



The Walnut Hills Newsletter

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**Next Meeting: Monday, April 14th, 2008 at 7.00 PM
Upper Level, Church on the Rock, 321 Edgar Ave.**

Meeting agenda: Minutes, Treasurer's report, Police report, Priority Board report, Presidents report, Committee reports, Announcements, Comments, Break into committee meetings. **Refreshments served at 6:30 PM**

Neighborhood Leadership Institute

The Neighborhood Leadership Institute (NLI) is an annual twelve-week program that trains Dayton residents. Workshops are held at various locations and presentations cover topics such as Dayton's History, The Role of City Government, The Criminal Justice System, and Cultural Diversity; skill-building components such as Public Speaking and Small-Group Dynamics; and a day-long bus tour of Dayton neighborhoods. Class members also complete field assignments to expand their knowledge of Dayton, City government and the community at large.

The NLI offers the opportunity to meet and talk with government officials and other decision-makers. It encourages participants to develop a citywide perspective and establish a network of activists across the City.

This years class is already in session so you might want to get in line for the next class. There is no charge for participation in the program. The program consists of 14 evening and/or Saturday sessions over a three-month period. Classroom and/or workshop sessions are held at various locations related to the session topic. Presenters include current neighborhood, business and government leaders.

Any adult resident of the City of Dayton may apply; however, each class is limited to 25 people. For more information call the Division of Citizen Participation at 333-3670 or Kathleen Riggs (333-3671) or Michael Thompson (333-1813) or Judy Martinson (333-3776.)

The City of Dayton, Chase Bank-Dayton, and Sinclair Community College sponsor this program.

Walnut Hills Trivia

For anyone interested in "geocaching", which is a scavenger hunt utilizing multi-billion dollar satellite technology and a GPS device, for those who are not familiar with the term, there is a cache located in our very own Walnut Hills Park. You can register online for free at www.geocaching.com to get the details of this particular cache or any of the many caches in the Dayton area.

2007-2008 Dues are needed for our Programs!

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____

Please mail \$2.00 to the Treasurer:
Gamaliel Hartley
126 Glencoe Avenue
Dayton, Ohio 45410 (or any officer)

Tax deductible donations accepted.

Membership from September 1, 2006 to August 31, 2008

— Police Report —

For 02/25/08 thru 03/25/08

Assaults (mostly domestic).....	11
Robbery.....	03
Purse Grabbing.....	00
Burglaries.....	14
Grand Theft Auto.....	07
Larceny/Thefts (inc. From auto).....	21
Vandalism.....	13
Arson	01

\$7000 REWARD

FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE CONVICTION OF THE PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ARSON AT 260 INDIANA AVENUE ON JULY 16TH 2007
Call 222-STOP if you have any information regarding this crime.

Useful Phone Numbers

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Connie Nisonger Coordinator

333-7380

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www.walnutHills.blogspot.com

The Walnut Hills Playgroup

Each Wednesday, 11:00 AM, lower level at the Colorado Ave. Baptist Church. Call Gary for details 253-1359.

Colorado Ave Baptist Church Chat N' Chew and Rummage Sale

Corner of Colorado and Heaton Avenues
Saturday, May 10, 2008, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
New and Used Goods Sale plus Free-Will Luncheon (11:00AM-1:00 PM). Donations of salable items accepted. Call 256-1051.

Also, on the first Saturday of every month at 10:00 AM there is a prayer breakfast, and on the third Saturday of every month at 3:00 PM there is Game Day for adults. Brush up on your cards and scrabble skills!

Family Night at Cleveland School

Friday April 11, 2008, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Open gym and games on the 2nd Friday of every month.

YARD SALES DATE

May 15-17, 2008 Walnut Hills Yard Sales Event
May 18, 2008 Neighborhood Open House Day

Adopt-an-area Clean up

Saturday May 17, 2008, 11:00 AM

Volunteers will meet at Highland Park. Five neighborhoods are involved. Fairgrounds, Linden Heights, Twin Towers, Southpark & Walnut Hills. The area being cleaned that day is Wayne Ave starting at 35 overpass heading south to Wyoming St, Xenia Ave starting at the Steve Whalen overpass heading west towards Wayne, all of Wyoming St starting at Main St and heading east ending at Cleveland School. Last October there were 1800 lbs of litter removed from these areas, we need as many volunteers as possible. Anyone who would like to participate can contact Mike Schommer at 256-2516. After the clean-up there will be a pot luck lunch-in held at the East End Community Center. Thanks to everyone who volunteered last year, we hope to see you again this year.

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Walnut Hills Annual Yard Sale Event

Now that we have done several of these, we are going to try something slightly different because we'd like to build on this event. The neighborhood yard sale generally has approximately 70 participants each year with about 20 more jumping in on the day of the sale. The process of collecting fees and distributing signs and maps is time consuming for the two or three people that are committed to making this event happen. The cost to advertise and print maps is about \$200- the sense of community far out weighs the cost to the neighborhood association.

In order to get the largest participation possible we will only host ONE yard sale event this year; the dates are May 15 - May 17. This is a Thursday through Saturday yard sale event. People wishing to have a sale on Sunday are welcome to do this, but we won't be advertising for Sunday yard sales. We could, however, indicate such on the neighborhood map of yard sales. Anyone can have a yard sale; there will be NO FEE to yard sale participants. Since there will be no fee involved it is in your best interest to be on the map! We've learned from past experience that these maps work. If you want to be on the published map you must call Gary (253-1359), Sarah (252-2210) or Chad (258-2392) BEFORE MAY 10th to report your address and which days you will be open for business so that we can flag it on the map. You will be responsible for your own signs. If you would like to use one of our yard sale signs, there will be a \$5 deposit which we will refund when the sign is returned. Otherwise we will place them in strategic locations throughout the neighborhood.

If anyone has some really interesting stuff to sell and can put together a web page for themselves, please send the link to garyleitzell@aol.com so that I can get the link added to our website

Here is the exciting part! On Sunday May 18th we are going to host an Open House for all the "For Sale" homes in the neighborhood. Ideally, it would be nice if we could have 20 open houses that day. The open houses would be listed on the same map as the yard sales and would be advertised in the paper for a small nominal fee of \$5 to offset the cost of promotion. This could be a fabulous opportunity for those of you wanting to sell your home. After discussing the idea with several real estate agents it was suggested we promote the Open House on Sunday so that interested home buyers could become familiar with the Walnut Hill area while participating in the yard sale event. The yard sale event would increase visibility of "OPEN HOUSE" signs throughout the neighborhood. It is certainly worth a try and if it works we can do this every year and possibly grow the event to include garden tours or a trivia walking tour. If anyone is interested in helping to organize this event, please contact Gary at (253-1359).

Please realize that there is a cost to host events like these, and any tax deductible donations to the Walnut Hills Association are greatly appreciated.

Twin Towers Spaghetti Dinner

Come join us for the big community Spaghetti Dinner

April 26, 2008 5:00 to 8:00 PM

\$5.00 a plate includes spaghetti, salad, drink and dessert
624 Xenia Ave.

East End Community Center

Proceeds go to support our youth and this year's neighborhood festival

Aluminum Cans Collection Results

Ed Brown has been collecting cans from neighborhood residents for the last three months and has generated approximately \$50 for the Walnut Hills Association. So keep saving those cans for us!