

# The California Village News

Autumn 2011

Next Meeting of the  
California Community Council

7:30 P.M.

October 11th, 2011

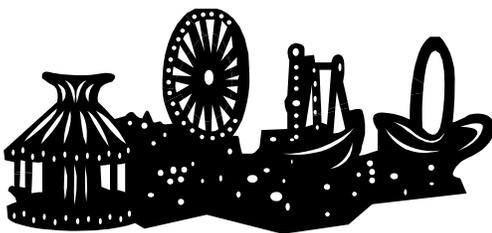
Ebersole Community Center  
5701 Kellogg Avenue

## 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

## CONEY ISLAND PASSES

For those who are interested in getting a head start or a Christmas gift early, Coney passes are on sale now for the bargain price of 79.95 per person. This price is good until Dec. 31, when the price increases. If bought by Nov. 1st you can get (2) free passes, after that you will only get (1) free pass with your membership. Never have to pay for parking, discount on food, and free rides. If interested call Coney or stop in during the work day hours.



## 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](mailto: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 Heritage Foundation Update

As most of you probably know, we are in our third year now on our lease with the City of Cincinnati for the Old California School. Furniture has been purchased for a community office as well as tables and chairs for children's parties. We have been busy sorting through stacks of historical information that Jackie has been collecting for years. We have also been working hard to be thrifty with expenses. We rely on tax deductible membership contributions 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 or volunteer, contact David Ross at 513-624-6257 [info@californiaohio.org](mailto:info@californiaohio.org) or Jackie Frazier at 513-231-4402 [jackiefrazier@aol.com](mailto:jackiefrazier@aol.com).

## Birthday Greetings to our Community Members and Friends



### October Birthdays

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

6th **Rhonda Ruprich**  
20th **Brittany Birmingham**  
22nd **David Christ**  
24th **Jessica Roberts**

### 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**

## 2012 NSP/NBD Projects

Come to October's CCC meeting to discuss projects for 2012 NSP and NBD funds. This past year each neighborhood was allowed up to \$2,000 NSP and \$2,000 NBD per year. Not sure if more cuts will be made. We generally use the funds for beautification, the newsletter, park maintenance, etc. We will vote on projects at December's meeting.

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## RECENT OBITUARIES

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SCOTT, JOHN J. "JACK" former resident of California. Raised in California and attended St. Jerome School. Brother of the former Bill Scott, Charlotte Scott, and Tim Scott of Spain. Uncle of Denny and Ronny Scott and former Sis Secen, Bill, Jr. and Kathy Scott. Died July 26, 2011 in Batavia, Oh. Father of several and many grandchildren. 81 yrs. of age. Husband of Dolores Scott (nee Obermeyer) Relatives still living in California. Also cousin of the Bass Family who married into the Frazier family. Served in the military during the Korean War.

KENNETH P. HEMER, former Californian and raised in California and attended the California School. Former a Cincinnati Fire Fighter and served in the military is a Purple Heart Veteran. Married to Margaret Mary Hemer, father of 4 , 8 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. Lived in Anderson at time of death. Brother to John Hemer who just passed away earlier this year. Jack and Eddie Carnes uncle and Dot Hemer Carnes brother.

DALE JONES, son of the former Eudell Jones and mother, Gloria Butts. His death was quite sudden and such a shock to the family. Dale was born while living in California on Panama St. and lived most of his life in Anderson with family. Not married. After Eudell passed away he became the father figure for the family and to help with the care of his twin brothers. He leaves, his mother, sister, Debbie, brother Leslie and brothers - Brett and Brian. Former grandparents - Raymond and Mildred Jones of Eldorado Ave. and many other relatives.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILIES OF THESE DEAR FORMER RESIDENTS.

## Riverstar Again

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What a pleasant day I had when I noticed the ballpark being worked on. I couldn't wait to get over there and find out for sure. So after our day at Coney Pool I got the Old Blue Goose out and rode over to find out more. No workers at the time but what a mess, worse than I had ever imagined it could be! How fellow human beings can be so destructive and literally destroy everything in sight, for a mere few dollars to satisfy their habits. Even to cutting off the flag pole (probably with flag on it) and selling it. The Bloomhuff family was upset as they made a memorial there for Roy, their W.W. 2 brother. The headstone is still there (can you believe that?) but the no sign of flag pole. The next day rode over again and met the new owner, Doug Bray, and had to thank him for taking on this big project and how

## THE OLD FULTON PRESBYTERIAN CEMETERY

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Every now and then a newspaper article will appear with another group of people to work on the Old Fulton Cemetery in East End. A lot of people are not familiarly with this old, old, cemetery as it is hard to get to and cannot be seen from the road. Many years ago while working on Wilmer Ave. a fellow employee I worked with took me to it and said that as a young boy his boy scout would work on it. At that time it was in bad shape but since then it is totally destroyed. Again by fellow human beings that have to destroy and beat family markers to pieces. Some of these graves were vets from the Revolutionary War.- namely William Brown, the first recipient of the Purple Heart presented to him by George Washington and was made by Martha Washington. The cemeteries are a combination of (3) cemeteries - Fulton - Fulton Mechanics, and Presbyterian Cemetery. People have searched for William Brown's grave over the years but was never found, probably due to early markers made of wood and rotted away. In the last few years A memorial marker for William Brown has been placed at the Pioneer Cemetery on Wilmer Ave.

The forgotten cemetery is the Columbia Presbyterian Cemetery , which dates to 1795. It is in fact two cemeteries having been combined with the Fulton Mechanics Cemetery where the people who lived in the village of Fulton were buried. (Most of Cincinnati's steamboat building yards were located in Fulton, the area between Columbia Pkwy and the Ohio River, along Fulton Avenue (now Eastern Ave. extending about three miles east from downtown. The burials in the two cemeteries date from the 1790s to the 1860s. In 1830 the Little Miami Railroad cut a path through the two cemeteries. Millionaire Nicholas Longworth purchased all the surrounding land for vineyards, making the graveyards almost inaccessible. The Presbyterian cemetery was cleared and maintained in 1917, when the Daughters of the American Revolution erected a granite arch there to commemorate the graves of the pioneers. The arch was still standing in 1987, when it was photographed for an Enquirer article. (I stopped in a few weeks ago the rose arch is broken to pieces and

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happy we are to have it up and running again. I apologized to him for out not being able to keep better control on it while empty. MORE WAS GOING ON THERE THAN YOU CAN EVER SUSPECT. He will have the fields ready for spring baseball and the ballroom is being renovated and ready to open soon for many different things. Hopefully this will keep some of the people using it for various things. I told Doug I would check every now and then and he has posted a NO TRESPASSING SIGN WITH AN AWARD FOR APPREHENSION. NEIGHBORS IF YOU SEE ANYTHING OUT OF ORDER PLEASE CALL THE POLICE.

*Jackie Frazier, Calif. Historian*

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not a marker in tact, all broken beyond recognition. However, a new group has come in and cleaned up again put the pieces on platforms and several new markers for several vets are lined up together.)

A few years ago I met an elderly woman on 8 Mile that lived in that area years ago and gave me the listing of all the names of owners and people who are buried there which I keep in my files at the Heritage Foundation. In the late 80's I approached the American Legion Post on Wilmer if they would help work on it, no volunteers, so I gave up. The Presbyterian-Fulton Cemetery can be reached by walking south along the railroad track from Airport Road and fighting a mass of bramble bushes. Squeezed between the elevated railroad track and a flood control levee, the cemetery is a sunken hollow that becomes water-logged during heavy rains. The inaccessible location has discouraged efforts of restoration. Note - where is Sgt. William Brown, the first man to be awarded a Purple Heart? Buried somewhere in the rubble and weeds and no one knows for sure. Gen. Washington gave him the medal for leading a dangerous assault of a kind called "forlorn hope", because few were expected to survive. Tradition says that Martha Washington made the ribbons for his medal. **AND HIS GRAVE IS NOW LOST IN THE WEEDS AND RUBBLE.**

(I usually visit the cemeteries from Carrel St. Between the two sets of railroad tracks past two industrial bldgs. and behind the second one is the what is left of the cemeteries. It has improved a lot, one time there was a hole so large if you fell in you would have a hard time getting out. How people can use such sacred places for their pastimes and literally destroy our history is beyond me)

**Jackie Kuzniczci Frazier, Calif. Historian**

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## Thanks for stepping up Dave!



We would like to again say thanks to David Thiem for stepping up and making sure we have flags flying along Kellogg Avenue. Nice job! The fall flags look great! He also assisted in assembling our new metal picnic table in the park, just in time for the summer season!

## 2011 NSP / NBD Projects Update

1. Newsletter (Due to cuts, we are now quarterly.)
2. Streetscape Maintenance (Wimberg, looked great this year!)
3. Park Maintenance / Mowing (California Grounds Care, also looking good!)
4. Website (Keeping updated)

Special thanks to Mike Christ and California Grounds Care for all of the additional mowing and maintenance around the neighborhood that he is VOLUNTEERING! Thanks so much for the community dedication. It is APPRECIATED!!!

If you noticed that the plants disappeared from the planters on Kellogg a little early this year, it's because we are attempting to "winter over" the plants for replanting next year at Ebersole. Budget cuts from the city are coming fast and furious the past few years, so we thought we would be pro-active, just in case things are cut again in 2012. Thanks to Jo Shepherd for coming up with the idea and doing most of the work with assistance from Mike Christ.

## Holiday Party!

Mark your calendars!  
California Community Council is holding it's Children's Holiday Party

Sunday, **December 11th 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).



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**California Columbia  
United Methodist Church**

Rev. Ernest Bein  
5751 Kellogg Avenue  
California, Ohio  
513-232-5077

**SERVICE SCHEDULE**

9:30 A.M.            Sunday Service



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**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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