

The California Village News

Spring 2020

Next Meeting of the
California Community Council

7:30 P.M.

May 12th, 2020

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 12th 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.

2020 California Reunion

Plan to attend, Saturday, September 18th 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.



Keep California Beautiful!

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

HAPPENINGS AROUND CALIFORNIA

With the present condition of not knowing what the rest of spring and summer will be, I am still hoping to have our regular Memorial Day Service if we are able. Check with me closer to date, as we do not know anything for sure. This has gone on every year since the 50's and do not want to forget our wonderful veterans, 179 men and women from California, some gave their all, some proudly went gallantly to save their country. SO DON'T FORGET THEM.

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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

With the current Coronavirus pandemic, the Memorial Day service could be effected. We will be attempting to hold the annual celebration on Memorial Day. If all goes well, it will be held at the memorial at Kellogg and Apple Hill at 11:00 am, Memorial Day, May 27th. We will keep everyone informed with email so if we don't have your email address, let us know!



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Happenings Around California

Many friends are coming to me since it is getting into spring and wondering if I know anything or what is going on with Coney Island. No, I do not know, Coney has been locked up both gates and doesn't seem to be anyone around. I was told by someone that they cannot open up until the Governor gives them the okay, when that is we don't know. Earlier I was there and almost all the rides were gone, what goes on now I simply do not know. So check with me now and then and maybe I will know something.

Jackie Kuzniczci Frazier, Calif. Historian.

RECENT OBITUARIES

Jody (Joseph) Walriven, son of former Joe and Betty (Glassbrenner) former residents of California, Oh. Jody was one of our gallant career military vets. Jody was born and raised in California, after dad served in W.W.2 he joined the Marines, Navy and finally Army where he retired from. He was preceded in death of his wife, Peggy, and 3 living children. Living in Batavia at time of death. Jody was at our last Calif. reunion and I spent time with him after. One of my favorite fellows, knowing him all his life. RIP my dearest Jody, we all love you. He and parents spent their early years growing up on Penn and Clover Streets.

Lucille Butts (Don't know married name). Lucille was one of the youngest of several girls growing up on Penn and Clover Streets. I have school pictures with Lucille in them. Leaves children and many cousins.

PROFILES ON FORMER CALIFORNIANS

Living my entire life in the little town of California on the Ohio, so many neighbors, all different kind, from many different ways of life and so many are still imbedded in my mind. Sometimes one will surge and I have to let all enjoy what our life was like here in the village.

As I have told you before I lived in 4 different homes on Panama St, and twice in one. After moving into 5850 (big home is gone now) we moved next door to 5856, 3 rooms, but running water that is all. Mrs. Myrtle Dees lived upstairs, owner of the home, she lived in the 2-1/2 rooms upstairs. During the summer she would move to the one small room cottage with her boys to rent to Race Track workers. Although it never seem to be of any problem then we only had one outhouse attached to the small cottage (make it quite healthy I am sure).

Even not room for us was much better than the big oversize place next door that had been a hotel at one time, and the main room appeared to be the reception room, very high ceilings and so, so, cold. Since we had my dad's stepmother with us, it was difficult. She passed away that year from the extreme cold.

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Now Mrs. Dees, was one of the sweetest, dearest people you would ever want to meet. Never, never, a bad word about anyone - I can still see her "oh, well" we were called youngsters. Even though the rest of us had not much she had less, never complaining. She had 2 sons - Jack, (who become almost like a brother to us) and a son, who was very mentally challenged, had to have complete care. She devoted her life to Gene, since father flew the coop many tears ago not dealing with it.

Gene had to be diapered, fed, and only scooted on the floor, knew no one. Myrtle one summer while living in the small cottage took a job at a distillery to help her survive. So Dad built a big play pen and we looked after him and at times I had to feed him, usually only Wheaties or Pep cereal in milk as he couldn't chew. As I said Myrtle never complained of her life and always had a smile on her face. We remarked that she didn't seem to get sick, Mother said that she squeezed a lemon each morning and kept her well. This little woman, had no carriage, stroller, or wagon she would carry this child up to Kellogg and take a bus to Children's Hospital for his checkup. Gene was becoming quite large at this time and we wondered how she managed that. Soon we moved over to 5844 and bought our little dream house, some room for us and actually had a furnace, but still outdoor plumbing.

Jack, joined the Navy Airedales, found a nice wife, become quite a responsible family man, lived us out, was the last person from here to visit my brother Herb in Tacoma just before he passed away. Jack was a long haul truck driver. He would keep in touch with us and our Mother as he bonded to our family. Gene passed away at 14 in a care home.

Myrtle's mother was a Carnes, her maiden name was Lindower. Her sister, Nellie, would visit us too at times.

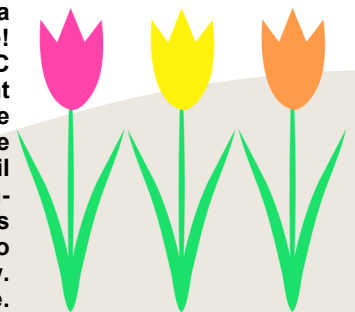
KUDOS TO A WONDERFUL LADY WHO DESERVED TO HAVE AN EASIER LIFE EVENTUALLY.

So as I talk about Panama St. and visit it almost daily I am reliving my childhood, many hardships, but we didn't know it at the time. So many children moving in and out and oodles of life being lived with so many, many others. **BONDING AND REMEMBERING THEM ALL.**

From my memory bank,

Jackie Kuzniczci Frazier, California Historian.

The Coronavirus is having a dramatic effect on everyone! We cancelled April's CCC meeting and Easter Egg Hunt and we'll just wait and see about the May meeting. We have been building an email list so we will continue to communicate with everyone as conditions vary. If we have to cancel May, we'll let you know. I hope everyone stays safe. Enjoy the Spring!



California Community Council Meeting Minutes

Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Ruprich, Secretary

California Community Council Meeting January 14, 2020

The meeting opened at 7:30pm with President David Ross leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 6 members/residents, and 1 guest at the meeting.

Meeting minutes: Meeting minutes from December 10, 2019 were read. Minutes were approved by Joey Shepherd and seconded by Polly Whittaker.

Treasurer's Report: There was no formal Treasures report.

Guests: The police report was given by Officer Kevin Butler. On 01-02-20 there was a Theft at 5869 Kellogg Avenue (Lebo's), and on 01-08-20 there was Burglary/Breaking & Entering at a garage at 645 Sutton Avenue.

If you see something, report it to Non-Emergency Police number is 513-765-1212. Officer Kevin Butler's number is 513-979-4481.

Old Business:

Nothing new on the current construction of the bike, walking, and running trail.

David Ross will schedule the Waterworks tour for April/May which will be announced later.

The City of Cincinnati and Anderson Township to sponsor study on marketing along Kellogg near the Interstate.

New Business:

The head coach from the Queen City Rowing Club is interested in renting the Center at various times for orientations and other programs. The Queen City Rowing Club meets at Harbour Towne Yacht Club Marina on Kellogg for their rowing.

Neighbor, Doug LeFever, is considering offering meditation classes at the Center. More will be posted about this once decided.

With no further business before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Joey Shepherd and seconded by Jean Davis, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned.

California Community Council Meeting February 11, 2020

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

Meeting minutes: Meeting minutes from January 14, 2020 were read. Minutes were approved by Jackie Frazier and seconded by Doug Masters.

Treasurer's Report: There was no formal Treasures report.

Guests: The police report was given by Officer Kevin Butler. On 01-24-20 there was a Burglary/Breaking & Entering at 5859 Kellogg Avenue (Dead Low Brewing). Officer Butler mentioned that April 25th is National Drug Take Back Day at 6131 Campus Lane (Health Source) in Mt. Washington. Pills are accepted, but not liquids.

If you see something, report it to Non-Emergency Police number is 513-765-1212. Officer Kevin Butler's number is 513-979-4481.

Mandy Bello with the Mt. Washington Recreation Center extended the invitation for a free 45 minute performance of "Stuart Little" performed by the Play House in the Park/Off the Hill on 02-16-20 at 7:00pm at the Mt. Washington Rec Center.

Mark Patel and Jan Kearney were present to introduce and request votes in the March 17, 2020 Primary for Democrat Christine Patel who is running for Drug Court Judge. Christine Patel is an experienced drug court attorney representing clients in the Hamilton County Drug Court since 1995.

Old Business:

Queen City Rowing Club to rent out the Center in March.

David Ross will schedule the Waterworks tour for April and May.

No knew word on the City of Cincinnati and Anderson Township marketing study along Kellogg.

Decorative lights on Kellogg have been repaired and are working.

New Business:

NSP Proposal has been submitted to the City of Cincinnati.

Pancakes in the Woods at **California Woods Nature Preserve** is scheduled for March 15, 2020 9:00am – 1:00pm

Looking at dates for the Spring Clean-up.

With no further business before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Polly Whittaker and seconded by Kim Leist, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned.

California Community Council Meeting March 10, 2020

The meeting opened at 7:30pm with President David Ross leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 6 members/residents, and 2 guest at the meeting.

Meeting minutes: Meeting minutes from February 11, 2020 were read. Minutes were approved by Bess Carnes and seconded by Jackie Frazier.

Treasurer's Report: There was no formal Treasures report. No expenses since last meeting, invest grant check was received.

Guests: The police report was given by Officer Kevin Butler. No crime to report.

If you see something, report it to Non-Emergency Police number is 513-765-1212. Officer Kevin Butler's number is 513-979-4481.

Old Business:

Queen City Rowing Club rented out the Center on March 2, 2020. They would like to continue to rent on a Quarterly basis and possibly other times for training.

NSP submitted to the City of Cincinnati was approved.

New Business:

David Ross made a motion to hire the following for 2020 NSP projects:

Wimberg - beautification/streetscape maintenance

California Grounds Care – Park Mowing

Farwick Design – website maintenance

Seconded by Bess Carnes motion passed.

Doug Masters will be in charge of and will be announcing the date for Spring Clean Up.

Waterworks tours will be rescheduled in the Fall.

David Ross will be representing California on the committee with the City of Cincinnati and Anderson Township marketing study along Kellogg.

Methodist Church to have a Rummage Sale on April 25th. Donations can be dropped off at the Church on Sundays after service.

When the 2020 Census comes out, your part is important in filling it out as this helps with the decision in how much funding the City receives.

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

**California Columbia
United Methodist Church**

Pastor Marvin Jones
5751 Kellogg Avenue
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



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