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SEPTEMBER MEETING UPDATE

The 7th Ward Citizens Coalition, Inc. (7WCC) had its first general meeting after a 3 month break on Thursday, September 18th.

The Fundraising Committee reported that the garage sale and car show raised over \$600 to benefit the 7WCC and Ipe Kids World. Tony DeNiro, who is in charge of the buildings with the Youngstown City Schools, gave us an update on the school building projects. The subject of the Youngstown schools triggered many comments and questions from the membership, so much so that we ran out of time to handle them all.

Additionally, a 7th Ward resident, William C. Magan, who has been a Southern Park Mall Santa Claus for the last 11 years spoke about his idea to distribute teddy bears to children in hospitals at Christmas time. He hopes to gain 7WCC sponsorship of his project. This topic also evoked a lot of discussion and will be discussed at the next Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting.

YOUR BOARD IN ACTION

A BOT meeting was held immediately following the general meeting on Thursday, September 18th. Trustees discussed donating \$75 to the Gibson gardens project. The next regular BOT meeting will be held on Saturday, October 11th at 12 noon at Jolly Joe's Restaurant.



"Service is the rent we pay for living. It is the very purpose of life and not something you do in your spare time or after you have reached your personal goals."

—Marian Wright Edelman

NOTICE!

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MEETING SPACE HAS CHANGED
FOR THE OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING TO THE
OCCHA BUILDING
3660 SHIRLEY ROAD
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16TH, 6:30 PM
CANDIDATES NIGHT—STARTS AT 7:00 PM**

HELPING VICTIMS COPE WITH DISASTERS

Officials from the tri-county area met recently and are developing a plan to make sure professional counselors receive training about disasters that occur in our area and ways to counsel people to get through them. This was spurred on by the recent flooding disasters that hit us this summer.

Area mental health officials say that in many cases, emotional trauma suffered by disaster victims can be more severe than property damage. "What can you do with someone who's at the end of his rope because his home has been flooded for the third time in a month?" asked Walter Duzzny, Mahoning County Emergency Management Agency director. "He is under a terrible amount of stress. He needs some answers and he needs some help." Duzzny said disaster victims often are stunned and dazed, and don't know where to turn for help.

Nick Ceglia of Trumbull County Hotlines said disaster victims are cast into a myriad of emotional states in the hours, days and weeks after their loss. "When people are hit with the same kind of damage two, three or four times without getting a chance to recover from the previous jolt, their grief and emotional upset is compounded."

Source: *The Vindicator* 9/29/03

SOAP BOX DERBY ROLLS INTO FALL

BY KATHY MAHALKO

The Greater Youngstown Area Soap Box Derby (GYASBD) held its first annual Fall rally race in Mineral Ridge on October 4th and 5th. There were 69 entrants from around the country who participated to earn rally points. The Derby is sponsored by the Youngstown Firefighters and the Uptown Kiwanis, who along with the GYASBD board, recently held a spaghetti dinner fundraiser. The proceeds made this rally possible. The 7WCC owns a race car and annually sponsors a young driver. Thank you to the 7WCC members who attended. And, a special thank you to John R. Swierz for his many volunteer hours at the dinner and the rally.

THIS AND THAT

Did you know that the **Ward Word** is available on line at our web site www.7wcc.org? And, seniors, did you know that your age group is one of the fastest growing segments of the population learning how to use the internet? Visit any library to use the internet for free.

It is not necessary to be a member to attend our **monthly meetings**. Everyone is welcome to attend to find out what's going on and to make a contribution. However, nonmembers do not have voting rights. Please encourage all residents, businesses, institutions, etc., of the 7th Ward to attend our monthly meetings.

This year, we are switching our **Holiday meeting** from December to the Thursday, November 20th

meeting. Entertainment and refreshments are on the agenda. Also, remember to bring your non-perishable **food donations** to this meeting so that we can distribute our annual food baskets for the 7th Ward needy by Thanksgiving Day. Do a good deed and be generous!

Patti Dougan made these observations while on the campaign trail: One neighbor had a cute and practical idea to place sticky notes and a pen in a little basket hanging on the back door. And, in case you were wondering, maple trees will grow in a kayak!

Don't forget to **vote** on Tuesday, November 4th for your 7th Ward Councilman, President of City Council and members of the Board of Education.

The October 16th **meeting location** has been changed. See box on Page One.

FALL HOURS

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF YOUNGSTOWN AND MAHONING COUNTY

Brownlee Woods

4010 Sheridan Boulevard
(330) 782-2512

Sunday: Closed
Monday: 12:30 pm to 8 pm
Tuesday: 9 am to 5:30 pm
Wednesday: 12:30 pm to 8 pm
Thursday: 9 am to 5:30 pm
Friday: Closed
Saturday: 9 am to 5:30 pm

Main Library

305 Wick Avenue
(330) 744-8636

Sunday: Closed
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday: 9 am to 9 pm
Friday: 9 am to 5:30 pm
Saturday: 9 am to 5:30 pm

www.LibraryVisit.org

DID YOU KNOW?

- The highest point in Youngstown is at the intersection of McCartney and Coitsville roads.
- Author Stephen King mentions the greater Youngstown area in 3 of his writings: *Salem's Lot*, *The Stand* and *Night Shift*.
- Youngstown is mentioned in an episode of *I Love Lucy* when Lucy's mother (Mrs. McGillicuddy) asks Lucy and Ricky to drop her off in Youngstown, Ohio, for a visit to an old friend on their motor trip to Hollywood, California.

*Information compiled by Ollie McCurdy, Librarian,
Brownlee Woods Branch Library*



MEMBERSHIP

Please consider joining the 7th Ward Citizens Coalition, Inc. Meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of every month except June, July and August, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. The meeting location is Jackson Elementary School at Lenox and Windsor Avenues. The 7th Ward Citizens Coalition, Inc. was started in 1995 for the betterment of the 7th Ward. We are a grassroots, nonpartisan, nonprofit, 501(c)(3) corporation. Members consist of residents, religious and educational institutions, businesses, civic and social service agencies, fraternal organizations and labor organizations located in the 7th Ward of Youngstown, Ohio.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Mail to: 7th Ward Citizens Coalition, Inc. Post Office Box 1264 Youngstown, Ohio 44501

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____
TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP (CHECK ONE):
SINGLE (\$10) _____ COUPLE (\$18) _____ FAMILY (\$25) _____ BUSINESS (\$35) _____

NOTE: Phone number will be submitted to City Watch Program which will leave messages about meetings and other Coalition-related events.

FOR COALITION USE: Paid by cash _____ Paid by check—No. _____ Date _____

ROVNAK WOWS 'EM AT THE CANFIELD FAIR

Janice Rovnak, wife, mother of four and grandmother, is an active member of the 7WCC and CPR block watch. She also finds time to volunteer for church and school activities and at Powers Auditorium. In her spare time, Janice enjoys tole painting, cross-stitch and trying out new recipes.

She entered some of her projects in this year's Canfield Fair and walked away with an amazing 1 white, 1 red and 5 blue ribbons in 8 different categories!

BLUE RIBBON 1st PLACE:

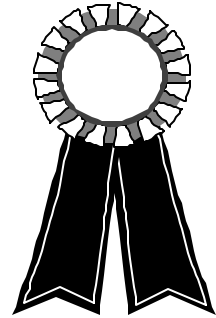
- * blueberry jelly (first time she made it!)
- * Santa painting
- * snowman/teddy bear painting
- * Santa face Christmas ornament
- * buckeye birdhouse wind chime
(this was a special category for this year's Ohio's bicentennial)

RED RIBBON 2nd PLACE:

- * cross-stitched graduate bear, framed

WHITE RIBBON 3rd PLACE:

- * cross-stitched baby bib (for her granddaughter)



IT'S THE LAW!

SECTION 87. FENCES, WALLS AND HEDGES (as amended by Ordinance 88390 5/30/75)

Except as provided under Section 75 relating to corner lots, within any residential district, fences, walls and hedges may be permitted in any required setback, yard or along the edge of any yard, provided that no fence, wall or hedge along the sides or front edge of any front yard shall be over three (3) feet in height for the first twenty-five (25) feet from the street right-of-way line. This provision shall not apply to open mesh-type fences erected on public recreational areas, school grounds, parks, or playgrounds.

FROM THE INTERNET...

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Visit our web site at
www.7wcc.org

Bring nonperishable food
items to November's
meeting.

Invite 7th Ward nonmem-
bers to 7WCC meetings.