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Copper & Metal Thefts Affect Lives

PAT P. STAPLES, CAMP WASHINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL PREZ

The price of copper has reached \$4 a pound, making it an attractive recycling item.

Many of our residents and business owners have been victims of copper theft and vandalism. A thief stealing \$20 worth of copper from an outside air conditioner can cost the homeowner up to \$3500 to replace the unit. Vandalism costs such as ripped out walls, broken appliances, ceiling destroyed, doors and windows broken, make copper theft is a real quality of life issue.

The City of Cincinnati is supposed to regulate scrap yards through permits and rules of purchase. For instance, Garden Street videotapes every customer, and records their name, address, etc. for each transaction. The illegal scrapers often shy away from these scrap yards and they go where illegal scrapers buy stolen stuff under the table. When I see someone pushing an abandoned grocery cart full of scrap metal, I wonder why City regulations can't prevent the use of these carts?

If you are a victim of copper theft, please report it to the police. Call 765-1212 to report suspicious behavior (like some guy "servicing" an A/C unit without wearing a company uniform). Copper theft costs us all and we must work together to report this widening crime.

Camp Washington Business Association

May 21 Luncheon

Speaker: Hamilton County Auditor
Dusty Rhodes

Central Parkway Church of God

3230 Central Parkway

RSVP: Joe Gorman 542-1637

MAD MAX BINGO Open Friday & Sunday
3301 Harrison Avenue • Cheviot 241-3450

CITY HOTLINE 591-6000

Great American Clean Up Was Great

DAVID JUSTICE, CHAIR, ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY COMMITTEE



We had plenty of help April 26th during the Great American Clean up. Plus, the weather was perfect. Pick-up litter crews from Talbert House went through Camp

Washington street-by-street. Crews from River City Correctional Center and residents, planted flowers, mulched trees, and cleaned up Valley Park. Resident



Minnie Watts and the Dina and the Rec Center staff helped provide and serve the food. Sarah and Dave spiffed up the green space at Township & Colerain.

Special thanks to Deborah Grayson, who has helped make Valley Park and the Doughboy Statue and flag area a beautiful space. Thanks to Lou Sands and Mary Dorn from Cincinnati Parks for going beyond the call of duty at Valley Park. Thanks also to Dave Kress, Donna Bakke and the Girl Scouts, Raye Jones, Joe Gorman, and Mike Faulkner.

CAMP WASHINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETS MONDAY, MAY 12 AT 7:30 P.M.
CW Recreation Center, 1201 Stock Street
All are welcome!

New T-Shirts

JOSEPH GORMAN, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER



Thanks to a City business district grant, we have new t-shirts that say, "Welcome to Camp Washington." The logo was designed by the art department at Osborne Coinage, a long-time Camp Washington business. The shirts were printed by Jay Hopkins at T-Shirts by Jay. Call Joe at 542-1637 to reserve your shirt.

Community Board Housing Update

PAUL RUDEMILLER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Board has been fighting foreclosures by buying and securing distressed houses. We have seen a jump in the number of people calling about homes. If you are interesting in owning one of our homes in Camp Washington, call Paul at 542-1637.

Bluegrass & Art Fest Sept. 13

JOSEPH GORMAN, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

You want to help plan and to run the 2nd annual Camp Washington Bluegrass & Art Fest? The fest will be held on Saturday, September 13, 2008 from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. in Valley Park. Call Joe at 542-1637 to help.

Abandoned Grocery Carts

DAVID JUSTICE, CHAIR, ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY COMMITTEE

We're getting tired of seeing abandoned grocery carts through out the neighborhood. Last week, for instance, nearly twenty carts littered the sidewalk on Ethan Avenue.

The City of Cincinnati needs a policy that forces businesses to retrieve their abandoned carts. The policy should also address the people who use these carts, usually scrappers using carts to transport stolen copper or metal. Councilman Chris Monzel is looking into this issue and we look forward to working with him.

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Camp Washington Business Association June Lunch Features Ohio Development

JOSEPH GORMAN, CWBA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Date & Time: Wed., May 21 at Noon
Location: Central Parkway Church of God
Topic: State of Ohio Bi-Partisan Economic Stimulus Package (Brewster Rhoads, Governor's Regional Director, Southwest Ohio)

Lunch provided by Kao Brands

Get Your GED at Community School

JENNIFER HAYNES, INSTRUCTOR

The Camp Washington Community School holds classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 5-8 pm. at 2951 Sidney Ave. (at Rachel). Call 542-2389 for info.

CSX Bridge on Channel 9 News

JOSEPH GORMAN, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

Reporter Janell Walton reported on our efforts to get CSX to paint its bridge in Camp Washington (near Ralston). This gateway location sets the tone for our community and it would be great if CSX could improve the appearance of the bridge. Thanks to the story, other communities are stepping forward about their blighted bridges. Spring Grove Village has three CSX bridges (over Mitchell and Clifton) that need painted. Covington, KY is in court over the rusted CSX bridge that runs through its new art district.

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