

PROTECT OUR US NEIGHBORHOOD

Claythorne, Shelburne, Colby, Ashley, Brantley, Belvoir, Poet's Corner & beyond...

UPDATE

December 5, 2025

Dear Friends of the University School Neighborhood,

Since our first communication to you on November 14th regarding University School's plan to build a high school football stadium on its Shaker Heights campus, a lot has happened and we wanted to provide you with an update.

Thanks to all of you that attended our neighborhood Zoom meeting on Nov. 18. We had a great turnout with more than 100 participants, and we have received a flood of supportive emails. This shows there is great interest and concern in our neighborhood about this project. We need to make sure University School and Shaker Heights officials understand there is overwhelming community opposition to the stadium plans. Many of you have reached out with your concerns to Mayor Weiss, Members of City Council, and University School. Thank you for doing that! Keep it up! It makes a big difference for them to hear directly from you.

Since the Zoom call, we have formed a steering committee and held several organizational meetings. Here is some of what we have been working on:

- Created a mission statement.
- Launched a website: <http://www.protectusneighborhood.com>
- Hired legal counsel to help represent us before the city.
- Formed committees to handle various tasks including treasury, legal, advocacy, and communications.
- Incorporating and opening a bank account.
- Reading and responding to emails from neighbors.
- Collecting contact information from concerned neighbors who wish to join the cause.
- Networking with community leaders for advice, guidance and direction.
- Crafted an initial petition to present to both University School and the City.

We have designed our website to share information, updates, FAQs, and as a means for our team of volunteers to communicate more efficiently with neighbors. The website is a work in progress. We are planning to add additional features, including a password-secured portal.

Here is what you can do to help:

1. Please provide your contact information so we can communicate more efficiently with you by email and/or text. You may register through our website:

www.protectusneighborhood.com

or send us an email:

neighbor@protectusneighborhood.com

2. Sign on to the initial petition that we will deliver to both University School and the City of Shaker Heights. See attached. You can do this in one of two ways:

- o Sign the petition when our volunteers go door-to-door starting this weekend, or
- o Let us know you consent to being included on the petition by sending us an email at: neighbor@protectusneighborhood.com.

Please be sure to include your name and address.

3. Volunteer, as many neighbors already have. Let us know what you would like to help with. There is plenty to do. Our Advocacy Committee will reach out with opportunities.

4. Make a financial contribution to help pay for legal counsel and any other expenses. We ask that each neighbor consider making an initial contribution of \$250. Since we are a small, neighborhood group, we can only accept cash or checks made out to: **Protect Our US Neighborhood, Inc.** You may drop off or send cash or checks to our Treasurer Louis Giesler at:

Protect Our US Neighborhood, Inc.
c/o Louis Giesler
21120 Brantley Road
Shaker Heights, OH 44122

Thank you for your concern and your help! Together we can make a big difference as we seek to preserve our neighborhood's unique character, historic integrity, safety, and quality of life.

Sincerely,

NEIGHBORS PROTECTING OUR US NEIGHBORHOOD