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Business Association Continues Growth

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Since the reformation of the Camp Washington Business Association in 2006, we have seen both continued successful community projects, and continued growth and participation of new members.

Seventy-four (74) companies were members in good standing in 2013, including these first-time members: B & B Windows & Door LLC; E & T Real Estate Holdings; Gus Perdikakis Associates; Kokosing Construction Co.; and, Sustainergy.

The fourth annual golf outing held in June resulted in a great time for all. Plus, the funds raised helped the Community Board complete its 52nd house renovation and sale.

Graffiti is one of the biggest problems faced by our companies. Fortunately, the CWBA was able to testify against a graffiti artist during his trial, which resulted in a severe fine for restitution.

Working with the City's Senior Economic Development Analyst Sam Stephens, a plan for Spring Grove Streetscape improvements (south of Hopple Street) has begun. We hope to add new trees, better lighting, and spiff up the major intercessions with new pavers, plants, and punch-out curbs.

Thanks go to the current leadership team: President Matthew Lafkas; Vice-President Thom Deutsch; Secretary Matt Wagner, and, Treasurer Sue Ann Metzner (who replaced out-going Michelle Johnson). Mr. Lafkas continues the great work of our first and second presidents, R.J. Kuhn (Reliable Castings) and Charles "Chip" Wood, III (AARDCO).

Community Council Elections at Holiday Party Dec. 9 at Washington Church of Christ

JOSEPH GORMAN • COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

The Camp Washington Community Council meets Monday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Washington United Church of Christ, 2950 Sidney Avenue (at Rachel).

We will have food and drinks, door prizes after we hold elections for officers. Please consider throwing your hat into the ring and join us on the leadership team. Camp Washington has one of the lowest crime rates in the City, thanks to the leadership working with District 5 police. We also have a vibrant housing market here, and, with the help of the Community Board, the Council is proactively working hard to improve the quality of life in Camp.

We will also be selling annual Council memberships at \$5 each. This is a deal! Please call Joe at 542-1637 for info.

Kokosing Company Donates to Washington United Church of Christ Food Pantry

REV. PAM DEFUSCO • WUCC PASTOR



Kokosing's Vince Martini & Kyle Stalder with Rev. Pam.

Most people would agree that highway construction is an inconvenience, and it is.

However, when the work is completed and the new road is so much better and safer than the old, the inconvenience is forgotten. So, the inconvenience now will be forgotten later.

What will not be forgotten is how Kokosing Construction Company is making our community so much better through their generous contribution of food and money gifted to the Washington United Church of Christ Camp Cupboard and Closet and our other food programs.

The Washington Camp Cupboard and Closet offers food to families, seniors and homeless persons in need. We have seen so many more working families struggling to put food on the table. With this generous gift, we will be better able to serve our community which Kokosing Construction is now an important part.

"Be a good member of the community" is one of Kokosing's Core Values listed on their website (www.kokosingconstruction.com). Thank you Kokosing – you have certainly proved yourself a good member of the Camp Washington Community.

16th Annual River City Camp Washington Picnic A Great Success

JOSEPH GORMAN • COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

The 16th Annual River City Camp Washington Community Picnic was held Saturday, September 7 at Valley Park.

Games and giveaways such as air conditioners, microwaves, bikes and back packs full of school supplies were distributed to the 400 attendees.

The Camp Washington Community Council sold a bunch of the new t-shirts that were printed by T-shirts by Jay.



Folks enjoying the great food at the picnic.

Camp Washington Community School Continues Achievement Success

STEPHANIE CROW • INSTRUCTOR

Stop in to see what our GED program has to offer. Classes are held Tuesday and Thursday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Remember, the program will be changing in 2014, so enroll now and get started on 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.

GED classes are held at 2951 Sidney Ave. Call Stephanie at 542-1637 to enroll.



Hopple Interchange construction updates can be viewed on the web:
<http://www.i75millcreekexpressway.com/>

GREAT FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT!

MAD MAX BINGO

3301 Harrison Avenue

7 pm Friday; 6:30 pm Sunday; 241-3450

Orphan Benches Remain Despite Requests to the City to Remove

JOSEPH GORMAN • COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

Apparently, it is fine with the City of Cincinnati to allow a bench company to place their crappy benches on City sidewalks without any concern of the community. For nearly two years, Camp Washington Community Council has asked the City to remove the two orphan benches in front of Camp Washington Chili. They were installed when a bus stop was there, but that bus stop has been moved further west on Hopple. The benches are broken, unsightly, and rarely used. Can someone at City Hall help us get these benches removed?



Community Board

PAUL RUDEMILLER • EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Board recently sold a renovated house on Massachusetts to a new homeowner. We are moving forward on another house on Sidney, which already has a homebuyer. We acquired this house through the Hamilton County Land Bank. We will complete that house in 2014.

The community board also acquired a lot on Marshall Avenue through the Land Bank and have transferred that lot to Pride Industries for their land consolidation.

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