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River City Picnic & Dough Boy Dedication September 9

JOSEPH GORMAN, DOUGH BOY PROJECT DIRECTOR

All eyes will be on Camp Washington September 9, 2006, when we re-dedicate the Dough Boy Statue in conjunction with River City Correctional Center celebrating its 9th annual community picnic. Donors, residents, friends, and businesses are invited to this Saturday afternoon celebration from 2 – 6 p.m.



At 2 p.m., Vice Mayor Jim Tarbell will lead the ceremony of the Dough Boy restoration and the installation of the new flag pole. The American Legion Post 484 in Mt. Washington will provide the Color Guard. Community Council President Pat P. Staples and RJ Kuhn, President of the Camp Washington Business Association, will also speak.

River City will host games, corn hole, and begin serving food at 4 p.m. Donations of food, door prizes or grants are still needed. Please contact Michelle Howard at River City at 946-6900.

“Over \$17,000 has been raised for the Dough Boy project,” said Robert Lafkas, fundraising chair. Thirty individuals have contributed so far. Thanks to the following businesses that have donated to the Dough Boy project:

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| Aardco | Fast Lane Food Mart | OPEIU Amalg 98 |
| A & V Grinding | Flagpole Mfg | Pride Cast Metals |
| Bugie Sales | Garden Street Iron & Metal | Queen City Steel Treating Co |
| Camp Washington Business Assoc. | Good Timer’s Foundation | Reece Campbell |
| Camp Washington Sunoco | Hosea Project Movers | Reliable Casting |
| Central Parkway Church of God | JW Express | Sam’s Quick Stop |
| Central Parkway Ministries | Robert Kasprzak USAF ret | Service Graphics |
| City of Cincinnati | Leon Supply | Space Maker |
| Clifton Design Group | Micro Metal | United Maier Signs |
| | NexGen Bldg Supply | |

To donate to the restoration project, send a check or money order to: the Camp Washington Community Board, 2951 Sidney Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45225. A plaque to commemorate the project will be installed later. For more info, please call Joe at 542-1637.

The Dough Boy represents the fallen soldiers from Camp Washington who served in so many wars so that we could enjoy freedom. Help honor these Americans who gave us the chance to make country and community a better place to live.

**CAMP WASHINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETS MONDAY, AUG.14 AT 7:30 P.M.
1201 Stock Street, CW Recreation Center**

**CAMP WASHINGTON BUSINESS ASSOCIATION
LUNCH AUG. 16, NOON AT RELIABLE CASTING
SPEAKER: JIM OLMAN, HOPPLE CROSSING**

Arlington Railroad Tracks Fixed

DAVID JUSTICE, ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY COMMITTEE

Thanks go to the City of Cincinnati traffic engineering department for blacktopping the hazardous railroad tracks on Arlington.

Many residents complained about the dangerous tracks, including, Bill Clark. "Driving over the tracks was tricky because the wood ties would spring up," he said. "I'm glad the community council responded before someone got hurt."

City Council Votes Down Tent Jail

JOSEPH GORMAN, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

At its August 2 meeting, City Council voted 5-4 to refer the tent jail proposed by Ghiz and Berding to Cecil Thomas' Law & Public Safety Committee for further review. Thanks to the council members who voted against this half-baked idea: Cranley, Crowley, Monzel, Tarbell and Thomas.

The tent jail idea was not very well received in Camp Washington because the community was never asked to help develop the concept. It was as if city council members Ghiz and Berding were stuffing this down our throats. At least Jeff Berding is contrite and apologized for the lame process, but Leslie Ghiz remains defiant and arrogant. "We have such a strong civic infrastructure here in Camp that it stunned us that they would push this idea without talking with us first," said community council president Pat Staples. "The community is 100% behind building a new, permanent jail. We simply wish the City and the County would get on the same page and get it done."

Bridges a Big Part of the New I-75

JOSEPH GORMAN, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

Preliminary plans by the Ohio Dept. of Transportation call for the elimination of the Bates Avenue bridge and the pedestrian bridge at the end of Colerain Avenue. Plans for building a new bridge to Central Parkway from Arlington have been scrapped. The new plan calls for making the Monmouth Bridge a public one (it is now used only by the City's Public Works). The next Mill Creek Expressway Public Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, September 28, 2006 from 4 to 8pm at St. Bernard City Hall.

Mad Max Bingo

3301 Harrison Ave.

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

GED School Open to Help

BRAIN HAYNES, INSTRUCTOR

The Camp Washington Community School provides GED instruction in a very low key environment. Thanks to a National City Bank grant, the school is open 3 nights a week – Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 5 - 8 pm.

Call instructor Brian Haynes at 542-1637 for GED information. The Community School is located at 2951 Sidney Avenue (at Rachel).

Community Board Update

PAUL RUDEMILLER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Camp Washington Community Board, Inc. made much progress over the past month. The siding was completed on 2962 Henshaw. The interior of 1246 Bates was gutted in preparation for renovation. 3072 Sidney was also purchased and the interior demolition has commenced. Windows for 3066 Henshaw have been ordered and are scheduled to be installed in September. This will be followed by the installation of the siding. If anyone is interested in becoming a homeowner, please call us at 542-1637.

This summer, with the help of a couple of U.C. students, the Camp Washington Community Board is undertaking a research project to determine how well Camp Washington's housing stock is doing in relation to financing, predatory lending, and overleveraging of property. The results of this study will help us determine the relative "health" of our neighborhood's housing stock. Perhaps our readers know that Ohio leads the nation in the number of foreclosures per 100 home loans. Ohio's rate is 3.5%, triple the national average. Unlike many other neighborhoods, Camp Washington has been able to deal with this problem by buying up many of these foreclosed properties and turning them into homeownership opportunities. However, if anyone is having problems with their mortgage, or if you feel you have been a victim of predatory lending, please give us a call at 542-1637.

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