

Council Meets Sept. 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Camp Washington Community Council NEWSLETTER

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President's Message – Kroger is Vital to Camp Washington

PATRICK STAPLES, PRESIDENT

Well, summer is all but over, we survived the cicadas, we also missed August heat, the pool is closed and the kids are off to school. We are still here in the "Camp". It all moves so fast.

There's a rumor that the Camp Washington Kroger store is closing October 10. This is a change from when I spoke with one of their Vice-Presidents and he assured me there were plans in the future to close this store. So what do we do? I seem to remember the Vine St. Kroger's was going to shut down. Our city leaders somehow got them to not only not close, but to remodel. The Kroger is vital to this area, to many it's the only means to groceries. PLEASE call 782-3301 to support our store. The Camp needs its Kroger's to remain open. Let's get City Hall to back us. Sign the petition against closing the store. The Council needs your support now more than ever. PLEASE get involved.

Hopple & Colerain Project Backed Up by Sewer Credit

JOE GORMAN, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

We know that many of you are sick of seeing the tall weeds, broken gates, and scattering litter at Hopple & Colerain. Thanks to the intervention of city councilmen David Pepper and Pat DeWine, we have an update on the Hopple & Colerain development. According to a memo dated August 16, 2004 by Assistant City Manager

Deborah Holston, "Belvedere has withdrawn from the Camp Washington Realty LLC as developer/owner of the project. It is now only the general contractor for the project. James Olman, of Olman and Co., was originally part of the development team and is now leading the project." Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) has been unable to allow a sewer tap because of a federal consent decree limiting new discharges into the sewer system. The Camp Washington Realty LLC believes it has solved this problem by paying for sewer improvements elsewhere in the sewer system in order to earn sewer credits that will allow MSD to authorize a connection to the sewer system.

This delay stinks. The Camp Washington Realty LLC has had a preferred developer agreement with the City since February 2003, virtually holding that corner hostage. We hope both the City and the developer will keep the community better informed of the progress being made.

Camp Washington Business Association

Wed., Sept. 8, 2004 @ 9:30 a.m.
Reliable Castings, 3530 Spring Grove Ave.
(park in north lot)

Agenda:

- Welcome by RJ Kuhn
- Safe & Clean Grant
- Police Report
- Redevelopment & Market Analysis
- Neigh. Bus. Support Grant
- Hopple & Colerain Update
- Foundry Tour

RSVP Joe Gorman 542-1637

New "Welcome" Sign

Plans are under way to install a "Camp Washington Welcomes You" sign on Hopple at Sidney. The sign is slated for installation this Fall by the Schott Monument Co.

Worldwide "Day of Play"

DONNA BAKKE, YOUTH COORDINATOR

Join us Saturday, October 2, 2004, at the Camp Washington Recreation Center from 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. to celebrate the Worldwide Day of Play. We'll have lots of fun stuff to do and tasty, healthy snacks.

New Dollar General Store

JOE GORMAN, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

Retailer Dollar General is clearing the land for a new store at 3230 Spring Grove (at Burlington). The store will be completed within 6 months. Some jobs will be available. Visit www.dollargeneral.com for more info.

GED School

KIM MOORE, INSTRUCTOR

The Camp Washington Community School offers GED help. You must commit to attending and working towards your GED. We have been helping five to six students every night study and prepare for the GED test. Stop by our school at 2951 Sidney Avenue on Tuesday or Thursday nights at 5 p.m. for enrollment. You can call the school at 542-1637.

Community Board Rehabs Houses

PAUL RUDEMILLER, DIRECTOR

The Camp Washington Community Board is working on several house shells on Bates Avenue. New roofs, windows and doors are being added to new paint and siding. A rehabbed house on the northern side of Bates has been completed and sold. The Board has recently acquired a house on Sidney through a foreclosure. That house is slated for rehab beginning in October.

For more info on housing in Camp Washington, call Paul at 542-1637.

Safety Committee Cleans Up

DAVID JUSTICE, CHAIRMAN

The Camp Washington Community Council's Environmental Safety Committee continues to clean up Camp Washington. We asked the City to clean Bates Alley and their crew came out and did a superb job. You can now see the old stone wall of the historic Workhouse that was previously hidden by the tall weeds. We are also working with numerous City and County departments to get several 55-gallon drums of oil removed from a garage site on Jessamine. The entire lot is littered with junk, weeds and tires. We will monitor the clean up and continue to talk with the concerned neighbors. The Committee meets Wed., Sept. 8 at 6 p.m. at 3205 Colerain – all are welcome.

We are also helping identify locations for new trees. The City's *Re-Leaf program* offers new trees in both public and private locations (if seen 30 feet from the right-of-way). These trees will be available in October. We could use your help in planting them.

Business Market Feasibility Analysis

JOE GORMAN, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

The Camp Washington Community Board and business association are working with a contractor to develop a redevelopment and market feasibility analysis of the business district. We hope to have a document to use to promote and to support our business district area. This analysis will be the first phase in developing an urban renewal plan.

The Camp Washington Community Newsletter is published the first week of every month. Please contact the editor with your news!
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