

The California Village News

Winter 2021

Next Meeting of the
California Community Council
January 12th, 2021, 7:30 P.M.
Ebersole Community Center
5701 Kellogg Avenue



As most of you know, we are in our 12th 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.

California Woods Nature Preserve—COVID

- Users must observe social distancing recommendations of 6' from other persons at all times (unless people are direct family members, caregivers, or part of a couple).
- No group gatherings over 10 people except for weddings, funerals and church services.
- Park visitors should wear masks in parks when social distance cannot be kept.
- All drinking fountains are closed.
- Users should not use parks or trails if they're exhibiting symptoms.
- Users should follow CDC's guidance on personal hygiene prior to visiting parks or trail.
- Users should be prepared for no access to public restrooms in some locations. Users should share the trails and warn other trail users of their presence as they pass.

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.

LOOKING BACK IN TIME

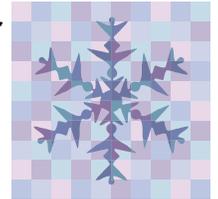
Today most people in Cincinnati know where Lebo's is, same many years ago when it known as Linneman's. Those in my age group can remember Linnemans' and how much it became part of the town.

The Linnemann clan came here from Prussia around 1957 settling in Cincinnati and may have spent some time in California. George, the second son settled in California, Oh. near the Koehler Family. George meets and marries the oldest of the Koehler Clan, oldest of the family, Mary E. Koehler, called Maria in her early years.....Mary had recently inherited, with two other sisters, Theresa and Julia, the family store. George will eventually purchase this store from the three sisters on Jan. 24, 1893 for the price of \$1,376.

California was an Ohio River town about a mile below the mouth of the Little Miami River and about 8 miles from Fountain Square in Cincinnati. It was erroneously called CALEDONIA in older documents. California's main busi-

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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

2021 NSP Projects



The city has increased our NSP funds slightly to \$7,987 this year. December's CCC meeting the following projects were voted on and will be included in 2021 NSP: Ebersole utilities, beautification (predominately Kellogg Avenue streetscape but also some entry signs and park), park mowing, website, and insurance. (Quarterly newsletters will be funded from other sources).

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RECENT OBITUARIES

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

GEORGE HENSON, lived in California until serving in the U.S. Navy during W.W.2 and also called back for Korea. Leaves wife. One of our vets on our Memorial. Passed away just shy of being 98 yr. old. Has an and daughter. George was an avid reader of our California Newsletter and waiting each time for a copy. Was a resident of Georgetown V.A. Nursing Home.

RUTH HENRY DEIMLING, wife of former Frank Deimling. Ruth also an avid participant of our history and kept in contact with me. Daughters Judy and Linda and sons and many grandchildren.

MATT CHILDS, long time resident of California, raised his children and was a Cincinnati Fire Fighter. Well known by many. Husband to the former Kitty Sellars and many children and grandchildren.

TOM CLARK (T.C.) born and raised here in California, known to many for all the years at River Downs. Brother to Karl, Donna, Lois, Buddy, Vince and the former Rita and Ralph Clark.

DONALD HEHN, son of Lois Clark and Donald Hehn, Don lived here at times and was a Trainer at River Downs for years. Father to a daughter. Sister to Teresa, Webster, Kevin and the former Jocko.

BRENDA FRAZIER, daughter of Ralph and Betty (Bass) Frazier.. Brenda lived here for a while attending school. Leaves brother John, Linda, former brother Ralph, and Kim.

OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO ALL THE FAMILIES OF THESE FORMER CALIFORNIANS.

2021—Standing in the Need

We are perched on the brink of a new year with a mixture of anxiety and anticipation. It has been a real barnburner for the last twelve months and the next twelve don't hold the promise to be any calmer.

While the troubles get on our nerves, maybe the best way to stand the days, weeks and months ahead is on our knees.

Methodist Church founder John Wesley had a great deal to say about prayer and what it should encompass. He spoke often of the "means of Grace," which by his definition were the "outward signs, words or actions ordained of God ...to be the ordinary channels whereby He might convey to men...Grace." These "means" included prayer – whether public or private – searching the Scriptures and the Lord's Supper.

So, to Wesley, prayer was not simply a conversation with God – *though it is that indeed* – but rather a conduit of peace and power between God and us. Not just a duty – *though it is that indeed* – but fully more an attitude about living a life of peace and serenity walking with God.

The popular image of the New Year is a baby. That is, I believe, particularly appropriate.

When we are given charge of a newborn baby, we are also given a tremendous responsibility to guide and nurture that child. We are also given the responsibility of just how we are going to treat and nurture this coming year.

Are we going to "go with the flow," letting the tides of events local and national drag us from one rocky shore to another? Or are we going to follow the advice of John Wesley and pray that we walk steadfastly into the year beside the God of Grace, relying on His strength, wisdom and tranquility to guide us through the year ahead?

"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful in what it can achieve." James 5: 16b

Ed Bridgeman, Pastor
California Community UMC

LOOKING BACK IN TIME

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ness was the Molders' Union Foundry, established on the cooperative plan while the town was still new, by a number of stove-moulders from Cincinnati who were on strike.

There were two general stores in town, both near the temporary spur of the C.G. & P. railroad and the I.R. & T. Railroad (The Black Line) a trolley. There was also an ice-house which got its ice from Lake Como, soon to be incorporated as part of Coney Island. One of the general stores was owned by the both Koehler and Linnemann, as time tells, that the other store became the more prosperous because the town was predominately Republican and George a Democrat, insisted on hanging a sign in the store declaring "The Owner of This Store is a Democrat", George was a politician. He was elected Hamilton County Commissioner from 1896 to 98 and lost in the election of 1900.

It was said that George was a terrible businessman and that the women ran the store until 1893. But in 1896 he is still listed as proprietor. The local post office was in the general store at this time. There were newspapers in California at this time also, even a local paper titled "The Weekly Clipper" published from Dec. 5, 1883 to Feb. 1885, and on microfilm at the Ohio Historic Society in Columbus, Ohio. There were two ledgers left from the Koehler-Linnemann and the general store. (Note I have one of these ledgers at the Historical Foundation) with copies of families and what they purchased and paid for.

George, had 7 children one being Joseph George, who was one I remembered and knew. He married Mae Sullivan another old California family. Joe carried on the politics of his father being known as the THE MAYOR OF CALIFORNIA, OHIO. He was a democratic State Representative from 1936 to 1938. (I have a picture of him with a straw hat and chewing on a cigar). The store was purchased from the family by Joe and his wife, Mae and she changed it into a beer tavern and gardens. Then sold to Jack Hilge, a Californian. Lots of history in our little town.

Jackie Kuzniczci Frazier, California Historian
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California Community Council Meeting Minutes

California Community Council Meeting—October 13, 2020

The meeting opened at 7:30pm with President David Ross leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call indicated that Kathy Chandler, Mike Christ, Joey Sheppard, and Kim Leist were not present at the meeting. There were 7 members/residents, and 0 guest at the meeting.

Meeting minutes: The meeting minutes from our last meeting in September were posted in the Autumn, 2020 Newsletter. The minutes were approved by Jackie Frazier and seconded by Bess Carnes.

Treasurer's Report: No formal Treasure report. NSP projects are concluded for 2020, amount allotted for projects in 2021 will be greater, good news.

Guests: No guests attended this meeting.

Again, if you see something, report it to Non-Emergency Police number is 513-765-1212. Officer Kevin Butler's number is 513-979-4481.

After meeting, Officer Butler emailed his regrets for not attending and sent along the crime report.

Mandy Bello from the CRC expressed her regrets for not attending and sent along a report.

David Ross emailed out both reports from CRC and Police.

Old Business:

Reunion was held on September 19th. Not as many as usual attended this year, possibly because of COVID19. Hoping for more to attend next year. ORT (Bike/Walking Trail) is targeted to be complete this November 2020.

No new updates on The City of Cincinnati and Anderson Township "Kellogg Gateway Study" for enhancements.

Code Enforcement in Building and Inspections contacted in regard to complaints of properties that have substantial amounts of garbage/junk.

Speeding still a problem and the topic of speed humps was discussed again for Eldorado Avenue and possibly other streets coming down into town from Kellogg.

New Business:

The following 3 items will be included as Community Budget Requests (CBR's). Each neighborhood can submit up to 3. They are only to indicate priorities/desires, in previous years we eventually were successful with a few such as repaving Renslar and storm sewer down Kenwood. The requests are as follows:

A new sign for the California Woods Nature Preserve, coordinating with new ORT on Kellogg. (California Woods reached out suggesting some future collaboration/civic involvement between the 2 organizations).

A study for Ohio River community access including potentially a boat ramp.

A study for speed humps in town.

A motion was made by Bess Carnes and seconded by Jackie Frazier.

David Ross mentioned the desire for a sign out in front of the Community/Heritage Center to acknowledge the community of California/the building's current use. Dave talked to CRC, old sign was destroyed by a fallen tree, new one could show us as tenant of building.

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

California Community Council Meeting—December 8, 2020 (no meeting in November)

The meeting opened at 7:30pm with President David Ross leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call indicated that Kathy Chandler, Mike Christ, Joey Sheppard, and Kim Leist were not present at the meeting. There were 6 members/residents, and 0 guest at the meeting.

Meeting minutes: The meeting minutes from our last meeting in October meeting were approved by Jackie Frazier and seconded by Bess Carnes.

Treasurer's Report: No formal Treasure report.

Guests: No guests attended this meeting.

Again, if you see something, report it to Non-Emergency Police number is 513-765-1212. Officer Kevin Butler's number is 513-979-4481.

Since Mandy Bello from the CRC cannot attend our meetings due to Covid19 restrictions, she did email David Ross to let us know that the Mt. Washington Rec Center is open Monday through Fridays 7am-7pm with VERY reduced capacity. All activities require a reservation and mask must be worn at all times even when actively exercising. No winter mini-camp is being offered. The Fitness Room will be closed December 21st through January 3rd for remodeling.

Old Business:

ORT (Bike/Walking Trail) seems to be delayed. Different areas of the trail have poles needing to be moved.

No new updates on The City of Cincinnati and Anderson Township "Kellogg Gateway Study" for enhancements. (Subsequent to meeting, another reminder for public comment was emailed to California email list).

Community Budget Requests (CBR's) have been submitted by David Ross.

New Business:

Christina Szigety from Dead Low Brewery introduced herself and discussed outreach interest Dead Low has for the community. Christina will stay connected and is available to discuss possible community involvement/assistance. Those in attendance mentioned the community really misses the store/deli in the old location at the top of Waits, and would love to see it again if at all possible.

A motion was made by Bess Carnes, seconded by Jackie Frazier for the following NSP (Neighborhood Support Program) projects for 2021:

[Ebersole Utilities, Park Mowing, Beautification, Website, and Insurance.](#)

(The Newsletter will be funded through other sources this year).

Motion passed.

A motion was made by Bess Carnes, seconded by Jackie Frazier to elect the following for the 2021 CCC board:

David Ross – President, Vice President – open, Rhonda Ruprich – Secretary, Kathleen Chandler – Treasurer. Board of Governors - Jackie Frazier, Joey Shepherd, Kim Leist, Polly Whittaker, Mike Christ.

Motion passed.

We have a beautiful School Building and Heritage Center within this building. Please note that it takes quite a bit to keep things running and any donations are greatly appreciated. This year's Reunion did not have as many attendees as past years, and donations were tremendously less. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Jackie Frazier or David Ross.

A special *Thank You* is given to Kim Leist and Debbie Glutz for volunteering their time and providing the materials to decorate the flower boxes along Kellogg into the Christmas theme. This is such a generous gift they give to our community and the flower boxes look beautiful!

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

Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Ruprich, Secretary

**California Columbia
United Methodist Church**

Pastor Ed Bridgeman
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

2021 Officers

President	David Ross
Vice President	tbd
Secretary	Rhonda Ruprich
Treasurer	Kathleen Chandler

Board of Governors

Mike Christ
Jo Shepherd
Polly Whittaker
Jackie Frazier
Kim Leist

NSP Coordinator: Kathleen Chandler

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