

# The California Village News

Spring 2014

Next Meeting of the  
California Community Council

7:30 P.M.

April 8th, 2014

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 sixth 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](mailto:info@californiaohio.org) or Jackie Frazier at 513-231-4402 [jackiefrazier@aol.com](mailto:jackiefrazier@aol.com).

## California Reunion/ Community Celebration

Stay tuned for a specific date this year for the 3rd 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](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.



## THE MILKMAN

Thinking back to the older days when California was quite a busy place and able to survive without going elsewhere for supplies, we had several grocery stores, several saloons, ice house, post office, very small tin shop, barber shop, pool room, several boat harbors, small restaurants, library, drug store, police station, gas stations, car repair, building and loan, several industries along the river, boat building, variety store and a station for the Black Line Trolley. We also had home deliveries and we all had MILKMEN. The Hyde Park Dairy delivered milk and milk products all over the town. I can still see ART, a little small man that just ran in and out of the homes like a runner. Your milk, butter and whatever was there each time he came. Those days we all ran things on books and paid on payday or

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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
30th	Makiah Nelson

### May Birthdays

10th	Erin Davis
12th	Mike Christ
16th	Robbie Mraz
19th	Tina Hale
21st	Richard Jordan
23rd	Dave Ross
24th	Darryl Christ

### June Birthdays

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

## 2014 NSP/NBD Projects

Projects this year include the following:

- Newsletter  
- quarterly printed, emailed and posted to website.
- Park mowing  
- monthly mowing
- Liability Insurance  
- now required by City
- Streetscape maintenance  
- planting planters, watering, etc.
- Ebersole  
- general improvements

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## The Milkman

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whenever you had the money, but Art never hounded you if you were late with your monies.

He got so he knew us all so well. Christmas he would come into the house to see my children and see what Santa had brought them. Art, was a little Jewish fellow who was raising his own family as a single parent and had lost his wife. Always the most pleasant fellow with never a complaint if he was not feeling well or griping about working. Those days everyone was happy having employment not how they could get out of doing anything or working. I can still see him, rushing around to all the homes as though he had a deadline, which maybe he did.



Little did I know that in later years he turned out to be a shirt tail relative of mine through marriage. His son, married a cousin of mine and I didn't know it for a long time. Several years ago I read where his son had died and I made it a point to attend the funeral across town. I was so afraid that he would not be there, but he did make it there. Starting to lose some of his memories somewhat but I did manage to get him to understand who I was and how much I thought of him. I only hope I wasn't too late for him to grasp the whole thing. Soon after that I heard thru family that Art had left us to be with the rest of his family.

I do not remember just what year home deliveries stopped but things were changing to the modern ways of going elsewhere to shop, but I shall always remember my good OLD MILKMAN ART.

Also around the same time we had a Fischer Bakery Truck that would come around in the mornings with fresh bakery goods, oh, how good and fresh they were. Sometime as we were getting ready to go out the door for school he would pass by and if we had some money we had a fresh roll.

We had two ice houses at different times. One was the Foken Ice House, it was on Kellogg just across from Kenwood. It was built so ice could be kept for summer. The ice coming from Lake Como at Coney when the lake would freeze over. It was brought to the ice house and however they had it made was able to keep ice there for the summer. Seems like men were very smart in those days too. The other one was next to the Bill's Pool Hall (Bill's Bait Shop) and kept the modern ice in it.

Many, many memories that should not be forgotten.

**Jackie Kuzniczci Frazier,**  
**Calif. Historian**



## Recent Obituaries

ALLAN BARTON, former Californian from the 60's. Brothers and sister lived here growing up. Brother, Gene, only remaining brother left has reunited with friends and now keeps in contact with us. Passed a few weeks ago.

JEROME BROKAMP, born and raised here in California, along with many sisters and brothers. Cousin to the Koehlers and Clarks.

MARK HEMER, son of Kenny and Margaret Hemer, 59 yrs. old. Margaret still living and father Ken deceased. Brother to Ken, Jr., Jeanne and Mary.

RAY DEVERS, one of our cherished residents for many years. We all miss Ray as we passed on Panama St sitting in the yard enjoying the beautiful scenery.

## CALIFORNIA HERITAGE FOUNDATION Ebersole Update

We all know and have been affected with the harsh and severe winter we have had. More snow than any of us want to think about now. However, we survive as we do through anything, Californians know how to survive living near the Ohio River. If you haven't heard our Heritage Center (Ebersole, former Old California School) was damaged due to frozen pipes and quite a bit of damage, especially to the meeting room downstairs, and thankfully the Heritage Room was spared (by the good Grace of God). The upstairs pipes froze and broke flowing down thru the upstairs and down to the downstairs.

Wondering what was going to happen here we didn't know. The Cincinnati Recreation Commission (who actually owns the building) has been great with making repairs. After getting new mechanical system 2 years ago, had to leave it on full blast for a while to dry everything out, even the California flood quilt got wet.

Tearing up the carpet downstairs, at first thought the floor ruined but will be okay, maybe not use carpet this time. Interestingly we saw a Hop Scotch still pained on the floor. The bad wall in the corner is a bit worse and, I think it will have to have major work on it, but this all takes time. Anything in that room was moved into the Heritage Room for now and our Council Meetings will be held upstairs. We will have some funds available for repairs from our nsp program this year.

We normally keep the heat down a bit since we pay utilities but because of the exceptional cold winter and to help to dry things out the gas and electric bills have been astronomical. We are getting low on our California Heritage Foundation funds so we would appreciate continued support to help pay the bills. Tax deductible donations can be made to the foundation and mailed to myself or David Ross. We need to keep this historic building as part of our heritage and so many memories from so many remembering it and using it.

**Jackie Kuzniczci Frazier**

## Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2014

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### Role Call:

The meeting opened at 7:30 P.M. with President Dave Ross leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call indicated that Kathleen Chandler, Mike Christ, Jo Shepherd and Diana Wier were not present for the meeting. There were five members and six guests at the meeting.

### Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Dave Ross and approved by a motion made by Hilda Davenport and seconded by Jackie Frazier.

### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurers report was read and approved by a motion made by Jackie Frazier and seconded by Hilda Davenport.

### Police Report:

The Police report was given by Officer Germaine Love. California incurred four offences for the month of February. She introduced Captain Jeff Butler to the council. A few issues were brought up to him, mostly traffic during Riverbend events.

### Guests:

There were several guests present from the city transportation department to discuss the changes to occur on Kellogg Avenue in preparation of the Ohio River Trail that will be coming in the future. (Likely 2017). Jim Coppock led the discussion and gave information regarding funding and timing. Federal funding has been obtained for the project. Step one will be the urban street rehab to occur this summer (hopefully to begin around June 1<sup>st</sup>). Curbs and utilities, sidewalk on the river side, road realignment and paving will happen during this phase. There will be an open house at A Touch of Elegance on May 25<sup>th</sup> with preliminary drawings and discussion on March 25<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to attend. At this point, Dave Ross read some thoughts / concerns including points that the community is concerned about. (See next paragraph.) We were also informed that the street repaving for California neighborhood streets has been diverted to be used just for Kellogg Avenue. This was decided because of matching federal funding for Kellogg. Several residents expressed to strong desire for the neighborhood streets to be repaved and their displeasure about street repaving now needing to wait. We were also informed that there is a plan for Duke Energy to replace all of the Gas Lines throughout the city. This is a part of their fifteen year plan. It is unknown when that will occur in California.

Thoughts / Concerns with Kellogg Avenue renovation (input provided to city representatives present):

All efforts should be made to minimize negative impact on property owners and maximize the opportunities to improve properties, property values and overall character of the neighborhood. The situation of a multi-use trail extending through the neighborhood (along Kellogg) is unique and not like most other areas of the trail where space is less of an issue. Coming through California is coming through a tight business / residential / institutional pedestrian environment. Thought should be given to creating a pleasing landscaped feel. It should feel like a "streetscape", essentially a walkway that happens to be available to bikes as well as walkers within the neighborhood. Widths should be kept to a minimum, thus minimizing impact on properties. Care should be given to make bike riders slow down and mingle positively with pedestrians. If any walls are to be reconstructed, they should be of salvaged existing stone or real stone to match. No property should lose reasonable parking. The community will continue to comment and expect to be included as designs commence. (Adjoining property owners have been contacted several times by city departments, been invited to 2 open houses and provided direct opportunity to comment). Comments can be made to Jim Coppock (513) 352-5305.

### Old Business:

Dave informed the council that the NBD funding is under review and should be okayed. The NSP funding plan is still being written.

### New Business:

Dave Thiem asked about who is responsible for the trash cans in the park. It is thought that that work should be included in the park mowing contract. It will be looked into. Also trash cans on Kellogg, is it the property owners of volunteers? There is concern also that the planters were not cleaned out in the fall. Is this part of the scope of Wimberg's contract? These items will be looked into. With no further business before the council, Hilda made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Dave T. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Havey-Pangallo

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*Dear neighbors and friends,*

*Within the next few weeks, my wife, Sue, and I plan on spending more time at church and in the neighborhood. We would like to meet as many of you as possible.*

*This spring and summer several members of our church and neighbors will be planting flowers and making some cosmetic improvements to California-Columbia. If you see us working around the church, please stop by and say "Hello"*

**Pastor Denny Mullen**

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**California Columbia  
United Methodist Church**

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**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**

*A Neighborhood of the City of Cincinnati*

**California Community Council**

**2014 Officers**

<b>President</b>	David Ross
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## **NSP and NBD Contracts Available**

**Newsletter Editor 2014**

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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