



Newsletter

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**Camp Washington Community Council meeting is
Monday, Sept. 14 at 7:00 p.m.
at WUCC, 2950 Sidney**

River City Camp Washington Community Picnic - Sept. 12

For Camp Washington Residents and Employees

Saturday, September 12, 2015

1 pm to 4 pm

At Valley Park, 3220 Colerain Ave.

Big Time Wrestling! 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Crafts & Games for the Kids!

Raffle for Adults and Kids at 3:30

Picnic Opens 1 pm ~ Wrestling 1 pm ~ Supper 2 pm ~

RAFFLE 3:30 ~ Picnic Ends at 4 pm

Thanks to all of our financial and food sponsors!

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**Colerain Avenue at Stock Street is open,
one lane each way. Rough surface, so
take it slow, but it's open!**

New Hours & Programs at Community School

ANNE SKOVE • INSTRUCTOR

Big changes happening at the Camp Washington Community School. First, New Hours: Join us from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., still each Tuesday and Thursday, for Adult Study Hall. Come brush up on computer skills, refresh your resume, study for the GED, check your e-mail, learn to type, or search for jobs.



New Free Mini Library: Can't get to the library? Come to Camp Washington Community School. Right by the door is our free bookshelf, where you'll find magazines, books, crosswords, etc. Take something with you, or leave something for others.

New GED Test: In 2014, drastic changes to the GED test were made. The good news? Students can now take the test in sections, rather than all at once. The downside? The test is much harder. But fear not -- we have all the materials you need to prepare for the new test!

Cincinnati Parks ReLeaf Program Want a tree for your yard? Contact Urban Forestry at 861-9070 or urban.forestry@cincinnati-oh.gov

Urban Farm Has Tomato Harvests

JOE GORMAN • CAMP WASHINGTON URBAN FARM

The cool summer and rainy weather have been good for growing tomatoes. We have given several hundred pounds of tomatoes to Camp Cupboard and C.A.I.N. food pantries. Future resident and farm maintenance supervisor Sam Gorman has maintained both the pasture and garden areas. Mimi Rook has helped with harvests. We are developing a business plan for the urban farm.



Camp Cupboard enjoys one of our tomato harvests

Camp Needs Better City Services

JOSEPH GORMAN • COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

Camp Washington has changed a lot over the last forty years. Even though The Camp was considered a poor, often illiterate, unhealthy urban Appalachian community by all local and federal poverty measurements, **our strong number of businesses has always been a big contributor to the City of Cincinnati's earning tax receipts.** Our community council, the community board, community school, urban farm, and the business association have worked hard to create a gradual improvement in the quality of life.

You and your neighbors have helped make Camp a safe community by supporting the police and by reporting crime. You have received trees from the City's Releaf program that is helping green up The Camp. (We only have a 12% green canopy, which means we could use a lot more trees.)

The horrendous amount of litter and filthy streets continue to plague the neighborhood. Simply take a moment to look at the corner sewer grates full of litter and plastic bottles. Are you willing to clean up the sewer grate near your house or apartment?

The City (especially, the public services department - which is located in Camp!) does not go out and proactively fix broken, faded or bent street signs; street cleaning, remove graffiti; cut the tall weeds along Massachusetts, Monmouth Bridge or along Spring Grove Avenue (to name just three spots). You have to call 591-6000 to report these problems. And, lately, it seems to be talking a long time to get these things fixed.

Also, the community board - after 40 years of success - is getting little to nothing from the City to help with housing renovations. **Monies are going to bigger communities with larger problems.** Each of the fifty-two (52) houses that we have renovated and sold has made a huge impact on our neighborhood vitality. On Bates Avenue, for instance, the Board has invested, fixed or built twelve (12) houses. That has made that street one of the nicest streets in the city, with great neighbors and rising property values.

I am researching the amount of tax dollars Camp contributes, sure it amounts to millions every year. With all the money that our 150 companies pay into the City's coffers, we'd like to receive some improved City services, and more investment back into The Camp.

New Business Neighbor: ARTICLE 25

"**Article 25,**" a local street paper with *provocative news, independent views*, is our new neighbor in the Camp Washington neighborhood center!

Editor Greg Flannery makes vendor opportunities available to students and individuals who would like to earn some extra cash. Cost of the paper is only \$1.

Please contact Greg if you'd like to sell the paper, or if you'd like to contribute by writing, submitting artwork, or otherwise volunteering. Article 25 is inspired by the Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Contact Greg at Article25newspaper@gmail.com

Affordable office and/or studio space available at the Center. Please contact Joe at 542-1637 to see the space.

To report problems to the City, go online to: <http://cagismaps.hamilton-co.org/csr/cincinnati/serviceRequest>
Call 591-6000

Urban Farm Featured at River City Picnic

THERESA BLOOM • CAMP WASHINGTON URBAN FARM

I cannot believe it's September! Fall is right around the corner. We are planting winter crops, and planning new activities in the Spring. Bryan and I have purchased a **Flow bee hive** which will be delivered mid-December.

The River City Family picnic is coming up on September 12th, be sure to stop by to check out what has been going on and **pick up a free CWUF t-shirt.**

School is back in session, do you know of a child or young adult who needs volunteer hours for school? Feel free to send them our way, we can put 'em to work for a few hours each week or as needed.

The compost program is going well, CWUF friend and Camp resident Moira Knitter was a real trooper helping collect compost! The lawn mower is back to normal, so we will be around for pick up on recycling weeks. Looking forward to seeing you at the River City Family Picnic!



Moira Knitter

Camp Washington Postcards only \$8

Wave Pool has teamed up with the Camp Washington Business Association 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.

They're available for \$8 for a set of 10 cards now at Wave Pool! Call Cal at 600-6117 to get your cards.

Camp Washington Business Association

Luncheon Meeting

Wednesday, September 16, 2015,
Noon - 1 p.m.

Reliable Castings

3530 Spring Grove Avenue - *parking in north lot*

Members: free; Non-Members: \$5

Guest Speaker: David Ginsburg, Downtown, Inc.

Next Luncheons:

- October 21, Nehemiah Manufacturing at City Gospel Mission - "Hiring second chance citizens" by Steve Palmer
- November 18 at Meyer Tool.

RSVP Joe at jgorman@fuse.net or 542-1637



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