

# SPRING GROVE VILLAGE

FEBRUARY 2021



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BY GARY ROBBINS,  
SGV COMMUNITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Hello Good Neighbors,

I hope this finds you safe and healthy in February.

Hamilton County is now listed as "purple" on the COVID-19 severity level! I know we are all anxious for the vaccine to arrive so we can return to some sense of normalcy. Please follow all health department guidelines and stay safe!

To those of you who tried to join our council meeting last month using the Zoom link in the newsletter - we apologize. The link was reserved in early December and expired before our meeting. We now will be using a recurring link to prevent that from happening again. Herein you will find a report on the presentations you missed. Especially note the helpful report about dogs from our Cincinnati Animal Care guests. And heed the news that the new extension of the Mill Creek Trail planned for our neighborhood is moving forward fast. It will be available for walking by Spring 2021!

I hope you will join us for our February Virtual Council meeting on Tuesday, 2/9. One of our guest speakers will be **Sedrick Denson**, our District 33 State Representative. Join us for an exchange about the issues being worked on in Columbus this year, and a perspective on some major legislation that took place in 2020. I hope you will have some good questions for Sedrick.

Stay safe,  
Gary Robbins, President Spring Grove Village Community Council

### ***February Community Council Mtg***

**Tuesday February 9**  
7PM

Use this link to join a Zoom  
video conference from your  
computer:

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83951523377>**

or from your smartphone  
using this meeting ID:

**839 5152 3377**

Or join us via audio direct from  
your phone: 312-626-6799.

#### **Special Guests:**

*Sedrick Denson,  
OH Statehouse Rep  
Liz Keating,  
City Council*

# SGV COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT

BY LIZ VIRGO

COMMUNITY  
COUNCIL SECRETARY

Spring Grove Village Community Council met on January 12 at 7:00 PM via Zoom. The Board regrets that there were technical difficulties with the zoom link provided to community members in the previous newsletter, and we apologize to anyone who may have missed the meeting as a result. We did, however, hear presentations from Cincinnati Animal Care, Mill Creek Alliance, and Brennan Grayson, as well as review our neighborhood's proposed budget to present to the City.

First, Chris Carr with Mill Creek Alliance presented an upcoming expansion of the Mill Creek Alliance trail that runs through our neighborhood. The trail should be ready for walking by spring, though more fundraising and planning would be necessary to develop it enough for biking. Mill Creek was formerly heavily polluted but the Mill Creek Alliance has done significant cleanup in the Creek which they presented more extensively to our Council in November, check out the December Newsletter to learn more!

Next, we heard from Cincinnati Animal Care, which is a shelter that serves dogs and cats. Their phone number is (513) 541-7387. Always call this shelter for anything animal-related because they may be able to help intervene in a way that is more effective than police. This shelter takes in all of Hamilton County's stray dogs and many stray cats, though cats that are accustomed to outdoors are subject to a "capture, neuter, and release" program. Lost or found dogs and cats are posted on the shelter's website, CincinnatiAnimalcare.org, and can also be posted on Facebook under the Cincy Animal Care page and various other lost pet pages if you reach out via Facebook. Animals taken into the shelter are put on a 3-day hold, or a 10-day hold if they have a microchip; those with a microchip will also have a certified letter sent to the microchip owner. After the hold period, the animals become available to foster or adopt. Anyone who reclaims or adopts a dog must purchase a license, which costs just under \$20 per year. A longer lasting license can be obtained through the city. A license is the only way to prove full legal ownership of an animal. Microchips can be implanted for \$15, though they do not prove legal ownership. Deceased or injured animals should be reported to the center as well. If there is a microchip they will contact the microchip owner and if appropriate, they will post the animal online. Call 591-6000 for injured animals that are not cats or dogs.

Our final presentation was from our neighborhood's own Brennan Grayson. Brennan has a vision of turning Salway Park into an even hotter spot for local soccer teams of all ages than it already is. He asked our Council if our community would want these fields to be improved and become more of an attraction to the city at large, and he hopes for a small committee of stakeholders from both within and outside of the neighborhood. Council members that were present unanimously agreed to allow Brennan to champion this idea and move forward in conversations with potential stakeholders. After our guest speakers presented, Council reviewed and unanimously approved the proposed budget for use of the \$7987 Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) funds we will receive from the city for 2021.

## MEET SEDRICK DENSON – OHIO STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 33

Elected in November 2018, Sedrick Denson represents us in the Ohio State House. He graduated from SCPA and UC and wants to know what issues are important to you. There has been a lot of activity at the Ohio Statehouse recently. Since his last visit with us, much attention has been given to the controversial HB6 bill, regarding energy policy and the 2020 election processes. Please welcome Sedrick and bring a few good questions.

He can be reached at: (614) 466-1308 or [rep33@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:rep33@ohiohouse.gov)



## WERE YOU GREETED WHEN YOU MOVED TO SGV?

BY GARY ROBBINS

I remember being welcomed on the night my family arrived in Spring Grove Village.

A simple, "Welcome to the neighborhood," from our neighbors meant so much. Since then, I've been meeting newcomers on my street as they walk or take their dogs out. I've been wondering what it would look like if we had designated folks who would reach out to SGV newcomers and welcome them to the neighborhood. We could share with them who we are and the ways they can plug-in – like a neighborhood ambassador.

I have longed for us to be able to officially greet the people who move into our neighborhood. So, I am putting this request out in the hopes that some of you might want to be a part of a new initiative here.

We have all felt the effects of the virus on our lives, which is keeping us from connecting with our neighbors in the ways we normally do. Our summer picnics-in-the-park, hosted by Village Works, motto is "Get to know your neighbor." This event used to allow us to meet socially and often meet new people. Life in a pandemic creates special issues with getting to know each other, but could this be a time to work on new ways of bringing us together?

Is this something that interests you?

If so, please let me know by calling 702-7029, or email: [garyjrobbins@gmail.com](mailto:garyjrobbins@gmail.com).

## MEET YOUR NEWSLETTER TEAM!

### SGV Newsletter has a new editor!



JASMINE WILLIAMSON, EDITOR



JILL GIBBONEY, LAYOUT/DESIGN

Taking over for Sarah Maguire as, as she has moved out of the neighborhood, is **Jasmine Williamson**. Jasmine has lived in SGV since July of 2019. She has two children, ages 9 and 12 who attend Dater Montessori and SCPA, respectively. You may have seen her running around the neighborhood when the weather was nice, trying to stay fit and healthy while gyms aren't the safest place to be. She holds a bachelor's in Anthropology and a master's in Creative Writing, both from Northern Kentucky University, where she now works as a secretary for the English department. She is happy to be joining the SGV Newsletter team!

Teaming up with Jasmine is her friend and neighbor **Jill Gibboney**, designer of the newsletter and msgv.org website! Jill lives with her husband Michael and son, Graham, age 21, and they've been SGV residents since 2009. Jill completed her undergrad in Communications at the University of Cincinnati, and is pursuing an MS in Integrated Marketing Communications from West Virginia University. She works for LifeCenter Organ Donor Network as Digital Communications and Education Associate, and when she isn't at work or doing homework, she can probably be found chatting about life with Jasmine from across the street.

Content is gathered by Jasmine, edited, compiled, then sent to Jill to lay it out and send a completed version to the printer before it arrives at your door! A big thanks to Gary Robbins, Liz Virgo, and all of you other reporters submitting good content for the newsletter. As Gary likes to say, we are the only neighborhood out of 52 that delivers a newsletter to your door each month, and it takes a small village of volunteers tag-teaming to make it happen!

If you have content to contribute or any questions for the editor, please email: [sgvnewseditor@gmail.com](mailto:sgvnewseditor@gmail.com).