

# Over-The-Rhine Community Council Adopt A Block

The Public Services and Safety Committee is prepared to initiate the OTR Adopt A Block Program pending approval from membership. The overarching goal of this program is to organize community residents as volunteers to work with city departments to reduce trash, graffiti, blight, and improve safety. We plan to encourage residents to become Block Captains and Co-Captains of their respective streets and blocks to organize their neighbors to address those problems. Block Captains will be required to attend brief training sessions to in turn train their neighbors.

We plan to divide the 362 acres of OTR into streets and blocks and solicit community residents to volunteer and serve as Block Captains. These Block Captains will develop a communication with their neighbors and with city departments. The goal is for neighbors to get together, communicate, and work with city departments to solve problems on their blocks and streets. Adopt A Block is partnering with Keep Cincinnati Beautiful, CPD, and Department of Public Services.

Listed below are the responsibilities of Block Captains.

## Communication

- Serve as a contact between neighbors and various city departments
- Outreach to block neighbors
- Organize communication with neighbors
- Help to organize clean-ups and projects as needed.
- Brief monthly reporting
- Help to communicate with city departments in solving problems

## Training

- Attend training sessions with Public Services and CPD
- Help to train neighbors in use of city apps like Fix It Cincy, etc.

## Safety

- Work with neighbors to help improve safety conditions in their blocks
- Much of this work will involve communication with neighbors.