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## FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING UPDATE

We apologize that the minutes of the general meeting were not available prior to publication. We'll be with you again next month.

### Scholarship Committee

It's that time again. In fact it's *past* time for members of the committee to get together, to gather applications and to choose our recipient. If you are on, or would like to be on, the committee, please contact the officers at the general meeting or call 330-782-8206.



***April Meeting is Candidates Night!***  
**This election is especially important as we elect a new mayor, a City judge, and pick the direction of our City.**

### *Please Be Aware -*

There have been several daytime burglaries in the Brownlee Woods neighborhood area . While one perpetrator has been caught, there may have been others. Neighbors who are home during the day should keep an eye open for any activity at neighboring homes where no one is home during the day. Please report *all* suspicious activity.

## YOUR BOARD IN ACTION

The March 1, 2005 Board of Director's meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. Mr. Agresta, Principal of Youngstown Christian School, was present as was his son and he spoke about the IPES Field project (see page 2 for details).

Following Mr. Agresta's presentation, the board discussed the difficulties caused by not having an office in which to hold meetings and to house records, and a telephone number for members and officers to leave messages. Wally Dunne volunteered to check into the availability and cost of office space.

It was decided that the coalition would participate in the St. Patrick's Day on March 13, 2005. President Terry Esarco was to locate a car and VP Patti Dougan was to check into and purchase a coalition banner.

John Swierz reported that Clarence Boles was removed by request as a member of the Weed and Seed Program. He also gave an update on the Walton Avenue Bridge and stated that the infrastructure was not funded this year. Board members were provided information on the 7th Ward's e-mail and asked to set policies as to access and other use.

(see *Board Meeting* on page 4)

**MARCH MONTHLY MEETING**  
 THURSDAY, MARCH 17TH, 6:30 P.M.  
 BROWNLEE WOODS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
 MAHONING COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
 ANTHONY TRAFICANTI

**(DON'T FORGET TO WEAR GREEN!)**

*Ward Word* is the monthly newsletter of the 7th Ward Citizens Coalition, published not less than ten months a year. The 7WCC is a non-partisan grassroots organization committed to better quality of life in Youngstown, Ohio's 7th ward.

## Principal of Youngstown Christian School Speaks at March Board Meeting

**M**r. Agresta, principal of Youngstown Christian School (YSC), and his son, were guests at the March board meeting. Discussion centered on the proposed usage of Ipe Field as the school's home field. Mr. Agresta assured the board that being a good neighbor was their goal and addressed the concerns of lighting and noise. He stated that there would be approximately 5 games per year starting at 7:00 p.m. and ending about 9:30. He indicated that according to the layout of the field, the lights would shine in the direc-



Snow-covered bleachers at Ipe Field.

tion of the freeway and the woods as opposed to neighboring homes. In addition to the 5 games, the field would be used for practice after school.

Showing the board the plans, he pointed out that there would be home team bleachers in the back corner of the park opposite the current ones. Visitor's seating would be portable to allow removal during baseball season.

The committee for the project is hopeful that the city will assist with the lights, the locker rooms and the concession stand as it is thought that this project is in keeping with Youngstown 2010 and the City's quest to enhance the quality of life in each neighborhood.

As to when the project would get underway, Mr. Agresta stated that he hoped soon as the team would need to start practicing in or about July. When asked

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what we could do to facilitate the Ipe project, Mr. Agresta asked that we notify the City Parks Department that the Coalition was in favor of the project and to please push forward in a timely manner. Based on the response of the general membership at a previous meeting, the board determined that a letter would go out to the Parks Department and the Mayor by March 8, 2005.

Mr. Agresta stated that in the near future they hope to add fields for girl's soccer and baseball. The proposed five year plan is as follows:

- **2005** Develop field as football location. Put up interim lighting, stands for 300 people and scoreboard. Locate trailers as temporary locker rooms and an area for small concession stand.
- **2006** Work on permanent locker rooms and concession building.
- **2007** Further develop field.
- **2008** Put up permanent lighting and upgrade scoreboard.
- **2009** Upgrade locker rooms and concession area.

YSC is requesting that the City upgrade the sanitary, parking and fencing and that YSC be given priority usage of the site.

**Ipe Field Memorial Pickets** are still available.  
Cost is \$20.00 per post. Call 330-788-9277.

## 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? Check with your accountant or the YSU clinic.

**T**he 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](http://www.7wcc.org).



The 7WCC supports the citywide Youngstown 2010 comprehensive plan.

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**Upcoming Events**

*Who said there is nothing to do in Youngstown?*

**Youngstown Symphony**  
*Joe Augustine*  
April 9

**YSU Theater**  
*The Pirates of Penzance*  
April 15, 17, 22, 24

**Oakland Center for the Arts**  
*The Tale of The Allergist's Wife*  
April 22, 23, 29, 30 and May 1, 6, 7  
*Solo Acts*  
June 3, 4, 10, 11

**Save the Date**  
*Summer Festival of the Arts*  
Saturday July 9 & Sunday July 10

**Reviews**

For those who missed *The Ten Tenors* February 26, 2005 at Powers, you missed a great show. Should these young men return, do not pass them up again. They are well worth the price of the ticket. From opera to the Beach Boys, there was something for everyone.

Gals, if you are up for the trip, there is a great musical at the 14th Street Theater in Cleveland, *Menopause the Musical*. 90 minutes of solid laughter! Grab your friends, your daughters and go!!!!

**Lessons Learned**

When is the last time you checked your homeowners or rental insurance to make sure that you were adequately covered? Do you know the limits of your policy on jewelry and cash? Have you added that ring the kids bought you for Christmas to the rider covering your jewelry? Don't learn the hard way. I thought there was a rider on my jewelry before the burglary. Somehow there wasn't. Check today!

**Pothole Patrol**

Some streets in Baghdad might be less bumpy than some found in our neighborhood! Everyone has a favorite pothole story to tell, and they can direct those tales of legendary road hazards to 7th Ward City Councilman Mark Memmer (330-782-5494), and to the City of Youngstown Street De-



partment (330-744-3179).

The doozy displayed at the left is at the corner of Thalia and Sheridan. Measuring 33 inches long (that's a yard stick!) by 5 inches deep, this monster can cradle a small grandchild (we didn't try it though!).

Adopt a pothole and call it in.

**HOUSING COURT**

Judge Milich is putting together a committee to work on this project. You can sign up by calling 330-742-8857. Better yet, sign up for one of our fundraisers so we can assist the court when they call. Those who can't afford paint, etc. will need community donations.

**Leaning Tower of Power**

Gravity never takes the day off, and who's to say the power lines on this pole won't some day find their way to the ground if the pole is not replaced?

Many residents of Brownlee Woods pass this pole on Lemoyne Avenue every day and cast a wary eye toward its westerly leanings. If you see a utility pole that looks like a potential hazard to the neighborhood — such as the one pictured here — it should be reported to the appropriate utility company. Most poles like this are assets of the local electric utility which leases space to other utilities such as phone and cable companies.



Pole on Lemoyne.

You can report this and any other possible trouble spots either online or by phone. To report this particular pole to Ohio Edison, log on to [www.firstenergycorp.com](http://www.firstenergycorp.com). Then click "contact" on the bottom menu bar. The "contact us" screen selects the customer service department by default. Leave that as is and fill in the blanks. Those marked with an asterisk are required to be filled in. Click "submit" and you've done your part to protect our neighborhood.

You can also report this by phone at 1-800-646-0400 and navigate the voice prompts.

It would be hard for any utility to ignore dozens of alerts to this particular situation. Please contact Ohio Edison and ask them to straighten up — their pole!

