



# NEWSLETTER

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## Spring is a Good Time to Join Community Council Activities

PAT STAPLES, PRESIDENT

With the weather finally getting warmer, it is the perfect time to join the Camp Washington Community Council in making our neighborhood better. If you have an idea for an improvement project, please take the first step by getting involved in the council. You can attend meetings (second Monday ay 7:30 p.m.) and give your opinion.

Tired of seeing something broken or annoyed by weird smells from the Mill Creek? Do you have an idea for a community project? Help us offer solutions, work with neighbors to make improvements.

## I-75 Widening Threatens More Buildings With Demolition

JOSEPH GORMAN, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

There are several buildings that are now threatened with demolition if the current plan to add a southbound lane from I-74 to the Western Hills Viaduct is approved. Please contact Joe at 542-1637 to see the maps of the plan. Visit the web site at [www.i75millcreekexpressway.com](http://www.i75millcreekexpressway.com) for current news about the project.

Ohio Dept. of Transportation (ODOT) reps will make a presentation at the next business association meeting, May 16. A public meeting with ODOT can be conducted if enough residents are interested.

### Camp Washington Business Association

Wednesday, May 16, 2007

Noon – 1 p.m.

Machine Flats

3301 Colerain Avenue

"I-75 Update"

RSVP Joe 542-1637



## Jacob's Robot – New Icon

JOSEPH GORMAN,  
COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

Jacob's Mechanical at 1366 Hopple St., has installed a statue of a robot in front of its facility. "The guys here put together the robot using materials from our plant," said V-P Tim McDonald. Since 1922, Jacob's has manufactured and installed HVAC ducts, done metal fabrication, and mechanical equipment servicing.

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

## Hamilton County Closes on Sara Lee Kahn's Property

JOSEPH GORMAN, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

The Hamilton County Jail project moved forward in April when the County took site control of the former Sara Lee Kahn's property on Spring Grove Avenue. These fifteen acres will comprise the bulk of the new facility, with another ten acres needed adjacent to the Kahn's site. The County has offered the old Kahn's sign to the community for display in the upcoming American Sign Museum, which is opening Spring, 2008. A public meeting to discuss the jail in Camp Washington is being planned. More details later.

## Rec Center Activities

DON BRANNEN, MANAGER

Here is what's happening at the Camp Washington Recreation Center:

- **Drop In Summer Day Camp**  
10:00 - 3:00 free w/membership except Fridays, kindergarten to 14 yrs of age
- **Vision Trek Teen Leadership Program** - 13 to 17 yrs of age
- **Personal Fitness/Group Dynamic Class** 6:00 - 7:30pm free w/membership
- **Kayak for Fitness Fridays** (10:30am - Noon) at Camp Pool \$15 w/membership
- **Beginner to Advanced Kayaking**  
Mondays 5:30 to 9:00pm  
9 Class Session - \$100.00 w/membership

We now have **Community Garden Plots** available free w/membership.

We are boasting the only Nature Trail in Camp Washington. *Camp Washington Center Nature Trail* is now open for the public to enjoy. The staff and Vision Trek participants are now building a hibernacula which will be a safe habitat for reptiles and amphibians.

Register by calling 681-6046.

## 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 design, contact Robert Morris at 541-3737.

The festival will be 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, which will run from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. We will also be celebrating the Dough Boy statue with a flag ceremony that will kick off the fest.

## Check Out the GED School

JENNIFER HAYNES, INSTRUCTOR

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.

## Clean-Up Was a Success

JOSEPH GORMAN, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

On April 28, ten volunteers at Valley Park planted seven trees and mulched chip circles around existing trees. Twenty volunteers (mainly from River City Correctional Center) picked up litter through out Camp Washington. Thank you to resident Minnie Watts and her son who barbecued some serious chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs and metts for the hungry workers. Thanks to the Cincinnati Parks for providing pizza and Kroger gift cards. Thanks to David Justice for buying Jimmy's U.S. Chili cheesecakes for the crew. They were extremely happy! Thanks again to River City for providing hamburgers, buns, hot dogs and plastic ware. Camp Washington Community Council board members Raye Jones and Donna Bakke deserve kudos for helping with the clean up. Thanks to the folks at Keep Cincinnati Beautiful for coordinating this entire project. (They also gave us four Red's tickets for our special volunteers.)

Finally, a special thanks to Deborah Grayson for planting flowers and mulching flower beds around the Doughboy Statue.

## 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. Cards are available at our Council meetings or by calling our Treasurer, Joyce Smith, at 542-1637.

### Camp Washington Community Council Officers & Trustees

Pat Staples .....*President*  
 Raye Jones..... *Vice President*  
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