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Christmas Brunch at Rec Center Dec. 23

DANA HINKS, CAMP WASHINGTON REC CENTER MANAGER

Join us Tuesday, Dec. 23rd, from 11am – 2pm, for a Christmas Brunch at Camp Washington Recreation Center, 1201 Stock St. Youth ages 5-12 yrs can enjoy food, games and a festive fun time. The event is free with a center membership. You must register for this event by Dec. 17.

Call Dina or Kristen at 681-6046 to register or to get more information on memberships.

Seasons Change - As Do City Budgets

MR. PAT STAPLES, CWCC PRESIDENT

The weather changed again - the warm breezes of summer are gone to be replaced by the cold frigid winds of winter. That's O.K. because we know that Spring is just...4 months away.

When there are problems with money, City government wants to start closing things. Our Camp Washington Rec Center may be on the block again. The City Manager has recommended to close the Camp Washington and Carthage Centers. However, Mayor Mallory has shifted funds to recommend that the two centers remain open.

How can we in the Camp do anything in this time of economic woe? One idea to bolster the Mayor's effort is to encourage residents and businesses to purchase memberships to the center (\$5 for kids and seniors and \$10 for adults). Another thing we can do is work with manager Dina Hanks to develop relevant Center programs. (For instance, Monthly dinner after Council meetings?)

Won't it feel good to keep our rec center open so the kids and the adults will have a safe place to go?

Merry Christmas to all and be generous.

Camp Washington Business Association

Wednesday, December 17 Luncheon

Year End Review

Central Parkway Church of God

3220 Central Parkway

Food provided by United-Maier Signs

RSVP: Joe Gorman 542-1637

Grocery Cart Article In the Enquirer

DAVID JUSTICE, CHAIR, ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Cincinnati Enquirer November 30th edition featured a story on Camp Washington Community Council's effort to remove and recycle abandoned grocery carts. (Check out the story posted at www.camp-washington.org).

Two good things have come out of the article: One, Rochelle, the new manager of our local Family Dollar Store, has agreed to take back the carts for her store. Two, a nursing home in Lawrenceburg, Indiana requested several of the smaller plastic carts for residents to use to transport laundry and items to and from their cars. We are disappointed that Kroger still sees their abandoned carts as "not much of a problem" even though most of the carts we have recycled have been from Kroger. If you see abandoned grocery carts, please call us at 542-1637.

Community Reaches Out to Hulett Family

BILL CLARK, BOARD MEMBER & JOE GORMAN, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

The Camp Washington Community Council extends its condolences to the Bobby and April Hulett family. Three of their children died in a Nov. 24th house fire, with Bobby seriously injured with extensive burns and a broken back. Funeral services for Julia, Jasmine, and Robert is Dec.5th at Spring Grove Cemetery (which is donating the services and grave plots).

Bobby was a familiar figure in Camp Washington. He recycled stuff at Gardren Street Metals for a long time. Earl & Kathy Weber from Garden Street are leading the effort to raise money for Bobby and April to help cope with this tragedy.

Harvey Coleman Passes GED Test

STEPHANIE DUNLAP, INSTRUCTOR

Harvey Coleman became a GED graduate in September. What makes his story special is that Harvey passed on his fifth try. He took the GED test four times, failed four times – but kept coming back to class at Camp Washington Community School.

Harvey is a quiet 25-year-old man who has lived in the Camp Washington neighborhood all his life. He came to the community school in December, 2006 under former instructor Brian Haines.




Harvey excelled at math and enjoyed helping other students grasp mathematical concepts. But he hated reading, so Jennifer Haynes, previous Camp Washington GED

Instructor, set Harvey up with a tutor through the Literacy Network of Greater Cincinnati.

Harvey is the first in his family to pass the GED or graduate high school. He is now searching for a job and has returned to our school a few times for advice on his job search.

Harvey said he liked the Camp Washington Community School because of the "teachers and the nice people who go there."

The Camp Washington Community School regular classes are Tuesday and Thursday, 5-8 pm. at 2951 Sidney Ave. (at Rachel). Call Stephanie at 542-2389 to enroll in our free classes.



CWCC Christmas Party
Monday 7:30 p.m. at the Rec Center,
1201 Stock. Food and drinks after the
council meeting. FREE poinsettias.
Call Joe at 542-1637.

Community Board - 3068 Henshaw

PAUL RUDEMILLER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Camp Washington Community Board is turning its efforts to 3068 Henshaw. This two-family house will be converted into two one-bedroom apartments. "Even though we sold three houses in October," said Paul, "rental units are in demand."

The housing stock here is solid, and we have several more houses that could use new homeowners. If you are interested in owning a home in Camp Washington, please call me at 542-1637.

Business Association Needs Volunteers

JOE GORMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Camp Washington Business Association need a few volunteers to help on the Nominations Committee and the Program Committee. The Nominations Committee will put together a slate of officers for the term beginning in 2009.

The Program Committee will help choose speakers and programs for monthly luncheons. It will also help plan a special project or activity.

Volunteers must be from a member business or organization. Please call Joe at 542-1637 to help.

Council Membership is only \$3
Annual Camp Washington Community Council memberships are only \$3. Membership gives you the privelgde of voting and supporting the neighborhood.

**Camp Washington Community Council
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CAMP WASHINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEETING & CHRISTMAS PARTY

MONDAY, DEC. 8 AT 7:30 P.M.

CW Recreation Center

1201 Stock Street

Food served after meeting!