

The California Village News

December 2009 / January 2010

**Next Meeting
of the California
Community Council
7:30 PM
December 8th, 2009
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



*Birthday Greetings to
our community
members and friends.*

December Birthdays

- 2nd Tabitha Betscher**
3rd Jackie Frazier
7th Sara Waldlow
12th Richard Cope
13th Bryson Weir
18th Jennifer Woods
18th Dylan Shepherd
20th Jeff Christ

January Birthdays

- 1st George Weir**
27th Ernest Polly
30th Mariam Clark

BAILEY HEHN

As most of our neighbors knew BAILEY THE BASSETT, others that did not live here did not know him. Bailey passed away in October from the cancer that had plagued him the last couple of years. His whole left leg was removed two years ago but he was still able to carry on in life, taking in over \$38,000 for the Basset Hound Rescue Unit that was held each year at River Downs. He was also able to be entered in the annual Weiner Dog Races with other bassets, not always winning but in there nevertheless. This past year in August he again was in there trying although he ended up walking but he knew everyone was routing for him.

Charles and I called him our great-grandson, as he seemed like one of our own. In the last few years he spent everyday at River Downs and everyone knew him. Jill and Marty had a Wake at the Downs, celebrating his life, with food, drinks, telling of stories, a DVD of his life was played on the all the TV. sets, funeral cards were distributed, pictures on display, and a obituary read and written by Jill. He is resting in the Hahn property directly across from our house where we can still keep an eye on him, eventually to have a stone laid. The following is the obit that Jill wrote and read for all to enjoy:

BAILEY WAS 12 LBS. WHEN I BROUGHT HIM HOME; HE WAS, AS PUPPIES GO, TYPICAL. HE CHEWED, CRIED, AND WAS HORRIBLE TO HOUSEBREAK. HE ALSO ALMOST LOOKED DEFORMED; HIS PAWS WERE

California Fire

In the early morning hours of November 22, 2009, the air split by the sounds of a cry for help, the crackling of flames and the shrill of sirens. The home of Harry Roberts at 140 Eldorado was destroyed. A couple of young boys heard the cry for help and got a ladder so Harry could get off the roof. Harry was fortunately not injured and the only one home at the time, his wife was out of town. The home was built in 1888 and is now a charred rubble. Harry credit's the smoke detectors for alerting him to the situation and the two young men for saving his life. The investigation indicated that a ceramic heater was the source of the blaze. Harry plans to rebuild and we are all thankful that he is okay and plans to stay in the community.

Diane Havey

Tragic Death

Another Eldorado tragedy, the death of Ron and Arlene' Potters son, Kurt. Oh, how hard to lose one of your children. Our deepest sympathy to the family of the Potters.

Jackie

**Happy
Holidays!**



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TOO BIG FOR HIS BODY. I QUESTIONED MYSELF EVERYDAY, WHY DID I WANT A DOG? NOW I WONDER HOW WILL I LIVE WITHOUT HIM? WE KNEW HE WAS GOING TO BE A LARGE PUREBRED BASSET BUT 89 LBS. AT HIS TOP WEIGHT WAS EXTREMELY LARGE FOR A BASSET. NOW I KNOW WHY AND SO DO YOU IF YOU HAVE MET HIM, HE WAS ALL HEART.

BAILEY'S PERSONALITY DIDN'T REALLY SEEM TO SHINE UNTIL HE WAS OUT OF HIS PUPPY YEARS AND THEN SHINE IT DID! IN BAILEY'S WORLD THERE WAS NO BAD. THERE WAS NO EVIL, NO UGLY, NO POOR, NO RICH, HE DIDN'T SEE COLOR, OR DISFIGURED, HE DIDN'T SEE AGE, HE LOVED ANYONE HE COULD SEE AND JUST RUN UP TO THEM SMILING, WAGGING HIS TAIL AND LAY DOWN ON THEIR FEET.

SOMETIMES WE GET LUCKY IN LIFE AND WE MEET A MENTOR, SOMEONE WHO HELPS YOU FIND THE RIGHT PATH, ALWAYS THERE FOR YOU WHEN YOU NEED THEM, THAT WAS BAILEY TO ME, ESPECIALLY THE LAST FEW YEARS. HE WAS AND ALWAYS WILL BE MY BEST FRIEND AS WELL AS A PART OF MY FAMILY. I'M NOT SAYING THAT BAILEY DIDN'T HAVE A STUBBORN STREAK, HE COULD PLAY DEAD BASSET AND JUST LAY DOWN WHILE YOU WERE TRYING TO WALK, OR JUST FLAT LAY DOWN IF HE DID NOT WANT TO GO THAT WAY, WE WOULD BEG AND PLEAD, HE WOULD USUALLY HOLD OUT FOR TREATS, MOSTLY IT WAS JUST FOR ATTENTION. AS MOST OF YOU KNOW HE SPENT MOST OF THE LAST YEARS IN THE BACK SEAT OF AN EXPLORER, THIS WAS HIS COMFORT ZONE ALSO MINE, HE WAS WITH ME.

IN THE 12 PRECIOUS YEARS THAT HE WAS HERE HE ACCOMPLISHED MORE THAN MOST IN A LIFETIME. NOT ONE WHIMPER, I HEVER HEARD HIM EVEN WHIMPER AFTER LOSING HIS LEG TO CANCER TWO YEARS AGO, AND NOT LATELY FINDING OUT THE RECENT CANCER, HE HAD TO HAVE BEEN IN DISCOMFORT, BUT THAT WAS BAILEY. THE IRONIC THING IS BAILEY RECEIVED HIS THERAPY LICENSE A YEAR AGO, WHEN IN REALITY HE GAVE THERAPY EVERYDAY. BAILEY WAS LAID TO REST IN HIS FAVORITE PLACE; HE IS FINALLY RESTING PEACEFUL AND NO DOUBT SPREADING HIS JOY. HE WOULD, I KNOW, WANT ME TO THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT. I KNOW HE WILL BE WAITING FOR ME HAPPY AND HEALTHY AND THAT IS WHAT WILL KEEP ME STRONG.

REST IN PEACE BUTTERCUP, GOD BLESS,

BAILEY'S MOM

Jackie Kuzniczci Frazier, Bailey's great grandmother and California Historian

Holiday Party!

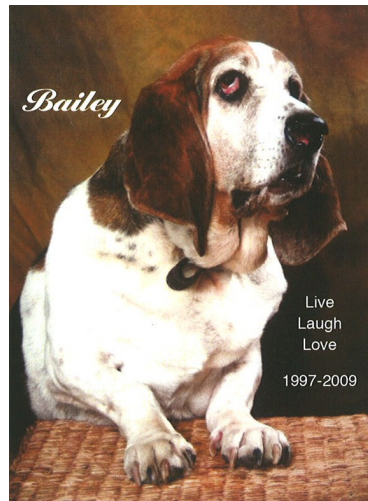
California Community Council is holding it's Children's Holiday Party on Saturday, **December 12th at 2:00** at the Ebersole Community Center. Come visit Santa and enjoy refreshments, candy and gifts! For children 10 and under. Come for the fun but please do not come early.



If you have not done so, please RSVP to Jo Shepherd (232-0320).

California Churches Break Bread

On November 22, our two very historic churches joined together for their annual Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Jerome Hall. The food was delicious, friendship and togetherness was outstanding. I am so blessed to be able to attend this annual togetherness. Father Carl is recovering from his recent surgery and was able to join us. Good to see you, Father. *Jackie*



2009 NSP/NBD Projects

Come to December's CCC meeting to discuss and vote on projects for 2010 NSP and NBD funds. Each neighborhood is allowed up to \$7,000 NSP and \$9,000 NBD per year. We generally use the funds for beautification, the newsletter, Ebersole Center, etc. Remember, we will vote on projects at this month's meeting.

**California Community Council Meeting
October 13, 2009 7:30 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Havey, Secretary

The meeting opened at 7:30 P.M. with President Dave Ross leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Roll call of officers was read and found that John Williams and Mike Christ were not present at the meeting. There were twelve (12) members and three (3) guest present at the meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted by a vote on a motion made by Jo Shepherd and seconded by Bess Carnes.

The treasurers report was read and accepted by a vote on a motion made by Bess Carnes and seconded by Jo Shepherd.

The Police report was given by Officer Germaine Love. California incurred only one (1) offence for the month of September. She and Detective Stewart Issacs talked to the council regarding current scams, identity fraud and foreclosure fraud specifically. It was reported to Officer Love that recently it has been noticed that vehicles have been passing and not stopping for busses picking up and dropping off children on Kellogg Avenue. The incidents will be looked into.

Guests

Mary with CRC at Mt. Washington has returned and talked about activities and events coming up at Mt. Washington Recreation Center. One can call the center for additional information.

Tom Chandler, a former California resident and candidate for Mayor of Cincinnati (as a write-in) discussed some of the policies that he would address as Mayor if elected.

Old Business

Dave mentioned that the city maintenance department will do the repair of peeling paint on the light poles.

Wimberg landscaping was asked and agreed to empty the trash cans along Kellogg Avenue. Krystal Alsept said that the city will do this for us by calling 591-6000.

New Business

NSP/NBD projects will be voted on at the December meeting.

It was agreed that a notice in the next newsletter regarding that California will not tolerate illegal dumping within the community by outsiders or otherwise.

Elections of Officers for the 2010 community council will be at the December meeting. We are currently in need of a vice president.

It was agreed that an obituary for Bailey the dog will be in the next newsletter. He was well known and much loved by many in the community.

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

**California Community Council Meeting
November 10, 2009 7:30 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Havey, Secretary

The meeting opened at 7:28 P.M. with President Dave Ross leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Roll call of officers was read and found that John Williams, Kathleen Chandler, Mike Christ and Jo Shepherd were not present. There were seven (7) members and four (4) guest present at the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted by a vote on a motion made by Hilda Davenport and second by Mike Christ.

The treasurers report was read; and as there were no changes or activity since the previous meeting a motion or vote was not necessary.

The Police report was given by Officer Pat Moran. California incurred five (5) offences during the month of October. Several concerns were brought up by residents: traffic violations, copper theft and dogs being dropped off. Some concerns may be addressed at the next meeting.

Mary with CRC at Mt. Washington left flyers of events and class options available at the Mt. Washington Center.

Old Business

Elections will be at the December meeting. We are still in search of a Vice President.

NSP/NBD projects will be finalized and voted on at the December meeting.

There will be a newsletter published before the next meeting.

The move into the Ebersole facility has begun.

New Business

The owners of the office building located at 5777 Kellogg Avenue (Bob & Cheri Fields) approached the council regarding the sale of the facility. Currently there is an interested buyer; however the city has stated that since there has been no one occupying the building as an office, the building cannot be sold as commercial property. They requested a letter from the council to the city building department indicating that there is not an issue for the sale as commercial office property. Diane Havey made a motion that since the building has always been used as a commercial office facility, that there should be no problems or reasons that the sale should not take place. Dave Ross second the motion. A vote was taken and there were no objections. The motion passed. Dave will write the letter to the city building department.

With no further business before the council, a motion was made to adjourn by Mike Christ and second by Bess Carnes. The meeting adjourned.

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ST. JEROME CHURCH
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California, Ohio
231-7042

SERVICE SCHEDULE

9:30 AM Sunday Service

MASS SCHEDULE

5:00 PM Saturdays
9:00 AM Sundays
11:00 AM
7:30 PM Tuesdays
7:30 PM First Friday

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