



Newsletter

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**Camp Washington Community Council
CWCC Meeting • Monday, Jan. 14 at 7:00 p.m.
1201 Stock Street**

Camp Washington Gardening News

MIMI ROOK • CHAIRPERSON

Big plans for the 2013 gardening season!

The Stock Street children's garden has a new fence, thanks to the Cincinnati Recreation Commission. The garden has also gotten a year reprieve before the Metropolitan Sewer District comes through in 2014. The children's garden will be dismantled and stored by the contractor for the job for about a year while Stock Street's new sewer and storm water lines are installed. Taft Field will be the staging area for the equipment and machinery required for the sewer and stormwater installation.

We have applied for a Martha Kidd Foundation grant to pay for a children's art project. We will work with students in the neighborhood and from DePaul Cristo Rey School on Central Parkway to create colorful plaque mosaics which will be installed on the Stock Street children's garden tool shed.

We are forming alliances with the officers in charge of the Cincinnati Police City Camp for youth, Northside's Wordplay youth program and MOBO bicycle coop to work on programs for the children in Camp Washington.

On Bates Avenue garden, plans are being laid to install an irrigation system. We also plan to add some small, 2'x4' raised beds along the fence line of the garden along Henshaw and additional 4'x4' garden beds in the back of the garden. Next month, we will begin seedlings for plantings in late April or early May.

Please contact Mimi Rook at 681-2157 or Joe Gorman at 542-1637 if you are interested in helping out with any of these projects

Business Association Luncheon Jan. 16

**Camp Washington Business Association
Wednesday, January 16, 2013, Noon - 1 p.m.**

Location: American Sign Museum

1330 Monmouth Street 45225

Members: free; Non-Members: \$5

**Topic: CWBA Elections, Golf Outing, Safety
Report, &, I-75 Update**

RSVP Joe 542-1637

Camp Washington Community School

STEPHANIE CROW • INSTRUCTOR

Have you thought about getting your GED? GED test requirements will change on January 1, 2014, so **NOW** is the time to get started. If you have passed portions of the GED and are waiting to finish it, any existing scores you have will expire in 2014; you will be required to completely start over. The new test will be solely *computer-based* so multiple computer skills including keyboarding will be a major part of the new GED test. And the new test will be more challenging.

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.*

Please call Stephanie at 542-1637 today!

**I-75 Update Open House, Friday, Jan. 18
From 10 a.m. to Noon at Cincinnati State
(3520 Central Parkway, The Conference Room, Main Building).
Info: Stefan Spinosa 933-6639**

CW Historical Marker Moving to More Visible Camp Washington Chili Site

DAVE KRESS • PNC BANK & CAMP WASHINGTON BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Plans are underway to move the Camp Washington Historical Marker from Township & Colerain to the grounds of Camp Washington Chili.

Thanks to Camp Washington Chili owner Johnny Johnson for agreeing to host the marker. Also, thanks to United-Maier Signs, who plan on moving the marker this Spring. The Camp Washington Business Association,

the Community Board, and the Community Council all support the move to create more visibility for the marker. Thanks to Bill Clark for his vision, too.



Feedback Needed on Camp Washington Bike Lanes

MELISSA McVAY, MCP, SENIOR CITY PLANNER, DOTE

Spring Grove Ave. Design Options

Spring Grove Avenue: Bank Street To Avon Place

The 2010 Bicycle Transportation Plan designates Spring Grove Avenue as a priority corridor for the installation of bikeways. Spring Grove Avenue is the only flat direct route connecting College Hill, Spring Grove Village, Northside, S. Cumminsville, Millvale, N. Fairmount, S. Fairmount, and Camp Washington to Downtown, making it the main thoroughfare for bicyclists traveling between these neighborhoods.

Cincinnati Dept. of Transportation & Engineering (DOTE) proposes to restripe Spring Grove Avenue with bicycle lanes from Bank Street to Avon Place (at Hopple Street). These bicycle lanes would connect to the bicycle lanes that were installed between Avon Place and Mill Creek Road in 2012.

Before we undertake changes, we need your feedback to balance the needs of users of this street.

Three options for Spring Grove Avenue are described below. DOTE conducted parking studies along the corridor. These studies showed that on-street parking was only half-full; all users could be accommodated if parking was consolidated on one side of the street. Also, most of the large businesses along the corridor provide off-street parking for employees and visitors.

Option 1 (This is DOTE's preferred option.)

This design maintains four motor vehicle lanes (two in each direction), a center two-way left turn lane, adds a bicycle lane on each side of the street, and consolidates on-street parking on the east side of the street between Avon Place and Garrard Street, and on the west side of the street between Garrard Street and Buck Street. All existing bus stops are maintained, as are truck loading zones and parking restrictions. This option provides a safe, designated space for bicycles, and is likely to encourage new riders. Additionally, the bike lanes improve sight distance for pedestrians who are look

Option 2 This option is exactly the same as Option 1, except that all parking would be on the east side of the street.

Option 3

This is the "no-build" or "existing condition" option. This option would maintain the existing street design:



four motor vehicle lanes (two in each direction), a center two-way left turn lane, and on-street parking on both sides of the street between Avon Pl. and Buck St. This option forces bicyclists to share travel lanes with large trucks, which are intimidating. This option is least likely to foster new ridership.

Your Feedback at CWCC March 11 Meeting

DOTE will present these options at the Camp Washington Community Council meeting on Monday, March 11, 2013. DOTE will share feedback that has been received prior to that meeting. *Link:* <http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/bikes/news/feedback-needed-on-spring-grove-ave-design-options/>

Camp Washington President Resigns

Joseph T. Gorman • Community Organizer

Robbe Bluestein has stepped down as president of the Camp Washington Community Council. Robbe worked hard on safety issues, and helped make the KaBoom playground build a success. Thanks for your service, Robbe!

A special election for a new president will occur at our next Council meeting, Jan. 14. Current CWCC Vice-President Bill Clark is acting president.

**Camp Washington Community Council
Regular Meeting • Monday, Jan. 14
7:00 - 8:00 p.m., 1201 Stock Street**

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Joseph Gorman *Community Organizer*
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