



Newsletter

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**Camp Washington Community Council meeting is
Monday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m.
at WUCC, 2950 Sidney**

Mayor: Please Open North Ramp to I-75

Dear Honorable Mayor Cranley, April 15, 2015

A recently-proposed bridge over I-75 from S. Cumminsville to Central Parkway and Cincinnati State threatens to delay the opening for five years of the Hopple north ramp to I-75. We are sick of the traffic jams and a further delay would be a real headache for all.

Residents voted unanimously at the April 13 Camp Washington Community Council meeting to fast track the construction of the Hopple Bridge north ramp to I-75. We want this ramp open now!

The delay will negatively impact the economic vitality of Camp Washington businesses that depend upon easy and safe access to I-75 to move supplies and manufactured products. Over 6,500 Camp Washington workers travel to and from work every day. Over 53,000 people work in Uptown, many that use Hopple to access I-75. The bridge will hurt our retail businesses along Hopple by diverting them away from our business district.

The Community Council agreed that putting public resources into a newly-rebuilt Western Hills Viaduct is a far superior use of public funds than building a \$45 million flyover bridge from S. Cumminsville to Central Parkway to accommodate a few students attending Cincinnati State.

The Camp Washington Community Council (as well as the Camp Washington Business Association) has participated in I-75 Expressway planning meetings with ODOT since 2003. Please Mayor and City Council, open up the ramp!

William Clark, Vice-President, CWCC

Save The Date - SATURDAY, MAY 23rd!

Where Are You Starting?

"a groundbreaking ceremony"

Camp Washington Urban Farm • 3220 Colerain Ave.

Join Wave Pool Artist In Residence Erin Colleen Johnson, Lizzie Anderson, and Camp Washington Community Board's Joe Gorman from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a tour of Camp Washington Urban Farm (donkeys included!), free brunch snacks, live music, and stories about place, belonging and land.

As part of the event there will be a groundbreaking ceremony for both the farm and yourself!

Why We Need the Golf Outing

For 25 years, the Camp Washington Community Board has relied on operating income from our Mad Max Bingo to pay for staff and the renovation of 52 homes which were in turn sold to owner occupants.

The Horseshoe Casino has cut our bingo profit by 50%. This hinders our ability to renovate houses. The golf outing proceeds help fill that gap. Please consider joining us.



Event Sponsor

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**The Wm. Powell Company
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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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Memorial for Donna a Fitting Goodbye

JOSEPH GORMAN • COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

The Camp Washington Community Council sponsored a memorial service for Donna April 18 at Valley Park. Over 100 friends and family members celebrated Donna's life with balloons, bubbles, testimonials, music and food. We also spread Donna's ashes.

Thanks to all who helped put this together. Special thanks to Queen City Sausage and B & B Bakery for providing meat and buns. Visit Donna's facebook page: <https://>



June 6 Church Flea Market Benefits Mission

CHRIS HOLDER • YOUTH PASTOR, CENTRAL PARKWAY CHURCH OF GOD

I am leading an outreach/mission trip to Alaska in June. We are taking a group of ten (5 students and 5 adults) to help run a youth camp for a week and minister in a church as well. We have some students that are working hard at getting their trips paid for (it's \$1500 per person). Proceeds from our indoor yard sale/bake sale on Saturday June 6th from 8am - 2pm will go to support the trip.

Do you want to sell yard sale items, bake goods, or your crafts (knitting, wood work, etc.)? A small business can also participate. You do NOT have to be a member of the church in order to have a booth.

There will be a \$15 booth rental fee. We have 10 ft tables. They can have more than 1 table, but it's \$15 per table.

Please contact me or Jessica Daves at either chris.holder2504@gmail.com, jessicadaves@gmail.com, or 559-1886, ext. 307.

Community Board Receives Building Development Grant

JOSEPH GORMAN • COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

The Camp Washington Community Board 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 help the Board focus on attracting developers by marketing and targeting some of the toughest properties remaining in Camp. These include several single-family houses and three apartment buildings. These funds will provide the capacity for the Board to develop marketing and site plans. Further, we will now be able to replace our 40-year old phone system. This will allow us to improve internet connectivity to be better able to use social media to market and convey data. This grant

Chemical Smells in Air or Sewers

ASHLEIGH SCHIESZER • CWCC TRUSTEE & AVON PLACE RESIDENT

The Camp Washington is located in an industrial area with many chemical cleaning companies, metal manufacturers, and other industrial businesses. The neighborhood is also situated between a railroad train yard and major interstate, I-75. Smelling strong chemical odors in the air is unhealthy.

On April 23rd and 24th, the District 5 fire department investigated a strong chemical air concern and suggested it was coming from the sewers, and potentially linked it to 3118 Spring Grove Ave. Monitoring is on-going.

Emergency 24 hour hotlines:

Hamilton County Dept. of Environmental Service 513-946-7777

Material Safety Department (MSD) 513-352-4900

Other numbers for sewer or air quality concerns:

Hamilton County Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati Andrew Bouthem: cell phone number (to be contacted only during the hours of 7:30-4PM) 513-708-3551

Hamilton County Health Department, Environmental Health Division 513-946-7832

Camp Washington Business Association

Luncheon Meeting • Wednesday, May 20, Noon - 1 p.m.

American Sign Museum, 1330 Monmouth Street – street parking. Members: free; Non-Members: \$5

Urban Farm Grow Beds Ready for Planting

JOSEPH GORMAN • COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

Thanks to resident farmer Bryan Tutor for directing some hard-working River City Correctional Center residents in preparing two 15 x 80' grow beds. We tilled the beds with compost. Planting begins May 12.

Our next big project will be to hook up a gutter feed to several rain barrels. Then, we will construct a hoop house. We need community residents to help in the farm. We need planters, composters, shovelers, waterers! Please call me at 542-1637 for more info.



Mimi and Bryan working the farm.

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!

SoapBox Media Article about The Camp:

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



Great May 5th Camp Washington Chili Anniversary Party!

It was a wonderful day to be in The Camp. Long lines to buy coneys, exceptional Dixieland band under a tent, and Mayor Cranley dedicating the Johnny Johnson Way street sign.

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