

Council Meets April 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Camp Washington Community Council NEWSLETTER

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Washington United Church Offers Van to Kroger on Tuesdays

JOSEPH GORMAN, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

Since our Kroger store closed in February, we have been seeking alternative shopping choices for Camp Washington residents. The Washington United Church of Christ, at Sidney and Rachel, uses its 14-seat van to take people to the Kroger Store on Mitchell Avenue, Winton Place. The van is free. The van leaves the church at 2 p.m. every Tuesday for a one-hour shopping trip. Please call 541-7757 for more info.

Camp Washington Business Association

Luncheon Meeting

Wed., April 20 @ Noon

Reliable Castings

3530 Spring Grove Avenue

Agenda:

- Welcome by R.J. Kuhn, President
- Redevelopment Report
- David Crowley, City Council
- Business Update

Lunch provided by Q.C. Steel

RSVP Joe Gorman 542-1637

GED School May Add Hours

KIM MOORE, INSTRUCTOR

Thanks to increasing demand, we are considering adding Wednesday night classes. We are finding that those students who are highly motivated will benefit from having classes three nights in a row. This minimizes the chance for new students to drop out, and takes advantage of students' desires to complete the GED as soon as they can.

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.

Community Clean-Up April 23

DAVID JUSTICE, CHAIRMAN

The Camp Washington Community Council's Environmental Safety Committee will again lead the Great American Clean-Up for our community. Saturday, April 23, we'll meet at Rachel and Sidney and divide into two clean-up and flower planting crews. We will provide tools and gloves and lunch. Last year, we planted several trees and many beautiful flowers (which are now starting to bloom).

This clean-up is also a great way to meet your neighbors. Talbert House volunteers worked very hard last year and we look forward to working with them again. Please call David at 542-1637 to help.

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

Fifth Third Bank Construction Changes the Hopple Gateway

DAVID JUSTICE, CHAIRMAN

As most of you know, The Fifth Third Bank company is building a 5-bay drive-thru branch at Hopple & Henshaw, next to the Wendy's restaurant. The construction has already changed the look of the area for the better. After years of looking at weeds and broken fencing, we are finally seeing bricks put into place in the building coming out of the ground. With the new Camp Washington Welcomes You sign and the flowers at the Sidney/Hopple space, our gateway is looking better every day.

City to Fix One-Way Signs on Burlington at Family Dollar Store

JOSEPH GORMAN, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

The City of Cincinnati traffic and engineering department has promised to improve the one-way signage on Burlington this month. Customers leaving the Family Dollar parking lot have been turning the wrong way on Burlington. This has caused several near-miss accidents with big trucks coming down Burlington from Hopple Street. The City is placing a one-way sign directly across the Family Dollar driveway.

Business Association Meetings Attract City Council Speakers

JOSEPH GORMAN, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

The Camp Washington Business Association monthly luncheon meetings are attracting the attention of City Hall.

Mayor candidate and current councilman David Pepper spoke at the January meeting held at River City Correctional Center (which provided the food). Mr. Pepper fielded many questions, particularly about the City's bureaucratic roadblocks to business expansion. He also emphasized his safety and crime-fighting efforts.

Councilman Chris Monzel spoke at the February meeting at Reliable Castings (Camp Washington Chili provided the food.) Monzel got an earful about the new zoning complications, especially from they guys at United Signs. Others asked about tax-incentives for expansions.

Councilman David Crowley will be the guest speaker at Reliable in March.

Stinks, Odors, and Smells

MARTI SINCLAIR, COMMUNITY LIAISON FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

Residents have recently complained about nasty and fatty odors in Winton Place; a burning asphalt aroma in Carthage; and a dead fish stink in Hyde Park. In Camp Washington, there have been reports of thick foul smoke and strong paint odors.

Last Spring, the Cincinnati City Council passed a new "Title X" ordinance dubbed "**The Cincinnati Clean Air Act.**" Air pollution which interferes with your enjoyment of life, property, and recreation in Cincinnati is now prohibited. Companies which *repeatedly* release offensive odors or which powder their neighbors with industrial dust can be issued warning citations or be taken to court by the City.

Some pollution is easily prevented. Last spring, after a neighbor complained, a county investigator informed a facility owner that the filters appeared full and should be replaced. The owner then changed the filter. It would be far better, however, to have companies jump into a "spring cleaning" right now rather than waiting for "Title X" problems to crop up later. If it *stinks, has odors, & smells*, call the Air Quality 24-hour Hotline at 946-7777.

Business District Redevelopment & Market Feasibility Plan

provides a framework for future and current residential, commercial, and industrial opportunities. Please feel free to access the Plan document on www.cddcinc.org.

Camp Washington Recreation Center Call 681-6046 for program details!

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