



# NEWSLETTER

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## Moerlein Beer Bash Was A Blast

JOSEPH GORMAN, CWBA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The December 9 Moerlein Beer Bash, sponsored by the Camp Washington Business Association, and hosted by the American Sign Museum, was a great success! Christian Moerlein President and CEO Greg Hardman gave a fantastic presentation on the history of beer in Cincinnati through such historic brands as Hudepohl, Burger, Little Kings, and, Christian Moerlein.

Special thanks to the beer bash committee, including, Matthew Lafkas, Dave Kress, Sue Metzner, Brad Huberman, Tod Swormstedt, and Joe Gorman. Big kudos for these fine restaurants for donating food: Isadore's Pizzeria, Camp Washington Chili, Hilver's Catering, U.S. Chili, and, Yummy Chinese.



Moerlein Beer Bash, Dec. 9, 2010, American Sign Museum.

## City Budget Impacts Our Community

JOSEPH GORMAN, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

It has been downright depressing attending the recent City Budget meetings. As you may know, thanks to a nearly \$60 million projected deficit, both the Camp Washington Recreation Center and the Pool are slated to close in 2011. What is so distressing about this situation, is that the budget fight puts firemen and cops against kids. Cops, who have the most powerful union using the largest part of the public budget, always win lined up against politically-powerless kids. It's a terrible choice we have to make, as Camp Washington has been a fierce supporter of police and fire services.

It's pretty impressive that a few on City Council - Berding, Bortz, Qualls, Young - have proposed to eliminate the City police department, instead, using the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department. This is a bold idea, something that we expect from our leaders. For years, we have believed in crime prevention, and kids-at-risk using rec centers and pools certainly support that strategy.

We have to face the fact that with less public funding support, we have to change the way the City functions. A lot of painful cuts are going to affect the quality of life, and community volunteers are going to be more in demand.

## Community Council Christmas Was Cool

JOYCE SMITH, TREASURER

For all of you who attended the Dec. 13 community council meeting, I hope you walked away with a good feeling about Camp Washington. We shared some snacks, and great cookies from River City Correctional Center. We also gave away fruit baskets, Kroger gift cards, poinsettias.

We look forward to another positive year in 2011. Special thanks also to Rick Dieringer, from Invest In Neighborhoods, for processing our vouchers so quickly!

## Improve Profits & Finding Growth

Wed., January 19, 2011, Noon - 1 p.m.

### CAMP WASHINGTON BUSINESS LUNCHEON

Bruce Vaillancourt, Director of the Manufacturing Technology Small Business Development Center (MTSBDC) at TechSolve. *Topics:* Creating efficient operations to improve profits & Finding growth opportunities for market expansion.

Lunch provided by *Reliable Castings*.

**RSVP: Joe Gorman 542-1637**

## Green Housing Template for 2969 Sidney Ave.

JOSEPH GORMAN, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

Energy costs are an integral component of housing development. The Camp Washington Community Board is using more and more of green technology in the course of rehabbing its housing projects.



For instance, we are incorporating new (and more expensive) insulation technologies. The Board has always done complete full demos and complete rehabs, since most of the housing stock we rehab are from 1870-1890 era when energy efficiency was not prevalent. Our customers are demanding better energy efficiencies. Financial realities of extracting more out of less are also forcing us to rely on getting better energy efficiencies.

The community board successfully applied for and received a Technical Assistance Grant through the City of Cincinnati. We will use these funds to incorporate the green technology template developed by SMK Designs as a model for more in-fill homes. Sean Keith, the owner architect of SMK Designs, has developed a Green Home Design model through a partnership with the Community Development Corporations of Greater Cincinnati. The CWCB has an ideal lot at 2969 Sidney Avenue on which to build this green home. Sean will make his template a site-specific plan of action with real defined costs.

If you are interested in participating in this new green venture as a potential homeowner or as a contractor, please call Paul at 542-1637.

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## Big Goals This Year for Community Board

PAUL RUDEMILLER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & CEO

The Camp Washington Community Board is looking forward to 2011. One of the most exciting things we encounter is when a new homeowner takes control of his or her new house. We consider 2010 a very good year as we finally renovated and sold two houses on Stock Street to two young couples, all the while under the burden of a stressed economy. We hope to develop and sell at least three houses next year. We also hope to renovate 3068 Henshaw and get that house occupied.

The community board also is ramping up its "Friends of Camp Washington" fundraising effort. One of the things we are looking into is incorporating PayPal or some other electronic payment system on our web site. This will make it easier for donors to contribute. (This fundraising effort is in response to elimination of funding by the United Way.)

<b>MAD MAX BINGO</b> IN CHEVIOT 241- 3450	
<b>FRIDAY NIGHTS</b>	<b>SUNDAY NIGHTS</b>
Doors Open at 5:30 pm	Doors Open 5 pm
Games Begin 7:00 pm	Games Begin 6:30 pm

**GED Instruction**  
 The GED school is free, Tuesday & Thursday, 5 - 8 p.m.  
 2951 Sidney Avenue, 1st Fl.  
 INFO: 542-1637

**Camp Washington Community Council**  
**Council Meets**  
 Monday, Jan.10 at 7:30 p.m.  
 CW Recreation Center @ 1201 Stock St.

**Camp Washington Community Council**  
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