

# Oregon Historic District Society News

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Get out the vote edition

## Oregon District Local Liquor Option Election Update

Written by Jeff Gonya and can be seen in its entirety on the OHDS Website at [www.oregondistrict.org](http://www.oregondistrict.org)

### Vote No on Issues 6 and 7 on March 6th at Park Manor.

#### A Short Explanation

A new voting precinct was drawn which separates the Oregon District into clearly defined Commercial and Residential Districts. In November, neighbors circulated petitions to registered voters in the Oregon District residential area, Park Manor and Dayton Towers to put a series of questions on the ballot in the March 2012 primary, giving voters the opportunity to vote for a dry precinct without affecting any existing liquor licenses. The success of this petition drive made it possible for issues 6 and 7 to be on the March 6th ballot. Issues 6 and 7 only apply to the Residential District.

Because of how Ohio Liquor Code is written, multiple combinations have to be handled individually.

#### ISSUE 6

- Wine and mixed drinks (pre-made margaritas, daiquiris, etc) for carryout
- Wine and mixed drinks for on-site consumption
- Spirituous Liquor (whiskey, vodka, rum, etc) for on-site consumption
- State liquor store

#### ISSUE 7

- Beer for carryout
- Beer for on-site consumption



A **NO** vote is required on each section.

## Oregon District Local Liquor Option Election Update (continued from page 1)

### The following are answers to Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Will any existing liquor permits be impacted?

A: NO. There are no permits in within the new residential precinct.

Q: If I want to vote for DRY, why do I have to vote **NO**?

A: Liquor Code wording is a little like special offers when you buy something online. The little boxes for special offers are “checked” by default. To avoid the spam, you have to “un-check” the boxes. It’s the same with alcohol sales. The code allows it to be sold anywhere unless we say NO. By voting **NO**, you “un-check” the box.

Q: How were the precinct lines decided?

A: The OHDS, ODBA, and the City Commission worked together to determine the precinct boundaries. The boundaries are a combination of the Oregon Planning District and the Downtown Special Improvement District.

Q: Will voting **NO** protect my property value?

A: Maybe. The housing market is far too complex to say one issue can make or break property values. Voting **NO** does add stability to the area by adding some control to how some properties can be used.

Q: How does this vote impact future objections to permits outside the Residential Precinct?

A: Any Liquor Permit can be contested based on the criteria listed in the Ohio Liquor Code. If there is a future issue with an establishment in the Commercial Precinct, which falls under the Code criteria, objection to renewal can be raised. For new applications, objections based on “saturation” and encroachment will likely not have as much influence as the Residential Precinct is protected from new establishments moving in.

Q: Can the outcome be reversed in the future?

A: YES. Regardless of the outcome, the issue can return to the ballot in the future for another vote.

Q: Should I vote YES or **NO**?

A: The OHDS, ODBA, and City Commission all recommend a **NO** vote, but this is America, so no one can tell you how to vote. Please cast an informed vote.

### Endorsed by:

Oregon Historic District Society  
Oregon District Business Association  
City of Dayton

Thank you to the following neighbors, both residential and commercial, who put their feet to the pavement as part of the petition drive: **Jim Houdeshell, George Wymer, Mike Martin, Pat Eshbaugh, Andrew Steele, Jeff Peterson, Eric Heinrich, Tom and Kate Archdeacon, Sandra Robbins, Sharon Smith, Roy and Sara Vice, Jeff and Leslie Gonya.** Thanks to **Sara Vice** for her research and efforts to get the ball rolling with the Board of Elections for the petitioning process, and to **Jeff Peterson** and **Leslie Gonya** for putting on the finishing touches.

## Save the Dates:

### Friends of Oregon District Fundraiser, Election Day, and OHDS Annual Dinner Submitted by Leslie Gonya

#### Monday, February 27th, 5-8pm at Blind Bob's

The Friends of the Oregon District is in charge of obtaining necessary funds to procure the promotional materials needed to inform voters (mailings, flyers, etc) about Issues 6 and 7, which you read about on the previous pages. Its first fundraising event is scheduled for Monday, February 27 from 5-8 pm at Blind Bob's located at 430 E. Fifth Street. Come dine at Blind Bob's that evening; Support a local business and our residential neighborhood. Ten percent of all sales will be donated to the Friends of the Oregon District

#### Tuesday, March 6th is Election Day

Regardless of party affiliation, registered voters are able to have their voice heard. The polling location for those residing in the residential portion of the district is Park Manor Apartments.

#### Saturday, April 21st is the OHDS Annual Dinner and election of Trustees

The dinner and trustee election is scheduled for the Crowne Plaza Hotel. More details will be coming in your next newsletter. The Nominating Committee submitted a slate of 3 candidates consisting of Burgess Gow, Amelia O'Dowd and Sharon Smith. Nominations will be taken from the floor at our Tuesday, March 13th meeting, as well. This meeting is at 7pm at Park Manor.

## Works for me!

### Submitted by Your Oregon District Neighbors

We continue to get responses through our e-mail list of professionals your neighbors recommend, and it is perfectly acceptable to recommend your own services. Here are this month's submissions:

**Kathleen Gish of Green St writes:** I highly recommend Mindy Becker's cleaning service *Mindy Makes Nice!* She both cleans my home, and dog-sits for me. However, if you only need one or the other she is outstanding at both. We knew we had a good dog sitter when we realized our dogs smelled like her perfume. She snuggled them just like we would if we could be home. Additionally, she made parts of my house shine that I didn't even know existed. I rediscovered my mantle, my bookshelves, the inside of my microwave, and my toaster-oven because of her. And, believe it or not, she actually brushes the cat hair off my cat furniture. After cleaning the house for a while, she managed to cut the cleaning time in half because she did it so thoroughly the first few times. She occasionally leaves me wonderful notes, but that might just be a special service for me, so don't get your hopes up. She has a five-year-old son, which makes me feel not as bad about having eight companion animals after which she has to clean up. At least she doesn't have to teach them morals. Visit her website at <http://mindymakesnice.wordpress.com/>

**Kathy Coley of Sixth St. at your service:** Do you need some alterations done, shorten some pants, replace a zipper or let out a seam? Would you like to brighten up the house with some new drapes, or curtains? Would you like to add interesting embellishment to a sweater or initials on a shirt pocket or cuff (perhaps as a birthday gift), personalize towels (for a wedding gift), or even an interesting new pair of pillows to take the blahs out of the winter? I can do it! I have done extensive alterations, made pillows, curtains, drapes and sheers (plain and lace) for just about any size window, table cloths and furniture throws. I have made lots of children's clothing as well as many things for adults. Phone: 222-3310 E-mail: [kckathycoley301@gmail.com](mailto:kckathycoley301@gmail.com)

# Annual OHDS Membership

submitted by **Todd Crawford**

The time has come again to become a member/renew your membership to the OHDS. Membership in the OHDS helps fund many activities that happen year round in the neighborhood:

**Entranceways and Newcom Park:** The appearance of our neighborhood sends a strong message of who we are and what we represent. When visitors, neighbors, potential neighbors and others who enter our neighborhood see our well maintained entranceways and park, they see that as a neighborhood we take pride in our appearance and it sends a strong message of our neighborhood pride.

**Historic Streetlights:** As a neighborhood we have taken on the responsibility of maintaining our historic streetlights. We take great pride in the fact that the neighborhood funds and maintains our street lighting. Aside from the aesthetic benefits, it reinforces that safety is paramount for those who stroll our neighborhood streets after dark.

**Newsletter:** All residents, whether members of the Society or not receive a periodic newsletter. This newsletter informs neighbors of important issues that affect and shape our neighborhood, as well as being a catalyst to inform neighbors of upcoming events.

**Administration:** The Neighborhood that we call home has many issues that happen "behind the scenes" that many neighbors may not be aware of. Printing and postage of the afore mentioned newsletter, general liability insurance, beautification projects and upkeep of our park and entranceways.

**We encourage all residents and neighbors to become members of the OHDS.** Also, membership is required to vote for neighbors who wish to become a Trustee and represent you at the monthly meeting and cast a vote on issues and items that affect and shape our neighborhood.

You will see the Membership form on the opposite page for you to fill out and send in. Forms and dues may be sent to the PO Box listed on the form or dropped off at 8 Van Buren Street.

Lifetime members are also asked to complete the membership form so that we may keep current with any changes in information that may have changed. Any questions may be directed to the Membership Chairman, Todd Crawford at [t.crawford24@sbcglobal.net](mailto:t.crawford24@sbcglobal.net) or 937-657-9338.

## Neighborly News

submitted by **Barb and Greg Smith**

### Old/New Residents...

Daniel Smith is a life-long resident who married Emily in December. Emily is very enthusiastic about being a new resident. They have purchased a house on Green St. Stop and say hello when you see them out and about. Congrats and welcome to Dan and Emily!

### Former Hess Street neighbor Debby Grahl gets published!!!

One of Oregon's own now is a published author. Debby's book, "Tombstones and Treasure," is scheduled to come out sometime this summer. Congratulations to Debby! We hope you don't forget us now that you are famous.

**Do you have neighborly news? The Smiths have set a great example of what you can submit to the Newsletter. Thanks, Barb and Greg!**

# Oregon Historic District Society 2012-2013 Membership Application

Membership in the Oregon Historic District Society, Inc. (OHDS) is renewable by April of each year. Each member of the OHDS receives a Membership Directory at no cost. Membership questions may be directed to Todd Crawford, Membership Chairman, at [todd.crawford@pnc.com](mailto:todd.crawford@pnc.com).

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Last Name First Name

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Spouse/Partner Last Name (if Family Membership) First Name

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Business Name (if Business Membership)

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Address City State Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number 1 Phone Number 2

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address 1 Email Address 2 or Website Address (if Business Membership)

- Please include all information above in the OHDS Directory
- Please include my/our NAME(s) ONLY in the OHDS Directory
- Please advise me by email of neighborhood events and/or safety alerts

## 1. Type of Membership (Circle One):

*Individual \$20      Family \$30      Contributing \$100      Business \$50*

## 2. Neighborhood Status (Circle All That Apply):

**IMPORTANT-** All information must be completed to establish membership and voter eligibility.

*Resident Owner      Resident Tenant      Business*

*Non-Resident Property Owner:* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Oregon District Property Address*

*Commercial Owner      Commercial Tenant*

## 3. I Would Like to be Involved (Circle All That Apply):

*Working in the Park      Holiday/Garden Tour      Picnics in the Park*

*Membership Committee      Block Captain      Other \_\_\_\_\_*



Please send this completed form, along with a check for the appropriate amount, made payable to:

Oregon Historic District Society

P.O. Box 383

Dayton, Ohio 45401

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### **OHDS Board of Trustees**

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### **Introducing Lieutenant David Wolford**

At our most recent OHDS meeting, Lt. Wolford spent time sharing with us efforts that are being made to help keep our neighborhood safe. He has had his feet on the street, and in upcoming good weather will have his bike on the road as a physical presence to add to the safety of our great neighborhood. His officers and sergeants will be dropping in to our future monthly meetings so they can become familiar faces to us, and they can get to see the people of our neighborhood. Lt. Wolford made us aware that the Oregon District Business Association has contracted 2 officers, and 6 additional will be provided, in order to keep the St. Patrick's Day celebration in March safe and orderly. Thanks, Lt. Wolford for taking the time to attend our meeting.

### **Keep informed!**

**E-mail Alerts:** If you aren't receiving e-mail announcements, you're missing out on a lot of news. To add your e-mail to the distribution list, or to send out an alert, contact Ann Cowden at [adcowden@gmail.com](mailto:adcowden@gmail.com). Please note that replies to alerts cannot be received by the announcements g-mail address, but should be sent to Ann directly.

**Newsletter:** To submit an item for the newsletter, call Leslie Gonya at 224-7678 or e-mail [LJGonya@sbcglobal.net](mailto:LJGonya@sbcglobal.net).

**Facebook:** Look for Oregon District news on Facebook, too.

Abandoned Vehicles  
333-1038  
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