



Newsletter

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**Camp Washington Community Council meeting is
Monday, June 8 at 7:00 p.m.
at WUCC, 2950 Sidney**

What's New on the Urban Farm?

BY THERESA TUDOR • FARM COORDINATOR

Midge and Portis are happy to report that we have two new grow beds at the farm! This season, we have planted a variety of fresh herbs, lettuce, beans, peas, peppers, and tomatoes. These will be available for harvest beginning in mid-Summer. Bryan and Mimi have been working with a wonderful crew from River City Correctional to build four large compost bins and install gutters to help direct rain water to our rain barrels. Speaking of compost, we are in need of two other families to participate in our pilot composting program. We will provide you with either a five gallon bucket for food scraps or a forty five gallon container for food scraps and yard waste. If you are interested or have questions about what can be composted, let us know.

We also have CWUF t-shirts available to help support the farm! They are available for \$10 each or 2 for \$15. You can also win a t-shirt by submitting your favorite fresh tomato recipe to campwashingtonurbanfarm@gmail.com. Two winners will be selected at random, and we will share your recipe in the next newsletter.

Midge and Portis say "thanks for supporting the farm, and don't forget to eat your vegetables!"



Hopple NB Ramp to Open Spring 2016

JOSEPH GORMAN • COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

According to Lee Matthes, P.E., Project Manager, District 8, ODOT, the North Bound (NB) entrance ramp to I-75 from the new Hopple St. interchange will open sometime between late spring and mid-summer of 2016. The ramps near Cincinnati State/I-74/I-75 will also be closed during this window. If you have any questions about the ramps, please call Lee at 513-933-6612.

Camp Washington has led the effort to keep the NB ramp opening on time. We have met with Mayor Cranley, reps from S. Cummunsville, Northside, and Clifton to press the ramp opening. Many businesses in Camp Washington joined with the Business Association and the Camp Washington Community Council to write letters to the mayor, city council, Hamilton County Commissioners to stop any delay in the ramp's opening.

The possible delay of the ramp opening came about when a proposed flyover bridge from S. Cummunsville to Central Parkway that would accommodate some students traveling from Cincinnati's west side communities. This is a \$45 million bridge that many feel would divert customers away from the retail businesses in Camp Washington.

The Camp community is very happy that the NB ramp will open on time.

June 15th Camp Washington Golf Outing

You still have to join us in playing golf and sponsoring a hole at the Camp Washington Business Association 6th annual outing, Monday, June 15 at Aston Oaks.

Event Sponsor

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6th Annual Camp Washington Golf Outing

Monday, June 15, 2015 @ Aston Oaks Golf Club

Format: Shamble Scramble 4 person/best ball

Call Joe Gorman at 542-1637 to play golf and be a sponsor!

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Urban Farm Gets Major Grant

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The Camp Washington Urban Farm has received a \$44,000 from the Sharon Van Risseghem Endowment Fund for Cancer Research. Through a transfer from the former fudiciary, St. Vincent de Paul, the Camp Washington Community Board, Inc. is the current fudiciary.

Sharon Van Risseghem was a nurse who dedicated her life to helping others. Her husband Paul and Joe Gorman nearly twenty-five years ago helped organize the “Jammin’ for a Cure” concert at Sawyer Point that raised \$25,000 for Sharon’s battle against cancer. She died the following day. Funds have been used to help folks with catastrophic health care bills, in particular, musicians with a range of illnesses.

The urban farm strives to grow food for people who have limited choices for fresh produce. We are not only a “food desert” because we have no grocery store or food co-op here, but volunteering on the farm will teach folks how to grow their own food. In addition, the donkeys and the growing of plants help the residents of River City Correctional Center next door be team players. Our belief that good food helps make good, healthy people neatly aligns with Sharon’s life and with her endowment.

We will have a groundbreaking ceremony this Fall to celebrate the farm harvest. We will also dedicate the Sharon Van Risseghem peach grove and flower garden.

Camp says “thank you” to Paul and his daughter, Rio!

Robert W. Bugie Sales Company celebrates its 69th anniversary and 50th year in Camp Washington June 5th. Congrats to Sandy Bugie and her wonderful company!



The Camp Washington Business Association has teamed up with local art center, Wave Pool to create a set of artist postcards that celebrate Camp Washington!

Ten local artists have picked aspects of Camp Washington that inspire them the most and created unique pieces of art. These postcards are a great way to show your Camp Washington pride and support two local organizations.

The cards will be available at Wave Pool and other local retailers in July.

Text by Cal Cullen
Artwork by Amanda Checco.

SoapBox Media Article about The Camp:

<http://soapboxmedia.com/devnews/050515-camp-washington-developments.aspx>

Community School Offers GED

ANNE SKOVE • INSTRUCTOR

The Camp Washington Community School offers tutoring and GED classes each Tuesday and Thursday, 5-8 p.m. Classes are free. (We follow CPS weather schedule: if CPS are closed, we are closed.)

If you already have your GED but would like to refresh your typing, math, or English skills, or if you would like to refresh your resume, stop in to see us.

Please call Anne or Joe at 542-1637 for more information. Get started today!

Community Board Replaces 40-year Phones

JOSEPH GORMAN • COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

The Camp Washington Community Board, Inc. is pleased to announce that we have received a development grant from the Josephine Schell Russell Charitable Trust, PNC Bank Trustee.

This important grant will not only help the Board focus on attracting developers by marketing and targeting some of the toughest properties remaining in Camp. Further, we have replaced our 40-year old phone system with a new system installed by our friends at . This will allow us to improve internet connectivity to be better able to use social media to market and convey data. This grant period is one year.

Stock Street Pipe Install

JOSEPH GORMAN • COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

The Camp Washington Community Council has recieved a few complaints about the noise, the dust, the trucks, the shaking of houses during the installation of the massive sewer pipe going in under Stock Street. We really appreciate the response from contractor Sunesis, who has been pretty responsive to resident’s complaints.

This is a huge job! On paper, it seemed pretty simple, but that 14’ pipe requires a lot of earth to be moved and many long steel plates pounded into the ground.

Deb Leonard from MSD has also been a good resource. The re-opening of Colerain Avenue is still months away, perhaps by late summer. Please call Joe at the community center at 542-1637 to report any issues or to get more information.

Camp Business Association Has Record Membership

JOSEPH GORMAN • CWBA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

There are 82 members of the Camp Washington Business Association in 2015. Thanks to the efforts of Bob Lafkas as membership chair for a great membership plan. Thanks to Tim Harrier from Omni Graphic Design for designing the new business directory. And, thanks to all the businesses who support the association.

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