

SPRING GROVE VILLAGE



OCTOBER COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, October 8

80 Acres Farms
4535 Este Avenue

6:00 p.m. | Pizza and 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:



SHERYL LONG, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

Appointed Assistant City Manager in April 2018, Sheryl is responsible for overseeing a variety of city departments, including Buildings & Inspections, Public Services, and Department of Transportation & Engineering (DOTE). This will be a valuable opportunity to hear about priorities at City Hall.

Contact Sheryl: 513-352-3475, sheryl.long@cincinnati-oh.gov



PETE METZ, CINCINNATI USA REGIONAL CHAMBER

Transportation Policy & Coalition Manager Pete Metz will talk about our current transportation systems and proposed policy changes that will impact our region for years to come. A native of Spring Grove Village, Metz studied political science, urban geography, and urban governance at The Ohio State University.

Contact Pete: 513-579-3167, pmetz@cincinnati-chamber.com



LOCATION: 80 ACRES FARMS

Due to popular demand, we are returning this month to 80 Acres Farms for our October Council meeting. Meet the staff, learn about urban agriculture & hydroponics, and take home some samples. Come early at 6:00pm for pizza and a behind the scenes tour. Our monthly council meeting will follow, beginning at 7 pm.

More info: www.80AcresFarms.com

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>10/2 Village Works' Picnic-in-the-Lodge Harmony Lodge</p>	<p>10/5 SGV 2.0: Planning Open House Taft's Brewpourium</p>	<p>10/8 SGV Community Council Meeting 80 Acres Farms 4535 Este Ave</p>	<p>10/26 Leadership Development Training More details to come</p>	<p>SAVE THE DATE 11/12 Community Council Elections</p>
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COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING REPORT: SEPTEMBER

BY LIZ VIRGO, COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOARD MEMBER

Our September Community Council meeting was held at Gold Star Chili and opened with messages from our fire department. October 6-12 is Fire Prevention week. On those dates, fire alarms can be obtained from 1-5 pm at 1668 Blue Rock Ave in Northside. The city urged us all to check our fire alarms on October 7. If you find you need a smoke detector installed, you can call 513-357-7585 and select option 4. A sign-up sheet was circulated at the meeting for community members to sign up for smoke alarms. The State Fire Marshall is also hosting its annual Fire Prevention Week Create a Poster contest! Elementary school aged children are invited to participate in an art contest that will be judged by the State Fire Marshall in October. More information can be found at www.com.ohio.gov/documents/fire_PosterSchoolAnnouncement.pdf or (513) 357-7595. The Fire Department also suggested residents log personal information at www.Smart911.com so that important information can be automatically sent to 911 services if you should ever have to call.

Our Neighborhood Crime Report is presented by CPD at each meeting and includes publicly available information of crimes reported in the neighborhood. There will be increased undercover and regular police patrol in Spring Grove Village. Officers also shared that there is a call for houses that have installed security cameras to register those cameras with the city so that they can be used for crime reports. We were then introduced to the new District 5 police Captain, Craig Gregory. Captain Gregory expressed that he intends to remain in the district for a long time, appreciation for the neighborhood citizens' patrol, and stated that there are 5 new officers in our district.

Jenn Arens of the Peaslee Neighborhood Center then presented about the Equitable Development Rubric. The Peaslee Center is a non-profit organization in Over-The-Rhine that fights displacement and gentrification, and the Equitable Development Rubric is a tool they have developed to help neighborhoods engage with developers and City Council while maintaining community interests and assets during the development process. The rubric presents policy recommendations as well as grassroots strategies for communities to urge City Council to adopt policies in 4 main categories: Housing Affordability, Jobs and Labor, Community Input, and Community Footprint. Each attendant of the Community Council meeting received a copy of the rubric, which can be found at www.peasleecenter.org/rubric/. The rubric also contains a questionnaire that can be given to developers so that communities can learn more about their projects. An example of the benefit of using the questionnaire comes from Walnut Hills. Walnut Hills Community Council has voted to endorse this rubric and has begun using it in their neighborhood. A developer in their neighborhood became more invested in communicating with the community due to the use of the rubric. We will continue discussion of the rubric in upcoming community council meetings and invite participation from all residents in the neighborhood.

State Representative Sedrick Denson of the 33rd District in Columbus presented about several bills he's introduced and some of his voting history. He invited community members to contact him at rep33@ohiohouse.gov or (614) 466-1308. He also encouraged us to sign up for the State House newsletter via the State House website. Our meeting adjourned with cookies from our gracious Gold Star Chili hosts.



September Community Council meeting at Gold Star Chili



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AIR QUALITY MONITORING

BY JERRY CARRICO, COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOARD MEMBER

At the last Community Advisory Panel (CAP) meeting, the representative from Southwest Ohio Air Quality Agency (SOAQA) stated that the loop monitoring is continuing for the next couple of months and canister testing will also continue. So far nothing above the limits has been detected.

Also, the loop test dates and data remain available at their website http://www.southwestohioair.org/monitoring/winton_terrace.



PROPERTY TAX UPDATE

BY JERRY CARRICO, COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOARD MEMBER

At the Property Tax Working Group meeting on September 19, we heard from leaders of groups that try to turn declining neighborhoods around. One of those leaders was Sister Barbara Bush of Working In Neighborhoods (WIN). The Director of Economic Development for First Financial Bank was also present to give a lender's viewpoint. It was pointed out that tax abatement is a positive tool when properly targeted and gave several examples of how it has been used it for that exact purpose. All seemed to agree that it should not be used in areas where development will take place without tax abatement (such as Hyde Park, Oakley, Columbia-Tusculum, etc.).

There is a site where anyone who cannot make the meetings can provide input. It is https://ww.surveymonkey.com/r/PTWG_PublicComment. Please provide your feedback!

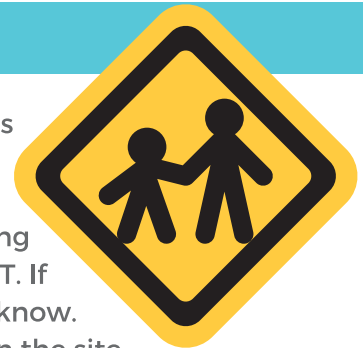


PEDESTRIAN SAFETY SUMMIT UPDATE

BY JERRY CARRICO, COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOARD MEMBER

At the latest Pedestrian Safety Summit held on September 12, several topics were covered, including the new Vision Zero initiative, which is a strategy to eliminate all traffic-related deaths and severe injuries while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all. It also includes a means of submitting requests for fixing dangerous spots in our communities. **THIS IS IMPORTANT.** If we want anything to be done in our neighborhood, we need to let the city know. The link to the Vision Zero strategy is www.cincinnati-oh.gov/visionzero/. On the site, you will see three survey icons. To denote a particular spot that needs to be addressed, click on the MAP SURVEY icon and follow the instructions. By zooming in on the map location, you can see if it has already been reported. If so, you can click AGREE so your voice is also counted. If your concern is not addressed on the map site, enter your concern and click "SUBMIT." I know several folks have been complaining about particular problem spots in Spring Grove Village and this is the best way to get these needs addressed.

Another item that was addressed at the summit was the idea of using hand-held traffic cameras to slow traffic in certain areas. Unlike the ones used in Elmwood Place, these are held by the police officer and directed at the offending vehicle. Currently, the city's charter prohibits using such devices. Future meetings will dig deeper into this issue. It is a complicated mix of laws and budgetary requirements at both the state and local level.

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NEXTDOOR: CONNECTING WITH NEIGHBORS

BY GARY ROBBINS, COMMUNITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT



Thanks to all of you who participate in the private online neighborhood network called Nextdoor, which gives you access to local information you won't find anywhere else. If you are not signed up, please consider joining today so you don't miss out on important local news.

There are some additional tips on how you can configure your settings to best fit your needs. You may be concerned about how much information about you is shared on the network. If so, go to your Settings and check out the options you have for Privacy, Notifications, and SMS Text Alerts.

Need help? Please call 513-542-1750 and someone will be happy to assist with your Nextdoor settings.

SGV 2.0 OPEN HOUSE | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

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

The hard work done by SGV 2.0 working groups over the summer is ready for your review! All SGV residents should consider the proposed strategies and goals that will eventually be approved for the SGV Neighborhood Plan. And we've got a fun way for you to do this! Join fellow neighbors at a casual open house at Taft's Brewpourium on Saturday, October 5 between 11 am & 4 pm. Stop by for a short time or come for the whole event. It will be family-friendly (we'll have activities to engage kids!) and food and drinks will be available. You'll get a beer for \$1 just for coming by to provide your feedback! See attached flyer for more details.

NEIGHBORHOOD SUPPORT PROGRAM (NSP)

BY GARY ROBBINS, COMMUNITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

The neighborhood receives operating funds from the City each year called the Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) funds. This past year we were offered \$6,085. For 2020, this amount will be \$6,078. The below table shows how we used this money last year and how the Council Board suggests we use it in 2020. At our October Council we will look for your thoughts on how our community can best use these funds. Maybe you have suggestions. Maybe our SGV 2.0 initiatives will want to direct some of these funds towards their projects!

NSP	2019		2020
	Oct - Aug		Oct - Aug
	Proposed	Actual	Proposed
Communications	2500	2714	2500
Beautification	1800	1835	1800
Board Development	350	350	350
Community Engagement	200	143	200
WPYC Support	1000	1000	1000
Quality of Life	235	50	228
Total:	6085	6091	6078

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BY GARY ROBBINS, COMMUNITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Many of you are already aware of a recent incident that took place in the corner park involving 4 youths, 2 adults, and a gun. It may be related to a similar incident involving 4 teens that robbed a woman on Doberrer at gunpoint around the same time. We have no further details, but police are highly engaged and asking for help from anyone who might know something or have cameras that might have relevant content. Please be vigilant. If you know something, say something by calling Cincinnati Police Anonymous tip line at 513-352-3040. We will ask District 5 Police to give us a report at our next Council meeting.

This month we are continuing our reporting on the good volunteering that takes place throughout our community. Many of you give of your time in unseen and unrewarded ways by serving on formal committees, participating in neighborhood projects, and by your generous willingness to help when asked. Others may be interested in getting involved but don't know where to start or who to approach. So, we've put together a summary of our existing formal committees (see included flyer). If you are interested in any of these or just want to know more about how you could be involved, you'll find a contact person for each one. And, of course, if you have something new that interests you, suggest it. Need support or assistance? Want to find others who might have similar interests? Just ask – your gifts and enthusiasm are valued.

Some of you might have a gift for serving on one of our local organizations as a board member. The Winton Place Youth Center is looking for board members. The Village Development Corporation (VDC) would love to have some new folks join them as board members or project volunteers. And our Community Council Board is a group of your neighbors, elected by peers, who serve the community at large for one-year terms. Elections for Community Council are held each year at our November Council meeting (on November 12 this year). Listed here are those neighbors who will be on the ballot – all continuing members: Jerry Carrico, Annie Hilson, Phil Murphy, Gary Robbins, Farah Sagin, and Liz Virgo. Can't attend on 11/12? Absentee ballots will be available 10-days prior by calling our community phone line: 513-542-1750.

The Community Council board is planning to host a Leadership Development Training class focused on developing leadership skills appropriate for use in working here at the neighborhood level. It will be open to board members as well as other neighbors interested in learning these skills for their work in the neighborhood. Save the date of Saturday, October 26 and watch for more details.

Rumpke is conducting a recycling audit throughout the County. Soon they may be snooping into your recycling cart to see if you are recycling only what they can recycle. They will let you know if and how you comply as an effort to help improve our recycling program and reduce the cost of separating out unusable items. See the attached flier for a reminder of what can be recycled and what cannot.

Just a reminder to watch for interesting events sponsored and held at Spring Grove Cemetery including tram tours, run/walk events, live entertainment, and more: www.springgrove.org/events/. And, of course, look for all our neighborhood events posted online at: www.MySGV.org/events. (If you have events of interest to neighbors please let us know: springgrovevillage@gmail.com.)

SGV CONTACTS

2019 SGV Community Council Board

Gary Robbins (President) 513-702-7029
Farah Sagin (Vice President) 513-967-8908
Annie Hilson (Treasurer) 513-312-7292
Liz Virgo (Secretary) 513-814-2914
Jerry Carrico (Member) 207-7821
Phil Murphy (Member) 364-3383

SGV Community Garden

Nannie Oliver 513-542-8440

Winton Place Youth Center

Jamieson Williams (Exec Director) 513-681-8004

Cincinnati Police

District 5 513-569-8500
Non-Emergency 513-765-1212
Melissa Cummins (Neighbor Officer) 513-569-8595
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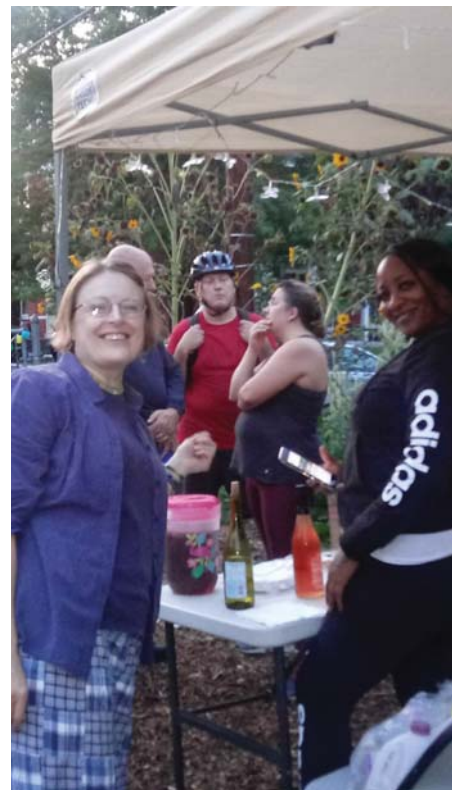
SECOND ANNUAL EVENING IN THE GARDEN A SUCCESS!

BY ANDREA FARMER, GARDEN SECRETARY

On September 7, the SGV Community Council and SGV Community Garden hosted the second annual "Evening in the Garden." A huge thank you to Gary Robbins and the SGV Community Council for securing and setting up the wine, food, tents, chairs, and tables! Also, a big thank you to this year's party organizer, Ms. Tawanda Crumpton, Nannie Oliver's granddaughter! Her steady calm kept the preparations and the evening running smoothly. Of course, kudos to Garden Coordinator, Nannie Oliver, who had the garden looking absolutely gorgeous. We are also extremely grateful to G. Wayne Adkins for stepping in (on very short notice!) to provide us with beautiful music for the entire evening, and gardener Senita Graves for taking photos of the event! Fortunately, the weather was a gentle 70 degrees for the event.

Thanks also to the Marathon Biodiesel Volunteer Team who planned, built, installed, and painted our wonderful new shed! Marathon Volunteers include: Terry Mann, Maintenance Supervisor & Project Manager; Linda Wylie, Human Resources Coordinator; and the Russell family: Mark, Ileana, Andrew, and especially Nicholas, who chose to raise funds for, purchase, and build the shed for his Eagle Scout project. Other Marathon Biodiesel volunteers helped with the installation, including Brian Wilson and members of the Marathon Maintenance Department.

Thanks to everyone who attended! We are so glad you all were able to come and make it a wonderful evening in the garden.



Volunteer Opportunities in Spring Grove Village



These are some of the formal committees and organizations that are currently active throughout SGV. We invite you to consider getting involved in one or more of these. Or maybe you are interested in something new and would like some support?

- Beautification:** This committee is responsible for maintaining our 11 community flower posts and 5 flower beds throughout the neighborhood. This includes planting flowers, weeding and watering throughout the year. Contact person: Linda Robbins, lindarobbins@fuse.net, 702-7841
- Adopt-a-Block:** This committee collates our monthly newsletters and fliers into packets and deliver to 35 volunteer Street Captains who deliver them door-to-door. We also champion clean-up days and recycling education in the newsletter. Contact person: Gary Robbins, garyrobbins@fuse.net, 702-7029
- Communications:** This committee looks after our newsletter, eNews, website, yard signs and social media. We look to coordinate our communications channels and invite our local organizations to utilize. Contact: Sarah Maguire, sarah.eve.maguire@gmail.com, 808-6066
- Environment & Development:** This is a champion position that monitors development activities and environmental issues for the neighborhood. Contact: Jerry Carrico, fjerrycarrico@yahoo.com, 207-7821
- Law & Safety:** This is a champion position that monitors police & legal & safety issues for the neighborhood. Contact: Jerry Carrico, fjerrycarrico@yahoo.com, 207-7821
- Quality of Life:** This committee monitors property code enforcement and provides educational information regarding property owner responsibilities. Contact: Gary Robbins, garyrobbins@fuse.net, 702-7029
- Zoning:** This is a champion position that monitors zoning activity and zone code issues for the neighborhood. Contact: Peter Huttinger, huttinger@cinci.rr.com, 328-0100
- Community Garden:** This committee manages our community garden. Contact: Nannie Oliver, nannieoliver@yahoo.com, 252-8030
- MSD:** This committee monitors sewer & storm water issues around the neighborhood. Contact: Eileen Frechette, efwoodenshoe@fuse.net, 641-9833
- SGV 2.0 Steering Cmte:** This committee coordinates the development of our SGV 2.0 Neighborhood Plan. Watch for many new volunteer project opportunities emerging from this initiative. Contact: Gary Robbins, garyrobbins@fuse.net, 702-7029

Village Development Corp: This is our community development organization which rehabs residential properties and resells them. They also manage the 638 E Epworth/Schomaker Commons building. Contact: Farah Sagin, villagedevelopmentcorp1@gmail.com, 967-8908

Winton Place Youth Center: This organization operates youth and afterschool programs at the Winton Place Youth Center. Contact: Jamieson Williams, jwilliams@wpyouthcenter.org, 419-351-8098

Village Works: This is a team of neighbors who organize neighborhood picnics and other community social functions. Contact: Gary Robbins, garyrobbins@fuse.net, 702-7029

Citizens on Patrol: This team of neighbors provide a regular street presence throughout the neighborhood. Contact: Jerry Carrico, fjerrycarrico@yahoo.com, 207-7821

Other: Want to help with a donation or help in some other way?

Availability: Want to help with one-time or short-term projects?

Comments: _____

We should all be thankful for our many volunteers who help keep our neighborhood safe, clean and welcoming. I am especially thankful for: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Text (Y/N): _____



Please respond to committee contact person(s) if interested in volunteering. Or you can send an email to springgrovevillage@gmail.com with any questions, comments or responses. You can also leave a message at our community phone line, 542-1750 (or mail to: SGV, 638 E Epworth Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45232). Or, bring this form to the next Community Council meeting.



SGV 2.0 presents

PINTS, PATHWAYS, & PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF SGV

Saturday, October 5th | 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Taft's Brewpourium | 4831 Spring Grove Avenue

Drop by and check out the **SGV 2.0 Working Groups' draft goals** for our neighborhood plan at this **Open House**. This is a family-friendly event with activities for community members of all ages!



Want to learn more?
Contact the SGV 2.0 Steering Committee at springgrovevillage2.0@gmail.com or 513-400-3562 or visit cincinnati-oh.gov/sgvplan

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