

OHDS NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events

Spring Urban Nights: Friday, May 15, 2009

Trash and Litter Clean Up: Saturday, May 16, 2009

See page 2 for details.

Park Planting Day: Saturday, May 23, 2009

See page 2 for details.

Annual Oregon District Garage Sale: Saturday, May 30

See page 3 for details.

Alley Sweep and Bulk Waste Pick Up (to be announced)

Summer Picnic Schedule (mark your calendars):

Monday, May 25th - Memorial Day

Sunday, June 14th - Flag Day

Saturday, July 4th - Independence Day

Sunday, July 26th

Sunday, August 16th

Monday, September 7th - Labor Day

Dayton Dragons Baseball Outing: Friday August 14th at 7:00pm. See page 2 for details.

It's Not Too Late

Actually, it is *never* too late to join the OHDS. Just contact Rob Jones at jones@springnet.cc to request a membership form or download one at:

<http://www.oregondistrict.org/ohds/membership.asp>

Join *now* so that you can be included in and receive a copy of our upcoming complimentary directory. Speaking of joining, there is no better time to join neighbors as we spruce up and plant flowers in the park and entranceways; clean up our streets and alleys; display and hopefully sell our most precious and priceless (think 'sun') garage treasures; and gather for picnics in the park.

Actually, we need you out there to lend a hand. Come play in the dirt. There is no better way to make new friends . . . and keep the old.

And would you like to be kept abreast via email of neighborhood Announcements and Safety Alerts? Send your request to cowden_ann@gmail.com

2009 Annual Dinner and Election of Officers

Saturday, April 25, 2009

Little did we know that the best laid plans to hold our Annual Dinner and Meeting at the pre-approved location would fall through at the last moment. With only hours to go before the newsletter had to be mailed so that voters could receive the required election/dinner information, we scrambled to find a venue that could accommodate post haste. As long-time supporters of downtown Dayton, we contacted several locations and were delighted that the Convention Center not only eagerly welcomed us but also worked so willingly to meet a price that we felt was reasonable. And if diner feedback is a true measure, the food and service were excellent.

Thanks to Todd Crawford and Rob Jones for manning the ballot box, to Jane Lynch and the Hennessey's for counting the votes and to all of the candidates who ran for seats on the Board of Trustees.

Congratulations to our new Board members: Kate Archdeacon, Debby Grahl, Amelia O'Dowd and George Wymer, the new OHDS President. Other officers are: Debby Grahl, Vice President; Monica Snow, Secretary and Greg Smith, Treasurer.

With an abundance of neighborhood photos scrolling on the video screen throughout the evening, memories of the past year's events came alive. Awards were graciously offered and accepted. Monica's heartfelt recap, touching on the many contributions by so many dedicated volunteers, punctuated what we all come to understand is our greatest asset – something that can never be caught on camera nor captured by words. Rather, it is brought to life as we embrace a newcomer, hold the hand of our grief stricken, rejoice in new life, nourish our ailing, save a pillar, plant a thought, raise a toast, celebrate transitions, give without notice, cry in our beers then paint the town red. Dedication to a greater good inevitably becomes the imperceptible foundation upon which we stand fast.

Did You Know?

South Park Methodist Preschool, located on Brown Street near UD, is now accepting registrations for the 2009-2010 school year for children ages 2 – 5 years. For more information, contact Carol at 224-1371.

Dayton Dragons Outing

An Oregon District Dayton Dragons baseball outing is scheduled for Friday, August 14 at 7 pm. Not merely scheduled - we have reserved a double, air-conditioned party suite! Plan to go; invite a friend – it will be a great night for socializing and watching baseball. The cost is \$30 per ticket, and all ticket money must be submitted to Debby Grahl no later than June 14. For more information and to reserve your ticket, call Debby at 223-6579.

Summer Picnics

Jason Hillard really wants to hear from you. And who exactly is Jason Hillard? He is our new Picnic Chair and as such, he has done a superb job of scheduling our 2009 summer picnics in Newcom Park. But he cannot do it all. He needs hosts to order the entrees and distribute flyers with dates, times, details, etc, to residents (all costs reimbursed). Then there is the set up and clean up . . .

Just look at the many ways you can contact him.

E: jasonalanhillard@gmail.com

H: (937) 225-9421

O: (937) 382-8317, M-F 9-4:30pm, Sat 10-2pm

C: (937) 725-8551

Am I right? This man really wants to hear from you!

I Love Trash

Well, certainly Oscar the Grouch loves trash and he is ready to hop out of his trusty garbage can to lend us his hand at our various spring clean-up, spruce-up days.

Saturday, May 16 at 9 am: meet at Newcom Park. Bags, gloves and vests will be provided. We will pick up trash along streets, exit ramps and vacant lots and collect full garbage bags at central locations for pick up along Wayne Avenue and Jefferson. Questions or want to join a crew any time after 9 am? Call Monica Snow at 232-7904. And look for Oscar – he'll be the one with no nose, of course.

Saturday, May 23 at 9 am: again, meet at Newcom Park for our annual Park Planting Day. Bring gloves, shovels, trowels, rakes, trimmers, and clippers. And take home your tired, aching bodies with the satisfaction of a job well done. There will be pizza and drinks for all volunteers, compliments of OHDS. Call Ann Cowden at 223-6320 for more info.

A very grateful **thank you** goes to our Garden Elves who have already been out mowing and trimming!

Houses For Sale in the District

Source: MLS

75 Green Street #B	\$129,900.00
22 Clay Street	\$129,900.00
124 Jackson Street	\$175,000.00
318 E. Sixth Street	\$198,900.00
231 Green Street	\$199,700.00
107 Green Street #105	\$239,900.00
104 Van Buren Street	\$375,000.00

Membership Drive Event

Submitted by Rob Jones, Membership Chair

The OHDS Membership Committee hosted a membership drive and neighborhood gathering on April 8th in the *Trolley Stop* party room. Many current members took the opportunity to renew, and several others became first time members in our organization.

OHDS Trustee and Treasurer, Todd Crawford, said, "It was a very nice event. In a neighborhood that asks a lot of its residents, it was great to give back! The event was very well attended and was an excellent way for friends and neighbors to catch up after the long hibernation of winter. I would call the evening a huge success!"

A special thank you goes out to all who attended, as well as to the Membership Committee for their hard work: John Bognar, Todd Crawford and Dulie Greer. Thanks also to Mike Martin for assistance in promoting the event. Complimentary food and beverages were provided by the OHDS.

Who Ya Gonna Call?

Your roof leaks and your dryer won't dry. You need to have your furnace inspected, your carpet cleaned, your windows washed and your tree trimmed. Who are you going to call?

Many of us have the names and phone numbers of our most trusted, talented tradesmen (trades people?), but many may not. So, as my very young daughter who, having eaten all of her own jelly beans one Easter morning, toddled over to her grandmother and asked, "Shall we share?"

Let's do. Send your names and numbers to me at cowden.ann@gmail.com and I will compile and print them in our next newsletter. And watch for news of one neighbor who just opened his home repair business.



It's time to clean out those closets,
attack the attic,
and go through your garage!

Saturday, May 30th from 8:30am to 1:30pm

Cost to participate: \$5 (This goes toward advertising and map-printing.)

Deadline to be included on the maps that are distributed to garage sale shoppers is **Monday, May 25th** (this is Memorial Day—you can even bring it to the picnic!)

No garage to speak of? The same registration fee gets you primo exposure and permission to set up shop in Newcom Park.

To register, fill out the form below, and put it in an envelope with \$5 cash or check made out to OHDS. Envelopes may be put through the mail slot at **137 Brown St.** I will confirm receipt of your registration with a phone call.

Questions? Contact **Leslie Gonya at 224-7678.**

Name _____ Contact Phone Number: _____

Home address _____

Location you are holding your garage sale _____

(Optional) In 15 words or less, describe the feature items at your garage sale (example: furniture, baby clothing, antiques, sports, collectibles, etc.)

If you have an article, news item or information of interest to the neighborhood, please call Ann Cowden at 223-6320 or send an email to newsletter@oregondistrict.org. Deadline for submittal is **the 2nd Tuesday of the month**. Please keep in mind that we accept sponsorships of each month's issue (\$130) by either an individual or a business.

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