

Ward



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Thursday, April 17th, was our most recent meeting. Prior to the meeting, speakers presented information about the aggregate utility issue on the May 6th ballot. A question and answer session followed.

The Community Service Committee needs to write a letter to the City informing them of the 7th Ward Citizens Coalition (7WCC) intent to beautify the Shirley Road exit of I-680. This will then be forwarded to the State Department of Transportation.

Decisions on the installation of both fences at Ipe Kids' World will be made in the near future. The Scholarship Committee has received several applications for the money, four of which are from the 7th Ward. Bob Ford was selected to be the 7WCC driver for the Greater Youngstown Area Soap Box Derby which will be held June 14th and 15th. Volunteers are still needed to help out.

"I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something. And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do."

—Edward Everett Hale

YOUR BOARD IN ACTION

The monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees and officers will be held prior to the May membership meeting.

ECO-FACTS

- In 2001, Americans threw away half a million tons of aluminum worth nearly \$800 million.
- In 3 months, Americans throw away enough aluminum to rebuild the commercial air fleet.
- Americans throw away more steel and iron annually than domestic automakers use in a year.
- For every pound of steel recycled, enough energy is saved to light a 60-watt bulb for 24 hours.
- Every ton of paper recycled saves 17 trees, 7,000 gallons of water and 3 cubic yards of landfill space.

Taken from *Recycling in Ohio*, ODNR.

ANNUAL STREETSCAPES

The **correct** date of the 2003 Streetscapes is Saturday May 31st from 8 am to 12 noon when thousands of flowers will be planted around downtown. Help out with this annual Spring beautification effort. Free fresh air and free refreshments. Meet other motivated citizens while helping to beautify a little corner of our universe!

**MONTHLY MEETING
JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
THURSDAY, MAY 15TH AT 6:30 PM
AT LENOX & WINDSOR AVENUES
(LAST MEETING TILL SEPTEMBER!)**

DID YOU KNOW?

If you participate in any of the following programs and your household income is less than \$1,122.50 per month for one person or \$1,515.00 for two, you may qualify for the new Lifeline Ohio Telephone program. This program can save you almost \$150.00 per year on telephone bills.

- Food Stamps, SSI, general assistance programs
- Section 8
- HEAP (home energy assistance programs)

This program does allow additional features such as caller ID on your phone.

To find out more, call (800) 335-8721.

Taken from *Housing and Economic Development Are Joined at the Hip* - Bill Faith, Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio.



WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE STOPPED BY A POLICE OFFICER—PART III

YOUNGSTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

(continued from last month...)

If a police officer were to knock on your door, it would be for one of the following reasons:

- Because someone in the home called them
- To interview you or a member of your household as a witness to an incident that is being investigated
- To make a notification
- To serve an arrest warrant
- To serve a search warrant

Whenever police officers come to your door, they should willingly provide identification and state their purpose for being there.

However, when serving a warrant, the officers may dispense with the “knock and announce” requirement if they believe some emergency circumstances exist which necessitate a speedy or unannounced entry. Examples of such circumstances include but are not limited to, protection of life or the possibility that evidence might be destroyed.

If officers have a warrant, you may ask to see a copy of it. Although, if it is an arrest warrant, it is not necessary for the warrant to be in the officers’ possession for them to make an arrest. You must comply with the warrant and admit the officers into your house.

An arrest warrant commands a police officer to arrest the person named in the warrant. It also authorizes the officers to search the residence of the named individual in order to locate the person and carry out the arrest.

THIS AND THAT

Don't forget to volunteer for the Greater Youngstown Area **Soap Box Derby** which will be held on June 14th and 15th, Father's Day weekend. Call (330) 788-5114.



Eye Care America's Senior Eye Care Program offers **eye care** at no out-of-pocket expense to those who qualify. Call (800) 222-3937.

For those having problems affording prescription medicine, ask your doctor to contact the pharmaceutical company for **free prescriptions** for you. If your doctor will not fill out the forms and do what is necessary, call your area Agency on Aging—they will handle it.

Don't forget that the Coalition has flashing **security light bulbs** for sale for \$8 each.

See *The Vindicator* web site to view Youngstown's **housing demolition list** and stories about issues surrounding demolition in Youngstown, a top concern of City residents. See www.Vindy.com.

Check out the **rhododendron** (from Taft School) blooming at the corner of Indianola and Gibson.

A new **park** idea—the old Shady Run Road area blocked off when Dewey was extended down to Poland Avenue???

Visit our website at <http://geocities.com/seventhwardcc@ameritech.net>

SEE YOU BEFORE SEPTEMBER!

10 STEPS TO DEMOLITION

Just because we don't have any monthly meetings in June, July and August, don't think there isn't plenty of opportunity to meet and enjoy the 7th Ward and the City. There will be block watch picnics, block watch parades, a Soap Box Derby, downtown 4th of July parade and the National Night Out picnic in August. Wooden bat baseball will be played again at historic Pemberton Field by the Youngstown Express Summer Collegiate League. There will be beautification efforts downtown on May 31st and in the Ward (Indianola and Gibson and Shirley Road I-680 efforts).

These are just a few that come to mind. We will be using the City Watch phone messaging system to inform you of events as they come up. Please call Mary Krupa at (330) 788-9277 if your phone number is not in the City Watch system or if you know of any events that need to be publicized.

Youngstown Express Home Games—\$2/Game See <http://www.youngstownexpress.com>

June 16—Stark County
June 18—Pittsburgh
June 19—Athens
June 25—Murrysville
June 26—Stark County
June 27—Northern Ohio
June 28—Lima
June 29—Columbus

July 2—Stark County
July 5—Grand Lake
July 9—Northern Ohio
July 10—Pittsburgh
July 16—Athens
July 18—Northern Ohio
July 20—Indianapolis
July 23—Murrysville
July 26—Delaware

How a house moves through the City's demolition process:

1. City housing inspectors, concerned neighbors, police, firefighters, council members or others raise questions about dilapidated properties.
2. Housing inspectors document condition & all code violations of homes reported. City sends flier to owners of record alerting them to fix problems.
3. City requests title search if flier doesn't prompt action to identify multiple owners, banks which may be involved or liens on property.
4. City sends 30-day notice to fix violations via regular & certified mail. Most mail refused by owner or is undeliverable.
5. City runs legal ads in newspaper weekly for 3 weeks notifying property owners that home is subject to demolition.
6. City puts house on demolition list. Time between complaint & placement on list is about 6 months.
7. Housing officials look at each property & decide if it is among 25 worst in each ward that will come down first.
8. Pictures are taken & paperwork filled out to gain clearance for demolition from State Historic Preservation Office. Prioritization & historic review take about a month.
9. Contracts of 25 demolitions each are bid out & awarded. It takes about 2-3 months to award contract & a month to start project.
10. Houses are demolished. Process takes about 1 year.

Taken from *The Vindicator*,
Roger G. Smith, April 13,
2003.



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.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

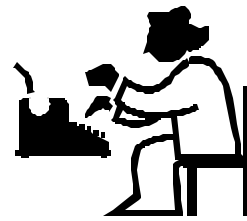
TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP (CHECK ONE):

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 _____

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...



To The Membership,

General Assembly Coalition meetings will be suspended in June, July and August. However, the Board and Committees will continue to meet and work on projects already underway. One of those projects being the Coalition Web Site (www.7wcc.org). Although not currently open to the public, work on the site continues and it is near completion. Please check back often.

Every member should make note on the calendar to be at the Soap Box Derby June 14th and 15th to support our driver (Bob Ford). We should all join in Bob's enthusiasm and be there to cheer when he crosses the finish line.

Final note: Membership continues to grow - indicating that people care about our community. Let's keep talking it up. Promote the Coalition.

Respectfully,

Mark S. Memmer

HOMELESSNESS IN OHIO

CONTRIBUTED BY PATTI DOUGAN

These are some of the things I learned at the COHHIO Conference March 2003. COHHIO is the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio.

- In Youngstown, Ohio, the hourly wage needed to rent a 2 bedroom home is \$10.21.
- A minimum wage worker must work 79 hours per week to afford a 2-bedroom apartment in Youngstown.
- 1.35 million children under the age of 18 in the US will experience homelessness over the course of a year.
- The average homeless child changes school as many as 7 or more times due to homelessness.
- There are more than 35,000 homeless children in Ohio in any given year.
- 46% of runaway and homeless youth have been physically abused and 17% have been forced into unwanted sexual activity by family or household members.
- Poverty and the lack of affordable housing are the principal causes of family homelessness.
- 40% of persons living in poverty are children. The Department of Education serves less than 9,000 of them.
- Under current funding, only 11 of the 677 school districts in Ohio receive funding to support the education of homeless children and youth.
- Homeless children are, by most accounts, the fastest growing segment of the homeless population.
- According to the US Conference of Mayors, unaccompanied (runaway) youth account for 3% of the homeless urban population. 5 million children in the US are at severe risk of becoming homeless.
- More than 1/3 of homeless families have lived doubled or tripled up with family or friends.
- Half of all children in need of shelter do not receive it.
- 41% of homeless children are **under the age of 5.**
- Homeless children are enrolled in preschool at less than 1/2 the rate of other children.

This information was taken from a handout at the COOHIO Conference March 2003. Sources include, but are not limited to: US Department of Education, US Department of Health and Human Services, US Census Bureau and Homes for Homeless.

