

The California Village News

Autumn 2013

Next Meeting of the
California Community Council

7:30 P.M.

October 8th, 2013

Ebersole Community Center
5701 Kellogg Avenue



As most of you know, we are in our fifth year now on our lease with the City of Cincinnati for the Old California School (Ebersole Community Center). We rely on tax deductible membership contributions and donations to pay utilities, insurance and any supplies, furnishings, etc. We would like to thank all those who have contributed over the years. If anyone would like to join, volunteer or donate, contact David Ross at 513-624-6257 info@californiaohio.org or Jackie Frazier at 513-231-4402 jackiefrazier@aol.com.

Retirement



Rev. Ernest Bein, pastor of California - Columbia Methodist Church is retiring after Nov. 1st. He has been many years and will be missed. As of this date we do not know the name of the new pastor.

GIVE US YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS!

As we continue to improve communications as well as try to save money, 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 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.



Community Looking Good!

WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT WHEN I AM RIDING MY THREE WHEEL BIKE AROUND TOWN, HAVE NOTICED HOW WELL EVERYONE IS KEEPING THEIR PROPERTIES. (STILL A FEW THAT NEED HELP) FRIENDS HAVE VISITED ME AND CONVEYED HOW WELL THINGS LOOK AND WE HAVE TAKEN AN UPPER SCALE LOOK. PLEASE KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK AND LET'S MAKE OUR COMMUNITY SOMETHING TO BE ADMIRERED.

Jackie Frazier



Birthday Greetings to our Community Members and Friends



October Birthdays

1st Robbi Christ
1st Peggy Keller
12th Brittany Finn
16th George P. Wardlow
16th Alisha Secen
16th Ashley Secen
24th Kris Weir
26th Diane Havey
29th Jill Hehn
31st Corey Secen

November Birthdays

6th Rhonda Ruprich
20th Brittany Birmingham
22nd David Christ
24th Jessica Roberts

December Birthdays

2nd Tabitha Betscher
3rd Jackie Frazier
7th Sara Waldlow
12th Richard Cope
13th Bryson Weir
18th Jennifer Woods
18th Dylan Shepherd
20th Jeff Christ

2014 NSP/NBD Projects

Come to the October, November and December CCC meetings to discuss projects for 2014 NSP and NBD funds. This past year each neighborhood was allowed up to \$2,500 NSP and \$2,500 NBD per year. Not sure if cuts will be made or additional funds might be made available. We generally use the funds for beautification, the newsletter, park maintenance, etc. We will vote on projects at December's meeting.

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RECENT OBITUARIES

NANCY CARR

Daughter of Albert (Mert) and Peggy Kaylor Carr. Sister to Rhonda, and Janice Carr. Born while living here in Calif. and raised here. Only 59 yrs. old. School friend of many of our friends, What a terrible loss and my heartfelt sympathy to Peggy and the family.

SONNY NEIL KAYLOR

Son of Neil and Bessie Drapp Kaylor, brother to Chuck and twins Janet and Judy Kaylor. Born and raised in Calif. Had two daughters. Widow Geraldine Kaylor.

MICHAEL VERDIN

Former resident of California, brother to John, and Bob. Do not have to much info on this but passed away on Aug. 6th.

Our sincere sympathy to the families and friends of these dear ones.

LOOKING BACK IN HISTORY A FEW YEARS

Found an old Mt. Washington Press from 1984, founded in 1938 by Arnold Nichols. Charles' brother worked as a typesetter way back then. To think that both he and his brother Rich, had such bad eyesight and had to board away from home as a child to attend Sight Saving School to learn brail. And to think he ended up doing this type of work. Arnold wrote articles called BEYOND YESTERDAY in the press this one being about a copy of the press from 1938. There were 48 businesses advertising, not counting the 35 who were enumerated in a full page ad for the Newtown Fire Department promoting a play performance.

One of the things that deplores concerning me (says Arnold) is that I sometimes compare present day prices to those that I can remember. Let me quote a few prices that I found in that old edition: pilsner beer, 6 bottles for 30 cents: turkeys, 30 cents a pound: interwoven socks, 35 cents to 50 cents: suede shirts 88 cents: lady's coats, 10,95 to 59.00: hamburgers, 5 cents; Hudson Six, 1940 automobile, \$670.00; (Note this) gasoline, 15 cents per gallon; rent, 3 rooms, private bath, heat, light garage, \$30.00 month.

Of course that year was toward the end of the Great Depression. Since then we have had the greatest war in history, as well as a few other wars, which have driven prices up. Also income has necessarily increased to make us able to buy the necessities of life. I grew up in those times, I have hitchhiked from coast to coast. In the early 1930s I worked as a dishwasher in a restaurant for 50 cents a day and \$1 on Sunday. I lost that job because a man was found who would work for 50 cents a day seven days a week. At the time I started the Mt. Washington Press in 1938, I had been working for \$12.50 a week.

(So much for the good old days, I, too remember working 70 hrs. a week at Coney at the age of 13 for 20.00 cash on Sunday)
From the files of Heritage Foundation,

Jackie Kuaniczci Frazier, California Historian - 513-231-4402

2013 NSP / NBD Projects Update

1. Newsletter (quarterly, printed, emailed and available on website.)
2. Beautification—Streetscape Maintenance (Wimberg, looking good!),
3. Park Maintenance / Mowing (California Grounds Care, also looking good!)
4. Website (Keeping updated.)

Thanks to Dave Thiem for a great job keeping up with flags. Special thanks to Mike Christ and California Grounds Care for all of the additional mowing and maintenance around the neighborhood that he is VOLUNTEERING! Thanks so much for the community dedication. It is APPRECIATED!!!

ON THE SICK LIST

Hope this finds Ray Deavers feeling somewhat better and able to enjoy some living. Also get well wishes to Celinda Wardlow Jordan, recent stay in the hospital.

R.I.P. LITTLE SHEBA

Sixteen years ago I was astray and found me a home on Linneman St. with a big giant, BAILEY THE BASSETT. I was not pretty, I had sores, fleas, and dirty. Bailey loved me and I become his friend and slept in the cage with him. DAISY DOG came along and joined and we had a trio. We spent most of our time at River Downs, became well known. My masters, Jill and Marty, had me fixed up and I became pretty again, although I was called the RAT dog. I barked all the time and pestered everyone. Pappy decided he liked me so I went to live on Eldorado St and became the master of the house. I kept those nasty cats away, but finally didn't work. I became hard of hearing lately and my eyesight diminished and my legs were getting weak. I went to church with Mammy each Sunday and waited in the car for her. BAILEY left few years back and now I have met up with him again and also with my Pappy. I am buried along side by old buddy, BAILEY, across the street from my Mammy's house where Bailey and I will keep watch over her. Marty misses my kisses and I miss the nose kisses I gave Pappy. One of these days DAISY will be able to be with me again. Those darn cats I could never get used to them!!!!

SHEBA LOU HEHN

CALIFORNIA REUNION 2013

SEPT. 21, 2013

A wonderful day was had by all at the annual California Reunion at the Heritage Building. I haven't a final count on attendance as some did not sign the register. The food, as always, was outstanding with plenty and abundance for all. Sadly to say there were not many from the town (wonder why) most lived away but so pleased to be able to come. We had 4 less for the school picture and in going over names with sister Shirley there are still a lot that attended the old school, sure would be nice if we could get more for the pics for future history. Our joys were for Don Weaver, his mother, Jane, and wife made a special trip from Alabama and so happy to have done so.

Hadn't planned on it, but since we had many there I thought it only fitting to say few words to let them know what is going on and what expect in the future. As I told them I am definitely the owner of all the history that I have collected over the years, so I have been wondering what happens when I am no longer here. I have told and mentioned to many that the history I have saved will be under the care of the Kuzniczci Family with all decisions of what becomes of it will be preserved with great diligence by my family. Shirley Helton will be next in line, followed by Jill and then Krissy. They have promised to handle it with their greatest ability as I have done over these many years.

I do wish that more would take a greater interest in their heritage and to continue helping the rest in the coming years. The wonderful Vaughan family were so excited and after I explained how we could not rent out the building, as yet, without a proper door to help keep our treasures safe, Stephanie Vaughan volunteered to buy a door and have her husband install it. Wow, isn't that the greatest? We had a donation jar and collected 885.00 to help with expenses for the upcoming year.

If any would like to make a contribution just check with me or Dave Ross. The city has cut down immensely on funding so it is making it hard to pay our commitments. We handled the parking well, no problem there and all just had a wonderful time and planning on the next one which will be next year around the same time.

Jackie Kuzniczci Frazier, California Historian

Ps. A genuine and heartfelt THANK YOU goes out to all who contributed, from the California Heritage Foundation.



The Meadows Community Park Belongs to All



Over the years, some of noticed that elements of the park have disappeared, and sometimes reappeared in residential properties in town. Remember, the park is for all residents of California to enjoy but not open for others to take and use for themselves. If anyone sees anyone digging up plants or removing grilles or benches, or any other elements, please report to police. Thanks.

Holiday Party!

Mark your calendars!
California Community Council is holding it's Children's Holiday Party

Sunday, **December 8th at 2:00**
at the
Ebersole Community Center.

Come visit Santa and enjoy refreshments, candy and gifts!

For children 10 and under. Come for the fun but please do not come early.



**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
Catholic Church**

*a mission church of Guardian Angels
Parish*

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

MASS SCHEDULE

5:00 P.M. Saturdays

9:30 A.M. Sundays

7:30 P.M. Tuesdays

7:30 P.M. First Friday



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