



# The Walnut Hills Newsletter

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**Next Meeting: Monday, March 10, 2008 at 6:30 PM  
Cleveland Elementary School, Pursell Ave  
For the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chili Cook-off!!!**

Due to limited seating there will be a \$2.00 charge per adult, or \$4.00 per family, to attend the Chili Cook-Off (no charge for contestants and their families). Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

## H & R Block Donation Program

If you are a first time user of the H & R Block tax filing service and mention that you are a Walnut Hills resident, they will donate \$20 to the neighborhood association since we are a tax exempt 501(c)3 organization.

## Portion of Keowee Street to Close Temporarily

City of Dayton News Release (Feb. 22, 2008)  
Contact: Steve Finke, Assistant Director, Public Works, 333-3840

The portion of Keowee Street under the Route 4 expressway will be closed from Monday, February 25, through Monday, March 10, while an overhead bridge is demolished.

A detour using Monument Avenue and Webster Street will be posted to assist motorists traveling in the closure area. The Rt. 4 expressway and exit ramps to Keowee Street will remain open during the demolition.

The closure is related to the previously announced Route 4 expressway bridge reconstruction project. During this phase, the contractor will be demolishing the second of two bridges over Keowee Street.

A future closing of Keowee Street, between Valley Street and Earl Avenue, is expected to occur from mid-spring through early summer this year.

## Walnut Hills Trivia

Walnut Hills is a section of Dayton that was once mainly farm fields. Woodland Cemetery, the highest point in Dayton, is located in Walnut Hills. During the Great Dayton Flood of 1913, the area remained mostly dry, a factor that contributed to its larger population today. In the 1960s, when the population of Dayton began to fall, Walnut Hills' population remained stable.

## 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 01/01/08 thru 02/25/08

\* See note on page 2

Assaults.....	29
Robbery.....	01
Purse Grabbing.....	01
Burglaries.....	21
Grand Theft Auto.....	05
Thefts from Auto.....	09
Vandalism.....	23
Arson .....	02

### \$7000 REWARD

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

## 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. Bob Lipps 256-8394  
Secretary Ella Smith 256-3855  
Treasurer Gamaliel Hartley 256-3121  
S.E.P.B. Rep. Mike Schommer 256-2516

**Residential Committee Chairperson**  
Open  
**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.walnut hills.blogspot.com](http://www.walnut hills.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, March 8, 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!



### Easter Egg Hunt

Walnut Hills Park March 22, 2008 at Noon.

### YARD SALES DATE

May 15-18, 2008 Walnut Hills Yard Sales Event

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## Home Foreclosure Assistance

Dayton City Commissioner Dean Lovelace urges Dayton residents who feel they may be the victim of predatory lending practices to seek help through various agencies.

Dayton ranked 16<sup>th</sup> among the 100 largest metropolitan areas in the United States for home foreclosures during the first half of 2007. Many of these foreclosures can be attributed to predatory lending practices.

"Predatory lending continues to be a serious issue, not just in Dayton, but across the country," Commissioner Lovelace said. "I urge anyone who is in danger of losing their mortgage to contact one of the agencies below for help.

### Montgomery County Recorder's Office

451 W. Third St.  
Dayton, OH 45422-1260  
937-225-4275  
E-mail: [mcrecorder@mcOhio.org](mailto:mcrecorder@mcOhio.org)

### CountyCorp

130 W. Second St.  
Dayton, OH 45402  
937- 225-6328  
E-mail: [countycorp@countycorp.com](mailto:countycorp@countycorp.com)

### Home Ownership Center of Greater Dayton

371 West Second St.  
Dayton, OH 45402  
937-853-1600  
E-mail: [bdeutscher@hocgd.org](mailto:bdeutscher@hocgd.org)

### Ohio Housing Finance Agency

1-888-362-6432

## Crime Stats Notes

Sometimes it is difficult to get crime statistics for the neighborhood. This months report is for two months and is derived from the recorded statistics kept by the police. They do not define residential or commercial structures or whether a residence, garage or business was burglarized. I have included the assault stats this month. These are not defined in the report as domestic or as an attempt to rob or whether the victim was the criminal (which is sometimes the case). The interesting thing is that Walnut Hills sits within 5 crime sectors of which four overlap into other neighborhood boundaries. The numbers are highest in sector 282 which extends into Twin Towers as far north as Xenia Avenue. They are lowest in those two sectors that are largely comprised of Woodland Cemetery!

### WALNUT HILLS ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday March 22, 2008  
WALNUT HILLS PARK  
Easter Egg Hunt begins at NOON

Hey everybody, it's that time of year when those bunnies lay those funny colored eggs and leave them in our neighborhood park! We invite the local children to search for them. This is a **FREE** event! A great time for everyone! We need 5 volunteers to help decorate and hide eggs and supervise, please contact Ella at (937) 256-3855 after 1:30 PM.

Egg hunt is limited to children ages 0 through 12 only  
and will begin at noon.

Meet at sidewalk beside the tennis courts for egg hunt.

### Free Pancake Breakfast Saturday, March 22, 2008

Church on the Rock, 321 Edgar Ave., will provide a free pancake breakfast at the church facility in the dining area. Breakfast will be available from 10:00AM - 11:45 AM, with Easter Egg Hunt to follow at the park.

Donations to the Walnut Hills Association can now be made online through PayPal. Just click on the "Donation" button at [www.walnut hills.blogspot.com](http://www.walnut hills.blogspot.com).