock Hills/North Avondale Free or Trade page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/245307956815508> if you have items you don't need any and would like to offer to neighbors who might have a use for them.

President's Letter

It's Spring Again. Yards are green. There are still some potholes but there are also new leaves and tulips are everywhere. School is soon to be out and children will be outside and playing throughout the neighborhood. Drive with caution always and PLEASE look out for the babies around the community.

I want to remind everyone of what Paddock Hills Assembly is striving for this year:

Achievable Goals plus a few extra:

- **New board members** - we are looking for 2 people to join our board. Please consider helping your community stay safe, beautiful, organized and friendly.
- **Better attendance at our community meetings.** - there are some seasons where adding another meeting after work seems like the last thing you want to do.... BUT I promise our meetings are informative and efficient and geared towards solving problems and adding great things to Paddock Hills. Once a month, an hour tops! Come join us. Let us know what is going on on your street.
- **Kids Play Date** - maybe an End of School Year party for the entire neighborhood.
- **Adult Play Date** - maybe a pre-fall gathering for adults. The drive-way talk was a great idea. I'd like to re-visit.
- **Low stress walk and bike path** - how easy is it to get to our neighboring communities without a car? Let's look at our options.
- **Community provided list of contractors** -reference guide for services ranging from repairs to social services.
- **Community Garden** - can we grow something? Have you seen the cost of groceries? Let's teach and learn something about growing food and spices. Who in our community has a green thumb?
- **Check on your elderly neighbors** - are you aware of individuals on your street that are in the senior citizen age range? We all need checking on, but our elderly community needs additional care. We would like to assign our block captains with the task of checking on our elderly residents.

These ideas are a collective from our board members and residents who attend the monthly meetings. Your voice is important and we thrive when we work together. If you have a problem, we can work on a solution. If you have a need, we can direct you to the correct resource. If you have an idea, let's discuss and add it to the agenda.

Looking forward to seeing you
at the next community meeting.

Pierrette Wallace
President
Paddock Hills Assembly
paddockhillsassembly.org



NSP Requests

The PH Assembly trustees have approved a proposal for \$10,000 in funds from the city's Neighborhood Support Program.

Among the items in the proposal are funds for amusements at the annual Holiday Stroll (train, bounce house), replacements for the four neighborhood security cameras, painting street numbers on curbs and a traffic calming study along Tennessee Avenue by the Kiddy Kare Daycare. It will be later this summer that city council acts on the NSP funding.

Trustee Elections

Trustee elections the year will be held at the June community meeting.

The PH Assembly Board of Trustees has 11 trustees serving three-year staggered terms. This year three trustees need to be elected. And there is need for a fourth trustee following a resignation late last year.

Please consider signing up to be a trustee. The time requirement is minimal—a meeting a month— but what's most import is the need for fresh ideas and inspiration to make Paddock Hills a vibrant community.

If becoming a trustee is not your thing, committee chairs and volunteers are needed on various committees. There is a special need for those interested in organizing and carrying out our social functions (e.g. Block Party, Night Out, Fall Picnic and Holiday Stroll).

If interested, please contact paddockhillsassembly@gmail.com with any questions.

District Four Tips

Our neighborhood liaison District 4 police officer, Patrice Brooks, reported at the March community meeting that there had been thefts at Thorntons and the BP Station and a package was stolen off a porch on Paddock Road.

She urged residents to keep valuables and packages out of sight inside cars and keep them locked. She stressed it is important to report any incidents no matter how small.

You can file an online police report through the 311cincy app or visit 311cincy.com .

Postal Changes

In the December issue of the Paddock Press we introduced you to our new mail carrier, Sydney. Unfortunately, she didn't stick around long, transferring earlier this year to a different route.

Our current carrier, Marty, has been on the route since the beginning of the year, but the St. Bernard station has yet to name a permanent carrier for the route. Postal carriers are allowed to "bid" on a route in which they would like to be the permanent carrier. Marty says he has put in such a bid for Paddock Hills, but says it's unclear if he will be awarded it, since he has only been with the postal service nine months and routes are awarded according to seniority. The route includes all of Paddock Hills and businesses along Tennessee.

Sydney had replaced the much beloved Joe Jones who had been our carrier for five years before taking a route in Mount Washington to be closer to his home.



Paddock Hills Makes "Hot Neighborhood" List

A survey done by the Cincinnati Enquirer listed Paddock Hills in the top 20 for the most affordable and popular neighborhoods.

The survey picked the 20 "hottest neighborhoods" in the area using data from Zillow's Home Value Index, including year-over-year increases in home values; the average number of days before an offer is made; the number of online page views per listing; and the share of interest in the neighborhood from outside the metro area.

Paddock Hills ranked 14th on the list of 20 Cincinnati area neighborhoods with a median home price of 271,951, requiring an annual income of at least \$78,936. Several Loveland neighborhoods and Mount Lookout topped the affordability list with median home prices ranging from \$380,000- \$440,000 requiring incomes of \$118,000 and up.

For the full story: hot neighborhoods <https://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/2025/04/04/greater-cincinnati-hotest-neighborhoods/82239724007/?tbref=hp>

Passings

—Bill Jones, a long time resident of Clearbrook Drive, a caring and watchful neighbor, passed away on February 25th.

“Mr. Bill was a neighborhood look-out for me when my kids were in elementary school,” remembered Pierrette Wallace. “He constantly got on my son about zooming down Clearbrook on his bike. I so appreciated him and his concern for safety on our street. He was a gentleman in my book. He will be truly missed.”

Bill's life was marked by service, love, and passion. During the Vietnam War, he was drafted and served honorably as a Medic on Okinawa Island. After returning home, he began work as a Chemical Operator at Hilton Davis, later joining the Army Reserves. His military service was distinguished by annual deployments to South Korea, to Kuwait during Operation Desert Storm, and volunteer service with Operation Restore Hope in Mogadishu, Somalia. By the time he left the Army, he had earned a chest full of medals and proudly displayed his Sergeant stripes.

Bill is survived by his sons, Billy Jr. and Kenneth Jones; his daughter-in-law, Angela; and his three grandchildren, Marissa, Spencer, and Evelyn,

—Trustee Lina Orr reports : “It is with sadness that I let everyone know that Yvonne Abernathy, of Sunnyslope Dr., passed away on Sunday March 30th.

Yvonne was a bright light & a warm, wonderful woman. She always saw the best in people & was a joy to be around. She is now soaring with the angels & looking over all those that she loves & cares about.”

We are saddened to report that two long-time Paddock Hills residents recently lost children:

—Alyson Coleman-Nelson, daughter of Joyce Coleman of Westminster, passed away in January. She was 52. Allyson was a graduate of Woodward High School and among the survivors are her five sons: Auston and Devon Colman, Maithe, Hiram, and Chaz Nelson.

—Dr. Roger Jenkins Jr., son of Rose Jenkins of Avon Drive , passed away on March 29. He was 58. Known as Jerry, he graduated from Amherst and the University of Cincinnati Medical school, and became the manager of a multi-marketing firm.

Roger recently became engaged to Vanessa Perry and is also survived by brothers Courtney Jenkins and Oren Jenkins.

Jerry was often seen in the neighborhood helping his mother, Rose, who was the administrator of the Cincinnati Public Schools Gifted and Talented Program before her retirement.

Save the Date

Please plan on attending the annual Paddock Hills Block Party, 4-8 p.m. Saturday, June 7 (rain date, June 14). The PH Assembly will provide a fully catered meal with hamburgers, hot dogs, brats and all the fixins'. There will be a DJ and games for the kids.

Volunteers are needed. If you would like to work on planning the event or helping with setup and cleanup, please contact paddockhillsassembly@gmail.com.

Annual Beautification Award

The annual Paddock Hills landscape/beautification award will be handed out in July. Please consider nominating yourself or a neighbor for outstanding landscaping efforts. More details coming in the June newsletter.

Yard Help Wanted

If there are any teenagers or young adults looking to make some cash this summer doing grass mowing, yard cleanup and other yard or odd jobs, please let us know at the Paddock Press (newsbird1@icloud.com). We will be happy to hook you up with older residents looking for yard help.

Many of our older residents are in need of help in maintaining their yards, something especially important for those who wish to stay in their homes as long as physically possible.

Submissions

Please send your contributions for the June Paddock Press by the last Monday in May.

We would as always like to welcome new neighbors, celebrate our neighbors accomplishments and and share our children's milestones including graduations from preschool to college.

Send your contributions to (newsbird1@icloud.com).



Calendar/Upcoming Events

Monday April 28	6:00 - 7:00 PM 7:00 - 8:00 PM	Trustees Meeting Community Meeting	Avon Woods Nature Center
Saturday May 3	10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon	Neighborhood Clean UP	Avon Woods Nature Center
Monday May 19	6:00 - 7:00 PM 7:00 - 8:00 PM	Trustees Meeting Community Meeting	Avon Woods Nature Center
Saturday June 7 Raindate 6/14	4:00- 8:00 PM	Block Party	The In Between
Monday June 23	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
513 569-8600
Officer Patrice Brooks Neighborhood Officer
patricebrooks@cincinnati-oh.gov
513 569-8678

Avon Woods Nature Center

513 861-3435

Paddock Hills Media

Paddock Hills Neighborhood website <http://www.paddockhills.org>

Nextdoor Paddock Hills <https://nextdoor.com/g/crf4af6be/>

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/Paddock-Hills-266186546751105/>

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