

The California Village News

October / November 2009

**Next Meeting
of the California
Community Council
7:30 PM
October 13th, 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

EMAILS!!!

Who would like to receive an electronic version of the newsletter or hear about last minute updates from the city departments, etc.? Send your name, address and email to info@CaliforniaOhio.org.

NSP/NBD Update

Newsletter

Bi-monthly, now also on website.

Park Mowing

Great job California Grounds Care.

Ebersole

We will be using some money now that we will be starting to use the building.

Beautification

The Kellogg Avenue streetscape, entry signs, etc. look amazing this year.

Great job Wimbung Landscaping and California Grounds Care.

Website

Updates and new information appearing, www.CaliforniaOhio.org.

**TEARS
AND
LAUGHTER**



67 years ago Charles left California, Ohio for the U.S. Navy, he just turned 18 in March and was sworn in on June 1942. On Sept. 9, 1942 the U.S.S. Montpelier was commissioned and he was assigned to it and became what they call a plank owner among 1300 plus other young men. So on Sept. 10th, 2009, 67 years later, we celebrated his annual reunion in Buffalo, N.Y. with 62 people attending, only 19 shipmates, the rest family members. However, at this annual meeting of the association discussion was on what the future is for the association since all of the men are over 80 years or older. With the amount of W.W. 2 vets dying each day, something had to be voted on what to do. THUS TEARS! After 26 years of reunions and get togethers all over the U.S. the time had come to dissolve the association while there were a few left to do so. Tears from old sailors is not a pretty sight, also from me being part of them for so long. Next year July 4th, 2010, will be the last and final reunion to be held in Montpelier, Vt. (After me saying I had made the last trip to Montpelier in the August newsletter). A final big blowout and parade is planned with as many shipmates that we can get there.

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Look for the fall flags that should be showing up VERY soon! Have a Happy Halloween and Thanksgiving!



Birthday Greetings to our community members and friends.

October Birthdays

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| 1st | Robbi Christ |
| 1st | Peggy Keller |
| 12th | Brittany Finn |
| 16th | George P. Wardlow |
| 16th | Alisha Secen |
| 16th | Ashley Secen |
| 24th | Kris Weir |
| 26th | Diane Havey |
| 29th | Jill Hehn |
| 31st | Corey Secen |

November Birthdays

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| 5th | Bill Christ |
| 6th | Rhonda Ruprich |
| 20th | Billy Pilerton, Jr. |
| 20th | Brittany Birmingham |
| 22nd | David Christ |
| 24th | Jessica Roberts |

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TEARS AND LAUGHTER

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While in Buffalo we took a tour to Niagara Falls (always a treat) then lunch on the U.S.S. Little Rock (the last of the original light cruisers from W.W.2 and was made into a guided missile ship for Korea). A WHOLE LOT OF NOSTALGIA. Also stationed with the Little Rock is the U.S.S. Sullivan's a destroyer built in memory of the 5 Sullivan brothers that were killed in the Pacific early in the war. From there we were bussed to Lockport, N.Y. to ride a boat up the Erie Canal and was locked through original locks built in the early 1800's and still operating.

NOW LAUGHTER ----On Saturday evening we attended our banquet with fine dining -- also recognition from shipmate siblings thanking their fathers for their undying service to their country and how proud they were of them, not only as heroes of the war but also for being a great parent. After dinner - enters - FLORETTA LYNN. FLORETTA was Charles good buddy during the war doing his rendition of Loretta Lynn. Long black wig, big floppy hat, stuffed boobs and legs that were not fit for table legs, singing "Coal Miners Daughter". I have to say honestly B.J. looks much better as a man than a woman. I had a preview of this so I wasn't as surprised. The people were doubled over laughing and wondering what former shipmate was doing this act. He or she was such a hit that the bar maid took him to the bar for the younger people to buy her drinks. She was an instant hit!!! One of our other shipmates always wears his navy uniform so he was a perfect match for her so we put them together for pictures. FLORETTA loved all the attention and really played along with it. She or he says he has other outfits so I don't think we have seen the last of this.

Eventually the men adjusted to the idea of folding as something that we cannot help and have to face reality as they are all too old and have no one to take over the offices of the association. After all, everything comes to an end sooner or later and now another era is ending. Very, very, sad. After next year I will not be doing their newsletters (which they are unhappy about) but I have often wondered who would do it if something happened to me. Don't have to worry about that now. I have gotten so much love and praise for all the work I have done for them over the years.

Hopefully will have more time to work with the California history.

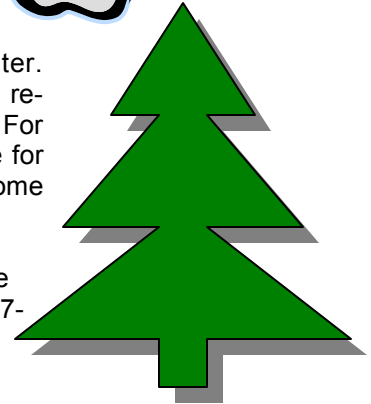
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Holiday Party!



California Community Council is holding its Children's Holiday Party on Sunday, **December 13th at 2:00** at the Ebersole Community Center. Come visit Santa and enjoy refreshments, candy and gifts! For children 12 and under. Come for the fun but please do not come early.

If you have not done so, please RSVP to either Diana Weir (207-9178) or Jo Shepherd (232-0320).



California Children's Holiday Parties

Provided for neighborhood children

The California Community Council sponsors annual parties for California children during certain holiday seasons. These parties are held at the Old California School (or Ebersole Center) completely **free** to neighborhood residents and usually include snacks, small gifts, etc.

In order to provide age appropriate gifts we would like to get a "feel" for children who might be interested in attending and their respective ages. Please call Jo Shepherd at 232-0230 and give her the names and ages of your children. If your children would like to attend the holiday party in December please call Joey by November 1st to provide us enough time to make necessary preparations. This will be a big help. Thanks.

2010 NSP/NBD Projects

Come to October's CCC meeting to discuss 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. We will vote on projects at December's meeting.

California Community Council Meeting September 8, 2009 7:30 P.M.

Call to Order:

The meeting opened with The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by David Ross. Roll call of officers found Vice-President John Williams, Secretary Diane Havey, Mike Christ, and Jo Shepherd absent.

Minutes:

Minutes of June 2009 meeting minutes were published in the August / September newsletter and posted on California Website. Motion was made by Diana Weir to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Bess Carnes, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Kathleen Chandler read the Treasurer's report. Hilda Davenport made a motion to accept, seconded by Diana Weir, motion passed.

Police Report:

Officer Germain Love gave the police report. Reports for July and August were down 25% and 33% from last year. Detailed printed reports were provided. Call 765-1212 for non-emergency issues and 911 if you observe an unlawful act in progress. Officer Germain Love can be reached via email at germain.love@cincinnati-oh.gov.

Fire Report:

There was no fire report.

Guests:

Ron Matty, from the Mt. Washington Recreation Center, provided information on fall programs at the center. The director Mary Cox will be returning this fall, she can be contacted by calling the center or email at mary.cox@cincinnati-oh.gov.

Jesse Dunbar from "Laure Quinlivan for Council" provided information on the candidate. Laure is most well known for an award winning "I-Team" reporter for Channel 9 TV. Laure's website is www.LQReportingToYou.com or call 513-646-1726.

Katie Denis from the Museum Center at the Union Terminal provided material and discussed the levee that will be on the November 3rd ballot. Their website is www.myunionterminal.org or call 513-287-7000.

Steve Briggs from the Planning Department of the City of Cincinnati discussed the beginning of the process for "PLAN CINCINNATI, a comprehensive plan for the future." Steve emphasized the importance of getting involved and passed out information. Four community meetings will be held to kick off the effort. The next one, (and closest) is at the Madisonville Recreation Center, 5320 Stewart Road, from 6:00-8:00 pm, October 22, 2009. Their website is www.plancincinnati.org, or call 513-352-4845.

Old Business:

Discussed status of NSP and NBD projects for 2009.

The community, through the California Heritage Foundation now has a lease on the Ebersole Center building and has had utilities switched. The Cincinnati Recreation Department will continue to maintain the grounds. A fairly extensive clean-up was held on August 9th. Much old trash was hauled away, floors, kitchens and baths scrubbed and mums planted by the front door. Thanks to Jackie Frazier, Diane Havey, Carmen Chandler, Harriet Todd, David Ross, Joey Shepherd who was laid up but with us in spirit, and Mike Christ for the mums and cleaning out the planting beds. Jackie has started moving in some historical information. This will take a while but we now have the building and are moving forward.

New Business:

NSP/NBD 2010

Discussed projects for next year. We usually spend available city funds for the newsletter, maintenance of the park, the Kellogg Avenue Streetscape, Ebersole, flags, website, etc. There was discussion about eventually replacing the broken picnic tables in the park.

There was discussion about some of the detailed maintenance of the streetscape along Kellogg Avenue. We need to make sure trash receptacles are emptied either by residents, business owners or if the a city department is responsible. There was a question about the benches that were in from of the previous Bills Carryout, the cleaning and painting looks good. Light Poles need to be touched up with paint and walks could be vacuumed or swept. Dave Ross indicated that he has spoken to the city about the paint on the light poles and they should be repaired shortly.

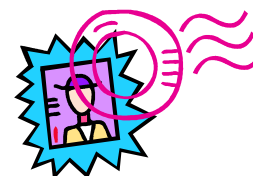
There was a concern for mowing of the ditches. The city used to routinely do this.

With no further business before the council, Hilda Davenport made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bess Carnes, motion passed. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
David Ross, President
(substituting for Diane Havey, Secretary)

New Zip Code

California's zip code has changed from 45228 to 45230 effective July 1, 2009. There will be a 1 year grace / transition period.



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9:30 AM Sunday Service

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5:00 PM Saturdays

9:00 AM Sundays

11:00 AM

7:30 PM Tuesdays

7:30 PM First Friday

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