

OHDS NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events

September 4: First Friday, 5-10pm

September 7: Labor Day (Monday)
Picnic in Newcom Park at 6pm

September 8 (Tuesday): Next OHDS meeting @7pm. All residents are welcome to attend.

September 11: Urban Nights, 5-10 pm

September 1-13: Les Liaisons Dangereuses, Dayton Theatre Guild

Saturday, September 12 at 3 pm:
Resident Adam Alonzo Photography Reception, University of Dayton Roesch Library Gallery

September 26 & 27: Dayton Art Institute's 38th Annual Oktoberfest
Sat: noon-11 p.m. Sun: noon-7 p.m.

Saturday, October 31: Hauntfest

December Candlelight Tour . . .

Friendly Reminder And Request

Please keep in mind that many residents do not have garages and must park their cars on the streets. Please be kind enough to make the best use of on-street parking to accommodate as many cars as possible.

First Friday

The beginning of every month starts with a bang in downtown Dayton. First Friday is a free art hop that features a variety of entertainment options in the Oregon Arts District, Garden Station, the Dayton Visual Arts Center, the Cannery, the St. Clair Lofts shops, the Dayton Mezzanine Convention Center Gallery, and more.

Catch a free ride on the RTA Wright Flyer trolley. Brochures with detailed information about everything going on that night are available at participating venues.

This First Friday, check out a new gallery--featuring cutting-edge art--opening in the Excelsior Building in the Oregon Arts District.

Download a discount coupon at www.codecu.org that makes it even less expensive to enjoy many of downtown's restaurants & taverns. Sponsored by WHIO Channel 7, CODE Credit Union, Greater Dayton RTA and the Downtown Dayton Partnership. Visit downtowndayton.org for more information. Free. 224-1518.

Urban Nights

Walk on the creative side! More than 30,000 people came out to enjoy Urban Nights in May, and this time the event will feature more ways to actively participate in the arts. Create public art with an interactive Chalk Walk on Main Street between Second and Third Streets.

Tour downtown's most impressive urban living spaces. Watch previews of the upcoming performing arts season with ArtsFest at Courthouse Square, plus a concert by Beatles tribute band 'Ticket to Ride' from 9-11 p.m. Enjoy music, arts performances and roving entertainment at various locations throughout downtown, including the Community Stage programmed with "Dayton Originals" at Third & Jefferson.

Take advantage of specials at downtown's eclectic restaurants, nightlife hotspots and retail shops, and visit dozens of artist open houses and galleries. More than 100 creative places and spaces will participate in this fantastic event! Free. 224-1518.

We Are Downtown

Submitted by Amelia O'Dowd

The buzzword this year in Dayton is regionalism. There's been a lot of talk about the 22 counties of the Dayton area, of the Cincinnati-Dayton-Columbus corridor, the triple C train system. We should all consider starting closer to home. Invite a group of people to visit you for Urban Nights.

Show your friends, your co-workers, your book club, golf buddies, drinking buddies, people from your church - whoever - what's so great about Dayton. Host an open house or small party with cocktails before or dessert after you send them all off to go have dinner and explore the city. Tell them in advance where the parking lots are, offer to meet them at a lot and walk them back to your house or to a restaurant. Show people just how 'walkable' and vibrant Downtown Dayton can be. Remember, we are the best ambassadors for the city - we live here and we love it. Show people why!

Security Recommendations

Submitted by Robin Feather

The police would like to remind everyone to keep porch and backyard lights on and be sure to trim up bushes so they can see anyone hiding out around a home. They also commented how tree lines and front of many houses as well as back of houses, alleys are getting very overgrown, also a huge problem for security.

There also is a huge problem with dumpster diving and then spilling trash all over in the alleys. Ask everyone to keep a look out, report this problem and clean up after the trash divers scatter debris over. Ask everyone to drive alleys frequently to monitor this. This is the only way to curtail this unwanted activity.

Editor's note: To be up to date and added to OHDS Announcements and Security Alerts, send a request to cowden.ann@gmail.com

Also

May we extend a very hearty welcome to one of our very newest residents? Steve and Elizabeth of Green Street are now the proud parents of Quinn. And, let's extend a note of appreciation to The Trolley Stop, one of our favorite spots, for sponsoring this issue of our newsletter.

Houses For Sale in The District

Source MLS

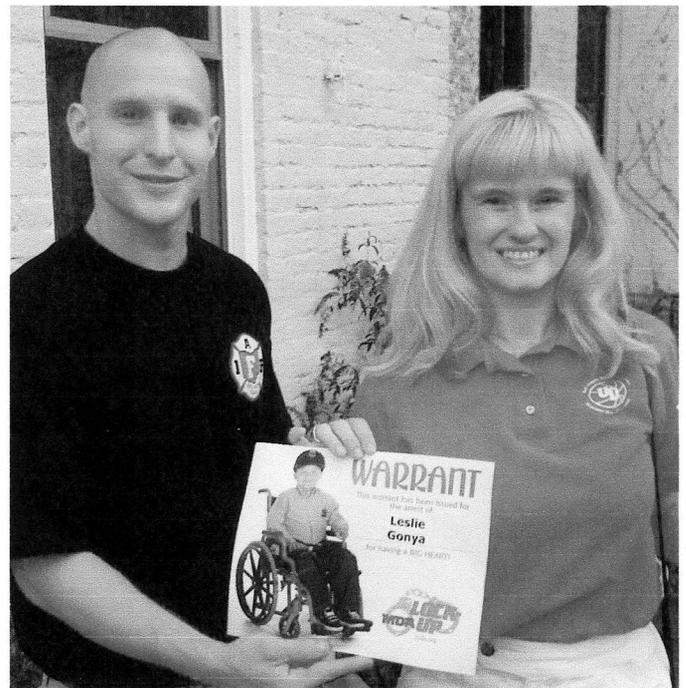
114 Green Street	\$117,500
12 Clay Street	\$145,000
16 Clay Street	\$145,000
143 Jones Street	\$169,000
332 Jones Street	\$162,500
124 Jackson Street	\$169,900
201 Brown Street	\$184,900
318 East Sixth Street	\$198,900
107 Van Buren Street	\$199,900
26 Van Buren Street	\$200,000

Preschool Registration

South Park Methodist Preschool located on Brown Street is now accepting registrations for the 2009-2010 school year for children ages 2-5 years. For more information, contact Carol at 224-1731.

Simply Scandalous!

Who would have ever suspected that our very own Leslie Gonya would be hauled off to 'jail?' Yep, taken away and put behind bars (those metal things, for those of you thinking otherwise). Charges: failure to pay. Fortunately charges were dropped and she was released once friends and neighbors donated enough money to 'Jerry's Friends' (MDA). Thanks to all who donated.



ODBA Update

Submitted by Mike Martin, President

The Oregon District Business corridor will soon have a sorely needed face lift. Thanks to the efforts of many for period of several years, Mayor McLin and Commissioner Whaley have announced a \$500,000 upgrade coming to the business district. This facelift will include repair of crosswalk repairs, lighting upgrade and landscaping freshening. We appreciate the support of the Downtown Dayton Partnership in this effort as well. It would not have been possible without their constant support of Oregon.

The ODBA is presenting its first annual Street Fair on Saturday, September 12, 2009, on the heels of the fall Urban Nights (Sept 11). The greatest part of the Fair will be held in the North Parking Lots, thanks to the cooperation of the owners of those lots. Our non-profit benefactor of the event is Unifed Health Solutions. They are providers of health services for families in need. We are currently looking for organizations / vendors who may be interested in setting up on that day. 10x10 spots are available with discounts for non-profit groups. Please contact me if you know a vendor that might be interested in setting up or have them contact me @ mmartin@kamela.com or 974-2494.

In addition:

The ODBA received \$1,105 from the Ohio Arts Council grant...In these economic times, arts organizations are all vying for the same pot of dollars...so we feel fortunate to have received some of these dollars. This will help with some additional programming for First Fridays in 2010.

Hauntfest will be presented this year as in previous years. It actually falls on Halloween, Oct 31 this year. The event will be held on Fifth St between Wayne Avenue and Pine Street. Look forward for more exact details soon!

OHDS Membership Directory

Thanks to our trusty block captains, the 2009/2010 directories have been delivered to members. Also, thanks to Rob Jones for overseeing the publication and to Loretta Puncer who donated the stunning cover picture again this year.

Trusted Trades People

Please continue to send the names and numbers of the skilled trades people whom you have used and can recommend to others. Many neighbors have already benefited by having these contacts. References available upon request.

Send to information to: cowden.ann@gmail.com

Builders

1. Rick Herman 937-604-3478
tcbherman@sbcglobal.net
2. Hazlett Builders (Steve Hazlett)
937-450-3706
3. Team Builders, Russell Brunner
937-416-4094

Appliance Repair

Appliance Doctor: Tom Keihl 937-252-1522

Roofer

'Wayne the Roofer' 937-287-1822

Painter

Fred's Painting 937-748-2865

Electrician

1. Travis Eskew (c) 937-409-1482, (h) 937-264-8779
2. Rice Electric Company 937-416-7392

Tree Trimmer/Tree Removal

Frauman Lawn Services (Scott Frauman), 937-681-0081

Window Washer/Gutter Cleaner

Superior Windows 937-454-9222

House Cleaning

Joann Barney 937-256-5832

General All-Around 'Go-To' Neighbor for Referrals

Jeff Peterson, 28 Tecumseh St.
(H) 723-9991 (C) 321-2554
jeffpeterson28@gmail.com

Forget The Thousand Words . . .

July Fourth Festivities, 2009



Dayton Dragons Game Outing
August 14, 2009



\$2,000 Mini Grant Awarded to Oregon District

Submitted by Sherry Alessandro

Amelia O'Dowd and Sherry Alessandro's grant-writing efforts have paid off. Funds will go toward the project dubbed "Neighborhood Safety and Walkability/Bikeability Initiative."

Although the Oregon District has a strong social network and community spirit, neighbors have come and gone over the years and information about how our safety is maintained is not well known among newer residents. The intention is to keep our streetlights in good repair so as to keep crime at bay, but also to use the lighting repair as a platform to launch a campaign of volunteerism and good will among neighbors. The intent is to raise awareness among the District's next generation of residents (often transplants from homogenous suburban communities or large anonymous cities) that the neighborhood has been built by volunteers and neighbors watching out for each other - vital to sustaining our gem of a neighborhood.

Keeping in mind how closely District residents want to work with the entertainment district on Fifth Street, we would like to see the patrons from restaurants, bars, shops and galleries benefit from the safety of well lit streetscapes while strolling through the historic neighborhood after an evening on Fifth Street.