

**Council Meets March 14 at 7:30 p.m.**

# Camp Washington Community Council NEWSLETTER

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## Kroger Store Closes

JOSEPH GORMAN, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

The Camp Washington Kroger closed February 19. After several months of promises, Reuben Shaffer, V-P Operations for Kroger notified the Camp Washington Community Council early Saturday morning (Feb. 5) that the store was closing. The Camp Washington Kroger store was a "non-performing asset" and had to be closed. The building is for sale. We hope to attract another food store to serve the community, particularly, the elderly and those who don't drive. The closest Kroger store is in Winton Place.

Thanks go for years of nice service to the staff of this little, neighborhood store. Good, friendly service apparently is not considered as important to Kroger as pure economics. Kroger, which has received huge tax breaks for its new garage at Central Parkway and Vine Street, is competing big time with Super Wal Marts, Biggs, and Meijer stores. However, multi-storied designs for neighborhood stores fitting on small land footprints, could be an attractive draw for many of Cincinnati's smaller neighborhoods such as Camp Washington, which is fortunate to be centrally located with easy access to roads and highways.

We feel that Kroger is giving up too soon on Camp Washington. There are new single family homeowners moving in, 60 new loft apartments that are being developed, more new businesses coming to the area, as well as the current, dedicated shoppers who have been using this little Kroger store for decades.

According to Lisa Ammons, Kroger real estate division, the closed Camp Washington store is for sale starting at \$385,000. Kroger will either sell the property or rent it out. There are no restrictions (i.e., another grocery store) on the sale. Lisa can be reached at (513) 782-3463.

## Camp Washington Business Association

### Luncheon Meeting

Wed., March 16 @ Noon

Reliable Castings

3530 Spring Grove Avenue

#### Agenda:

- Welcome by R.J. Kuhn, President
- Redevelopment Report
- Chris Monzel, City Council
- Business Update
- Factory Tour

**Lunch provided**

RSVP Joe Gorman 542-1637

## GED School

KIM MOORE, INSTRUCTOR

If you're interested in working towards your GED, stop by the Camp Washington Community School at 2951 Sidney Avenue on Tuesday or Thursday nights at 5 p.m. for enrollment. You can call Kim at the school at 542-1637.

**Visit the Camp Washington Web Site at <http://www.cddcinc.org>**

## Safe & Clean Committee

DAVID JUSTICE, CHAIRMAN

The Camp Washington Community Council's Environmental Safety Committee reminds residents to report incidences of litter, graffiti, and public right of way problems, such as bent stop signs, broken curbs, and smelly sewers.

We need you to join our efforts. We have one short meeting every month. The next meeting of the committee is Wednesday, March 9 at 10 a.m. at 3205 Colerain. Everyone is welcome!

**Girl Scout Cookies are available.  
Need a cookie connection for your family  
or business?**



**Call Donna at 542-1637.**

## Beer Tanks Gone

DAVID JUSTICE, CHAIRMAN

The Hosea Company has removed the 25 beer tanks that were stored at the corner of Sassafrass and Colerain. Hosea is reconditioning the tanks for re-sale to the Samuel Adams Brewery. They have a done superb job clearing the site. Thanks!

## Fifth Third Bank Starts Construction at Hopple

DAVID JUSTICE, CHAIRMAN

The Fifth Third Bank company is building a 5-bay drive-thru branch at Hopple & Henshaw, next to the Wendy's restaurant. It should take about three months to complete the construction. This investment by Fifth Third into Camp Washington should further elevate the importance of the I-75/Hopple Street Exchange as the Gateway to both Western Hills and Uptown (Clifton, the University of Cincinnati, the Zoo, and hospitals).

Note: A new Frisch's restaurant is going to be built on the existing site at Central Parkway. Efforts to relocate at the Hopple & Colerain site were unsuccessful.

## Family Dollar Store Brings Problems to the Neighborhood

JOSEPH GORMAN, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

The new Family Dollar store, at Burlington and Spring Grove Avenue, is doing great business, according to manager, Jeanie Elliot. She is hearing good things from customers, such as the store is clean, well-organized, and the store clerks are nice.

However, neighbors are complaining. Some of the concerns about the new Camp Washington Family Dollar store include:

1. Bright security and parking lot lights placed on top of the store shine into the bedroom windows of the houses directly across the street on Burlington.
2. The parking lot and dumpster area are full of trash and litter. More garbage cans are needed.
3. No parking space bumpers to stop cars from exiting the lot over the curbs and grass strip.
4. Poor signage: Burlington is one-way South – customers exiting the store lot are turning left (North) onto Burlington. Trucks from Hopple use Burlington to access Spring Grove. Cars going the wrong way have been forced onto the sidewalk to avoid getting hit by these trucks.

City Traffic Engineering has been asked by the Camp Washington Community Council to place a one-way sign closer to the driveway exit.

A city-wide effort to deal with problems caused has twice been convened in Camp Washington. There is a rumor that over fifty new Family Dollar stores are planned for Cincinnati. Many neighborhoods, such as Pendleton, East Walnut Hills, are now fighting to keep Family Dollar stores out.

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