

# SPRING GROVE VILLAGE



## MAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

**Tuesday, May 14**

Evergreen Holistic Learning Center  
5880 Winton Ridge Lane  
**6:00 p.m.** | Pizza & Garden Tour  
**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:



### CINCINNATI ZOO & BOTANICAL GARDEN

Our neighborhood has deep roots in gardening and gardens wouldn't grow without lots of pollinators. We'll hear from Scott Beuerlein, Manager of Botanical Garden Outreach, about the value of pollinators in our gardens and how we can each do our own part to promote pollination. Discover the best plants to add to your yard or porch and find out how you can join the Zoo's Pollinator Challenge!

**Learn more:** <http://cincinnati-zoo.org/horticulture/plant-for-pollinators/>

### GASLIGHT PROPERTY UPDATE

Wondering what's happening with the old Kettler property on Winton Road? We've invited the new owners, Gaslight Property, of this 13-acre parcel (just north of Gray Road) to introduce themselves and talk about possible development plans for the site. Come out to meet them and welcome them to SGV.

**Learn more about Gaslight:** <https://www.gaslightproperty.com/>

## Gaslight PROPERTY

### LOCATION: EVERGREEN HOLISTIC LEARNING CENTER

Check out this old urban homestead on rural Winton Ridge Lane (5880) that's been converted into a holistic indoor/outdoor learning center for children, students, and adults of all ages. Meet active neighbors, Joan Barlage and daughter, Kate Nordyke, tour the grounds and, discover the many experiential learning programs they offer. Carpooling is encouraged as parking is limited!

**Learn more:** 513-426-6363, <http://evergreenholistic.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

<p>5/2 <b>Spring Grove Cemetery Summer Hours Begin</b> Open until 8 pm Mon &amp; Thurs</p>	<p>5/14 <b>Community Council Meeting</b> Evergreen Holistic Learning Center 5880 Winton Ridge</p>	<p>6/8 <b>Spring Grove Village Pool Opens</b> SGV Rec Area 634 Hand</p>	<p><b>SAVE THE DATE</b> 6/10-6/14 <b>Blitz Week</b> City of Cincinnati dumpsters will be available for use!</p>	<p>6/19 <b>Picnic-in-the-Park</b> SGV Rec Area (formerly Winton Commons Park) 634 Hand</p>
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# COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING REPORT: APRIL

BY SARAH MAGUIRE, COMMUNITY COUNCIL SECRETARY

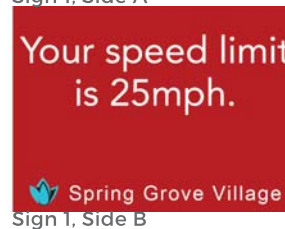
Spring Grove Self Storage was our host for the April council meeting and the gathering started off with pizza followed by an Easter egg hunt designed for meeting attendees to learn about the many spaces in the building! Monica McDowell, Site Manager for the business, started off the meeting with some history about the location, including it's use as a Swallen's department store. Monica also shared that the owners are about to start a major renovation of the building, including improved lighting, regrading, and climatizing with project completion set for the end of the year. In case you didn't know, SGSS offers \$50 referrals and you don't have to be a tenant! Thanks for Spring Grove Self Storage for hosting this meeting.

Report from Engine Co. 38 included 205 total calls for March (25 fire, 23 non-fire, and 162 EMS). April's topic is spring cleaning, including smoke alarm upkeep (test your alarms monthly and change batteries twice each year); clean your dryer lint traps; don't hide extension cords under rugs; remove flammable trash from house; and clean out storage areas (basement, attic, etc.). Most house fires are caused from cooking! If you get a grease fire, don't try to handle yourself. Call the fire department! Police report by our Neighborhood Liaison Officer Melissa Cummins included very good stats (0 homicide, rape, and burglaries). Most thefts were from Kroger and 9 arrests have been made. Those in attendance at the meeting were forewarned of the traffic blitz from April 22-May 2! Officers were out enforcing speed during this time. Reminder to continue reporting what you see but keep in mind that arrests can only be made if an officer sees it. Send photos/concerns to Off. Cummins: melissa.cummins@cincinnati-oh.gov.

Kate Staiger, lead for the Traffic Safety Committee, shared about the recent meeting with DOTE staff and conversations about SGV concerns, especially the intersection at Derby and Winton, cut-through traffic

on Derby, and Winton Ridge Lane curve. An official funding request has been submitted for the Derby/Winton intersection to become a T stop again instead of having a slip lane (lane would stay but bollards and planters would be installed to block traffic due to budget constraints). Guard rail may be possible for Winton Ridge Lane but there are concerns about breaks in the rail being more dangerous. Kate also shared some designs for proposed yards signs (see below) to alert drivers to slow down and be cautious. Some signs could be provided with community funds or may be purchased. There was further discussion about the possibility of implementing one-way streets in SGV and the process for getting accident reports in order to determine amount of money spent to repair damages.

Peter Huttinger shared about an upcoming meeting where many Cincinnati residents and officials will discuss revising the municipal code for urban agriculture, including new rules for owning chickens and requirements for community garden composting. Peter will report about this meeting at a future time. Gary shared that through a partnership with Keep Cincinnati Beautiful and FC Cincinnati, many neighborhoods, including SGV, will be adorned with blue and orange flowers soon!



April Community Council meeting at Spring Grove Self Storage



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BY GARY ROBBINS, COMMUNITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

The message is an appeal to everyone in the neighborhood.

1. Our SGV 2.0 Plan is underway! The next step needs each everyone who has ideas about how to make SGV a great neighborhood to get involved. Working Groups are being formed and this will be a great way to get involved, meet some neighbors, and make a difference.
2. Work is proceeding rapidly toward the opening of the new elementary school on Clifton Avenue this fall. I know some are saying this is not our school and it is not in our neighborhood. Sadly, we lost our neighborhood CPS school a few years ago. Next month we have a special agenda planned to learn about the new Clifton Area Neighborhood School. Join us as we meet at the school on Clifton Avenue to learn about the special features being planned and will have a chance to meet the new dynamic principal.
3. When we began SGV 2.0, I said that our neighborhood is on the cusp of change. The location, property assets, and quality of life of our neighborhood are being discovered. Underdeveloped properties are being sought for new developments. At May's Community Council meeting we'll hear about one developer's plans for a 13-acre site along Winton Road.

## 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! The City will be targeting clean up areas around the neighborhood all week. If you know of a trouble spot, let us know by calling 513-542-1750. This is a great time for house and garage cleaning.

See flyer for more details.

# SGV 2.0 REPORT: TOWN HALL KICK-OFF

BY GARY ROBBINS, COMMUNITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Thank you to all who participated in the town hall meeting on April 17 at Harmony Lodge to kick-off SGV's neighborhood plan. What a fun and engaging evening! We learned about our planning process from City Planning Coordinator, Samantha McLean, and also had a chance to meet local members of our Steering Committee. Most importantly, everyone in attendance was involved in contributing ideas for the future of SGV. During dinner, we were treated to a taste of barbershop singing thanks to a quartet from the Southern Gateway Chorus.

As we hope you already know, we've identified six "pathways", or focus areas, to channel our future brainstorming work. And we are now looking for neighbors to join working groups around these six themes: Housing & Development, Jobs & Businesses, Nature & Health, Youth & Families, Close & Connected, and Caring Community. Hoping you will be attracted to one or more of these focus areas to join in a group conversation. This should be a fun way to work on neighborhood ideas and to meet some of your neighbors. There will be more information and discussion about our working groups at our upcoming May Community Council meeting on May 14. If you're interested or want to learn more, email: [springgrovevillage2.0@gmail.com](mailto:springgrovevillage2.0@gmail.com) or call 513-400-3562. You can also checkout all the feedback and ideas from the kick-off on our project webpage: [www.cincinnati-oh.gov/sgvplan](http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/sgvplan).



A Southern Gateway Chorus quartet performed during the town hall meeting



SGV residents, business owners, and City Planning staff discussed the future of SGV

# THANK YOU: WINTON PLACE YOUTH CENTER

BY SUZANNE HAGEDORN, WPYC BOARD PRESIDENT

Winton Place Youth Center is sincerely grateful for the support of this wonderful neighborhood for our brunch and silent auction fundraiser on April 7, and for all the help you give the Youth Center and neighborhood kids the year round. Thank you!



## AIR QUALITY MONITORING UPDATE

BY JERRY CARRICO, COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOARD MEMBER

At the last Citizens Advisory Panel (CAP) meeting, Kerri Castlen of the South West Ohio Air Quality Agency (SOAQA) updated us on the air quality monitoring in Winton Hills. The agency monitored total volatile organic compounds (VOC's) in the area and conducted 24 hour/7 days a week canister sampling at two fixed sites in the area. The samples were sent to the lab in Blue Ash.

Additional canisters had been given to the Winton Hills community and the school. These canisters allow community members and the school to take samples when a smell occurs. An additional canister was sent to our Cincinnati Fire Station (Engine Company 38). These samples will then be analyzed for air toxins. Results of samples collected will be shared with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) and their toxicologist for review. The agency's final report will be presented to the Hamilton County Commission and possibly to the community. Ms. Castlen will share findings of the report at the next CAP meeting.



## POLICE DISTRICT 5 HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

BY JERRY CARRICO, COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOARD MEMBER

For those of you who have not already got the news, City Council decided to use the money set aside for the new Police District 5 HQ (temporarily located in College Hill) instead for stabilizing Columbia Parkway. This kicks the can down the road as far as deciding where to locate the headquarters.

The issue about the location is really not about which neighborhood gets it. The problem is the city administration and its council's tendency to overspend on pet projects so it never has the funds for bona fide needs. This problem has existed for many years. Stay tuned because it is not likely to disappear any time soon.



## LOOKING FOR KIDS WHO WANT SUMMER WORK!

BY GARY ROBBINS, COMMUNITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

We have jobs for kids to do around the neighborhood. Interested in mowing grass, trimming brush, picking up litter, etc.? Call our community hotline and let us know: 513-542-1750.

## SUMMER HOURS AT SPRING GROVE CEMETERY

BY GARY ROBBINS, COMMUNITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Many of our new residents may not be familiar with one of our best neighborhood treasures: Spring Grove Cemetery & Arboretum. It's been described as a museum without walls! Take a walk or a run or a bike ride and discover the beauty. Beginning on May 2nd (and running through August), their summer gate hours will be open until 8:00pm on Mondays and Thursdays. Check out all their summer activities and events at: <http://www.springgrove.org>

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



**SGV POOL OPENS**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 8**



# Mill Creek Alliance

The Nature Conservancy



Supported by a grant from



Contact us for more information!

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[facebook.com/millcreekalliance](https://www.facebook.com/millcreekalliance)

513-563-8800

[info@themillcreekalliance.org](mailto:info@themillcreekalliance.org)

# BIOBLITZ! Salway Park

4336 Spring Grove Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45223

Saturday, June 1

10:00AM - 2:00PM

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Team up with an expert naturalist to help identify as many species as possible to monitor the health of the Mill Creek





# St. Bernard Church

Spring Grove Village

Celebrating  
100 years  
1919-2019

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**May 19, 2019 10:30 AM**

Opening of the Anniversary Year  
May Devotions and breakfast

**August 20, 2019 7:00 PM**

Feast of St. Bernard  
Prayer in front of Church & Ice Cream Social

**September 22, 2019 11:00 AM**

Mass with Archbishop Schnurr  
Lunch at Harmony Lodge (reservations needed)

**March 21, 2020 7:00 PM**

Concert and Sing-a-long with snacks and drinks

**July 26, 2020 9:30 AM**

Closing Liturgy with Bishop Binzer  
Breakfast in the Annex (reservations needed)

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740 Circle Avenue Cincinnati, Ohio 45232 (mailing address)  
(513) 541-3732 [stbernardwp@fuse.net](mailto:stbernardwp@fuse.net)  
[www.stbernardcincy.org](http://www.stbernardcincy.org)





**Falls are preventable.  
Don't wait until a fall injures  
more than your pride!**

Stepping On is a falls prevention workshop that has been researched and proven to reduce falls by 30%.

Stepping On is a falls prevention workshop that meets for 2 hours a week for 7 weeks. Trained leaders coach you to recognize your risk of falling and help you build the balance, strength and practical skills you need to avoid a fall. Gain the confidence to stay active in your community and do the things you want to do.

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**Who this is designed for:**

- People 60 or older that live independently
- People who have fallen, are concerned about falling, or worry about someone in the home

**Who this is NOT meant for:**

- People who use a walker or wheelchair full time
- People with dementia or cognitive impairment

**What to expect:**

- 2 hours a week of interaction with facilitators and guest experts (and a snack break!)
- Exercise instructions
- Physical items on display
- Bring in weekly homework (it's easy!)
- A free home assessment offered by our "Certified Aging in Place Specialists"

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At the Whole Home Innovation Center — 4628 Paddock Rd. 45229

To register: Call or email Sara Bourgeois at **513-482-5100**

or **sarab@wholehome.org**

See reverse side for dates

# Upcoming Dates



One series on Tuesdays starting on May 14 from 10:00am-12:00pm  
and runs through June 25

One series on Thursdays starting on May 16 from 1:00pm-3:00pm  
and runs through June 27

One series on Thursdays starting on August 1 from 1:00pm-3:00pm  
and runs through September 12

One series on Tuesdays starting on October 1 from 1:00pm-3:00pm  
and runs through November 12

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## **Topics include:**

Balance and strength exercises and how to advance exercises

Home hazards and solutions

Vision and Falls

Community safety, getting out and about

Shoe and clothing hazards

Medication management, bone health, and better sleep

Follow-up home visit (free home assessment)

## **Guest experts include:**

Physical therapist, vision expert, pharmacist, community safety expert (often a firefighter/EMT), and home assessment by a Certified Aging in Place Specialist

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Whole Home Innovation Center 4628 Paddock Rd. - 513-482-5100

Park in front of building off Paddock. (Additional parking in lot at 1212 Tennessee Ave. Come to front entrance, near pavers and landscaping to get directions to classroom)

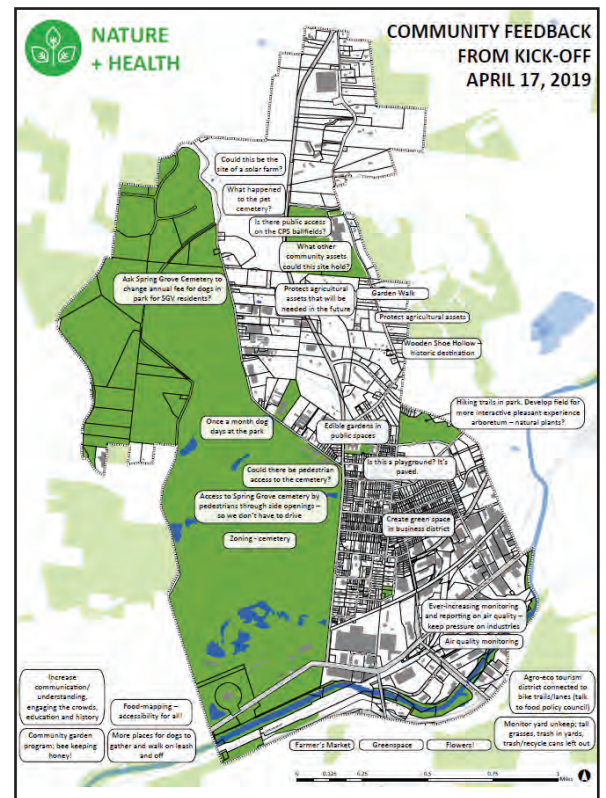


# SGV 2.0 PLAN UPDATE

## PICTURING OUR FUTURE

On Wednesday, April 17th, neighbors from around Spring Grove Village gathered at Harmony Lodge to kick-off the SGV 2.0 neighborhood plan!

During the Kick-Off, neighbors brainstormed their ideas for each pathway. All the ideas were collected and mapped. To check out the maps with community ideas, visit the SGV 2.0 plan webpage.



## JOIN A WORKING GROUP!

Do you have ideas to share about any of the pathways below? If so, consider joining a pathway working group! Working groups will shape the pathway goals and objectives of the neighborhood plan. We'll start meeting in May/June! If you're interested, email or call the SGV 2.0 Steering Committee (see contact below).



**LEARN MORE**  
or **JOIN US:**

[cincinnati-oh.gov/sgvplan](http://cincinnati-oh.gov/sgvplan)

or contact the SGV 2.0 Steering Committee at [springgrovevillage2.0@gmail.com](mailto:springgrovevillage2.0@gmail.com) | (513) 400-3562



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, June 14th**

- **Greenspace & Street Cleaning:** Teams will be working in our neighborhood the entire week (**Monday, June 10th - Friday, June 14th**)

- **Dumpster:** We will have one (20yd.) dumpster available for neighborhood use throughout the week. It will be delivered on **Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> by 9:00am** and removed on **Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> by 9:00am**. The dumpster will be emptied daily. It will be located on Hand Ave near Doberrer.

- **Attention: Do Not put tires, 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, June 14th (set out at curb). Or you may put items into dumpsters.

- **Tires:** Stack tires outside of dumpster and the City will collect them on Friday, June 14th.

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.

*Spring Grove Village*  
Adopt-A-Block

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