

# Oregon Historic District Society News

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Holiday edition

## *Oregon Historic District Society Holiday Candlelight Tour: December 9th, 10th, and 11th Neighborhood Pre-tour: Sunday, December 8th*

Submitted by Eileen Griswold, Tour Chair

### **Neighborhood Pre-Tour:**

Sunday, December 8, 2013  
6:30p.m.

### **Pre-Tour After Party:**

Jeff and Leslie Gonya  
104 Green Street

#### *For Residents Only:*

#### *Pre-tour of Homes & Party*

Neighbors will gather in Newcom Park at 6:30 for caroling and pre-tour of the homes on the tour. Leslie and Jeff are welcoming you into their home for the after party. Please bring your beverage of choice and an hors d'oeuvre.

**VOLUNTEERS:** To volunteer please contact the following people:

#### **Dessert House**

Kit Wymer  
226-0669

#### **Tour Guides and Gateway Decorating**

Todd Crawford  
657-9338 or  
t.crawford24@sbcglobal.net

#### **Gazebo Decorating**

Jeff Gonya  
305-9052

#### **Tour House Hostess**

Eileen Griswold  
223-5607



### *Homes on Tour*

*Matt Crosser/Jon Faust—Van Buren Street*

*Alan Nash—Brown Street*

*Chris Cotton/Maggie Walsh-Cotton—Brown Street*

*Tom Trauthwein/Ernie Rock—Jones Street*

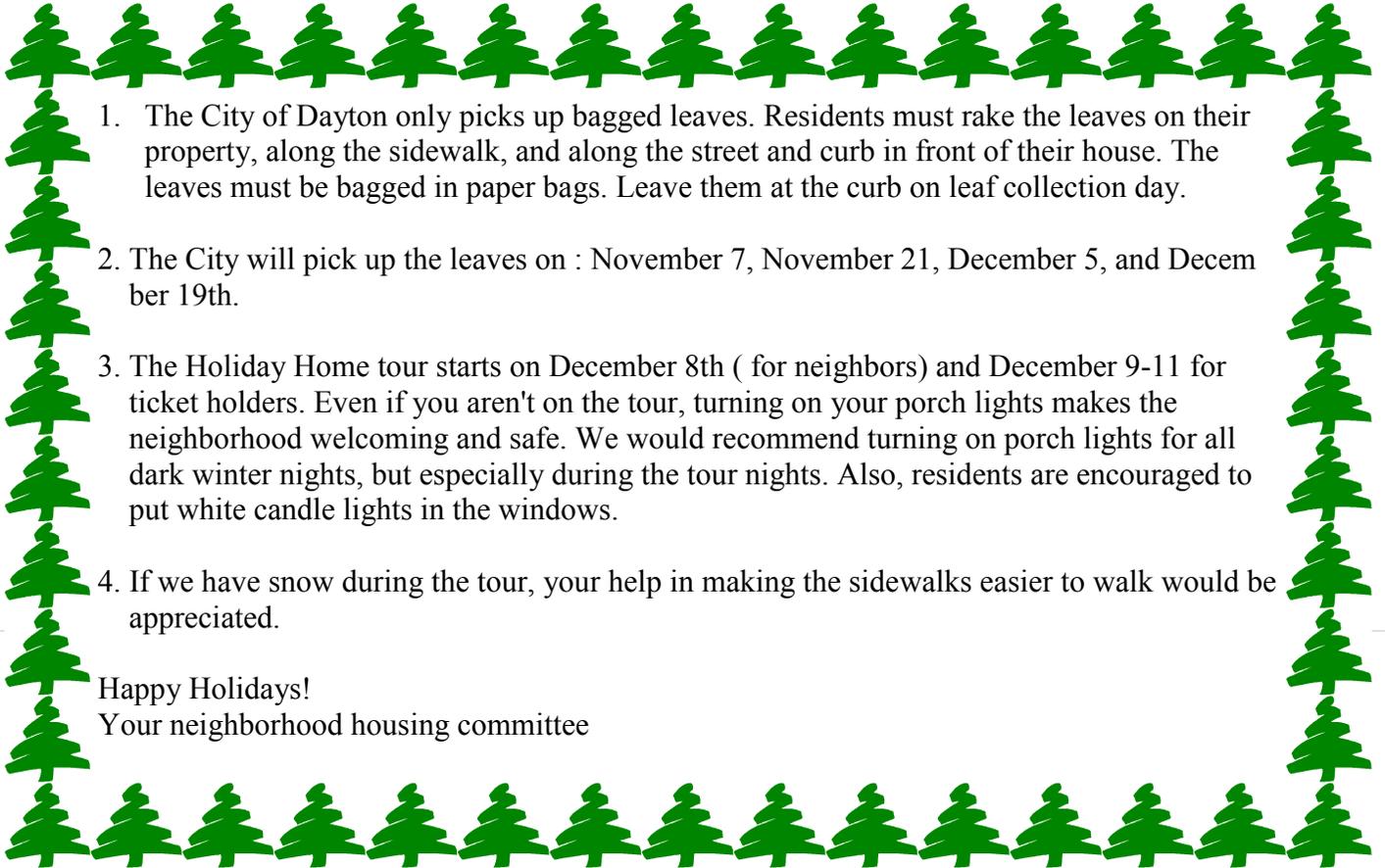
*Roy/Sara Vice—Brown Street*

*Eileen Griswold—Van Buren Street- Desserts*

ALL TOUR DETAILS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE:  
[www.oregondistrict.org](http://www.oregondistrict.org)

# It's almost time for the holidays!

Some friendly reminders from your neighborhood Housing Committee



1. The City of Dayton only picks up bagged leaves. Residents must rake the leaves on their property, along the sidewalk, and along the street and curb in front of their house. The leaves must be bagged in paper bags. Leave them at the curb on leaf collection day.
2. The City will pick up the leaves on : November 7, November 21, December 5, and December 19th.
3. The Holiday Home tour starts on December 8th ( for neighbors) and December 9-11 for ticket holders. Even if you aren't on the tour, turning on your porch lights makes the neighborhood welcoming and safe. We would recommend turning on porch lights for all dark winter nights, but especially during the tour nights. Also, residents are encouraged to put white candle lights in the windows.
4. If we have snow during the tour, your help in making the sidewalks easier to walk would be appreciated.

Happy Holidays!

Your neighborhood housing committee

## Neighbors Performing Handel

Submitted by Simone Sofian

Join your fellow Oregon District neighbors to hear Handel's Judas Maccabaeus. Sunday, November 24th, 3:00 pm at the Dayton Masonic Center, 525 Riverview, Dayton (across from the Dayton Art Institute). During Handel's lifetime, this oratorio was considered his crowning achievement and was his most successful work.

The concert is presented by the Miami Valley Symphony Orchestra and Chorus. Three of your neighbors are participating - George Wymer and Andrea Raizen in the chorus and Simone Sofian in the orchestra. Rabbi David Sofian is giving a preconcert talk (2:45 pm) on the connections between the oratorio and the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah. Soloists for the concert are: Daniel C. Stein, Tenor; Errik Hood, Baritone; Dr. Minnita Daniel-Cox, Soprano, Rachael Andrew Boezi, Alto/Mezzo

## A sweet Farewell

Submitted by Janet Neu



Well folks...we've lost another good one!! And our neighborhood is just "a little less classy" since our little Miss Marian Campbell moved away this summer.

Marian, who lived at 52 Green St., contributed SO MUCH to our little community for the last 25 years. And her consistent cheerfulness made those contributions...all the more special. We will miss her joyful nature and wonderful stories...and that beautiful smile she always greeted us with. But like the Jeffersons, she's just "moved on up to the east side....to a de-luxe apartment in the sky." And you can still visit or call her at 10 Wilmington Place.... and I KNOW she would be delighted to hear from you.

For our newest neighbors who didn't have the pleasure of knowing her... this photo is a depiction of what you missed out on!!!

Taken on moving day....her grandchildren and I asked her to pose with the shotgun and booze.

But the lampshade on the head was Marian's idea!!!!!!!!!!

What a special lady...and a special friend indeed.

And though she's just up the hill....we will miss having her so close.

## Sidewalk Success

Submitted by Janet Neu

I am sure you've all noticed the new sidewalks 'round here....but I'll bet you haven't counted!!

I, however, have done the math, and am pleased to inform you that the total number of households who made sidewalk repairs this summer....is a whopping (16)!!!

(14) residents participated in the neighborhood project, and (2) residents did it on their own.

Mike Houser's team not only did a great job for us, but also gave us a group discount.

And I can tell you that he and his staff were truly a pleasure to work with.

So I want to send a BIG thank you to all who participated....and not only made our community a little safer, but also aesthetically more pleasing!!

Yes....I know we are down (1) dead tree, (1) healthy tree, and (2) cars.

But I can assure you that no animals were harmed or human lives sacrificed....so I am declaring this project a SUCCESS!!!!!!!! Perhaps we can do another wave next summer????

# A Big Scary Thank You

submitted by **Todd Crawford**

Several neighbors braved the ghosts and goblins on Saturday October 26th to volunteer at Haunfest 2013. A big thank you goes to the following: Jeff Gonya, Janet Neu, Kathleen Gish, Aaron Hendrickson, Brian Eastman, Jane and Jerry Perrich, Will Storts, Jill Buzzard, David Raum, Katie Joseph, Kit and George Wymer, Tim Kambitsch, Julie Beall, Rob Jones, Eric Heinrich and Todd Crawford. A donation from the ODBA will be made to the Neighborhood Association on your behalf.

# Clay St. Neighbor George Wymer Inducted into Broadcasters Hall of fame

submitted by **Rob Jones**

Oregon District neighbor, George Wymer, recently received distinction as an honoree by the Dayton Area Broadcasters Hall of Fame. During an Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> ceremony and celebration at the Dayton Art Institute, Wymer and 7 other Dayton area broadcasters, were inducted into the Hall of Fame. He joins the likes of Don Wayne and Phil Donahue, along with 53 others from the area in the Hall of Fame.

In addition, George joins his father, Jack Wymer, as a Hall of Fame honoree. Jack, inducted posthumously in 2003, was well known in the Dayton area for many years as the host of “Man on the Street,” a WING radio program.

A stint at that same station in 1965 ignited George’s career. Working part time as a disc jockey and news reporter, it wasn’t long before he was noticed and his career began to blossom. George became a full time reporter, then Manager of Operations, combining his talents to oversee WING and its FM station, Z-93.

George went on to host several TV programs at WKEF television including the “Morning Movies.” His career took him into many areas of broadcasting including General Manager and Account Executive at several stations such as WVUD and WDTN, Channel 2. He retired from broadcasting in 2011.

George has been President of the Old Time Newsies Association, a board member of Big Brothers-Big Sisters, and has participated in various fundraising activities for the Dayton Area Muscular Dystrophy Association. Additionally, George has been, and still is, an active member of our neighborhood and the Oregon Historic District Society (OHDS). He is involved with the annual Christmas tour and has served as a former president of the OHDS board of trustees.

# A Holiday Reminder

submitted by **Eileen Griswold, Holiday Tour chair**

Since the entire District will be on display during tour nights, please give your home some definition.....sweep your sidewalks/porches, rake your leaves, put a wreath on your door and turn your porch lights on. Our signature lighting for the District is a single white candlestick in each window with a clear bulb. Editor’s Note: You aren’t seeing double—the housing committee offered similar advice on page 2, in case you were distracted by the snappy tree-border.

## Who Do You Love? Service Provider Suggestions Submitted by Your Neighbors!

A few weeks ago, I sent out an e-mail blast requesting your favorite service providers. I know that when I am looking for someone to look after my property or care for one of my dogs, I go to the people who I trust the most—my neighbors! Here is a list that I compiled from the responses I received:

- For pet sitting, Jones Street neighbor Karen Veve shared, “I have used a great woman as a pet sitter for the last 2 years. I recommend her highly.” She recommends Lisa Allen, Angels in Disguise 937-397-1557.
- For automotive service and repair, Jones Street neighbor Phil Robertson recommends Kevin Boone at Dayton Transmission Repair located at 215 S. Patterson Blvd 937-223-3290. They are a full automotive service provider, not just transmissions.
- Both Phil Robertson and Jeff Gonya of Green Street recommend one of our newest pop-up shops: Hicks’ Barber Shop (aka “The Bearded Barber”) located at 16 Brown St. 937-974-6540.
- Michael Laselle recommends Matt Farrell of Farrell Brothers Concrete. “He does awesome work.” Residential & Commercial Concrete Services  
Cell: (937) 609-3271 Wk: (937) 262-7188 Email: FarrellBrs@gmail.com  
<https://www.facebook.com/FarrellBros>
- Did you know that your neighbor Chris Green owns a landscaping/garden maintenance service? He does everything but cut lawns. Chris Green, Landscapes and Gardens; License #2115099  
318 East Sixth St  
Dayton Ohio 45402  
937-307-8904  
[www.chrisgreeninc.com](http://www.chrisgreeninc.com)
- Kathy Storm of Green Street shared that she has a great painter - interior and exterior Tracey Francis 937-830-7436
- And don’t forget to patronize Sixth Street neighbor Kathy Coley who offers her stitching skills as Kathy’s Sewing Service, specializing in embroidery. Phone 937-222-3310  
Cell 937-829-0298
- Jeff and I have 4 dogs, and we highly recommend Chris Koverman at K-9 performance for dog training. She comes right to your home to train you and your dog(s) in a professional and loving fashion. 937-833-3311.

## OHDS INC. NEWSLETTER

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### 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 Bethany Ramsey at [Bramsey12@gmail.com](mailto:Bramsey12@gmail.com). Please note that replies to alerts cannot be received by the announcements g-mail address, but should be sent to Bethany 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.

### Helpful Phone Numbers

Abandoned Vehicles  
333-1038  
Water Billing  
333-3550  
Bulk Waste Pick-up  
333-4833  
Sidewalk/curb repair  
333-3853  
Landmarks Commission  
333-3683  
Street Cleaning  
333-4808  
Police (non-emergency)  
333-COPS  
Fire//Ambulance  
333-FIRE  
Zoning Administration  
333-3887  
Housing Inspector  
333-3921  
Southeast Priority Board  
333-7373  
Dayton View Post Office  
278-9620  
Historic Street Light Repairs  
224-7858

## Did you know...

For 13 years Marion Kendig has put up a Christmas tree in David's Garden in the park? He considers it a community tree for all neighbors, and he welcomes you to hang an ornament on the tree in honor of someone you love this holiday season.

As an 11 year resident, I had no idea until Marion shared this at our October meeting. What other little tidbits can you share with your neighbors for next newsletter? Wishing you a wonderful holiday season celebrated with family, friends and neighbors! —Your Newsletter Editor, Leslie Gonya