

The California Village News

Summer 2013

Next Meeting of the
California Community Council

7:30 P.M.

September 10th, 2013

Ebersole Community Center
5701 Kellogg Avenue



As most of you know, we are in our fifth 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 or Jackie Frazier at 513-231-4402 jackiefrazier@aol.com.

2013 NSP / NBD Projects Update

1. Newsletter— Quarterly
2. Beautification—Streetscape Maintenance (Wimberg, looking good!).
3. Park Maintenance / Mowing (California Grounds Care, also looking good!)
4. Website (Keeping updated.)

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!!!

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 Reunion/ Community Celebration

Have decided on September 21st, for the annual reunion at the Old Ebersole Center, now are CALIFORNIA HERITAGE FOUNDATION. Plenty of time to let anyone know that you might see, they do not have to have gone to school there or lived here (someone thought that). Perhaps will be cooler than the July one of last year. Do not know all the particulars as yet but probably similar to last year, as it is to be some of the few funds coming in to keep the school house open. The city has cut down on some of their funds so we are on our own. Any questions call me 513-231-4402 or any council member or get in touch by e-mail or facebook. We do have a very nice facebook page for California and also our website for California.

Jackie

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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RECENT OBITUARIES

GEORGIA EILEEN WEIR (RAPER) wife of former Bob Weir of Eldorado Ave. Also known as "Maw", mother of Bobbie, Butch, Joyce and Tracey. Many grandchildren and gr. grandchildren. Greatly missed by her brother, Richard. Maw was grandmother to many, and to so many that needed a home for a few days. She is missed by many.

RON REESE, former resident and husband to the former Jeanne Pilkerton and Kathy Scott. In later years lived in New Richmond with daughter Ronda. Father to Ron, Scott, Kelly and Rhonda. Passed away on 4th of July.

VERA MAE NICHOLS (WORKMAN), wife of Terrell. Born in California in 1937, married, moved out of town. Mother and grandmother. 2 brothers. Related to lots of people here in town.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO BOTH FAMILIES FROM ALL THE RESIDENTS, FRIENDS, AND FAMILY.

CALIFORNIA W.W. 2 MEMORIAL

Those who receive the Forest Hills Journal would have seen the nice picture of our memorial on the front page. It says:

W.W.II MEMORIAL'S CARE WORRIES VETS

This is what it says: It's been at the same location for almost 65 yrs. Tucked back on a grassy patch of land next to the California Woods Nature Preserve sits two benches angled toward five large stone panels with nearly 180 names engraved. Also the 5 Californians that lost their life. They are the ones that gave us this country, said Bob Shannon, vice commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3627.

The California Civic Association in June 1949 dedicated the memorial across from the Greater Cincinnati Water Works on Kellogg Ave. All the veterans listed on the memorial were from California, Anderson township or Newtown. (No, they were all from California when they went into service, may have moved to other places later.)

Post 3627 has been maintaining the memorial for years. They change the flags each year for Memorial Day and hold a small ceremony to honor the veterans with speeches from the Post Commander, prayers from the chaplain and taps played by a local student, said Leo Sunderman a World War 11 Navy veteran and Post officer.

But the Post's membership is dwindling and they are worried about who will carry on the tradition, The majority of its 42 members are World War 11 veterans. Two served in the Korean War, one served in Afghanistan and Shannon is the only Viet Nam veteran.

Memorial Day festivities near the memorial site used to be much grander with parades, fire trucks, and good attendance from the community. But now, Shannon said it seems like the memorial and the local veterans are fading from memory. "Even the families have forgotten about this little place" he said. (Note: yes,

everyone here is forgetting their loved ones, fathers, grandfathers, brothers, and husbands)

It's an honor for us to take care of this and we are afraid when we stop there will be no one left...to take over our watch. We are just trying to keep it from being forgotten. They closed the Post building in Mt. Washington several years ago and have been meeting monthly at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Bartels Rd, meetings begin at 1:30 p.m. second Tues. each month.

(Note: from Jackie.

I attended the memorial this year, as always, tried to let most know, but Memorial Day is the same each year is it not? Our memorial is so unique as it has all the names of our loved ones and also the 5 who lost their life. I was ashamed, as usual, as only 2 people from town were there - me and Rhonda Betscher, and a daughter of Flora Hehn, remembering her uncles on the memorial. This memorial was put here with a lot of love and thoughts and hard work by our local residents - with most everyone donating money of whatever they could give at the time. Helen Wolfer Carroll worked diligently to make sure we had this as a legacy for our own veterans. I have a list of all the peoples who donated at the time and it consisted of almost the whole town. Please, do not forget these men and women, most of which are gone by now, they did have families and should be remembered and never forgotten. As I have said before is 1/2 hr. too much out of one year to pay respect, did these veterans forget us when they were fighting for our freedoms?

Had a conversation with Vic Nolting of Coney and asked if he had any remembrances or anything that he could donate to our display at the Heritage Center, he will get back to me after the pool closes.

CALIFORNIA NATURE CENTER

5400 Kellogg Ave near Calif. / Anderson Twp

Preschool Nature Camp (ages 4 - 5)
10:00am - 1:00pm
Register for only 1 session
Session 2: July 22 - 26 (Mon. - Fri.)

Nature Detectives (ages 6 - 8, post-Kindergarten)
9:30am - 3:00pm
Register for only 1 session
Session 2: July 15 - 19 (Mon. - Fri.)

Nature Art and Theater (ages 7 - 9)
9:30am - 3:00pm, July 8 - 12 (Mon. - Fri.)

Outdoor Skillz Camp (ages 10 - 13)
*9:30am - 3:00pm, July 29 - August 2
(M-T-W, Overnight Thurs. - Fri.)
*Overnight Hours: Thursday from 7 pm to Friday 9 am



California Community Council Meeting

May 14, 2013 7:30 P.M.

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 Mike Christ were not present at the meeting. There were five (10) members and one (2) guests present at the meeting

A motion was made by Diana Weir, seconded by Hilda Davenport to suspend the reading of the meeting minutes and treasurer's report due to the absence of both officers. Motion passed. Dave Ross did indicate that no monies had been spend since the last month and we did receive this year's interest grant.

The Police Report was given by Officer Kelly MacBeth. California incurred two (2) offences for the previous month. One was a theft from auto, the other was a theft within a family. Officer Macbeth encouraged everyone to call 911 if you are witnessing a crime in progress.

Michelle Miller from the Mt. Washington Recreation Center introduced herself and briefly described current and upcoming programs.

NSP and NBD projects have not been approved at levels ½ of what was available last year. All monies need to be spent by the end of August and no new amounts are in the budget as of yet, for 2014. Dave Ross has written al letter of support to the city for roadway improvements in town, especially Renslar which was severely damaged by truck traffic to riverfront construction. The CRC has agreed to replace all mechanical equipment in Ebersole. (When exterior condensers were destroyed by vandals, the CRC checked out all equipment and decided it would be a good time for total replacement.) Dave said he would make a call to Keep Cincinnati beautiful to see if a cleanup and still be planned.

NSP and NBD contracts were awarded: Jackie Frazier made a motion, seconded by Bess Carnes for the following:

NBD: Beautification / Streetscape – Wimburg Landscaping

NSP: Newsletter Editor – Jo Shepherd, Park Maintenance – California Grounds Care, Website updates – Lisa Farwick graphic designer. Motion passed.

The western California sign had rotted where the posts met the ground. George Weir volunteered to repair the sign for the cost of materials. The security system at Ebersole has been activated. Those with keys will receive the code. Flags at entry signs are in need of replacement. A Memorial Day Service will be held at the memorial, date and time to be determined. Dave Ross noted that the funds are dwindling in the account for the California Heritage Foundation. Fundraising will need to be ramped up.

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

David S. Ross
President

California Community Council Meeting

June 11, 2013 7:30 P.M.

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 David Thiem, Diane Havey, Kathy Chandler, Diana Weir, Jo Shepherd and Jackie Frazier were not present at the meeting.

President David Ross read the May 2013 meeting minutes. A motion was made by Hilda Davenport, seconded by Mike Christ to approve the meeting minutes. Motion passed.

There was no treasurer's report due to the absence of the treasurer. A motion was made by Hilda Davenport and seconded by Mike Christ to suspend the reading of the treasurer's report. Motion passed. President David Ross did indicate that no monies had been spent to date on nsp or nbd projects so amount in the account is unchanged from previous month.

Police Officer Kelly MacBeth gave the police report. There were 4 offences during the last report period.

Tim Heil, director of the Mt. Washington Recreation Center discussed upcoming and current programs at the center and distributed information.

Council Person Yvette Simpson introduced herself and talked about her priorities on Cincinnati City Council and then intently listened to residents comments. Some issues discussed included the neighborhood's reliance on nsp and nbd funds, needed neighborhood road improvements, mowing of city owned properties, Kellogg Avenue paving, etc. Ms. Simpson stayed for the entire meeting and seemed genuinely interested in the communities concerns.

All thanked Vice President David Thiem for putting up the American Flags along Kellogg Avenue. NSP / NBD projects are underway, Kellogg planters have been planted, the park looks good from mowing, and flags look great.

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

David S. Ross
President

**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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