

The California Village News

October / November 2010

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

October 12th, 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

NSP/NBD Update

Newsletter

Bi-monthly, now also on website.

Park Mowing

Great job California Grounds Care.

Beautification

The Kellogg Avenue streetscape, entry signs, etc. looked great this year. Thanks to Wimburg Landscaping and California Grounds Care. New park picnic table has been delivered, to be assembled.

Website

Updates and new information appearing, www.CaliforniaOhio.org.

Flag Update

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the volunteers that have been putting up and taking down flags for many years are currently unable to perform that work. Negotiations are underway with a flag company that may be able to provide this service at a reasonable cost. We will keep you updated. Thanks for your patience.

BELL TO RING AGAIN?



Those who lived here in town several years ago remember the bell and chime hymns that were played each evening at 6:00 from the California Columbia Methodist Church. Hopefully and if everything goes right we hope to hear them again. After many years away from our church Virginia Lanter Latham (again we all remember the big Lanter family) has joined us again and has provided me with copies of the bulletin of the first services in the new California Methodist Church, which happened on March 16, 1952. It was so exciting going over and seeing all the names of former Californians who were so instrumental in the building of the new church.

It appears they had a morning service and an evening service the same day. There was a service for the UNVELING OIF THE BELL, where all 5 of the Lanter brothers made a presentation for their family. Mr. Harvey Lanter, Mr. Stanley Lanter, Mr. Clinton Lanter, Mr. Raymond Lanter, and Mr. Wilbur Lanter, (Virginia's father). Also Mr. Lester Williams, (John's father), as chairman of the Board of Trustees added his words representing the members of the church. Mr. and Mrs. Milton Eisenchmidt gave \$150.00 for the chimes (reason they were called the Eisenschmidt chimes). A Mr. Harold Bridges was paid 150.00 to purchase and install the chimes. (Maybe Mariam Clark's relative?)

THE CHURCH BY THE HIGHWAY, became the theme for the 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.



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

- 5th **Bill Christ**
- 6th **Rhonda Ruprich**
- 20th **Billy Pilkerton, Jr.**
- 20th **Brittany Birmingham**
- 22nd **David Christ**
- 24th **Jessica Roberts**

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BELL TO RING AGAIN?

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Church. An adaptation of the "CHURCH IN THE WILDWOOD" was written by the minister, Rev. Taylor, for the first service which was held in the social room, Feb. 3, 1952. Here are the words:

1st. There's a church in the valley by the highway, Our Lord's lovely place of abode: No spot speaks of Jesus more surely, Than this "House by the side of the road." Chorus ---

Come to the church by the highway, Oh, come to the church in the dale: No spot speaks of Jesus more surely, Than this little gray church in the vale.

2nd. How sweet on each new Sabbath morning, To list to its clear ringing bell; In tones that so sweetly are calling, Oh, come to the church in the dell.

3rd. Oh, come to this church by the highway, With its uplisted tower 'against the blue; Pray as you enter its portal, That to Christ you may always be true.

4th. From this church in the vale by the highway, When day fades away in the west, Jesus says unto all who will listen, "Come ye weary to Me and find rest."

The METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP was quite active and had a choir which participated in the services. The names are listed from the Youth Group and you will enjoy seeing the names of Californians that were present and active in the group.

VIRGINIA LANTER, PRES., DAVID BROWN, VICE PRES., CHARLES TONE, TREAS., PAULA HAWKINS, SEC. - Other members by alphabet - JOYCE ADAMS, MARILYN BROOKS, GENE BROWN, JACK BRIAN, LARRY BRIAN, HERB DAVIS, THELMA EICHORN, BARBARA FAULKNER, BILLIE FAULKNER, BOBBY FAULKNER, EDNA GILBERT, LENORA GODWIN, ELMER JONES, NEAL KAYLOR, JOYCE LANTER, WANDA MEYERS, BARBARA MITCHELL, KATHLEEN MITCHELL, KENNETH MITCHELL, DONNA OBERMEYER, WINKIE RODGERS, JACK ROUSE, CAROL SHELTON, CAROL SUTTMILLER, JANET TONE, MARY ELLEN ULRICH, JANE WILLIAMS, AND VERA WORKMAN. How many do you know?

Virginia is working on getting donations for this project and Shirley Helton and Don Bennett are working with someone that will be able to do some of the work and furnish some of the essentials. Again hopeful that this will move forward and hope someday to see some of the original names that are mentioned to follow the progress.

Jackie Kuzniczci Frazier, Calif. Historian
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St. Jerome / California History

Jackie Frazier will be giving a presentation on the history of California on October 21, 2010, at 7:30 PM in the St. Jerome Parish Hall at 5848 Kellogg Ave.

RECENT OBITUARIES

Larry Abbott

Husband of the late Gail McMullen Abbott, a long time resident of California and lived on Waits St. He leaves a daughter, Kim, and grand sons. His wife, Gail passed away in May of this year.

Edward Campbell

Raised in California and lived here until after married. Eddie was quite well known at River Downs and all race tracks. He leaves his wife, Carol (Suttmiller) of many years and 3 daughters and 1 son, 3 grandchildren. Lived many years in Anderson Township and Kentucky.

Robert (Bob) Riley

Born and raised in California, passed away yesterday from complications. He was born 1/6/1924 son of Harvey and Ode Riley. Served in the Navy during W.W.2 aboard the U.S.S. Mauna Loa in the Pacific. Another one of our W.W. 2 guys whose name is on the memorial. He leaves 2 daughters and several grand children and great grandchildren. Uncle of Robbie Christ and Cindy Naegle both residents of California, Ohio. No funeral. Joy, his daughter would like to hear from any who would like to share some stories about her dad, Ph. No. 513-531-4331.

OUR CONDOLENCES TO ALL FAMILIES.

THINGS AROUND TOWN

Sick list -- Little Briana Secen of Eldorado Ave., Jack Carnes, Stella Scott, and Rev. Bein.

IF YOU HAPPENED TO SEE ME RIDING AROUND TOWN WITH ANOTHER MAN, YOU WERE RIGHT. A REPORTER FROM THE ENQUIRER CALLED WANTING TO MAKE A TAPE OF CALIFORNIA, HE SPENT ONE WHOLE AFTERNOON AND PART OF ANOTHER MORNING WHERE WE COVERED MOST EVERYTHING. HE WAS TO CONDENSE IT DOWN TO 4 MINUTES AND WOULD APPEAR ON CINCINNATI. COM WEB SITE. UNDER NEIGHBORHOODS. SO FAR I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FIND IT.

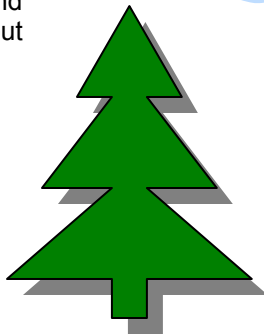
IN AUGUST I WAS INVITED TO THE BIRTHDAY PARTY OF MRS. WIWI, CELEBRATING HER 98TH BIRTHDAY. WHAT A WONDERFUL TIME WE HAD, WITH RELATIVES, AND FRIENDS OF A GREAT LADY. WE CELEBRATED AT ST. JEROME'S PARISH HALL, DUE TO THE HOT WEATHER. HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND MANY, MANY, MORE MRS. WIWI.

Jackie

Holiday Party!

Mark your calendars! California Community Council is holding its Children's Holiday Party on Sunday, **December 12th at 2:00** at the Ebersole Community Center. Come visit Santa and enjoy refreshments, candy and gifts! For children 12 and under. Come for the fun but please do not come early.

If you have not done so, please RSVP to Jo Shepherd (232-0320).



California Children's Holiday Parties

Provided for neighborhood children

The California Community Council sponsors annual parties for California children during certain holiday seasons. These parties are held at the Old California School (or Ebersole Center) completely **free** to neighborhood residents and usually include snacks, small gifts, etc.

In order to provide age appropriate gifts we would like to get a "feel" for children who might be interested in attending and their respective ages. Please call Jo Shepherd at 232-0230 and give her the names and ages of your children. If your children would like to attend the holiday party in December please call Joey by November 1st to provide us enough time to make necessary preparations. This will be a big help. Thanks.

2011 NSP/NBD Projects

Come to October's CCC meeting to discuss projects for 2011 NSP and NBD funds. Each neighborhood is allowed up to \$5,000 NSP and \$2,000 NBD per year. We generally use the funds for beautification, the newsletter, park maintenance, etc. We will vote on projects at December's meeting.

NSP / NBD Programs Back in the hands of Invest in Neighborhoods

Well, the see-sawing continues. As of late summer the administration of these programs have been shifted back to Invest in Neighborhoods (IIN). IIN originated the programs which receives funds from the city and distributes them to neighborhood community councils and business districts. It had operated for many years without fail and with good service to communities but during the last few years the funding level has dropped substantially (from 10,000 NSP and 10,000 NBD to 5,000 NSP and 2,000 NBD in 2010) and the city has tried very unsuccessfully to run it themselves. Well, now we're back to IIN, and we hope for good. Now if only we can get some of the lost funding back but to be honest and more realistically, we haven't seen the last of the cuts!

California Welcomes new Business

Riverside GYN
232-3232



You have probably noticed the sprucing up that has been going on at 5777 Kellogg. Physicians Tari Anderson and Kate Hewitt have opened Riverside GYN, "dedicated to providing Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky women with the care, the information, and the help they need. We want our patients to achieve and maintain their best health". And they are happy to be here and are thrilled with the California hospitality. They say that California residents have been very supportive and friendly, especially neighbor and CCC Secretary Diane Havey. They would like to thank everyone for the wonderful welcome.

California Heritage Foundation Update

Things are rolling along at the Old California School. As most of you probably know, we are in our second year now on our lease with the City of Cincinnati for the building. Furniture has been purchased for a community office as well as tables and chairs for children's parties. Jackie Frazier and Jo Shepherd have been busy sorting through stacks of historical information that Jackie has been collecting for years. We have also purchased a voice recorder that can be used to record audio histories. We have been working hard to be thrifty with expenses. The City of Cincinnati and the Recreation Department has done a great job of holding up their end of the bargain by very routinely mowing the grass, mulching beds and making repairs as needed. We rely on tax deductible membership contributions and continue to hold 2 yard sales a year. We would like to thank everyone who has helped support the effort. If anyone would like to join or volunteer, call David Ross at 624-6257.

**California Columbia
United Methodist Church**

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California, Ohio
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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
9:30 A.M. Sundays
7:30 P.M. Tuesdays
7:30 P.M. First Friday

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