

The California Village News

Spring 2013

Next Meeting of the
California Community Council

7:30 P.M.

April 9th, 2013

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 Heritage Foundation

As most of you know, we are in our fifth 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.

California Reunion/ Community Celebration

Stay tuned for a specific date this September for the 2nd California Reunion to be held at the Ebersole Community Center / former California School. Past and present residents of California will celebrate the community's rich history.

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 SCHOOL HISTORY

Searching through my memorabilia came across the following Souvenir from 1895-96, and 1896-1897. It is made of cardboard very small and hard to read. It says:

Souvenir, School District No. 14, California, Ohio. Presented by: G.V. Johnson, Principal.

Board of Education - B.A. Pursell, C.R. Pursell, W.H. Mathews, J. H. Focken (I think this may be Foken), F. Fahrenkamp.

The following are the pupils: **Gracie Ashford, Marie Burnett, Willie Burnett, Ambrochey Brill, Gertie Croslin, Rena Crotty, Maggie Deerr, Maud**

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Birthday Greetings to our Community Members and Friends



April Birthdays

2nd	Chelsie Shepherd
3rd	Amber Jackson
4th	Randy Roberts
6th	Morgan Shepherd
13th	Brandi Blankenship
23rd	Bryan Keller

May Birthdays

10th	Erin Davis
12th	Mike Christ
19th	Tina Hale
20th	Brittany Birmingham
21st	Richard Jordan
23rd	Dave Ross
24th	Darryl Christ
24th	Jessica Roberts

June Birthdays

6th	Sara Williams
6th	Kathleen Chandler
13th	Norman Betscher
14th	Stephen Ross
16th	Vanessa Shepherd
24th	Dwayne Shepherd
26th	Erin Shepherd
26th	Karl Clark

2013 NSP/NBD Projects

The city is indecisive this year, since they have yet to balance the budget. NSP / NBD are currently only funded through June, since they are moving to a July—June cycle and the parking plan is on hold, pending a potential vote. Therefore we are currently back to \$2,500 each and it will end July 1. At December's CCC meeting, all typical projects were voted for, we will do as much as possible with available funds. We hope the city can resolve it's issues and fund through the year. Stay tuned.

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Recent Obituaries

Helen Riley Duke

Former resident for many years. Our Senior Poet, who like to write poems about California. Attended California School as a child.

Ray Walriven

Born and raised in California, attended school here, Was the last of the 4 brothers who served in W.W.2.

June Hanke Brokamp

Lived in California as a young girl and married Nick Brokamp.

Della Vonderhaar Marthaler

Lived here for few years but spent a lot of time here with the American Legion.

Hilde Geiglein Koehler

Raised here in California on Two Mile Rd., sister to the Geiglein triplets. Sister to Paulette Vogelsang

Mrs. Ludington

Lived where Jill lives today, raised her children here.

Elmer Wicker

Husband to Margaret Brokamp.

Terry Joe (T.J.) Hahn

Born and raised in California, brother of Jerry, Barry and former Ed Campbell. Son of Jenö Clark Hahn.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILIES OF THE DECEASED FROM THE TOWN OF CALIFORNIA, OHIO.

DATES TO REMEMBER ----

Planning on a reunion in September, don't know the date yet but you can check with some of us or if on Facebook check that.

DO NOT HAVE AN EXACT DATE ON THE MEMORIAL SERVICE AT THE MONUMENT YET, SOMETIME OVER THE MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY. I WILL TRY TO HAVE SOME FLYERS MADE AND HAVE THEM PLACED AT THE DELI.

THOSE WHO DO NOT GET THE NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY OR MAIL, THIS TOO WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DELI.

Jackie Kuzniczci Frazier, Calif. Historian

California School History

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Draggöo, Katie Draggöo, Ruby Flowers, Clara Foken, Charley Graham, Geneva Graham, Allie Hawkins, Alma Hine, Bessie Hunt, Jessie Hunt, George Jackson, Julia Linnemann, Bessie Mathews, Gilbert Norris, Pearl Parris, Eliza Pursell, Jennie Pursell, Ada Raaba, Lee Riley, Mattie Riley, Thomas Riley, Clara Ruhoff, Katie Ruhoff, Anna Schilling, George Seig, Henry Seig, Charley Turner, Eddie Walriven, Joseph Walriven, Sylvia Washburn.

Next one has the same info as the first but year 1896-97:

Marie Burnett, Catharine Crotty, Ruby Flowers, Clara Foken, Geneva Graham, Clara May Heinert, Alma Hine, Bessie Hunt, Julia Linneman, Bessie Mathews, Pearl Parris, Eliza Pursell, Jennie Pursell, Ada Raaba, Lillie Raaba, Maggie Reynolds, Mattie Riley, Alice Ross, Anna Schilling, Allie Hawkins, Gracie Ashford, Willie Beare, Ambrochey Brill, Thomas Draggöo, Alfred Hine, Jesse Hunt, Alfred Leist, Marc Pursell, Robert Pursell, Walter Pursell, Thomas Riley, George Schmidt, George Seig, Henry Seig, Charley Turner, Joseph Walriven, Lee Riley, Stanley Hawkins.

(It doesn't note any grades so must have been all the pupils attending that year.

From the files of: Jackie Kuzniczci Frazier, Calif. Historian

California History Letter

I have a letter from July 21, 1969 sent to Mrs. Elizabeth Cramer, 5841 Croslin St. from the Cinti. Enquirer.

Mrs. Cramer, the history of California, Ohio, is rather sketchy--it was never incorporated and existed on a community basis since its inception in 1859. Three men, Joseph Guthrie, John Brown, and Thomas Murdock, conceived a plan for a city that would "rival the California Gold Rush", expecting it to become the greatest town on the Ohio River.

they laid out a plan for sale of lots that would bring them wealth. Nothing happened, and the place remained a group of small houses around Eldorado, Second and Richmond Streets for many years.

The first settler was Christian Ebersole, who arrived from Hagerstown, Maryland, via Bourbon County, Ky., in 1802. He and his descendants are buried in the old Mt. Washington Cemetery.

The first financial institution was the California Building & Savings, Assn. in 1871. St. Jerome's Catholic Church was founded a short time previously. Never incorporated, California became a part of Cincinnati early in the Century. Hope this description "fills the bill". Cordially, Dwight L. Bicknell

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Property Owner / Developer Describes Project

At March's meeting of the California Community Council, Gary Osterfeld explained his intentions at Panama and Renslar. He would like to build high end single family residences with river views and access, similar to the configuration on the sign at his property, although he did say that may change somewhat. In order to be able to build he needed to raise the grade a few feet, above the river fringe level. He will still need to raise the habitable portions of the buildings up above the 100 year flood plane. This will likely be done with first floor garages.

Gary indicated that he has all required permits for the filling and the city inspectors are now watching closely to insure he is performing his work in compliance with the required regulations. An effort is underway to ensure that neighborhood streets that have been damaged by the truck traffic are repaired. As of this writing, he indicated that he is substantially complete with the fill work. He said there may be some additional periodically in smaller amounts.

He will likely not build anytime soon, but he is very excited to be a part of California and he wants to be a good neighbor and help to improve to the community. The City of Cincinnati departments are aware of the issues and are helping as much as possible to negate negative aspects and making sure the work is being done in accordance within regulations.

Thanks to everyone for "Snow" yet Successful

California Easter Egg Hunt



A good turnout of neighborhood children were surprised to hunt Easter Eggs in SNOW! Yes, that's right, if you recall it snowed on Sunday, March 17th for this years California Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the California Community Council and Lebos. Lebo's again supplied the plastic eggs which were filled with treats. Following the hunt, everyone went inside to get warm and have refreshments. Thanks to all who helped, especially Joey Shepherd who organizes all the children's parties. Please, bring on Spring and warm weather!!!!



California Woods Cincinnati Parks

<https://parks.cincyregister.com/summercamp2013>

Summer Camp 2013



Language Explorer Camp at Trailside Nature Center (for campers entering Grades 4th - 9th in Fall, 2013)
9:00am - 3:30pm

June 10 - 14 Deutsch natürlich! (German)

June 17 - 21 Mission...Mandarin Chinese! (Mandarin Chinese)
\$5 discount for sibling registration. See below.

NatureCamps in the Parks (ages 5-12)

Children must have completed Kindergarten.

Monday - Friday, 9:30am - 3:00pm

Held entirely outdoors, campers participate in active fun centered around a new theme each summer. Children are divided into groups by age. The Friday cookout is a popular activity at camp. To ensure room for everyone, register for no more than two of the NatureCamp sessions listed for the summer.

Discovery Mornings in Parks (Ages 3½ - 5)

Monday - Friday, 9:45 - 11:45am

Children must have turned 3 by Jan. 2013 and be toilet trained.

Each day features a different aspect of the "Opposites" theme. Campers enjoy hikes, active games, crafts, songs, puppets and more. As much as possible, children are grouped by age. Program repeats; register for ONE session only.

CALIFORNIA NATURE CENTER

5400 Kellogg Ave near Calif. / Anderson Twp

Preschool Nature Camp (ages 4 - 5)

10:00am - 1:00pm

Register for only 1 session

Session 1: June 24 - June 28 (Mon. - Fri.) OR

Session 2: July 22 - 26 (Mon. - Fri.)

Nature Detectives (ages 6 - 8, post-Kindergarten)

9:30am - 3:00pm

Register for only 1 session

Session 1: June 10 - 14 (Mon. - Fri.)

Session 2: July 15 - 19 (Mon. - Fri.)

Creek Week (ages 7 - 9)

9:30am - 3:00pm, June 17 - 21 (Mon. - Fri.)

Wigwams, Wagons and Waterways (ages 7 - 9)

9:30am - 3:00pm, July 1 - 5 (Mon. - Fri., no camp 7/4)

Nature Art and Theater (ages 7 - 9)

9:30am - 3:00pm, July 8 - 12 (Mon. - Fri.)

Outdoor Skillz Camp (ages 10 - 13)

*9:30am - 3:00pm, July 29 - August 2

(M-T-W, Overnight Thurs. - Fri.)

*Overnight Hours: Thursday from 7 pm to Friday 9 am

**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



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California

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California Community Council

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NSP and NBD Contracts Available

Newsletter Editor 2013

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.

Streetscape Maintenance

Includes maintenance of gateway landscaping, street trees and planting and maintenance of planter boxes of Kellogg Avenue Streetscape.

Graphic Designer

To maintain and update 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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