

SPRING GROVE VILLAGE



MARCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, March 10

Gray Road Church of Christ
4826 Gray Road
6:30 p.m. | Pizza
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:



HOW CINCINNATI USES DATA

CincyInsights is the City's official visual data portal. How is this data used to make Cincinnati more efficient? How does CincyInsights make your daily life safer and better? Representatives from the Office of Performance & Data Analytics will provide us an overview of the data and tools used by city departments every day.

Learn more: <https://insights.cincinnati-oh.gov/>



SGV 2.0
THE SPRING GROVE VILLAGE
NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

SGV 2.0 NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

Good work on our plan is continuing! Community members met recently to discuss potential future land use of the neighborhood and to articulate a vision statement for SGV. You'll want to see this draft work and add your thoughts and ideas! You'll also get to see the latest project being considered for each of our pathways.

Learn more: <https://tinyurl.com/y2mpsf54>



LOCATION: GRAY ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

Come out and meet Pastor Jeremy Flowers, Sr. to learn about the many programs and services offered by this family-friendly congregation. You have probably driven by this church on Gray Road and seen the building expansions. Join us there for our March Community Council meeting and have a look around.

Learn more: <https://www.facebook.com/grayroadcoc/> or 513-541-4100

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>3/4 SGV 2.0 Steering Committee Mtg St. Bernard's Annex 745 Derby</p>	<p>3/10 SGV Community Council Meeting Gray Road Church of Christ 4826 Gray</p>	<p>3/14 Neighborhood Summit Xavier University Cintas Center</p>	<p>3/23-27 Blitz Week Dumpster located at Hand & Doberrer</p>	<p>SAVE THE DATE 4/18 WPYC Silent Auction & Dinner Gray Road Church of Christ 4826 Gray</p>
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Questions about the newsletter? Contact SGV Newsletter Editor Sarah Maguire: sgvnewseditor@gmail.com

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING REPORT: FEBRUARY

BY LIZ VIRGO, COMMUNITY COUNCIL SECRETARY

Residents of Spring Grove Village gathered at the monthly Community Council Meeting on February 11 at Winton Preparatory Academy. Principal Zakia McKinney welcomed us and shared some information about Winton Prep. The K-8 school is currently home to 343 students, about 15 of whom come from our neighborhood. There is an immediate need for a volunteer in the school's library and anyone that might be interested should contact their office. Council members were especially enthused about Winton Prep's Princess ballet program, which teaches ballet to 43 girls in the school who then put on a public performance (open to community members).

Our first guest speaker was Carla Walker, the City's Climate Advisor in the Office of Environment and Sustainability. She explained that in December 2018, because of Cincinnati's Green Cincinnati Plan, we were awarded acceptance into the American Cities Climate Challenge (ACCC), a 2-year initiative that provides 25 cities with resources for the acceleration of climate initiatives. Carla is working on implementing some of these initiatives, like WarmUp Cincy and Electric Vehicle (EV) Readiness programs. WarmUp Cincy provides energy efficiency services for residents that might not otherwise be able to afford them, including some renters, multi-family homes, and families at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines. This program has funding from Duke Energy for about 400 families over the next 5-6 years. The EV Readiness program is an informational program about electric vehicles as the city has an initiative to encourage more electric vehicles.

We also heard from speakers promoting candidates that will be on the 3/17 Primary Ballot. Michele Kinkele spoke on behalf of Christine Patel running for Drug Court Judge. Connie Pillich spoke about her candidacy for County Commissioner. We wrapped up our meeting with announcements from our Vice President Jerry Carrico regarding a proposed ordinance for TIF transparency, a draft permit to install an anaerobic digester in St. Bernard, and the past District 5 Resource Meeting.



February SGV Community Council Meeting at Winton Prep



Carla Walker



Connie Pillich

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BY GARY ROBBINS, COMMUNITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

At our March Council meeting we'll be learning about CincyInsights, which the City's Office of Performance & Data Analytics (OPDA) has created to provide access to some incredible data tools. Every city department maintains data in their operations—think traffic stops, potholes filled, permits issued, tax abatement, etc. These data sets are gathered by OPDA to monitor performance and to continuously improve service delivery. In addition, this data is available to us citizens in the form of interactive dashboards—convenient, user-friendly displays of data that are current and up-to-date. How could we benefit from accessing and using this data – permit requests, traffic reports, street maintenance, etc.? Hope you are curious and come out for this interesting presentation.

We haven't had a general neighborhood clean-up day in a while. Please set aside some time on Saturday, 3/21 for a Clean-Up Day. It will begin with refreshments and directions for what areas of the neighborhood could use some attention. It will conclude at noon with a fantastic cookout at Hannaford Park sponsored by Dan McCabe of Environmental Enterprises. Let's make this a good clean up day for the neighborhood. See attached flier for details.

WPYC SILENT AUCTION & DINNER

BY JAMIESON WILLIAMS, WPYC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2020 marks a new decade and a new way to approach WPYC's Annual Silent Auction! **This year, our Silent Auction is an evening event on Saturday, April 18 from 4-7 pm** at Gray Road Church of Christ. Admittance is \$15 per person and includes a tasty, southern-style dinner for all.

This year's Grand Raffle prizes are:

- \$500 Kroger Gift Card
- \$400 Amazon Gift Card
- \$250 Marathon Gas Gift Card
- \$250 Findlay Market Gift Card



WPYC Silent Auction & Dinner

Saturday, April 18 | 4-7pm
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4826 Gray Road

Raffle prices are \$1 per ticket, 6 tickets for \$5, and 15 tickets for \$10.

Tickets can be purchased at the event or on our website: www.wpyouthcenter.org.

Proceeds from this fundraiser keeps the Winton Place Youth Center open to serve the many youth of our neighborhood. Your support will allow WPYC to provide academic assistance, mentorship, and service learning opportunities for our students. With your help, we can grow and serve more students!

SGV COMMUNITY GARDEN 2020!

BY ANDREA FARMER, SGV COMMUNITY GARDEN SECRETARY

The SGV Community Garden is pleased to announce that the daffodils are peeping up and **SPRING IS COMING!** We have lots of newly-built garden beds and would love to welcome anyone with an interest in gardening. New gardeners or seasoned veterans, you are all **VERY WELCOME TO JOIN US!**

We will start working in the garden in March/April, as the weather permits. Plots are \$25 per season, from March through October. Please contact Mrs. Nannie Oliver at 542-8440 for more information. We'll see you in the garden!



SGV MOSAIC WORKSHOP

BY KATE BALL, SGV RESIDENT

As an artist who moved to Spring Grove Village recently, I was excited to work on a community project in my new neighborhood. When I was contacted about a Starfire grant program, I looked forward to trying a new artistic medium, meeting my new neighbors, and adding some flair to the neighborhood.

Starfire is a Cincinnati organization that supports people with developmental disabilities and their families by helping them build relationships and community. Their 2019 summer/fall program provided grants to individuals for projects that bring people together.

After considering a number of possibilities for my project, I decided on a workshop to make mosaic address signs, and recruited participants through NextDoor. Residents from SGV, College Hill, and Northside attended my workshop in November, and created some beautiful work! We used glass tiles, stained glass pieces, broken glass work, and ceramics from Flamingo Haven Antique Mall in SGV and Scrap It Up, a non-profit arts and crafts resale shop in Pleasant Ridge.

I loved getting to know my neighbors while creating beautiful works of art and learning new techniques. It would be great to work on more projects like this in our neighborhood—this experience gave me a lot of ideas. Check out some of the mosaic signs we made (right) and keep an eye out for future workshops and projects!



ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD BLITZ

BY GARY ROBBINS

Every year the City offers each neighborhood a clean-up opportunity:

Blitz Week. From Monday, March 23 at 9 am until Friday, March 27 at 9 am we will all have access to a dumpster located near the intersection of Hand and Doberrer Avenues.

Take advantage of this free dumpster to clean out clutter and junk from in and around your house. You may have missed this opportunity in the past because the dumpster was already full! Junk can also be set out next to the dumpster if necessary—the city uses a claw rig to clean out (and around) the dumpster every morning. There are restrictions on what you can dump and what must be set outside, e.g. tires. See attached flier for details.

Most items can be set out at the curb any week of the year if you alert the city that you need a special pickup (513-591-6000). However, on Friday, March 27, the city will be in SGV and will pick up items out on the curb. We need to let them know where such pick-ups are so call 513-542-1750 ahead of time. Also, if you need assistance with setting something out, call us and we'll try to help.



A HISTORY OF SPRING GROVE VILLAGE

BY GARY ROBBINS

Spring Grove Village has a story—it begins in the 1700s when settlers first discovered the fertile soil along the Mill Creek Valley. Check out the other major milestones along the way following this picture timeline - best viewed by following this online link: <https://tinyurl.com/unm5epn>.

Thank you to UC DAAP Urban Planning Students, Serena Powell and Sophia Ferries-Rowe, for creating this useful graphic.



2020 NEIGHBORHOOD SUMMIT

BY GARY ROBBINS

Each year, community members come together to learn from each other at the Neighborhood Summit at Xavier University's Cintas Center. This year the Summit is on Saturday, March 14 from 8 am-3 pm (free breakfast bar and boxed lunch are included) and the theme of the event is "My Neighborhood Counts. Everybody Counts."



Interesting workshops are held throughout the day featuring topics about housing, community engagement, sustainability, collaboration, development, health, youth initiatives, and budgeting. City departments and other community groups have information tables as well. It's a great place to get ideas for building neighborhood connections and to meet other community-minded folks. Invite a friend or neighbor and come for as long as you can—you won't be disappointed. Register here: <http://www.investinneighborhoods.org/summit-registration/>

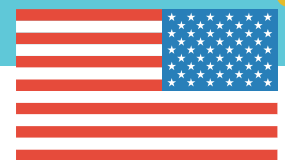
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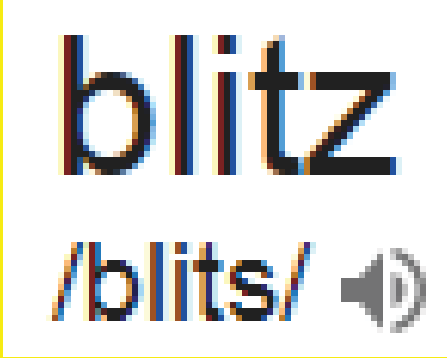
BY GARY ROBBINS

Don't forget that the 2020 Primary Election is coming up on Tuesday, March 17.

Polls are open from 6:30 am-7:30 pm. A wide selection of candidates are vying for your support to get on the general election ballot in November. AND, a very important county-wide issue is on the ballot—the sales tax levy to support SORTA and upgrades to our local transportation system.

Do your civic duty and acquaint yourself with your choices—see the 2020 Primary Voter Guide provided to you by the Cincinnati League of Women Voters and distributed with this newsletter.





1. *noun*
an intensive or sudden military attack.
2. *informal*
a sudden, energetic, and concerted effort, typically on a specific task.
"a major clean-up blitz"

ANNOUNCING

Spring Grove Village "Blitz" Clean-up

Since the City of Cincinnati Public Services Department has moved to a four-day trash collection schedule, the fifth day (Friday) is designated for neighborhood "Blitz" clean-ups. Our "SGV Blitz" clean-up is coming up!

- **SGV Blitz Clean Up Day:** **Friday, March 27th**

- **Greenspace & Street Cleaning:** Teams will be working in our neighborhood the entire week (**Monday, March 23rd - Friday, March 27th**)

- **Dumpster:** We will have one (20yd.) dumpster available for neighborhood use throughout the week. It will be delivered on **Monday, March 23rd by 9:00am** and removed on **Friday, March 27th by 9:00am**. If you find the dumpster is full, just set to the side. The dumpster will be emptied daily. It will be located on Hand Ave near Doberer.

- **Attention:** Do Not put paint cans, oil, liquids of any kind, propane tanks, gas cans or helium tanks in dumpsters.

- **Bulk Items:** Mattress Sets, Furniture, Large TV's, Tables, Appliances will be collected on Friday, March 27th. (set out at curb). Or you may put items into dumpsters. **Call 542-1750 if you need assistance.**

- **Tires:** Stack tires outside of dumpster and the City will collect them on Friday, March 27th.

We've asked the City to target a number of areas around the neighborhood for clean-up. They include: numerous potholes throughout the neighborhood, graffiti on walls and poles, mud on sidewalks and several dumpsites.

Let's use this opportunity to spruce up our neighborhood. Clean out your garage and basement and get rid of the junk. Questions? Call 542-1750.

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Adopt-A-Block

Neighbors working together to keep Spring Grove Village litter-free and looking beautiful.



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Spring Grove Village



2020

Clean-Up Day

Saturday, March 21st

- 8:30am** **Donuts, Coffee, Juice**
(St. Bernard's Parking Lot)
- 9:00am** **Neighborhood Clean-up**
- 12:00 pm** **Lunch, music & fun - Hannaford Park (Mellwood Ave.) (complements Dan McCabe – Env. Ent.)**
Pick-up Stick Challenge Contest
(complements – Cincinnati Coin Laundry)

What to bring: You, your kids, your friends and neighbors. Gloves, bags and pick-up sticks provided. On Saturday we will focus on cleaning up public areas around the neighborhood.

At noon: Please join together for Dan's famous grill-out in the park.

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Adopt-A-Block Committee

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Winton Place Youth Center

SILENT AUCTION

GAMES • PRIZES • FRIENDS

& Buffet



NEW TIME - NEW LOCATION - GRAY RD CHURCH

SAT, APRIL 18TH, 2020 • 4:00PM-7:00PM

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