

Ward



Word

Editor: Mary Krupa Co-Editors: Members of the 7th Ward Citizens Coalition, Inc.

Post Office Box 1264 Youngstown, Ohio 44501

Officers: President John R. Swierz, Vice President John Kish, Treasurer Rick Swan, Secretary Mary Krupa

Trustees: Eleanor Booher, Patti Dougan, Wally Dunne, Bill Graurich, Ron Hoffman, John Jerek, Ray Miller, Ken Norris, Marty Novotny

Ex Officio: Mark Memmer, Kathy Mahalko

MARCH MEETING UPDATE

As March was leading us on to the “greening” season of Spring, appropriately, our speaker for the monthly meeting on March 18th was Tim Berlekamp, head of the Mahoning County Recycling Division Green Team. Whether you agree with Mahoning County being a magnet for trash or not, you’d have to admit that it’s a complicated subject and Berlekamp provided members with an interesting wealth of information about how to take advantage of recycling opportunities.

Prior to his talk, many topics were discussed at the regular meeting including residents who put out their trash well before the pickup day. Councilman Mark Memmer and Officer Bill Ward both said the most effective route is to contact the police captain on duty to ask them to issue citations. Those duties would then be assigned to the officers on the beat during that shift’s roll call.

Members wanted to know about the recent shootout at Lucius and South but no one knew too much. Discussion was held about Wilson students congregating on the streets and not letting cars go by. Mark Memmer said that Police Chief Bush has a plan to deal with this but this needs to be sped up with Spring coming.

The Scholarship Committee is actively working on choosing this year’s candidate. We need some more members on this committee.

YOUR BOARD IN ACTION

The Board of Trustees (BOT) held its most recent meeting on Tuesday, April 6th. Here are some of the items discussed:

- Spring cleanups of the Ward’s garden spots
- the immediate need to get 2 or 3 more members on the Scholarship Committee
- redevelopment of rest of Ipe Field
- training for the Board of Trustees
- finding a member with a digital camera to take occasional Coalition pictures for the newsletter (does anyone know of someone who would like to volunteer for this?)
- putting the proposed project by the Coalition of turning Jackson School into a community center on the back burner for now



“It is every man’s obligation to put back into the world at least the equivalent of what he takes out of it.”

—Albert Einstein

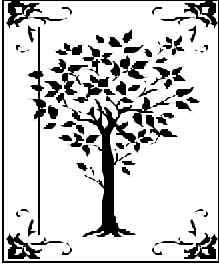
APRIL MONTHLY MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 15TH, 6:30 PM

BROWNLEE WOODS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LOCATED AT EVERETT AND IRMA

OCCHA'S APRIL EVENTS



Organizacion Civica y Cultural Hispana Americana, otherwise known in the 7th Ward as the OCCHA Agency and one of our newest members, is hosting a 200 Club event on Saturday, April 24th. The social hour starts at 5:30 pm followed by dinner at 6:30 pm. The reverse raffle is at 7:30 pm and dancing to DJ Chico is at 8:30 pm. The price of a ticket is \$25 and can be purchased from any OCCHA board member or by calling OCCHA at (330) 781-1808. There are only 200 tickets and you can win up to \$1000.

Also plan to attend OCCHA's free Health Fair on Wednesday, April 28th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Both events are at 3660 Shirley Road. Everyone is welcome!

PRETZEL JELLO

FROM GERTIE HEIDEL, LANSINGVILLE BLOCK WATCH
AS PUBLISHED IN *FLAVORS FROM THE SEVENTH WARD* COOKBOOK, 1997

2 c. crushed pretzels
4 tsp. sugar
3/4 c. melted butter

Mix together pretzels, sugar and melted butter.
Pour into 9 inch by 13 inch pan. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes at 400 degrees, then cool.

8 oz. cream cheese
10 oz. Cool Whip
1 c. sugar

Cream together cream cheese, Cool Whip and sugar. Spread over cooled pretzel mixture.

1 large pkg. strawberry gelatin
2-10 oz. pkg. frozen strawberries
2 c. hot water

Mix gelatin with 2 cups of hot water. Stir until gelatin is dissolved. Stir in frozen (or fresh) strawberries. Let set for 10 minutes. Pour over Cool Whip mixture. Let set in refrigerator.



THIS AND THAT

7th Ward Councilman Mark Memmer can be reached at (330) 782-5494. His assistant is Sarah Chunn. Mark contributed this month's *It's the Law!* and the insert on pertinent neighborhood city **ordinances**. These can help you if you need to remind neighbors about trash pickup, etc. Thanks, Mark, this is valuable and useful information!

Visit our website at www.7wcc.org. We'd like to thank **Directed Technologies, Inc.** for their continued contributions to maintaining our website. It looks great. Thank you!

Saturday May 15th will see a 4th annual **Stream Cleanup** along Yellow Creek and Drakes Run in Poland Woods. All volunteers are welcome. If you are interested in the Yellow Creek Stream Cleanup or in cleaning up along another stream in the area, please call **Heather Moser** at the Mahoning County Soil & Water Conservation District at (330) 533-2231. On an-



other Mother Nature note, **Earth Day** will be held at YSU on Wednesday, April 21st and **Ohio's Arbor Day** is Friday, April 30th.

The **Youngstown City School District** moves up, and out of Academic Emergency! The Ohio Department of Education has rated the Youngstown City Schools as an Academic Watch district. The schools moved out of Academic Emergency based on a performance index of 64.6 compared to last year's index of 56.3. The performance index 2 years ago was 53.6.

We'd like to keep **Ethel** and **Pete Draia** and **Patti Dougan** in our thoughts as they deal with health issues. Take care of yourselves and may you heal soon.

After a *looonnnngg* time, the **eyesore houses** at Campbell and Shady Run and 528 E. Judson have finally been razed!

IT'S THE LAW!

DEAR CITIZENS OF YOUNGSTOWN:

The City of Youngstown Administration, in order to provide citizens a more efficient & more economical service, has adopted a weekly schedule of combined garbage & rubbish pick-up at the curb or edge of roadway.

COLLECTION

The owner or occupier of any given lot shall place all refuse receptacles along the curb in front of such lot prior to 2:00 am of the day of collection, **but not before 7:00 pm of the day preceding the day of collection**, & said receptacles **must be removed from the curbside by owner or occupier the same day** they are emptied by the collection forces.

RECEPTACLES

Approved receptacles shall be galvanized iron or other non-rusting metal of substantial construction, with tight-fitting covers & adequate handles as to be easily handled by one man (sic), & in any case, to have a capacity not in excess of 30 gallons & not less than 10 gallons. Receptacles shall be covered at all times & maintained in a sanitary & safe condition.

Plastic bags not exceeding 30-gallon capacity with a minimum thickness of 3 mils will be permitted, provided they do not contain any sharp objects.

Receptacles & their contents shall not exceed 35 pounds in total weight.

NON-CONFORMING CONTAINERS

Heavy oil drums, chemical drums, cardboard drums, paper bags, cardboard boxes, baskets, totes & the like, are not legal containers & will not be emptied by the collection crew.

DEFINITIONS

SOLID WASTE REFUSE shall mean garbage & rubbish placed & stored together in a standard refuse container as required by above definitions.

GARBAGE shall mean all protrusible animal or vegetable waste resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking & consumption of food in any private dwelling house.

RUBBISH shall mean all cardboard, plastic, metal or glass food containers, wastepaper, rags, sweepings, small pieces of wood, excelsior, rubber, leather & similar waste materials that ordinarily accumulate around a home.

PREPARATION OF REFUSE FOR COLLECTION

All garbage must be drained & wrapped in paper before being placed in a refuse container.

Cartons & boxes must be broken apart, laid flat & tied in bundles.

Grass, leaves, rags & other "soft" items must be in plastic bags & tied. Plastic bag size shall be no more than 30 gallon capacity, normally used as a garbage can liner.

Shrubbery, trimmings & tree branches **must be bundled & tied** to facilitate loading by the collection crews. Maximum length of such bundles shall be **4 feet**. Maximum weight shall be **40 pounds**.

Carpeting must be cut into strips 4 feet in length, rolled & tied or taped to facilitate loading.

Appliances containing Freon such as, but not limited to, freezers, refrigerators, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, etc., cannot be put to the curb for collection until they are tagged by a certified refrigeration company.

REFUSE NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR COLLECTION

Construction & demolition waste, such as earth, stones, bricks, plaster, concrete, siding, lumber, paint, shingles & other like items—Auto parts, tires, batteries—Human or animal excrement—Hazardous refuse such as poisons, acids, caustics, explosives, soiled dressings, drugs, radioactive materials & like substances

NO REFUSE WILL BE COLLECTED FROM COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...

Dear Members,

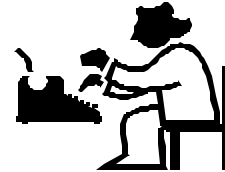
Now that Spring has sprung (even though the weather is not cooperating), it is time to turn our attention to the many community projects that we are involved with. The Coalition needs your assistance with the Powers Cemetery clean-up, Mt. Vernon cul-de-sac garden, Ipe Kids World and other gardens that we have partnered with in the Ward. If you enjoy working in the soil, please contact John R. Swierz at (330) 788-5114 or Mary Krupa at (330) 788-9277. I believe our Coalition leads all other organizations in the amount of beautification projects in the City. That only happens with your generous help. We are going to work on these projects between now and the middle of June.



**HAPPY
EASTER!**

Respectfully,

John R. Swierz
President



THE GENIE IN THE COLA BOTTLE

BY PATTI DOUGAN

The spring bulbs are up and it's time to set the onions. You decided that this year you want to move the garden behind the garage. As you dig, you are reminiscing about the good-old-days in the neighborhood when the doors were never locked and the keys were left in the car so you could find them.

Suddenly, you are brought back to the present by the tinkling of the shovel on glass. You sit down, dig a bit and pull out an old RC Cola bottle from the plant on Indianola. Chuckling to yourself, you begin to rub away the dirt on the painted label and whoosh! Out pops CD Genie. Not being your conventional genie, he advises you that he is granting you \$25,000 (tax free) in cash. However, the money can be used only to improve the quality of life on your street, in your neighborhood or in the 7th Ward. CD, as he prefers to be called, tells you he will return with the money if your idea qualifies under the restrictions. He tells you to put the idea in writing and to submit it to the CDC (Community Development Corporation) committee at the next coalition meeting. He says he'll get back to you on the money, he has to check in with the managers of the Genie funds. As he flits away, he yells over his shoulder that if you need him, or have any questions, you should contact the CDC committee at (330) 782-8206 or pdougan@neo.rr.com, they know where to find him.

RANDOM MUSINGS

BY RAY MILLER

...in a time when it seems like we are becoming more and more a communist society losing more freedom everyday, I'm glad to see we're finally getting one back, THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS. Up till now, only the criminals carried guns, and if you chose to carry one you became the criminal. I have always felt that everyone had the right to defend themselves and their property. Now I won't have to feel like a criminal if I choose to carry a weapon.

...out of the woodwork they come. Those with visions of grandeur of becoming the Mayor of the city in 2005. I'm sure we'll see quite a few jockeying for position. Some will be very good candidates who have done much for the city in the past. Others will have little or no credentials for running. Still, this is America, and everyone has the right to try. It will be very interesting to see what happens. Hmm, maybe I'll run myself.

The 7th Ward Citizens Coalition, Inc. supports the citywide comprehensive plan:

