

# The California Village News

Spring 2015

Next Meeting of the  
California Community Council

7:30 P.M.

April 14th, 2015

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) Fire Report
- 6) Guests
- 7) Old Business
- 8) New Business

## California Heritage Foundation

As most of you know, we are in our seventh 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 4th 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.



## INTERESTING FACT ABOUT CALIFORNIA

Over the years the Mt. Washington Press had a few history writers and I was able to attain many of them. Arnold Nichols was one of the earlier historians with his articles "BEYOND YESTERDAY"

This particular article was about THE OLD CLOUGH BAPTIST CHURCH one of the early places of worship in Anderson Township on Clough Pk. near Bridges Ln.

The walls were constructed of two widths of creek stones taken from the nearby Clough Creek. The stones on the outside were cemented with concrete or plaster, while those on the inside were cemented with mud. Some

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## Birthday Greetings to our Community Members and Friends



### April Birthdays

- |      |                      |
|------|----------------------|
| 2nd  | Chelsie Shepherd     |
| 2nd  | Andrew Eric Shepherd |
| 3rd  | Amber Jackson        |
| 4th  | Randy Roberts        |
| 6th  | Morgan Shepherd      |
| 13th | Brandi Blankenship   |
| 23rd | Bryan Keller         |
| 30th | Makiah Nelson        |
| 31st | Braxton J. Hehn      |

### May Birthdays

- |      |                |
|------|----------------|
| 10th | Erin Davis     |
| 10th | Ryan Hehn      |
| 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  |
| 20th | Nita Hehn         |
| 24th | Dwayne Shepherd   |
| 26th | Erin Shepherd     |
| 26th | Karl Clark        |

## Memorial Day Service

Mark your calendars for May 25th for this year's Memorial Day Service. It will be held at the memorial at Kellogg and Apple Hill at 11:00 am. Remember those that fought for the freedom that we all enjoy!



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## RECENT OBITUARIES

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### **BILLIE JO (FAULKNER) WOODS,**

Wife of Ron Woods and mother of Diane Havey-Pangallo, Rusty and Judy Woods. Billie passed away after years of Alzheimer's. Ron and Billie both lived here as children and raised their family in California. Celebration of Life was held at the California Heritage Center, where many friends, relatives, and family enjoyed being together. A much talented person, a delightful person, and an excellent cook and mother. Many grandchildren and gr. grandchildren.

### **PAMELA (THARP) MCAFFRY**

Wife of John and mother of several children. Pam and John moved to Florida several years ago and passed away while living in Florida. There will be a special service sometime at the end of the month. Pam was the granddaughter of Midge Musselman and sister to Rich, Keith, Bob and Marie Tharp.

### **HAROLD BLOOMHUFF**

Younger brother of Bob (Squeakie) Bloomhuff and Dodie Alsept. Most did not know Harold only his brother Bob and Roy. Harold grew up in California and attended California School during my time.

OUR DEEPEST AND SINCERE SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF THE ABOVE.

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## **Living with the River**

As most of us know our beautiful Ohio River likes to pay us a closer visit once in a while. So it was this spring, after living here all my life no one knows anymore than I how devastating it can be and how stressful it is to our bodies. As it was I thought sure we would get hit worse than we did, due to the amount of snow melt and rain at the time. We all know that you have to be a certain kind of person to endure this time after time.

Maybe it makes you stronger, maybe it makes wiser, but not too much smarter. However, by the Grace of God it did not get as bad as it could have been. Some had flooded basements, some not, some in yards, and most inconvenienced by trying to get out to go to work. Others not living here were troubled with rerouting of traffic and longer times to get to work. We know most people that do not experience this like to see and show their children our sights, the amount of cars and traffic gets unbelievable and makes it hard for us to do what whatever we have to do.

We love everyone and the thought for us, but we found it awful with our yards being torn up by cars turning around and actually causing tie-ups. Let's thank our Lord that we made it out as well as we did. Newer residents you learn from all the experience.

Jackie Kuzniczci Frazier, Calif. Historian

## INTERESTING FACT ABOUT CALIFORNIA

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years later the church was abandoned by the congregation, the roof collapsed. When the roof was gone the rain melted the mud, and the single pile of stone on the outside could not stand alone. Then the walls disintegrated, leaving loose stones on the ground. The church burial ground was there then but not sure if accessible anymore, cannot see anything from the road.

Some years after the Clough Baptist Church had fallen into disrepair, the CALIFORNIA METHODIST CHURCH requested and was given permission to remove the fallen wall stones, and they now live a second life as the façade of our little CALIFORNIA METHODIST CHURCH on Kellogg Ave. BAPTIST STONES NOW METHODIST STONES.

Benjamin Franklin Harmon was an early Baptist pastor in the area. He had been a minister at Columbia (East End). He established the Mt. Washington Baptist Church in 1866, the congregation built the fine brick building that was on the west side of Sutton opposite Plymouth Ave. The church prospered as long as Reverend Harmon was minister, not long after his death it was abandoned.

THE CLOUGH BAPTIST STONES CAN STILL BE ADMIRER AS YOU PASS THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH on Kellogg and Renstar Ave. in California. The church was built in 1953 and still very much active.

Jackie Kuzniczci Frazier - California Historian

## **Be Considerate of you Neighbors**

It's that time of year when everyone starts spending more time outdoors. Windows get thrown open to bring in the fresh warm air of Spring. We run, play with the kiddos and pets, grill out, make bon fires, enjoy an adult beverage or two. It's a wonderful time of the year that everyone wants to enjoy.

As we are having a good time please just keep your neighbors in mind. Barking dogs at all hours of the night and smoke from illegal fires that blow through open windows is no fun for anyone. Many people who have lived in California for a long time understand this. Over the years, they learn to get along and let everyone do his own thing, as long as it doesn't effect others in a negative way.

If you must have loud motorcycles, quad runners, nice fast cars just think of how your behavior is effecting others. Ride with respect to what is around you. Think about children that might be playing in the street or in yards chasing a ball. Respect other's property including city property that is maintained by neighborhood volunteers, keep in mind our peaceful special place along the river.

Let's all enjoy Spring in California!

**March 10, 2015**

The meeting opened at 7:30 PM with President Dave Ross leading the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Roll call of officers indicated that Kathleen Chandler and Mike Christ were not present for the meeting. There were eleven members and eleven guests at the meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted by a motion made by Jo Shepherd and seconded by Jackie Frazier. The treasurer's report was approved by a motion made by Diana Weir and seconded by Debbie Glutz.

**Guests**

The police report was given by Officer Germaine Love. California incurred one reported offence for the month of February. She reported that District 2 has five new officers from the recent recruit class.

The fire report was given by firefighter Jon Davis. He was not able to determine the number of runs to California specifically. The statistics he has reflect the number of runs to all neighborhoods serviced by the Lunken firehouse. He mentioned that in March we should be aware of replacing smoke detectors that are more than ten years and with the change in the time, we should make sure to replace the batteries in our detectors. It was also mentioned that with the river levels being what they are and near flood stage, it is important to be flood smart and not drive on flooded roadways.

Vice-mayor David Mann was present for our meeting. He discussed the recent new trash policy, the fact that there are now more police officers on the streets, that the city budget is balanced for the first time in years, a discussion on bike trails and that in his opinion the NSP funding should be increased back to the \$10,000 that it used to be. He asked that we send him the details of the NSP funded project that we are most proud of. WE appreciate his concern and efforts as the Chair of Neighborhood Support. Mr. Mann also made comments regarding the conditions of many of the city's streets. The city has fallen behind on infrastructure due to a decrease in earnings and that there is a line item in the budget for street repairs.

Dennis Loochok from the city transportation engineering department was present to discuss the recent change made to Linneman Street. The street was signed to be a one-way street. He apologized for the lack of communication to the council and listened to the concerns of residents and property owners since the change occurred. We do realize it is a narrow street, but many of the streets in California are just as narrow. There was concern about traffic wanting to go from the ballpark and ballroom to Eldorado to access Kellogg at the light. Diane Havey-Pangallo made a motion that the street be returned to its normal two way operation, seconded by Diana Weir. Motion passed. Dave will send a letter to the city reflecting our opinion.

**New/Old Business**

A request was received by a city department to resolve an overlap of the boundaries of California and Mt. Washington. A representative of Mt. Washington Community Council will attend April meeting to discuss.

Dave Ross made a motion, seconded by Jackie Frazier, to hire the following for NSP/NBD projects for this year:

**NSP**

Newsletter editor: Jo Shepherd

Park Maintenance/mowing: California Grounds Care

Website Graphics: Lisa Farwick

**NBD**

Streetscape Maintenance: Wimberg Landscape

Dave mentioned to Mr. Mann that with the new fiscal year (July-July) makes projects in warm weather difficult to accomplish. Mr. Mann so noted.

Jo shepherd mentioned that a call to CRC maintenance needs to be made as the leak in the front corner of Ebersole has reoccurred.

Jackie Frazier mentioned that the flag at the Coney sign is tattered and needs replacement. It will be addressed.

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

**February 10, 2015**

The meeting opened at 7:30 pm with President Dave Ross leading the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll call indicated that David Thiem, Kathleen Chandler, Mike Christ and Jo Shepherd were not present for the meeting. There were five members and seven + guests at the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting and the treasurer's report were both approved by a vote on a motion made by Jackie Frazier and Debbie Glutz.

The police report was given by Officer Germaine Love and Sgt. Rodney Pompey. California incurred no reported offences for the month of January. This is the third month in a row that the crime rate in California has been ZERO. Congratulations to the entire community for their efforts made and watching out for each other. They reminded us of the Captains Resource Meeting to be February 13<sup>th</sup> at JP Parker School. Hilda is planning on attending that meeting.

The fire report was presented by Firefighter Powers. While there had been 41 runs made by the engine company, none of those were made to the California area. Again, this speaks well of our little corner of the world. He reminded the members of the importance avoiding electrical fire hazards (i.e., not overloading outlets, space heater safety, extension cords, etc.).

Mandy from CRC put in a request to replace the beeping smoke alarm in our building and apologized for forgetting the flag, flagpole and stand.

**Old Business**

NSP/NBD programs

Dave announced that the NSP program funding has been approved and that the NBD program funding was up for review/funding on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Dave indicated that we may be talking about the hiring for the contracts for NSP/NBD at the next meeting and that we should begin talking about spring cleanup in the community.

**New Business**

Jackie Frazier received a call from a company that does video of older structures in communities. She will have information from them at the next meeting.

Denny Mullen with California community Church announced that they have been nominated for a monetary prize for small and rural churches from district conference. Good luck to them.

There was discussion regarding the recent change to one of our streets in the community. Linneman Street between Eldorado and Waits Avenue was made into a one way street. There was concern about traffic issues with this change. Dave indicated that he was notified by a property owner on the street about his desire for the change due to the narrow street. Dave has requested information from the city on the process for the change, thinking the CCC would be requested to comment or at least be officially notified. Dave has not yet received a response from the Director of Transportation – Michael Moore. There is hope that we will have a response by next meeting.

With no further business before the council, the meeting was adjourned by a motion made by Jackie Frazier and seconded by Debbie Glutz.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Diane Havey-Pangallo, Secretary

**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



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