



**Monthly Meetings held 4th
Wednesday of the Month
Mt. Airy School
7:00 PM**

**No Meetings in
November, December, July and August
All are Welcome!**

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Attending meetings: 2nd step of a New Year's Resolution!

In the December/January newsletter, you were challenged to make a resolution to become more civically active in 2017. Have you been able to connect with your neighbors? Have you been able to create an account on the FREE social media site for communities: Nextdoor.com? "Being in the Know" is a great start!

In the fast paced culture we live in, our obligations can be many: our jobs, our children with school and sport events, our parents and family gatherings, church, time with friends...and the list goes on. So why should you care? Simply, if you care what happens in your neighborhood then you need to be engaged civically.

There are many opportunities to do this each month in Mt. Airy through community meetings such as the three listed below:

Mt. Airy Civic Club meets at 7pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the cafeteria at Little Flower Church. Provide a donation for a delicious meal before the meeting begins. The meeting is open to anyone with an interest in Mt. Airy; all past and current residents, property owners and business owners are welcome. See page 3 for details on upcoming guest speakers.

Community Urban Redevelopment Enterprise (C.U.R.E.) meets at 6pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Little Brothers of the Elderly facility. Their mission is the improvement of the business district located on Colerain Avenue between North Bend and Kirby Roads. They are focused on implementing the Mt. Airy Revitalization Strategic Plan adopted in 2014. Meetings are a setting for collaboration with the business owners, property owners, concerned residents and the C.U.R.E board members. Read about their current projects on page 3.

And let's not forget the Mt. Airy Town Council that meets at 7pm on the 4th Wednesdays at Mt. Airy School. Want to inquire about speed bumps? Learn about police activities in the community? This often can be a one stop venue for gaining information on pressing civic issues. Time is always given for residents to make inquiries and comments. Guest speaker are often part of the monthly agenda. See page 2 for more information.

A hour and half of your time monthly...that's all! Mark your calendar now!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 6 – No school

*February 14 – C.U.R.E. Meeting
(see pages 1 & 3 for details)*

*February 15 – Civic Club Meeting
(see pages 1 & 3 for details)*

February 20 – No school

*February 22 – Town Council Mtg
(see page 1 for details)*

*March 3 – Mt. Airy School Event (see
page 2 for details)*

*March 4 – Maple in Mt. Airy
(see page 2 for details)*

*March 12 – Daylight Savings Time
Move clocks one hour forward!*

*March 14 – C.U.R.E. Meeting
(see pages 1 & 3 for details)*

*March 15 – Civic Club Meeting
(see pages 1 & 3 for details)*

*March 27 - 31 – Spring Break;
no school.*

*March 28 – Spring Break Day Camp
at Mt. Airy Forest
(see page 2 for details)*

*March 29 – Town Council Mtg
(see page 1 for details)*



*Watch for flowers blooming in the
pots along the Business District!*

A few words from the Town Council President

This month has been a fairly active month for the Town Council. At the January 25th public meeting, we heard from Beaver Creek Interest, LLC regarding the Old Mercy Hospital Site. Currently, their plan is for 147 single family homes in a Home Owner Association subdivision.

Board members are currently working on two political nights, one for the mayor primaries and the second for the main election. More details to come on our website when we flesh that out.

We are still hitting winter and with Cincinnati, we have no idea how long this can last. Be safe out there and help your neighbors how you can.

During our February 22nd meeting, we will have a few guest speakers: Council Member Yvette Simpson to speak on issues in Cincinnati, Greg Landsman to speak on the Preschool Promise and a representative from SORTA. We will always welcome officials to speak to us about our concerns, but request that they keep focused on the issues and not to use the meeting as a campaign stop.

Round 'Em Up



And Roll 'Em to the curb



Tires, Tires and More Tires: Illegal Dumps!

With the assistance of Keep Cincinnati Beautiful, Mt. Airy Town Council is in preliminary plans for obtaining a dumpster in late March to place tires dumped illegally in our neighborhoods. The tires will be recycled at the Rumpke Recycling facility.

Left in the outdoors, tires provide a prime breeding habitat for disease carrying mosquitoes. The life cycle from laying eggs to adults emerging is 10 - 14 days. Adult mosquitoes can travel up to 1 mile from their original breeding habitat; let's not be their next meal! Our hope is to remove the tires before the warmer days of late Spring arrive.

Have you seen sites of illegal tire dumps in Mt. Airy? Do you have a neighbor with large piles of tires in their backyard? In order to have a dumpster, we must be able to fill it with at least 200 tires. Please email us at MATCNews@mtairy-cinci.org before March 1st with locations or addresses and the amount of tires onsite.

News & Events: Mt. Airy Elementary (<http://mtairy.cps-k12.org/>)

The school will host "Balling for the Heart" on Thursday, March 2 with a school assembly (just for students) featuring Schroder High School's marching band & cheerleaders. It is sponsored by the American Heart Assoc.

In celebration of African-American History, Mt. Airy School PTO is hosting the Taste of Mt. Airy & Marketplace Craft Fair on Friday, March 3 from 5:30 - 8pm. Event features include local crafters (clothing and jewelry), vendors (children's books, cosmetics and DJ/music services) and delicious food including desserts! Art and music performances add to the fun. Admission is free and open to the public.

Events in Mt. Airy Forest: (www.cincinnatiiparks.com)

Maple in Mt. Airy
Saturday, March 4
Breakfast seatings: 9 am - Noon
Oak Ridge Lodge

This event is perfect for scouts, organized groups and families of all ages! A free pancake breakfast followed by an educational program on maple sugaring through the ages. Lots of tasting...YUM! Program fee: \$8.00 per person (ages 3 and under are FREE). Register before March 3 at: <https://parks.cincyregister.com/2017mtairymaple> Call 321-6070 for additional information.

Spring Break Day Camp for ages 5 - 10
Tuesday, March 28, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm
Oak Ridge Lodge

Let's grow! It's spring and time to learn about gardens, composting, and other spring things. Meet your favorite plant characters and learn about how plants grow as you start your "take home" garden! We sample some tasty plants and even a bug or two. A hike to the creek lets us discover the plants in our forest and wetland. Fee: \$25 per child. Register online by March 26 at <https://parks.cincyregister.com/springbreakcamp17> Call 321-6070 for more information.



Mt. Airy Civic Club

The Mt. Airy Civic Club continues its 104 years of service to the Mt. Airy community by hosting speakers on a wide variety of topics at monthly meetings.

Join us at the February 18th meeting in the Little Flower School cafeteria to hear newly-elected Hamilton County Commissioner Denise Driehaus. She will address attendees on the challenges and opportunities facing the three person commission. Her message and perception are especially poignant since together with long-time Commissioner Todd Portune, she represents the new Democratic majority.

The 7:30 pm business meeting follows dinner (donation requested) at 7pm. Please note that the March meeting will be held slightly later at **8pm** on March 15th with hopes of having Todd Portune as the guest speaker. Email Claire at ohuy@cinci.rr.com for updates on meetings.

Mt. Airy C.U.R.E.

The C.U.R.E Board is very excited to be working on improving the Mt. Airy Business District. Later this Spring, they will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony to open up the public parking lot and community gathering space. This site, the "Commons" will be the first development in Mt. Airy in nearly 15 years!

Additionally, we have partnered with the Cincinnati Police Department to install twelve new security cameras throughout the business district. Keep your eyes on the Mt. Airy Water Tower; you'll be seeing some beautiful new art popping up soon!

If you want to be part of Mt. Airy C.U.R.E. and join in on improving our community, stop by one of our meetings or follow us on Facebook.

Community Engagement with Cincinnati Police Department

Training classes to become part of the *Citizens on Patrol (C.O.P.) Program* will be starting in March! If you are interested in joining with your neighbors to make our community healthier, safer and stronger visit: <http://cincinnati-oh.gov/police/community-involvement/>. If you have any questions, call the Community Liaison Unit at 352-1472 or Officer Princess Davis at 352-3533.

The Cincinnati Police Department began its first *Citizens Police Academy* in 1995. Since that time, they have graduated more than 900 civic minded individuals. It is an eight week (one night each week) educational program designed to provide better understanding between citizens and police. All classes are led by law enforcement professionals. Participants will have a chance to experience the role of an officer through the use of a firearm simulator. There are two annual sessions, Spring and Fall. If you live or work in the city and are interested in participating in the next session, submit an application online at: <http://cincinnati-oh.gov/police/community-involvement/citizens-police-academy/>. For questions, call the Academy at 357-7554.

The next class will be held on Wednesdays: March 22 - May 10 from 6 – 9pm at 800 Evans St., 45204. Classroom time includes presentations and information regarding:

- Organization Overview
- Terrorism Early Warning
- Mental Health Response
- Drug Awareness
- Professional Standards
- Laws of Arrest
- Gangs
- Traffic Contacts
- Special Weapons & SWAT Team
- Criminal Investigation Process
- Domestic Violence
- Use of Force & Personal Safety



Shop Locally: Authentic Cutz

(5542 Colerain Avenue)

It's not just a barber shop, it's an AUTHENTIC shop! Great energy and genuine people make it the place to be. Authentic Cutz welcomes all ages, race and gender to experience the guarantee grade A quality service by licensed barbers.

Although the barbershop has only been open for less than a year, Authentic Cutz has proven it's commitment to community engagement with providing FREE school supplies and haircuts for children this past August. The owner, Tez, is looking forward to growth in neighborhood and is proud to be located in Mt. Airy!

Follow them at their instagram page: [authentic_cutz](#) or like them on facebook to view pictures and upcoming events.



How YOU Can be a Neighborhood Ally

The poverty level in Cincinnati is unacceptable. But it doesn't have to be this way. You can help make a change. More on that in a minute.

First, I'm Noel Beyer, founder of a new non-profit, Neighborhood Allies. When I was a case manager, I saw a gap between what people needed and how quickly they were connected to what they needed. When you're lacking a birth certificate (\$22), you can't get an ID (\$7) and therefore cannot get a job. When you don't have enough food or clothes, it's hard to improve your life, especially if no one supports you. It's hard enough for anyone to deal with a lot of red tape; imagine what it's like when you lack the most basic items you and I may take for granted!

Here is how you can help now:

- 1) First, volunteer with Neighborhoods Allies to be a street ambassador. I am recruiting and training interested individuals who help neighbors in need of: transportation, referral to services and the type of peer support that everyone needs to thrive.
- 2) Or, you can donate one or more of the following items at the next Mt. Airy Town Council meeting on February 22: hygiene items, diapers, home cleaning supplies, laundry soap, pest control items, blankets, pillows and foam mats. These will be given directly to your neighbors most in need.
- 3) You can also donate: funds to PayPal (using our email address), gas cards or by sponsoring one month of car insurance cost.

To learn more, check us out on facebook (Neighborhood Allies513) or email me at neighborhoodallies513@gmail.com. Chances are you have known, loved or perhaps been someone who needed help. With a lot of people giving at least a little bit, we can truly change our neighborhoods, one street at a time.