

SPRING GROVE VILLAGE

NOVEMBER COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, November 12

St. Bernard's Annex
745 Derby Avenue

6:30 p.m. | Pie and Election

7:00 p.m. | Council Meeting
(adjourn by 9:00 PM)

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

You are invited to the next SGV Community Council meeting featuring:



EVE BOLTON, CINCINNATI SCHOOL BOARD

An elected board member since 2008 and past board president, Eve was instrumental in helping to establish the CANS School. She will share with us the new CPS Strategic Plan. This will be a valuable opportunity to ask questions about our public schools.

Contact Eve: 513-363-0040 or boltone@cps-k12.org



SGV 2.0 NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

We're going to walk through the goals and projects being proposed for our new neighborhood plan. Come out and discover the future being envisioned for SGV. This will become our work plan for the next few years so consider how these projects might affect you and maybe find something that interests you.

More info: <https://tinyurl.com/y2mpsf54>



LOCATION: ST. BERNARD'S ANNEX

This month we are returning to our roots at St. Bernard's Annex and we will host our annual elections for Community Council Board. Learn about the big plans for dedicating this meeting hall to former pastor Fr. Jim Shappelle - to be named the Shappelle Center. Enjoy Graeter's pumpkin pie and vote at 6:30 before the meeting begins at 7:00 pm.

More info: <http://www.stbernardcincy.org/>

Each monthly Community Council meeting is a great opportunity to learn about what's happening around the city and the neighborhood. From reports by police and fire officials to presentations from guest speakers to community conversations, you will have a chance to hear input and ask questions. More importantly, it's a great place to meet new people and catch up with those you already know.

Your presence and participation make this a stronger, friendlier community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

<p>11/5 ELECTION DAY</p>	<p>11/12 SGV Comm Council Meeting & Elections St. Bernard's Annex</p>	<p>11/23 Studio Art Collection Show Harmony Lodge</p>	<p>11/27 Community Thanksgiving Service Matthew Church</p>	<p>12/6 Annual Crib Lighting 638 E. Epworth</p>
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COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING REPORT: OCTOBER

BY LIZ VIRGO, COMMUNITY COUNCIL SECRETARY

In October, SGV residents gathered at 80 Acres Urban Agriculture on Este Avenue for our monthly meeting. Some community members arrived early for pizza and a tour of the indoor farm. 80 acres also provided some of their delicious greens, cucumbers, and tomatoes for community members to enjoy with an olive oil dressing. Following the food and tour, the meeting began with reports from our local Fire Department and District 5 police station. After these reports, our host Liz of 80 Acres gave a presentation. 80 Acres strives to produce sustainable, nutritious, delicious, locally grown, safe and pesticide free agriculture wherever they are located, and Spring Grove Village is fortunate to be the home of one of their 5 locations across the country.

Pete Metz, who is originally from Spring Grove Village, presented from the Department of Transportation. Metz discussed Issue 22, which will be voted on November 5. Metz urged community members to vote Yes on Issue 22 to bring \$160 million for transportation and infrastructure into the city. Metz stated that anyone who lives or works in this city taxes pay for public transportation. These taxes provide 14 million rides on an unsustainable budget. The bus system is not connected to the places it needs to go and is dysfunctional, and will disappear in coming years if nothing is done. Metz claimed that supporting Issue 22 would bring: 8 new routes running east to west, 24 hour service on the top 6 lines, increased run times to every 15 minutes for most busses, better weekend service, longer running spans, expanded hours for express busses downtown, and expanded services for special needs riders. Further, Metz explained that most of the taxes raised by Issue 22 will be paid by visitors to this city, and if you live in Cincinnati and make more than \$16,000 per year, your taxes will actually go down. The city has called for this change for 50 years, but we are currently closer than ever to actually changing the system with Issue 22.

Assistant City Manager Sheryl Long also presented. She is the former City Administrator of North College Hill. She is a mother, born and raised in Cincinnati. Long manages several city departments ,such as Waterworks, MSD, Planning, Transportation and more. She emphasized the importance of a neighborhood plan, especially as development happens, and applauded Gary for asking how the information from our presenters fit with our SGV 2.0 plan throughout the meeting. When a resident asked how we will address the significant re-urbanization of certain areas, Long explained that we have to keep the issues relevant and hold city council accountable.

Also shared were the SGV 2.0 Committee and Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) reports. The SGV 2.0 team received feedback at their event on October 5 and the committee is working that feedback into the current plan. The committee asked residents that did not make the event to go to the SGV 2.0 website and submit feedback there. The NSP report showed that all 2019 NSP funds have been used and Gary's budget proposal for the 2020 NSP funds were immediately voted on and approved. Community Council Board elections will be held on November 12 at the monthly council meeting, and several current board members are up for re-election, At the last Community Council meeting, the Equitable Development Rubric was presented, and the Board is interested in community input on endorsing this rubric to the city. Gary reminded residents of volunteer opportunities and distributed a handout. Gary informed us that Spring Grove Village will be a TIF district. TIF is a funding program, which we will learn about at our December Community Council meeting. Gary also informed the attendees that the owners of Harmony Lodge have decided to sell. This building is a fixture in our neighborhood, and Gary is hoping to have our next council meeting there.



October Community Council meeting at 80 Acres Farms

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BY GARY ROBBINS, COMMUNITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

1. Police are reporting that 2 of the 4 youths involved last month in an armed robbery on Doberrer have been arrested and the remaining 2 are still at large. Thank you to our District 5 Police for their diligence in following up on this case of violence in our neighborhood. We're sorry to report that yet another gun incident occurred recently on Orient Avenue. One person was injured and the two who attempted robbery are at large. Police are asking for help from anyone who might know something or have cameras that might have relevant content. Please, let's all be vigilant. If you know something, say something by calling Cincinnati Police Anonymous tip line at 513-352-3040. We will ask District 5 Police to give us a report at our next Council meeting. A reminder that an alternative to calling Emergency 911 is to use the Police Dispatch Non-Emergency number: 513-765-1212.
2. Some of you may already know that Harmony Lodge is being sold. It is sad to note that the two barbershop chorus groups (Delta Kings and Southern Gateway) are relocating to a new location in Fairfield. Rumor is that a new owner has already bid for the building – stay tuned for details. Let's hope they will be as neighborhood-friendly as the folks at Harmony Lodge have been. We are planning to host our December Community Council meeting at Harmony Lodge with a chance to reminisce more about our good neighbors.
3. The Southwest Ohio Air Quality Agency has completed another round of air sampling and released a new report on air quality in and around our area (see attached flier).
4. Many of you around the neighborhood have received a letter from the city regarding a new TIF (Tax Increment Financing) District being established in our area. Because of the many questions folks have raised about what this is and how it will impact us, we've arranged for a representative from the city to come out to explain it at our December community council meeting and answer questions.
5. Look for all our neighborhood events posted online at: www.MySGV.org/events. And if you have events of interest to neighbors, please let us know: springgrovevillage@gmail.com.

OCTOBER PROPERTY TAX MEETING

BY JERRY CARRICO, COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOARD MEMBER

The October 17 meeting of the Property Tax Work Group featured Art Dahlberg, Director of Buildings and Inspections of the City Planning Department. He went into depth explaining the inspection and citation process. Although it may seem that people are being cited just to create a revenue stream for the city, the citations are only being issued because the law requires it. When the department receives a complaint regarding a property, they have to investigate within a few days (whether the complaint was lodged anonymously, by the community council, or an irate neighbor). Most citations occur because of safety concerns. If the building is found in violation, the inspector tries to contact the occupant and/or owner. If contact is not possible, the citation is taped to the door. If the citation is ignored, the fine continues to increase until court proceedings follow and/or a lien is attached to the property. In some cases, the owner was in the hospital or out of town and knew nothing about the citation. If this is substantiated, they go back to square one (reducing the fine) and work with the owner to get the property up to code. Questions were asked about developers trying to pressure someone to sell. All complaints must be investigated the same way by law. He said that about 40% of complaints are dismissed as unfounded. In cases where the owner is of modest means and simply cannot afford to repair the property (and cannot fix it themselves), the department puts them in contact with various resources such as People Working Cooperatively, veterans organizations, Habitat for Humanity, etc. to help them resolve the issue. They are not heartless but are required by law to follow through. He said they want to hire someone with a background in social work to help with these situations, but of course, funding is the issue. Be sure to keep up with the issues of property tax at www.cincinnati-oh.gov/propertytaxproject.



INTRODUCING SGV'S NEWEST BUSINESS

BY GARY ROBBINS, COMMUNITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Aretha Furr has lived on Circle Avenue for 17 years. She runs a small before & after school care (Lil Peep's Latchkey) from her home. She shuttles kids to/from home/school, sometimes beginning at 4 am. You may have seen her white van around the neighborhood. Aretha spawned a new idea: to use her new 12-passenger van as a shuttle service when not taking care of kids. She has started a new business, A-List Transportation Service, to shuttle people for special events like weddings, bridal showers, group outings, shopping, etc. We wish her well in this new venture. Aretha can be reached at 513-535-6757. By the way, she is the one with the immaculate yard on the corner of Circle & Derby. If you see her around, please give a wave!



SGV 2.0 UPDATE

BY GARY ROBBINS, COMMUNITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Thank you to the many neighbors who participated in our SGV 2.0 Open House, Pints, Pathways, & the Planning for the Future of SGV, on October 5. Many good ideas and conversations were added to our Goals and Projects boards. We will be talking about some of the results at our next Council meeting. You can still view this work and make comments by going to:

<https://tinyurl.com/y2mpsf54>. And we hope to have a draft report ready by our December council

25TH ANNUAL STUDIO COLLECTION HOLIDAY SALE

BY GARY ROBBINS, COMMUNITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

For more than two decades, Studio Collection has been hosted at Harmony Lodge, right here in the heart of Spring Grove Village. And if you've never stopped in, you're missing an incredible setup of fine art and crafts arranged throughout the beautifully decorated hall. Stop in on Saturday, 11/23 from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm and find hospitality and an enjoyable display of art. You won't be disappointed. Learn more at: <https://www.facebook.com/CincyStudioCollection/>

25th annual Studio Collection Sale
Sara Caswell-Pearce Judy Dominic Jennifer Gleason
Renee Harris Emily Howard Lisa Inglert
Terri Kern Pam Korte Mary Mark
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DO YOU HAVE FALL LEAVES YOU NEED TO GET RID OF? GIVE THEM TO THE COMMUNITY GARDEN!

Leaves are a great layer to add to garden beds over winter. Please feel free to leave your bags of leaves outside the fence of the SGV Community Garden on Chickering Avenue at E. Epworth.

Your community gardeners thank you!

CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CAP)

FOR LOW-INCOME SENIORS



SAVE
25%
 Off
 YOUR SEWER BILL

The Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati (MSD) offers a Customer Assistance Program (CAP) to help low-income senior citizens pay their sewer bills. If you meet the MSD CAP eligibility requirements, you will receive a 25% discount on your monthly sewer charges. The estimated annual savings for a MSD senior customer is \$120 (or more) per year. Eligibility is based on age, income, and property ownership; please see details on back.

3 Easy Steps to Apply

1. Complete Application
2. Attach Documents
3. Send to MSD

Eligibility

If you meet the MSD CAP eligibility requirements, you will receive a 25% discount on your monthly sewer charges. Following approval, your 25% discount will be applied to the sewer charges beginning on the next full billing cycle.

To be eligible for the MSD CAP you must:

- Be 65 years of age or older.
- Have an Ohio Adjusted Gross Income (OAGI) of no more than \$32,800 for 2019. The income limit applies to the combined income of you and your spouse.
- Own and live in the residence for which you are paying the MSD sewer bill.

Documentation Required

Documentation is required to be submitted with the application.

- Proof of Age
- Proof of Income

Annual Renewal

MSD will notify you each year when it is time to renew your enrollment in the customer assistance program.



September 2019

Air Quality in Winton Terrace and Spring Grove Village

Recent air studies show that air quality in the Winton Terrace and Spring Grove Village (Winton Place) meets air quality standards that protect human health. In addition, according to the U.S. EPA Toxic Release Inventory, air emissions from the 45232 ZIP code have dropped by more than 80 percent since 2007.

Neighborhood Monitoring History

During the last two decades, residents in the Winton Terrace, Winton Hills and Spring Grove Village areas have expressed concerns about air quality to the Southwest Ohio Air Quality Agency (SWOAQA). Several air studies have been conducted to determine if air quality protects people's health and the environment.

In 1997 and 1998, U.S. EPA conducted a comprehensive air monitoring study in Winton Place and Winton Hills due to community concern. There were five separate monitoring locations in the Winton Place/Winton Hills community for this study. Volatile organic compounds, semi-volatile compounds, metals, acid gases and ammonia were monitored. After reviewing all the data, U.S. EPA stated, "It is also important to understand that the concentrations found in the Winton Hills/Place communities are not uncommon compared to other urban communities".

In 2007, SWOAQA contracted with an outside toxicology consultant (Toxicology Excellence for Risk Assessment) to review the 2007 air toxics data collected by the SWOAQA in Addyston, Carthage, Lower Price Hill, Reading and Winton Place. The study found Winton Place had the lowest additional risk of all five sites based on the data. It also concluded that none of the chemicals had an individual cancer risk greater than 1 in 100,000, which is considered an acceptable risk level by U.S. EPA.

Recent Monitoring

Most recently in December 2018, SWOAQA, in coordination with Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), conducted air quality monitoring in the area. This air quality monitoring included both portable, real-time "loop" monitoring and fixed-site monitoring.

Loop monitoring involved measuring total volatile organic compounds using a portable instrument at 20 locations throughout Winton Terrace, Winton Hills, Spring Grove Village, Elmwood Place and St. Bernard. This air monitoring was conducted from December 2018 through August 2019. During the loop monitoring, no values exceeded 0.500 parts per million (ppm) action level for a sustained period of one minute; therefore, no additional air samples were taken as a result. Also, eight 24-hour air samples were collected at two different locations, one in Winton Terrace and the other in Spring Grove Village. These air samples were analyzed for more than 60 different volatile organic compounds (VOCs). These samples were taken when the winds were blowing from the industrial facilities toward the community. One fixed monitoring site was located on Craft Street in Winton Terrace and the other was on Circle Avenue in Spring Grove Village. These samples were taken in December 2018, January 2019, July 2019 and August 2019. Out of the 60 VOCs sampled, no compounds were detected that exceeded specified minimum risk levels.

Ohio EPA and Ohio Department of Health have reviewed the above air monitoring results and concluded that the detected levels do not pose a concern to public health.

Air Quality in Winton Terrace and Spring Grove Village

Neighborhood Air Canisters Available

SWOAQA has placed three canisters with instructions in the neighborhoods so citizens can take an instantaneous air sample when odors are present. To date, no citizen air canister samples have been taken. The three canisters in the neighborhood for citizens to take an instantaneous sample are located at the following:

- Winton Hills Academy, 5300 Winneste Avenue
- Winton Hills Recreation Center, 5170 Winneste Avenue
- Cincinnati Fire Department, Station 38, 730 Circle Avenue

These canisters will remain at the above sites through December 2019.

Additional Air Quality Information

Additional information regarding air quality in the Winton Terrace area since 2007 based on Title V permit emission reports includes:

- sulfur dioxide emissions from major industries in the Winton Terrace area have decreased by more than 99 percent;
- fine particulate emissions from major industries in the Winton Terrace area have decreased by more than 86 percent;
- nitrogen oxide emissions from major industries in the Winton Terrace area have decreased by more than 80 percent;
- volatile organic compound emissions from major industries in the Winton Terrace area have decreased by more than 42 percent; and
- lead emissions from major industries in the Winton Terrace area have decreased by over 99.9 percent.

Contact

SWOAQA will continue to monitor air quality to follow up on complaint investigations. To register an air quality complaint, please visit www.southwestohioair.org or call SWOAQA at 513-946-7777. For more information please feel free to contact Brad Miller with SWOAQA at 513-946-7777 or brad.miller@hamilton-co.org or Heather Lauer at Ohio EPA at 614-644-2160 or heather.lauer@epa.ohio.gov. In addition, data collected from January 2019 through August 2019 is posted on the SWOAQA website: www.southwestohioair.org/monitoring/winton_terrace.



Spring Grove Village

*2019 Annual
Crib Lighting*

*Friday
December 6th
6:30-7:00 pm*



*Lighting of the Crib
Placement of Infant Jesus
Candlelight Prayer & Carols*

*Shomaker Commons
(638 East Epworth Ave)*

Community Thanksgiving Service



Matthew Church
Winton Community Free Methodist Church
St. Bernard Church
Winton Place Youth Center

would like to invite you to our annual

Community Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, Nov 27 at 7 p.m.

at Matthew Church 717 E. Epworth Ave

You are also invited to stay for light refreshments
after the service.