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DECEMBER & JANUARY GENERAL MEETING UPDATE

The December 16th meeting of the Coalition was dedicated to the election of officers, board members and a vote on the amended Articles of Incorporation, the results of which are found on page 2. Following the meeting, the membership was entertained by the Youngstown Connection, a group of truly talented young people of whom we can be proud.

The January meeting centered around a discussion of Ipes Field (see page 2) and the nuisance on Midlothian Blvd. It was determined that it was time to make our views known about how the City is handling the nuisance problem and there was discussion of picketing either the premises or City Hall. For more information, or to join forces on the picket line, contact Terry Esarco.

YOUR BOARD IN ACTION

The Board of Directors met on Tuesday, January 11th and February 1st at Brownlee Woods Presbyterian Church. Some actions taken or proposed:

Board meetings will be held at 6:30 P.M. at the Brownlee Woods Presbyterian Church on the following dates: March 1st, April 5th, May 3rd, June 7th, September 6th, October 4th, November 1st and December 6th.

General Meetings will be held at the same location at 6:30 P.M. on February 17th, March 17th, April 21st, May 19th, June 16th, September 15th, October 20th, November 17th, and December 15th.

John Swierz was again appointed as our representative to the Weed and Seed Program.

General discussion was held on adding a non-voting student member to the board.

OOPs - Our Apologies to Police Chief Bush

It was announced at our last meeting that Youngstown Police Chief Robert Bush, Jr. would be in attendance as our guest speaker. That information was incorrect. Chief Bush was to have been the speaker for this month's meeting. It appears from all the facts gathered that a member of the Special Forces Unit (SFU) was to speak in January and advised our president he would bring the Chief with him. He further advised Terry that he would make all the arrangements. That did not happen and Chief Bush was, upon inquiry, still under the impression that he was the guest speaker for February. Based on the misrepresentation of the SFU member, who was unable to make our January meeting, Melvin Lars, principal at Wilson was asked to speak this month. We therefore had to cancel Chief Bush. Our sincere apologies for any inconvenience this misunderstanding caused.



FEBRUARY MONTHLY MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH, 6:30 P.M.
BROWNLEE WOODS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SPEAKER: Melvin Lars
PRINCIPAL OF WILSON HIGH SCHOOL
MR. LARS IS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AT 7:00 P.M.

Youngstown Christian School proposes IPES Field partnership

Much discussion has been held at the last several Board Meetings and the January general meeting regarding IPES Field. Youngstown Christian School (YCS) is in the midst of discussions with the City Park Department regarding the placement of a football and a baseball field at the field for the school's use. At the January meeting, 7th Ward City Councilman Mark Memmer spoke on the topic and provided a drawing of the proposed layout.

YCS's proposal to the City is much like our partnership on the playground. YCS will make capital improvements such as bleachers, lights, and restrooms in exchange for the right of first refusal to use the field on all dates. The proposal at this time is just a proposal, and YCS is interested in our concerns and ideas for this venture.

Some concerns raised by members at the January meeting were whether the "new" park would fit within the spirit of Mrs. Ipes' will, the available parking, and the effect of lights and a sound system on neighboring homes.

It is to be remembered that while we have been asked to contribute ideas and voice concerns, the proposal will, if accepted, be planned with the City. YCS is to be commended for considering the 7th Ward's input and we need to be clear in voicing our concerns and considerate in our requests.

It was the general consensus of those present that this project would benefit the neighborhood and the quality of life in the 7th Ward, both of which are within the purpose of our organization.

Whad'Ya Know??*

Take this Quiz and See What You Know

1. Where is Youngstown located?
2. Youngstown was named for John Young, who first landed in the area in 1796 and settled there soon after. On April 9, 1800, he purchased the entire township, 15,560 acres, from the Connecticut Land Company . He platted the town in that year, which was recorded on August 19, 1802 with the date and name of "Youngstown, 1797". What was the purchase price?
3. The village of Youngstown was incorporated in 1848; when was the City incorporated?
4. When was the first blast furnace built in Youngstown?
5. In what census year did Youngstown record its largest population of 168,330?
6. Who is the largest employer in Youngstown?
7. How long is Mill Creek Park?
8. The City covers how many square miles?
9. On average, how many cloud-free days does Youngstown enjoy per year?
10. In what month are there the most cloud free days?

* Questions and answers taken from Wikipedia online Encyclopedia and Google. Our apologies to Michael Feldman for unabashedly stealing the name of his nationally syndicated radio program *Whad'Ya Know* heard Saturday mornings on public radio.

Answers on page 4.



Treasury Tally

End-of-Year Financial Balance:

\$1,843.64

2005 Officers & Board of Trustees

Results of December voting for officers, board, and by-laws:

Officers: Terry Esarco, President; Patricia Dougan, Vice President; David Venerose, Secretary; Rick Swan, Treasurer.

Directors: Wally Dunne, John Jerek, Diana Murar, Marty Novotny, Tom Rovnak, and John Swierz.

Amended Articles of Association: 29 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstained

We thank all of you for your time and energy!

Free Tax Preparation

YSU has a free tax preparation clinic. E-filing is available. For various locations and clinic times contact Community Legal Aid Services at 330-744-3196 or YSU's Accounting Department at 330-941-3000.

Attention Teachers Did you know that there is a special tax credit this year for purchases you made for the classroom?

The 7th Ward Citizens Coalition, Inc. was started in 1995 for the betterment of the 7th Ward and is a grass roots, 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. Visit the Coalition website at www.7wcc.org.



The 7WCC supports the citywide comprehensive plan.

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COMMITTEES

It is by spending oneself that one becomes rich. -- Sarah Bernhardt

Each year we ask for volunteers to work on various projects and committees in order to accomplish the goals of our organization. Without the help of our dedicated committee members, we would accomplish little and would be little more than a social organization. We have accomplished much. We will accomplish more. In order to do so, however we need active members. Members who can “spend” a little of themselves, their time and their resources so that the work as well as the sense of accomplishment is shared by all. You may be asking, “What can I do?” You may be thinking, “I have little to contribute.” You may be surprised at what you can do. It may be as simple as making telephone calls during the day because you are at home. As simple as running an errand for the committee. Everyone is good at something. Everyone has something to contribute. Look at the list below and see where you would like to “spend yourself” this year. Let us know at the meeting this month.

AUDIT (ad hoc)

Audits books and provides written year-end report to outgoing and incoming officers and trustees.

BUDGET & FINANCE

Plan yearly budget and projected revenues, annual report of revenues and expenditures.

BY-LAWS REVIEW - (ad hoc)

Draft changes to by-laws.

CDC

Work the process of becoming a Community Development Corporation; take on large scale projects to improve the quality of our neighborhoods.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Soap Box Derby, banner, parade, Powers Cemetery cleanup, garden spots, etc.

FUNDRAISING

Yard Sale, 50/50 raffle, etc.

IPES Field

Ongoing improvements to playground, work with City and Youngstown Christian School.

LIBRARY - (ad hoc)

Committee to work on keeping Brownlee Woods library open.

MEMBERSHIP

Business posters, membership forms, increasing membership, recruiting blitz.

NEWSLETTER

Contributions, production, mailing, email to webmaster.

NOMINATING

Recruit members interested in holding positions of officers and trustees during nominating period.

REFRESHMENTS

Arrange for refreshments at all functions.

SCHOLARSHIP & AWARDS

Recruit, interview and select recipient by end of school year.

YOUTH/TEEN CONFERENCE - (Inactive)

Coordinate, invite, host a conference of area teenagers to discuss issues of the day.

Commit: To make known the opinions or views of;
Commitment: Dedication to a long-term course of action; engagement, involvement;
Committee: A group of people organized to support some cause.*

That’s who we are: A group of people organized to make known the opinions and views of 7th Ward Citizens and dedicated to a long-term course of action enhancing the quality of life in the 7th Ward.

* Webster’s New World College Dictionary 3rd Ed.



FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT'S DESK...



Dear Members,

As we leapt into the new year with new leadership at the helm, it has been somewhat of a bumpy start. With the same parties taking care of business for so long, everything seemingly flowed without effort. This year, we have a new Newsletter Editor, Chris Travers, and a new Secretary, David Venerose. Both positions were previously held by Mary Krupa, and it's a testament to her abilities that she was replaced by two people! So while we have managed to move forward, it has not been without a few snags (like no newsletter last month).

It is hoped that things will be better now that we have had time to transfer formats, gather mailing lists and generally get more organized. If nothing else, the officers and newsletter editor have an even greater appreciation for all that Mary did (and in case we forgot, THANK YOU, MARY!). To make up for our slow start, you will see an extra summer edition of the Ward Word. So — keep your eyes open. Things are happening!

Respectfully,

Patricia Dougan
Vice President

Please email your news & notes for the monthly Ward Word newsletter to info@7wcc.org. Thanks!

Answers to *Whad'Ya Know?*

1. Youngstown is located at 41°5'47" North, 80°38'57" West. Betcha didn't know *that!*
2. \$16,085
3. 1867
4. 1803
5. 1950
6. Youngstown State University
7. Five miles
8. 33.9
9. 63
10. October

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**Presidents' Day
Monday February 21st**

☆☆ *I hold the maxim no less applicable to public than to private affairs that honesty is always the best policy.* ☆☆

☆☆ - **George Washington** (b. February 22, 1732) ☆☆
☆☆ *Farewell Address* - September 19, 1796 ☆☆

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☆☆ *Nothing valuable can be lost by taking time.* ☆☆

☆☆ - **Abraham Lincoln** (b. February 12, 1809) ☆☆
☆☆ *First Inaugural Address* - March 4, 1861 ☆☆

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MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues for 2005 are due. They are \$10 for single, \$18 for a couple, \$25 for a family and \$35 for a business membership. Please encourage your neighbors to attend our meetings and to become members.

Your VP hereby challenges you to bring at least one new person to our March meeting. The person who brings the most new faces will be rewarded with a prize. (A very small one, but come on, it's the fun of it!!!) So get out there and invite. At the worst, they'll get to eat some pizza!!!

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): NEW _____ RENEWAL _____

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 _____

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