



NEWSLETTER

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Spring Sees Good Things Happening

PAT STAPLES, PRESIDENT

It's Spring, and the weather is crazy. The changes in Camp are really starting to happen, too. For example, the attendance at the April council meeting was outstanding. Seeing all our neighbors at the meeting made me think that people are seeing the direction the Camp is moving towards and are pleased and excited. Especially nice was to see the new homeowners on Bates Avenue attending their first community council meeting. We are looking forward to these folks getting more involved in the council.

Through the efforts of the Council, the Meeker and Avon Pl. parking and street changes finally happened. Trucks are banned. Meeker is one-way coming off Hopple. This has really made parking a lot easier as residents can now park on both sides of the street. Ain't life grand? See you all on May 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Rec Center, 1201 Stock.

GED School Has 14 Students

KIM MOORE, INSTRUCTOR

The Camp Washington Community School has an enrollment of 14 students who are working on their GEDs. Instructor Kim Moore has high hopes for several students who are close to earning their GEDs. "They should be done next month," said Kim. If you're interested in working towards your GED, stop by the Camp Washington Community School at 2951 Sidney Avenue on Tuesday or Thursday nights at 5 p.m. for enrollment. You can call Kim at the school at 542-1637.

New Logo & Web Site

JOSEPH GORMAN, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

Thanks to a City grant through the Cincinnati Neighborhoods Business District United (CNBDU), Camp Washington is getting a new logo. Alan Brown, and his Photonics design company, was contracted to help us develop a logo and "brand" to help us promote our neighborhood, and its business district.

Durraid Da'as and Tommy Clifton, from the Community Design & Development Center, are helping us design a web site. The address is: www.camp-washington.org. We hope the web site is easy to use, and will serve a need to help us keep informed on issues that matter to the community. Newsletters and other documents will be posted on the web site, as well as, maps, studies, and links to businesses, and other organizations.

Please let me know what you think of the new logo and of the new web site.

Camp Washington Business Association

Luncheon Meeting

Wed., May 18 @ Noon

Reliable Castings

3530 Spring Grove Avenue

RSVP Joe Gorman 542-1637

Camp Washington Recreation Center
Call 681-6046 for program details!

CAMP WASHINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETS MONDAY, MAY 9 AT 7:30 P.M.
REC. CENTER, 1201 STOCK STREET

Visit the Camp Washington Web Site at <http://www.camp-washington.org>

Washington United Church Offers Summer Youth Program

JESSICA KLINE, CHURCH AIDE

Registration is open for Washington United Church of Christ's Summer Youth Program. This free eight week program will run June 13 - August 4, Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It features daily activities and lessons, breakfast and lunch, recreation time, and weekly field trips to places like Coney Island, East Fork Lake, High Point, and water parks. Enrollment is open to children 5-14 years old, but spots are limited to the first 35 applicants. To enroll your child, call the church at 541-7757 to request a registration packet.

City Wants Family Dollar Accountability

JOSEPH GORMAN, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

Thanks to a broad coalition of fifteen neighborhoods identifying litter and property management problems with Family Dollar stores, City Council is formally seeking better compliance from the corporate owners. We are looking forward to better building code, police, health and fire enforcement through out the City. Family Dollars plans on starting 50 new stores in Cincinnati this year.

Community Board Finishing Three More Rehabbed Houses

PAUL RUDEMILLER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Camp Washington Community Board development corporation is putting the finishing touches on houses on Henshaw and Sidney. These houses already have buyers. Another house on Bates is getting dry walled and should be completed July 1, 2005. That house has also been sold.

There have been several houses in our community that have been foreclosed or have been victims of "property flipping." The Board has been able to purchase these properties and is seeking financing to help rehab these.

It is our mission to save housing stock or to build new, to rehab houses with quality workmanship, and then sell the houses to homebuyers who can contribute to the betterment of the neighborhood. The Board has been featured recently in articles in the Cincinnati Enquirer, Cincinnati Business Courier, and, the Networker (published by the CDC Association of Greater Cincinnati).

Report Graffiti 591-6000
Abandoned Cars 352-3578
Litter 591-6000

Redevelopment & Marketing Study Done

JOSEPH GORMAN, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

The Community Design & Development Center has completed the CW Business District Redevelopment & Market Feasibility study.

The 6-month study provides a framework for future and current residential, commercial, and industrial opportunities. We have already used the study as part of several foundation grant applications. We have also begun working with some select companies in Camp that want to expand using State of Ohio Clean Ohio funds. These funds help in the clean up of industrial Brownfields so that expansion can occur. Thanks to a City grant through the CNBDU for funding this study. If you want a copy of the study, please visit our web site, or, call me at 542-1637.

Community Clean-Up Now May 7

DAVID JUSTICE, CHAIRMAN

Due to the rain and snow and cold on our scheduled clean day April 23, we have moved the Clean Up to May 7.

The Camp Washington Community Council's Environmental Safety Committee will again lead the Great American Clean-Up for our community. Saturday, May 7, we'll meet at Rachel and Sidney and divide into two clean-up and flower planting crews. We will provide tools and gloves and lunch. Last year, we planted several trees and many beautiful flowers (which are now starting to bloom).

This clean-up is also a great way to meet your neighbors. We'll have help from volunteers from the Spring Grove Talbert House, River City Correctional Center, Washington United Church of Christ. Please call David at 542-1637 to help.

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