

The California Village News

February / March 2011

Next Meeting of the California Community Council

7:30 P.M.

February 8th, 2011

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 Easter Egg Hunt

Sponsored by the
California Community Council



no cost for residents
10 years or younger

April 17th, 2011
Palm Sunday
2:00 pm



Ebersole Community Center

Everyone Welcome!

Treats and Prizes
Bring your Easter Basket or
Bag!
No early-birds please.



Another Substantial Cut of funds from City to Neighborhoods

2011 funds available for neighborhood projects will be as follows, NSP \$2,500 and NBD \$2,500. This means that we will need to look for ways to continue to do with less. One obvious way will be the newsletter. While we don't know as of yet how, we know that it definitely helps if more residents can access the newsletter on-line. (See adjacent article). So if you want to receive a newsletter in some form and be informed of neighborhood issues, please send us your email. I'm sure we can come up with a plan to have some printed newsletters available to those that don't have email access. Thanks.

Letters

Of all the Christmas cards I received this year, one really touches my heart. It is from a former resident and Senior Poet, who furnished me with a couple of her writings over the years. She recently had to move and now lives in Mt. Washington and enjoys receiving the California News.

Jackie

Dear Jackie and Charles,

Thank you for California Village News, its like getting a letter from home. I really miss California but I had to move where I had a bathroom on the 1st floor and also for financial reasons. You and Charles amaze me! All the traveling you do and all the interesting things. Thank you for sharing those things BRAVO! God Bless & Keep you both.

Helen Duke.

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.



Birthday Greetings to our Community Members and Friends



February Birthdays

4th	Tim Birmingham
4th	Carmen Chandler
6th	Peggy Nave
7th	Shelby Gambrel
10th	Rusty Woods
11th	Jo Shepherd
12th	Billy Jo Woods
14th	Greg Williams
15th	Brittany Havey
15th	Selinda Jordon
16th	Jodie Christ
18th	Destany Roberts
19th	Chad Beier
25th	Ray Roberts, Jr.

March Birthdays

3rd	Alexis Beier
3rd	Betty Ritterholz
7th	Roy Asept
9th	Bob Finn
12th	Ron Woods
27th	Charles Frazier
31st	Diana Weir
31st	Sally Hartman

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RECENT OBITUARIES

BILLY PILKERTON

Son of the late Pearl Pilkerton Sellers, long time resident. Billy grew up in California, moved in later years. He was the father to Billy and Barry Pilkerton. Brother to Margaret Pilkerton and many family members still living in California. He passed away Dec. 10, 2010, at the age of 63 yrs.

LARRY BROKAMP

Grew up in California and spent many years here. Leaves his wife of many years, Lorie, many children and grandchildren. A member of St. Jerome's Church along with family. Larry was related to the Koehler on his mother's side. Passed away in December at the age of 84.

ESTELLA (BUTTS) GEIGER PHILLIPS

Oldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Butts, who lived on Penn Ave. and Clover Sts. for many years. Mother to one son, Raymond Phillips and grandchildren. Passed away on Dec. 6, 2010 at the age of 86 yrs.

RALPH (BUTCH) FRAZIER

Passed away Dec. 2010 at the age of 64. Son of Ralph and Betty (Bass) and nephew of Charles Frazier. Ralph and Betty were former residents of California and Butch also lived here in his early teens. Butch was a veteran of the Vietnam War and received the Purple Heart from being injured in combat. Father of 2 children and grandchildren.

BILL MARTIN

Son of the late Rita Brokamp. Bill grew up in California and still resided at the Five Mile Residence of the late Bill Brokamp at the time of death. He was a WW2 veteran serving in the Merchant Marines and a former Cinti. Fireman. Cousin to Larry Brokamp and Karl Clark.

JIM MAYNARD

Husband of the late Margaret (Snooks) Singler who just passed away a few weeks ago. Jim never resided here but spent time here with Snooks family. Leaves one son, Tony and grandchildren.

Bill Christ

At this time, just before printing the newsletter, we received word that Bill Christ, California resident, father of CCC Board of Governor Mike Christ has passed away. We know that he was a generous man and a friend to many in California. We will include more information about Bill in the next issue. Our deepest sympathies to the Christ family.

California Woods

Maple Magic!

Saturday, February 12, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. – California Woods
Ever wonder how that tasty maple syrup made it to your plate? Join us to find out! We will explore all aspects of maple sugaring: tree selection, sap collecting, and evaporation. Taste the stages of maple "product," and learn how to do this yourself. A small number of tree-tapping spouts (spiles) will be for sale on this day. Call 231-8678 for more information.

Pancakes in the Woods

Sunday, March 13, 10:00a.m. – 2:00p.m.
Celebrate the maple season! Enjoy fantastic pancakes and sausage grilled by celebrity chefs. Decode the mystery and learn the magic of maple sugaring. Taste maple syrup made right here in California Woods!
All proceeds benefit California Woods and Magrish Riverlands Preserves.

Fee \$6.00 for Adults, \$4.00 children 10 and under. Reservations NOT required. Call 231-8678 for more information.

Monday Preschool Camp

Mondays, 12:30. – 2:30 p.m.
April 4, 11, 18, 25; May 2, 9

Children 4 and up, who have not yet attended Kindergarten, should sign up early for these popular Preschool camps. A different nature topic is presented each week through games, crafts, stories, music and short hikes. Paid registration required by March 31. Call 231-8678 for information.

Green UP Day at California Woods

Sat., April 23, 9:00 a.m. – Noon – California Woods Nature Preserve
Roll up your sleeves and help make YOUR parks more beautiful! Assist Cincinnati Parks staff on projects such as invasive species removal, litter removal, weeding, mulching garden beds, trail maintenance, and more. For more information, please call the numbers associated with individual parks. We hope you and your family will join us! California Woods: 231-8678; meet at nature center

Wildflower Walk

Sat., April 23, 2:00 - 4:00p.m. – California Woods Nature Preserve
Ohio's spring wildflowers are a wonder to behold. Join us for a hike along a nationally designated Scenic Trail as we search for wildflowers such as Nodding Trillium, Celandine Poppy, Dutchman's Breeches, and discuss facts and folklore surrounding these floral gems. Meet outside the nature center. Please call 231-8678 for more information.

Congratulations!

Alexus "Lexi" Beier and Bryson Weir made the Honor Roll. Bryson is the son of Kristopher "Bo" Weir and Melissa Greene and attends Mt. Washington Elementary School in Hyde Park. Lexi is the daughter of Chad Beier and Krystal Alsept and attends Amelia Middle School in Amelia, Ohio. Proud Grandparents are George & Diana Weir, Robin Beier and Sharon Greene; Great Grandparents Roy & Lenore Alsept and Georgia Weir.

James Ernest Godwin

"Jimmy"

March 3, 1939 - December 6, 2010

Jimmy was born, raised and started his family here in California, Ohio before moving to Petros, TN in the early 80's where he was given the nickname Jimmy Nut. He continued working off and on in Cincinnati and often resided with his Sister and Brother-N-Law Lenore & Roy Alsept on Waits Avenue. Jimmy enjoyed fishing, hunting, traveling and spending time with family. He retired in the late 90's after working many years for Gateway Concrete Forming Services and was a member of The Local 2 Carpenters Union.

After retiring, Jimmy spent countless days, weeks and even months at a time helping rebuild homes for the hurricane victims along the gulf coast states including Florida, South Carolina and Louisiana. He will be remembered most by his humor and willingness to give and help others. He was a true give you the shirt off his back man. Jimmy is survived by his Wife of nearly 52 years Naomi, 3 Daughters, Pam White, Paula Daugherty & Penny Nunley, Son & Daughter-N-Law James Micheal "Jimbo" and Courtney Godwin, Special Nephew Tom, 10 Grandchildren & 7 Great Grandchildren all of Petros, TN. 1 Sister, Lenore "Sis" (Roy) Alsept of California, Ohio, 1 Brother, William "Billy" (Suzie) Godwin of Ocala Florida, Lifelong Best Friend, Ray Deavers of California, Ohio, Nieces, Nephews and other family in the Cincinnati area including Jason Godwin (US Army) and Chad Noschang (US Marine Corp) who are currently serving in Afghanistan, many, many friends in Cincinnati and Tennessee and 2 beloved Pet Dogs Samson and Dawg.

Jimmy was preceded in death and welcomed to Heaven by his Parents Ernest J. and Phyllis V. (nee Workman) Godwin, Precious Baby Niece Julie Ann Alsept and Loving Nephew Robert J. "Joe" Silber.

California Yard Sale

This spring's community yard sale, to benefit the California Heritage Foundation, will be held on Saturday, April 16th. Contact Jo Shepherd at 232-0320 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.

California Community Council Meeting December 14, 2010 7:30 P.M.

The meeting opened at 7:30 P.M. with President David Ross leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Roll call of officers was read and found that Diane Havey, Kathy Chandler, Mike Christ and Diana Weir were not present at the meeting. There were five (5) members and one (1) guest present at the meeting.

A motion was made by Jo Shepherd, seconded by Jackie Frazier to approve the meeting minutes that were published in the newsletter. Motion passed.

The Treasurers Report was read and accepted by a vote on a motion made by Hilda Davenport and seconded by Bess Carnes.

The Police Report was given by Officer Germaine Love. California incurred two (2) offences for the month of November. One was a motorcycle theft on Eldorado and the other a theft at Harbortown. Officer Love encouraged everyone to not leave Christmas gifts in cars, in full view.

Guests

There were no guests present.

Old Business

2 old pews from the Methodist Church were donated to the CHF by Joey Shepherd's aunt. A nice holiday party was held and had a good turnout. A small plaque on each would be nice. The CHF contracted to have the second floor professionally scrubbed and waxed in time for the party. It looks great! Jeff Christ and Kathy Wiwi have volunteered to help Jackie with moving in (Jeff) and organizing (Kathy).

New Business

Construction is taking place in the site of Ebersole by Waterworks. All work is below ground and will be repaired when finished.

NSP and NBD projects were voted on. David Ross made a motion, seconded by Jo Shepherd for the following:

NBD: Beautification / Streetscape

NSP: Newsletter, Beautification / flags, Park Maintenance, Website. It's understood these are the goals, not knowing yet what the amount available will be. Cuts may be needed. Motion passed.

Elections were held. David Ross made a motion for the following slate of officers: President / David Ross, Secretary / Diane Havey, Treasurer / Kathleen Chandler, Board of Governors / Mike Christ, Jo Shepherd, Hilda Davenport, Jackie Frazier and Diana Weir. Motion passed.

With no further business before the council, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Hilda Davenport and seconded by Jo Shepherd. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,
David S. Ross
President

**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



Cincinnati's Southeastern Gateway

California

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California Community Council

2011 Officers

President	David Ross
Vice President	tbd
Secretary	Diane Havey
Treasurer	Kathleen Chandler

Board of Governors

Mike Christ
Jo Shepherd
Hilda Davenport
Jackie Frazier
Diana Weir

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