

Council Meets Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Camp Washington Community Council NEWSLETTER

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Councilman “Superman” Aids Camp Washington

JOE GORMAN, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

It’s a bird! It’s a plane! It’s Councilman Christopher Smitherman coming to Camp Washington August 30 and getting the job done. We asked for his help in addressing these issues:

- 1. Developing housing.** Mr. Smitherman and his trusty aides Melissa and Adam toured several newly renovated homes on Bates, all being developed by the Community Board. Chris got a personal tour of Greg Mortimer’s beautiful home. If we improve the public and private partnership to rehab and build single family housing units, we could stop the real estate flippers, slow down foreclosures, and re-populate the City. Mr. Smitherman voted October 5 to stop predatory lending and property flipping.
- 2. Camp Washington Kroger store.** Mr. Smitherman brokered a meeting between Kroger and the Camp Washington Community Council September 21. The status of the store remaining open is still being considered by Kroger. Pat Osie, Trustee Bill Clark, and Joe Gorman presented several good points about the store and encouraged Kroger to keep it open.
- 3. Henshaw St. drainage problems.** Standing water on the street and at the handicapped curb at Bates made unsanitary conditions (i.e., ice in winter, mosquitoes in summer). Mr. Smitherman got MSD to install a new sewer in front of the Partins & Whitter houses, replace a sidewalk, cut

out overgrown weeds on Stock for better drainage, and install odor-prevention baffles soon.

- 4. Bates parking.** We have been promised by the City traffic engineering that the limited access parking restrictions will be abolished. by mid-October.

We thank Councilman “Superman” for meeting us on our own turf, for having a diligent staff that does great follow-up work, and for joining us in our efforts to make our neighborhood a better place.

Nickelodeon's Day of Play a Big Hit!

DONNA BAKKE, YOUTH COORDINATOR

Camp Washington kids participated in Nickelodeon's Day of Play on October 2, 2004.

About 30 kids came and ran relay races including an egg relay and pass the orange. We moved on to an obstacle course that included a soccer dribble, hay hurdles, jumping rope and shooting basketballs. The day ended with tasty treats including fruit kebabs and create your own trail mix. A wonderful time was had by all.

Many thanks to Chel, Jeff, Tish and Melanie at the Rec Center and Teen Council volunteers!

Camp Washington Business Assoc.

Wed, Oct. 20, 2004 @ 9:00 a.m.

Design Resource Center, 2873 Colerain

RSVP Joe Gorman 542-1637

GED School

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.

Safety Committee Cleans Up

DAVID JUSTICE, CHAIRMAN

The Camp Washington Community Council's Environmental Safety Committee meets monthly to find new ways to clean up Camp. We are planting trees October 16 through the City's Re-Leaf program at several sites. We are also spearheading the Make a Difference Day here in Camp October 23. We need volunteers to help us pick up trash, tires, and plant 300 Daffodils and daylilies.

Editor's Note: David Justice has been recognized as a Key Cincinnati by Mayor Charlie Luken in the Mayor's October 1 newsletter. Luken "applauds David Justice for all his work and thanks him for his contribution to our City."

Redevelopment

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The Camp Washington Community Board is leading an effort to redevelop abandoned industrial properties here. The Board has embarked upon a series of open forums involving businesses, City development staff, real estate brokers, and Brownsfield experts. We are actively seeking local, state and federal assistance to help the companies in Camp Washington grow, modernize, and become more efficient as producers. We are getting help from Duraid Da'as and his Community Design & Development Center, who is conducting the marketing redevelopment study with us. **Our next open forum meeting will be Thursday, October 28, 2004 at 8 a.m. at the community board office, 2951 Sidney.**

If your company is considering moving because you need space or you're mired in an

old inefficient production facility, please contact Joe Gorman at 542-1637. We may be able to keep you in Camp Washington!

Convergys Community Project

PAUL RUDEMILLER, DIRECTOR

Convergys company has chosen Camp Washington as its community service project on Saturday, October 9. The Camp Washington Community Board will have the Convergys volunteers demo plaster walls, tear up old flooring, and take out junk at a house to be renovated by the Board on Sidney. Other volunteers will be "alley cats" and clean Bates alley.

Neighborhood Eyesore Boarded Up

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The Camp Washington Community Council took the lead in convincing the City to shut down and board up 2917 Sidney Avenue. This rental house had become a public nuisance, and its tenants were destroying the peace and welfare of the street.

Thanks to all city council persons who made phone calls to City staff to get this house boarded up. Special thanks to litter control, buildings and inspections, District 5 police and to the City's fire department, whose special team came out and nailed boards over the windows and doors. Thanks to neighbor Bill Clark for taking care of the follow up.

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