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City Budget Cuts Pile Up Beds & Couches On Sidewalks and Lots

JOSEPH GORMAN, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

City Council in December 2010 voted to eliminate a vital neighborhood quality of life clean-up program run through the City's Litter Patrol. We are seeing a dramatic rise in abandoned couches, furniture, mattresses, box springs on neighborhood sidewalks. Regular Public Services garbage pick-up inconsistently removes these big items, even if



This couch has sat out on the sidewalk for over three weeks.

they're wrapped in plastic (to contain bed bugs).

Abandoned furniture on public spaces (including City-owned lots) seem to attract more garbage and junk. Ironically, when adjacent homeowners and businesses to this abandoned trash complain to the City,

THEY are often fined, as the trash grows and spreads onto their property!

This is another example of City Council creating poor policy with last-minute, ill-informed budgeting.

The City needs to generate revenue for good programs that make our neighborhoods attractive, clean and safe. City Council can sell billboard space on top of recreation centers. (Camp Washington rec center - now closed - sits right next to I-75 - a perfect spot for a billboard.)

Sell naming rights to roads, rec and health centers. Force owners of derelict eyesores such as the Crosley Building, Lunkenhiemer, abandoned corner gas stations to paint over the graffiti and rust and donate roof space to promote neighborhood activities with good, positive messages/sell ad space. Enforce Illegal Parking laws!

It is hard enough to keep our neighborhoods clean with volunteers. When you eliminate the City as a partner to fight blight and crime, it really puts more pressure on neighborhoods and local businesses. It will simply be a matter of time before this pressure builds up and breaks the will for folks to chip in and help the City. First, they stop volunteering and calling for help. Then, they move out of the City, and take their resources with them.

We need City Hall to step up and help.

**Camp Washington Community Council
Meets Monday, August, 8th 7:30 p.m., Rec Center**

GED School Offers Tutoring

STEPHANIE CROW, INSTRUCTOR

The Camp Washington GED School is expanding its tutoring services. Our GED classes are held Tuesday and Thursday, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. here at 2951 Sidney Avenue. Please call 542-1637 or stop by during those hours to register.

In today's world, having a high school diploma is the minimum requirement that employers are seeking when hiring. A GED can provide the ability to enroll in U.C. or Cincinnati State.

If you, a friend or family member needs a GED, our school can help. The tutoring service can also help adults become better readers or help you improve math skills.

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FRIDAY NIGHTS

DOORS OPEN 5:30 P.M. GAMES BEGIN 7 P.M.

SUNDAY NIGHTS

DOORS OPEN 5 P.M. GAMES BEGIN 6:30 P.M.

3066 Henshaw Sold

PAUL RUDEMILLER, CWCB EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Community Board has sold another house!

Long-time Camp resident Lando Camp purchased the house in July. Even as a kid, Lando always liked the house, but he really liked the improvements the Board did on the house. Energy efficient, newly-rebuilt porch, custom kitchen cabinets, new fence, and landscaped yard were all attractive improvements.

Please call Paul at 542-1637 for more information about other houses the Board is working on.



**Lick Run Alternative Project Design Workshop
Aug. 11, 6 - 9 p.m. Roberts School, 1702 Grand Avenue**

CW Business Association News

JOSEPH T. GORMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This has been an exciting year for the Camp Washington Business Association.

Thanks to the efforts of Membership Chair Bob Lafkas, our membership has grown to sixty-eight paid members. We have nearly 150 companies in Camp Washington, so we are constantly striving to get all companies to join our efforts to improve the business climate in Camp. New members include: B & B Mechanical, Joe Thoman (Movers), Harrison Terminal Lofts, Jay's Products, and, Neonworks of Cincinnati.

The 2nd Annual CWBA Golf Outing at Clovernook Country Club was a big success, thanks to lucky weather, a fantastic golf committee, and, major sponsors (United-Maier Signs, Reliable Castings, KAO Brands, and AARDCO). We raised nearly \$13,000, all proceeds going to the Camp Washington Community Board to continue its housing renovations and sales.

CWBA president Charles "Chip" Wood, III has had a steady hand on the organization, between out-of-town work trips. Chip runs AARDCO refrigeration and is often found scurrying around in freezers and ice rinks - not a bad place to be in this hot weather!

The executive committee has been very supportive of Camp Washington. Treasurer Tammy Behyner (AARDCO), Vice-President Tod Swormstedt (American Sign Museum), and Secretary Thom Deutsch (SpringDot) have pitched in on planning, membership, River City Picnic, Moerlein Beer Tasting, etc.

At one time, Camp Washington businesses provided nearly 42% of the City's earnings tax. Our companies and organizations are led by excellent leaders. Running a business well, employing people, making good products are all good things communities need to flourish.

Web Site Getting Revamped

We are finally getting around to revamping the web site (www.camp-washington.org). CWBA member Jeff Halter from HALTER Design, Inc. is putting together a photo scheme. Thanks to all the folks who so far have submitted historical photos for the web site. Our website host, Chris Blair, is leading the re-design of the site. We should have it up and running by September 1, 2011. I will be following up with your photo submissions.

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Community Yard Sale Sat., October 8

DONNA BAKKE, TEEN COUNCIL DIRECTOR

The Camp Washington Teen Council had such a successful yard sale this month that it decided to hold a community-wide yard sale in October. More information will be provided as we organize this event. All the households in Camp will be invited to participate. Gather up items you want to sell, clean out that basement or attic!

Lick Run Watershed Project

JOSEPH GORMAN, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

On Thursday, August 11, the Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati will host the first of three "Community Design Workshops" to explore design opportunities for the Lick Run Alternative Project.

This workshop will cover the entire Lick Run watershed, including the proposed conveyance system through South Fairmount (between Queen City and Westwood avenues east of White Street). Note: This area runs from the McDonalds near State Street all the way to the United Dairy Farmers on the west where Queen City splits.)

The meeting is from 6:00 p.m. to p.m. at Roberts Paideia Academy at 1702 Grand Avenue, 45214.

Visit www.projectgroundwork.org/lickrun website for info. Or, call MaryLynn Loder at 244-5535 for details.

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Rec Center at 1201 Stock Street.**

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