

Council Meets Monday, Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Camp Washington Community Council NEWSLETTER

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Good Things Going on in Camp

PAT P STAPLES, PRESIDENT

Well, the elections are over, did your candidates win? Whether or not they did or didn't we need to get busy and start to fix the problems. There are good things happening in the Camp. A new development, better involvement from the businesses in the area, even City Council seems to know we are here.

You know we ran out of room on the sign in sheet last month at the council meeting? Isn't that a hoot? But you know it is not enough. It's coming on to winter - what plans you have to get the community in better shape? How can you make the Camp safer? What about the pot holes and you know they will be there! I expect that you will be in attendance at the next meeting on 11-8-2004 to brag about your voting successes and new ideas for the season.

Rec Center adds Pilates "lunch break"

JEFF SEPATE, DIRECTOR

Cincinnati Recreation Camp Washington Center offers new programming for youth, adults, and seniors.

Every Wednesday 12pm - 1pm we will be offering a Pilates Mat Class for a lunch break "break".

Fall Fitness For All

The Camp Washington Recreation Center is now offering a variety of fitness programs for all needs. Fun Fitness for elementary age is on Tuesdays and Thursdays 4pm - 5pm. Teen fitness is every Monday and Wednesday 4:30pm - 5:30pm. Senior Stretch & Strength is Monday through Thursday 10am - 11am.

All programs are free with center membership, which are now 1/2 price for the remainder of 2004. Center memberships for youth, teens, and seniors are \$2 and adults are \$5. Please call the center for any questions or concerns at 681-6046.

Important Updates

JOE GORMAN, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

Many good things are being accomplished with the help of the ears and eyes of the neighborhood.

1. **Camp Washington Kroger store.** The store remains open. No word if the store is closing. We're trying to keep lines of communication open with Kroger.
2. **Welcome Sign.** After wrangling through the City's approval process, we are ready to pour the foundation for the Camp Washington Welcome Sign at Hopple & Sidney. You'll see us out there digging the footer when it's dry.
3. **Bates parking.** City traffic engineering came through and eliminated the no parking signs on Bates. Residents should be benefiting from the available spaces.

Camp Washington Web Site at

<http://www.cddcinc.org/>

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Camp Washington Community Board now has a presence on the web. If you are a resident looking for more info about Camp, or, if you are an owner needing help to expand your business, please visit us at <http://www.cddcinc.org/>. Simply click "current" and you will see items relating to the redevelopment and marketing plan efforts we have undertaken. We have also uploaded copies of the Camp Washington Newsletter.

Camp Washington Business Assoc.

Wed, Nov. 17, 2004 @ Noon

Reliable Castings, 3530 Spring Grove.

RSVP Joe Gorman 542-1637

GED School Can Help You

KIM MOORE, INSTRUCTOR

The Camp Washington Community School offers GED help. You must commit to attending and working towards your GED. Stop by our school at 2951 Sidney Avenue on Tuesday or Thursday nights at 5 p.m. for enrollment. Call the school at 542-1637.

Meeker & Avon Pl. Traffic Slowly Getting Resolved

JOSEPH GORMAN, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

The Camp Washington Community Council continues to work with the City traffic engineering and with businesses to work out a compromise regarding the limited parking and truck access on Meeker & Avon Place. Council President Pat Staples has played a “traffic cop” role in negotiating some practical solutions for residents and businesses. Meeker will become one-way from Hopple to Spring Grove with no 18-wheeler trucks allowed. Avon Place will remain two ways to accommodate the smaller trucks of Northside Meats. Signs should be up in November. The traffic engineering staff – Steve Bailey, John Childress and Steve Niemeier – have all been top notch to work with.

Make a Difference Day

DAVID JUSTICE, CHAIRMAN

The community council helped plant Cherry and Magnolia trees and flower bulbs on Make a Difference Day here in Camp, October 23. Through Keep Cincinnati Beautiful and the City’s Re-Leaf tree planting program, we are beautifying our community one tree at a time.

Thanks to the help of six Talbert House volunteers, the safety committee volunteers go the job done before the rains came. Volunteers picked up several hundred pounds of trash and litter, and a few tires. Next Spring should be blossoming in Camp. Great effort!

The Camp Washington Community Council’s Environmental Safety Committee meets the first Wednesday monthly. Our next meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 3 at 10 a.m. at 3205 Colerain.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

City Hotline 591-6000
Head Start 541-9080
Washington United Church Kid’s Kafe’ 541-7757
CW Recreation Center 681-6046
CW Community Board & School 542-1637

Convergys Cleans Up Camp

PAUL RUDEMILLER, DIRECTOR

The Camp Washington Community Board had the fortune of working with several volunteers from Convergys October 9, 2004. They had fun demolishing plaster walls! They got dirty but remained in good spirits. A crew also cleaned up Combs and Bangor alleys. We also got a tour of Anne and Joe’s renovated-in-progress house on Sidney for inspiration. The volunteers were quite impressed!

Business Association on the Move

JOSEPH GORMAN, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

Nearly three dozen Camp Washington companies have come together this year to address safety and crime issues, transportation matters, sewer credits, marketing, and redevelopment strategies.

Through the leadership of the Camp Washington Community Board, we have begun work on a marketing and redevelopment plan, and have created a clearinghouse for investment, Brownfield, environmental concerns.

With over 140 businesses, Camp Washington is one of the most business-oriented powerhouses in the region. Camp Washington is the gateway off I-75 to the Uptown area, led by UC, which is directing a \$1.3 billion residential and commercial investment. The City is implementing a redevelopment plan in Lower Price Hill, and is looking at Camp Washington as the next focal point to help attract new businesses to the City.

Please get involved in the Camp Washington Business Association. We need your ideas. We need your leadership. Call me at 542-1637 or email me at jgorman@fuse.net.

Our next regular association meeting is Wednesday at Noon, November 17 at Reliable Castings, 3530 Spring Grove Avenue. I hope to see you there.

Camp Washington Community Council Officers & Trustees

Pat Staples *President*
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