

The California Village News

Summer 2021

Next Meeting of the
California Community Council
7:30 P.M.
September 14th, 2021
Ebersole Community Center
5701 Kellogg Avenue



As most of you know, we are in our 13th 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.

2021 NSP Projects Update

- Beautification—Kellogg Avenue planters looking good thanks to Wimberg.
- Park / Entry Sign Mowing (California Grounds Care, also looking good!)
- Website (Keeping updated.)
- Utilities / Insurance

Newsletter is being paid through AIG grant. Costs have been reduced.

ANNUAL REUNION 2021

Saturday, September 18th, mark your calendar! Donations welcome to the California Heritage Foundation, help keep things running! Come and see what history we have for our little town and visit with old and new friends. Who knows you may find out something new about your family or you! This will be pot-luck, coordinated as we get closer.

Jackie Frazier

RECENT OBITUARIES

THELMA PEG (KAYLOR) CARR

Passed away July 4, 2021. Long time California resident. Born and raised on Croslin. Sympathies to family and friends.

CM Squared

If you recall, Jackie wrote an article in the last newsletter about Pig Candy, new California restaurant opened in the renovated Police Station. Well, that renovation work was performed by another California business, CM Squared who renovated and moved into the old Legion Hall! Thought you might be interested to hear a little more about CM Squared!

CMsquared is a full service commercial general contractor located at 5777 Kellogg. The three founding partners, Mark Kendall, Matt Sallee, and Rod Weider, started the company over three years ago with a commitment to being a service company first and a construction management company second. Their mission statement, "Keep it True" reflects the company's commitment to

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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 Leist
30th Mason James Smith

August Birthdays

10th Karolyn Wardlow
11th George Wardlow
13th Bess Carnes
13th Melissa Shepherd
17th Dawn Rahe
20th Tara Finn
21th Sue Coultier
22th Richard Wardlow
22th Bridgett Woods
23th Jack Carnes, Sr.
29th Krissy Hehn

September Birthdays

8th Debbie Glutz
9th Samantha Betscher
19th Jack Carnes, Jr.
24th Elaine Keys

Have a great summer!



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

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CM Squared

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transparency and open communication. With over 50 years and \$650 million of combined construction experience, the CMSquared team has extensive construction expertise in everything from historic renovations, multi-family housing complexes, senior living facilities, hospital and medical, entertainment, retail and education. CMSquared's work to date in the tri-state area includes award-winning bars and restaurants like California neighbor Pig Candy, Comfort Station, Coffee Emporium, Deeper Roots, Sugar 'n Spice, Brewdog Pendleton, and Goose and Elder; Gaden Samdrupling Buddhist Monastery; the Dragonfly Foundation headquarters; Skypoint Luxury Condos; The Ridge; Miami Valley Gaming; and more. The team enjoys calling California home and you'll often find them grabbing lunch at Pig Candy. For more information visit cmsqrd.com.

Spring 2021 California Cleanups!

We have to give kudos to resident volunteers who stepped up this year and contributed to sprucing up the community! We were in a bit of a pinch this spring because the city was moving slow due to COVID and we didn't have our funds to hire mowers or landscapers in a timely fashion.

First would like to thank Kendall Burnside, April burnside (Asept) Keely Kunkle all from Croslin. When they saw the plant bed by the sign at the park needed serious attention, they bought plants and mulch and started to work! Thankfully they took some pics and gave us permission to share. Love seeing the little ones and family pup also! (I also like the before and after!)



before



after



Spring 2021 California Cleanups!

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Doug Masters organized this year's Spring Cleanup, in coordination with Keep Cincinnati Beautiful! By all accounts it was a big success. Over 65 bags of garbage was collected. Amazing coordination with the City of Cincinnati which provided six garbage trucks! Years of garbage and debris at the end of Eldorado Avenue was the focus this year. With the help of Gary Osterfeld using his Bobcat, and much help from the community, tons of trash was removed. The cleanup was followed up with grilled hotdogs! Thanks to all who participated. No one kept any detailed list of all volunteers, so we won't try and accidentally leave anyone out, let's just say thanks, you know who you are (and you might just have showed up in some pics below or on following pages!)

Thanks to Kim Leist and Dave Ross who cleaned up the community entry signs and Rhonda Ruprich for placing the American flags in our Kellogg Avenue planters and decorating the memorial, and especially for Mike and Jeff Christ who stepped up and started mowing the park when it was getting out of control due to the late city fund approvals. I just need to say this, Mike and Jeff go beyond what we can afford to pay them, because, like all other volunteers, they really care for their community of California!

Thank you to all, everything looks great, see page 4 and 5 for more pics!



California Community Council / Meeting Minutes

Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Ruprich, Secretary

California Community Council Meeting May 11, 2021

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, Jackie Frazier, and Joey Sheppard were not present at the meeting. There were 18 members/residents, and 1 guest at the meeting.

Meeting minutes: The meeting minutes from our April 13, 2021 meeting were read by Rhonda Ruprich, a motion was made to approve minutes by Bob Brichler and seconded by Kim Leist, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: No formal Treasure report.

Guests: The police report was given by Officer Kevin Butler with the following: April 14, 2021 Criminal Damaging/Endangering in the 100 block of Eldorado. April 22, 2021 Taking the identity of another in the 100 block of Eldorado. April 30, 2021 Theft in the 5000 block of Kellogg. May 1, 2021 Felonious Assault in the 5800 block of Kellogg. Regarding the multiple calls about ATV's going into Water Works property off Renslar Avenue, Officer Butler informed us that some individuals have been addressed about riding ATV's onto the Water Works property. The Water Works will be putting up more private property signs. Officer Butler informed us to have a police officer come out to investigate your call, you must leave your name, address, and phone number. If you see something, report it to Non-Emergency Police number is 513-765-1212. Reoccurring issues, please call Office Butler at 513-979-4481.

Old Business:

The ribbon cutting for the ORT Bike/Walking Trail took place on May 8, 2021. The trail is now open.

No new updates on the City of Cincinnati and Anderson Township "Kellogg Gateway Study".

Doug Masters set the Spring Clean Up for Saturday April 24, 2021. This year's cleanup was a great success with over 65 bags of garbage collected.

Six City garbage trucks were made available for the cleanup. The years of garbage and debris at the end of Eldorado Avenue was the main point of interest this year. With the help of Gary Osterfeld using his Bobcat, and much help from many in the community, tons of garbage were removed. Gary mentioned there will be more to do once it dries up. Many, many thanks to all who participated in the cleanup. And a special thank you to Doug Masters for organizing the cleanup and providing lunch for all.

Our NSP contract with the city was finally approved, (very late, due to COVID challenges with city) the contract with Wimberg was signed. Subsequent to this meeting, California Grounds Care is now mowing the park and Wimberg is planting the planters and maintaining the Kellogg Avenue streetscape.

New Business:

David Ross made a motion for Christina Goehrig (owner of Pig Candy and town resident) to fill the position of Vice President of the Community Council. Bess Carnes seconded, motion passed. We are pleased to welcome Christina to the Board.

David Ross has asked Christina Goehrig to work with him on organizing businesses and business district opportunities.

With the opening of the ORT Bike/Walking Trail, the City of Cincinnati will be putting in new bike racks in front of Dead Low and Lebo's.

Continued discussion about nuisance properties (trash, junk, piles of wood, abandoned cars, etc.) in the neighborhood. The city has been in communication with property owners to attempt to resolve issues. Since this is a safety, rodent, and health issue, property owners are being encouraged to keep their properties clean.

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

California Community Council Meeting June 8, 2021

The meeting opened at 7:30pm with President, David Ross, leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call indicated that Kathy Chandler and Kim Leist were not present at the meeting. There were 17 members/residents, and 1 guest at the meeting.

Meeting minutes: The meeting minutes from the May 11, 2021, meeting was read by Rhonda Ruprich, a motion was made to approve minutes by Jackie Frazier and seconded by Bess Carnes, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: No formal Treasure report.

Guests: The police report was given by Officer Kevin Butler with the following: For the month of May, there was one theft from an auto at the ballfields on Waits. Regarding the ATV's going into Water Works property off Renslar Avenue, this activity has reduced much and continues to be watched. Officer Butler informed us that you can call the Department of Public Services at 513-591-6000 for issues such as abandoned cars, tall grass, and trash. If you are contacting the police to have an officer, come out to investigate your call, you must leave your name, address, and phone number. If you see something, report it to Non-Emergency Police number is 513-765-1212. Reoccurring issues, please call Office Butler at 513-979-4481.

Old Business:

No new updates on the City of Cincinnati and Anderson Township "Kellogg Gateway Study".

Our NSP contract with the city was finally approved, (very late, due to COVID challenges with city).

Continued discussion about nuisance properties in the neighborhood. The city has been and will continue to be in communication with property owners to attempt to resolve issues.

New Business:

There was a great turnout for the Memorial Day services at the Monument. Services and prayers were conducted by American Legion Post 744, the Emerald Society Pipes and Drums, Pastor Ed Bridgeman from the California Methodist Church, and Jackie Frazier. This pleasantly was one of the largest turnouts in years to acknowledge our California Veterans and honor all Veterans.

Jackie Frazier turned in \$200 collected in Heritage Fund donations.

Jackie requested the telephone number be listed in the newsletter for scheduling pickup of large trash items. The Department of Public works can be contacted at 513-591-6000 to schedule a pickup.

Wimberg has planted the planters and will continue to maintain the Kellogg Avenue streetscape.

California Grounds Care will continue to cut the grass at the park. Many thanks to Mike and Jeff for all their effort, time, and hard work keeping the park cut.

Acknowledgement and thanks were given to Kim Leist, Debbie Glutz and David Ross for their hard work with weeding and cleaning up the areas around the California signs on Kellogg at each end of town.

Acknowledgement and thanks were given to April Alsept and Kendall Burnside for supplying the flowers and for their and their family and friends time working on the park flowerbed helping it to look nice.

Issue of manure odors on Panama Street was brought up and addressed. Problem to be taken care of.

No Council meetings for the months of July or August 2021. Next Council meeting to take place the second Tuesday in September 2021.

With no further business before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Joey Sheppard and seconded by Mike Christ, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned.

Memorial Day Service at the memorial

It was a beautiful Memorial Day service at the WW2 memorial at Kellogg and Apple Hill at on Memorial Day, May 31st. Hyde Park / Mt. Lookout American Legion Post 744 did an amazing job and the turn out was wonderful! It was the perfect way to celebrate this holiday by remembering all former Californians who fought for the freedom we all enjoy.



Spring 2021 California Cleanup!

Success along Ohio River and Eldorado!

Over 65 bags of garbage was collected. Amazing coordination with the City of Cincinnati which provided six garbage trucks! Years of garbage and debris at the end of Eldorado Avenue was the focus this year. With the help of Gary Osterfeld using his Bobcat, and much help from the community, tons of trash was removed. Still a ways to go but great start!

Thanks to Doug Masters and Gary Osterfeld for providing pictures of California Clean Up, Kendall Burnside for park sign area cleanup and Jennie Nicolet, Rhonda Ruprich for Memorial Day pictures!

before



after



**California Columbia
United Methodist Church**

Pastor Ed Bridgeman
5751 Kellogg Avenue
California, Ohio

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

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Call 513-591-6000, or visit www.5916000.com or download the Fix it Cincy! app to request services or file a complaint!

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