

The California Village News

Spring 2019

Next Meeting of the
California Community Council

7:30 P.M.

April 9th, 2019

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 11th 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.

2018 California Reunion

Plan to attend, Saturday, September 21st at old California School! 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. Usually held 1-5 PM. If you have not been there you will be surprised at how much history we have.

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 Easter Egg Hunt

Sponsored by the
California Community
Council
Residents and families
10 years or younger

**Saturday
April 13th, 2019
2:00 pm**

Ebersole Community
Center

Everyone Welcome!

Treats and Prizes

Bring your Easter Basket or Bag!

No early-birds please.



Keep California Beautiful!

There is no excuse for dumping trash in the community! Please keep our neighborhood looking good!

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, Memorial Day, May 27th. 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

GONE FROM US, BUT LEAVING MEMORIES DEATH CAN NEVER TAKE AWAY, MEMORIES THAT WILL ALWAYS LINGER WHILE UPON THIS EARTH WE STAY.

JERRY LANTER, son of the former Wilbur Lanter, part of the big Lanter family that lived here. Was married to former Carol Koehler, also from California. One daughter. Brother to Joyce Rouse and former Virginia. Lived many years in California.

DIANE (CHICK) NEWCOMB CRAVEN. Born and raised in California. Sister to former Frank Newcomb and Jeanne Newcomb. Mother Eleanor Parker Newcomb.

JERRY (MONK) HAHN, Born and raised in California. Son of William (Hahney) and Geno Hahn. Brother of former Terry and Eddie Campbell. Survived by Barry (Bo) Hahn.

JOHN CAMPBELL (TATERS) Born and raised in California. My lifelong friend. Both of us born around the same time, two streets apart and delivered by the same doctor, Dr. Langdon. Also attended California School and Mt. Washington School at the same time. Also Coney pal.

EMMA RIES NEFF, Born and raised in California and also attended school years with me. Married no children. Brothers Dwight and Kenneth Ries. Brother Owen deceased.

BRITTANY ERIN HAVEY - Our town so saddened by the sudden death of one of our younger generation. Brittany, a neighbor of ours on Eldorado Ave. Beautiful daughter of Diane Havey-Pangallo, mother of Jenna. A wonderful, sweet, neighbor and missed by so many. Granddaughter of Billie and Ron Woods.

SPRING IN OLD CALIFORNIA

Here we are into spring finally, wondering if it would happen or not. Spring gets me thinking of how much things have changed over the years. Looking back I can still see what it was like during the GOOD OLD DAYS. The same as today we were fighting the Old Ohio River with its many ups and down. This year seemed so similar. The thoughts of just warmer weather makes you feel like things should be getting into the warmer mood.



Just to see Mr. John Spence dragging his tractor out, traveling down to the river, the river stage then was only 12 ft. in pool, so you had lots of bottom land and many used to grow the most wonderful corn, and he specialized in white corn. Many would come by just to buy corn. What a gentleman he was. He made California his home after floating down the river from Portsmouth area in a houseboat and his animals. He may have worked on the building of the new Water Works as he talked about it. Each year at the same time, you could see his dedication to farming. My side yard that is grass now he used to grow sugar mel-

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ons, which were delicious so he said. Along with that he had his residence on the corner of Croslin and Eldorado where he had a small grocery store with a library also, which Cinti. Library would bring books to him. Many times as a little girl I would walk up sit at the little desk, pick out a book and he would stamp it. I suppose he and his wife did not see eye to eye and built her a home on Panama St. Many times he would sit on the edge of my front porch and just talk to me.

Look, that must be Old Beck, Herman Becker from Panama St. waltzing down the street with his spirits in hand and carrying one in a jug. I think Shockey would like to take aim at the jug or maybe I just thought he did. Old Beck bothered no one in a world to himself. He could be heard singing "Going to see my Chill on Three Mile Hill", naturally one of his lady friends. His mother would call my dad over a Beck was seeing creatures climbing the walls and she needed sine help. Beck was honored quite a bit because of his rich sister, even donated our beautiful stained glass window "Jesus in Gethsemane" in memory of Beck.

Walking up too from the river is Old Joe Parker. Joe lived in a very small structure that probably floated down the river. He would walk up to the store with his big fat pig trailing behind him. He had a mansion, so he thought.

Children were all over, as we had an abundance of kiddies playing. Maybe shooting marbles, even I had a bag of marbles and played. Then there was mumbley peg, can you believe with a knife. Stick horses would be lined up with rope around it like a horst so we could ride away when time came. Then there was looking for empty food cans to put on your feet running and making all kinds of noise. And what a joy to cross Panama St. to the overgrown growth and trees which was my sanctuary. I do believe that I would go down there to be by myself and dream of making and having a difference in my life, climbing a tree and swinging down on it like an ape. Many folks and younger people would go to the river and built fires, help themselves to some of the corn or bring a potato to place in the fire until black, they were so good.

Mr. Schilling and many others plowing their ground readying for the spring planting. Afterall most would have to depend on these crops for the winter. Even I, to this day plant some green onions, don't know why but I still make sure I have some each year.

Many of the children had their first jobs picking strawberries on Mr. Smailes farm, sometimes we ate more than we picked. I think we only got a few nickels but to us that was great. He covered all these fields with straw to keep the plants from freezing each year.

Our main enjoyment as children was the friendship we had with all the other children, of which there were so, so many. THOSE WERE THE GOOD OLD DAYS..

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California Community Council Meeting Minutes

California Community Council Meeting February 12, 2019

The meeting opened at 7:30pm with President David Ross leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 5 members and 4 guests at the meeting.

Meeting minutes from January meeting were read. Minutes were approved by [Bess Carnes](#), [second by](#) Jean McDonagh. There was no formal Treasures report.

The police report was given by Officer Butler, Burglary at 167 Kenwood, tenants are to be removed.

Chris from GCWW: There will be signs posted around the park. Motorized vehicles not permitted.

Heather Couch stopped in to speak to the council she is running for Cincinnati Public School Board for next November 2019.

Old Business

Bike Trail to begin construction this fall from Ebersole Center down to Lunken and from the New Brewery at Waits, up towards Coney. The New Brewery "Dead Low Brewery" in Don Cremmering's previous building, hopes to open July 4th weekend! Reminder, will also have full kitchen for complete restaurant menu. New building being constructed along Kellogg to contain the actual brewing operation. Will have extensive outside beer garden.

"Pig Candy" barbeque restaurant to open in old police station, 5901 Kellogg, received zoning approvals.

New Business

Flyers have been distributed announcing golf course parking available for recent flooding. 2019 NSP Proposal has been submitted to city.

With no further business before the council, the meeting was adjourned by a motion made by Bess Carnes and seconded by Jean McDonough. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Deborah Glutz, Secretary

California Community Council March 12, 2019

The meeting opened at 7:30pm with Vice President David Thiem leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 6 members and 2 guests at the meeting.

Meeting minutes from February meeting were dispensed from reading. Dispensed reading approved by Bess Carnes, second by Jackie Frazier.

There was no formal Treasures report.

The police report was given by Officer Butler, no offenses in the past 28 days.

Mimi from GCWW will talk to Dave Ross this week. Alex Smith with GCWW states that the signs are ready to go up. Motorized vehicles not permitted, around the parks!

Old Business

Remains the same!

New Business

Bought to council's attention about Denny Scott's Old House on Kellogg (vacant lot now). Drops down from the sidewalk, it did have caution tape. Caution tape is down, no fencing-seems to be something to look into as someone could get hurt walking from one of the establishments that are in the future or kids playing.

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Respectfully submitted, Deborah Glutz, Secretary

**California Columbia
United Methodist Church**

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California, Ohio
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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

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**CONEY ISLAND
OPENS - May 25th!**

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**WITH SUMMER AND WARMER WEATHER APPROACHING
PLEASE USE CAUTION ON OUR ROADS, -- MANY CHILDREN
AND ANIMALS WILL BE OUT ENJOYING THEMSELVES.**

**OUR NEIGHBORHOOD GREEN SPACE PARK IS HERE FOR
YOU TO ENJOY BUT IT DOES NEED SOME TLC AT
TIMES. BRANCHES HAVE BEEN FALLING AND I HAVE
BEEN TRYING TO PICK UP SOME, WHICH IS HARD FOR
ME, SURE WOULD APPRECIATE NEIGHBORS MAYBE
HELPING TO PICK UP THINGS WHEN YOU SEE THEM.**

Jackie

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