

The California Village News

Winter 2020

Next Meeting of the
California Community Council
January 14th, 2020, 7:30 P.M.
Ebersole Community Center
5701 Kellogg Avenue

 As most of you know, we are in our 11th 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.

Pancakes In The Woods

California Woods, Sunday

March 15, 2020

9:00 am—1:00 pm.

Celebrate the maple season! Enjoy pancakes and sausage grilled by celebrity chefs. Learn about the process and story of maple sugaring. All proceeds benefit California Woods and Magrith Riverlands Preserves. Suggested donation: \$7.00 per person. No reservations required. Call 513-231-8678 or email giammarinaro@cincinnati-oh.gov.

California Woods Nature Preserve

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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 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

Saturday
April 4th, 2020
2:00 pm

Ebersole Community Center

Everyone Welcome!

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

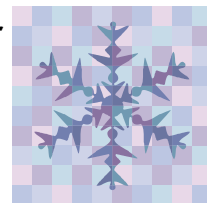


Thanks!

Thanks to Jo Shepherd for organizing the children's holiday parties and generally taking care of the Ebersole Center.

2020 Coney Island season passes on sale now \$79.95!

Birthday Greetings to our Community Members and Friends



January Birthdays

7th Aliah Marie Smith
14th Paisley Smith
30th Mariam Clark
28th Suzie Crenshaw

February Birthdays

4th Carmen Chandler
6th Peggy Nave
7th Shelby Gambrel
10th Rusty Woods
11th Jo Shepherd
14th Greg Williams
16th Jodie Christ
18th Destany Roberts
19th Chad Beier
25th Ray Roberts, Jr.

March Birthdays

3rd Alexis Beier
7th Roy Alsept
9th Bob Finn
17th Jenna Simpson
31st Diana Weir
31st Sally Hartman

2020 NSP Projects



The city has reduced our NSP funds slightly to \$6,200 this year. December's CCC meeting the following projects were voted on and will be included in 2020 NSP: newsletter, beautification (predominately Kellogg Avenue streetscape but also some entry signs and park), park mowing, website, and insurance.

RECENT OBITUARIES

GONE FROM US, BUT LEAVING MEMORIES DEATH CAN NEVER TAKE AWAY, MEMORIES THAT WILL ALWAYS LINGER WHILE UPON THIS EARTH WE STAY.

GREG WILLIAMS, Son of former Frank and Jewell Williams, brother of John Williams, Uncle to Greg and Sarah Williams.

DODIE BAUER MELL, Daughter of former Helen Clark Bauer, youngest of the big Bauer Family. Born in California. Mother and grandmother of many.

LINDA CHILDS, daughter of Frank and Vernus Bradford Childs, lived here for many years. Sister to Esther Jeanne, Nancy, Frank, Jr. Brian and Terry.

MARTHA COX ESPOSITO, former resident of California in the 60's. Sister to Glenna and brother Bill. Lived in Fla. Used to sing in the choir of the California Methodist Church.

SOME CONEY NOSTALGIA

In 1971 Coney Island final season was a chance to say goodbye. After 85 summers it closed its gates on Labor Day Sept. 1971. Many rides were transferred to King's Island King's Island opened on April 1972 Coney wasn't done yet. Sunlite Pool remained open. Taft still owned the park and in 1974 the resort reopened. with tennis courts, paddle boats and classic Moonlite Gardens on a way to preserve nostalgia. It was called Old Coney.

In 1984 Taft donated 15 acres to the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra to build Riverbend. Ronald Walker bought the much smaller park for \$3.8 million and some rides came back. This incarnation of Coney was a charming amusement park for families and picnics. Now changes being made again with removal of the rides, as yet we do not know what it will be like. Lots of theories but do not know the outcome.

Jackie Kuzniczci Frazier, California Historian

California Community Council Meeting October 8, 2019

The meeting opened at 7:30pm with President David Ross leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call indicated that Kathy Chandler, Hilda Davenport, and Mike Christ were not present at the meeting. There were 8 members/residents, and 5 guest at the meeting.

Meeting minutes: Meeting minutes from September 10, 2019 were read. Minutes were approved by Bess Carnes and seconded by Kim Leist.

Guests:

The police report was given by Officer Kevin Butler, six (6) offense for September: One burglary at 6070 Two Mile Road, one theft from an auto at 6201 Kellogg Avenue (Coney Island), and three incidents of theft and one auto theft at 5001 Kellogg Avenue (Harbour Towne Yacht Club). At this time last year there were zero crime statistics. This year there are six. If you see something, report it Non-Emergency Police number is 513-765-

1212. Officer Kevin Butler's number is 513-979-4481. Officer Butler mentioned that October 26th is National Drug Take Back Day at 6131 Campus Lane (Health Source) in Mt. Washington. This gives the community the option to "Take Back" (dispose of) any none used pills instead of them ending up in our landfills or the water system. The National Drug Take Back Day is usually scheduled for the last Saturday of April and October. Officer Butler said that they collect roughly 60-80 pounds of pills. Pills are accepted, but not liquids. Officer Aaron Jones with District 2, was present and informed us of a bad accident he had come from on Kellogg near the Nature Preserve. On October 7, 2019 a truck going west bound on Kellogg loss control and went over a steep hill right before the Nature Preserve entrance. On October 8, 2019, at approximately 6:45pm, while a tow truck was attempting to pull this truck out, a motorcycle clipped the wires on the tow truck and wrecked. Kellogg was shut down at this spot for 25 minutes.

Chris Burton with the Water Works was present and talked about the Greater Cincinnati Water Works Citizens Water Academy that is available at WaterAcademy@gcww.cincinnati-oh.gov. David Ross mentioned scheduling another tour of the Water Works. A date is to be decided.

Mandy Bello from the Mt. Washington Rec Center mentioned they are having a "Trunk or Treat" to hand out candy to the kids in the parking lot at the Mt. Washington Rec Center on Tuesday October 29th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. She said anyone interested in setting up their car to hand out candy, to contact her 513-232-4762. Mandy also mentioned that on Tuesday November 19th, there will be a "Friends-Giving" catered luncheon from Noon to 2:30pm. It is for 50 year old's and up and cost \$10.00. You must be a Rec member to attend. Rec memberships are \$10.00 as well.

Alan Whisman with Team Synergi was present to introduce himself and his team. They have moved from their East End office to their new location in the old Daniels Roofing building (5859 Kellogg). Team Synergi is a brokerage (real estate) firm that is listed within the top 1.5% of Ohio. Welcome to our community Team Synergi.

Old Business:

The September 21st reunion went well. A big thank you to Alan Whisman, with Team Synergi, who donated water, paper napkins, etc. A total of over \$700.00 was raised by all who attended and donated at the reunion. This helps with the utilities and insurances. Also thank you to Jackie Frazier for all her time and efforts with connecting and contacting to make the reunion such a nice time.

The September clean-up went well.

Dead Low had their soft opening for two days prior to their Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting on October 10th.

New Business:

Over grown weeds/brush blocking view at the corner of Bryson and Waits. Public Works to be contacted.

David Ross acquired "Slow Down for Pedestrians" signs to hand out at this meeting for placement on streets with busy traffic.

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

California Community Council Meeting November 12, 2019

The meeting opened at 7:30pm with President David Ross leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call indicated that David Thiem, Kathy Chandler, Mike Christ, Hilda Davenport, Polly Whittaker, and Jackie Frazier were not present at the meeting. There were 6 members/residents, and 1 guest at the meeting.

Meeting minutes: Meeting minutes from October 08, 2019 were read.

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California Community Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes were approved by Bess Carnes and seconded by Kim Leist.

Guests: The police report was given by Officer Kevin Butler, two (2) offense for October: One burglary at 5925 Parker Lane, and one theft at 5818 Croslin Street. If you see something, report it Non-Emergency Police number is 513-765-1212. Officer Kevin Butler's number is 513-979-4481. Officer Butler mentioned that the October 26th National Drug Take Back Day at 6131 Campus Lane (Health Source) in Mt. Washington was a success with 171 pounds of drugs collected. This is double the take from last time. National Drug Take Back Day gives the community the option to "Take Back" (dispose of) any none used pills instead of them ending up in our landfills or the water system. The National Drug Take Back Day is usually scheduled for the last Saturday of April and October. Pills are accepted, but not liquids.

Old Business:

David Ross mentioned that the Pre-Construction Meeting was held on the Ohio River Trail and construction will begin at any time. The multi-use trail will begin on the river side of Kellogg Avenue at Salem Avenue, come through the Water Works curves, and end approximately somewhere near Eversole Center. It will then start up again on the river side of Kellogg at Waits Avenue, and continue to Coney Island where it will then cross Kellogg to meet the trail that is already in place there. No part of Kellogg Avenue traffic lanes will be taken/used for the trail. It will be at the discretion of the bike rider / walker as to how they will make it between Eversole and Waits; be that either through town or on Kellogg Avenue. Construction of the trail is to last approximately one year.

David Ross is in talks with the Water Works for a possible tour date in April or May.

New Business:

David Ross mentioned that a joint City of Cincinnati / Anderson Township effort is being planned to study the riverfront business district and plan for joint improvements, branding / signage, etc.

Joey Sheppard mentioned that the quilt that hangs in the Center needs to be covered in some way as it is getting dirty. With no further business before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Bess Carnes and seconded by Joey Sheppard, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned

California Community Council Meeting December 10, 2019

The meeting opened at 7:30pm with President David Ross leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call indicated that Kathy Chandler, Hilda Davenport, and Jackie Frazier were not present at the meeting.

Meeting minutes: Meeting minutes from November 12, 2019 were read. Minutes were approved by Mike Christ and seconded by Polly Whittaker.

Guests:

The police report was given by Officer Kevin Butler, three (3) offense for November: One theft at 195 Eldorado from an auto, a theft at 5817 Kellogg Avenue, and a theft at the Nature Preserve at 5400 Kellogg Avenue. If you see something, report it Non-Emergency Police number is 513-765-1212. Officer Kevin Butler's number is 513-979-4481.

J. Desmond with the Fire Department reported that Station/Ladder 18 had 51 runs for the month of November, and a total of 800 for the year. Ladder 18 covers both the airport and surrounding residential/commercial area. It was mentioned again to please make sure you have working smoke alarms in your homes, as well as carbon monoxide detectors. It is recommended to have your Carbon monoxide detector placed outside your bedroom. Also, you can go to **Smart911.com** and enter any important information you may want the Fire Department to have on hand for a future response (oxygen in use, persons in wheelchairs, etc.)

Mandy Bello from the Mt. Washington Rec Center said they will soon have Fitness Bikes at their Center and will offer Spinning Classes.

Old Business:

Construction has begun on the bike, walking, and running trail and will last approximately 1 year. The trail will extend on the river side of Kellogg Avenue from Salem Avenue to Ebersole Community Center through the Water Works curves. It will then start up again on the river side of Kellogg at Waits Avenue and continue to Coney Island where it will then cross Kellogg at the Coney gate to meet the trail that is already in place there in Anderson. No part of Kellogg Avenue traffic lanes will be taken/used for the trail. It will be at the discretion of the trail user as to how they will make it between Ebersole and Waits, be that either through town or along Kellogg Avenue.

David Ross mentioned the planned 2 part Waterworks tour in April and May. Last time CCC did this we had shorter/earlier meetings and then walked over for the tours. It was very interesting.

The Christmas Party for the kids went well. Eleven (11) kids total attended.

New Business:

Motion for Elections were made and approved. Board will remain except David Thiem will step down as Vice President due to a move out of town. NSP Projects will remain same as 2019.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Betscher-Ruprich, Secretary

**California Columbia
United Methodist Church**

Pastor Marvin Jones
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 Community Council

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