

Sedamsville Newsletter

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Making a difference in the community since 1795

**Civic Association
Meeting** will be held
**Wednesday
May 13th at 7pm.**

E-Mail

If you would like to receive this newsletter by email, please let us know. You can email Sue Feldman at sfeldman@cinci.rr.com or call Pauline Martin at 921-7768

**Sedamsville Civic
Association is
having the
neighborhood
Picnic & Flea
Market
June 27th
At Bold Face Park**

Officers

*President
Sue Feldman*

*Vice President
Chester Moody*

*Secretary
Steven Meyers*

*Treasurer
Pauline Martin*

Sedamsville's Calendar of Events (May)

May 7th	Building Committee 7:00p.m.
May 13th	Civic Association Meeting at 7p.m.

May Birthdays

John Yarosch—3rd

Barbara McNamara-16th

Barbara Niehaus—18th

Nicholas Stenger-22nd



Sonny Hubbard—6th

Kim Caine—16th

Charlene Roark-20th

If you have a birthday coming up, please let Regine know at 557-2720 ext. 307 or email at regine.gordon@Santamaria-cincy.org or Pauline Martin at 921-7768

Meetings

Civic meeting will be held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm at Santa Maria Center 617 Steiner Avenue.

Newsletter Articles

Anyone who would like to have something published in the newsletter must have it submitted by the 25th of each month to Santa Maria.

Also, if you are not receiving a newsletter and would like to, please call Santa Maria at 557-2720.



Sedamsville House of the Month

Is there a home that you think stands out and adds something special to the neighborhood? Is there a house that is especially well maintained or a recent rehab? Do you have a neighbor who has put a lot of energy into fixing up their home or yard? If so, nominate that home for the

Sedamsville House of the Month!

Each month the Building Committee will choose one nominee to receive this distinction. The winner will receive a \$25.00 gift certificate to Home Depot and have the "House of the Month" sign placed in their yard.

To nominate someone, contact Barb Niehaus at 557-2710 x512 or Kayla Camp-Warner at 557-2710 x510. You can also mail a nomination form to: 718 State Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45204. Attn: House of the Month.

Address of nominee _____

Why should this home receive the Sedamsville House of the Month Award?

Your name and telephone number (optional) _____

Mail to 718 State Ave. Cincinnati OH 45204 Attn: House of the Month.

Or call 557-2710 x510 or x512.

Helping Hands — 1st Saturday's of the Month

We will be having the young people for Helping Hands on the first Saturday of the month. Included below is a form to sign up for help around the house. We will still offer the service, at no charge, for seniors. We are also offering to assist any property owner interested in our services for a donation to the program. Donations will be used to purchase tools, supplies and paint for those who cannot afford items necessary to complete their task.

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"Helping Hands" work is done on the first Saturday of the month at 9:00 am to Noon.

Requests must be made on this form and received one week in advance to be considered.

Direct questions to Kayla Camp-Warner at 557-2710 ext 510. Forms can be mailed to Kayla at 718 State Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45204 or you may call the above number with the forms information. *Please encourage your neighbors to take advantage of this community service offered by young people to aid us in our goal of continues improvement for Sedamsville.*

THE BIG BARGE BATTLE

The day after the March Newsletter went to press, the Lower Price Hill Community Council was informed of a new City of Cincinnati threat to the peaceful enjoyment of our neighborhood's unique way of life. The city had committed Lower Price Hill's (LPH) 30-plus acre riverfront to a farm products business that planned to install a barge terminal on that land. That business would necessitate expanded rail lines and increased freight train traffic to load containers onto river barges. The barge company would annually transport from LPH millions of tons of unspecified bulk products, and millions of tons of grain purchased from farmers, then shipped to China. A giant riverfront crane would lift the cargoes of grain and other materials. Noise, dirt, grain dust, and constant rail traffic would be only the initial problems created by the operation.

The impact of a barge and rail business on LPH residents is unimaginable. Community Council vice-president Lynn Geyer publicly called attention to a byproduct hazard to area health and safety. Stockpiled grain attracts flocks of geese. That fact was confirmed by the Community Council secretary with the retired owner of another barge company who said that a grain handling business cannot safely function near a residential neighborhood. Homes, businesses, public buildings, vehicles, and residents themselves would be covered in goose guano.

In addition, a valuable piece of Cincinnati river side would be forever removed from the possibility of more desirable development. The East End has come back to life. There is no factual argument against similar development happening on the west side of downtown that has an even better view of the Kentucky hills, and of the city skyline. LPH is no more dangerously within the flood plane than are the new homes in the East End. Construction plans for the new Waldvogel Viaduct envision expanded greenspace for LPH, and public access to the riverfront.

How did it happen that the City of Cincinnati gave away LPH's riverfront without the consent of neighborhood people? The city signed an agreement with the barge company for the acreage, then later reneged on the contract. The company sued the city. The Ohio Supreme Court unanimously ruled in favor of the barge company. The amount of the settlement owed by the city has not been announced. One member of City Council told me that, "It will be tens and tens of millions of dollars, and the city's broke." The city's giveaway of LPH's riverfront becomes, in effect, a consolation prize for the barge company.

Upon finally being informed of the city's nefarious scheme, LPH Community Council officers mounted a fast, effective campaign to protect our neighborhood. The president of the farm company gave a presentation at the March meeting of Community Council. Lively, reasoned discussion followed. Residents understand that the farm/barge businesses are reputable operations, but they do not belong in a residential area. It is City of Cincinnati fecklessness that created the problem for citizens.

The LPH Community Council gave a unanimous vote of rejection to the proposed barge terminal. The neighborhood told the city administration that its plan for a barge business here must be scrapped. It is not the responsibility of the people of LPH to bear the burden for the mismanagement of politicians and bureaucrats. Our neighborhood is supported in its stand by neighboring community councils.

LPH has one of the longest-established residential neighborhoods in Cincinnati. No one has the right to tell us our homes and way of life must be sacrificed to a hazardous operation that would make our lives unbearable. Political arrogance has no place in our small but civilized, well-organized neighborhood. We thank LPH residents, businesses, and neighbors for strong support.

Jack Degano *

Sedamsville Civic Association April 8, 2009 Meeting Minutes

- Opening with Pledge of Allegiance by Sue Feldman at 7:00pm
- Fire Report– Lt Poole. Not in attendance. No Report.
- Police Report– Officer Schultz gave the statistics on crime. 2 robbery's, 1 aggravated assaults, 11 burglaries. Auto thefts 14.
- Treasurer's Report– Balance brought forward \$956.75. Same as last month.
- Historic Committee—John Childress and Diego are designing signage for 2449...Mt Echo, the historic district.
- Building Committee– Delhi Splash Park—transport show and suggest what can be done immediately. Lemargne Ward—Cincinnati City Council—worked for CRC.
- NSP projects– Nothing to report
- Clean up - Clean up was April 25th.

Motion to adjourn at 8:15pm - 1st by Betty, 2nd by Carol. Motion Carried.

Additional information:

Representatives from CRC will be our guests at the **May** Meeting.

Paula Brehm-Heeger, Library Services Manager-Central from the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County will be a guest speaker at our **June** meeting.

Adult/Parent Groups - If any questions about Parent groups please contact Regine at 557-2720



SENIOR GROUP Every Thursday, 9:30 am till about 3

Meet at Santa Maria Center, 617 Steiner

Join other seniors in games, for lunch,
occasional outings or just to sit around and talk.



Important Telephone Numbers

- Emergency - 911
- District 3 - 263-8300
- Police non emergency - 765-1212
- Fire Department - Eng #37 - 352-2337
- Litter Patrol (litter, high grass & weeds) - 564-1750
- Critter Control - 352-2922
- Board of Health - 357-7270
- SPCA - 541-6100
- Housing Inspections - 352-3275
- Abandoned Vehicles/Junk Cars on Street - 352-3574
- Junk cars on property - 564-1780
- Child Abuse -241-KIDS (5437)

Important Telephone Numbers

- To report a Bad Section 8 Landlord - 1-800-685-8471
- Vacant Buildings - 352-3275
- Graffiti Removal - 591-6000
- Waste Collection (Large Items—appliances, carpet, etc.) - 591-6000
- Crime Reporting - 352-2960
- Rumpke Recycling - Green Bins - 242-4600
- Riverside Academy - 3280 River Road - 921-7777
- Oyler School - 2121 Hatmaker St. - 363-4100
- Section 8/Public Housing - 977-5660
- Section 8 Complaints - 1-800-669-9777 (946-4896)

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