

The California Village News

February / March 2010

Next Meetings of the
California Community Council

7:30 P.M.

February 9th, 2010

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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

March 28th, 2010
Palm Sunday
2:00 pm



Ebersole Community Center



Everyone Welcome!

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

CAN YOU BELIEVE ME IN HAITI?

Just recently hearing of the devastation in Haiti from the earthquake, jumped started my memory of the time I visited Haiti. I know your probably thinking - why in the word HAITI? Right, I am wondering, too, but way back in 1974 while working at China Town on Kellogg Ave. I was asked if I would like to take a trip. At the time Bob Bloomhuff (most of you remember him from the Legion) had help join and form a travel club called Travel Go GO. It was a much older plane, with 4 engines, as I remember this as I looked out the window watching them but not thinking about what or could happen. At the time I mentioned it to my mother and she immediately agreed to go with me if I decided. Now I am thinking maybe both of us were off our noodles a little. Maybe I thought it was some kind of paradise.

We left on Thursday and were back on Sunday, not thinking about what I was going to do. I knew I had taken some pictures and found them in an album just in case does not believe me, they are available to see. The hotel that is mentioned, The Montana, was demolished from the earthquake and probably was the same one that we stayed in but a different name, quite nice and modern and sat on a hill. After arriving there I thought what in the world am I doing here.

Not ever being out of the states before and away from home, we witnessed the most poverty that anyone could imagine. The first day there I stood on the balcony to admire the scenery but all I saw was people motioning to their mouths and tummy which meant they

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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 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
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 Alsept
9th Bob Finn
12th Ron Woods
27th Charles Frazier
31st Diana Weir
31st Sally Hartman

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ME IN HAITE?

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were hungry and I thought what the heck I have some change in my pocket and will throw it to them. Within seconds they were all over the place doing the same thing.

You were warned not to stray away from the hotel by yourself or without some kind of escort as they would mob you. We befriended a young boy by the name of Joel (kept telling me he wanted my address) this they said do not give to them as you might find them on your doorstep later. He was so smart for such a young child and I was so dumb, he was able to tell me a lot of things. He lived in a little shack, along with a lot of others, with hardly anything in them. They walked up and down the hill continuously with all kinds of things on their heads, what posture and beautiful teeth they had. They had just one place for water which all used for everything and anything. You could not eat anything away from the hotel as it might make you sick.

I did end up going scuba diving with a group and was very interesting and beautiful to see the colorful coral. Some also went to VOO DOO ceremonies but I opted out and was told I made the right decision. It was really scary. It was told that many would take their newborn babies and put them in the hot sun for hours to ruin their eyes and become better beggars for the family. It was nothing to see a mother alongside the road with a child with horrible eyes with their hands begging. The billboards were advertising something that I could not read and was told it was ads for birth control, which I don't think too many looked at. It looks like things have not changed much since I was there over 30 years ago. The whole trip cost about \$180.00 round trip, plane fare, feed, and hotel. The weather was great. They say you live from experience and I did learn a lot from this. I still cannot believe why I even thought about such a thing. This was a year before I went through several surgical operations and 4 stays in the hospital, maybe that has something to do with my reasoning. IF YOU EVER THINK ABOUT GOING TO HAITI MAYBE YOU BETTER CHECK IT OUT WITH ME BEFORE YOU MAKE THE TRIIP!!!!

*Jackie Kuzniczci Frazier, Historian
110 Eldorado Ave. *
California, Oh. 45230

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 you part and get rid of that stuff that's cluttering up your home. Number of slots is limited.

2010 NSP/NBD Budget Cuts

Both NSP and NBD is being severely reduced this year due to City of Cincinnati budget cuts. In 2009 each neighborhood was allowed up to \$7,000 NSP and \$9,000 NBD per year. This year the amounts will be up to \$5,000 NSP and \$2,000 NBD. We generally use the funds for beautification, the newsletter, Ebersole Center, etc. We have been discussing strategies to getting as much accomplished as possible, but it is clear cuts will need to be made.

RECENT OBITUARIES

OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF THE FOLLOWING.

KURT POTTER, SON OF ARLENE AND RON POTTER, RESIDENT OF ELDORADO AVE. PASSED AWAY IN DECEMBER.

KATHRYN SHAVER (MITCHELL) FORMERLY OF CALIFORNIA LIVED IN SEVERAL HOMES IN TOWN.

ELEANOR DEAN (HEHN) BORN AND RAISED IN CALIFORNIA, MOVED AFTER MARRIAGE BUT SPENT ALL OF HER LIFE AS PART OF THE CALIFORNIA METHODIST CHURCH. NOT TO SEE ELEANOR AT THE PIANO IN CHURCH LEAVES US WITH SUCH A VOID. AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER FROM A CHILD ON ELEANOR PLAYED THE PIANO AND PLANNED THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANTS. DOESN'T SEEM THE SAME WITHOUT HER.

MARY MYERS (HILDEBRAND) FORMERLY OF CALIFORNIA, MY BEST GIRLFRIEND FOR MANY YEARS, PASSED AWAY IN PENNSYLVANIA AFTER A LONG ILLNESS OF TUMORS ON THE BRAIN. SHE AND I WENT ALL THROUGH SCHOOL TOGETHER FROM CALIFORNIA AND OTHERS.

Check out our website

It's up and running. You can even view the newsletter on line. Go to www.CaliforniaOhio.com, click on CCC, then click on Newsletter Archive. Also check out some interesting historical photos, after accessing site, click on CHF, then Historical Gallery. From the home page click on links for direct access to links to websites of the City of Cincinnati, California Woods, California Golf Course, etc. Click on CDC for links to neighborhood businesses. This is in progress and will continue to grow and be improved.

California Community Council Meeting

December 8, 2009, 7:30 P.M.

The meeting opened with The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by President David Ross. Roll call of officers found Vice President John Williams, Secretary Diane Havey, Treasurer Kathy Chandler, Mike Christ and Hilda Davenport were absent.

November meeting minutes were published in the Dec. 2009 – Jan. 2010 newsletter. Jackie Frazier made a motion to accept the November meeting minutes seconded by Jo Shepherd, motion passed.

David Ross read the Treasurer's report. Diana Weir made a motion to accept, seconded by Bess Carnes, motion passed.

Police Officer Pat Moran gave the police report. California only had 1 crime in November. Discussed the Thanksgiving break-in at the American Legion Hall on Wilmer. The perpetrator has been indicted and a large bond set. Pay special attention during the holidays. Lock packages in the trunk. Close your blinds if you have a big screen TV. 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 germain.love@cincinnati-oh.gov.

Mary Cox, Director of the Mt. Washington Recreation Center was present to answer questions and mention available programs. Mary is retiring. We all wish Mary well in her future retirement.

Some new furniture has been ordered for Ebersole, a portion of the money was allocated in 2009 NSP and some will be paid through the California Heritage Foundation. 3- new, height adjustable 4' round tables and several sizes of mostly children chairs will arrive in time for the is year's holiday party. New and used office furniture for the office area will be delivered before the end of the year.

As most people know the city is experiencing severe financial difficulties so look for major cuts in NSP and NBD funds in 2010.

California Community Council Meeting

January 12, 2010, 7:30 P.M.

The meeting opened at 7:30 P.M. with president Dave Ross leading the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Roll call of officers found that Kathleen Chandler, Mike Christ and Diana Weir were not present. There were six (6) members and three (3) guest present at the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved by a vote on a motion made by Hilda Davenport and seconded by Jo Shepherd.

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 Kelly Macbeth. California incurred one (1) offence for the month of December. The crimes in California were down thirteen (13) percent for the year 2009. Citywide the crime statistics reveal that incidents of crime are down as a whole. Interestingly enough however, daytime burglary is up.

Paul Brondhaver is the new director for the Mt. Washington Recreation Center. He has been gone on military duty and has now returned to be the director at the center. Mark Celsor (the current director) is planning to retire at the end of the year. Paul plans to continue and enhance programs and likes working with youth.

Margo Warminski with Cincinnati Preservation Association spoke to the members about the associations programs and extensive resource of

Elections:

David Ross made a motion to accept the following slate of officers:

David Ross – President
Karen Smith – Vice President
Diane Havey – Secretary
Kathleen Chandler – Treasurer

Board of Governors:

Jackie Frazier, Hilda Davenport, Diana Weir, Jo Shepherd, Mike Christ

Seconded by Bess Carnes, motion passed.

NSP / NBD Programs:

David Ross made a motion for the following projects in 2009:

NSP:

Newsletter, Beautification (park tables, sign areas), Park Maintenance, Ebersole Center

NBD:

Beautification (streetscape), Website maintenance

Seconded by Jo Shepherd, motion passed.

The city is requesting each community to identify a "Community Liason". This person will report questions or concerns from residents on-line in a new software program intended to improve city / community communications relative to neighborhood issues / concerns. Hilda Davenport was discussed as potential person. Since Hilda is not at this meeting, we will discuss possibility with her.

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

*Respectfully Submitted,
David Ross, President*

information about structures in the city and Hamilton County. She left information about upcoming events.

Our funding from the city for community projects has been decreased for the year 2010. The NSP (Neighborhood Support Program) has been reduced to \$5000.00 from the \$7000.00 in 2009; and the NBD (Neighborhood Business District) has been reduced to \$2000.00 from \$9000.00 in 2009. This will unfortunately result in reviewing and cutting some of the projects that we pay for each year. We may be able to buy one (1) picnic table for the park, possibly cut the newsletter to a quarterly bulletin and cut back the park mowing to just the picnic grove area. There may be other projects reduced or eliminated. Further discussion is planned.

Bess Carnes is thankful for the persons who shoveled the snow from her driveway.

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

*Respectfully submitted,
Diane Havey, Secretary*

**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

2009 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

NSP Coordinator: Kathleen Chandler

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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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