

# The California Village News

Winter 2013

## Next Meeting of the California Community Council

7:30 P.M.

January 8th, 2013

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) Guests
- 6) Old Business
- 7) New Business
- 8) Adjournment

### Great Holiday Party

We would like to thank everyone who helped Joey Shepherd to make last month's Children's Holiday Party such a success. Over 20 children attended along with many parents. Special thanks to Santa for making a stop. If you think you would like to attend future holiday parties, please contact Jo Shepherd at 238-5846 and let her know numbers of children, boy or girl and ages by October 2013. Thanks again.

### Ebersole note

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## 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.



## California Easter Egg Hunt

Sponsored by the  
California Community Council



no cost for residents  
10 years or younger

**Sunday**  
**March 17, 2013**  
**2:00 pm**



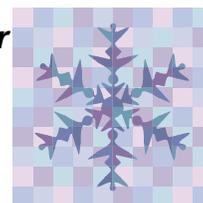
Ebersole Community Center

### Everyone Welcome!

Treats and Prizes  
Bring your Easter Basket  
or Bag!  
No early-birds please.



## Birthday Greetings to our Community Members and Friends



### January Birthdays

30th Mariam Clark

### February Birthdays

4th Tim Birmingham  
4th Carmen Chandler  
6th Peggy Nave  
7th Shelby Gambrel  
10th Rusty Woods  
11th Jo Shepherd  
12th Billy Jo Woods  
14th Greg Williams  
15th Brittany Havey  
15th Selinda Jordon  
16th Jodie Christ  
18th Destany Roberts  
19th Chad Beier  
25th Ray Roberts, Jr.

### March Birthdays

3rd Alexis Beier  
3rd Betty Ritterholz  
7th Roy Alsept  
9th Bob Finn  
12th Ron Woods  
31st Diana Weir  
31st Sally Hartman

## 2013 NSP/NBD Projects

The city has held our NSP and NBD funds this year at 2012 levels. We qualify for \$5,000 for both NSP and NBD! At December's CCC meeting the following projects were voted on and will be included in 2013. NSP: newsletter, beautification, park mowing, website, and Ebersole, NBD: beautification (Kellogg Avenue streetscape). Many thanks to Invest in Neighborhoods for their hard work lobbying the city administration on behalf of the neighborhoods to keep our funding at these levels.

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## **IMPOSSIBLE THEY DID IT!!!!!!** (Continued from last issue)

Yes, a vision has come true. In the past few weeks limited services have been held in the basement of the new House of the Lord.....but this coming Sunday will be a gold letter day in the congregation's history. For on March 16 the first formal worship hour will be conducted in the large sanctuary...and it is fitting and appropriate that church members requested..not an outsider.. but their own beloved pastor, Rev. Edwin Taylor...to deliver the very first sermon in the edifice...in which the latter, like his name..."tailored" his flock through unending energy, stewardship and guidance into this new portal for Christianity.

The church is no longer called the Riley Chapel. It's title now is the CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH. The structure ties in with our Ohio Valley...for the rock work on the face of the building one time composed part of the masonry of the Baptist church....built about 1798 or 1799 on Clough Rd. Many of those stones came from Clermont County...The Baptists abandoned the church in 1837...now 115 years late..those rocks never lost their resiliency..again they'll house the voice of the Lord.

To bring this all about was far from a simple task. It required financing, skilled and unskilled labor from craftsmen and laymen. Some names mentioned at the time...George Draggoo, Mrs. Charles Johnson, Frank and Lester Williams. The cornerstone was donated by John Hargrave, the architect.

Charles Perry donated a fleet of trucks to haul the 125 tons of rock from Clough Road. He also supplied and paid workers to assist in this task. How he labored to bring about completion....something fate decreed he'd miss only by days. He died a few days later. But his deed will ever linger on...for a beautiful fireplace in the church parlors to be honored in his name.

A Ralph Pott, donated a large new Bible to the congregation. An older bible, formerly used in the Riley Chapel will rest on the lectern....a gift in memory of their mother by two sisters --Mrs. Geneva Ehemann and Mrs. Nora Fiscus. school Superintendent, Ray Lanter and his wife worked diligently to clean and equip the church for opening service. Mr. Lanter and George Hudson and others laid the tile flooring...Joseph Croslin was in charge of constructing the chancel, assisted by John Klein, Williams Brooks, Ralph Brooks, John Cropper, Fred Truheit and others. Mr and Mrs. Charles Johnson donated the finial and maltese cross atop the steeple. Mr.and Mrs. Milton Eisenschmidt financed costly chimes which will amplify all over the neighborhood. This coming Sunday will see dedication of the renovated bell used in the old Riley Chapel. A Christian flag will be donated by Mr. and Mrs. Ally Carnes...while a book of Remembrances was donated by Mr.and Mrs. Virgil Rath.

Installing and refinishing of the historic Riley Bell, now over 70 years old was financed by the Lanter Brothers--Clinton, Stanley, Harvey, Wilbur, and Ray. Numerous persons are symbolic of the spirit behind this new church. They made sizable financial pledges..paid them in full..long ago.. and then contributed additional every Sunday. As they said in the Army, they gave beyond the line of duty.....

**From my files, Jackie Kuzniczci Frazier, Calif. Hist.**

## **Around Town**

Our deepest sympathy to the family of BETTY GLASBRENNER WALRIVEN. Born and raised in Calif., both parents from California also. Betty married Joseph Walriven, 69 years ago, in the old Methodist Church. Joe was in the service of his country, in the Navy, during W.W. 2, home on leave. Both Joe and Betty attended California School as children, childhood sweethearts. When living here in California resided on Penn Ave. Mother of 4 sons - Jody, Timmy, Mark and Monty. Grandchildren, great grandchildren and great, great grandchildren. REST IN PEACE Betty, I will miss you and some of your stories you contributed to our newsletter. Sister Linda lives in Florida.

## **NEWS ON RIVER DOWNS**

According to latest edition of Forest Hills Journal - Pinnacle Entertainment bought the property in 2011 and top executives have said they are planning a \$209 million investment at the 87 year old racetrack. Township's Board of Zoning Appeals recently approved two variances related to the site redevelopment--one for grandstand height and another for fencing around the barn area...They are planning to demolish the existing grandstand and build a new 208,350 square foot structure closer to Riverbend Music Center on the western end of the property. The building will include a gaming area, restaurants, offices and an attached grandstand slightly shorter than the existing one. It would be an elevated building with parking garage underneath to keep it out of the floodplain. While the racetrack will be repositioned, it will remain a one-mile loop with turf on the inside. "The final design is pretty impressive...and it's all to be driven by horse racing, not slot machine gambling" Three restaurants are planned plus what you typically have inside casinos --and seating facing the track. Pinnacle has already filed its application to operate video lottery terminals.

### **Jackie Kuzniczci Frazier, Calif. Historian**

THANKSGIVING was celebrated with both churches attending at St. Jerome Hall with 55 members attending to delicious dinner and entertainment of Blue Grass Music. All enjoyed.

Was recently given a Navy White Jumper from Charley Shockey to display at the Heritage Center. Charley is one of our W.W. 2 vets and keeps in contact with me to keep up on the news.

Also this week I was given two (2) Coney Island Pool towels, that were used back in the 40's to be put on display at the Heritage Center. Thanks Charley Shockey and Eddie Drapp.

LIFE GOES ON...Since the loss of Charles 9 months ago I have become the great grandmother of 3 great grandbabies... Braxton Hehn and just recently twin babies boy and girl. Grand daddy Chuck Frazier is busting his bubbles. Our families have had many twins over the years. Ryan and Nita parents of Braxton.

**Jackie**

## **California Community Council Meeting December 11, 2012 7:30 P.M.**

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### **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 Mike Christ 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:**

A motion was made by Joey Shepherd and seconded by Diana Weir to suspend the reading of the Treasurer's Report due to the absence of the Treasurer. Motion passed. David Ross did indicate that funds were low due to end of year invoicing for nsp and nbd projects. When that invoicing is completed, funds will be back to normal. Every attempt will be made to spend all monies from city budgeted for projects. (See Old Business).

### **Police Report:**

Germaine Love gave police report. There were 2 offences in the last period, both were thefts. Germaine explained that during the holidays, many opportunist thefts occur in cars, purse snatchings, etc.

### **Guests:**

There were no guests present.

### **Old Business:**

Thanks to David Thiem for putting up the holiday flags. This has been a huge help since previous volunteers were no longer available. There was discussion about how to spend remaining funds in nsp/nbd for 2012. It was decided that a laminating machine would be purchased for Ebersole, as well as a ladder for putting up flags. Since many of the American flags are getting worn, it was decided to purchase additional flags and miscellaneous flag mounting supplies. We would like to thank Joey Shepherd for coordinating the holiday party, this year was very successful, good turnout and good time.

### **New Business:**

2013 NSP and NBD projects were voted on. David Ross made a motion, seconded by Jackie Frazier for the following:

NBD: Beautification / Streetscape maintenance

NSP: Newsletter, Beautification, Park Maintenance, Website, Ebersole (door into CHF/CCC office, general repairs). Motion passed.

Elections were held. David Ross made a motion for the following slate of officers for 2013, seconded by Dave Thiem: President / David Ross, Vice President / David Thiem, Secretary / Diane Havey, Treasurer / Kathleen Chandler, Board of Governors / Mike Christ, Jo Shepherd, Hilda Davenport, Jackie Frazier and Diana Weir. Motion passed.

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

Respectively submitted,  
David S. Ross  
President  
California Community Council

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## **California Heritage Foundation**



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. We rely on tax deductible contributions 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, make a contribution or volunteer, 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).

## **Remember to support our local businesses**

A couple quick updates/highlights, thanks to LEBOS for making a generous contribution to the CHF! And the place looks great inside and out, (love that weekend breakfast)! Remember, the California Deli is open and doing great!!! Under new management, new faces familiar with some from the race track. All former employees of River Downs. Daily lunch specials and ask about their catering trays, beer cave and lottery! Find them on Facebook or 232-F00D.



**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



Cincinnati's Southeastern Gateway

**California**

*A Neighborhood of the City of Cincinnati*

**California Community Council**

**2013 Officers**

<b>President</b>	David Ross
<b>Vice President</b>	David Thiem
<b>Secretary</b>	Diane Havey
<b>Treasurer</b>	Kathleen Chandler

**Board of Governors**

Mike Christ  
Jo Shepherd  
Hilda Davenport  
Jackie Frazier  
Diana Weir

NSP Coordinator: Kathleen Chandler

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