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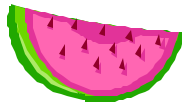
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MAY MEETING UPDATE

The last meeting before summer break was held Thursday, May 15th.

Committee reports were given bringing members up to date. Johanna George of Cardinal Mooney High School was presented with the 2003 7th Ward Citizens Coalition (7WCC) scholarship. Announcements were made of events that were happening in the Ward and around Youngstown for the summer months. These included the Soap Box Derby, block picnics, National Night Out and gardening at the various 7WCC gardens. President of City Council, John Swierz, briefly discussed the formation of the Downtown Youngstown Arts and Entertainment District.

Announcement was made of the opening of the 7WCC web site. Visit the site at www.7WCC.org. Discussion was held on whether or not to change the 7WCC to the "Southside Citizens Coalition". Mark Memmer asked members to think about this as food for thought and to anticipate a discussion at a later date.



"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

—Anne Frank

YOUR BOARD IN ACTION

Two Board of Trustees (BOT) meetings were held since May. Here are some updates on BOT work:

- Some fencing installation and landscaping will begin soon at Ipe Field, heavy rains having caused some delay.
- 37 of the 100 safety beacon lights have been sold so far raising about \$70 for the Coalition.
- Our 2nd Ipe Field Garage Sale and Car Show is scheduled for Sunday, September 7th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- Plans were made for programs for the next 4 general meetings.

The next BOT meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 4th at 6:30 pm.

WATER FACTS

Everything that hits the ground will end up in a stream somewhere. That's because water moves things and water that hits the earth anywhere ends up in a stream somewhere. Most pollution can't be traced to a source like a factory or a big pipe. It comes from parking lot run-off, farm fields, failing septic tanks and improper handling of potential pollutants such as gas, oil, antifreeze and pesticides by homeowners.

Source: Alliance for Watershed Action and Riparian Easements

MONTHLY MEETING
JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
LOCATED AT LENOX & WINDSOR AVENUES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH AT 6:30 PM

DID YOU KNOW?

The following buildings in downtown Youngstown are listed on the National Register of Historic Places:

- Metropolitan Tower (Central Tower Building)
- Federal Building (North Phelps Street)
- Mahoning National Bank Building (Sky Bank)
- Realty Building
- Stambaugh Building (Key Bank)
- Wick Building
- Erie Terminal
- Post Office (City Hall Annex)
- Liberty/Paramount Theater
- Mahoning County Courthouse
- McCrory's
- Ohio Edison (Ohio One)
- Peggy Ann Building
- State Theater
- Strouss-Hirschberg
- Warner Theater (Powers Auditorium)
- Wells Building
- YWCA
- Masonic Temple
- The Rayen School (Youngstown Board of Education)



CONGRATULATIONS!



The Coalition is very pleased to announce that the 2003 Academic Scholarship was awarded to Johanna George, daughter of Mary Pat and Ray George of Palmer Avenue.

Johanna is a 2003 graduate of Cardinal Mooney High School and will be studying Studio Arts at Youngstown State University this fall. She is very involved in the community including acting, volunteering at The Butler and music to name just a few. Elvira Terletsky, committee member, could not understand how one person going to school and working three days a

week could do so much! We appreciate it, Johanna, and hope you can serve as an inspiration to others to give back to their community. Congratulations and good luck! Please keep us posted on your accomplishments.

The 7WCC thanks Elvira, Lenore Jones and Kathy Mahalko for serving on the Scholarship Committee. We recognize that it was a difficult choice to choose from some very fine candidates. Best of luck to all the scholarship applicants. Keep up the good work!

THIS AND THAT

A dilapidated house located at 1916 Pointview Avenue finally was razed this month. Neighbors were waiting for months for this eyesore to be taken care of since it caught on fire last fall.



Work is almost complete on the re-vamping of Sheridan Boulevard. New catch basins and curbing should help with flooding problems and with cars driving on the grassy areas.

On July 12th, three members of the 7WCC helped clean up and groom the garden spot at Gibson and Indianola. Major stewardship of this site has been taken over by the Uptown Kiwanis. Kiwanians and teenagers also participated in the clean-up. We were happy to see that the rhododendron and spirea bushes transplanted from the old Taft School grounds made it through last winter. We'd like to hear of updates from our other Ward beauty spots,

namely, Cornell gardens, Mount Vernon gardens and Powers Cemetery.

Recently, early one Monday morning, a Medford Avenue resident was standing at his kitchen sink and heard the garbage truck. Too late, he remembered that he forgot to put out his trash. No need to worry. The trash collector walked up the resident's driveway, rolled his trash cans to the truck, emptied them and then returned the cans. Thank you so much to this caring public servant!

It would have been nice to see more block watches at the 18th National Night Out Celebration held at Sheridan School playgrounds on Tuesday, August 8th. Despite the lower attendance than last year (and soggy grass), spirits ran high and people had a good time. We noted that this area of Youngstown has some beautiful older homes the likes of which aren't built anymore.

I PE FIELD GARAGE SALE AND CAR SHOW



SPONSORED BY:

RAIN OR SHINE!

Looking for something unusual?

Got something to sell?

Then come and join this community event.

It was so successful last time we decided to do it again!

LOCATION: I pe Field on Midlothian Boulevard

DATE: Sunday, September 7, 2003

TIME: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

First 25 show vehicles get a free dash plaque

COST PER SPACE:

15' x 20' \$20

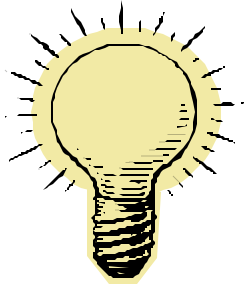
Double \$30

15' x 30' \$25

Proceeds to benefit the 7th Ward Citizens Coalition, Inc. and I pe Kids World Playground

For information, please call:

Eleanor Booher (330) 755-0939 or Marty Novotny (330) 782-4633



Light: A Lifesaver

Flashing Security "Beacon" Light Bulbs Available for Sale

Retail Price: \$19.95

Coalition Price: \$8.00

This light bulb will start flashing after you flick twice on your switch sending out a silent but powerful message for help in emergency situations. Only the elderly and disabled can obtain these free through the Weed and Seed program. But now, the 7th Ward Citizens Coalition, Inc. has them available for everyone else at a cost well below retail. Free delivery. Call (330) 782-2653 to order yours today!

Proceeds to benefit the 7th Ward Citizens Coalition, Inc., a grassroots, nonpartisan, nonprofit 501 (c) (3) corporation.

DERBY NEWS

BY KATHY MAHALKO

Bobby Ford, 9 years old and a 4th grade student at St. Matthias represented the 7WCC well in the Soap Box Derby held in June in Youngstown. He placed 5th in the stock division. The top 8 winners of each division received prizes and honors at a picnic held at the Masonic Pavilion where all derby drivers and their families were invited to attend. Bobby had a lot of fun and is looking forward to next year's race. He is the son of Mary and Bob Ford, the grandson of Betty and Donald Ford and the nephew of Janice and Tom Rovnak.

A huge THANK YOU goes out to members Ken Stanislaw, Ken Norris and John Swierz for their countless hours of volunteer time for both the Spring Rally and the Derby. Thank you also to Mary Krupa and Elida Schiavone for manning the pit gate. John Slanina, a friend of the 7WCC, was a great help to me at the volunteer booth all day Sunday. He also took some pictures we hope to show on the web site.

A spaghetti dinner fundraiser will be held on Sunday, September 21st from 12 noon to 5 pm at Brownlee Woods Presbyterian Church. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$3 for children ages 4-12 and free for children ages 3 and under. For tickets, call John Swierz at (330) 788-5114 or, they can be purchased at the door. Also, our Fall Rally will take place in Mineral Ridge in October. For further information, go to www.gyasbd.com. If you would like to volunteer, call Kathy Mahalko at (330) 788-5927.



SEVENTH WARD SAMARITANS

It has come to our attention that the Seventh Ward has some "Good Samaritans", individuals who are willing to make our community a little bit better through their thoughtfulness. One such Samaritan is Bob Raver of Weston Avenue. Bob was recently enjoying Ipe Kids World with Daniel, his 4-year old son, when he noticed graffiti painted on the newest

play area, the Pirate Ship. Bob took a few minutes of his time to remove the paint. As a self-employed housepainter, he conveniently had paint remover and rags handy in his van. Thanks, Bob. I'm sure the parents who bring their children to the play area appreciate your "clean-up" activities.

*(Editor's note: If you know of a Seventh Ward Samaritan, please tell us his or her story. We will print articles on a space-available basis. Also, did you know that memorial **pickets** are still available for purchase for the Ipe Kids World fence at \$20 each? Call (330) 788-9277.)*

HELPFUL NUMBERS

- **Consumer Services (Insurance)** (800) 686-1526
- **Energy Credit Program** (800) 282-4310
- **Food Stamp Hotline** (800) 686-1581
- **Home Energy Assistance Program** (800) 282-0880
- **Legal Services (for low-income and elderly)** (330) 744-3196
- **Long Term Care Ombudsman** (800) 282-1206
- **Medicare Part B** (800) 282-0530
- **Social Security Administration** (800) 772-1213
- **Talking Books** (800) 424-9100
- **Utility Consumer Hot Line** (800) 282-9448
- **Veterans Administration (Cleveland)** (800) 827-1000

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.

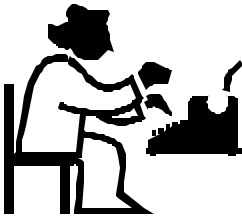
MEMBERSHIP FORM

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 _____



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK... ELECTION NOTICE TO MEMBERS

To The Membership,

It seems like just yesterday when ballots were cast to elect our 2003 officers and trustees. Well, it's not too early to start thinking about the process again for 2004. It might be helpful setting a timeline and reviewing the steps.

Article I, Section 1. Executive Officers:

The Executive Officers of the Coalition shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. All officers shall be elected annually by the voting membership of the Coalition. They shall take office immediately upon election. The officers shall be members of the Coalition and, upon election, shall be members of the Board of Trustees. Officers may serve in their elected offices for not more than three one-year terms. All Executive officers will be granted Ex-Officio status (executive non-voting) for a term of one year after their official duties end. No paid elected government officials may be an Executive Officer or serve on the Board of Trustees.

Article II, Section 1. Number of Members:

The business and affairs of this Coalition shall be managed by a Board of Trustees which shall consist of not less than 8 nor more than 16 members. The Board shall consist of elected members of the Coalition.

Article III, Section 2. Manner of Elections:

Only those who have been members two months prior to the elections shall have the right and duty to elect trustees and officers. Members may nominate officers and trustees by submitting names in writing to the Chairperson* of the Nominating Committee two months prior to elections. Nominations will only be taken from the floor at the regular meeting one-month prior to election. Those who know in advance that they will be unable to attend the election meeting shall send a written request to the Coalition for an absentee ballot. The completed ballot shall be returned in an envelope bearing the member's signature and return address, so that the vote can be registered on the membership list. At the time the ballots are counted, the absentee votes shall be removed from the envelopes by the election committee for tabulation with the rest of the ballots, thus preserving the secrecy of the ballot.

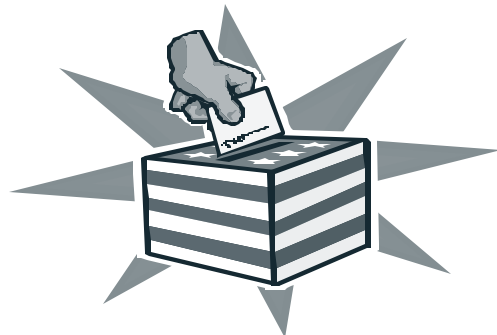
IMPORTANT DATES:

- A) Members may nominate, in writing, beginning Thursday, October 16, 2003
- B) Nominations accepted from the floor Thursday, November 20, 2003
- C) Nomination period closes Thursday, December 4, 2003
- D) Election held for Officers and Trustees on Thursday, December 18, 2003

Remember to visit our web site: www.7wcc.org.

Thank you,

Mark S. Memmer



* Chairperson of Nominating Committee: John P. Kish