



# The Walnut Hills Newsletter

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**Next Meeting: Monday, May 11, 2009 at 7 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,

**Refreshments served at 6:30 PM**

## **Volunteers Needed Adopt-an-Area Clean-Up Program Saturday, May 16, 2009**

The residents of Walnut Hills along with our neighbors in Southeast Dayton will be participating in the Adopt-an-Area Clean-Up Program on Saturday, May 16. We're shaking up the usual format this year. Instead of targeting just Wyoming Ave., volunteers will team with their neighbors to clean their own blocks. Volunteers will be provided gloves, safety vests, recycling bags, and trash bags. Litter grabbers are also available upon request. All items must be returned at the end of the clean up. A pot luck luncheon follows the clean-up at Colorado Baptist Church around 1:00 p.m. All interested volunteers should contact Mike Schommer at 256-2516.

## **Walnut Hills Trivia**

According to the *History of the City Dayton* (1909), Rev. Drury stated that Dayton was "slow to take up street paving. The abundance and cheapness of gravel and the failure to recognize that the town was growing into a city caused people to defer or oppose paving." The time came when the graveled streets could no longer tolerate the heavy traffic to which they were subjected. In 1888, Fifth St. was the first street to be paved; it was paved with granite blocks. Then in 1891 parts of **Wayne Ave.**, Washington, Main, Germantown and Market streets were paved.

## **2008-2009 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, 2008 to August 31, 2009**

## **~Police Report ~**

No Police report for April. The weather is getting warmer so be on the lookout for suspicious activity. Remember, the non-emergency number is 333-COPS (333-2677) if you need to report something that is not life threatening.

## **\$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**

<b>Priority Board Office</b>	333-7373
Connie Nisonger Coordinator	
	333-7380
<b>Walnut Hills Association Officers</b>	
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

<b>Park Committee Chairpersons</b>	
Harold and Ed Ayres	252-1067
<b>Residential Committee Contact</b>	
Jim Weir	259-0770

<b>Drug Hotline</b>	333-3784
<b>Bulk Waste</b>	333-8774
<b>Housing Inspection</b>	333-3977
<b>Truancy Hotline</b>	542-3228
<b>Abandoned vehicles</b>	333-1038

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## What's Happening in Your Neighborhood?

For more up-to-date info go to  
[www.walnuthills.blogspot.com](http://www.walnuthills.blogspot.com)

### Colorado Ave Baptist Church Chat N' Chew and Rummage Sale

Corner of Colorado and Heaton Avenues  
Saturday, May 9, 2009, 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.  
Wednesdays at 5:30 PM is Youth Bible Study.  
Tuesday and Wednesday at 6:30 is Adult Bible  
Study.

### Cleveland School Events

- **Zumba Class:** Thursdays, 4:00 – 5:00 PM  
Cleveland School Gym \$2 (adults)
- **Martial Arts:** K-8th grade, Tues. and  
Thursdays 4:00 -5:00 PM
- **Family Fun Night:** Third Friday of every  
month, 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Open Gym and  
board games for all ages.

### \*\*Neighborhood Yard Sale\*\*

May 15 – 17, 2009

### 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Bike Polo Championship Tournament:

Sunday, May 24, 2009  
Walnut Hills Park

### Southeast Festival At the park

Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009 10AM – 8PM

## MAY 2009 YARD SALE FAST APPROACHING!

Don't forget to tell us if you are participating in the Yard Sale We need to get you on the map **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!** Call Sarah at 252-2210 or Gary at 253-1359 and let us know your address and days that you wish to participate. Signs are \$5 if you don't have one already. We will refund the \$5 if you return the sign. You can view the map at [www.walnuthills.blogspot.com](http://www.walnuthills.blogspot.com)  
This is a free event so please participate!

## Checked The Park Out Lately?

If you haven't been to the park in a while go check out the new benches near the baseball diamond and the grills next to the shelter. The county provided a grant for the benches but the Walnut Hills Association purchased the two grills and the City's division of park maintenance installed them for us beside the shelter. We are considering installing a third grill in the lower level near the gazebo. The spray park should be operating after Memorial Day

## Cleveland School Awarded \$125,813.00

### Safe Routes to School Grant

Cleveland School in collaboration with the city of Dayton has procured a Safe Routes to School grant. Safe Routes to School is an international movement that wants to increase the number of children who walk or bicycle to school by funding projects that promote walking and bicycling within a collaborative community framework. The grant will improve poor infrastructure as well as unsafe infrastructure, and will promote education/encouragement programs aimed at children, parents, and the community by promoting walking and bicycling.

The Safe Routes website states that, "thirty years ago, 60% of children living within a 2-mile radius of a school walked or bicycled to school. Today, that number has dropped to less than 15%. Roughly 25% commute by school bus, and well over half are driven to/from school in vehicles. And back then, 5% of children between the ages of 6 and 11 were considered to be overweight or obese. Today, that number has climbed to 20%. These statistics point to a rise in preventable childhood diseases, worsening air quality and congestion around schools, and missed opportunities for children to grow into self reliant, independent adults."

### Newsletter distributors needed for the Following Streets:

☺ Glencoe Ave. ☺ Creighton Ave. ☺ Ware Ave.

If you currently distribute newsletters and are unable to do so let us know. If you would like to receive the email version of this newsletter please email Gary Leitzell at [garyleitzell@aol.com](mailto:garyleitzell@aol.com).

### A Big Shout Out to the State Roadway Clean-Up Volunteers

Seventeen volunteers from the Walnut Hills, Linden Heights, Oregon, and Saint Ann's Hill neighborhoods along with three teens from neighborhoods south of Dayton successfully cleaned the roadways of southeast Dayton. Our group cleaned one of Interstate 35's exit and entrance ramps in just three hours logging 51 man hours for our community. Thank you volunteers!

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