



# NEWSLETTER

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## More Mutt Mitts for Valley Park

DAVID JUSTICE, ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY COMMITTEE

More mutt mitts are coming to Valley Park thanks to Middle Earth at Machine Flats. According to developer Jay Voss, nearly all the renters at Machine Flats have a dog. This increase in the pet population in Camp Washington means we have more responsible dog owners who need mutt mitts to clean up after their dogs. There will be a mutt mitt dispenser placed inside the lobby at Machine Flats, and, an additional mutt mitt station placed at the park entry at Monmouth and Colerain.

You must have your dog on a leash at all times as you walk the dog through Camp Washington. Also, you must clean up after your dog and properly dispose of the waste.

The Camp Washington Community Council has had several complaints of people stepping in dog waste at the park. Park employees also are affected by negligent dog owners because they have to clean up the dog waste during grass cuttings and maintenance.

The mutt mitt station at Henshaw and Bates Alley is maintained by the community council's vice president, Raye Jones. Thanks to Raye for keeping the mutt mitt supply of bags ready for dog owners. Thanks to Middle Earth for helping us keep our park clean and nice.

## Camp Washington Council Memberships

PAT P. STAPLES, PRESIDENT

The Camp Washington Community Council will have membership cards available at the November meeting. Annual dues will be \$3 per household. The Council is trying to raise operating funds for community projects. Also, the Council wants to have a better handle of its organization by having memberships accountable to the community. Our next meeting is Monday, November 13 at the Camp Washington Recreation Center a 7:30 p.m.

Call Joe at 542-1637 for information.

## GED School Reopens – 2 more grads

JENNIFER HAYNES, INSTRUCTOR

The Camp Washington Community School has reopened. The school was closed in October to complete our teaching transition. Tyrone Richardson and Josh Florimonte graduated with GEDs, bringing the grad total to 8. The school is open 3 nights a week – Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 5 - 8 pm. Community School is located at 2951 Sidney Avenue (at Rachel).

## Osborne Coinage featured at Nov. 15 Business Luncheon

JOSEPH GORMAN, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

One of the exciting things about Camp Washington is the 140 companies located here. Last month, President Bush visited Meyer Tool.

The business association holds its monthly luncheon at the world-renowned Osborne Coinage, which makes high quality, custom coins, tokens, key chains and medallions. "We like to have our members give updates on their business at every luncheon," said president R.J. Kuhn, "but hosting a lunch showcases a company." Queen City Steel Company is providing the lunch. For more information about joining the business association, please call Joe Gorman at 542-1637.

### Camp Washington Business Association

Osborne Coinage

2851 Massachusetts

Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2006

Noon - 1 pm

Food provided by Queen City Steel Co.

CAMP WASHINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEETS MONDAY, NOV. 13 AT 7:30 P.M.

1201 Stock Street, CW Recreation Center

Mad Max Bingo

3301 Harrison Ave. in Cheviot

7 pm Friday; 6:30 pm Sunday 241-3450

## I-75 Ramp Closures Would Cut Off Northside & Gridlock Hopple

JOSEPH GORMAN, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) plans to close four freeway ramps. This would cut Northside off from the freeway.

ODOT envisions an expressway through town that would maintain a 65 mph speed limit. Yes, this hastens traffic through town, but, it will lessen the quality of life and do considerable damage to the commerce of neighborhood business districts such as our neighbor, Northside.

The ramps slated to be closed are: Exit 19, the Spring Grove/Elmore street exit ramp from I-74; the entrance ramp to south-bound I-75 where Colerain dead-ends into Spring Grove; the entrance ramp to north I-75 that you reach by going up the Ludlow Viaduct and turning right onto Central Parkway; and the exit ramp from I-74 to leads to Central Parkway.

The Camp Washington Business Association was relieved to hear that the Beekman/I-74 exit would not be closed. Many companies use this exit to guide trucks to Spring Grove Avenue. Yet, having these other four exits close would push more traffic to Hopple/I-75, which already has nearly 300,000 vehicles pass through a day. ODOT plans on building a public bridge across Monmouth to Central Parkway. This would alleviate some of the traffic from Hopple, but not enough.

It is vital that these ramps remain open. Visit the web site below for more info.

**"I-75 Mill Creek Expressway" project updates can be accessed via the web site at <http://www.i75millcreekexpressway.com>**

## Dicere Gallery Hosts Exciting Shows

JOSEPH GORMAN, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

Australian artist Robert J. Morris and his Dicere Art Gallery at 2853 Colerain Avenue are making a splash in the art world. Please visit his gallery and be amazed! Gallery hours are: Friday, 4:30 pm – 9 pm; Saturday, 11 am to 6 pm. You can reach the gallery by phone at 541-3737 or by the web site: [www.diceregallery.com](http://www.diceregallery.com).

## Re-Leaf Trees Keep us Green

JOSEPH GORMAN, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

The Camp Washington community has again benefited from the City Re-Leaf program. Besides some residents getting new trees, several new trees have been planted in Valley Park.

Since the restoration of the Doughboy and the new flag pole installed, plans are underway to add lighting to highlight these improvements.

## Stores at Hopple Crossing Opening

JOSEPH GORMAN, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

The stores at the new Hopple Street Crossing are opening one at a time. According to the developer, HPN Realty, the new stores will include: Deveroes; Wireless Plus One; Sam's Quick Stop; All About Hair; and, It's Financial. A slot for a restaurant remains available. The Deveroes at Hopple is a signature store for the company and already opened to good business.

## City Takes Aim at Vacant Buildings

PAUL RUDEMILLER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

With over 1700 units of vacated buildings located in eight neighborhoods, the City cannot afford to allow these buildings to further deteriorate. The City of Cincinnati is ramping up efforts to combat the inventory of vacant buildings. Owners of vacant buildings are required to buy Vacant Building Maintenance Licenses (VBML) from the City. These fees tripled this year, with the intent of encouraging owners to either sell or renovate. Over \$140,000 in fees have been collected this year as a result of approving 258 licenses (28 approved). This has enabled the hiring of six VBML inspectors. Camp Washington has 11 vacant buildings and you can bet the inspectors will be pursuing the owners.

<i>Helpful Hints</i>	
Valley Park Police.....	352-4088
Litter & Graffiti .....	591-6000
District 5 Police.....	352-3578
Resource Officer William Keuper .....	956-1039
Recreation Center.....	681-6046
Head Start.....	541-9080
Small Smiles Dental Clinic .....	591-1400
<a href="http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov">http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov</a>	
<a href="http://www.hamilton-co.org">http://www.hamilton-co.org</a>	

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