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JANUARY EVENTS

- 14** **7:00PM**
Community Council Meeting
Washington United Church | 2950 Sidney Ave.
- 16** **Noon - 1:00PM**
Business Association Meeting
KAO USA
- 21** **Noon**
MLK Jr. Day of Service Trash Social
Meet at 2951 Sidney Ave.
- 26** **6:00PM - 9:00PM**
Opening Reception for Funniest Joke in Cincinnati
Wave Pool | 2940 Colerain Ave.

New Playground Installed in Valley Park

About a year ago, the neighborhood noticed that our children's playground equipment at Valley Park was falling apart and covered in splinters. Cincinnati Parks listened and found funding to install a brand new playground!

As part of the Neighborhood Enhancement Program, we are working with the city for additional improvements to Valley Park. Stay tuned!



Trash Social on Martin Luther King Jr. Day

As part of a day of service in honor of Martin Luther King Jr., Camp Washington will hold a Trash Social at noon on Monday, January 21. We will meet at the Camp Washington Neighborhood Center at 2951 Sidney Avenue, pick up trash for an hour or so, and then socialize with our neighbors at Camp Washington Chili, who will donate a cheese coney and a drink to each participant.

Trash Socials are a great way to not only clean up your neighborhood but also meet your neighbors. All ages are welcome! Call James at 513-256-8908 with questions.

Camp Washington Community Council Will Move Meetings to 1201 Stock Street on February 11

As part of the Neighborhood Enhancement Program, Camp Washington asked if we could use the old Rec Center at 1201 Stock Street as a meeting place. Ask and you shall receive! The Center's ADA-compliant Community Room, which is currently being used by the Cincinnati Police Department's Youth Services Unit, will be the new shared home of the Camp Washington Community Council starting at our February 11 meeting at 7pm.

Free Little Library Installed at Rachel and Sidney

Have you noticed the new little library at the corner of Rachel Street and Sidney Avenue at the Camp Washington Neighborhood Center? It's there because the neighborhood won a small grant from the Literacy Network of Greater Cincinnati, who provided the Free Little Library installation as well as an assortment of new and used books. The way the library works? Take what you can read, share what you're not reading – so you can take all of the books you want, but bring books back as you are finished with them.

If you have books on your shelves that you are not reading, please feel free to either put them directly in the box, or if the box is full, bring them into the Neighborhood Center. Call James at 513-256-8908 with questions.

Thank you, People's Liberty and Haile Foundation, For the Camp Washington Fun!

For the past year, the philanthropic organization People's Liberty has placed three of their Globe Grant winners in their Camp Washington space at 2840 Colerain Avenue. Over the course of a year, three unique "stores" were opened, including a poetry and spoken word shop, a fashion workshop for young adults, and an indoor skateboard park. People's Liberty, a five-year grant program in its last year, closed in late 2018, but not before bringing thousands of people to the neighborhood.

We would like to sincerely thank People's Liberty and the Haile Foundation for selecting Camp Washington as its Globe Grant location for this past year!



Recycling Reminders

Here's a reminder of what should and shouldn't be placed in the curbside cart:

ACCEPTED

- Bottles (empty, crush, reattach lid): Plastic bottles and jugs that have a small mouth and wider base, such as milk jugs, drink bottles, laundry detergent bottles, shampoo bottles and contact solution bottles
- Glass Bottles and Jars- wine, jelly, pickles, etc.
- Cans, Aluminum and Steel - soft drinks, canned vegetables, etc.
- Paperboard- such as cereal or instant potato boxes, frozen food boxes
- Cardboard- shipping boxes
- Paper- non-foil wrapping paper (remove ribbons), envelopes, copy paper, junk mail
- Newspapers, Magazines and Inserts
- Telephone Books and Catalogs
- Cartons for Food and Beverage- soup and broth, milk, juice, egg nog, etc.

NOT ACCEPTED

- Batteries
- Plastic Bags
- Bows and Ribbon
- Christmas Lights and Light Bulbs
- Yard Waste or Food
- Decorations
- Electronics
- Polystyrene Foam
- Aluminum Pie Plates
- Foil Wrapping Paper
- Plastic Tubs (such as butter and yogurt containers)

*There are alternate outlets for many of these items. Find a searchable list on the County's website: http://www.hamiltoncountyrecycles.org/residents/recycling_and_reuse_outlets

Artist in Residence Sophie Lindsey seeks for laughter in the Queen City

Wave Pool is excited to be welcoming UK-based, social practice artist, Sophie Lindsey for an 'Art Space Is Your Space' residency during the months of January and February 2019. During her time in Cincinnati she will be bringing together a range of voices and perspectives across the different communities through a portable Joke Booth. Funniest Joke in Cincinnati is a project that seeks to explore the identity of Cincinnati through the jokes told within it. There are many ways you can gain an understanding of a place through humor and the jokes told/shared within different communities. Many things influence the jokes we tell, from the personal such as your family, friends and specific experiences, to current affairs, political situations and local news. Humor is as subjective as art, with tastes varying depending on demographics, cultures and personal preferences. By mapping these differences she aims to build up an image of Cincinnati, in all its complexities. Taking place alongside a growing map in the gallery space, which will be open to the public with scheduled drop in events, allowing people to see the progress and continue to share jokes. The project will culminate with a chicken crossing the road parade, as well as the production of a small publication that brings together a selection of the jokes collected, creating a Pocket Joke Book, as a legacy of the Funniest Joke in Cincinnati.

Wave Pool is located at 2940 Colerain Avenue and is open to the public Wednesday – Saturday 12-5pm. More information can be found at www.wavepoolgallery.org

City's Neighborhood Enhancement Program Is Coming to Camp Washington!

The Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) is a 90-day collaborative effort between the City of Cincinnati, neighborhood residents, and community organizations.

Back in the fall, the city designated Camp Washington and South Cumminsville as the two Cincinnati neighborhoods who will participate in the Spring 2019 Neighborhood Enhancement Program. This is great news for the neighborhood!

Goals For the Neighborhood Enhancement Program

- Concentrating building code enforcement
- Engaging property owners and residents to create and sustain a more livable neighborhood
- Beautifying landscapes, streetscapes and public right of way
- Cleaning up streets, sidewalks, and vacant lots
- Identifying and "cooling down" crime hot spots

In order to prepare for Camp Washington's NEP, over the past two months, representatives from throughout the neighborhood have formed a steering committee to help determine what the needs most during this period. Through meeting in public forums throughout Camp, the committee created a list of Wish List and Signature projects to be considered for the project.

1. Left turn signals at Hopple and Colerain, medians with planters (like on MLK) added to Hopple - gateway traffic calming study
2. Repaving Bader Street / Henshaw Street
3. Bus Stop Signage removal at retired bus stops - Spring Grove Avenue
4. Weed overgrowth - Spring Grove between Bank to Hopple, also along I-75 from Bates south
5. Bike lane and arterial street sweeping
6. Non-arterial street sweeping with notification signs, the streets are not getting swept in Camp since the new DPS alternate week program began
7. flooding of basements since stormwater project 3 yrs ago
8. Alley clean up
9. New sidewalks, curbs, lights
10. Business district beautification - trees, planters, sidewalk improvements
11. Increase tree canopy throughout the neighborhood - especially along I-75 and Taft Field
12. Valley Park - new (already promised) playground , plus - fix or replace broken tables and benches, more trash cans, new & more pedestrian-safe lighting with secure electrical outlets for event usage, possible small stage for community events
13. Street lighting needed in dark unsafe areas - (i.e 2961 Sidney, the middle of the block is too dark), also inventory non-working street lights throughout neighborhood
14. Corner Sidewalks ADA Compliance Check & Fix - missing rubber mats, bad sidewalks
15. Community Space Activation - for pop-up community beer gardens, performances, etc.
16. Dough Boy Plaques - replace dedication/restoration plaque that was stolen
17. Enhanced traffic enforcement throughout neighborhood but especially on the arterials.
18. Pedestrian Crosswalk at Rachel St and Colerain Avenue

Signature projects are larger in scope and include:

1. CRC / Police Building recapture - create plan to allow Camp Washington back into their Rec Center (at least into the community room, but preferably we'd like a full CRC) after CPD Youth Services took the building several years ago, with promises for continued community use
2. Off-street public parking - identify additional parking solutions for business district

A public meeting will be held Monday, February 11, at 6pm, to talk to property owners in the neighborhood about the impact of the Neighborhood Enhancement Program on the community. City personnel will be on hand to answer your questions. The meeting will be held in the community room at 1201 Stock Street (the old Rec Center, now used as the Cincinnati Police Department Youth Services Unit headquarters).

The NEP period begins on March 1 and will run through May 31. Questions about the project? Call Community Organizer James Heller-Jackson at 513-256-8908.

Development News

Joseph Gorman, President & CEO
Camp Washington Community Board

Storage Facility on Arlington

Many people have been surprised to see a suburban house on the 6-story storage facility being built on Arlington at Colerain Avenue. This development is still under construction. It is a private storage unit facility that will meet the needs of folks downsizing who desire to store their stuff that their kids don't want!

Housing Development

There is a noticeable uptick in housing renovations and sales occurring the Camp right now. Special mention has to include 3063, 3069 and 3073 Henshaw, 3065 Sidney, 3079 and 3087 Massachusetts, and, 2925, 2936, 2928 and 2956-58 Sidney. Most of these rehabs were done by either new homeowners or independent contractors who see Camp as a viable place to develop.



Sisters of Charity Invests in Camp Washington

Since 1975, the Community Board has worked with neighborhood residents and businesses to create a safe and affordable neighborhood. Our Mad Max Bingo, at 3301 Harrison Avenue, has been a big contributor of funds that has enabled us to renovate and sell fifty-two (52) houses, and to renovate many more apartment units. We have begun seeking independent developers and homeowners to do their own renovations. We have received another round of funds from the Sisters of Charity to work on the remaining difficult housing units. These houses need extensive work. We have long offered affordable housing opportunities to many residents in Camp over the years. These new funds will help us renovate several units of housing, which should be done by June of this year.

Nuisance Abatement Projects

The Camp Washington Community Board has successfully completed nine abatements, where we sue a derelict property owner, make improvements to bring the house back on line. We are working with the City's Legal Department to obtain three more properties to fix up. The most recent abatement project involves 2878 Sidney Avenue. Artist Lacey Haslam is completing the abatement of this 3-unit building that includes a garage. The CWCB has been working with Lacey to get this building occupied!

Community Board Sponsors Made in Camp Plan

The City of Cincinnati voted to endorse our Made in Camp plan in June 2018. Many hours of work, with input from residents, artists, and businesses in several open meetings, emails, etc. led to the formation of the community plan. Special thanks to the staff at Urban Fast Forward for leading the community through the plan process. This gives Camp Washington an official blueprint to work with the City to make big improvements here involving transportation issues, land-use planning, commercial and residential development.

Community Council meets Monday, January 14th at 7:00 PM at Washington United Church

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