MOUNT WASHINGTON

Mt. Washington Community Council

Mt. Washington Community Council Membership Meeting

February 18, 2026, 7pm

Mt. Washington Recreation Center

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I. **Welcome and Call to Order**
   A. Julie Rimer called the meeting to order at 7pm
   B. Julie introduced the two new board members to the community: Leeanne Karpacs and Nick Gomez-Kling
   C. Julie announced the officer positions and introduced all other current members of the board
      1. President - Julie Rimer
      2. NSP Chair - Leeanne Karpacs
      3. Secretary - Teddy Morgan-Jablonski
      4. Treasurer - Jon Young
      5. Vice-President - Margeaux Selig (Not announced at meeting)
      6. Pumpkin Chuck Chair - Margeaux Selig (Not announced at meeting)
      7. Pumpkin Chuck co-leads - Gary Noll, Brian Zesche, Jack Diesel, Nick Gomez-Kling (Not announced at meeting)

II. **Roll Call**
   A. All board members were in attendance: Leeanne Karpacs, Nick Gomez-Kling, Jon Young, Jack Diesel, Teddy Morgan-Jablonski, Gary Noll, Margeaux Selig, Julie Rimer, and Brian Zesche

III. **Pledge of Allegiance**
   A. Led by Gary Noll

IV. **Approval of the last meeting's minutes (1/21/2026)**
   A. Correction to last month's minutes
      1. **Drug Take Back event is actually on April 25, 2026**
   B. Motion to accept minutes - Matt Muscleman, second - Jack Diesel, no objections

V. **Adoption of the Agenda**
   A. Motion to accept the agenda - Jon Young, second - Gary Noll, no objections

VI. **Approval of Treasurer's Report** - Jon Young
   A. January Financial Update
      1. Only incoming revenue is the dues, no outgoing payments
   B. Question from community member: Is there a minimum balance to keep in the bank

account? If we are over the minimum, is it time to spend some money?

1. There was a discussion where the treasurer explained that there is no minimum balance required, but in his opinion, it is good financial health to keep at least $15,000 in the account as a minimum. The extra money in the account can be spent on the community and is spent as needed throughout the year when things pop up. NPS funds should be used first to fund community projects.

C. Motion to approve the report - Nick Gomez-Kling, Second - Jack Diesel, no objections

VII. Community Reports

A. First Responders: Neighborhood Liaison Officer – Officer Wendy Martin

1. Officer Martin thanked the community for helping the police track down someone they were looking for.
2. There are several new police officers in Cincinnati and some will be in Mount Washington. You may start to see large groups of cops around the neighborhood. Do not be alarmed. This will be the new officers training with current officers.
3. Officer Martin reviewed the Mount Washington Crime Report which can be found here: https://cpdmobile.cincinnati-oh.gov/Neighborhoods/Reports/D2/MOUNT_WASHINGTON.pdf
4. Officer Martin reminded people to check their license plates. Car thieves have been stealing the plates off of cars that match the one that they stole and using them on the stolen cars.
5. If you see something suspicious call 911. They will filter the calls based on urgency. You can email Officer Martin with non urgent matters at wendelyn.martin@cincinnati-oh.gov.

B. Mount Washington School - Amy O'Mara

1. Annie will be performed at the school on March 6th at 6:00pm and March 7th at 1:00pm at Mount Washington School in the Gym/Auditorium
2. Alumni Day will be hosted at the Mount Washington School on March 7th at 2:00pm after the performance of Annie.

C. Sands Montessori - Marcella Lamb

1. Order update - The drains were flushed and a cracked pipe was repaired in December 2025. The drains have been treated to help prevent them from drying out. Sierra Environmental conducted air quality testing on January 9th, 2026 and the results showed no abnormalities. The odor persists and the investigation is ongoing.
2. Kroger has committed to giving 4 cases of fresh fruit to the school so the kids can have fresh snacks at least one week each month until the end of school.

D. CRC (Cincinnati Recreation Center) - Jason Richards

1. The registration for summer camp is full. There are 5-6 spaces still available for the pre-school summer program.

2. The CRC is hiring for summer staff. Must be 18 years old or older. Reach out to Jason if you are interested.

E. MWCURC (Community Urban Redevelopment Corp) - Bob Wetterer
   1. All of the lights are working
   2. The next spaghetti dinner is February 28th, 2026, 4:00pm-7:00pm. Additional event details can be found here: https://mtwashumc.org/event/light-the-tower-spaghetti-dinner-fundraiser/
   3. The CURC as well as other local groups (Anderson Township Historical Society and American Legion Post 484) are looking for collaboration opportunities and fun ideas to make the 4th of July parade extra special this year for the 250th celebration. Please reach out to Bob with any thoughts or ideas.
   4. FYI - MWCURC has a recycling dumpster available to the public on the PTS property next to the free community parking lot on Oxford Ave.

F. MWCDC (Community Development Corp) - Katie Stefani
   1. There is someone under contract to move into the beer and ice building! The CDC cannot give any additional details at this moment because it is still in contract.

G. SPAC (Stanbery Park Advisory Council) - Priscilla Elgersma
   1. SPAC is planning a long list of activities!
   2. March 27th will be the spring egg hunt - **CORRECTION - The spring egg hunt will be March 28th, 10:00am - 12:00pm**
   3. The weekend before Memorial Day the Madcap Puppet Theater will be performing at the park for a family event.
   4. First Friday events will happen this year.
   5. They now have an F8 permit. They will now be able to serve wine and beer at events.
   6. Honeysuckle removal is planned.

H. American Legion Post 484 - Rick Meador
   1. In 2025 they donated almost $80,000 dollars. Most donations were to veterans and VA, MW cemetery, and MW school.
   2. This Friday (February 20, 2026) is the first fish fry event. They will be held every Friday 4:30pm-8:00pm through the end of Lent.

I. Mount Washington Library - Julie on behalf of Paul Burch
   1. The grand opening of the renovated library was a huge success with almost 1000 residents in attendance.
   2. Thank you to the community!

VIII. General Business:

A. Guest Speaker - Sarah Henry, candidate for Judge in Hamilton County's Court of Common Pleas

1. To hear Sarah Henry's speech, review the recording of the community meeting on our YouTube page, link above.
2. Learn more about Sarah on her website: Sarah Henry for Judge

B. 2026 Mt. Washington Comprehensive Plan Update: Emily Silvius on behalf of Sophia Ferries-Rowe
   1. The Mount Washington Neighborhood Plan is being updated this year.
   2. The public kick-off meeting is taking place at Mount Washington Elementary on February 21, 2026 2:00pm-4:00pm.
   3. Emily made a motion for the MWCC to donate $200 to add to the neighborhood plan's budget to provide light refreshments at this public kick-off meeting. Second - Teddy Morgan-Jablonski, no objections. The motion passed.
   4. To hear more from Emily, review the recording of the community meeting on our YouTube page, link above.
   5. More information about the Mount Washington Neighborhood Plan can be found here: https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/planning/neighborhood-plans/ongoing-neighborhood-planning-processes/mt-washington-neighborhood-plan/

C. Potential NSP (Neighborhood Support Program) projects and next steps - Leeanne Karpacs
   1. MWCC was awarded $9,666 this year.
   2. Applications for projects need to be submitted by March 3. Please send to info@mwcc.org
   3. Community ideas discussed:
      a) Spring Clean Up event. It would be approximately $15,000 to pay for a dumpster. Community suggestion to have HUB attend as well and allocate funds for their services.
      b) Traffic calming on Sutton Ave. and Corbly Rd.

D. DOTE countermeasures for most dangerous intersections - Julie Rimer
   1. At the request of the MWCC, police from District 2 conducted a traffic study for Mount Washington for years 2021-2025.
   2. Results
      a) Beechmont/Corbly and Corbly/Oxford have the most accidents. Counter measures - replace old no left turn sign and new signs restricting left turns during parts of the day. They have seen a drop in accidents since the speed cushions were installed.
      b) Sutton/Cambridge Counter measures - no parking signs added for visibility.
      c) Sutton/Campus. Counter Measures - install new street lights to improve visibility and improved intersection timing for crosswalks.
      d) Beechmont and Beacon. No counter measures

E. Sands Montessori odor

1. Email was sent out on February 18, 2026 stating that an uncapped pipe on the second floor was found. It was capped. Hopefully that will help the problem.

F. Washington Park Earth Day Festival Request to Participate, Poster Contest for Students
   1. The cost is $50 to have a table at the event.
   2. There is a poster contest for students (10-16 years old). More information is available on their Facebook event page: https://www.facebook.com/events/1238798171648939

G. Pledge of Allegiance question from member
   1. Should the MWCC continue to say the pledge of allegiance at every meeting? The president requests that community members consider this question. A discussion and vote will be taken at the next membership meeting on March 18th, 2026.

IX. Announcements/Upcoming Events

A. The community requests an update on the progress of the senior housing development. The president has reached out and requested that a representative come to the next meeting to give an update.

X. Good of the Order

A. Thank you from the board for letting us represent you.

XI. **Adjournment:** 7:52pm

A. Motion - Teddy Morgan-Jablonski, second - Brian Zesche

Respectfully submitted,

Teddy Morgan-Jablonski
Secretary