

The California Village News

Autumn 2018

Next Meeting of the
California Community Council
7:30 P.M.

October 9th, 2018

Ebersole Community Center
5701 Kellogg Avenue



As most of you know, we are in our 10th 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.

Brittany Havey nominated California for this honor and was interviewed for the following article:

Neighborhood Spotlight: California

By Megan

40th Anniversary of Impact Neighborhood Spotlight: California

California is BEAUTIFUL. California is noted for its picturesque location along the Ohio River, with bountiful recreational opportunities and a small scale country feel. It is home to California

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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.



CALIFORNIA REUNION 2018

ON SAT SEPT. 18, OUR ANNUAL REUNION WAS HELD AT OUR BEAUTIFUL OLD SCHOOLHOUSE. OH, HOW MAJESTICALLY SHE WAS BE IN HONOR OF SO MANY CHILDREN OVER THE YEARS. NOW ONLY TO BE USED FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS. EACH YEAR WE GET FEWER ATTENDING AND CERTAINLY FEWER THAT ACTUALLY RECEIVED THEIR WONDERFUL EDUCATION THERE.



I MUST SAY WE HAD A BEAUTIFUL DAY, WEATHERWISE, MANY OF OUR

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Birthday Greetings to our Community Members and Friends



October Birthdays

1st Robbi Christ
1st Peggy Keller
12th Brittany Finn
13th Bentley Smith
16th George P. Wardlow
16th Alisha Secen
16th Ashley Secen
24th Kris Weir
26th Diane Havey-Pangallo
29th Jill Hehn
31st Corey Secen

November Birthdays

6th Rhonda Ruprich
15th Harper Shepherd
22nd David Christ
24th Jessica Roberts

December Birthdays

2nd Tabitha Betscher
3rd Jackie Frazier
7th Sara Waldlow
12th Richard Cope
13th Bryson Weir
15th Josie Shepherd
18th Jennifer Woods
18th Dylan Shepherd
20th Jeff Christ
22nd Robert Mraz
28th Genevieve Obermeyer

Suspending hand delivery

We have reached a point where most people are receiving the newsletter electronically, either by email or from our website (www.californiaohio.org). At the same time, the city continues to cut our nsp funds. Starting with this issue, we will not be hand delivering to individual homes but, there will be a stack at Lebos, California Deli and with Jackie Frazier. Jackie will continue to mail out to several individuals and drop off to those we know are homebound.

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Woods Nature Preserve, California Golf Course, and historic Coney Island.

A special thanks to Brittany Havey for answering our spotlight questions!

What would people find surprising about this neighborhood?

California was originally founded by settlers headed West during the Gold Rush, originally naming the area Fort Eldorado. Currently many people know the area itself as Grove Park/Parker's Grove which was Coney Island's original namesake.

What's your favorite part about living here?

Having been raised here my whole life, I love the atmosphere and how much everyone looks out for each other. Many families have kin that were the original founders of the community. We also have access to many of Cincinnati's best attractions including Coney Island, Belterra Park, and California Woods Nature Preserve.

What do you want people to know about your neighborhood?

We have many excellent family owned/small businesses in the community, including California Deli, California Auto Sales, and California Detail Services. The owner/operators of these businesses also reside in the community.

What is your neighborhood's greatest source of pride?

Our greatest source of pride is our ability to come together in times of crisis. Whether it be floods, power outages, or just a neighbor in need, our community's family-like attitude always shines through.

For more information on the California Community, Heritage or Development visit <http://www.californiaohio.org>.



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USUAL COULDN'T MAKE IT DO TO OTHER COMMITMENTS AND I AM SURE THEY DISCOVERED HOW MUCH THEY MISSED SOME OF THEIR FORMER PLAYMATES AND SCHOOL MATES. I DON'T THINK I HAVE VERY FEW LEFT TO JOIN ME AND WITH EACH YEAR GETS LESS AND LESS. THOSE THAT ARE LEFT SHOULD TRY TO MAKE A REUNION SOON, I KNOW YOU WILL ENJOY IT. BY THE TIME I GOT TO THE MEETING ROOM AND OUT OF THE HERITAGE ROOM, THE FOOD TABLE WAS OVERLOADED WITH FINE FOOD, ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING. NOT SEEING ANY OF OUT OF TOWN THIS YEAR WAS DISAPPOINTING BUT WHEN I WAS GREETED WITH EMMITT GILBERTS' FAMILY AND JIM WALRIVENS' FAMILY, I WAS SUPER OVERJOYED. I BELIEVE PART OF THEM WERE THERE LAST YEAR AND LIKED IT SO WELL THEY CAME BACK.

AS YOU KNOW THE WALRIVEN FAMILY LIVED ON PENN AVE. WITH SEVERAL FAMILIES LIVING THERE. THE GILBERT FAMILY WAS RELATED TO THE WALRIVEN WITH THEIR MOTHERS BEING SISTER. MOST BEING YOUNGER DID NOT KNOW THE GILBERT FAMILY AS I DID SO THIS GAVE ME A CHANCE TO TELL WHAT I KNEW. THE WALRIVENS GRANDMOTHER WAS A CARNES, THEY KNEW HER NAME BUT HAD NO PICTURE, DIGGING IN MY FILES WE FOUND A PIC OF GRANDMOTHER WHEN YOUNG. NOW THAT IS EXCITING!!!!!! THEY WERE ABLE TO MAKE A COPY AND COMPLETE THEIR FILES. I HAD ASKED PRIOR TO THE REUNION FOR ANY OF CALIFORNIANS TO MAKE A COPY OF THEIR GENEALOGY, NOTHING PROFESSIONAL ANYWAY THEY WANT TO WRITE IT UP. MOSTING ABOUT WHEN THEIR FIRST RELATIVE CAME AND ANYTHING INTERESTING FOR FUTURE INFO. AS IT WAS I REC'D A WONDERFUL COPY FROM THE BURRESS FAMILY, THE DRAGGOO FAMILY, AND FROM RHONDA BETSCHER. CAN'T WAIT TO HAVE SOME TIME TO SETTLE DOWN AND READ THESE INTERESTING STORIES. SISTER SHIRLEY IS ALSO DOING OURS. THESE WILL BE PUT INTO YOUR FAMILY FOLDER, PUT IN THE FILES FOR FUTURE INQUIRIES. ANYTIME SOMEONE WANTS TO DO THIS I WILL BE HAPPY TO CARE FOR IT.

AT ONE COUNT I WAS GIVEN A TOTAL OF 50 BUT SOME CAME LATE AND DIDN'T COME INSIDE.. WISH MORE WOULD SIGN THE REGISTER SO WE CAN KEEP TRACK. IF YOU MISSED THIS YEAR, TRY FOR NEXT, SAME TIME OF THE MONTH ONLY A YEAR LATER. THESE MEMORIES CAN NEVER BE TAKEN AWAY FROM US AND HOW WE LIVED, LOVED, PLAYED, LEARNED, BECAME BONDED WITH FRIENDS AND WE ALL THINK WE HAD A WONDERFUL PLACE TO GROW.

I DID MISS MY GOOD CALIFORNIA FRIEND, RON WOODS, HE WOULD HAVE BEEN THE FIRST THERE AND WOULD NOT HAVE MISSED FOR NOTHING. SO HAPPY TO SEE RUSTY, HIS SON, BRINGING RON'S PICTURES TO SHARE WITH US. WE HAD UR USUAL PICTURE OF THOSE WHO ATTENDED SCHOOL AND THE NEXT GENERATION (SO THEY SAID) THAT SAID THEY WANT TO CARRY ON. OH DO I HOPE SO!!!!!! PLEASE GUYS REMEMBER THIS AND DON'T LET US DOWN.

UNTIL NEXT YEAR, PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR OLD BUDDIES YOU GREW UP WITH HERE IN OUR LITTLE RIVER TOWN.

California Community Council Meeting September 11, 2018

The meeting opened at 7:30pm with Vice President David Thiem leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 7 officers, 3 members and 3 guests at the meeting.

There was no official Treasures report. No Secretary's read, Not available at time.

The police report was given by Officer Tarvin filling in for Office Butler, California incurred one theft from Auto and 1 larceny.

Old Business

Larry Muster (GCWW) was there to answer any questions. Nothing new at present.

New Business

California Reunion will be Saturday, September 15th.
September 30th Historical Tour will be at the Rec Building.
Bridge in Park - Due to the fact that the bridge is misplaced at this time and cannot be placed back in its original place it needs to be removed, due to its condition it can not be moved so should be removed.

Issue with Polly Whitaker's Renters was addressed as to Pit-bull's and Wolf Hybrids, Neighbors are concerned of safety issues and would appreciate if she would look into.

With no further business before the council, the meeting was adjourned by a motion made by Betsy Carnes and seconded by Jo Shepherd. The meeting was adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Glutz, Secretary*

2018 California Children's Christmas Party

***This years party will be on Saturday,
December 15th at Ebersole Community
Center, 2:00 pm, 10 years old and younger
welcome!***



California Woods A great community asset

California Woods Nature Preserve is a hidden gem in our community. Great for hiking or visiting the museum. Please share to get the word out about one of our community's assets!

"With its 113 acres of forest, California Woods Nature Preserve offers something for all nature lovers. The park features 53 species of trees, more than 200 species of herbaceous plants, and Lick Run Creek run through this preserve, and is home to kingfishers, snapping turtles, small fish, myriad invertebrates and the occasional visit from grebes, mallards, wood ducks and beavers.

On one of California's hiking trails, look for pileated woodpeckers and even great horned owls among the tall sycamores. There's also a butterfly and hummingbird garden located directly in front of the nature center. *No Dogs Allowed*

California Woods Nature Center offers year-round educational programs, and California Woods also contains miles of hiking trails. It is adjacent to the Magrath Preserve, a designated Important Birding Area. On one of California's hiking trails, look for pileated woodpeckers and even great horned owls among the tall sycamores. There's also a butterfly and hummingbird garden located directly in front of the nature center."

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CaliforniaWoodsNaturePreserve/>
<http://www.cincinnatiaparks.com/.../california-woods-nature-p.../#cincinnatiaparks>



A TRIBUTE TO RON WOODS

With all the work I do with and for California, never have I had anyone that has felt and been so positive about our little community of California. Ron Woods was born in California, like me, although he moved away in later years, he was the one that was behind me and I could always depend on him to aid me in this last few years.

He was Mr. California. He was anxious for me to continue with what I was doing and was a good donor to help you grow. Nothing he loved as much as the newsletter, would come personally to the house for his copy to get it. (Wish some of the rest felt that way) As I said Ron was born here, raised here although had a rough childhood, placed back and forth, but emerged a great self made person. He raised 3 children along with a wonderful wife, and furnished a good life to all.

He so often mentioned that when attending California School he had 12 cousins also in school, all from and about the Carnes family. I will miss Ron a wonderful Californian, as a neighbor, a friend, a passionate person who thought so and admired my husband, Charles, for his service to the country not being able to do so himself. The last friend Charles saw before passing on was Ronny and Rusty. Thanks Ron for being such a good friend to me. He is now enjoying his further life with his beloved, Billy, who he dearly loved.

Jackie Frazier

**California Columbia
United Methodist Church**

SERVICE SCHEDULE

9:30 A.M. Sunday Service

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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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