

# The California Village News

April / May 2010

Next Meetings of the  
California Community Council

7:30 P.M.  
April 13th, 2010

May 11th, 2010  
Ebersole Community Center  
5701 Kellogg Avenue

## Planned Agenda

- 1) Call to order by President  
Pledge of Allegiance
- 2) Minutes
- 3) Treasurer's Report
- 4) Police Report
- 5) Guests
- 6) Old Business
- 7) New Business
- 8) Adjournment

## California Yard Sale



This spring's community yard sale, to benefit the California Heritage Foundation, will be held on Saturday, April 10th. Contact Jo Shepherd at 232-0320, Diana Weir at 231-5763 or inquire at Lexi's Pit Stop to sign up. The cost to participate is \$15. Funds will be used for utilities and upkeep of the Old California School. The donation gets you a yard sign indicating your participation, advertisement in local papers and 2 large signs on Kellogg Avenue. Do your part and get rid of that stuff that's cluttering up your home. Number of slots is limited.

## Great American Cleanup

This spring's Great American Cleanup, organized by Keep Cincinnati Beautiful and sponsored by United Dairy Farmers will be held on Saturday, April 24th, 2010. We will be gathering at the park sign at the Meadows at 9:00 am. The goal will be to clean public areas of the community including our park. Come and help your neighborhood shake off the winter blahs and shape up for spring! Refreshments will be provided.

## WASH DAY IN CALIFORNIA

Funny how things change over the years, Monday used to be wash day, now is any day and is referred to as laundry. Most of you reading this cannot relate to what it was like many years ago in California for wash day. Anyone in airplanes and could look down would see nothing but clothing hanging on lines in yards, not always on Monday but just whenever the weather permitted it. Winter and rainy days were the worst. If you did not have a basement clothing was hung around the house and in some places hanging in the kitchen to dry. Needless to say what it was like with the smog in the air from all the coal stoves as most had at least or maybe two heatrolls the necessary way of staying warm in the winter. Down home at 5844 Panama St. we had a little wash house (since gone) where you could do the wash outdoors in warmer months. We had a copper boiler that was placed over a little fire to heat the wash water. (I still have ours). After heating the water more water was added and the whites were boiled to get them whiter. The whole entire day was used

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## GIVE US YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS!

As we continue to improve communications as well as try to save money (see article on nsp / nbd budget cuts), we would like to electronically keep everyone "in the loop" and provide periodic instant notifications from the city as well as the newsletter provided to your computer! Simply email us at [info@californiaohio.org](mailto:info@californiaohio.org) and we'll put you on our list. There may be a time in the future when we might not have to print the volume of newsletters that we do now which would be a significant savings in printing costs and delivery.



## Birthday Greetings to our Community Members and Friends



### April Birthdays

|      |                    |
|------|--------------------|
| 2nd  | Chelsea Shepherd   |
| 3rd  | Amber Jackson      |
| 4th  | Randy Roberts      |
| 6th  | Morgan Shepherd    |
| 13th | Brandi Blankenship |
| 23rd | Bryan Keller       |
| 23rd | Stella Scott       |

### May Birthdays

|      |                     |
|------|---------------------|
| 6th  | Rhonda Ruprich      |
| 10th | Erin Davis          |
| 12th | Mike Christ         |
| 19th | Tina Hale           |
| 20th | Billy Pilerton, Jr. |
| 20th | Brittany Birmingham |
| 21st | Richard Jordan      |
| 23rd | Dave Ross           |
| 24th | Darryl Christ       |
| 24th | Jessica Roberts     |

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## WASH DAY IN CALIFORNIA

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in doing the wash. Can you imagine nowadays waiting a week or longer to do the laundry? Most clothing is not given the chance to be soiled before it is tossed in the machine and washed again. On the real soiled clothes we used the old wash board with a brush and actually rub the dirt out. For detergent, no prepared box or bottles. We had a bar of WERK (might be wrong spelling) soap, with naphtha in it, and had a little metal tab in it that you saved for some incentive, it was also referred to as TAG soap. This was grated into the washing machine, didn't make much suds, but must have done the job. You started with your delicates, then your whites and colors and dirtiest last all in the same water. The portable tubs were filled with rinse water, with something called bluing which was added also for whiter clothes. Then a big pot of water was put on to boil and starch was made for the starched items to be dunked into, made them stiff as boards. Lines were stretched all over the yard and filled, taken down when dry, and then more hung so made it an all day job. If you did not have an old cistern not in use you could carry the used water and dump it in there otherwise you had to get ride of the water the best way you could.

Remember we had no sewers. Thus no plumbing. If you lived in a multiple dwelling you had to check with others to see when they were going to do their wash so you could have access to the yard and lines. When Charles and I moved into the apartment at 6012 Kellogg Ave. when Chuck was a baby there were 4 apts. in the big building so we took turns using the hanging space. You took pride on having a nice looking white wash, you didn't want to be known as having a dingy drab wash hanging for people to look at. I was referred to by some as MISS WHITE WASH, QUITE AN HONOR? Can you imagine the exercise you would get running up and down to the second floor to carry and process the wash on the lines. To this day I do believe that Mariam Clark and I are the only ones that still hang our wash outside. Of course, it is not a problem anymore since we all have automatic washing machines. When I first got my modern washing machine I worried myself sick thinking of the all the water that was wasted coming and going out. I thought the water would run out and we wouldn't have anymore.

Soon after living on Kellogg we moved to where we are now and things were worse. Back to heating all your water, carrying your waste water outdoors and no place to hang the clothes but outside. Many times they became frozen on the line and you had to carry them in in stiff sheets and let to thaw out. One time the river came up and I had to get the wash down off the line and was not too far from the bottom of the clothes and I had to use hip boots to do it.

Wow, what a life it is now. I do have a drier in case things are bad, so no problem. I did find out that clothes last much longer by being hung out to dry compared to being in driers. Driers seem to wear them out but are a lot softer. You think housework is rough nowadays, try the old fashion way.

Jackie Kuzniczci Frazier, Calif. Hist.  
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Cincinnati 45230, Ohio

## THINGS AROUND TOWN

It was so nice to see both churches well attended for Easter Sunday, but we do need more local folks to attend. DON'T FORGET MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES ON MEMORIAL DAY, WE SHOULD NOT FORGET OUR VETERANS AND LOVED ONES. Charles and I attended the yearly Pancake Breakfast in the Park, the weather wasn't the best, but never is this time of the year. The breakfast was great and I met some interesting people, which I always do. We need more local participant at this also.

FOR THOSE WHO MAY KNOW ANY VETERANS FROM W.W.2 PLEASE INFORM THEM OF THE HONOR FLIGHT THAT IS AVAILABLE TO THEM (COMPLETELY FREE OF CHARGE) WHERE THEY ARE FLOWN TO WASHINGTON, D. C. FOR A DAY, TREATED LIKE HEROES AND A MEMORABLE OCCASION. WE NEED TO GET THIS INFO TO ALL W.W.2 VETS (THEY HAVE TO BE ABLE TO WALK). THE NO. TO CALL IS - ---513-779-4782 call for application.

ONE OF OUR HAS JOINED THE ARMY. TREVOR HELTON, SON OF TERRY HELTON OF KELLOGG AVE. AND SAM HELTON OF N.R. HAS LEFT FOR 14 WEEKS OF TRAINING AT FT. BENNING, GA. WE ARE SO PROUD OF TREVOR TO MAKE THIS DECISION. HE IS THE GRANDSON OF SHIRLEY HELTON AND BONNIE AND SHANE SWEENEY. GOOD LUCK, TREVOR!

Jackie Kuzniczci Frazier, Calif. Historian

## RECENT OBITUARIES

GEORGE R. WEIR - resident of Eldorado Ave. passed in December (sorry about the delay in this). Bob, as known to most came here to California at age 15 along with twin brother Bill and sister Pat. They were the children of Fern Spence (wife of Brent). Bob worked for 38 years at the Water Works, married Georgia Eileen and had 4 children and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was born Dec. 1931 and died Dec. 2009. In the last year or so we hadn't seen much of Bobby due to many illnesses. OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF BOBBY WEIR. Father of Butch, Bob, Joyce and Tracey.

FLORA HEHN FINN, born and raised in California, attended the California Methodist Church after leaving California. Wife of Bob Finn - daughters Susan, Patty, Peggy and son Mike. Born June 1930 died March 2010. Flora and I were very good friends from attending first grade of school through high school. SYMPATHY TO THE HEHN FAMILY WHO HAS SUFFERED SEVERAL LOSSES LATELY. Many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

DONALD MITCHELL lived here many years as a child and remained friends with many from here. Recently lost his wife of many years and his sister, Kathleen just recently. He was 78 yrs. old. OUR SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY AND DON AND BARB, his brother and sister.

## California Community Council Meeting

February 9, 2010, 7:30 P.M.

The meeting was cancelled due to snow storm.

## California Community Council Meeting

March 9, 2010 7:30 P.M.

### Call to Order:

The meeting opened with The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by President David Ross. Roll call of officers found Secretary Diane Havey, Treasurer Kathy Chandler and Jackie Frazier were absent.

### Minutes:

January meeting minutes were published in the February / March 2010 newsletter. A motion was made to approve by Jo Shepherd, seconded by Hilda Davenport. There were no meeting minutes for February due to the snow storm cancellation of that meeting.

### Treasurer's Report:

There was no Treasurer's Report. David Ross did indicate that there were no expenses or deposits except for expenses for last newsletter. He also indicated that we were still waiting on payment from the city for our last invoice for nsp 2009 sent early January. The city is still having problems running these programs smoothly since taking over administration of nsp and nbd from Invest in Neighborhoods.

### Police Report:

Police Officer Germaine Love and Kelly MacBeth gave the police report. Also present was Captain Doug Weisman. California only had 1 crime in February, Jack Carnes shed was broken into. The incident dealing with the Meth Lab is not technically a City of Cincinnati report, they are assisting the Blue Ash Police Department where the incident originated, which led then to California. Discussed that this is the time of year where more strangers are present in the community due to softball, boating, etc., so keep an eye out for unusual behavior. Also beware of scam artists who pose as repair / handymen looking for work and actually are looking to see if someone is not home, then they will break in. On May 29th there will be a biathlon occurring at Coney Island and along Kellogg Avenue. What for bikes along Kellogg. There was mention of 4 wheel vehicles riding off-road under the 275 overpass. Call 765-1212 for non-emergency issues and 911 if you observe an unlawful act in progress. Community Officer Love can be reached via email at [germaine.love@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:germaine.love@cincinnati-oh.gov).

### Fire report:

Several members Cincinnati Fire Department Ladder 18 were present and gave a fire report. In the month of February, 7 fire runs and 47 EMS runs were recorded out of the Lunken Airport Station. These were total runs and not just to California, they did not have those numbers. Remember to change batteries in your smoke detectors. Question was raised about legality of outdoor fire in contained fire pits. They respond to complaints so as long as smoke is controlled to the point that it does not bother a neighbor, there should be no issue.

### Guests:

Paul Bronthaver, Director of the Mt. Washington Recreation Center was present to answer questions and mention available programs. See [cincyrec.org](http://cincyrec.org) for info.

### Old Business:

As of this date, the city and Invest in Neighborhoods have not come to terms with who will be administering nsp and nbd programs this year, in the meantime there is no review process occurring so no money is flowing. Due to this it was decided to go ahead and publish the February / March 2010 newsletter at our expense. We may or may not have resolution in time for the April / May 2010 issue. Consensus was to print the April / May issue and pay Jo Shepherd for her duties as Editor out of CCC funds if nsp / nbd are not approved in time.

### New Business:

David Ross will prepare and print 50 copies of a flyer to advertise for the Easter Egg Hunt.

CCC President David Ross asked about interest in participating the Great American Cleanup or do one of our own. Consensus was to be a part of the GAC on April 24th. David will sign California up.

There was discussion about getting our landscape maintenance contractor to vacuum or blow the sand and debris off and possible pressure wash the Kellogg Avenue Streetscape walks. Also try to do a better job of emptying cans. Depending on available funds this year, we may have to do some with volunteers.

With no further business before the council, Hilda Davenport made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bess Carnes, motion passed. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
David Ross, President

## ***NSP / NBD Again to be Run by City***

In a last minute's decision by city council, both the nsp as well as the nbd programs will be administered by the City of Cincinnati again this year. This decision was only made a few short weeks ago after it had been proposed to move the programs back to Invest in Neighborhoods. This has been very confusing and frustrating for the neighborhoods. Projects have been put on hold until just now so any projects that we normally fund through these programs had to hold off or be funded by the community's own funds, which we have done with these first 2 issues of the newsletter for 2010.

**California Columbia  
United Methodist Church**

Rev. Ernest Bein  
5751 Kellogg Avenue  
California, Ohio  
513-232-5077

**SERVICE SCHEDULE**

9:30 A.M. Sunday Service

**St. Jerome  
Roman Catholic Church**

Father Carl Wollering  
131 Rohde St.  
California, Ohio  
513-231-7042

**MASS SCHEDULE**

5:00 P.M. Saturdays

9:00 A.M. Sundays  
11:00 A.M.

7:30 P.M. Tuesdays

7:30 P.M. First Friday

Cincinnati's Southeastern Gateway

**California**

*A Neighborhood of the City of Cincinnati*

**California Community Council**

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**President** David Ross  
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5814 Kellogg Avenue, California, Ohio 45228

## **NSP and NBD Contracts Available**

**Newsletter Editor 2010**

Responsibilities include coordinating and gathering information, writing articles, coordinating printing and delivery.

**Park Maintenance**

Includes regular park mowing of 5+ acre park, emptying trash receptacles, picking up litter.

**Entry and Park Sign Maintenance**

Includes maintenance of planting areas of east and west entry sign areas and park sign, throughout the growing season and planting of annuals.

**Streetscape Maintenance**

Includes maintenance of gateway landscaping, street trees and planting and maintenance of planter boxes of Kellogg Avenue Streetscape.

**Graphic Designer**

To continue to build and maintain the California Community Website.

Contact CCC President David Ross, 624-6257 for detailed specifications for the above mentioned contracts. Professional licensed and insured companies only please.

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