

# The California Village News

June / July 2010

Next Meeting of the  
California Community Council

7:30 P.M.  
June 8th, 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

**Remember,**  
there will be no  
CCC meetings  
for the months  
of July and August.  
Everyone  
have a great  
summer!



FOR THOSE WHO MAY HAVE GONE TO THE MEMORIAL ON MEMORIAL DAY, I AM SORRY BUT I DID NOT GET THE MESSAGE THAT THEY HAD CHANGED IT TO SATURDAY INSTEAD, SO I MISSED IT TOO. I HEAR THERE WAS SOME EXCITEMENT DURING THE SERVICE. THE VET PLACING THE NEW FLAGS UP FELL BACKWARD AND THOUGHT IT WAS A HEART ATTACK, CALLED 911 TAKEN TO HOSPITAL, BUT TURNED OUT TO BE A HEAT STROKE. I DID GET UP TO THE MEMORIAL THE WEEK BEFORE AND TRIED TO PUT SOME PRESERVATIVE ON THE BENCHES TRYING TO PRESERVE THEM. Jackie

## Great American Cleanup

Well we tried. On both April 24th and May 1st, we attempted to hold the community clean-up but the weather was not cooperating, we were rained out both days. Discussion at May's California Community Council meeting suggested possibly a fall event. We'll keep everyone informed.

## 1 Year Anniversary of Ebersole Lease

Well, we made it through the first full year. On May 22nd, 2010, the California Heritage Foundation celebrated the first year as the lessee with the City of Cincinnati.

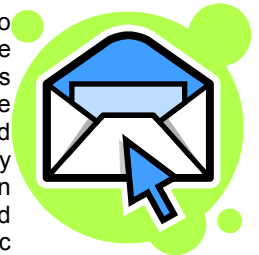
As many of you will recall, the Cincinnati Recreation Department closed the Ebersole Community Center as a functioning city recreation center in 2005. A dedicated group of local volunteers have been working diligently since that time to come up with a strategy to keep the building for community use. The California Heritage Foundation was formed as a 501-c3 non-profit organization to be able to receive tax-deductible donations.

Since last year we have thoroughly cleaned the building and disposed of unwanted trash left from the CRC. New furniture has been purchased including an entire office and tables and chairs. Jackie has begun the painstaking process of sorting through her historical material.

Please consider making an annual donation. Call 624-6257 or see [www.CaliforniaOhio.org](http://www.CaliforniaOhio.org) for information.

## 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](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



### June Birthdays

- |      |                   |
|------|-------------------|
| 3rd  | Porky Schaefer    |
| 6th  | Sara Williams     |
| 6th  | Kathleen Chandler |
| 14th | Stephen Ross      |
| 16th | Vanessa Shepherd  |
| 24th | Dwayne Shepherd   |
| 26th | Erin Shepherd     |
| 26th | Karl Clark        |

### July Birthdays

- |      |                           |
|------|---------------------------|
| 1st  | Courtney Shepherd         |
| 7th  | Bob Hehn                  |
| 7th  | Joshua Hartmen            |
| 9th  | Cathy Reese               |
| 9th  | Rhonda Reese              |
| 11th | Dave Hehn                 |
| 14th | Mathew Bohart             |
| 15th | Ron Simpson               |
| 18th | Robert Carter Steven Ross |
| 18th | Kim Liest                 |

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## **ANDERSON TOWNSHIP**

### **--AS IT WAS IN 1887**

Jo Sheppard and I worked an afternoon on sorting out some of the news articles I had sent up to the Heritage Foundation. Lots and lots more to do, just takes time. While sorting through set aside a few items I thought of interest.

California before being annexed into the city, was part of Anderson Township, and this is the info I found regarding that. The article was written for the Anderson Township Bicentennial June 16, 1993 in the Forest Hills Journal.

More than half of the five thousand people of Anderson Township in 1887 were engaged in farming. Most of those otherwise occupied were concentrated in mine communities. The largest was the incorporated village of Mt. Washington, with 600 people and was governed by Mayor A.W. Colter. The village school, as it had been for many years, was housed in the former lodge hall on Ohio Pike (Beechmont) at Washington St.(Campus Lane). Two churches served the community, the Methodist Episcopal immediately north of the school, and the Baptist, on Sutton a few doors from Corby.

Direct rail connection with Cincinnati was provided by the Cincinnati, Georgetown and Portsmouth railroad that meandered from west to east across the center of the township, and the Cincinnati and Eastern that ran easterly through Newtown, with a branch running south near the county line, terminating at New Richmond.

The men responsible for township government were: John Lemon (Newtown) Matthew Crotty (California) and Henry Hildebrandt (Forestville). Land values in the township varied from \$75 an acre in the more remote areas to \$222 around Mt. Washington and Newtown. The largest of the twelve district schools, operated under the supervision of the township Board of Education, was Newtown.

California laid out in 1849, had a population of some 400. Two of the district schools, one near Coney Island (was there in later years as a residence, Jackie and the other on the west side of town, had the responsibility of primary education (our Heritage Foundation now). Spiritual needs were the charge of St. Jerome Catholic and the Methodist Episcopal churches. About 120 people lived at Forestville and 150 at Cherry Grove.

Each of the communities had its own post office, usually in a general store whose proprietor served as postmaster. (Many of us remember that) There was no home delivery of mail, so the local post office became also a social and business center. People met frequently, often daily as they went to pick up or deposit mail, and to exchange gossip or news, or to make a sale, swap or deal. (CHECK THIS) THE LARGEST INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENT WAS THE ENTERPRISE STOVE CO. IN CALIFORNIA, owned by Henry Bartholomai and Geo. Thompson. The firm gave employment to almost 50 men, most of them from the town. There were about 10 blacksmith shops in the township and they, along with eleven harness makers, seven wagon/carriage makers and Matthew Crotty's "Hame Factory" in California, were kept busy supplying the necessary material and service for the

vehicles and farm machinery and their required "horsepower." Eighteen general and other stores provided the staple necessary: groceries, hardware, dry goods, and sundries required in daily living. Geo. Linneman had a store where Lebo's is today. There were two hotel-in-taverns in Newtown: the Deal House of Isaac Deal and the Newtown House operated by W.D. Murphy. Henry Hildebrandt was host of the Forest House in Forestville. JOHN RHODA WAS PROPRIETOR OF THE CALIFORNIA HOTEL, and at Sweetwine was Joseph Prudent's Twelve Mile House. Group social and entertainment activities were, for the most part, afforded by church meetings, and classes and socials. There was also Coney Island for a special picnic or outing such as the annual Anderson Township Harvest Homes Festival, where the growers could show their prize produce and the ladies could vie for honors at quilting, baking and canning. Physicians Eben Behymer, John Bennet, H.D. Donham, Samuel Doughty, H.C. Doughty, W.H. Highlands, John D. Gaines (California, had a home on Panama St. next to Mike Christ) delivered babies, patched up the injuries and endeavored to maintain the health of the communities.

**Jackie Kuzniczi Frazier, California Historian**  
**110 Eldorado Ave. Cincit. 45230**  
**513-231-4402**

## **RECENT OBITUARIES**

**GAIL ABBOTT (MCMULLEN)** daughter of former Helen Daniel Terry and wife of Larry Abbott of Waits St. Gail has lived most of her life in California. Daughter, Kim and 2 grandsons. Gail was only 62 yrs. of age but has suffered for quite a while with lung problems. Services for family only.

**ALICE SCOTT SECEN (SIS)** resident of Eldorado Ave. Born while living in California and lived most of her life here. Daughter of former Bill Scott. Stepmother Stella Scott still resides on Kellogg Ave. Son, Robbie and family at a great loss as they lived and resided together. Sis was only 60 yrs. old and has been battling cancer of the lungs. Brother Denny still resides in California and Ron in Clermont County.

**RICHARD BURGE** formerly of California, worked most of his life at River Downs. Survived by wife and several grandchildren. The Burges moved here in the 40's and first lived on Panama St. in two homes. Mother and Father moved to Eldorado Ave. and both passed away when living at the Eldorado address. Only brother, Jack, was killed in a plane crash 39 yrs. ago.

OUR DEEPEST HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO THE ABBOTT, SECEN, AND BURGE FAMILIES. CALIFORNIA MOURNS WITH THESE FAMILIES.

**Jackie Frazier, Hist.**

## California Community Council Meeting

May 11, 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, Mike Christ and Jo Shepherd were absent.

### Minutes:

April minutes were not available due to the absence of the secretary.

### Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was read by President David Ross. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report by Jackie Frazier, seconded by Bess Carnes, motion passed.

### Police Report:

Police Captain Paul Broxterman, District Two Commander and Sergeant Matthew Hammer, Violet Crime Squad led an extensive discussion of issues within the community. Police listened to residents about theft, open burning, quad runners, drugs, and miscellaneous illegal behavior. Residents believe it has been increasing lately and are concerned. The police officers took notes, gave out their contact information and encouraged the residents to contact the police when they see a crime or anything that looks suspicious. Police also encouraged residents to get as much detail as possible, color of car, license number, descriptions of individuals, etc. 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](mailto:germain.love@cincinnati-oh.gov). Call Captain Broxterman and Sergeant Hammer at District 2 at 979-4444.

### Fire report:

There was no Fire Report.

### Guests:

Paul Brondhaver, Director of the Mt. Washington Recreation Center is on medical leave. See [cincyrec.org](http://cincyrec.org) for info.

Mike Wagner, board member of Invest in Neighborhoods (IIN) explained the history of the organization and said the board was visiting all community councils to get input on what residents would like IIN to focus on, now that the city has taken over NSP and NBD programs. Mike distributed information along with a list of options for communities to consider. The consensus was for IIN to focus on finding new sources of revenue and to be a voice with the city on issues of concern to communities.

### Old Business:

The neighborhood attempted twice to schedule our cleanup to coincide with the Great American Cleanup. Rain postponed the event twice, originally on April 24th and then again on May 1. Consensus is that now that things are green, the neighborhood looks pretty good so we may decide to do a fall event later this year.

The neighborhood has contracts finally approved for nsp and nbd but they now need to go through a lengthy process of official signed approvals. Projects can begin only when the city manager signs and the signed contracts are received by mail.

### New Business:

There will be the third running of a bi-athalon at Coney Island on May 29th. Bicyclists will be riding up and back along Kellogg Avenue about 7-9 am. Traffic will be maintained but some inconvenience may be possible.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
David Ross, President

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## California Woods Nature Day Camps 5400 Kellogg Avenue 231-8678



### Where Cincinnati's Wild Things Are

(for 5-7 years old, post Kindergarten)

9:30 am—2:30 pm June 28—July 2 (Mon-Fri)

We have amazing and strange creature in our city. Learn about our local wildlife and explore several habitats. \$55.

### Wigwams, Wagons and Waterways

(for 7-9 year olds)

9:30 am—2:30 pm July 6-9 (Tues-Fri)

Like a pioneer, Native American and river explorer by learning about historic lifestyles, cooking and enjoying pioneer cuisine, playing games and making crafts. \$50.

### Outdoor Survival Camp

(for 10-13 year olds)

9:30 am—2:30 pm July 12-16 (Mon-Wed)

Overnight : Thursday 7:00 pm—Fri 9:00 am

Older campers will be survivors as they learn fire building, foil cooking, orienteering, canoeing and other survival skills. \$50.

### Just Around the Riverbend

(for 10—13 year olds)

9:30 am—2:30 pm June 21-25 (Mon-Fri)

Older campers get a week of water based adventure where we will play games, canoe, and learn ecology of our local watershed. \$50.

**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  
**Vice President** tbd  
**Secretary** Diane Havey  
**Treasurer** Kathleen Chandler

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**Happy Father's Day**

June 20th

Remember to thank dad for all he has done.

A belated

***Happy Mother's Day***

May 9th

Better late than never Mom.  
Hope you had a good one!

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