

Mt. Airy Civic Club: Cincinnati's Oldest Continually Active Civic Organization

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The Mt. Airy Civic Club (MACC) was organized in 1913 following the annexation of the village of Mt. Airy by the City of Cincinnati. Previously, Mt. Airy was a self-governing community with a mayor and council, so when the Civic Club was formed, this structure was dissolved. The Civic Club brought together business leaders, residents and investors to gather and discuss neighborhood issues to be addressed with the City of Cincinnati.

The MACC served as the formal contact with the City until the formation of the Mt. Airy Town Council in 1978. Since then, the Civic Club has continued its mission of bringing the community together to educate, discuss issues and socialize in a largely informal and neighborly atmosphere often with snacks and refreshments available. Meetings always start with the Pledge of Allegiance and usually have a question and answer session with a member of the Cincinnati Police Department. Guest speakers are frequent that cover a variety of topics of local interest.

Mt. Airy Civic Club meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the former Little Flower School building, opposite the north entrance of the church. While there is a board of directors, there is no formal membership process as all residents are welcome to join. We would love to have new members and if you wish to learn more, please visit mtairycivicclub.org. If you wish to be added to our email list, please contact me at markmenkhaus@hotmail.com.