



# NEWSLETTER

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## Business Association Membership Continues to Grow

JOSEPH GORMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Camp Washington Business Association has grown to seventy (70) members. Thanks to Micro Metal's Bob Lafkas for leading our recruitment effort. If you are a business operating in Camp Washington, now is the time to join us. There are many important issues to deal with, including the I-75 Thru The Valley widening, the Hamilton County Jail development, Urban Renewal Plan implementation, marketing and promoting of the business district, and, growing commerce between businesses located in Camp Washington.

Through our regular monthly lunch meetings, we share information about our companies. We also get valuable news from the District 5 Police, guest speakers, and by visiting our lunch hosts to see their operations up close. For more information about joining us, please call Joe Gorman at 542-1637.

### Camp Washington Business Association

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

8 am – 9 am

### Concordia School

1133 Clifton Hills Ave. (at Central Parkway)

RSVP Joe 542-1637

## City Roads Need Paving

JOSEPH GORMAN, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

It seems as if the City of Cincinnati has stopped fixing up or re-paving many of the City streets. Some pot holes have been filled, but there are plenty of main artery streets and curbs that are frankly in terrible shape. I've had to replace the struts and front end in my car recently which made my mechanic happy. City Hall – help us!

## Bluegrass & Art Fest Sept. 8 – Logo For T-Shirt Competition

ROBERT J. MORRIS, ARTIST, DICERE GALLERY

Artists living or working in Camp Washington, do we have a challenge for you! Earn a \$200 prize if your Camp Washington Bluegrass & Art Fest T-shirt design is chosen. The design must incorporate a Camp Washington icon, landmark, community logo, or historical reference. A panel of judges led by Camp Washington Community Council president Pat Staples will make the final decision. Deadline to enter is June 1, 2007. Please contact Joe Gorman at 542-1637 for application.

We also want Camp Washington artists display your art during the first Bluegrass and Art Fest, to be held in Valley Park, September 8, Noon to 6 p.m. To enter your art, contact Robert J. Morris, Dicere Gallery at 541 -3737, or, via email at [dicere\\_gallery@fuse.net](mailto:dicere_gallery@fuse.net).

The festival will in conjunction with the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual River City Community Picnic, which is free for residents of Camp Washington. Food, games and activities for the kids will also be a part of the River City picnic. We will also be celebrating the Dough Boy statue with a flag ceremony.

### CAMP WASHINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEETS MONDAY, APRIL 9 AT 7:30 P.M.

1201 Stock Street, CW Recreation Center

## Penny Dabney Earns Her GED

JENNIFER HAYNES, INSTRUCTOR

Congratulations to our student Penny Dabney, who passed the GED test. Penny is a long-time Camp Washington resident. "She has worked really hard from the moment she started," said instructor Jennifer Haynes. "She is a great example of someone who had a goal, and was determined to accomplish it."

The Camp Washington Community School is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 5 - 8 pm. We are seeking some new students. The school is located at 2951 Sidney Avenue (at Rachel). Call 542-1637 for information.

## Great American Clean-Up April 28 at Valley Park

JOSEPH GORMAN, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

Please mark your calendar to help us with Green-Up Day April 18, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Valley Park, 3400 block of Colerain Avenue. This event will coincide with the city-wide Great American Clean Up.

At Valley Park, 20-30 volunteers will be needed to mulch trees, create chip circles around existing trees, and paint picnic tables and grills. Lunch will be provided.

Another clean up crew will meet at 2951 Sidney to pick up litter through out southern part of Camp. Bags, gloves, and drinks will be provided. This is a great chance to bring the entire family outside to work together to clean up the neighborhood. Hopefully, kids and adults will learn to stop littering so we can spend this day planting flowers, mulching flower beds, and creating flower and vegetable gardens.

## Mayor Mallory Needs a Watch

PAT STAPLES, PRESIDENT

I hope that Mayor Mallory starts using a watch, especially for meetings that he hosts. At his March 29<sup>th</sup> quarterly meeting of community council presidents, the Mayor was late. At the previous meeting that he called for this group last Fall, he was 45 minutes late! At least at that meeting, he hung around because he left after 15 minutes or so, leaving the neighborhood volunteers to deal with surrogates. (Even the City Manager left after a few minutes.)

As a volunteer, my time is valuable. I also respect the efforts and the time sacrificed of other community council volunteers. I ask that the Mayor do likewise.

## Community Board's Complete Rehabs Make Houses Almost New

PAUL RUDEMILLER, COMMUNITY BOARD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Our philosophy about fixing up houses that have been neglected or run down, is simple: we do a complete gutting of the interior before we start rehabbing. New plumbing, mechanicals, wall studs, electrical, in addition to new roof, windows and doors are all part of the rehabilitation process. This helps us maintain the quality of our work while offering an exceptional value to our home buyers.

If you are interested in becoming a homeowner, please call me at 542-1637. The Camp Washington Community Board is an Equal Opportunity organization.

## I-75 Changes Will Impact Camp

JOSEPH GORMAN, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

The recent March 29 public open house of the proposed widening of I-75, reveals that this project will have a huge impact on the quality of life for residents and businesses. The major configuration of the Hopple Street Exit, the closing of Bates and Colerain/I-75 Pedestrian Bridges, the new Monmouth Bridge, and, the fact that some buildings will be taken down to accommodate the adding of another lane from I-74 to Western Hills Viaduct all will impact the Camp. I encourage everyone to get involved by getting knowledgeable of the proposed changes. Time moves quickly, and the bulldozers and land movers will be here before you know it.

## Council Membership only \$3 a Year

PAT STAPLES, PRESIDENT

The Camp Washington Community Council instituted new by-laws last year, including a new membership requirement. Annual memberships are only \$3 a year per person (this is a great deal!). Membership gives you the opportunity to support the activities of the Council, and, it gives you the right to vote on Council issues (like the proposed Hamilton County Jail). Cards are available at our Council meetings or by calling our Treasurer, Joyce Smith, at 542-1637.

### Helpful Hints

Report Litter.....	591-6000
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>	
<a href="http://www.findlaymarket.org">www.findlaymarket.org</a>	

### Camp Washington Community Council Officers & Trustees

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