



## Think Spring, Think Bocce

by Trudy Elder

In the midst of this long winter, any ideas for beautification efforts may seem far, far away. It wasn't that long ago however that my friend and neighbor Jim and I, while enjoying walks through our lovely neighborhood, couldn't help but notice that the southeast corner of Newcom Park appears woefully underutilized. We would like the neighborhood to consider a positive, fun, and family-friendly re-use of this space. Beautification via bocce...

What is bocce you may ask? It is a non-contact, recreational, precision

sport developed into its present form from Italy. In fact, *bocce*, the plural of the Italian word *boccia* means "bowl". This ancient pastime has experienced a resurgence of interest here in the U.S.

We want to know what you think. Please share your thoughts and comments with the Oregon Historic District Society Board of Trustees. Please also let them know if you are able to help out in any way in the possible development of this project.

Thanks for your consideration and we hope to have you join us soon at a bocce court near you!

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## Join or Renew Your Membership Now

by Rob Jones  
Membership Committee Chairman

I urge you to renew or become a member of the Oregon Historic District Society (OHDS) today. Please take a moment now to complete the enclosed form and mail it along with the appropriate payment for your membership. Membership is renewable by April every year.

Membership dues allow OHDS to fund a number of projects, such as our annual membership directory. The directory includes names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses of OHDS members and is provided free to all members.

Membership also establishes voting eligibility for the annual election of trustees to the OHDS board and for other matters that may be brought before the membership throughout the year. Joining OHDS also helps us gather important information and demographics about our neighborhood.

Life members should take this opportunity to complete a membership form as well, which is required annually to maintain a current list of active members.

Everyone is encouraged to join and support the Oregon District! Additional forms can be downloaded from [www.oregondistrict.org](http://www.oregondistrict.org).

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## Appreciation for the 2009 Holiday Candlelight Tour

by Eileen Griswold, "Mother Christmas"

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 – my thanks to you.

Greens have to be hung and removed on the lampposts and gateways in the District. My special thanks to Ted Dodds, Todd Crawford, George Wymer, Andrew Steele, Jeff Gonya and anyone else who helped make this happen.

Kit Wymer supervised an extremely efficient Dessert House. Food, punch and coffee have to be purchased and served. Dishes have to be washed, trays have to be kept filled and helpers have to be recruited. Thank you, Kit, and all who helped – 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 Todd Crawford 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. Our neighborhood pre-tour is always very well-attended and the Tour Committee thanks you.

Thank you to the four 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:

Coco's Bistro – 515 Wayne Avenue

Jay's Restaurant – 225 Sixth Street

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:

Casey Davis

Jennifer Werneke/John Bogner

Ernie Rock/Tom Trautwein

Angie and Rich Tillman

Lisa and John Davis

Monica Snow-Dessert House

My sincere thanks to all.




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## Homes for Sale in the District

Source: MLS

Single-family homes or single units

38 Green Street	\$220,000
111 Green Street	249,900
318 East Sixth Street	184,900
429 East Sixth Street	92,900
136 Jones Street	226,600
141 Jones Street	146,500
332 Jones Street	125,000
132 Jackson Street	249,000

Multi-family properties

2 Van Buren Street	\$165,000
107 Van Buren Street	199,900
601 East Fifth Street	1 million

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## Special Events

### 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Valentine's Dance

Benefits Habitat for Humanity  
Friday, February 12, 7:30-11:30 p.m.  
Schuster Center  
Tickets: \$75 per person available at  
[www.daytonhabitat.org](http://www.daytonhabitat.org).

### Neighborhood Leadership Institute

Applications due February 11  
This twelve-week program starts March 16, designed to educate Dayton residents about local government, City resources and community leadership. Application forms are available at the Division of Citizen Participation, 101 W. Third St., 6th floor, at [www.cityofdayton.org](http://www.cityofdayton.org), or by calling Kathleen Riggs at 333-3671.

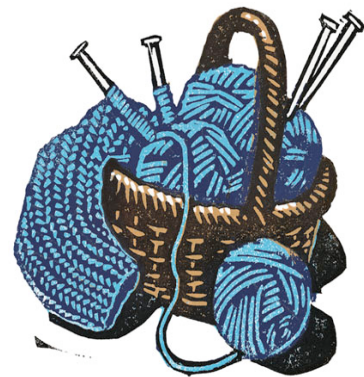
### Monthly Neighborhood Women's

#### Gatherings Begin

On January 28, fifteen women from the neighborhood gathered at Thai 9 for the fabulous inaugural meeting of the Oregon District Stitch 'n Bitch. They already have a secret project underway and they need your help! Whether you are new to crafts or even a non-crafter, you are welcome to stop by and connect with your neighbors. (Female residents of the Oregon District only, please.)

### Oregon District Stitch 'n Bitch

Wednesday February 24  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Location: TBD  
RSVP to Amelia at  
[amelia\\_odowd@yahoo.com](mailto:amelia_odowd@yahoo.com)  
or Tonia at (937) 510-2707



## Biz News

by Mike Martin, President  
Oregon District Business Association

We in the Oregon District Business Association are jumping into the new year with more exciting and positive activities. We are just completing our \$500,000 upgrade to the infrastructure of our East Fifth Street Corridor. Plantings and banners will add the finishing touches.

We have been working to complete a SID (Special Improvement District) and now have the necessary signed petitions to implement this property-tax-supported entity. This will allow us to continue to provide clean and safe services, marketing and advocacy support services for the businesses and residences in the business corridors.

Our First Friday programs are growing in support and attendance. We have welcomed our newest business, ReCreate, which experienced a hugely successful opening day. The coffee shop has reopened in the Heathman block and a new restaurant/cocktail lounge will be following soon. Our regional entertainment district has exciting plans and looks forward to another successful year.

## Neighborhood Notes

### Save the Date: April 24 Annual Meeting & Dinner

Mark your calendars for the annual meeting, voting and festivities of the Oregon Historic District Society, slated for April 24 at the Dayton Women's Club.

### Become a Fan on Facebook

The Oregon District has its own Facebook fan page, with more than 1,000 members already. Check us out by searching for "Oregon District."

### Buy Groceries and Help the Oregon District

Sign up for the Good Neighbor Program at the Dorothy Lane Market, choose the Oregon Historic District Society as your beneficiary, and a percentage of the money you spend (\$500 minimum in spending per year) will go to support our neighborhood.

### Call 333-COPS

Lt. Larry Faulkner of the Dayton Police Department recommends that you call the non-emergency police number whenever you see someone or something suspicious. With City resources being cut, the neighborhoods that make the most calls will get the most attention.

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