

The Walnut Hills Newsletter

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Next Meeting: Monday, September 10, 2007 at 7 PM

Upper Level Rock Kids Church 321 Edgar Ave.

It is summer time and we have no meetings in August! Committees may meet at any time so call the committee chairperson listed below for details of any meetings.

Walnut Hills

Special Improvement District (SID) Update

I was hoping to have the details of the Service Plan worked out by now but that has been delayed. I can only hope everything will be ready for next month's newsletter. I was informed that some city planners would like to see this concept come about for us. I think it would certainly initiate an era of change for Dayton neighborhoods.

The process involves establishing achievable goals and utilizing practical strategies while at the same time allowing flexibility for the greatest spectrum for interpretation. To date, we have designated five categories to address: Housing, Neighborhood, Education, Security and Recreation. I have posted a link to the most recent draft of the proposed Service Plan at www.walnut hills.blogspot.com and would appreciate community feedback. Check the website for updates because it is an evolving document.

This plan is not etched in stone, and I invite all of our community members to participate in the process. Remember, the goal is to make Walnut Hills the most desirable community within the Dayton area to reside.

It is our responsibility to draft the Service Plan so that the SID initiative becomes a reality. Since funding from the City has dwindled over the years communities need to be more creative and resourceful in securing much needed community services. The money raised from SID would do that. If every property owner made a voluntary \$50.00 tax deductible contribution to the Walnut Hills Association every year then we wouldn't have to go through this process. The good news is that this "special property tax" can only be spent on improvements and programs that benefit Walnut Hills. It is tax deductible if you itemize deductions on your federal income tax return. All residents and property owners of Walnut Hills will have the ability to influence spending since the neighborhood association administers the Service Plan.

Walnut Hills Trivia

Between 1961 and 1972 many neighborhood issues were dealt with by Mr. U. A. Harvey who lived at 47 Colorado Ave. He retired in 1961 from Moraine Delco to become "Mr. Walnut Hills" and in 1972, at age 78 he moved to Martinsville, Indiana to be near his daughter.

2006-2007 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, 2007 to August 31, 2008

— Police Report —

No report this month.

If you are interested in forming a block watch group on your street, or already have one established, please contact Blythe Williams at 305.0957

or email

blythewilliams@earthlink.net

We are trying to organize a neighborhood scale group.

Useful Phone Numbers

Priority Board Office 333-7373

Ken Marcellus Community adviser
333-7381

Walnut Hills Association Officers

President	Gary Leitzell	253-1359
Vice Pres.	Lela Estes	254-4657
Secretary	Ella Smith	256-3855
Treasurer	Gamaliel Hartley	256-3121
S.E.P.B. Rep.	Mike Schommer	256-2516

Neighborhood Committee Chairperson

Beverly Dunnington 253-6266

Fund Raising Committee Chairperson

Chad Snoko 258-2392

Park Committee Chairpersons

Harold and Ed Ayres 252-1067

Drug Hotline 333-3784

Bulk Waste 333-8774

Housing Inspection 333-3977

Truancy Hotline 542-3228

Abandoned vehicles 333-1038

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What's Happening in your Neighborhood?

For more up-to-date info go to
www.walnuthills.blogspot.com

The Walnut Hills Playgroup

Each Wednesday 10:00 AM to noon at the Walnut Hills Park. Call Gary for details 253-1359.

Colorado Ave Baptist Church Chat N' Chew and Rummage Sale

Corner of Colorado and Heaton Avenues
Saturday September 8th, 2007. 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. So brush up on your cards and scrabble!

YARD SALES DATES

September 8-9, 2007 Walnut Hills Yard Sales Event

ALLEY SWEEP

August 25, 2007 8 AM start at Church on the Rock, 321 Edgar Ave.

Spray Park Update

If you haven't been to the park lately then you wouldn't know that the wading pool is gone and that some of the Spray Park equipment has already been installed!

DON'T FORGET

ALLEY SWEEP

**Saturday, August 25, 2007
8 AM start at Church on the Rock
321 Edgar Ave.**

**This is a fun event since you get to walk and talk with your neighbors.
We also provide lunch for the volunteers!**

Garden Beautification Awards

- The July award went to Regina Gunn at 1256 Epworth Ave.
- The August award went to Mr. & Mrs. William Gracey at 1337 Creighton Avenue

Neighborhood Yard Sale Plans

This is the last notification you will receive before the scheduled weekend, which is still September 8-9, 2007. Last September there were some 65 paid participants and another 20 or so that joined in on the day. It would be great if we could advertise over 100 locations! If you wish to be identified as a yard/garage sale location on the handout map and benefit from Association advertising, then you need to contact either Gary or Sarah (see below) this week and submit your name and address and whether you will be having a one day or a two day sale. Residents living west of Illinois and west of Wayne Avenue should contact Gary at 253-1359, while those between Pursell and Indiana Avenue should call Sarah at 252-2210.

The fee is \$5.00 payable to Walnut Hills Association and will be used to offset costs of advertising and promoting the event. We have standardized yard signs for all participants. Don't wait until the last minute to call because the maps have to be printed before the event. When we know who the participants are we will post a map on the Walnut Hills website. Just before sale day someone will collect your fee and leave some map handouts plus a yard sign for identification purposes on the big day. Anyone can have their own yard sale on this weekend, but you won't be listed on the handout map nor will you benefit from Association advertising. We learned from last year's event that being on the map helped those locations with a large number of sales. It also helps traffic flow. So get your neighbors involved if you want to have a yard sale!

Any business owners should consider doing sidewalk sales on this day and it may be a good day to have an open house if you plan to sell your home. If you don't want to have a sale at your home, consider placing a table at the Colorado Ave. Baptist Church. Call 256-1051 for details. If you'd rather donate saleable items to the church please contact them.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT CLEVELAND SCHOOL

Due to all of the budget cuts after the failed levy, many teachers lost their jobs. At Cleveland School many classes have 30 students. We are trying something new this year to help fill the gap left by the budget cuts. We are calling it "Grandparents Resource Group," but anyone can volunteer as long as you can volunteer without bringing small children into the building. We are hoping to have enough volunteers so that each teacher can receive some assistance in their classroom at least 2 hours, twice a week. Help is also needed overseeing the lunchroom, patrolling the hallways, and checking for uniform code violations as children arrive in the morning. We will publish an updated list as soon as the teachers and students settle in.

Additional volunteer duties include the following:

1. Morning help in the breakfast room
2. Load and unload buses
3. Litter patrol; remove fingerprints and help keep the building spiffy looking
4. Library workers
- 5.6 safety patrols (paid positions)

You must also be willing to submit to a background check. If you feel that you can regularly spare 4 hours a week, more if you like, to make a difference in the education of our neighborhood children please contact Suzy Peterka @ 252-7965.