

SPRING GROVE VILLAGE

APRIL COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 9
 Spring Grove Self Storage
 4861 Spring Grove Ave
6:00 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:



CREATING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COALITION

We've invited Denisha Porter from the Cincinnati Health Department and Patrice Pennington from Cradle Cincinnati to talk with us about the work of this coalition and to address your questions about the health risks associated with our air quality.

Learn more: <https://bit.ly/2YiAxoR>



SGV TRAFFIC SAFETY UPDATE

Representatives from DOTE will be present to give us an update on two of our major concerns - Derby Ave cut-through traffic and guard railing on Winton Ridge. Come out for this important update and bring your additional questions.

Contact DOTE: Traffic.Engineering@cincinnati-oh.gov

SPRING GROVE SELF STORAGE

LOCATION: SPRING GROVE SELF STORAGE

Old Winton Place factory located at 4861 Spring Grove Ave (next to Taft's Brewpourium) has been converted into a modern indoor storage facility. Indoor & outdoor storage is available with 24/7 access. Come meet one of our active SGV business neighbors.

Learn more: 513-434-3023, <https://springgroveselfstorage.com/>

Blitz Reminder: June 10-14

SGV's annual BLITZ week is coming up in June with City of Cincinnati dumpsters in the neighborhood for your use! This is a great time for house and garage cleaning. Stay tuned for details.

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>4/7 WPYC Annual Brunch & Silent Auction Harmony Lodge 646 E. Epworth</p>	<p>4/9 SGV Community Council Meeting Spring Grove Self Storage 4861 Spring Grove</p>	<p>4/12 Winton Place Baptist Academy Fair/Dinner/Silent Auction Family Center 4452 Winton</p>	<p>4/17 SGV 2.0 Town Hall Kickoff Harmony Lodge 646 E. Epworth</p>	<p>SAVE THE DATE 6/10-6/14 Blitz Week</p>
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BY GARY ROBBINS, COMMUNITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

At our January community council meeting we had a robust conversation about community health with reflections on what would make SGV a healthy neighborhood. The foul air we sometimes smell is but one factor that shapes our health. This month we continue this discussion with representatives from the Cincinnati Health Department and Cradle Cincinnati to help us see what we can do to make SGV a healthy neighborhood for all. A reminder that in our SGV 2.0 discovery work we identified Nature & Health as one of our key "pathways" forward. Kate Staiger and I, along with Winton Ridge residents, Eliza Floyd and Dale Schlensker, met recently with DOTE regarding our traffic safety concerns. We've invited DOTE to come out to our April Council meeting to give us an update. This will be a good opportunity for you to voice any additional concerns.

This month you will have a chance to meet some of our business neighbors in the community. Continuing our tradition of moving our council meetings around the neighborhood, Monica McDowell, Site Manager for Spring Grove Self Storage, will host our April meeting and all the nearby businesses have been invited to come by and introduce themselves as well.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING REPORT: MARCH

BY SARAH MAGUIRE, COMMUNITY COUNCIL SECRETARY

March's community council meeting was held at the Winton Place Youth Center (WPYC) on N. Edgewood. WPYC Director Jamieson Williams thanked everyone for being there and for supporting the Center over its 35 year existence of providing after-school programming, including tutoring and workshops, service learning projects, and a summer program featuring field trips to many local places of interest and an effort to help retain what kids have learned over the summer. Make sure you join many neighbors at the WPYC Annual Brunch & Silent Auction on Sunday, April 7 at Harmony Lodge!

The fire report from Engine Co. 38 included 202 calls in February, 159 EMS and 14 fire. Free batteries were distributed for smoke detectors. You can also ask our neighborhood firefighters to help install your detectors if needed! The talking point for March is laundry safety: make sure you clean out your lint trap as a blocked vent can ignite clothes on fire and fill your house with smoke, causing smoke damage. Police report from Off. Melissa Cummins was very positive with a marked drop in crime stats in comparison to 2016 and 2017. Off. Cummins also shared that Captain Doug Weisman is being transferred from District 5 to downtown and will be replaced by Captain Finke, who is also very

community-minded. Sgt. Gilmer is being promoted to Lieutenant so we will have a new sargeant soon as well.

Councilwoman Tamaya Dennard, who Chairs the Equity, Inclusion, Youth, and The Arts Committee, was not able to attend the meeting but the topic of discussion still focused on youth. Many of those in attendance work with youth in some way or another and Council President Gary Robbins asked the group to think about the youth of SGV: what do we know about them? What kinds of programming would be good to offer them? What places do we have that support youth? Gary asked everyone to meet someone new by breaking into groups of 2 and having discussion for about 10 minutes before sharing with everyone. Shared topics included the importance of parents in the lives of children, including being involved with school, providing a good home life, and role modeling good behaviors, especially men for young boys; acclimating children at Winton Preparatory Academy to the neighborhood so they feel connected; building relationships by engaging with kids on the street by just saying hi and showing interest; providing resources and assistance to kids with difficult home lives; and creating opportunities for kids to get engaged in helpful and productive ways, including playing sports and cleaning up the neighborhood. Marlena Brookfield also spoke about running for a position on the Cincinnati School Board and her passions about offering non-college options for those graduating high school as well as the importance of creating better learning outcomes at CPS and a safe environment for kids. **Contact Marlena:** BrookfieldforBoard@gmail.com. Council President Gary Robbins also reported that Board Members Hamid Hawthorne and Melisa Jenkins have officially resigned from the board for personal reasons.



March Community Council meeting at WPYC

WINTON PLACE BAPTIST ACADEMY ANNUAL EVENT

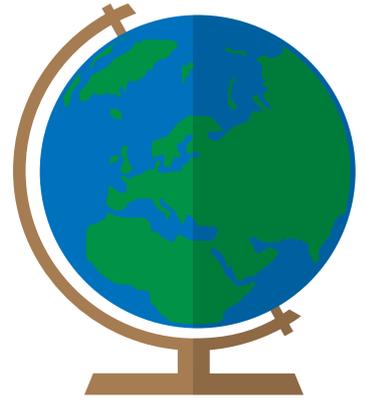
BY LAUREN HOLT

The Winton Place Baptist Academy would like to invite you to our **2nd Annual Geography Fair, Dinner, and Silent Auction!** Our theme this year is **Asian Expedition**. Our students will be presenting displays representing countries in or near Asia, and we will be serving a delicious themed dinner. You will also have the opportunity to bid on the items in our silent auction. All proceeds will benefit our school.

When: Friday, April 12th at 6:30 pm

**Where: Winton Place Baptist Family Center
4452 Winton Rd.
Cincinnati, Ohio**

The cost for this event and dinner will be \$10 for ages 13 and up, \$5 for ages 4-12, and children aged 3 or less will be free. Please RSVP to WPBAinfo@gmail.com



SGV COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATES

BY ANDREA FARMER, SGV COMMUNITY GARDEN SECRETARY

Marathon Petroleum's Cincinnati Biorefining Division: Taking Care of the Environment -- and the SGV Garden!

Marathon Petroleum's Cincinnati Biorefining Division, located on Este Avenue here in SGV, converts soybean oil into biodiesel fuel. Additionally, Cincinnati Biorefining is also committed to supporting our local community through a variety of projects in SGV. We are honored they have chosen the SGV Garden as one of the local community organizations they support. We'd like to acknowledge and thank their volunteers who fixed our garden fence last year and prepared the garden beds for planting!



Marathon Biodiesel Volunteers work together to fix the front garden fence: L-R: Linda Wylie, Shelly Kast, Lloyd Hudson, Cody Monarch

Spring 2019: Marathon's Cincinnati Biorefining Division is Donating & Building a New Shed!

This coming spring, Marathon volunteers, in conjunction with a local Boy Scout Troop, are purchasing and building the SGV Community Garden a brand new shed! We are extremely grateful! Volunteer crews will be led by: Maintenance Supervisor Terry Mann, Senior Refinery Planner Brian Wilson, and Maintenance Foreman Danny Warwavesyn. We'd also like to thank Human Resources Administrative Assistant, Linda Wylie, for her excellent work as liaison between Marathon and SGV. Thank you all for your enthusiastic and kind support!



Marathon Biodiesel Volunteers Linda Wylie and Shelly Kast prepare garden beds for spring planting!



SGV Coordinator Nannie Oliver with Marathon Volunteers Brian Wilson, Danny Warwavesyn, and Terry Mann

SGV 2.0 UPDATE

BY GARY ROBBINS, COMMUNITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Our SGV 2.0 work is moving forward in high gear. If you are interested in shaping the future of our neighborhood or have ideas that could help, now is a good time to get involved. (Looking for a summary of the work that has already been done? Use this link: <https://bit.ly/2U6eAKt>.) The next phase will be exciting because we get to start brainstorming concrete ideas, goals, and projects that will move our neighborhood forward. For example,

What if we were to focus on YOUTH? Could we find the means to expand our programming and hire a youth coordinator for the summer?

What if we were to focus on our AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE? Could we pull together an annual Garden Festival and invite the city?

What if we were to focus on BEAUTIFICATION? Could we enhance our community gardens and greenspaces to showcase our beauty?

What if we were to focus on TRAFFIC SAFETY? Could we get the speed limit on our streets reduced or have the cut-through traffic reduced on Derby Ave?

How about neighborhood security – with outdoor cameras?

How about engagement – by opening a coffee house?

How about marketing – by hosting a neighborhood open house to attract homebuyers?

How about jobs & business growth – by networking our area businesses?

The next step in our neighborhood planning process is our SGV 2.0 Kick Off Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, April 17 at 6:00 pm at Harmony Lodge. Please come and be prepared to share your good (and maybe big) ideas about the future of our neighborhood. (See here for a list of ideas already submitted: <https://bit.ly/2UUv3hU>.)

We need YOU.

"There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about."

MARGARET J. WHEATLEY

Image from ellevatenetwork.com

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

BY GARY ROBBINS, COMMUNITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Curious about all the construction going on along Winton Road? First, all the orange conduit being buried down Winton Road and along Spring Grove Cemetery is a Verizon project. This is part of their city-wide fiber optics 5G network buildout.

Second, the major construction at the top of Winton Road is a Duke Energy project. It involves replacing old natural gas regulators and distribution piping with new technology (installed near the Star Tower on Winton Road). Construction to be completed late Spring 2019.

More info here: <https://www.duke-energy.com/home/natural-gas-projects/winton-rd-replacement-project>



COMING UP: MAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

BY GARY ROBBINS, COMMUNITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mark your calendars for the Community Council Meeting on May 14 as we have invited representatives from Gaslight Properties, new owners of the former Kettler farm on Winton Road, to share with us some of their development plans for this 13 acre site. We will also have a speaker from the Cincinnati Zoo with us to talk about their Plants for Pollinator Challenge. (See included flyer for some details about this P4P Challenge.)

In June, we're planning to meet at the new CPS location (CANS) on Clifton Avenue with an opportunity to meet the new principal. (See included flyer for upcoming events.)