

SPRING GROVE VILLAGE

JUNE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, June 11

Clifton Area Neighborhood School
3711 Clifton Avenue

6:00 p.m. | Pizza & Tour of School

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:



PRINCIPAL JAMES ZOLLER, CANS

Come out to meet the Principal of the new Clifton Area Neighborhood School (CANS). James spent four years as a building administrator in the Lakota Local School District. He was also a classroom teacher for nine years with Wyoming City Schools. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Virginia as well as a Master of Education degree from Xavier University.

Contact James: 513-363-6500 or zollerj@cpsboe.k12.oh.us



RONETTA ENGRAM, CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTER

The City of Cincinnati operates a customer service center where requests for city services can be placed (potholes, downed trees, litter, etc.). Service requests can be submitted online at www.591-6000.com, by calling 591-6000 or from a mobile app, Fix It Cincy. Ronetta Engram, Manager of the City's Customer Service Center, will help us understand how this process works.

Place a service request: 513-591-6000 or www.591-6000.com



LOCATION: CLIFTON AREA NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL

Finally, the new school will be opening this fall on Clifton Ave - serving pre-K through 2nd graders. This is your chance to tour the school located by the fountain on Clifton Avenue and meet the new principal, James Zoller. Parking is available on McAlpin Avenue and at Cincinnati Recreation Center behind the school.

Learn more: 513-363-6500 or <https://cliftonarea.cps-k12.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

6/8 Spring Grove Village Pool Opens SGV Rec Area 634 Hand	6/10-6/14 Blitz Week City of Cincinnati dumpsters will be available for use!	6/11 Community Council Meeting Clifton Area Neighborhood School (CANS) 3711 Clifton	6/19 Picnic-in-the-Park SGV Rec Area (formerly Winton Commons Park) 634 Hand	SGV 2.0 Working Group Meetings See flyer for meeting times and more info!
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COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING REPORT: MAY

BY SARAH MAGUIRE, COMMUNITY COUNCIL SECRETARY

May's Community Council started out in the spring air at Evergreen Holistic Learning Center. This beautiful property on Winton Ridge is owned by Joan Barlage, and her daughter, Kate Nordyke. Evergreen offers school programs so that children can learn about growing. And 90% of the produce grown on the property is distributed through churches in food desert areas. Joan and Kate also bake vegan zucchini treats that are sold at Kroger and Whole Foods with proceeds going to support Evergreen programs. Joan also wanted to SGV residents to know they are welcome any time.

Report from Engine Co. 38 included 247 service calls in April (212 EMS, 21 fire, 14 non-fire). May's topic is grilling safety! Make sure your grill is at least 10 feet away from all structures while grilling. Leave the lid open while lighting and put lighter fluid away where kids can't get it! Fire pits should be at least 50 feet from any building and should be in a fire-approved container. If a neighbor has a fire and you are concerned about smoke, call the Fire Department.

Police report by our new District 5 Captain David Fink shared crime stats that included zero violent crimes. There was a slight increase in burglaries (up just one since this time last year). Theft from cars is down considerably in SGV but rising elsewhere. The traffic blitz in early May resulted in many tickets.

Scott Beuerlein from the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden shared about the Zoo's Plant for Pollinators program, of which SGV is a registered partner. The Zoo started this program because they were looking for engagement with their nearly 2 million annual visitors and the community. The trial program provided easy identification of pollinator plants at local garden centers. After receiving a grant from the Duke Foundation, they expanded the program to get the community involved. After their first meeting for Plants for Pollinators in March over 400 gardens were registered (register your garden at <http://cincinnatizoo.org/conservation/pollen-nation/>).



May Community Council meeting at Evergreen

Those with registered gardens will receive a newsletter and be invited to fun events, including the Monarch Festival featuring a Pollinator Parade for kids. You can get plants from the Zoo at their monthly sales. The Zoo is also working to get gardening programs in schools. Right now they are working at Fairview-Clifton German Language School and Rockdale Academy. To learn more, contact Scott: scott.beuerlein@cincinnatizoo.org. He'll even meet with you to teach you about pollinators and answer questions.

Samantha McLean, SGV's City Planning Coordinator for our neighborhood plan, shared next steps for the SGV 2.0 process. After the April 17th Town Hall Kick Off, working groups have been formed around the six identified pathways for our community. Your help is needed on a working group! See included flyer for more details about the groups and when they are meeting.

Lisa Scovic from NorthPointe Group, the developer for Gaslight Property, spoke about the plans for the 13 acre lot (formerly the Kettler Farm) that was recently purchased by Gaslight. Lisa shared some information about NorthPointe, including the work they've done in Over-The-Rhine and downtown Cincinnati. Gaslight currently has over 2,000 apartments, mainly student housing in Clifton, and wants to do more middle-income market-rate apartments with amenities such as a clubhouse and pool. It was recently determined that only 5 acres are buildable so there are questions about what will be done with the rest of the property. Lisa shared concerns about speeding on Winton Road and how this is a safety concern for potential future residents. There were several questions and concerns from current SGV residents about current zoning for the property (a zoning change would be required to build housing), the impact that building would have on surrounding land, and the fact that the property across the street is currently zoned as industrial agriculture. It was suggested that this conversation continue in the Housing + Development SGV 2.0 working group.

The meeting ended with a report from Peter Huttinger about the current discussions about changing regulations for urban agriculture initiatives. These changes will be voted on by the Planning Commission and then the full City Council before being implemented. Please contact Peter with questions: huttinger@cinci.rr.com. There was also a final discussion about the City's proposal to dissolve the Office of Environment and Sustainability due to budget constraints and the impact this would have on advocating for these topics on a larger level. The budget for Keep Cincinnati Beautiful was also severely cut (55%). Share your thoughts with City Council if you can!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BY GARY ROBBINS, COMMUNITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Things to do around the neighborhood:

1. **Our SGV 2.0 Plan is underway with six different Working Groups** (see below for additional info). More SGV residents are needed to share ideas about how to make SGV a great neighborhood. Find a Working Group, get involved, meet some neighbors, and make a difference.
2. **You have a unique opportunity at the June Community Council meeting** as we are gathering at the new Clifton Area Neighborhood School (CANS) on Clifton Avenue. A special agenda is planned for you: learn about some features of the school, tour the building, and meet the new dynamic principal, James Zoller.
3. **Join neighbors for the first summer Picnic-in-the-Park on Wednesday, June 19** (see attached flier). This will be a great time to get outdoors and enjoy an evening in the park and meet some neighbors. We're planning another picnic in August—with music! Calling all local musicians—let us know if you would like to take part in the evening entertainment (513-542-1759).
4. **Summer weather brings us outdoors.** As you work on cleaning out your basement or garage and use the BLITZ dumpsters June 10-14, also check around you for other things that may need attention (see attached courtesy notice). Look after your neighbors as well!
5. Many new residents may not be familiar with **one of our best neighborhood treasures: Spring Grove Cemetery & Arboretum**. Yes, it's also an arboretum! Check out the some of the many events going on: Summer Family Nights, Tram Tours, Summer Concerts, Movie Nights, and more. **Learn more:** <http://www.springgrove.org/events/events.aspx>
6. **Cool off and beat the heat.** Enjoy some outdoor fun at an area pool. Our local pool (located at Hand & North Edgewood) is clean, well-staffed, and has wonderful playground equipment for kids. (Pool opens 6/8 and closes 8/3.) Pool memberships available at the pool. Daily rates: \$1 (ages 8 and under), \$2 (ages 8-18), and \$3 for adults. Check out all CRC facilities and membership rates here: <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/recreation/facilities/>

SGV 2.0 REPORT: FIND A WORKING GROUP

BY GARY ROBBINS, COMMUNITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Now the excitement begins! Six working groups have been created to identify project opportunities for each of their focus areas. (See the attached flier for more details about each focus area.)

We hope you will be attracted to one or more of these focus areas to join in a group conversation. This will be a fun way to work on community ideas and to meet some of your neighbors. You may have ideas for one area (or many) and are all welcome! There will be more information and discussion about our working groups at the upcoming June Community Council meeting on June 11.

If you're interested or want to learn more, call 513-400-3562 or email springgrovevillage2.0@gmail.com. You can also follow all the feedback and ideas at our project webpage: www.cincinnati-oh.gov/sgvplan.

Housing + Development: Jerry Carrico & Farah Sagin

Jobs + Businesses: Gary Robbins & Brian McLaughlin

Nature + Health: Sarah Maguire & Steve Slack

Youth + Families: Liz Virgo

Close + Connected: Phil Murphy

Caring Community: Joshua J Jordon



ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING UPDATE: AIR QUALITY

BY JERRY CARRICO, COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOARD MEMBER

At the last Citizens Advisory Panel meeting on May 22, Southwest Ohio Air Quality Agency (SOAQA) was planning to release the results of the air monitoring that took place recently in Winton Hills and Spring Grove Village. However, the report was not ready. This was due in part to the fact that the Ohio EPA is coordinating the study with the Ohio Department of Health for the first time ever. This requires additional sign-offs from various department heads. It would also indicate that agreement between departments is required. Kerri Castlen of SOAQA said she would forward the report as soon as it becomes available. As soon as the results are received, they will be shared in the following newsletter. In the meantime, you can research SOAQA testing in general at <http://www.southwestohioair.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=6462995&pageId=6594858>, including locations of the testing stations, whether they are continuous or daily monitoring, and the pollutants that each station monitors.



PROPERTY TAX UPDATE

BY JERRY CARRICO, COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOARD MEMBER

The Property Tax Group held their fourth workshop on May 16 and split into two groups because the prior workshops had identified two separate problems: one concerning rising property taxes for legacy owners and the other centered around tax abatement.

The session about legacy owners focused on the problem that is created when neighborhoods gentrify and property taxes soar to the point that many legacy owners are forced to sell and move, especially if they are on fixed incomes. These owners bought their homes and maintained them, expecting a given cost during their later years. When developers start selling \$500k homes nearby (usually with huge tax abatements attached), the legacy owners, who have no such abatements, are disproportionately squeezed.

A variety of solutions were discussed including a freeze (like California's Proposition 19); reinstatement of the Homestead exemption for all seniors; and a hybrid which factors both age and length of ownership into the equation, etc. The hurdle that faces us is that such legislation is at the state level, not the city or county. The two Property Tax Groups were supposed to regroup for the last fifteen minutes but this was cancelled because the tax abatement group was engaged in a lively discussion. There will be another workgroup meeting in a few weeks which I plan to attend.



MEET NEW COUNCIL BOARD MEMBER: LIZ VIRGO

BY LIZ VIRGO, COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOARD MEMBER

I moved to Spring Grove Village in the fall of 2016 from Louisville, though I am originally from Maryland. I live on E. Epworth with my husband and 11 month old daughter. We have a permaculture garden in our front yard and love connecting with neighbors! I sing in MUSE, Cincinnati's Women's Choir, where I also serve in a leadership position as a Social Justice Co-Chair. I am passionate about diversity and the environment. I love to write, garden, cook, and do yoga.

I am excited to join the community council and get to know how I can help this neighborhood continue to thrive and stay focused on our values. I would love to encourage a more diverse representation of voices from our community in community council matters. If you see me walking or in my garden, say hi and tell me about your life here in Spring Grove Village!



COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

BY ANDREA FARMER, GARDEN SECRETARY

The Spring Grove Village Community Garden is in FULL SWING!

On May 18, volunteers from Crossroads Church worked hard in the hot sun to construct 6 new garden beds—and filled them with leaf compost! A huge thank you to Debbi Workum and Patsy Uebel of Crossroads Church for organizing this year's "Go Local Volunteer Day!" Thank you, also, to Nannie Oliver's son, Eugene Oliver, for building an additional 4 new raised beds!

We have most of the plots rented, at this point, but we may have room to squeeze in a couple more gardeners! If you are interested in gardening with us, please contact Garden Coordinator, Nannie Oliver, at 513-542-8440, or Garden Secretary, Andrea Farmer, at andreastephaniefarmer@gmail.com.



SCV Garden Coordinator, Nannie Oliver, with Crossroads Church volunteers Angela, Randy (holding Gus), Sam, Patsy, Liam, & Debbi



Patsy Uebel and Debbi Workum (left) constructing garden beds (right) and shovel leaf compost to spread on the beds (above center)



Randy, Gus, and Sam building beds and spreading compost (above right)



FC CINCINNATI FLOWERS

BY GARY ROBBINS, COMMUNITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Have you noticed the new Blue & Orange flowers around the neighborhood? Thanks to Keep Cincinnati Beautiful and FC Cincinnati for giving away 20,000 flowers to be planted in our city in celebration of establishing 20,000 season ticket holders! FC Cincinnati even announced this celebration on Twitter (see right).



Follow

In celebration of our more than 20,000 Season Ticket Members for 2019, we're going to help beautify #Cincinnati by planting 20k flower blooms next month!

Details bit.ly/2EmMwcy

ST. BERNARD'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

BY PHIL MURPHY, COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBER

Spring Grove Village is a neighborhood with significant cultural diversity. This diversity includes several "houses of worship." Among those is the St. Bernard Roman Catholic Church on Derby Avenue. This church has just celebrated its 100th anniversary. A number of our neighbors have worshiped in this wonderful church for their entire lives (some spanning most of the life of the church).

The houses of worship in this neighborhood have reached out to their neighbors in a true sense of community. St. Bernard has been especially sensitive to its role as a "neighbor." We greatly appreciate the church and its people, and wish all of you hundreds more years in this wonderful community. We are determined to see that you feel as welcome here as you make all of your neighbors feel.



St. Bernard's Catholic Church

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY SUMMIT

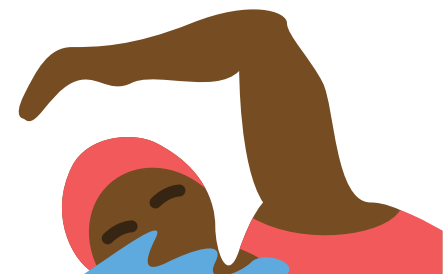
BY JERRY CARRICO, COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOARD MEMBER

The Pedestrian Safety Summit was held at the Evanston Recreation Center on May 21. It was hosted by Councilmember Greg Landsman and attended by the Chief of Police Elliot Isaac, City Manager Patrick Duhaney, DOTE Director Joseph Vogel, and the new Pedestrian Safety Program Manager Melissa McVay. Chief Isaac said that even though 37,535 citations were issued in 2018, crashes still rose. Additional control measures are needed. City Manager Duhaney said that pedestrian safety funding is being increased from \$500K to \$750K in the 2020 budget. Director Vogel said that they will launch project Vision Zero which will include: increased public engagement and education as well as improving street designs, enforcement, and public policy. He also stated that 65 pedestrian safety improvement projects are slated for this summer. Councilmember Landsman stated that the city will put traffic stats on the open data portal in the near future.

Several approaches for improving pedestrian safety were discussed including traffic cameras, which would ticket the owner of a vehicle caught speeding or running a red light. However, it was questioned whether this would really increase pedestrian safety when the real culprit seems to be inattention on the part of the driver and/or pedestrian. Also, questions were asked like: where would the money collected go—to pedestrian safety or just the city's coffers? There will be follow up meetings (which I plan to attend) to further discuss these issues.



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19
PICNIC-IN-THE-PARK
Spring Grove Village
Recreation Area
(formerly Winton Commons Park)
See flyer for details!



SGV POOL OPENS
SATURDAY, JUNE 8

ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS: THIS IS A COURTESY NOTICE

It's growing season!

Did you know that the City of Cincinnati property maintenance code requires property owners to keep lawns cut to no higher than 10"? These rules apply to all property owners in the City. Reference: Municipal Code Title XVI, Sec. 731-3.

We regret that some of you may have received a citation already (see reverse side for a citation recently seen in the neighborhood). A citation from the city comes with a stiff penalty and there is NO warning (thus this courtesy notice). The citation comes with an automatic \$250 fine and is doubled if not abated within 7 days!

WHAT CAN YOU DO? HOW CAN WE HELP?

Consider helping a neighbor who might need help!

Ask for help if you need it: **(513) 542-1750**

See vacant, abandoned or neglected properties? Call us first: **(513) 542-1750**

Ongoing problems? Call **(513) 591-6000** to report.

Thank you for all you do to make SGV a safe, clean and attractive community.

Spring Grove Village Community Council

Quality of Life Team

(513) 542-1750

SpringGroveVillage@gmail.com





NOTICE OF \$500.00 CIVIL FINE

Citation# [redacted]

Name [redacted]

Address [redacted]

City State Zipcode CINCINNATI OH 45232

Location of Offense [redacted]

Date of Offense 05/13/2019

Time of Offense 09:50 AM

CMC Section Number and Title 731-3 - Height Restrictions

Book-Page-Parcel [redacted]

Offense Description and Location Notes
Citation Issued.

Fine Class C1	Fine \$500.00	Reducible NO	Previously Cited YES
Official Signature			
Chimere Magella			
Department Public Services - Litter / Weed Control			

Date of Service

THIS TICKET IS NOT A WARNING

You have been cited and fined for violating the Cincinnati Municipal Code. You must do one of the options listed below within seven (7) days of the date of this ticket or the fine will double and be referred to collections. PAY THE FINE

Mail this ticket back along with a check or money order made payable to the City of Cincinnati for the fine amount listed on this ticket.

Office of Administrative Hearings

Two Centennial Plaza
805 Central Avenue, Suite 110
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

You may also pay on line at: www.cincinnati-oh.gov/law/oah/fines/

SCHEDULE A HEARING

If you dispute this ticket, you must schedule a hearing. To schedule a hearing, mail, fax or email your written request to the Office of Administrative Hearings at:

Office of Administrative Hearings
Two Centennial Plaza
805 Central Avenue, Suite 110
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Or OAH@cincinnati-oh.gov or fax to 513-352-4898

After your request for a hearing is received you will be notified by mail of your hearing date and time. All hearings are held in person at the OAH offices. If you do not appear for your hearing, you may be found in violation by default. You will be charged a fee for this hearing.

\$10 for Class A, A1 and B Civil Offenses

\$25 for Class B1, C, and C1 Civil Offenses

\$75 for Class D and E Civil Offenses

\$100 for Class E1, E2, E3, and F Civil Offenses

A first time violation at this property for this offense is an Initial Violation. Due to the recurring nature of weeds and high grass violations, failure to cure an initial violation and/or to request a hearing to contest a violation within seven days will result in your property being deemed an Abandoned Property.

If your property is, or becomes, an Abandoned Property:

1) Grass or weeds on the property that reach a height of (6) inches or higher will be a Subsequent Violation;

2) For any Subsequent Violations found at the Abandoned Property

a. The City will issue a notice of Subsequent Violations and Civil Fines;

b. The City or the City's designee may immediately abate all Subsequent Violations, providing notice of the abatement action upon occurrence, or shortly thereafter;

3) The costs of all abatement of Initial and Subsequent Violations will be assessed as set forth in CMC Section §731-11;

4) Once a property is deemed Abandoned Property, the City will place it on a routine inspection and maintenance schedule and if any Subsequent Violations reoccur, you will be civilly cited and the property will be eligible for abatement by the City or the City's designee.

5) Once the property is deemed Abandoned Property, in order to avoid issuance of further civil fines for subsequent violations or assessment for the costs of the abatement action, you may contact the Department of Public Services, in writing, to request approval of an abatement plan, by:

a. E-mail: litter.control@cincinnati-oh.gov; and/or

b. Regular mail: Department of Public Services, Weed and Litter Control Unit, 3320 Millcreek Rd. Cincinnati, Ohio 45223

c. Facsimile: 513-564-1794

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION please visit

<http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/oah>

or call

513-352-4899





Spring Grove Village



2019

Clean-Up Day

Saturday, June 22nd

**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.

Spring Grove Village

Adopt-A-Block Committee

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

SPRING GROVE VILLAGE PLAN | SGV 2.0 PATHWAYS



HOUSING + DEVELOPMENT

We believe in ensuring housing affordability and providing opportunities for home ownership to support the well-being, growth, and prosperity of our community.



JOBS + BUSINESSES

We believe in engaging businesses to invest in our neighborhood and promote local job opportunities in an effort to reduce transportation costs, increase time spent with family and loved ones, and support neighborhood employment for all ages.



NATURE + HEALTH

We believe in leveraging the historical nature and agricultural assets of our neighborhood to bring people together, increase social capital, and promote healthy activity.



YOUTH + FAMILIES

We believe in building partnerships between our community's young diverse families and community organizations to encourage collaboration, maximize resources, and support the development of healthy families and behaviors.



CLOSE + CONNECTED

We believe promoting our neighborhood's central location and diverse and harmonious community will result in securing external resources and encourage sustainable and equitable economic development for the neighborhood.



CARING COMMUNITY

We believe in a welcoming community environment that embraces diversity, promotes collaboration, and provides opportunities to gather and connect.

**“get to know
your neighbors”**



Summer 2019

Picnics in the Park

Wednesday, June 19th; 6-8pm
Winton Commons Park
(Corner of Hand & N. Edgewood)

Games

Cornhole, Giant JENGA
& Disc Golf

Summer Pool Schedule

Open: Mon, 6/8 – Sat, 8/3
Hours: M-F 2:30-5:00; Sat-Sun 1:00-7:00
Memberships available at the pool.

Soft drinks, hamburgers, hotdogs & veggie burgers provided.
Bring a potluck dish or something from your garden to share.

Kids, bring your parents.

Parents, come out for some fun.

Your neighbors want to meet you.





Who: Matthew Church
What: Community Yard Sale
Where: 717 E. Epworth Ave
When: Saturday, June 15
Time: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Table and chairs will be provided free of charge to all our neighbors who want to sell their unneeded treasures.

Contact: Russ Mack to reserve a table.
Call: 513-681-5417
Email: rrussmack@gmail.com