

# SPRING GROVE VILLAGE

## AUGUST COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

**Tuesday, August 13**  
 Firehouse Engine Co 38  
 730 Circle 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:



### ROBERT GOERING, HAMILTON COUNTY TREASURER

Elected in February 1991, Robert Goering has become a household name. He serves an important role in our county government. Come out and meet the man who sets our property values and controls our property taxes.

**Contact Robert:** 513-946-4800, [County.Treasurer@Hamilton-co.org](mailto:County.Treasurer@Hamilton-co.org)



### LAKEISA EALY, CINCINNATI PRESCHOOL PROMISE

What quality preschool options are available in our area for parents and their young children? Come out and meet LaKeisa Ealy, Community Engagement Manager for Cincinnati Preschool Promise.

**Contact LaKeisa:** [lealy@cincy-promise.org](mailto:lealy@cincy-promise.org)

**Learn more:** [www.cincy-promise.org](http://www.cincy-promise.org)



### LOCATION: CINCINNATI FIRE STATION 38

Engine Co. 38 has served SGV since 1909 and continues to support SGV, even by hosting Community Council meetings! Join Captain Phil Worsham as he welcomes us and answers our questions about their operations and the history of our firehouse.

Council meeting starts at 7:00 PM!

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

<b>8/13</b> <b>SGV Community Council Meeting</b> Engine Co 38 730 Circle	<b>8/14</b> <b>Big Trouble Blues Band Concert</b> Spring Grove Cemetery	<b>8/17</b> <b>An Afternoon With the Beer Barons</b> Spring Grove Cemetery	<b>8/29</b> <b>Ten Unique Plants for Your Garden</b> Spring Grove Cemetery	<b>SGV 2.0 Working Group Meetings</b> Email <a href="mailto:springgrovevillage2.0@gmail.com">springgrovevillage2.0@gmail.com</a>
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# COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING REPORT: JUNE

BY GARY ROBBINS, COMMUNITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

On Tuesday, June 11, we had a special opportunity to hold our monthly Community Council meeting at the CANS (Clifton Area Neighborhood School) building on Clifton Ave. This former grade school building and former Clifton Cultural Arts Center is being repurposed as a new pre-K through 6th grade school building. Millions of our tax dollars are being spent to remodel and upgrade this facility. Beginning with pizza at 6 pm we had a chance for an inside tour of the building. Every room is being upgraded and was under construction. Central air conditioning has been added. This was also a special occasion to meet the new principal, James Zoller.

We also heard from Ronetta Engram, Manager of the Cincinnati Call Center, which is where all calls for service to the City are handled. Wonder what kind of calls they handle every day? Check out the included fliers for examples.



June Community Council meeting at CANS



CANS Principal James Zoller

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BY GARY ROBBINS, COMMUNITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Hope you have been enjoying our Cincinnati summer, especially the recent cool wave! The team that puts together our monthly meeting and also put together and distribute our newsletter appreciated the summer break in July.

Our recent cleanup BLITZ week was quite popular. The City dumpster made available to us on Hand Ave was filled and emptied daily—wish we could offer this service every month! Did you know that there are everyday options for disposal of lots of things (yard waste, household hazardous waste, electronics, etc.)? Check out this site for things you can recycle and where: <http://www.hcdoes.org>

Lots of exciting work is being done within our SGV 2.0 Working Groups. Stay tuned for more details and watch for opportunities to get involved.

## JOIN THE WINTON PLACE YOUTH CENTER BOARD

BY JAMIESON WILLIAMS, WPYC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Winton Place Youth Center currently has a vacancy on its Board of Directors. It is our hope that there are community members interested in joining. Being passionate about youth and their development is the most important quality we look for in a board member, however, there are some extra assets that would prove beneficial. Media or corporate connections will assist WPYC in its growth and sustainability. The position does require fundraising and networking on behalf of the youth center.

The commitment will entail a minimum of one meeting per month. If you are interested in joining, please email Executive Director at [jwilliams@wpyouthcenter.org](mailto:jwilliams@wpyouthcenter.org) with a resume or short bio and why you're interested. The board will then vote on and induct any new members.

# SGV 2.0: THE FUTURE OF SGV

BY SARAH MAGUIRE, SGV 2.0: NATURE + HEALTH WORKING GROUP CO-LEADER

**Are you interested in what SGV will be like in 5, 10, or 20 years down the road? Or do you have a list of businesses/amenities you wish we had in our neighborhood now?** If so, your thoughts and ideas are needed!

As you most likely already know, many community members are involved in SGV 2.0, which is the name for all of the work being done to put together a neighborhood plan for Spring Grove Village. **Why is a neighborhood plan important?** Because it gives all of us, the residents who live in this wonderful community, the power to determine what we want our neighborhood to be now and in the future. (Check out approved and in-process plans for many neighborhoods, including SGV, at <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/planning/neighborhood-plans/>.)

**The phase of SGV 2.0 we are in right now requires as many community members as possible to get involved to talk about focused aspects of our community.** We are calling these aspects “pathways” (see colorful icons below) and your help is needed to make sure nothing is missed! So far this summer, several community members have met to discuss their ideas about the following pathways: Jobs + Businesses, Housing + Development, Nature + Health, and Youth + Families. Another group for the Close + Connected pathway, which focuses on SGV’s central location in the city as well as our relationships with nearby communities and organizations, will be meeting soon.

If you have an interest in any of the pathways and can give some time in the next few months to contribute to the work, your help would be greatly appreciated. To share your interest in doing any of the above work, email [springgrovevillage2.0@gmail.com](mailto:springgrovevillage2.0@gmail.com). **This is the time to get involved if you want to have an impact on the future of the neighborhood!**



**Here are some different ways you can get involved with SGV 2.0:**

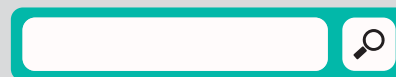
**Join a working group to meet others who share your interest in a pathway**



**Receive SGV 2.0 emails and send your ideas whenever possible**



**Check out other neighborhoods and their plans**



**Take photos of what you'd like to see in SGV or ideas for different locations**



**Record the history of SGV (from incorporation in 1882 until now!)**



**Attend the next SGV 2.0 Town Hall meeting in September for food and conversation**





# RESULTS OF AIR QUALITY TESTING AND DATA

BY JERRY CARRICO, CHAIR OF SGV ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

At the meeting on Tuesday, May 11th, the Ohio EPA released the results of the air quality monitoring it had been conducting in Winton Hills and Spring Grove Village from December 2018 through May 2019. Both the EPA and the Ohio Department of Health concluded that the air quality posed no health risks. Although there were no health risks found, they will continue to do more testing during the summer to see if it varies. Additionally, because Cincinnati has a noxious nuisance ordinance, they will see if it applies to any of the complaints that have been heard before. In the meantime, you can see the data results at the South West Air Quality Agency link, [http://www.southwestohioair.org/monitoring/winton\\_terrace](http://www.southwestohioair.org/monitoring/winton_terrace). On this webpage, there is a map of the actual route taken during the loop tests. You can also see the test results data from each loop test (test by test and month by month). Beneath the link for these test results, you will see the results of the 24 hour test samples along with their analysis done by ALS Environmental (an independent company). Please note the following may prove helpful in understanding the results. The annotation "ppbv" means parts per billion volume (volume being how you measure gases such as air). Also, "ug/m3" means micrograms per cubic meter. "TO-15 BY GC/MS" refers to the EPA method of testing Toxic Organics (method 15) to determine the amount of Volatile Organic Compounds in the air collected by specially prepared canisters analyzed by Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry.



I hope this helps answer some of your questions.

Please note: this article was originally published as a post on Nextdoor 6/17/19 by the author.

## PROPERTY TAXES (THE CONTINUING SAGA)

BY JERRY CARRICO, COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOARD MEMBER

The Property Tax Group held their fifth workshop on June 20 and the format of this meeting was different from prior workshops. Because the treasurer from Cincinnati Public Schools was making a presentation regarding tax revenue and needs (which was lengthy), community members were not allowed to ask questions or voice concerns unless they were one of the invited working group members. (The funding for the schools versus enrollment and the current flat contribution of 5 million versus full rate from tax abatement is too complicated to go into it here. You can read more about it in the community council report in the January 2019 SGV newsletter archives. The City and CPS are currently renegotiating this agreement.)



One of the biggest problems is when legacy owners see their property tax increase three or four fold because the area they live in has gentrified. Some homeowners are actually being forced to sell and move. Different solutions were put forth at this meeting. The question of whether abatement are helping the city's rank and file or only the developers was addressed. This problem is directly tied to the one above regarding legacy owners. When developers buy perfectly good older homes then tear them down and get the bare lot revalued for taxes only to build a McMansion and heavily tax abate it, how is this benefiting the city's bottom line or the senior living next door who sees his tax rate double or triple? In many cases, the person with the six figure income who bought the half a million dollar McMansion with a 70% abatement is paying less tax than the fixed income senior next door whose \$120k home has been revalued at \$250k without any abatement. I really wanted to know what the Ohio Tax Incentive Review Council thought about this (because it is their job to review it), but was not allowed to speak.

There is far too much to report here. For those who are interested, you can read the notes of all the meetings and link to resources at [www.cincinnati-oh.gov/propertytaxproject](http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/propertytaxproject). Be informed and get involved!

# SGV COMMUNITY GARDEN: GREENER THAN EVER!

BY ANDREA FARMER, GARDEN SECRETARY

The SGV Community Garden is growing greener and more beautiful every day! We extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to our many generous volunteers this season - the Civic Garden Center, Crossroads Church, and Marathon Biodiesel.

Read below for many updates about the SGV Community Garden!

## CIVIC GARDEN CENTER: VOLUNTEERS ALL SEASON!

BY ANDREA FARMER, GARDEN SECRETARY

Thank you to Jenn Bakes, the Civic Garden Center Volunteer Coordinator, for keeping our garden filled with enthusiastic and cheerful volunteers! This past month, we had another visit from our "Fantastic First Friday" volunteers, who come every month to help us keep our garden looking its best!. Thank you for your help!



**Photos:** SGV Community Garden Coordinator Nannie Oliver tends daylilies; Jenn Bakes, Civic Garden Center Volunteer Coordinator, weeding garden beds; Garden Volunteer Paul Badowski weeds front fence; Jenn Bakes and volunteer Nick Gunnell weed the front garden beds that are now full of herb plants.

## HIGH SCHOOLERS: NEED VOLUNTEER HOURS?

BY ANDREA FARMER, GARDEN SECRETARY

If you are a high school or college student & need volunteer hours, the SGV Community Garden would be delighted to help! We need help with the garden from April-October, usually with weeding, filling beds with compost, and spreading wood chips between the beds. Please contact Nannie Oliver at 513-542-8440 or [andreastephaniefarmer@gmail.com](mailto:andreastephaniefarmer@gmail.com) to organize volunteer hours.



# MARATHON BIODIESEL BUYS AND BUILDS NEW SHED!

BY ANDREA FARMER, GARDEN SECRETARY

Marathon Petroleum's Cincinnati Biorefining Division, located on Este Avenue here in SGV, converts soybean oil into biodiesel fuel. It also is committed to community service projects in the SGV Community! During the last long weekend in July (Friday July 26- Monday, July 29), volunteers from Marathon Biodiesel installed and painted a brand new shed they purchased for the SGV Community Garden. The project was chosen by Nicholas Russel, 17, who is currently completing requirements for his Eagle Scout rank.

Thank you also to Marathon Volunteers, Senior Refinery Planner Brian Wilson, and Maintenance Foreman Danny Warwavesyn for their help with selecting, purchasing, transporting, and assembling the shed.



**Top photos L to R:** Nicholas Russell, 17, nails roofing tiles to the new shed; Mark Russell steadies the ladder while Terry Mann adjusts and trims roofing tiles; the interior of our new tool shed is much roomier and will serve the community garden for years to come!

**Bottom photos L to R:** Ileana Russell spent many hours weeding the garden over the weekend! Thanks, Ileana! Terry Mann, Mark Russell, and Nicholas (on roof), affixing roofing tiles; Andrew Russell, 18, helps paint the shed with his brother Nicholas, 17

# BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: EVENING IN THE GARDEN!

BY ANDREA FARMER, GARDEN SECRETARY

Great news! Evening in the Garden is happening again this year! It will be the first weekend after Labor Day, on Saturday, September 14, from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Please come and bring your friends and neighbors with you to the SGV Community Garden, located at the intersection of Chickering and East Epworth Avenues.

Please RSVP to Mrs. Nannie Oliver, Garden Coordinator, at 513-542-8440, or to Andrea Farmer, Garden Secretary, at [andreastephaniefarmer@gmail.com](mailto:andreastephaniefarmer@gmail.com).

We look forward to seeing you!



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**Department of Public Services**

As the Department of Public Services (DPS), we pride ourselves on the effective, efficient delivery of quality solid waste collection, snow removal, highway maintenance, fleet services, and architectural maintenance services. We provide many services that have a direct impact on City residents, on visitors to our fine City, and on those who have chosen to conduct business in our City. Our goal is to provide you with a clean and safe environment in which to live, work and play.

**591-6000 Mission:** Our mission is to be a strategic link in our customers' communication process by providing access to City services and City information with the highest level of customer service. The Department of Public Services' Communications Center strives to help City agencies provide efficient and thorough service delivery to residents while ensuring a pleasant service experience.

**Frequently Asked Questions!**

- **How can I report a pothole?** Just visit [5916000.com](http://5916000.com) or call (513) 591-6000. The customer service office is open Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- **What if I see a dead animal in the road?** Please fill out a Customer Service Request by selecting the "Bugs, Pest, and Animals" category and filling out the appropriate form.
- **Who do I contact to get my street swept?** The City schedules streets to be swept using a quarterly schedule. If you have a special request, please fill out a Customer Service Request by selecting the "Streets, Street Lights and Sidewalks" category and filling out the appropriate form.
- **How can I report damage from a pothole or City equipment?** To file a claim, please contact Customer Service at (513) 591-6000. Please make note of the date, time, address, and equipment number of any City equipment involved. Pothole damage will need a specific address, description of the lane (ex: inbound, outbound, curb lane, etc.), along with any insurance damage claims.
- **Where do I report street light or signal outages?** If a traffic signal is out or malfunctioning, please call (513) 591-6000. For street lights, either the City or Duke Energy will be responsible for maintaining the light. Please fill out a Customer Service Request by selecting the "Streets, Street Lights and Sidewalks" category and filling out the appropriate form.
- **Who do I contact for downed overhead lines?** Duke Energy, Cincinnati Bell or Time Warner may need to be contacted depending what has fallen.



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**More Frequently Asked Questions!**

- **Who do I contact regarding road blockages, mud slides, wall failures and trees blocking in the roadway?** Please call (513) 591-6000 for urgent roadway issues.
- **Who do I contact regarding bed bugs?** Please fill out a Customer Service Request by selecting the "Bugs, Pests and Animals" category and filling out the appropriate form. Your question or concern will be sent to the Health Department.
- **Who do I report an abandoned or illegally parked car?** If the vehicle is abandoned, please fill out a Customer Service Request by selecting the "Abandoned Vehicles" category and filling out the appropriate form. If the vehicle is illegally parked, please contact the Police Department.
- **How do I report a nuisance property with tall grass or litter?** Please fill out a Customer Service Request by selecting "Trees, Grass & Weeds" or "Trash, Litter & Recycling" and filling out the appropriate form. Your question or concern will be sent to Litter Patrol.
- **Who do I contact regarding building issues?** Please fill out a Customer Service Request by selecting "Building Problems" and filling out the appropriate form. Your request will be sent to the appropriate department, depending on the type of issue.
- **How do I schedule a news interview?** Interviews are scheduled through each department depending on time or weather conditions. Each department has its own contact liaisons. City press releases are sent through the City Manager's Office. Please contact Casey Weldon ([casey.weldon@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:casey.weldon@cincinnati-oh.gov)) for further information regarding city press releases.

**Garbage Guidelines**

Garbage must be placed in a City-issued or "City-approved" cart. A "City-approved" cart is one that is compatible with DPS lifting equipment and registered with the City. These carts must have a lift pocket and a steel lower lift bar for fully automated and semi-automated collection systems. Garbage in carts is not to exceed 75 lbs.

DPS is not responsible for damages to cart due to normal collection operation. The City of Cincinnati will not collect garbage in a cart that is not compatible with the City's lifting equipment and not registered with the City of Cincinnati.

Note: In the City of Cincinnati, trash is picked-up each week while recycling and yard waste are collected every-other week, on the same day as the regular trash collection.



# Did you know?

## 77 reasons people call the City for help.

### Service Request Type

#### Accessibility

Construction, Alternate Path  
Curb Ramp, New/Enhance  
Construction Signage  
**Sidewalk, Obstructions**  
Curbs, repair  
Encroachment, object in ROW  
Exit, Blocked  
Fire pull station, blocked  
Handicapped livery vehicle issue  
Handrails, repair  
Landslide, private property  
ROW furniture/trash dumping  
Sign, ground mounted, new/change  
Audible signal repair  
New Traffic Signal  
Sunken area, repair

#### Bugs, Pests & Animals

Bed bugs, in a hotel or motel  
Bed bugs, request for information  
**Dead Animal Removal**  
Rats, in or around building  
Roaches, in building or apartment

#### Buildings

Building maintenance issues - commercial  
**Building maintenance issues - residence**  
Mold in building or apartment  
Smoke detector, missing/damaged  
Unsanitary living conditions  
Vacant commercial building  
**Vacant residential building**

#### Food Operations

Restaurant or grocery store complaint

#### General

**Request a service not listed**

#### Graffiti

**Graffiti removal**

#### Roads & Traffic

Icy/Slippery streets  
Parking meter repair  
**Pothole repair**  
**Sidewalk repair**  
Street cleaning  
Street light out  
Street light, new/change  
Street sign, faded  
**Street sign down**  
Street sign, new or missing  
**Street sweeping**  
Traffic/pedestrian signal malfunction  
Bicyclist incidents  
Pedestrian incidents

### Service Request Type

#### Sewer & Water

Fire hydrant, leaking/repair  
Sewer inlets, clogged  
Water main leaks/breaks

#### Trees, Grass & Weeds

Dead tree on private property  
**Tall grass/weeds on private property**  
Tall grass/weeds in public right-of-way  
Tree/limbs down in roadway

#### Trash, Litter & Recycling

Application for Litter Amnesty Program  
Corner can overflowing  
**Dumping**  
**Litter**  
Recycling, new/swap/missing cart  
Recycling, remove cart  
Recycling, repair cart  
Recycling, report a missed Green Cart pick-up  
Recycling, report a missed Orange Bag pick-up  
Service complaint, trash removal  
Service complaint, Rumpke Recycling  
Service complaint, Simple Recycling  
Service compliment, Rumpke Recycling  
**Tires, special pickup**  
Trash care, registration  
Trash cart, remove  
Trash cart, repair  
Trash cart, exemption  
**Trash cart, improper setout**  
**Trash, schedule pick-up of bulky item**  
Trash, request for collection  
Yard waste, request for collection

#### Vehicles

**Abandoned vehicle, in roadway**  
Abandoned vehicle, on private property  
Vehicle parked on the front lawn

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7am - 5pm M-F

Web: [www.5916000.com](http://www.5916000.com)

App: Fix it Cincy!

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/fix-it-cincy/id1018342151>

More Info:

<https://cincinnati-oh.gov/public-services/about-public-services/>

**GRADES  
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**WINTON PLACE  
YOUTH CENTER'S**

# **AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

We enable children to make positive contributions to  
our larger community now and as adults.



## **WE OFFER**

EDUCATIONAL FOCUS  
LIFE & SOCIAL SKILLS WORKSHOPS  
COMPUTER ACCESS  
HOMEWORK HELP  
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT  
PLAYGROUND TIME

## **TO REGISTER**

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\$25 MONTHLY FEE PER CHILD  
LIMITED SPACE  
NO VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

Open from 2-6 PM  
ph: 513-681-8004  
4609 N. Edgewood Ave.  
[www.wpyouthcenter.org](http://www.wpyouthcenter.org)



\*\*\* (Please note corrected date!) \*\*\*

*The Spring Grove Village Garden Club cordially invites you to...*

**An Evening in the Garden**  
**Saturday, September 7, 2019**  
**7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**



**Back By Popular Demand, it's...EVENING IN THE GARDEN!**

**Wine, cheese, and other light refreshments will be served.**

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