

The California Village News

Spring 2017

Next Meeting of the California Community Council

7:30 P.M.

April 11th, 2017

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 ninth year now on our lease with the City of Cincinnati for the Old California School (Ebersole Community Center). We rely on tax deductible 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.

Keep California Beautiful!

There is no excuse for dumping trash in the community! The City of Cincinnati will pick up almost anything if you call ahead of trash day for large items, 591-6000. Also, if your yard waste is too much for the provided container, Hafner's on Old Wooster will take it for FREE! Please keep our neighborhood looking good!

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.



Be Considerate of your 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. Watch for kids playing and running in the streets. Keep in mind our peaceful special place along the river. Let's all enjoy Spring in California!

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

Will be holding the annual celebration on Memorial Day. Stay tuned for more details as the date approaches.

It will be held at the memorial at Kellogg and Apple Hill. So many of you have brothers, uncles, fathers, grandfathers who served in W.W.2 and we have such a beautiful memorial, we need bodies there to thank and praise their heroes. DON'T FORGET!!!



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RECENT OBITUARIES

WILLIAM RILEY

Billy, son of the former Bim Riley. Billy grew up in California, went into the Navy as an early age and remained and retired from the Navy. Just recently renewed his friendship with his Riley family and joined us at the last California Reunion. Billy lived in Nevada at the time of death. What a joyous time we had spending time with Billy again. Joy Lynn Ramsey (Riley) was able to reunite us.

CHARLES MYERS

(Charley wife of Donna Clark, father of many and many, many grandchildren. Charley grew up here with his family - Gene, Wanda, Mackie, and Paul. After marrying moved away -Charley spent so much time at our home, that he felt like a little brother to me. Only sibling left is Paul in Alabama.

California Woods / Pancakes in the Woods

For those who missed the CALIFORNIA IN THE PARK PANCAKES, might want to thank about it for next year. Such a nice outing, and so many memories for me attending there since a child. The committee that handles it does such a great job - everything well planned. Just seeing the activity, sapping of the trees, trail walking is such a necessary thing to do. Met some new people and, of course, let all know of our doings here in California. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR NEXT YEAR, I guarantee you will thoroughly enjoy it. Jackie Frazier, Historian

California Clean-up Saturday, April 22nd 10-2

Mark your calendars to help your fellow residents to clean up the public areas of the community. We will assemble at Lebo's parking lot at 10 and work through 2, picking up trash and sprucing up the park. Remember this clean up, sponsored by Keep Cincinnati Beautiful is for **PUBLIC AREAS ONLY**, this is **NOT** the event for cleaning personal property. Help keep your neighborhood looking good!

2017 California Reunion September 15th 1-5 PM

Mark your calendars for September 15th, Ebersole Community Center. All welcome, and please anyone that attended school here we would like to see you there for the photos we take each year. Please attend and see what history is available to see and look at. 1-5 PM. If you have not been there you will be alarmed at how much history I have.

SOME LOCAL HISTORY

The info I have here is from one of Stephen Smalley's writings. The picture shown is from a sketch done in 195, of a most picturesque farm home on a hill overlooking the Ohio River and the village of California. The farmhouse had been standing on that spot since 1803 AND 122 YEARS LATER, when the sketch was made it was the home of Lee Riley, his mother and two children. The sketch was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Block who became the owners of the 59 acre farm. Many people used this home for paintings and sketching.

In the southwest corner of Anderson Township lies a survey numbered 395 which was granted to Bennett Tompkins. He had served in Virginia as an officer during the Revolution. For his service he received this 1666 acre grant of land. Tompkins transferred much of his grant to William Lytle, a real estate agent in Cincinnati. In 1803 Lytle transferred 200 acres of the survey to Ichabod Benton Miller for \$300.00 or \$1.50 an acre. it was on the 200 -acre farm that Miller built the cabin we refer to. It was still here its address would be 500 Fairway Lane, Cincinnati, 452228.

Miller arrived at Columbia not long after its settlement in 1788 which was the first settlement. The Millers lived in the cabin until Mrs. Millers death in 1832. Ichabod then sold all of the 200 acre farm except four acres and the cabin. In 1856 Halsey Miller's heirs sold these last four acres. All of California between Reservoir Avenue and Rohde St. is in what was the Miller 200-acre farm and practically of the two settling basins of the Cincinnati Water Works also lie in this acreage. By 1879 John Mears, a Mt. Washington land owner had purchased 59 plus acres of the original 200 acre-farm, on this land stood the Miller cabin. In 1882 the Charles A. Riley family began to farm this Mears tract and living in the Mears cabin. For a full 50 years the Riley's farmed this acreage, their son Lee took over at the death of his father in 1918 and a third generation, Lee's children Dorothy Lee and Nelson, grew up there. Due to their mother's untimely death their grandmother took care of them.

Mrs. Charles Riley will be remembered by old-timers of the area as the prime mover of the historic Salem Methodist Church at the turn of the century. (Note: This article seemed timely due to the death of Billy Riley (See obit) he was a descendant to the Riley's mentioned here. I did know Dorothy Lee and Nelson (called Monk) later moved to Two Mile Rd. and also knew Harvey Riley brother to Lee, who still has family living here in California) If you want to read more of this article I have it on file at the Heritage Center.

Jackie Kuzniczci
Frazier
California Historian



A Glen Tracy sketch of the Miller house.

California Community Council Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2017

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 Debbie Glutz was not present. There were eleven members and ten guests present for the meeting.

The treasurer's report and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved by a motion made by Hilda Davenport and seconded by Jo Shepherd.

The Police report was given by Officer Kevin Butler. California incurred two offences for the month of December. No arrests were made yet. The fire report was given by Brian Hitzman. He advised the residents to not use extension cords for space heaters, report gas meters that may be leaking and to check CO Detectors as they do expire often.

Guests

Amanda Seitz from WCPO introduced herself as a digital reporter and it was suggested that she do a video with Jackie Frazier in the Heritage Center.

Old Business

Dave reported that he has not received any responses from anyone regarding the status of the bike trail and that 3 tables were purchased with the AIG grant money.

New Business

Dave reported that there has been no hiring yet for NSP/NBD. He is still working on some of the proposals. Also, we should begin to think about a community cleanup in the spring (i.e.: dates, areas, volunteers, etc.)

Mike Christ gave an update regarding the conditional use of the property for the sales of vehicles. The problem seems to be a hang up in the zoning department. The community supports Mike in his efforts.

Holly, Mayor Canley's assistant, said that he was delayed on the other side of town and did we want him to still come tonight or to come to our next meeting. We opted for next meeting.

With no further business before the council, the meeting was adjourned by a motion made by Jo shepherd and seconded by Hilda Davenport.

February 14, 2017

The meeting opened at 7:30 PM with Secretary Diane Havey-Pangallo leading the Pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll call indicated that Dave Ross, David Thiem, Kathleen Chandler, Mike Christ, Hilda Davenport and Debbie Glutz were not present. There were six members and seven guests at the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting and the treasure's reports were approved by a motion made by Jackie Frazier and seconded by Jo Shepherd.

The police report was given by Officer Butler. California incurred three offences for the previous month. He also discussed that suspicious activity needs to be reported as it will be documented. The police National Night Out is set up for August 7th, 2017 and that the districts community resource meeting will be in March.

Rob Morrison introduced himself to the group as a representative of Coney Island and will attempt to come to future meetings also, Ramesh and Mimi (representatives for the water works) were present and presented a discussion on the efforts of the water works to educate and replace old lead lines throughout the county. They also talked about the new newsletter that is available and that monthly billing for water/sewer/msd services is planned for January 2018.

Old/New Business

Dave had sent some notes to be reviewed on a few items that he was aware of: NSP proposals have been submitted and he will be attending the review meeting on February 16th, there is no information on the bike trail, a few donations for the Heritage Center have been received because of use of the building, he will also be attending the Keep Cincinnati Beautiful kickoff event for neighborhood cleanups.

With no further business before the council, the meeting adjourned by a motion made by Jo shepherd and seconded by Bess Carnes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Havey-Pangallo, Secretary



Lee Riley with his daughter Dorothy Lee on the farm.

California Easter Egg Hunt

Sponsored by the
California Community Council
no cost for residents
10 years or younger

Sunday
April 9th, 2017
2:00 pm

Ebersole Community Center
Everyone Welcome!
Treats and Prizes
Bring your Easter Basket or Bag!
No early-birds please.



California Columbia United Methodist Church

Paster Denny Mullen
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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