

The California Village News

Spring 2021

Next Meeting of the
California Community Council

7:30 P.M.

April 13th, 2021

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 13th 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.

2021 California Reunion

Saturday, September 18th, mark your calendar! Donations welcome to the California Heritage Foundation, help keep things running! Come and see what history we have for our little town and visit with old and new friends. Who knows you may find out something new about your family or you! This will be pot-luck, coordinated as we get closer.

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 Cleanup

Come out with your neighbors and help keeping California looking great! We will meet at Lebos parking lot at 10:30 am April 24th. Teams will be picking up trash on all public rights of ways and park. Hog Dogs and refreshments will follow! Please help keep our neighborhood looking good! Doug Master will be coordinating, thanks Doug!

PIG CANDY?

Some will be wondering what is this? Yes, it is real, it is our newest addition to our little growing town. What a wonderful addition to join our other newest businesses. All of you can remember our old POLICE STATION on the corner of Eldorado and Kellogg. Sat empty for years as a child all would play in it as it had equipment of being a jail.

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Birthday Greetings to our Community Members and Friends



April Birthdays

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

We will be holding the annual Memorial Day service on Memorial Day at the WW2 memorial at Kellogg and Apple Hill at 11:30 am, Memorial Day, May 31st. Please come to honor the fine young men and women related to you many of current and former residents. What they did was not always what they wanted to do but for the love of our country, and to preserve the lifestyle we all still enjoy!



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RECENT OBITUARIES

JOY ROUSE, wife of former Leonard Rouse, I knew Joy for many years. She and Leonard lived many years in Mt. Washington.

BETTY RAUCH, met her to **Gina Rouch**, just within the past week.

GINA (RAUCH) FORD, granddaughter to the former Jeep Rauch and daughter to Betty Rauch.

IDA (LAWSON) BAUER, early years married to Buddy (Roy) Bauer) in later years lived on Panama St

Chill Out!

Although it wasn't a particularly rough one (until the very end), we are glad to see the end of Winter. Between the inevitably dreary days and the Covid-19 isolation, Winter sure upped the stress level for us all, didn't it?

Show of hands – who has NO stress in their lives. I thought so. We all do.

This is a stressful world at a stressful time. When it creeps up on me, I don't count sheep, I talk to the Shepherd.

I sincerely believe that it is our own fault. We had a great deal going in a real non-stress environment – The Garden of Eden. But, **we** blew it and ever since Satan has been taking advantage of our free will and trying to get us to eat the apple all over again. And, one of his main weapons is *stress. Stress that separates us from the knowledge and protection of the Almighty by casting doubt on our reliance on God's power and guidance in times of trouble.*

Let me offer some Biblical advice from some stressed out folks.

Concentrate on the Things that Are Calming

The Apostle Paul had some advice for the persecuted Christians in Philippi. *"Whatever things are lovely...of good report... think on these things." Phil 4:8. Society is caught up in noise and confusion. We are dealing with the MTV generation. Attention spans are at an all-time low. We all need to cultivate habits of calmness. We need to go to nature, fellowship and most of all meditation on His Word*

Cooperate With Inevitable Conditions

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him." Rom 8:28

Are you a "Weather-Wisher"? My Grandmother was. She was never content with what the weather threw at her, always wishing for warmer, cooler, drier, etc. weather. Jesus conquered stress by not fretting over the things

Comfort Others Who Have Complaints

In 2nd Corinthians, Paul spoke of Jesus as: *"He who comforts us... that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble." 2 Cor 1:4*

Pig Candy

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Mr. Hubert Rogers, living on Panama St. decided to sell his old home, bought this gem and made it into a home. Raised his two sons there. While living there built the little cottage next door, opened a small grocery store, some of the bricks coming from the old home on Panama St. Later this became a little home. Geno Hahn bought the police residence and lived there for many years. After that it was empty off and on, as rental property.

NOW, Paul Montgomery and Christina Goehrig could visualize an opportunity, purchased it and had to deal several years trying to get the proper permits for what they wanted. We waited and waited. Just this past year it became possible, we all knew what the name was going to be, with some wondering what? What a joy and improvement to our neighborhood along with the DEAD LOW BREWERY that opened last year, and the renovation of some of our older homes. While riding thru town on the PINK PANTHER I am so proud of our berg and see so many just passing thru admiring it. Such a wonderful place for children, and was always a great place to raise your families. As I make my tour thru town, I usually have to go over Berte St. where our friendly duck CARLOS and his harem of hens are busy searching, I talk to him but still waiting to hear a "hello". We also have Jill's pet BIG pig Montpelier, not too mobile anymore, and to call for my grandson cat, LUCY, who is a boy, son of my former Mama cat. He knows me when I call him, after all don't most know their grandma? Down on Panama we have Polly;s Panama Farm, with TINKERBELLE, the donkey, small horse, 2 pigs, and some horses. I also call to Tinker as I go by. I suppose I am the weird one, but a way to utilize your town.

With spring finally here and our usual threat with Mother Nature and our spring floods. Life is such when this happens that most of us check on one another for a common occurrence and businesses pitch in and furnish parking spots for the campers. We are still waiting for the final phase of the Bike Trail, the California Woods has people interested and working in it doing upgrades. Lebo's still entertains many people and more with the coming season. Coney island, Belterra, Riverstar Ballfields, our Bed N Breakfast Rentals, Party Boat, and the new condos.

So what is Pig Candy? Bar-b-Cue theme, dining, cash and carry.....We are all amazed how well it has turned out, a very good addition to our town. Looking forward to all of you former Californians enjoying their childhood town with many memories.

(Additional note, if you stop in be sure to check out the photographs which they reproduced from our Jackie (CHF) collection and beautifully framed and hung on walls. They are proud to be a part of our California neighborhood and doing well!!)

Jackie Kuzniczci Frazier, California Historian



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California Community Council Meeting Minutes

California Community Council Meeting January 12, 2021

The meeting opened at 7:30pm with Secretary, Rhonda Ruprich, leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call indicated that David Ross, Kathy Chandler, Mike Christ, Joey Sheppard, Polly Whittaker, and Jackie Frazier were not present at the meeting. There were 7 members/residents, and 0 guest at the meeting.

Meeting minutes: The meeting minutes from our last meeting on December 8, 2020 meeting were in the Winter News Letter, and approved by Bess Carnes and seconded by Kim Leist.

Treasurer's Report: No formal Treasure report.

Guests: No guests attended this meeting.

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:

No new updates on the ORT (Bike/Walking Trail). Still delayed in opening.

No new updates on The City of Cincinnati and Anderson Township "Kellogg Gateway Study" for enhancements.

Winter Newsletter was sent out.

New Business:

Connie Ganim from Dead Low Brewery introduced herself and discussed their interest in outreach to the community. Connie presented a \$130 donation to the California Heritage Foundation. This is an extremely nice gesture on Dead Low's part due to the setbacks they have had with COVID19. Again the topic of the store/deli in the old location at the top of Waits was discussed. Connie said they have ideas for a store, but it is on the back burner for right now.

David Ross will be working on the NSP Proposal in time for Spring work.

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

February meeting was cancelled due to snow storm.

California Community Council Meeting March 9, 2021

The meeting opened at 7:30pm with President, David Ross, leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call indicated that Kathy Chandler, Mike Christ, and Joey Sheppard were not present at the meeting. There were 9 members/residents, and 2 guests at the meeting.

Meeting minutes: The meeting minutes from our last meeting on January 1, 2021 were read, and motion to approve made by Bess Carnes, seconded by Kim Leist, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: No formal Treasure report. David Ross did indicate that there has been no financial activity since last meeting. CCC will be receiving upfront funds for this year's NSP projects shortly.

Guests: The police report was given by Officer Kevin Butler. Criminal Offence of Damaging/Endangering and Menacing and Personal Theft on Parker Lane. Assault and Damaging/Endangering on Rohde 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.

Gio Rocco with the City of Cincinnati Department of Community Development.

Old Business:

The ORT (Bike/Walking Trail). Still delayed in opening. Waiting for last utility poles to be removed, and paving completed.

There is no official update on The City of Cincinnati and Anderson Township "Kellogg Gateway Study" but Paul Gamin from Dead Low has heard of a preference of putting in a "Roundabout" near the exit from I-275. Again, there has been no official update to CCC.

NSP proposal for 2021 was submitted and approved. Motion by David Ross to hire Wimberg Landscaping to provide street scape work and also mow the park. Seconded by Bess Carnes, motion passed.

New Business:

Paul Ganim from Dead Low Brewery discussed the set back of installing another deck at Dead Low and under old zoning laws would require additional parking spaces. He has approached the City of Cincinnati in regard to easing restrictions on parking. Gio Rocco with the City of Cincinnati Department of Community Development was in attendance to give explanation and his opinion of utilizing an urban parking overlay to help with this issue. This could help other business in the community with the same problem. Some shared parking strategies could be utilized.

Paul Ganim also mentioned that Dead Low employees are willing to help with any flood clean-up and are willing to help with the Spring Clean Up.

Doug Masters to organize the Spring Clean Up. Most likely will be held in April.

Queen City Rowing recently rented the Center again and may like to do more so in the future.

Jackie Frazier mentioned that Charlie Gill's home on Eldorado is being cleaned out and will be sold. Proceeds from the sale are to go to the Anderson Township Park District.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Ruprich, Secretary

**California Columbia
United Methodist Church**

Pastor Ed Bridgeman
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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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Chill Out

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If we are busy laboring on behalf of others who are in need or in trouble, we tend to forget our own problems or find them so petty we dump them. Jesus cared deeply, involving Himself with others. He healed the sick, gave sight to the blind and forgave the sinful. By getting involved we help the least, the lost and the lonely. And, we will find Him laboring at our side.

Constantly Trust in God

The Psalmist of Old said, "Trust in Him at all times...pour out your heart to Him...God is a refuge..." Psalms 62:8

We don't always feel His presence, but we must have the Faith that He is near even if hidden by circumstances. We are able to trust in God because we are not alone. He promised "I will never leave you nor forsake you." (Heb 13:5) *When Christ was in the Wilderness, He leaned on the Word and Presence of His Father and was able to overcome Satan. Do likewise.*

So, Spring is here! Let's look to advice from Scripture and GET THE CHILL OUT!!

**Ed Bridgeman, Pastor
California Community United
Methodist**

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