

The California Village News

June / July 2009

**Next Meeting
of the California
Community Council
7:30 PM
June 9th, 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**

Great American Cleanup

California again participated in this year's national event on April 25th, that is organized locally by Keep Cincinnati Beautiful. Many tires and bags of trash were collected throughout the public right of ways of the community and in the park. Thanks to all who helped out including Hilda Davenport, Bess Carnes, Jackie Frazier, Diana Weir, Kathy Chandler, David Ross and Alexis Beier. Thanks to the crews from California Grounds Care who gave the park a good mowing on the same day. We would also like to thank Lenore and Roy Alsept for contribution of snacks and to Lexi's Pit Stop for supplying all volunteers with free hot dogs, metts and snacks after all the hard work. Thanks again to all. Everything looks great.

Lease Finally Signed on Ebersole Center

Well, it's been a long time coming, but all of the signatures are now in place and as of May 22nd, 2009, the California Heritage Foundation has a lease with the City of Cincinnati for \$1 a year, but is also responsible for the maintenance of the interior and operation expenses including all utility costs and insurance. The Cincinnati Recreation Commission will continue to maintain the exterior and be responsible for major exterior repairs.

As many of you will recall, the Cincinnati Recreation Department closed the Ebersole Community Center as a functioning city recreation center in 2005. A dedicated group of local volunteers have been working diligently since that time to come up with a strategy to keep the building for community use. To the CRC's credit, they expressed a willingness from the beginning to help to make that happen.

The California Heritage Foundation was formed as a 501-c3 non-profit organization to be able to receive tax-deductible donations. The idea for a historical group made sense since the building is certainly historic and of course started as the California School which many past and existing residence attended. Jackie Frazier has been accumulating historical information for years and we would all love a permanent place to keep it safe and accessible. Please consider making an annual donation. Call 624-6257 or see www.CaliforniaOhio.org for information.

Community Yard Sale

We would like to thank all that participated in the California Community yard Sale which was held April 11th. Over \$150 was raised. The money will benefit the California Heritage Foundation.

New Zip Code?

It's been reported that California's zip code will change from 45228 to 45230 effective July 1. There will be a 1 year grace / transition period.



*Birthday Greetings to
our community
members and friends.*

June Birthdays

3rd	Porky Schaefer
6th	Sara Williams
6th	Kathleen Chandler
10th	Flora Finn
13th	Norman Betscher
14th	Stephen Ross
16th	Vanessa Shepherd
24th	Dwayne Shepherd
26th	Erin Shepherd
26th	Karl Clark

July Birthdays

1st	Courtney Shepherd
7th	Bob Hehn
7th	Joshua Hartmen
9th	Cathy Reese
9th	Rhonda Reese
11th	Dave Hehn
14th	Mathew Bohart
15th	Ron Simpson
27th	Helen R. Duke

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**California Community Council Meeting
April 14, 2009**

The meeting opened at 7:34 P.M. with President Dave Ross leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Roll call of officers was read and found that all were present. There were eleven (11) members and four (4) guests present at the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter by a motion made by Kathleen Chandler and seconded by Jo Shepherd.

The treasurers report was read and a motion to accept the report was made by Jackie Frazier and seconded by Diana Weir. A vote on the motion passed.

The police report was given by Officer Pat Morgan. California incurred one (1) offense for the month of March. Officer Kelly Macbeth encouraged residents to not leave valuables in sight in vehicles and to remember to call the district for suspicious activity around the community.

Guests

Mary with the Cincinnati Recreation Department in Mt. Washington announced that there are summer employment opportunities for youth around the city. She also left flyers of activities at the Mt. Washington Recreation Center. Mary is also leaving the area for a while to administer the youth employment program. She will return in the fall.

Michelle Croft from California Woods discussed upcoming activities at the park; April 25th park cleanup, May 16th bird banding and August 6th picnic.

Old Business

April 25th is the Great American Cleanup day. If able, meet in the park at 9:00 A.M. Refreshments will be served afterwards. It was noted that one of the trees along the street scape is dead or dying. John Williams said that he will plant it if a new tree is obtained and that he will get wood chips for the play equipment in the park.

The yard sale to raise funds for the California Heritage Foundation netted \$150.00 from paid participants.

Note to residents: All residents are encouraged to participate in the Heritage Foundation fund raising which consists of two events per year at this time. Those events are the yard sales on the 2nd Saturdays of April and September. There was a lot of traffic in the area this year for the sales and that proves to be very encouraging. Remember if you were not on the list of participants, a donation of \$15.00 to the Heritage Foundation from your own profits, will be greatly appreciated Let's have more participants for the September sale.

New Business

NSP/NBD Contracts

Dave announced that the contracts for NSP and NBD have been approved by the city. A motion was made by Dave

Ross and seconded by Donna McNabb to hire the following for 2009 NSP/NBD projects:

NSP Jo Shepherd for Newsletter Editor
California Grounds Care for park mowing

NBD Lisa Kuethe for website graphic design
Wimberg Landscaping for streetscape maintenance and California Grounds Care for streetscape mowing

A vote on the motion passed. Congratulations to all who were awarded contracts.

Jackie Frazier mentioned that the picnic tables in the park were in very poor condition or totally destroyed. Dave said he will check into the pricing of a heavy steel type as the ones at Ebersole.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Havey, Secretary

MEMORIAL DAY 2009

Our Memorial Day Service was held on Monday, May 25th, with only two residents present. John Hemer joined us, he being one of the veterans and his brother being one of the casualties of the war. I sure appreciate the VFW who do our services for us each year, although it is a bit embarrassing to see such few people. We now have a new American flag and POW flag flying over our memorial, reminding us of our brave men and women who served for us. I managed to take the pictures I have of the 5 men who lost their lives along with Charles' and my brother's picture to place upon the memorial during the service, also to let the rest know of our heroes. If anyone would like to frame a picture of your loved one and get it to me I will see that it gets placed there for the next service. I did notice that the benches are in great need of some stain, I will try to get out sometime this summer and paint them .

With so many services going on now recognizing our veterans, we were kept busy attending a lot of them. First we attended the big VA Party at Lunken Airport for all vets. This is a tremendous party, food, entertainment, music, info open to all vets from any wars. Try to remember it next year as they plan on having it each year, given by the Veterans Administration. The following week before Memorial Day Charles was invited to the Teatlow Ball Tournaments for a

veteran service and was asked to throw out the first ball for the beginning game. On Memorial Day he helped with the

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California Community Council Meeting May 12, 2009

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 Jo Shepherd were not present. There were eight (8) members and four (4) guests 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 seconded by Jackie Frazier.

The treasurers report was read and a motion to accept the report was made by Diana Weir and seconded by Bess Carnes. A vote on the motion passed.

The police report was given by Officer Kelly Macbeth. California incurred just one offence in the month of April. She also mentioned again about keeping vehicles, garages, etc. closed and locked at all times. There has been a very significant increase in thefts from autos and such. Items left in vehicles should be kept out of sight. Officer Pat Moran mentioned that residents should always report suspicious activity noticed in the community to the police. A question regarding the recent report of a possible child enticement was brought up and Officer Macbeth said that there is an investigation pending and will report available information at the next meeting.

Guests

April Chappel with Cincinnati Recreation Department at the Mt. Washington Recreation Center was present as she is temporarily replacing Mary Cox. The pool will open on June 1st with a season membership of \$10.00, and that summer camps will begin soon.

Lanita Hanekamp was present at the meeting representing Chris Monzel's office.

Old Business

Dave thanked all who participated in the cleanup on April 25th. The group was small, but their efforts were huge. Bess and Hilda brought up the poor conditions of some of the streets and ditches in the area. Lanita checked her list and California is not on the street resurfacing plan. Hilda brought up the picnic table conditions at the park. Dave has a catalog to review. He also mentioned that we may be able to use NSP/NBD funds and that replacement may/may not be this year.

Dave mentioned that NSP/NBD contracts are signed by the Community Development Department so that we can receive reimbursements for work performed.

Ebersole - Dave has signed the contract for the lease on Ebersole and it is in the process of going through the other departments for signatures. He will also have to appear at a hearing before CRC and then the city manager. We should be very happy at the co-operation that CRC has extended to the community council. It has been a long and continuing

process. The Heritage Foundation will be leasing the building for \$1.00 per year, CRC will provide the grounds care and the foundation will also pay for the utilities and insurance. The locks have been changed and the neighborhood has been provided the new key.

New Business

Dave requested that the council continue membership in the CNBDU organization. The organization was very beneficial when the community applied for the funds that updated and enhanced the business district on Kellogg Avenue. The membership dues are \$100.00 annually. Jackie Frazier made a motion to continue the membership and Hilda Davenport seconded the motion. A vote on the motion passed.

Jackie mentioned a couple of events coming up. On Memorial Day, May 25th, there will be a ceremony at 11:00 A.M. at the monument at Kellogg and Apple Hill. On May 16th, there will be a Welcome Home Veterans celebration at Lunken Airport with booths, food and music from 4:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Havey, Secretary

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American Legion's service at Hyde Park, Mt. Lookout and the Pioneer Cemetery. Quite a busy time for a young lad like Charles. Please try to keep in mind our veterans, not just one day but all year and try to participate in some of the services.

Jackie Kuzniczci Frazier, Calif. Historian

RECENT OBITUARIES

Francis Deimling (Spude) resident many years in California along with the rest of his family. Husband of Ruth Henry Deimling and several children and grandchildren. For many of us he was our insurance agent. Greatly missed by all. Ruth and Spude have been helping to start the Heritage Foundation here in California. Wonderful people.

William Bill Rouse, spent his early years in California and living with his grandparents on Panama St. Bill spent a lot of time at our home growing up and I referred him as being one of my brothers. Husband of Jean (deceased) and Charlotte. Four children and many grandchildren. Many cousins of the Rouse's who lived in California over the years. We all miss Bill.

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Happy Father's Day

June 21st

Remember to thank dad for all he has done.

A belated

Happy Mother's Day

May 10th

Better late than never Mom.
Hope you had a good one!

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Remember, there will be no CCC meetings for the months of July and August. Everyone have a great summer!

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