

Profile: A Legacy, Residents Who Inspire

There was a time in North College Hill history where every weekend there were things going on in the community. The streets would be filled with residents using the local businesses, children were found riding bikes up and down the streets and residents were always seen in their front yards talking with one another. During this time in North College Hill history, the #NCHifnotyouwho volunteer campaign wasn't necessary because it was natural to be an active participant in your community. Volunteerism was a slightly unfamiliar idea because when things needed to get done, you got it done. I have heard poignant stories of wonderful people, who took active roles in their community, they didn't complain about what isn't happening or what is needed, and they organized to make an active difference rather than gather for the sole purpose of creating noise.

Paul Pies

People like Paul Pies a World War II Veteran who took pride in cutting the grass at the park at the end of his street. He didn't do it for accolades; he didn't do it to better his

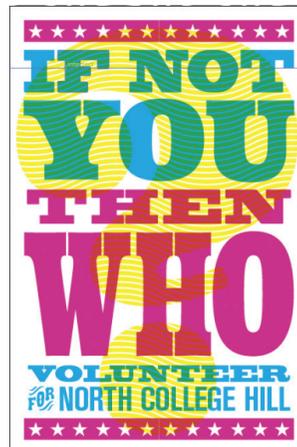
personal situation. He cut the grass at the park so that the entire community could enjoy it. He cut the grass at the park because it needed to be cut, because of his selflessness the park at the end of his street is now known as PIES. Little feet run through the grass chasing soccer balls and throwing footballs every day. Children are learning important lessons about life, winning and losing. Parents are spending quality time. This is happening in our City and Mr. Pies has a chapter in this story because of his innate ability to take ownership of a field. #NCHifnotyouwho

Dave Kreamelmeyer

Dave Kreamelmeyer was an active participant in the North College Hill baseball association and St Margaret of Mary Church. Dave was a coach who made it one of his priorities to expose others to the game of baseball that he loved. The kids didn't all look like him, their skin was all different colors, their schools were all different, and their families make up and experiences were all unique. However, if they had nothing in common they had baseball. Dave is no longer with us

however it is said that some of the kids that he coached attended his funeral, now young men, no longer children. A witness who knew the kids as well said that one particular young man approached him saddened by the tragic loss of his coach. He spoke of the positive role Dave played in his life and the memory he will always hold dear. Dave was there for many of North College Hill's kids, he has a chapter in the story of North college hill baseball because of his innate ability to care about the children and share something he loved with them. #NCHifnotyouwho

There are many people in our City that do things selflessly who we will never hear about. There are also many who are extremely vocal with their words yet silent with their actions. We ALL must start doing our part. What have you done that is positive? Ask yourself who have I built into or built up? If you are coming up with nothing then contact me at Sheryl@northcollegehill.org We can help you add some names and experiences to your list. *Sheryl Long*



Coming in January! Citizens Police Academy

Be part of the solution!

In January, the Police Department would like to host a Citizen Police Academy. This would be a 10-week program, one evening per week for 10 weeks. Topics would include trips to the justice center, communications center, firearms simulation range, and ride along with your police officers. Additional items such as crime prevention, overview of the justice system, scenarios and role playing, community oriented policing, traffic stops and laws, role of the PD, and evidence and technology for crime scenes.

Enrollment will give you a better understanding of your community and the PD. Graduates can then enroll in our COP – Citizens on Patrol program. We would like to have at least eight residents to make this cost effective. Applicants must be over 18 years old. Call 521-7171 for information or to signup.

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1500 West Galbraith Road
North College Hill, OH 45231

With higher standards quickly being placed on students in Ohio's Public Schools, consider volunteering with North College Hill City Schools in your spare time.

The number of students in need of additional reading and math assistance is significant, and your time could greatly change a child's life. Poor reading skills directly impact a child's ability to learn other subjects.

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City of North College Hill

Upcoming Events

October.	31	Trick or Treating 6:00–8:00PM
November.	1	Leaf Pickup
	4	Election Day
	6	City Website Launch
	8	City Clean Up Day
	15	Leaf Pickup
December.	6	Leaf Pickup
	8	Holiday Lights
	TBD	Breakfast with Santa
	15	2014 Mayor's Presentation

We want to hear your



Stories

After recently encountering a North College Hill couple married 25 or more years, I realized there must be more beautiful stories out their waiting to be shared. The City is hoping to share a weekly profile of residents' long marriages and their stories and words of wisdom online in the weeks leading up to Valentine's Day 2014.

If you would like to share your story or surprise someone else, please contact sheryl@northcollegehill.org

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Greetings

As usual, I hope you find this newsletter informative. Our renovated and expanded website is on schedule to launch November 6th. Future newsletters will be available online and via email blast. Paper copies will still be available at city, school, and business locations. Past newsletters will be available online.

One element of the new website will be News Items. This will be a place where general news will be regularly shared and news you may hear about elsewhere will be covered more completely and factually. Misinformation or incomplete information is a disservice to you.

With my abbreviated first term nearly halfway complete, I continue to work for progress in the city with optimism, ideas and perseverance. I hope this community will join me in transforming cynicism into positive action, negativity into productivity, and despair into hope.

In December, I will present an end of the year summary to the community. I am very pleased it has been a productive and innovative year! I'm accountable to you all for the work I do, and I hope you will be proud of this year's accomplishments.

Amy Bancroft, Mayor

Police Levy Update

The voters in this community sent a message last November election that they wanted more police presence in the community in the approval of a 4.9 mil Police Levy. The City and Police would like to inform you, our residents, where and how this money has been spent to date for improvements in the police department.

The Police have hired four more full-time police officers and two additional part-time officers. This increase in manpower will have many positive effects on reducing crime, improving response times, and enhanced follow-up on criminal cases. This increase in manpower will allow for an additional detective and add patrol units to each shift for visibility and response. This will also allow us to partner with you, the community, by developing the Quad Community policing concept, and the development of a high impact unit to be proactive in areas of higher crime and drug activity.

To support both the additional police officers, we have also used the levy funding to add two new patrol vehicles and a new investigative vehicle.

The police department has purchased new handguns equipped with light and laser rails to improve officer safety along with new security holsters to house the weapons. Our current weapons are 13-15 years old and recommended standards are 8-10 year, so we have certainly exceeded law enforcement recommendations.

The police department has also made some technological improvements with the levy funding. We have updated our cell phones to smart phones which have the capability of using the phone to take pictures and video at crime scenes and accidents, and add the Regional Crime Information Center onto the phones. All law enforcement use this program to access wanted persons, criminal and traffic history, and vehicle license information for investigative purposes. We have also updated our copier in the police department which was seven years old and technically outdated as an essential tool used daily by clerical and sworn personnel. The police department also purchased a laptop computer for investigative, patrol and community work. *(continued to page 4)*

2014 brings a variety of exciting additions to the City's landscape. We are excited about the things to come. We like to use this platform to introduce you to those businesses that call North College Hill home.

World-Class Business Now Kicking In NCH. via Joel Vanderkolk

The new Cincinnati Kung-Fu and Tai-Chi Center at 6832 Hamilton opened several weeks ago. Shi-Fu (Chinese for teacher) Kenneth Ware is a well-known instructor who won three World Championship events in 1980. His school teaches vigorous adult Kung-Fu, low-impact Tai-Chi, and aerobic Tae-Bo for overall firming and weight loss. When asked why he chose NCH, he said there is a need for more positive activities for kids here. He integrates a holistic approach instilling discipline, focus and health, and young students even bring in their school report cards so free tutorials can be given when needed. He also invites anyone who might be interested in his school to attend a free first class in any of the three programs, and the school phone number is 771-0700. Welcome to NCH, Mr. Ware!

City Center Highlights: Two Gems

Center Stage Players

North College Hill is proud to be home to the award-winning Center Stage Players, a community theatre group that takes pride in presenting a diverse variety of plays and musicals. If you haven't seen one of their performances at the NCH City Center, you will be impressed!

This Christmas, CSP will be producing two holiday plays for the price of one, A Seussified Christmas Carol and A Charlie Brown Christmas. You also won't want to miss a unique immersive theatrical experience happening in February -- The Awesome 80s Prom, a retro parody, fundraiser, and dance party!

www.centerstageplayersinc.com

Arabesque Dance Academy

Operated by Kimberly Stewart

The Arabesque Dance Academy was awarded a Project Plié scholarship, "a broad initiative to increase racial and ethnic representation in ballet and diversify America's ballet companies. *Project Plié* seeks to combine training and support of ballet students from communities previously underrepresented in American ballet companies with the creation of a nationwide network of partner professional ballet companies who are committed to diversity, The Arabesque Dance Academy is a recipient of that scholarship. Ms. Kimberly Stewart has done an amazing job! She offers children and adult classes with a diverse catalogue of dance styles available. For further information you can email www.arabesquedanceacademy@yahoo.com

Staff Profile: Nashyah Shaw

Ms. Shaw has joined the North College Hill Code Enforcement Family. Along with Mr. John Fulmer, Nashyah is responsible for the administrative side of this important job. This will free up time so he will be able to focus on driving the North College Hill neighborhoods and ensuring that they are being maintained to North College Hill code standards. Nashyah resides in North College Hill with her fiancé, two boys and a little girl. We are excited to have her join us. Nashyah can be reached at 513.521.7413 ext. 102

Rumpke Trash and Recycling Facts

- Your residential monthly trash rate is for weekly service and rental of the trash and recycling cans. In the event you move, the trash can does not move with you, but stays at that address.
- If your weekly household waste or recycling pick-up was missed, please call 513-521-7413 ext. 100 or email Sheryl@northcollegehill.org if leaving a message for trash problems please leave your name, address, phone number and concern. This will allow the problem to be quickly resolved.
- The City receives a financial bonus based on the amount recycled. In the past 5 years, the City has received the following dollars because you made a choice to recycle.
 - 2010: \$9,149.02
 - 2011: \$6,235.04
 - 2012: \$6,920.35
 - 2013: \$6,943.66
 - 2014 (1st half): \$3,545.14
- Take the time and effort to recycle more! It benefits the environment and City directly.

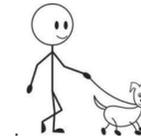
Acceptable Recycle Materials for Curbside Pick-up

- Newspapers with inserts, magazines, catalogs and telephone books, Paperboard, such as cereal boxes, Junk mail, Computer paper, and other mixed office paper, Corrugated cardboard broken down to 3'x3', Pizza boxes with all grease and food residue removed.
- All colored glass bottles and jars. Please rinse and remove rings and lids. Sorry, no windows, sheet glass, mirrors, light bulbs, drinking glasses or mugs, and oven/cooking glassware, All plastic bottles and jugs. Please rinse and remove rings and lids. No plastic bags.
- Aluminum & Bi-Metal soda, pop, beer, steel food or soup cans are acceptable. Sorry, no pots or pans, coat hangers, or scrap metal.

New Residents:

Your water must be turned on in order to receive trash service. It usually takes 7 days for the water company to communicate with Rumpke. At that time you may contact the City to request a trash cart and a recycle cart if one isn't already present at your home.

Waste billing is charged through your quarterly water bill. Both garbage and recycling are included. You are provided 1 trash can and 1 recycle bin/cart. Any additional cans are a \$3.50 rental fee or you can provide your own for no additional charge.



ATTENTION PET OWNERS

We love to see people out and about walking their furry friends however; we would like you to be aware of the ordinances that are in effect in our city for both the protection and respect of you and your neighbors;

505.01 DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE.

(a) Your dog must always be with you and on a leash at ALL times if you are walking in or around the community.

505.17 DOG EXCREMENT REMOVAL.

(a) Your dog isn't allowed to use the bathroom in any area other than your own property. If they do, you must clean up after your animal.

505.14 DANGEROUS AND VICIOUS DOGS.

Please be aware of the temperament of your dog and understand that you are liable if your dog does assault, or danger any other animal or person within the city limits.

A full detailed description of the dog ordinances and ALL ordinances are available at on the City's website, www.northcollegehill.org Click on "Ordinances" section and it will link to the full text.

Road Safety Tips

With less day light hours and winter approaching, please pay special attention to:

- Clear your car windows for visibility
- Adhere to no turn on red signs
- Adhere to the 25mph speed
- Make a complete stop before turning right on red where permitted
- Use crosswalks

These reminders may seem straightforward, but failure to do so resulted in several accidents last winter, including two juvenile pedestrians being hit.

Slow Down and Stay Safe!



2014-15 Road Projects

Clover Lane will be done this year, Jamar/Devonwood/Telford in late Spring or early Summer 2015.

Trojan Way and Bake Ave will be bid this Fall and under contract by the end of the year with construction to begin in the first quarter of 2015.

The City is able to do extensive amounts of road work because of the road levy. This allows us to receive State Capital Improvement Grants which require a local match of between 20% and 50% of the project costs. The voters' continuing support of the road levy allows us to completely rebuild three or four residential streets each year – at up to 50% of the total cost.

Thank you residents for your patience.



City Council Meetings are held 7:30 at the City Center on the first and third Mondays of each month, September through May. June through August Council only meets the first Monday of the month.

Updates:

Parental Responsibility Ordinance

At request of the Police Department, City Council approved the Parental Responsibility Ordinance in the late spring. The ordinance allows law enforcement to hold parents accountable for juvenile's conduct if the parent as not taken reasonable precautions to prevent such behavior. To date, the PD has used this ordinance eight times and has been effective as we have had no repeat offenders.

Code Enforcement Enhancement

An important ingredient in community policing and quality of life improvements within our community is the Code Enforcement component. This was important part of the police levy. In early 2014, the Code Enforcement was installed as a component of the PD to allow the two departments to share and improve problem solving issues within the community. The City did hire an administrative clerk to enhance the effectiveness of this component and to allow the current Code Enforcement Office the ability to be proactive in the field and not being taxed with administrative responsibilities. This endeavor has proven to be a winning combination allowing for better follow-up.

Neighborhood Meetings: Invest in Your Community

During the summer, the Mayor and Police Department held three community outreach meetings that we hosted to share information and listen to the concerns of the community. These meetings were geographically designated to certain areas where they were either requested or crime data indicated a surge of activity. Some were very well attended and some were not. Communication and unity is paramount towards providing safer environments and enhancing the quality of life.

Police Levy Update *(continued from page 1)*

Many of you have heard through media sources the incident that occurred in Ferguson, Missouri, and the incident that caused tensions between the community and Police Department. There has been much discussion about body cameras for the police officers and if in fact these cameras would have been available, the camera would provide undisputed facts to the computer and PD. There are already many states reviewing legislation such as New Jersey in mandating law enforcement to mandating law enforcement to purchase body cameras. The NCH PD has been aggressively pursuing this endeavor and has been doing research on this item months before the Ferguson, Missouri incident. The police department has tested four different types and evaluating the quality, costs, officer feedback and ability to retrieve the information. We are confident that by the end of the year, we will have purchased the body cameras. The step illustrates the transparency and trust commitment between the police department and our community.

The levy funding has also provided advanced training opportunities which enhance knowledge and professionalism. I am glad to report recently the police department had 2 police sergeants graduated from the FBI Leadership and one sergeant attending the Police Executive Leadership College. There are advanced specialized courses that are quite expensive and without the levy funding this opportunity would not have become a reality. We are also sending 4 police officers to crime/community relations course to implement quad community policing upon successful completion.