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Camp Washington Community Council
 Meets Monday, Aug. 13, 7:00 p.m., Rec Center

Valley Park Gets Water Fountain and Hose Hook Up - Farewell Mary Dorn

JOSEPH GORMAN • COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

The Cincinnati Parks has graciously installed a new water fountain and hose hook up in Valley Park.

Deborah Grayson, the leader of the volunteer gardeners who plant and maintain the flowers at Valley Park, was ecstatic to learn that her group of devoted gardeners no longer have to lug heavy one-gallon milk jugs to water the plants around the Dough Boy Statue, flagpole, and two corner plant beds. The lady gardeners have been bringing water to the park since 2004!



A fond farewell to Park employee Mary Dorn, who is moving to Ault Park. Mary is one of those rare people who loves her job, and who is very good at it. Deborah said, "Although we will miss Mary, we are very happy for her to move to a park closer to her home."

Rec Center Playground Burned Down

JOSEPH GORMAN • COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

What do you get when you combine a drought, July 4th, fireworks, and idiots? The popular playground behind the Rec Center gets burnt to the ground.

The dry mulch under the climber and slides went up in flames July 4th when some unidentified dummies lit off fireworks. (Some swings were saved.) The playground suffered about **\$60,000 of damage**. The Cincinnati Recreation Commission does not have money to replace the playground.



The Camp Washington Community Board is submitting an application July 13 to re-build the playground to **KaBoom**, an organization in Washington, D.C. that uses anonymous corporate donations for old-fashioned "barn-raising" events. Over 200 volunteers come together on one day and build the new playground. The community must contribute \$8,500 to help pay for materials. Call 542-1637 to help support this project.

Camp Washington Business Association Gives Golf Proceeds to Community Board

JOSEPH GORMAN • COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

Thanks to the leadership of CWBA president Charles "Chip" Wood, the golf outing raised over \$20,000. The proceeds of the golf outing go to the Community Board to continue its work developing quality housing.

Thanks to our Corporate Sponsors: AARDCO, Kao Sales USA, United-Maier Signs, Meyer Tool, Garden Street Metals. Thanks to the golf committee: Judy Rudy, Tammy Behymer, Paul Rudemiller, Dave Kress, Sue Metzner, Jason Beccaccio, Matt Wagner, Joe Isadore, Pat Sullivan, and, Joe Gorman.



Charles "Chip" Wood, III gives CWCB's Paul Rudemiller a check from the proceeds of the golf outing.

Crosley Building Cleaned Up

JOSEPH GORMAN • COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

Thanks to the owner of the Crosley Building for painting the graffiti, barricading the building, and closing up the access openings in this long-vacant signature building in Camp Washington. The owner has until Aug. 28 to complete the clean up.



Citizens on Patrol Starting in Camp

ROBBE BLUESTEIN • CWCC PRESIDENT

The Camp Washington Community Council is starting a new Citizens on Patrol to further assist District Five police in fighting crime. "The drug sales resulting from drivers coming off I-75 and briefly parking on Camp streets is a major problem," said P.O. Melissa Cummins at the July 9 community council meeting.

A group of volunteers have already signed up and training should begin in August. COPs are rarely in danger from the bad guys, as judges support their efforts and cops are in direct contact during patrols. Officer Cummins often walks with the patrols in Northside. Patrols offer the cops another set of ears and eyes, said Captain Paul Neudigate. Call 542-1637 to join the patrol.

Camp Washington Urban Farm Grant

JOSEPH GORMAN • COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

The committee to establish an urban farmer project in Camp Washington continues to strategize. We are seeking more funds to help us grow and distribute fresh produce to fight being in a "food desert."

The Camp Washington Community Board submitted a grant application to the Dept. of Health & Human Services to establish the Camp Washington Urban Farm Project. Forty new jobs will be created. Our affiliates include the Washington United Church of Christ, Side Streams, the Cincinnati Recreation Commission, and Hamilton County/River City Correctional Center.

Three major components of the CWUF include: urban gardens on Monmouth and Stock Street, and a retail distribution center.

Hopple Street Bridge Construction in 2013

JOSEPH GORMAN • COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

According to Ohio Dept. of Transportation (ODOT), the contracts for the Hopple Bridge project will be out in Fall 2012. Actual construction begins Spring 2013 to last three years. We will regularly publish construction schedules and detour and routing information both in the newsletter and at www.camp-washington.org.

Concerns about eliminating the ramps from I-74 to and from Central Parkway near Cincinnati State starting in 2018 have re-newed the idea of installing a flyover bridge from S. Cumminsville.

New Rocks at Gateway

MIMI ROOK • GARDEN CLUB

We added a new flourish at the Gateway at Garrard & Hopple. Vestige Redevelopment's Mathew Lafkas donated big rocks culled from the former Kahn's site. Mike Rece helped put them in place. Xianli helped design the landscaping.

The parking lot in back the Gateway will belong to Meyer Tool in July. They will maintain the lots.



Camp Washington Community School

STEPHANIE CROW • INSTRUCTOR

The Camp Washington Community School was established over 25 years ago. The school provides free GED and tutoring services, and offers one-on-one instruction. GED classes are held Tuesday and Thursday, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 2951 Sidney Avenue. See more information about the school and other exciting civic and business news at www.camp-washington.org.

Residents are encouraged to call 542-1637 today!

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