



# Newsletter

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**Camp Washington Community Council  
Holiday Dinner • Monday, Dec. 10 at 6:00 p.m.  
1201 Stock Street**

## Playground Build A Huge Success

Joseph T. Gorman • Community Organizer

Over 300 volunteers November 10 helped build a new playground and install a community garden. Humana Foundation brought over hundred employees, ninety students came from the University of Cincinnati, several students from Cristo Rey High School, and local residents and businesses pitched in to help. Special thanks to River City Correctional Center and for Talbert House for providing crews, especially for the prep days.

The Camp Washington Community Board received support from the Camp Washington Business Association, the Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC), Humana Foundation, and donors to complete the KaBoom Playground project. A plaque for donors will be mounted at the garden shed this Spring.

Thanks to all the committees: food (Mimi Rook, Laura Johnston, Kevin Rudemiller), tools (Kevin Rudemiller), fundraising/PR (Bob Lafka, Joe and Mimi), recruitment/volunteering (Jocelyn Gibson), registration (Ed & Joyce Smith and Minnie Watts), youth activities (Donna Bakke, Melinda Welch, Suzanne Fisher, and, logistics (Mimi, Robbe Bluestein, Bill Clark). Thanks to Zwick Entertainment, Compost Cincy, Michael Rece, and Bob Boehlein from CRC.

We will be making more improvements over the Winter. Please see [www.camp-wwashington.org](http://www.camp-wwashington.org) for more news, photos, and links. *(More photos on Page 2.)*



Team work makes the dream work!



KaBoom playground project ribbon-cutting.

## Rec Center Slated For Police Use

Joseph T. Gorman • Community Organizer

The Camp Washington Recreation Center is officially closed this month. Staff and equipment are being transferred to other centers. McKie Center in Northside will be the closest rec center for Camp residents and business employees to use.

The pool should remain open next year, but after that, City budget cuts may see them close as well.

The Cincinnati Police plan to move in the building beginning December 1. According to Lt. Lisa Davis, several exciting police programs are slated to be housed here, including, City Camp for youth 12-14; Citizen's On Patrol; and, Neighborhood Officers. The police are open for further suggestions, such as, having the youth adopt a raised bed to grow food in the new garden.

## Business Association Luncheon Nov. 20

Joseph T. Gorman • CWBA Executive Director

We host a rare Tuesday luncheon, due to Thanksgiving.

**Camp Washington Business Association  
Tuesday, November 20, 2012, Noon - 1 p.m.**

**Location: City of Cincinnati Permit Center,  
3300 Central Parkway**

**Members: free; Non-Members: \$5**

**Topic: Bike Lanes on Spring Grove Avenue**

**RSVP Joe 542-1637**



## More KaBoom Playground Pics



Humana volunteers assembling the raised-beds for the garden.



River City residents cutting wood on prep day.



A ton of mulch was used for the play area.



Community project leader Mimi Rook & local businessman Mike Rece were the dynamic duo for the event.

Mimi broke her leg a month ago, but it hardly slowed her down. She was involved in all aspects of the KaBoom project.

Mike excavated the play area site, then drilled all the holes for the playground equipment foundation. He and two helpers spent several hours at the site over four days.

## 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](http://www.camp-washington.org).

Residents are encouraged to call 542-1637 today!

## Colerain Apartments Is Next CWCB Project

PAUL RUDEMILLER • EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Camp Washington Community Board is nearing completion of 3073 Sidney Avenue and is expecting the closing purchase in early December.

Our next major project is 3206 Colerain Avenue (at Bates Alley). We have been tuck-pointing, painting the exterior, and cleaning the interior. This is a beautiful, well-preserved six-unit apartment building.

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**Wendy's Restaurant renovation is a big hit!  
Our new Hopple site is garnering a lot of buzz!**