

# OHDS NEWSLETTER

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## Holiday Tour 2008

The OHDS Holiday Candlelight Tour was once again a very successful fundraiser for our District's Treasury Department. As I have so often said, this is truly a commitment for each and every resident. Six homes were kept "show" quality for four nights, no small effort.

Reservations have to be taken, money collected and tickets sent starting in October--my two stalwarts who make this happen....Debbie Grahl....aka "Sally with the Tally" and Betty Dodds....thanks to you.

Greens have to be hung and then removed from the lamp posts and gateways in the District - my special thanks to Ted Dodds, Todd Crawford, George Wymer, Ray Griffin and Jeff Gonya and all for helping make this happen. Food and punch has to be served and dishes have to be washed at the Dessert House - my special thanks to Ki Wymer and all who helped her..... no small effort.

Guides have to guide..... capes, lanterns and top hats have to be readied, fire pits have to be lit and kept burning .....my special thanks to Doug Euth and all the guides who helped make this work...George Wymer you make a perfect Town Crier.

My special thanks to Carla and Steve for opening Pacchia's space for our pre-tour party.

Thank you to the five restaurants who offered our tour goers the choice of a dinner tour with us...please think of them the next time you are dining out:

Café Boulevard - 329 Fifth Street

Jay's Restaurant - 225 Sixth Street

Coco's Bistro - 515 Wayne Avenue

Pacchia - 410 Fifth Street

Thai 9 - 11 Brown Street

Last but certainly not least, a very special thank you to the people who opened their beautifully decorated homes for this season:

Richard Skelton

Shelley Tarleton and Ray Griffin

Karl Williamson's Urban Krag

Sarah and Richard Broock

Karen Wick and Jim Gagnet

Betty and Ted Dodds - Dessert House

My sincere thanks to all,

Eileen Griswold, (Mother Christmas)

## Think Spring!

As I type, schools have been closed for the past two days and parents are wondering about a third. Snow has been falling, rain freezing, snow descending once again . . . and even more predicted. 'Little darling, it's been a long cold lonely winter. Little darling, it feels like years since it's been here.' But, 'Here comes the sun, here comes the sun and I say it's alright.' Smiles return to faces; ice slowly melts; it begins to clear. 'Sun, sun, sun, here it comes.'

Think planting flowers in the park; think gathering at the Annual Dinner; think picnics. Go ahead - think weeding deadheading, scraping, painting, sweating, watering and more weeding. Whatever it takes to help us make it through the night. And the next one . . . and the next.

## Election for OHDS Board of Trustees

Submitted by Monica Snow, Vice President

Every April, OHDS members elect three trustees to the Board at the annual membership meeting or by absentee ballot. At the February 10 monthly meeting, the Nominating Committee, chaired by the Vice President, will present a slate of candidates for the current Board's approval. In addition, nominations from the floor can be submitted at the monthly meeting on March 10.

If you are interested in running for a three-year term as OHDS Trustee, please contact Monica Snow at 222-0915 as soon as possible.

Look for more information about membership and the annual dinner in the next newsletter.

## Houses For Sale in the District

Source: MLS

114 Green Street	\$117,500
22 Clay Street	\$129,900
75 Green Street #B	\$134,900
104 Van Buren Street	\$375,000

## Got the Winter Time Blahs??

Submitted by Kathy Coley, 222-3310

How about doing something to fix up the inside of your home? I can paint, wallpaper, make new curtains, drapes and slipcovers!! When was your house insulated? Insulation settles, I can help with that too! Call me and we can get started right away. brighten things up, and cut your heating costs!

## Oregon District Business Association News

Submitted by Mike Martin, President

Our new consolidated parking lot is now open! Having 185 well-lit parking spaces in an open, easily maneuvered space is a long time dream-come-true for our neighborhood. Signage and additional landscaping will be completed by spring. This project represents great partnerships, cost sharing, and leadership. Make sure you share information about this free parking with your friends and business associates so they can come down and check out Oregon's newest convenience.

And speaking of partnerships, we have a new Dayton Police Substation in Oregon as a result of leadership and cooperation. Mike Ervin is donating space in his Emporium Building to house this Substation. The OHDS and the ODBA are partnering to share the cost of phone service for the station. This substation will create an even more visible presence in the District by the Dayton Police. The Police Department will be using the station as a home base where they can write reports, make phone calls, etc.

As we look forward to spring, remember Oregon's many outdoor patio and courtyard spaces for your dining and entertainment pleasure, eclectic shopping and plenty of great art, music & architecture to appreciate and share with your friends and neighbors.

## Thank you and Thank You

Hey Neighbors,

Eva Brcic-Christian, owner of Café Boulevard, says 'thank you' to OHD residents for dining there in years past and hopes to see us again in 2009. Like so many of us, she understands that these are challenging times but realizes that our support of independent Oregon District restaurants, art galleries and shops helps not only the business district thrive but the neighborhood as well.

So, be sure to save this article. The next time you and a friend want to enjoy a fine meal at Café Boulevard, take it with you and receive one half off (up to \$10) on a second entrée when you purchase the initial one.

(Note: time to get out those magnifying glasses so that you will know that this offer is not valid on major holidays such as Valentines Day, Mother's Day, etc.)



And the OHDS extends its gratitude to Café Boulevard for sponsoring this issue of the newsletter.

Thank you, Eva!

Have you heard about . . .  
A Greater Downtown Dayton Plan  
Gathering Your Original Ideas

Dayton can be a leader in creative re-use and redevelopment of Ohio's center cities, but work must begin now. And your input is needed. City leaders and the business community are now working together to establish one unified plan for our center city. It is called *A Greater Downtown Dayton Plan*.

Want to learn more about the A Greater Downtown Dayton Plan?

- Attend a Meeting. Three informal meetings will give you a chance to share your ideas.
  1. Tuesday, February 10, at noon at the Dayton Metro Library, 215 E. Third Street
  2. Thursday, February 12, at 5 p.m. at c{space, 20 N. Jefferson Street
  3. Tuesday, February 17, at 7 p.m. at Sinclair Community College, Charity Earley Auditorium in the Ponitz Center
- Answer a Few Questions....  
Complete a short survey at [www.downtowndayton.org](http://www.downtowndayton.org) and click on the link in bottom left corner. You can also visit all Dayton Metro Library branch locations to pick up a survey.
- Visit [www.downtowndayton.org](http://www.downtowndayton.org) or call the Downtown Dayton Partnership at (937) 224-1518.

