



Newsletter

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**Camp Washington Community Council
Meets Monday, Nov. 12, 7:00 p.m., Rec Center**

Playground Rebuild Nov. 10th!

Joseph T. Gorman • Community Organizer

The playground at the Camp Washington Recreation Center was burned down July 4th. Losing a prime playground in a central location has been hard on the kids in Camp.

The **Camp Washington Community Board**, with the support of the **Camp Washington Business Association**, and the **Cincinnati Recreation Commission**, has won a **KaBoom Playground Grant** to rebuild the playground. Major financial and company support is provided by the **Humana Foundation**.



You can help by volunteering. The community is providing one-hundred (100) volunteers, food, drinks, and tools for the two prep days

November 8 & 9, and for the **November 10th Build Day**. Humana will also bring one-hundred and twenty-five (125) employee volunteers on the Build Day. The goal is to complete the playground and garden in one day!

Committee chairpersons need your help, so please consider joining a committee: food (Laura 832-689-5101), tools (Kevin 314-2590), fundraising/PR (Joe), recruitment/volunteering (Jocelyn 746-8838), construction, green (Robbe 305-0506), youth activities (Donna and April 300-5985), and, logistics (Mimi 681-2157). Melinda is Community Engagement Chair (236-7653). You can call Joe Gorman at 542-1637 or email Joe at jgorman@fuse.net to volunteer.

Tax-deductible cash contributions are welcome. Please make checks payable to the **Camp Washington Community Board, Inc.**, 2951 Sidney Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45225.



Gateway Looking Good!

Joseph T. Gorman • Community Organizer

The Camp Washington Gateway at Hopple and Garrard continues to improve. Meyer Tool has added a beautiful metal fence around their newly-paved parking lot.



Planters Spiff Up the Neighborhood

Joseph T. Gorman • Community Organizer

A big thank you goes to the World Choir Games leaders and the City of Cincinnati for providing ten planters for Camp Washington. It is hoped that the planters will be adopted by businesses where they are placed. The garden Club will also help provide flowers and plantings next Spring.



UPDATE: The Camp Washington Urban Farm grant application to the feds came back denied. We have written to the Office of Community Services (economic development) to retrieve comments about the application.

Report Problems:
<http://cagismaps.hamilton-co.org/csrcincinnati/>

Newest Community Board House

PAUL RUDEMILLER • EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The Camp Washington Community Board is nearing completion of 3073 Sidney Avenue. As many of you know, this house once belonged to long-time resident Dorothy Kilburn, who passed away a few years ago. This house has been sold.

ODOT Hosts I-75 Meeting Jan. 18

Joseph T. Gorman • Community Organizer

ODOT hosts a Business Information/Outreach Meeting on January 18, 2013 between 10 a.m. and Noon. The meeting will be held at Cincinnati State.

To receive an invitation to the meeting, send Stefan Spinosa an email or give him a call:

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513-933-6639 • stefan.spinosa@dot.state.oh.us

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Business Association Luncheon

Joseph T. Gorman • CWBA Executive Director

Thanks to Reliable Castings for hosting and for Matt Lafkas for providing food for the Oct. 17 luncheon. Deputy Sheriff Sean Donovan spoke.



Tammy and RJ discuss business strategy.

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!

Camp Washington Community Garden

Mimi Rook • Garden Club

Huge shout outs to the incredible volunteers over the summer who endured drought and hot temperatures. Jocelyn, Sara, Sondra, and Jacqueline all pitched in to weed, clean up, plant, and harvest the many tomatoes, herbs, peppers that survived the heat.

Housing Conference in Cleveland

Joseph T. Gorman • Community Organizer

It's always a good idea to visit other neighborhoods and cities to provide a little perspective on what we're doing here in Camp Washington. Paul and I attended the Ohio Community Development Association annual conference in Cleveland, Ohio.

Cleveland and its neighborhoods have been hit very hard with housing foreclosures. Many homeowners are underwater with their mortgages as property values have plummeted. We visited neighborhoods where as much as 70% of the houses are vacant or have been torn down. Imagine that seven of ten houses on Sidney GONE! Thousands more of housing units need demolished.

There is a big effort to make community gardens in the vacated spaces. Having green space all around you may not be so bad; but, it sure is nice to have neighbors living around you, especially if you need some sugar or need to borrow some tools. The Camp Washington Community Board has reclaimed over fifty single family houses here in Camp. It would be hard to imagine what Camp would look like if these houses were gone.

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