

# The California Village News

Summer 2012

Next Meeting of the  
California Community Council

7:30 P.M.

September 11th, 2012

Ebersole Community Center  
5701 Kellogg Avenue



As most of you know, we are in our fourth year now on our lease with the City of Cincinnati for the Old California School (Ebersole Community Center). We rely on tax deductible membership 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](mailto:info@californiaohio.org) or Jackie Frazier at 513-231-4402 [jackiefrazier@aol.com](mailto:jackiefrazier@aol.com).

## California Reunion/ Community Celebration

Join us Sunday, July 1st for this get together of past and present residents of California as we celebrate the community's rich history. 1:00 pm—? Ebersole Community Center / old California School. \$10 per person suggested donation covers donated food or bring your own. Limited parking is reserved for elderly guests. Drop-off available with additional parking at the community park or as directed by volunteers.

## 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](mailto: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.



## IN MEMORY OF BUDDIES - CHARLES AND JOE

Peggy and I just learned of the passing of Charles Frazier. He was a dear friend of my dad, Joe Walriven who passed away Feb. 25th of last year. They were buddies of W.W.11 in having been residents of California, joined the U.S. Navy together and served their country honorably. Aside from the friendship and the uncertainty of service in W.W.11, Charles went on to serve in peacetime and the Korean War.

TO JACKIE and the Extended family, we pass on our condolences for the loss. Out of respect we remind all of the contributions made by the "greatest generation" to this great nation of ours. Example, set toward service and family upon return will and should be

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## Birthday Greetings to our Community Members and Friends



### July Birthdays

1st Courtney Shepherd  
7th Bob Hehn  
7th Joshua Hartmen  
9th Rhonda Reese  
11th Dave Hehn  
14th Mathew Bohart  
15th Ron Simpson  
18th Robert Carter  
18th Steven Ross  
18th Kim Liest

### August Birthdays

10th Karolyn Wardlow  
11th George Wardlow  
13th Bess Carnes  
13th Melissa Shepherd  
18th Mildred Wiwi  
20th Tara Finn  
21th Sue Coultier  
22th Richard Wardlow  
22th Bridgett Woods  
23th Jack Carnes, Sr.  
29th Krissy Hehn

### September Birthdays

2nd John Forthuber  
8th Miss Ghutz  
9th Samantha Betscher  
13th George Nave  
15th Ron Scott  
19th Jack Carnes, Jr.  
24th Elaine Keys

## Have a great summer!



Remember, there will be no CCC meetings for the months of July and August.

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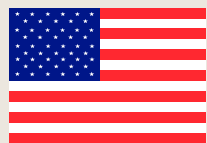
## **NUPTIALS AT HARBOR PARK**

What was recently seen on the bank of the beautiful Ohio River? Pink flamingos, white and blue ribbons, and a very much, in love bride, Kathy Smith, and groom, Ron Stamper. Romance is still very much alive in the community of California, Ohio, as the couple exchanged their vows on the very edge of the river. Country music could be heard as Kathy sang and Ron beamed. The couple has been very busy during the last year rejuvenating their love nest at 5860 Panama ST. LONG LIVE THE BRIDE AND GROOM -- THE BEST OF LUCK FROM ALL YOUR FRIENDS!!!

K. and E. Wiwi. (Congratulations from all of us in California)

## **THINGS ALL AROUND TOWN .....**

As most of you residents know, we have a new resident -- MONTPELIER A.K.A. Monty, the pig on Berte St. Do you know the story of said pig? Jill (my daughter) said her dad always promised her a baby pig growing up. So in memory of her dad, PIG is here and PIG is growing, and this pig thinks he is human. I never knew they were so smart, but also so ornery. Monty is kept in basement, has a doggy door, and digs up everything!! Although he is fenced in, he can manage to get out at times. The name is in memory of her dad's W.W.2 ship, U.S.S. MONTPELIER, and called Mighty Monty. If you are interested in seeing pig, he is at Jill's newly remodeled home on Berte St.



## **MEMORIAL DAY**

Had a nice service again by the VFW, they will continue as long as they have someone to do the service. I was able before then to go up and pull some weeds, remove old flags and put a coat of water repellent stain on the benches, made them look a little better. Had a few neighbors attend, but we need more to at least think they care about their W.W. 2 guys, after all they did not forget us when they were putting their lives at stake to preserve our country.

## **RECENT OBITUARY**

Dorothy L. Overly (Riley), 91 yrs. of age, passed away in Ocala, Fla. Dorothy was born here in California, Oh. to parents of Lee and Evelyn (Whitney).. Her daughter, Joy Harter, also from California, OH. She was raised up near the golf course and many of the older Calif. remember her family, later lived on Old 2 Mile Rd. Also related to Robbi Christ and Cindy both here in the town. Dorothy has given me lots of info she had and pics of the family for the Heritage Foundation. A very knowledgeable and active person. OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE RILEY FAMILY.....

KUDOS TO LEBO'S FOR THE WONDERFUL PAINT JOB THAT HAS RECENTLY BEEN DONE, IT LOOKS GREAT AND HOPE THE REST ALONG THE HIGHWAY WILL PAINT UP AND SPRUCE UP TO MAKE US LOOK BETTER.

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## **IN MEMORY OF BUDDIES - CHARLES AND JOE**

appreciated by us ageing baby-boomers. In my heart of hearts, I don't ever expect we will ever live up to the sacrifice. There was a dedication beyond the call to duty. They returned, went back to work, raised their family and asked nothing of no one. CHARLES AND DAD AND THEIR LIKES WERE SUCH MEN.

I am a decorated Vietnam Veteran and decorated up until the end of the Cold War and beyond. I served for 25 years in the infantry military. My wife of 42 years helped make it possible. Regardless, I went back to work, eventually retired and asked nothing of no one. As a Baby-Boomer, the likes of Charles and Dad is the reason, they set the example.

In no way do I mean to compare my military life shared with Peggy with that of Charles and Dad. Although a lengthy career, I am humbled by the thought of WW11, uncertainty, raising family and all those of the greatest generation went thru. Many ribbons, medals, plaques, certificates and letters pale to compare. The life of Charles and Dad's define my life to this day. Your lives have been most honorable. REST IN PEACE, THANKS FOR THE LEGACY.

Joseph E. Walriven, (Jody) 513-735-6723 --- Batavia, Ohio. VIETNAM (1968-69)

*(Thanks, Jody, for such wonderful words for our guys of the "greatest generation", they were the GREATEST.)*

## **Kellogg Construction at Salem Update**

Construction has begun on a new segment of Ohio River Trail, linking the Lunken Airport trail to the Magrish Nature Preserve. The new trail segment (Lunken to Salem) will provide a safe, separated path that pedestrians and bicyclists of all ages can use to cross the Little Miami Scenic River.

The project will repurpose a westbound lane across the Kellogg Avenue bridge, turning it into a dedicated and physically separated path for pedestrians and bicyclists. Two westbound travel lanes will be maintained across the bridge for motor vehicles.

When the new segment of trail is completed this fall, citizens will be able to use the Ohio River Trail to travel between Schmidt Ballfield on Riverside Drive and the Magrish Nature Preserve near Salem Road. The Little Miami Scenic Trail will eventually connect to the Ohio River Trail in this area as well, linking Cincinnati with over 100 miles of continuous bike/hike trail between Springfield, Dayton and Columbus, Ohio.

There are currently 4.1 miles of Ohio River Trail in Cincinnati, and another 3.4 miles are currently being designed.

*Melissa McVay, MCP  
Senior City Planner  
Department of Transportation & Engineering*

## California Community Council Meeting June 12, 2012 7:30 P.M.

### Role Call:

The meeting opened at 7:30 P.M. with President David Ross leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Roll call of officers was read and found that Diane Havey, Kathy Chandler, and alternate Bess Carnes were not present at the meeting.

### Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Hilda Davenport, seconded by Jo Shepherd to suspend the reading of the meeting minutes due to the absence of the Secretary. Motion passed.

### Treasurer's Report:

President David Ross read the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Jackie Frazier and seconded by Charlie Gill to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

### Police Report:

Police Officer Germaine Love gave the police report. There were 2 offences during the last report period. One was a domestic dispute and the other was a theft of tools that was recovered. There will be a detail that will be patrolling Kellogg Avenue for speeding in the near future. National Night Out is scheduled for August 7th at Owl's Nest Park in Obryonville. There has been, observed by residents, an increase of racing along neighborhood streets and partying in the park, likely due to summer weather but seems more than usual. One resident noted planes from Lunken not using the flight path over the river. Officer Love said she would get the number that residents are supposed to call to report those incidents.

### Guests:

No guests.

### Old Business:

All thanked Vice President David Thiem for putting up the American Flags along Kellogg Avenue. He indicated that he needed to purchase a few more than budgeted. Dave Ross indicated the CCC would reimburse David for the flags. Some residents recommended having the exterior metal stairs at Ebersole should be checked. Dave indicated he would request this of the CRC. There was some question about the overgrown bushes at the streetscape entry signs. Dave Thiem and Mike Christ will check it out and remove if necessary. NSP / NBD projects are going well, streetscape planters look great, the park looks good from mowing, and flags look great. Ebersole funds have been used for a vacuum cleaner, trash cans, picture frames, etc. to spruce up for the upcoming reunion / community celebration.

### New Business:

A flyer will be printed to advertise the upcoming Reunion / Community Celebration. David Ross to write to the City to request street resurfacing as soon as possible. We are currently on the schedule for 2014. All residents are encouraged to attend at least a part of the day on July 1st at 1:00—? This is a good opportunity for those who don't normally attend CCC meetings to see the building now in California use. One first floor room has been transformed into a community office and California Heritage Foundation home. Jackie (and others) have been moving her historical information to the center of the past 2 years. The second room on the first floor is used for the community meetings. The entire second floor is used for social gatherings like the children's parties on holidays and can be used for other events like the upcoming celebration.

With no further business before the council, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike Christ and seconded by Jo Shepherd. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

David S. Ross  
President

## Fall 2012 Community Yard Sale

Hold September 8th, 8 am-2 pm open for this fall's Community Yard Sale. First held in September 2007, this twice a year event that is designed to raise funds for the California Heritage Foundation. A \$15 donation goes toward utilities and upkeep of the old California School as well as providing a location for archives of California History. The donation gets a yard sign indicating your participation, and on large signs located along Kellogg Avenue. Do your part and get rid of that stuff that's been cluttering up your home. Number of slots is limited so call Dave Ross at 624-6257 or email [info@californiaohio.org](mailto:info@californiaohio.org). Spaces available at Ebersole Center for non-residents.

## 2012 NSP / NBD Projects Update

1. Newsletter (quarterly, printed, emailed and available on website.)
2. Beautification—Streetscape Maintenance (Wimberg, looking good!), Flag supplies (Thanks Dave Thiem, great job!)
3. Park Maintenance / Mowing (California Grounds Care, also looking good!)
4. Website (Keeping updated.)
5. Ebersole (Spending some money on misc. supplies, furnishings, etc. Thanks for coordinating Joey!)

**Special thanks to Mike Christ and California Grounds Care for all of the additional mowing and maintenance around the neighborhood that he is VOLUNTEERING! Thanks so much for the community dedication. It is APPRECIATED!!!**

**California Columbia  
United Methodist Church**

Rev. Ernest Bein  
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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