

The California Village News

Summer 2014

Next Meeting of the
California Community Council
7:30 P.M.
September 9th, 2014
Ebersole Community Center
5701 Kellogg Avenue



As most of you know, we are in our sixth 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 printed, emailed and posted to website.
2. Beautification—Streetscape Maintenance (Wimberg, looking good!).
3. Park Maintenance / Mowing (California Grounds Care, also looking good!)
4. Website (Keeping updated.)
5. Ebersole—With our water pipe breakage this winter, we are pitching in with the CRC for repairs. They have done the lion's share, we are picking up the tab for refinishing the floor in the downstairs meeting room.

Kellogg Avenue Update

Plans for upgrades have been altered in recent months and has been difficult to keep up. A repaving project is underway which leaves curbs and pavements unchanged but upgraded. Changes in striping is being considered by city, but no bikes are accommodated in this project. Plans for the extension of the Ohio River Trail although, will continue at current pace with design as presented in public meetings over the past year. Timing for that construction is estimated in 2017. Questions, contact Jim Coppock at city 352-5305.

Ebersole Update

The wood floor in the meeting room has been refinished and repairs to walls including repainting is underway. Looking good!

California Reunion/ Community Celebration

The annual California Reunion will be held on Saturday, September 20th, at the Heritage Foundation Building, (the Old California School). Bring a dish of some kind, bring some stories to tell your friends and just have a good, good, time. 1 P.M. to 6 P.M. Since this is our only money making project, we will have a DONATIONS JAR there for whatever you feel like donating. We strictly rely on donations to keep up the essential things. You may want to bring a fold up chair if sitting outdoors. If anyone wants to raffle anything might be nice. **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BEEN A STUDENT THERE TO JOIN US, THIS IS FOR ALL OF CALIFORNIANS!** Hope to see all of you there.

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
27th Mason James Smith
30th Mason Smith

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

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Have a great
summer!



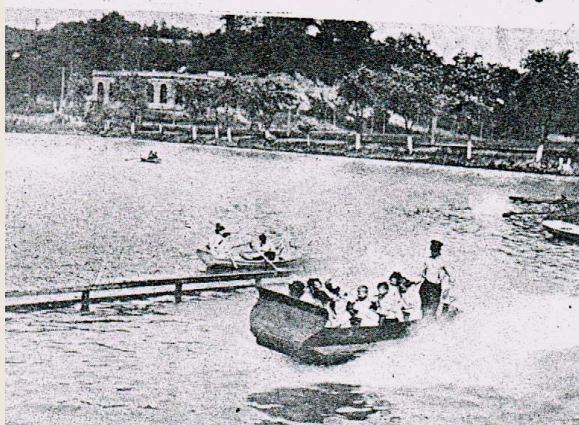
Remember, there will be no CCC meetings for the months of July and August.

FROM SOME OF SMALLEY'S WRITINGS

Turn the clock back to 1907 and take a trip to Coney Island. Suppose you lived in Bethel, Amelia, Withamsville or maybe Cherry Grove, Fruit Hill or even Mt. Washington, anywhere along Ohio Pike. (Beechmont Ave). Chances are you would get to Coney on a "Black Line" car because it would have gone down Sutton (Three Mile Rd) directly to the park.

Once at the "back gate" you could transfer to a Coney Island Black Liner and go all the way into the park where the action centered, where the rides were and you would pass Lake Como on the way in and see people in row boats. Then is when you would begin your little song and dance "Dad" Can I go on the "Chute the Chute?"

Look closely at the above photo and you will see what I see -- in the background is the powerhouse which supplied the electricity to propel the car from Bethel to Coney, from left to right is the right-of-way you used to enter the park, beyond the tracks is a



large field which years later would become the famous swimming pool and on this side of the track is LAKE COMO.

In the foreground is a boat which has just slid down the Chute into the lake and what a splash it made! And now let's look at the photo of the car barn which housed all the cars used on the Bethel and New Richmond divisions of the I.R. & T. It housed the office and waiting room and the wording on it is, "The Cincinnati and Eastern Electric Railway Company".

The house on the hill behind was called the "pines" because it is surrounded by interesting evergreens, originally it was the Whetstone residence. The house and trees are still standing (now gone) but where the car barn was there is nothing but excavated land in the hillside. All of this is just north of Kellogg opposite Lake Como. (Note: this is the Witschger house that I mentioned that passed away)

From my files of California History - Jackie Kuzniczci Frazier.

A Touch of Elegance offers new service

A Touch of Elegance, located at 5959 Kellogg Avenue has started offering "A Life Celebration", which offers a more affordable, positive alternative to a traditional funeral. The service is added to its current offerings of weddings and receptions, banquet facilities for special events, and catering. See websites www.atouchofelegance.info and www.alifecelebration.com for additional information or call Don Cremering at 231-0388.

RECENT OBITUARIES

BETTY WITSCHGER RITTERHOLZ

Born and raised in California, family owned the Pines across from Coney, Family member still owns the property and homes directly across from Coney. All sisters are deceased now, living here at the time. Betty was a member of the California Methodist Church all her life and as well as the sisters. She married Bernard Ritterholz, a W.W.2 Vet, never had any children. She rec'd the newsletters and enjoyed so much hearing about her old town. Sister Lillian passed away last year and she was the last. Only nephew left now.

STEVE LANTER

Son of Jack and Wanda (Jones) Lanter, Not sure of the date of death, heard from family members that he passed away. Steve had suffered head injuries from a motorcycle accident and had been living in a nursing home. I had hoped to visit Steve but never got to.

JACK H. DEES

Born and raised in California, went to California School.. Later years lived in other states, was living in Arizona at time of death. Jack was like another brother to my family and we always in contact. Leaves his wife of many years, 3 children and many grandchildren.

Summer Parties!

What a wonderful time we all had with the big California parties we had in June. First, congratulations to Nita and Ryan Hehn, as they had their reception in their yard and was quite a great thing. Almost to the day 66 yrs. ago when Charles and I were wed and had our reception in the yard at 5844 Panama St. just a few streets away. Food was great, music good, and fellowship was exceptional. Our 2 yr. Brax stole the show by dancing with his little 2 yr old girlfriend. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BRIDE AND GROOM.

Another big party, with lots of people was held on Eldorado Ave. for the 80th birthday for Karl Clark. Many, many, Californians and former Californians were there and what a time we did have.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY KARL AND MANY, MANY MORE.

Memorial Day Service

Memorial Day Service at the W.W.. Monument was attended by a few more than last year. I was told by the VFW that they didn't know how much longer they can do the service due to shortage of men especially W.W. 2 and Korean Vets, younger vets not active. Have talked this over with Community Council, as long as I am alive that we will have services if I have to do them myself. I gave a little speech about the building of our monument, which was bought and built by the good residents of California, everyone donating what ever they had. It belongs to California and was not funded by anything else. We are unique that we have 179 men and women of our area imprinted on it along with the ones who lost their lives. Please help me preserve this historical marker for the future generations.

Jackie Frazier

California Community Council Meeting May 13, 2014 7:30 P.M.

The meeting opened at 7:30 PM with President Dave Ross leading the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Roll call of officers showed that David Theim, Kathleen Chandler, Mike Christ and Diana Weir were not present at the meeting. There were six (6) members and three(3) guests present at the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by a motion made by Jo Shepherd and seconded by Hilda Davenport. The treasurer's report was approved by a motion made by Hilda Davenport and seconded by Jackie Frazier.

The police report was given by Officer Germaine Love of District Two Police Station. California incurred one offence for the month of April. It was a theft from auto at the ballpark. There was some discussion regarding some activities going on in the neighborhood.

The fire report was given by fireman Clarence Power from the Engine 18 firehouse. They will try to be more specific to the neighborhood in future reports. The information he had was a culmination of all runs for that firehouse.

Guests

James Weaver, a representative of the city, reported on the new process to reevaluate the city's zoning codes and that all residents will receive a postcard with public meeting dates and encouraging participation. It seems that commercial properties and new construction will be mostly impacted by the possible changes. Residential properties will only be minimally affected.

Old Business

Remember that the cleanup will be on May 31st. Please try to participate. A discussion was held on the status of Ebersole repair work. The facilities people will be doing the gutters and downspouts soon. It is possible that we may use NSP Funds to help with the rehab of the downstairs. Vicki Mezza, a new resident and whose husband is in the flooring business, will talk to him about the floor situation.

Dave received an email regarding the status of the Kellogg Avenue rehabilitation project. As it stands right now, the funds have been redirected within the budget and the full rehab may or may not occur. There will be some work done but at a minimum level and should be done in June.

Notes from David Theim:

Pansies look great, the north sign any news?, and the flags will be up for Memorial Day.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Havey-Pangallo, Secretary

California Community Council Meeting June 10, 2014 7:30 P.M.

The meeting opened at 7:30 pm with President Dave Ross leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Roll call of officers showed that David Thiem, Kathleen Chandler, Mike Christ and Diana Weir were not present for the meeting. There were eight members and four guests present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by a motion made by Hilda Davenport and seconded by Jackie Frazier. The treasurer's report was approved by a motion made by Jo Shepherd and seconded by Bess Carnes.

The fire report was presented by firefighter Keith Carl. He informed us that with the completion of the new recruit class that the brownouts of fire stations during the past few months should come to an end. They are also focusing additional training and focus on water safety.

The police report was presented by Officer Kelly Macbeth. California incurred one (1) offence for the month of May. It was a theft from a vehicle. There was some discussion regarding concerns of activities within the neighborhood related to speeding, parking and other events.

Guests

Mandy Bello with Cincinnati Recreation Department was present for the meeting and mentioned that the parking in the park ball fields may be able to be addressed by the recreation department since it mainly occurs at recreation property. Dave Ross also asked her if it would be possible for some old shelves at the center could be removed by maintenance. She will look into the request.

Old Business

Dave thanked those who participated in the cleanup. It seems to be a success. He also thanked David Thiem for getting the flags put up along Kellogg in time for Memorial Day. He reported that Ebersole is drying and repairs are in progress. Dave is in the process of obtaining some quotes for flooring for the first floor. Also reported was that the status of rehabilitation of Kellogg Avenue is unknown at this time due to funding changes within the budget. More details to follow.

Jackie Frazier mentioned that the status of the veteran's memorial monument is unsure. The VFW members are aging and the ability for maintaining the memorial and dedication events are becoming difficult. This will be discussed at a later date.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Havey-Pangallo, Secretary

**California Columbia
United Methodist Church**

Paster Denny Mullen

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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