

# The California Village News

Summer 2011

Next Meeting of the  
California Community Council

7:30 P.M.

September 13th, 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

## 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.



## Birthday Greetings to our Community Members and Friends



### July Birthdays

1st	Courtney Shepherd
7th	Bob Hehn
7th	Joshua Hartmen
9th	Rhonda Reese
11th	Dave Hehn
14th	Mathew Bohart
15th	Ron Simpson
18th	Robert Carter
18th	Steven Ross
18th	Kim Liest

### August Birthdays

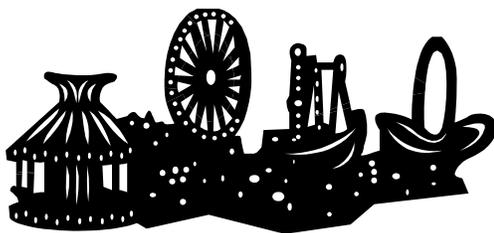
10th	Karolyn Wardlow
11th	George Wardlow
13th	Bess Carnes
13th	Melissa Shepherd
18th	Mildred Wiwi
20th	Tara Finn
21th	Sue Coultier
22th	Richard Wardlow
22th	Bridgett Woods
23th	Jack Carnes, Sr.
29th	Krissy Hehn

### September Birthdays

2nd	John Forthuber
8th	Miss Ghutz
9th	Samantha Betscher
13th	George Nave
15th	Ron Scott
19th	Jack Carnes, Jr.
24th	Elaine Keys

## CONEY ISLAND'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY

On June 18th, Coney celebrated its 125th anniversary with a big party, however the weather was nasty and not as many attended. I was anxious to find out about the Time Capsule that was to be opened in 2011, but couldn't make it that day due to other commitments. I did find out that - what I thought was buried was not in the ground but removed many years ago and placed in the office for safer conditions. They said due to the many floods it was wiser to remove it and may have only been in the ground for 50- years. I cannot find out too much yet but will let you know if I ever find just what the contents were or are. The sale of the anniversary bricks went well and a party was scheduled for the brick donors on May 27th, which I attended. I hope a lot of you former Californians who grew up and was familiar with Coney see that you get your family name placed around the pool. I had a KUZNICZCI AND A FRAZIER BRICK placed. If you want more info on this give me a call or call Coney and they will give you the info. My ph. #513-231-4402.



*Jackie Kuzniczci Frazier, Calif. Historian*

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Have a  
great  
summer!



Remember, there will be no CCC meetings for the months of July and August.

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## RECENT OBITUARIES

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### **JOHN HEMER (HAM)**

GREW UP IN CALIFORNIA, ATTENDED SCHOOL HERE AND WENT INTO THE NAVY FROM HERE DURING W.W.2. HE SERVED ABOARD THE U.S.S. VICKSBURG IN THE PACIFIC AREA. PASSED AWAY MAY 24, AGE 85. GREAT SUPPORTER OF KEEPING CALIFORNIA REMEMBERED, A GOOD DONOR TO THE CALIFORNIA HERITAGE FOUNDATION. HE LEAVES WIFE, WINNIE, DAUGHTER, KAREN AND TWO GRANDCHILDREN.

### **RICHARD RATH**

SON OF ALICE AND VIRGIL RATH, WHO WERE RESIDENTS FOR MANY YEARS IN CALIFORNIA. RICHARD GREW UP AND ATTENDED SCHOOL HERE. LEAVES MANY FAMILY MEMBERS. MOTHER FORMER ALICE HUDSON AND VIRGIL BOTH DECEASED.

### **ROBERT TUTTLE**

SON OF MARY AND THE FORMER BOB TUTTLE. GREW UP IN CALIFORNIA ALONG WITH MANY OF HIS SIBLINGS. NEPHEW OF CHARLEY SHOCKEY, KNOWN IN TOWN BY H.B. OR HONEY BOY. LEAVES WIFE AND CHILDREN. HIS GRANDMOTHER WAS THE BELL RINGER FOR MANY YEARS FOR ST. JEROME CHURCH, GERTRUDE HAMILTON. ONLY 59 YRS. OLD.

### **MARY HOMAN**

WIFE OF THE FORMER JACK HOMAN. LIVED HERE, RAN A BOAT HARBOR AND RESIDED ON BERTE ST. LEAVES DAUGHTER AND GRANDCHILDREN.

## Thanks

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Many, many, thanks for all the prayers and get well wishes for Charles who suffered a severe set-back in April. As you have seen he is coming along good and is getting back to his normal self. We were invited to return to Montpelier, Vt. the first of April to the Norwich University, thinking he was okay and that the Ohio River was sort of stable at the time we took off for the yearly mission that we go to do. However, when we got to Vermont they had a severe NOR-EASTER, as they call it, hit while we were there and the weather was just horrendous, which probably had a lot to do with Charles condition. We were to deliver the last of the USS Montpelier CL-57's monies to the University to be put in a perpetual account and each year at the graduation a sword will be presented to the top scholastic stu-

## THE GIRLS

One of the things I love about what I do is seeing and meeting people who look me up and stop at the house. This happened a few weeks ago when someone knocked at the door, by the time I got to the door they were walking away. I noticed two young women, one carrying some kind of papers. I asked them in and they said, "we are Mary's girls", Well, I took one look and could tell immediately who they were, although I never met them before. Mary, was Mary Hildebrand, my girlfriend from California school and into high school. Many times I hiked up that long hill to her home next to the Golf Course. She married and started a family, I married, and we didn't see each too much but kept in contact. I had known her sons, but not her daughters. They moved to Pennsylvania and very seldom saw each other. In later years we were corresponding now and then with promises to see each other. I did get to see her while in Penn. at one of our reunions. Eventually, Mary developed some serious problems - each time getting worse. I was sending her our Calif. Newsletter as she enjoyed reading about the old town. Last year Mary passed away, so I did not continue with sending the news as most younger people do not seem to be that interested. On this day, what Jennifer was carrying was the newsletters and the envelopes with my address on them, her mother, Carol, said you cannot knock on someone's door without some proof of why you are there. Jennifer is Mary's granddaughter and Carol is her Mary's daughter. They train Jumping horses and was in a show in Lexington and wanted to look me up. They rode around went in Lebo's to see if they knew me, but they didn't seem to know but they found me! What a wonderful time we had! You would have thought we knew each other forever. I took them all around showed them where their mother had lived and where their father had lived and then to the schoolhouse to see the treasures I have there. Were they impressed! They found Mary's mother name in the Calif. school P.T.A. minutes. Charles fell in love with them as I did. They had to take off and get back to Lexington to take care of the horses and wanted to know if they could stop by again. So the following week I received a call saying they were on their way back to Penn. and was going to stop by they wanted to help me at the school house as they knew I have a lot of work to do. As it

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dent with the highest grades and pursuing a military career. On the sword will be inscribed "U.S.S. MONTPELIERCL-57". This will go on forever. Our reason for being in Vermont. What a legacy for the shipmates of W.W.2 and of a great fighting ship with many battle stars. Charles is our last W.W.2 veteran left in California and is also a veteran of the Korean War. Young'ens when you have the opportunity to meet or see a veteran from any of our wars, please take the time to shake their hand and thanked them for what they have done, it actually means so much to them.

*Jackie Kuzniczci Frazier, Calif. Historian*

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was I had mislaid my key, they helped me look for it but to no avail (not until later). We went to lunch at Lebo's and sat on the deck, introduced them to Karl Clark next door, as he remembered the family. They called the other sister and brother in Pennsylvania and I talked to them. They were late getting away and the trip home took longer than they expected and had to be at work in the morning. I called to see if they made it alright and we promised to keep in touch. Jennifer is a pack rat like me and has been carrying these newsletters around in her backpack waiting for the time to seek me out. These are the things that make you feel like you are doing something good and that it all pays off. **Jackie**

WITH ALL THE FLOODING THIS SPRING - ONE GOOD THING CAME FROM IT. WHEN MY NEPHEW, RON HELTON, CAME IN TO SEE IF NEEDED HELP MOVING OUT, I DECIDED THAT I WAS GOING TO GET THE FILE CABINETS AND WHAT WAS LEFT OF MY CALIFORNIA MEMORABILIA MOVED TO THE SCHOOL HOUSE AND WOULDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE FLOOD GETTING IT, IT IS NOW SAFE FROM FLOODS.

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## WELCOME NEW HOME OWNERS

### RHONDA BETSCHGER RUPERT

Many years a resident here growing up as a child and father raised here. Rhonda moved into the home on Eldorado Ave. where the Jones lived for many years. Thanks for coming back to us, Rhonda.

### JILL FRAZIER HEHN AND MARTY STRINGER

Bought the little cottage on Berte St. that was in foreclosure for a long time. They are completely restoring it and will look great when finished. Jill was born and raised here, raised her children here and will be coming back to live in the home.

WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU ALL BACK!!!!

### Fall 2011 Community Yard Sale

Hold September 10th, 8am-2 pm open for this fall's Community Yard Sale. First held in September 2007, this twice a year event that is designed to raise funds for the California Heritage Foundation. A \$15 donation goes toward utilities and upkeep of the old California School as well as providing a location for archives of California History. The donation gets a yard sign indicating your participation, and on large signs located along Kellogg Avenue. Do your part and get rid of that stuff that's been cluttering up your home. Number of slots is limited so call Jo Shepherd at 232-0320 from 5-8 pm week days. Spaces available at Ebersole Center for non-residents.

## Thanks for stepping up Dave!

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



## Recycle Bank Go on line or call and Sign up!

California businesses like California Golf Course can realize more customers and increased revenues from Recyclebank members. Cincinnati enhanced their recycling service by partnering with Recyclebank - a free rewards program that motivates people to take greener actions. It's a little like air miles for being green. Based on a points system, the more residents recycle, the more points they earn. Then they use their points to choose promotions provided by businesses like California Golf Course and many others throughout the Cincinnati area.

Our neighborhood businesses can benefit from residents signing up for Recyclebank. Residents simply go to [www.recyclebank.com](http://www.recyclebank.com) or call 1-888-727-2978 to register, then use their points to shop locally. The more people that sign up for the free program, the more they can patronize these local businesses.



Thank you for your consideration and please let me know if you have any questions.

Kindly,  
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## 2011 NSP / NBD Projects Update

1. Newsletter (Due to cuts, we are now quarterly.)
2. Streetscape Maintenance (Wimberg, looking good!)
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!!!**

**California Columbia  
United Methodist Church**

Rev. Ernest Bein  
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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