

The California Village News

Winter 2014

Next Meeting of the
California Community Council

7:30 P.M.

January 14th, 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.

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 2014. Thanks again.



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 Easter Egg Hunt

Sponsored by the
California Community Council



no cost for residents
10 years or younger

Sunday
April 13, 2014
2:00 pm



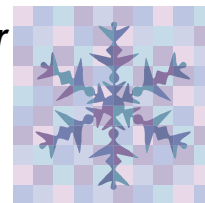
Ebersole Community Center

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

2014 NSP/NBD Projects

The city has increased our NSP and NBD funds this year to previous 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 2014. NSP: newsletter, beautification, park mowing, website, and Ebersole, NBD: beautification (Kellogg Avenue streetscape). This year we will also be purchasing insurance for the CCC, which is a new requirement of the city. For the second year, the city will be administering the programs. Invest in Neighborhoods remains as a neighborhood advocacy group.

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RECENT OBITUARIES

BETTY (HILES) FOLEY

Raised in California, married and move across town later. Sister of the former Tom Hiles, Mary Jane, Donald, Billy, and Virginia. Daughter of Ray and Julie Hiles.

ANDREW SMITH

Brother to Dave, Gary, Chuck, Linda, and Stanley, and former, Judy, Donald Smith. Born and grew up here in California, known by many over the years.

MIKE VERDIN

Brother to John Verdin. When I knew them they lived on Sutton, lived here for a long time.

BOB VERDIN

Just found out about this. Just 4 mos. after brother Mike.

Greetings!

Dear Friends:

As the new Pastor of California Columbia United Methodist Church, I want to let all of you within the community know how excited my wife and I are to be a part of the California community. Having grown up in Norwood, I feel the same sense of togetherness within your area as I felt in Norwood. Although we live in Fairfield, we will do all we can to be a presence in California. If you ever feel the need or want to talk to a pastor for any reason, please feel free to contact me. My home phone is 513-829-2886, and my cell phone is 513-218-0231. I would also like to invite you to visit California Columbia. We are a "feel good" church; a city church with a country personality. I'm looking forward to meeting you in the near future. Until then,

I am humbly your local United Methodist Pastor,

Denny Mullen

Kellogg Avenue Improvements

On December 30th, 2013 Andrea Henderson and John Brazina from the City of Cincinnati Department of Transportation held an open house to discuss the preferred design alternative for Kellogg Avenue improvements to Kellogg Avenue property owners. The project which extends from Salem Road to Sutton Road will involve rehabbing the existing pavement surface as well as making certain roadway safety improvements along the corridor. The safety improvements include relocating the existing curbs, widening two travel lanes, establishing center turn lanes where appropriate. When completed, DOTE anticipates that this preferred design will safely accommodate passenger and commercial traffic while at the same time complementing the design of the next segment of the approved Ohio River Trail (Salem to Sutton).

"DATE" WITH A VETERAN

During the Christmas season there is usually unusual stories around. This Christmas I was telling everyone about my date with a 92 yr. old W.W.2 Marine veteran. I thought it would bring a few laughs, as to having a date!



My friend, Sandy from Wells Fargo Investments, asked me to go along with her and Cliff Reeder, the veteran. We talked about this and I said yes, I will call it my date for the day. The more we talked about the better we liked it. So Monday, before Christmas, we finally were able to get together, met a Uno's on Beechmont.

Not many people there but those there also enjoyed seeing Cliff in his full Marine uniform, medals and all. We had fun (must say we all drank water) laughed, kidded, took pictures and so many were shaking his hand for his service. Now to Cliff - his wife, Jane Milligan, had been my second grade school teacher at California School - have met him many times over the years, he brought Jane to our Calif. School reunion a few years back Cliff is a very busy person - says there are not enough hours in a day for him - he carves wooden canes and donates them to Wounded Warriors Org. also he make small medal crosses from scrap copper, has made many thousands of them and are sent to the troops overseas.

I saw him in May and he gave me one of his crosses. Decided this was the time to wear it along with Charles' cross and the heart necklace that was presented to me from the shipmates of the U.S.S. Montpelier. As the day went on servers were coming over to talk to us. One young man, named Tony, came over shook Cliff's hand and thanked him, said he was a veteran and just recently discharged, looked as though he may have been having some problems asked if he was going thru the V.A., yes, he was. I decided to give him one of the USS Montpelier pins I had and Cliff dug into his pocket and handed him one of his crosses. This young man was about in tears and just kept saying "how much we had made his day". Sandy gave him her card and I gave him my card with ph nos. if he needed any help we were there for him and to give us a call.

Now more history. Jane Milligan's best friend was Eloise Riley Heis (cousin of Harvey Riley formerly from Panama St. and her parents and grandparents had lived up on the Golf Course many years ago. After Jane died, Cliff helped Eloise when her husband died and her daughters are like his daughters, they are the one responsible for getting the brand new uniform, medals, and also for seeing that the crosses get overseas. You knew Calif. history would have be in it. Harvey Riley's two granddaughters are living here in Calif. yet - Robbi Christ, and Cindy Naegel. Haven't seen the pics yet but hoping to have them sometime in the future.

Jackie Kuzniczi Frazier, Calif. Historian

Role Call:

The meeting opened at 7:24 p.m. with President Dave Ross leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Roll call of officers indicated that Diana Weir, Kathleen Chandler and Joe Shepherd were not present. There were ten members and one guest at the meeting.

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the November meeting were approved by a motion made by Hilda Davenport and seconded by Jackie Frazier.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report indicated that there were no major changes to the balances, although funding reimbursements from the city for 2013 nsp/nbd were just beginning to trickle in. The report was approved by a motion made by Mike Christ and seconded by Robbie Christ. Jackie Frazier received and turned in a generous donation to the Heritage Foundation.

Police Report:

The Police report was given by Officer Germaine Love. California incurred 2 offences during the month of November.

Guests:

There were no guests present.

Old Business:

Dave reported that keys have been made and distributed for the Heritage Foundation doors which are to be locked at most all times.

New Business:

Dave made a motion that council officer positions for 2014 remain the same as for 2013. Jackie Frazier seconded the motion. 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. A vote passed the motion and all officers that were in place for 2013 will remain the same for 2014.

It would seem apparent that the funds for NSP/NBD projects are limited again this year. Therefore, Dave Ross made a motion, seconded by Diane Havey that the projects will be the following:

NBD: Beautification / Streetscape maintenance

NSP: Newsletter, Beautification, Park Maintenance, Website, Ebersole

Motion passed.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Havey-Pangallo, Secretary

STANLEY CLIFT POST #563 AUXILIARY

First meeting was held on March 9, 1954 at the home of Mrs. Gene Bradford on Panama St. Temporary president, Mrs. Dorothy Smith, Secretary Ruth Gibson, and Treasurer, Carlotta Holt.

CHARTER MEMBERS; Ruth Abbott, Lillian Bolton, May Bradford, Pearl Bradford, Loraine Carnes, Thelma Carr, Juliet Hiles Case, Frances Clift, Elizabeth Cramer, Rose Cropper, Gayl Daniels, Lucille Dragoo, Betty Frazier, Jackie Frazier, Lelia Forthuber, Ruth Gibson, Genevieve Hahn, Josephine Hawkins, Audrey Haven, Esther Havens, Dorothy Hehn, Gladys Hehn, Anna Hemer, Edwina Hemer, Margaret Hemer, Nancy Henderson, Bessie Hilge, Elizabeth Hilge, Carlotta Holt, Joan Holt, Ruth Huff, Helene Jenkins, Mildred Jones, Bessie Kaylor, Ha-

zel Kaylor, Mary Jane Lanter, Rosemary Leist, Helen McMullen, Thelma Murphy, Janet Norton, Betty Parker, Una Perkins, Eleanor Perkins, Tillie Pfeiffer, Betty Pruhs, Margaret Rackley, Gertrude Reeves, Mary Agnes Richey, Bertie Rouse, Jean Rouse, Stella Rouse, Norma Schilling, Mary Schilling, Irma Schmidt, Mary Schneider, Irma Shelton, Dorothy Smith, Bonnie Spence, Violet Speth, Louise Stone, Virginia Suttmilller, Ruth Tone, Helen Wardlow, Evelyn Frazier Whitaker, Fanson White, Dorothy Wittenberg, Katherine Workman, and Marie Sager.

Can you imagine having that many people today interested in community projects?

Jackie Kuzniczci Frazier, Calif. Historian

**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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California

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California Community Council

2014 Officers

President	David Ross
Vice President	David Thiem
Secretary	Diane Havey
Treasurer	Kathleen Chandler

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Jo Shepherd
Hilda Davenport
Jackie Frazier
Diana Weir

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Last Minute News

We experienced a frozen / broken water pipe at the center on January 9. The water never made it to the half of the building that houses Jackie's California historical items! So that is great news. It looks as though a water pipe which runs in the kitchen exterior wall behind the cabinets is what broke, with our historically low temps the past few days. Water flowed from the kitchen, into the large room next to the kitchen, down to the toilets and down to the first floor large room near the bath rooms. Some water soaked plaster fell through the lay in ceiling. We'll may have to find another location for next Tuesday's CCC meeting. We had taken precautions, turned up heat and opened cabinet doors. The Cincinnati Recreation Commission has insurance and know they are responsible for repairs. Early discussions are about repairing lines away from the outside wall to keep from happening again. Guess it could have been worse!

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