

Community Land Cooperative of Cincinnati

D irector's Report

We are having quite a year! At our Annual Membership Meeting in May, the membership elected *seven* new Board members bringing lots of new energy and new ideas to the Co-op. Our commitment to helping more families into homeownership and a reconnection with our mission led the Board and the membership in their decision to sell two multi-unit rental properties the Co-op has owned since the early 1980s. 416 Wade St., a six unit apartment building, and 408 W. Liberty St., a four-unit apartment building, are currently for sale on the open market. In addition, the Chemed Foundation has backed our homeownership goals by awarding the Co-op a very generous grant towards a new homeownership project on Dayton St., the *twelfth* home they have sponsored to date!

As we work on each home, we continue to work with each of our potential new homeowners to prepare them for the responsibilities of homeownership. Many families come to us looking for a rental opportunity, not knowing that the \$500+ they are currently paying in rent for an apartment can be applied towards a mortgage on a home with the Co-op. If you or someone you know is interested in owning a home in the West End area, give us a call!

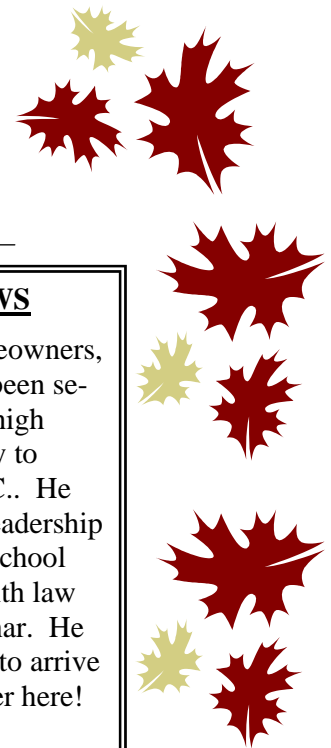
We are truly building great things at the Co-op these days, so if you haven't been in to see us in a while, stop on by!

David Hastings
Executive Director

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Fall 2004 NEWSLETTER



ONLINE DONATIONS

The web site for the Co-op will soon have an online donation link. This secure link will be available by September 1 and can be used to send your donations to the Co-op in place of writing a check and mailing it to us. We hope you find this feature easy to use and visit our site often. Any questions about online donations, don't hesitate to phone us at the Co-op.

www.communitylandcooperativeofcincinnati.org

CO-OP RESIDENT NEWS

Nuri Tawwab, son of Co-op homeowners, Saeed and Vonnie Tawwab, has been selected among an elite number of high school students across the country to spend a week in Washington, D.C.. He will attend the National Youth Leadership Forum on Law with select high school students and work side by side with law makers during a week-long seminar. He will participate in a real law case to arrive at a (mock) verdict. Future lawyer here! Good job, Nuri.

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The Annual Membership meeting on May 10, 2004 was a time of celebration, reflection, and planning for the future. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful meal compliments of West End Catering, a program of Power Inspires Progress. Thank you Sr. Judy, Yvette, Esther, Ron and Max! Door prizes were received by many thanks to the Cincinnati Reds, Venice Pizza, and Co-op homeowner Dorothy Trimble. A special thanks to Officer Princess Davis of the Cincinnati Police for taking time out of her schedule to join us and talk about personal safety on the streets of Cincinnati. Officer Davis is very passionate about her job and delivered a stirring, yet powerful lesson on being aware of your environment.

The last part of the program was devoted to business as we finished our 24th year. The membership elected seven new Board members, adopted revised Bylaws, and cast the final vote to sell 416 Wade St., a six-unit rental property. Plans are in the works for our **25th Anniversary** celebration next spring!! If you would like to become involved in helping to plan for this event, please give us a call!

Special

Thanks

to.....

Sr. Judy and West End Catering –dinner and dessert

The Cincinnati Reds –baseball tickets

Venice Pizza –pizza certificates

St. Joseph Church– Fr. Patrick Duffy & Joyce

Dorothy Trimble -door prizes

Keynote Speaker -Officer Princess Davis

Sr. Ruth Fecke & Brenda Gaines - program set-up

Community
Land Co-op
Home at 818
York St.



COMMUNITY LAND CO-OP BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2004

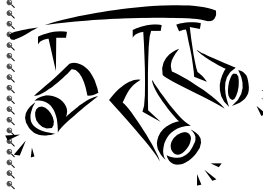
Sr. Elizabeth Bowyer*	Kavotus Lackey*	Fritz C. Shadley
Ruth Cronenberg*	Sandra Laney	Bob Stautberg*
Willie Harris	Mike Maio	Vonnie Tawwab
Pearl Haywood	Sr. Gini Mohr	Bartley Thomas
Ivory Kennedy*	Malikah Mu'Min	Dorothy Trimble*
Jim Kokenge*	Mike Patton	

* newly elected board member in May 2004.

CO-OP RESIDENTS INFO.

Don't forget about the resident referral program and receive \$50!

The Community Land Co-op sent all of our residents a letter in July telling you how you can receive \$50 by referring potential homeowners to the Co-op. If you didn't receive your letter or can't find it, call us and we will send you another letter. Don't miss out on this opportunity!



PERSONNEL SPOTLIGHT

Eugene Farrell is a contractor for the Community Land Co-op and has been performing repairs on Co-op properties since January of this year. Eugene has experience with all kinds of repairs including carpentry, painting, electrical and drywall. You've probably seen him around with his large chain of keys and his father-in-law, Johnnie Boyd. Say hello to them the next time you see their white van; they enjoy taking a few minutes to chat.



Eugene (on left) & Johnnie

Community Land Co-op Wish List

Hand tools: screwdrivers, pliers, plumbing tools, hammers, drills, crowbars, tape measures, chalk boxes, box cutters, and tool boxes.

Yard tools: rakes, hoes, shovels, grass whips, loppers, clippers, yard waste bags, garbage cans.

Misc. Items: flashlights (bright, rechargeable if possible), duct tape, aluminum tape, pipe and furnace duct insulation, paint brushes, drop cloths, rollers and trays, dry wall screws, nails, caulk gun and caulk, clean rags.

We are always looking for new members, volunteers, supplies and donations. We would love to hear from you! Call (513) 721-2522 for more information.

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The Community Land Co-op needs your support. The generosity of our donors, community members, and local corporations help us maintain our homes in the West End of Cincinnati. But, the cost of maintenance and renovating continues to increase. Please help The Community Land Co-op meet the needs of our residents and keep their homes safe and affordable. Any contribution will be greatly appreciated. Fill out the enclosed envelope for your contribution. As a 501c(3) organization, your contribution is tax deductible. The Community Land Co-op thanks you!

2987 W. McMicken Ave.



535 & 537 York St.



**Community Land Co-op
Mission Statement**
is “to empower families with low and medium incomes to own homes in the West End and neighboring communities, with the Community Land Co-op retaining land ownership to perpetuate affordable housing.”