

The California Village News

Spring 2018

Next Meeting of the
California Community Council

7:30 P.M.

April 10th, 2018

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 10th 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! Reminder, the City of Cincinnati will still pick up almost anything if you call ahead of trash day for large items, 591-6000. 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.



FLOOD 2018

I don't like to be the one to keep things around but when we were hit with the recent flood we all were kind of stunned, even me. I suppose this is done to let us know that Mother Nature and Old Man River still let us know who is boss. After 20 years of not having a moderate flood, we just had to experience again. Although I joke about it I am not the happiest when it happens.

As it slowly crept up, teasing us each day finally had to make us notice and to get busy. The campground is first, I never knew there were so many campers on the river, so they had to find dry ground. Each day I tried to circulate around just to talk to everyone, much of the same conversation coming from everyone. In the beginning the traffic was horrible on Panama St. trying to get campers up and now where to turnaround but peoples yards and drive-

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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



Will be holding the annual celebration on Memorial Day. It will be held at the memorial at Kellogg and Apple Hill at 11:00 am. 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

AILEEN MUSSELMAN THARP - oldest daughter of Midge Musselman. Aileen mother of Bob, Rick, and Keith Tharp, Marie, and the former Pam Tharpe. Midge lived here in California for several years and Aileen lived here at different times.. We all knew the Tharps and Musselmans.

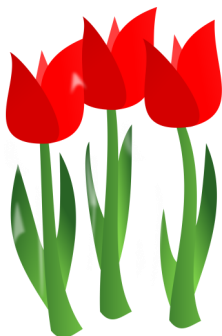
DONALD (RED) HENSON, Don leaves his wife, Rosemary, of many years. He grew up here in California, along with me and my family. He leaves 6 children, - Dr. Mark, Kim, Barb, Mike, Susan, and Trish.. Brothers George (our W.W.2 and Korea vet) and Jack in La. Mary, Geraldine, Bill, sibs deceased. Red was a personal friend of mine and Charles and also my family. Many of good times we had enjoying one another.

BROKAMP, LORIE (Gloeckner) wife of the former Larry Brokamp. Mother of 9 children. Although Lorie never really lived here she attended St. Jerome Church and was part of the big Brokamp family.

Our sincerest sympathy for the families of these fine Californians, we will all miss them.

2018 California Reunion

Stay tuned for details for this year's reunion. All are always 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. Usually held 1-5 PM. If you have not been there you will be surprised at how much history we have. Past years have been in September, stay tuned for this year's date!



Easter Egg Hunt

Participation at this year's Easter Egg Hunt were lower than normal and although it did need to be rescheduled because of snow, much effort is involved in planning parties for neighborhood children. We will be evaluating at some point if it makes sense for these parties to be continued.

ways our neighbors were getting frustrated, for good reason too. We love people but not at a time like this so keep this in mind. One thing that actually made me angry hearing from a neighbor that pulled a truck up to the water's edge, dumped his garbage and a bag of cement.

I was evacuated on Saturday evening as the water was creeping up too fast, so the family said. They came in, bless their hearts, and moved a lot upstairs and some raised in elevation. For the most part most of us did not get the water on the floor, (thank heaven) a few did. Many lost their furnaces and other things in basements. From the aerial view the whole town looked to be covered with water, except for Berte St. which happens to be closest to the river but has the elevation level. I stayed a night at Jill's (only the back yard flooded, with no heat, but all dry in front of the house. But when I wanted to get back up to Kellogg I had to catch a ride in a big truck and run through water. My home was surrounded with water at the time. I am not much for staying in the house by myself, trudging out may be very dangerous with different depths.

Returning after a few days makes you wonder what to expect. I was delighted knowing it did not quite make it on the floor, only within inches. First when the cellar is empty must be pressure washed and to use plenty of bleach to disinfect. Sadly to say Red Cross was no where to be seen and after a few days announced they would be at the school house w/clean up kits, supposedly at 10:00, so we waited and waited and waited somewhere around 12 they did come with cleanup kits. Pastor Marvin was working diligently trying to get some response. Maybe we are such hardy people we don't need a lot of help.

The first day back I could not find my cat, Mama, was no where around when I left. So I was desperately wondered how she made out, when my nephew said he found the cat. Poor little thing was on the peak of the roof, crying and scared to death to come down. Shirley and I were trying several ways to lure her down with no avail, when finally a nice young man rode by on a bike and asked if I needed any help, matter of fact my cat is on the roof, he said "No problem" jumped off the bike, climbed up the side of the house, shimmied up the roof and finally chased her down, I don't know how she climbed up or how long she was there but was sure happy to get down and so was I.

I keep making a joke over the fact that I have never found two of my dining room chairs, they may be with Jill's summer furniture in her basement but as yet I don't know. So I remind everyone if you see two lonely chairs looking for a home they may be mine, or they could be down the Mississippi now and traveling. I now have the honor of being in 18 floods in my life, floods higher than 52 ft. Not anything to be proud of by all means, but it is what it is. Most feel we were lucky and turned out as well as it did, no loss of lives, just a lot of stress and wear and tear. Those who say why do you live there? Why do you live where you do?

Just think how fertile our ground will be this summer. I noticed I had a lot of sand in the flower gardens must have made it down from up stream somewhere. Now if we could just get some decent weather and sunshine would help a lot.

Jackie Kuzniczci Frazier, Calif. Historian

California Community Council Meeting Minutes

California Community Council Meeting February 13, 2018

The meeting opened at 7:30pm with President David Ross, leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The role call of officers indicated that Kathleen Chandler, Mike Christ, Hilda Davenport and Kim Leist were not present for the meeting. There were 3 members/residents and 5 guests present.

Bess Carnes made a motion to accept minutes from last months meeting, Jo Shepherd second the motion.

The police report was presented by officer Kevin Butler,
0 Offenses for the month of January,
New Captain-Erin Jones, District 2.
Police-District 2 is having their 19th District Resource Meeting-Need Volunteer to Represent, California Community Council.

Fire report given by Sgt Pompey
Use CO detectors (last 5-7 years) in your homes along with smoke detectors.
Only 1 Narcan run in January
Spoke on preventing Cooking fires in Homes
Also-Fire Department is now Recruiting for anyone interested and who qualifies!

Lisa with CRC was at the meeting tonight to let everyone know that Mandy is on vacation, and the recreation center having their two week summer camp registration next Tuesday, February 20th. Cost \$1325. For two weeks which includes the childs trips, breakfast, care.

Easter Egg hunt at CRC will be March 24th at 11am. NSP proposal will be submitted Friday. Tree in by park sign needs removed -will see if we can recruit a willing person to remove. Street Scape Lights were out but are on now? \$30.00 to Joey for Easter Candy for Easter Party-Donated by David Ross. Need to find out about lights or reflective strips so that you can see when turning into Ebersole Community Center at night.

With no further business before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by David Thiem and seconded by Bess Carnes, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Glutz,Secretary

California Community Council March 13, 2018

Meeting was called to order 7:30 pm by President David Ross. Other board members were not present. There were 4 members and 3 guests.

Minutes were read of February meeting were read, motion was made to approve by Doug Master, seconded by Jody Andres. Motion passed.

There was no official Treasurer's Report but David noted that our AIG grant of about \$800 was received by Invest in Neighborhoods.

Police Report: Officer Butler reported 2 offences for last month. Captain Aaron Jones introduced himself. He is new to district 2, he's in his 20th year with the Cincinnati Police department. His email is aaron.jones@cincinnati-oh.gov. Captain Jones complimented the city's flood response and said that large item pickup is still available call 591-6000.

Guests: Mandy Bello from CRC reported on activities at the Mt. Washington Recreation Center. Chris Burton from the waterworks was present and said he would look into what the waterworks could do to insure quality work on area construction. Mike Christian Budd, an employee of the Hamilton County library spoke on the upcoming levee. He indicated it will be a 1 mil operating levy on May 8th. The library has not raised additional money in 20 years.

Old Business: NSP proposal for 2018 has been prepared, submitted to city and approved. The formal presentation / review was held February 27th. The new waterline is still in the process of being installed, residents asked whether the grading and seeding is final. David said he would look into it. (Subsequent, David met with Gary and Waterworks, grading is not final, laterals still need to be installed, final grading will take place when work is finished.)

New Business: Pastor Marvin Jones from the Methodist church introduced himself. He worked to provide assistance when he could through the recent flood. Neighbors continued having questions with work of contractor / developer, clean up and final grading at water line as well as ongoing issues with adjacent property owners.

David made a motion to hire the following for NSP projects this year: Joey Shepherd – newsletter editor, California Grounds Care – park maintenance / entry signs, Wimberg Landscape – Kellogg Avenue Streetscape maintenance, Farwick Design – website. Seconded by Jean McDonough, motion passed.

With no further business before council a motion to adjourn was made by Jody Andres, seconded by Marvin Jones. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
David Ross

**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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