

Oregon Historic District Society News

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Membership is “fun”damental edition

Mark Your Calendar for Springtime Fun in the Oregon District

Submitted by Leslie Gonya
Newsletter Editor

Last Month you were given a sneak-peek at upcoming events in the Oregon District. It's time to renew your membership to the Oregon Historic District Society. Last month Todd Crawford, our membership chair, shared a list of things the OHDS does throughout the year including historic street lights, funding the newsletter and the Candlelight holiday tour. Registered members also have the right to vote in our election for trustees that takes place at our Annual Dinner on Saturday, April 21st (or to request an absentee ballot). Leading up to the Annual Dinner, you will have the opportunity on Tuesday, April 2nd to come out for a little social at Color of Energy Studio—our Annual Meet and Greet. Just look inside the newsletter and the world awaits. Just look at all the nifty things you will find:

- Who is running for neighborhood trustee? Take a look at the candidates and their bios in order to cast an informed vote at the annual dinner.
- Not a member yet? A registration form is right in here.
- Where, when and how much for the annual dinner? And how do I sign up. Yep—all inside!
- Wanna meet some of the candidates, socialize with your neighbors over a snack and a drink, or turn in your membership form in person? Neighborhood Meet and Greet information is all in here.
- Hey, what happened with that issue 6 and 7 thing I heard about? I spent the winter down south and didn't check my e-mail for a couple months.
- Won't be in town for the annual dinner, but need an absentee ballot. How to get it? Right in here!
- Will there be fun and games at this year's annual dinner? Survey says...

Just turn the page!

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.

Last Name First Name

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

Business Name (if Business Membership)

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

**The 37th Annual Oregon Historic District Society Dinner and Annual Meeting
Saturday, April 21, 2012
Crowne Plaza, 33 East Fifth Street, Dayton**

Social hour and voting will be held from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Music will be provided from social hour through dinner.
Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m.

Don't eat and run--stay for the festivities and fun!

Meeting, Awards and Election results immediately following dinner and OHDS Game will close the event.

Cost per person: \$35

Dinner includes:

French Onion Soup, Mixed Greens Salad, Salmon & Steak entree (vegetarian option available),
Chef's Choice of Side Dish, Chocolate Cake or Cheese Cake, Rolls, Coffee or Tea.

Deadline for registration is Monday, April 16th.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

E-mail address _____

Any signed and paid NEW membership or renewal of non-current membership and dinner reservations before April 14th will be eligible for a \$5.00 per person dinner discount.

You may combine your dinner payment with your membership dues if you wish.

Please make your check payable to: Oregon Historic District Society

and send your dinner reservation and membership form before April 14th to:

Oregon Historic District Society

P.O. Box 383

Dayton OH 45401-0383

Or save a stamp and bring your reservation form and check to the Meet N Greet from 6-9pm on April 2nd at Color of Energy Gallery, located at 16 Brown St.

*Parking is free at the convention center parking lot. Take your parking ticket to the Crowne Plaza registration desk for validation.

Trustee Elections 2012

As you may be aware, current members of the Oregon Historic District Society will be electing 3 trustees to the OHDS board in April. The election takes place at the Annual Dinner being held on Saturday, April 21st at the Crowne Plaza. Voting takes place during cocktail hour at the beginning of the event, and there are several ways you can cast your vote:

- Attend the Annual Dinner and Vote!

But if you can't attend the Annual Dinner, there are still two options available to you:

- Stop down at the Crowne Plaza between 6 and 7pm to vote. There is a cash bar, in case you wish to quench your thirst after working very hard to circle three names on the ballot.
- You can request an absentee ballot. This just in from Todd Crawford, our Membership Chair:

Absentee Ballots for the Election of the 2012 Trustees may be obtained by submitting a written request by April 7th to the Membership Chairman, Todd Crawford. Requests can be sent via email to todd.crawford@pnc.com, or in person at 8 Van Buren Street. Requests sent to the PO Box must be post-marked no later than April 7th.

You must be a dues paid member in order to request an Absentee Ballot. Completed ballots must be received by the Membership Chairman by April 20, 2012. All Ballots will remain sealed until voting begins at the Annual Dinner on April 21st.

And now a word from the 5 alphabetically-ordered candidates for trustee...

Burgess Gow

My wife, Jeanine, and I moved into the Oregon District at 114 Green Street in November 2009. As soon as we were shown the Oregon District, we were immediately attracted to it due to our love for old homes and walkability to restaurants and shops. Since then we have grown to love the Oregon District and its residents, so much so that after separating from the military last fall we decided to remain in Dayton. While living here, we have restored our home and placed it on the Holiday Candlelight Tour last December, as well as purchasing/renovating a vacant home and turning it into an attractive rental property.

For the past two summers my wife and I have served as the picnic chairpersons, coordinating 6 picnics each year that serve to give old neighbors a time to say hello as well a chance for new neighbors to meet. One of these picnics was held as part of the National Night Out, an event that brought the mayor, commissioners, and the police chief, where we had a few moments to voice concerns and ideas about crime prevention. This is an event that I would like to grow in the future, as well as look into any other ideas of preventing crime in the area. If elected as a trustee, I promise to have an open mind, work hard, and make informed decisions that are best for the Oregon District.

Russ Joseph

Our family (wife Katie & 3 year old son Eli) excitedly moved into our home on E. 6th Street in July 2011. We previously lived in the Linden Heights neighborhood and more recently in Forest Ridge; where we built a home in 2005 and expected to stay for many years to come. What we quickly came to realize is we missed the closeness and friendliness of a real community. We wanted to be near all the great things downtown has to offer. And most importantly, we wanted to raise our son in a community that works and plays together, that respects differences and celebrates what we have in common. Although new to the neighborhood I do have some experience with OHDS. I volunteered as a tour guide for the 2011 Holiday Candlelight tour where I had the opportunity to meet neighbors and introduce new visitors to our district. Most recently, I was eager to help out with the ballot initiatives for Issues 6 & 7. I contributed by assisting Amelia O'Dowd and the education committee develop a strategy to inform residents of the upcoming election ballot issues. We established a Political Action Committee to raise money to pay for literature and mailings to our residents. Thanks to Amelia's leadership and a lot of help from our neighbors we succeeded on Election Day. I currently serve as President of the Board of the House of Bread and as a member of the Landmark Commission for the City of Dayton. I am currently employed as the Chief Deputy Clerk for Mark Owens,

the Dayton Municipal Clerk of Court. I am a proud alumnus of the University of Dayton and an avid Dayton Flyers Basketball fan. Once elected, I hope to help strengthen our neighborhood ties to the Downtown Community. I will work to make sure our public spaces like Newcom Park are cared for and kept updated to reflect the needs of our residents. I'd like to conduct a survey of resident's views of the park and see if there is a willingness to further invest in this vital neighborhood feature. I appreciate the opportunity to ask for your support, and look forward to working with you for many years to come.

Amelia O'Dowd

My husband, Brian Eastman, and I moved to Dayton from Boston in July of 2008. In September, we purchased our home on Green St., which we have been rehabbing. We chose the Oregon District because we love old houses, being able to walk to a thriving business district, and the community. I have served on the Oregon Historic District Society's board of trustees since April 2009 and as Vice President of the board since April 2011. Over the last year and a half, I have worked closely with the city on legally dividing the Oregon District into a residential district and business district and providing the neighbors with an opportunity to vote on Issues 6 and 7 in the March primary. This legal separation has enabled us to both allow our business district to grow and to maintain quality of life in the residential area. Additionally, I have served on the Membership Committee, helping to plan both the 2011 and 2012 Meet & Greets, and on the Nominating Committee in 2010 and 2011. I am committed to continuing to work with the city and the Oregon District Business Association on key issues that are important to the residents, the businesses, and the city that is our wider community.

Sharon Smith

I live at 122-D Brown St. (brick condos close to Hess & Brown). I have loved living in this lovely, friendly neighborhood since my move here in October of 2001 from the Five Oaks area, where I had lived for 23 years. I am the mother of three grown daughters and have 7 grandchildren. I'm a licensed MSW (social worker), recently retired from Hospice of Dayton, where I was honored to work for over 20 years.

I am a current member of the OHDS Board of Trustees, elected last October to fill a vacancy when another Board member resigned. I worked hard on the recent campaign to vote our residential area dry (Issues 6 & 7), both in gathering signatures on petitions to get the issues on the ballot, then in educating voters about the issues and encouraging them to "just vote no." I've also volunteered for the OHDS Christmas tour for the last 10 years. Back in the '80's, I spent two years working in several Priority Board offices (FROC, Northwest, Southeast) and in the Neighborhood Affairs Dept. downtown. This experience provided me with a good understanding of the Priority Board system and the role that neighborhood organizations can play in shaping policies and priorities for the entire city. I am currently serving as treasurer for both my condo association and my food co-op. I'm a responsible person, a good problem solver, and a dedicated "worker-bee." I admire and appreciate kindness, flexibility, and a sense of humor in others.

My interests as a Board member are: helping to welcome new neighbors to our wonderful area, serving on the membership committee, and supporting our neighborhood businesses by featuring at least one of them in each OHDS newsletter. Finally, I want to work with the group investigating the possibility of and promoting having a grocery store in the downtown area.

Kathy Storm

I've lived in the Oregon District for almost 6 years and in that short time I have seen our neighborhood grow and evolve. I am seeking election to the Board to serve our community; to make us a stronger network of neighbors.

Spending 7 years active duty in the Navy has helped me understand the true meaning of service and teamwork. This has carried over in to my current role at Dayton Power and Light, working with customers and serving the community to provide them with reliable electric service. I have experience leading a number of key initiatives and projects throughout my time in the military and at DP&L. Additionally, I am currently participating in Leadership Dayton, learning about the rich history and heritage of Dayton as well as the current challenges that impact our region. I would like to leverage my experiences, working with people to develop solutions to problems as well as brainstorming new and exciting initiatives for our community to better our neighborhood. We have a lot of energy and ideas to strengthen our neighborhood and I would be honored to serve as a member of the board to listen and mold these ideas in to a common goal. I truly enjoy living in the Oregon District and I want to bring my experience and ideas to the community!

Fun and games calls for a fun neighborhood survey

Submitted by Jeff Gonya

Annual Dinner “Fun and Games” needs your help. Whether you plan to attend the Annual Dinner or not, **please take a moment to complete the following survey and return it to 137 Brown St.** Your answers will help to make the game a success!

Name a business in the Oregon District that does not serve food.

Name a street in the Oregon District.

Name an activity that young people in their late teens and early 20s like to do in the park.

Name your favorite place in the Oregon District for Happy Hour.

Name your favorite OHDS sponsored event

Name a previous OHDS president (George Wymer is current, not former)

Name an Oregon District business that no longer exists.

Name a dog that lives in the Oregon District.

Name a famous person who has lived in the Oregon District or had family here.

Name a component of the Oregon District 4th of July parade.

Name an Oregon District bar that no longer operates in the district.

Name your favorite Oregon District menu item.

Name a popular Oregon District dinner destination.

Name your favorite Oregon District porch, patio, or deck. (business or residential)

If money were no object and current ownership not considered, name a property in the Oregon District that you would like to purchase.

Name a word that describes a Holiday Tour Guide.

Name a topic that is discussed at an OHDS meeting.

Name an activity that is part of the spring park planting.

From the iPad of the President

Submitted by **George Wymer**

The residents of the Oregon Historic District have agreed to protect our homes and property values by voting "No" on issues 6 & 7. Their votes mean the law will not permit any liquor licenses in the new precinct 23-A, which is primarily the residential portion of the Oregon Historic District. This vote only prevents the sale of liquor within the residential portion of the neighborhood; consumption of beer and liquor in your home is still at your discretion. This effort, which is supported by the OHDS, The Oregon Business District Association and The City of Dayton, will not affect current restaurants or taverns, but will allow our vital Business District to thrive.

I am happy to let you know that our multi-neighborhood meeting focused on neighborhood safety will be held Wednesday, May 2nd, 7pm at Park Manor Community Room. Residents of St. Anne's Hill, South Park, Oregon and Park Manor are invited to a Street Smart Presentation conducted by Crime Prevention Officer William Parsons. I will follow up with more information, but wanted you to put this time/date/place on your calendar.

The Laramie Project

Submitted by **Kathleen Gish**

Every year, Sinclair Community College invites proposals for initiatives that promote diversity, some of which will be chosen and funded. This year one of the projects selected centers around *The Laramie Project*, a play about the reaction to the Matthew Shepard murder, a vicious bias-motivated crime that occurred in Laramie, Wyoming in 1998. Shepard, a student at the University of Wyoming, was brutally beaten, tied to a fence post, and left to die all because of his sexual orientation. This event sparked nationwide discussion about hate crimes, and led to the addition of a victim's actual or perceived gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability to the Hate Crimes Prevention Act in 2009. As part of this grant-funded series of events, there will be a candle-light vigil and march through the Oregon District on May 3 from 7:00PM to 10:PM. We invite you to join the march. We will also be contacting those residences that are on the route to ask if they would be willing to light the way. There will be an after party at the Trolley Stop with the Rubi Girls. For more information, please check out: <https://www.facebook.com/Laramie.at.Sinclair>. Please direct any questions or comments to kathleengish@gmail.com.

OHDS MEET AND GREET AND MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Monday April 2, 2012
Color of Energy Gallery
16 Brown Street
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Light Hors D'oeuvres and Beverages

Say Hello to neighbors you have not seen all winter.
Renew your Membership to the OHDS.
Meet the Candidates running for Trustee

OHDS INC. NEWSLETTER

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Dayton OH 45401-0383

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223-5770

Leslie Gonya 224-7678

Dina Peterson 723-9991

Greg Smith 224-7858

Sharon Smith 222-4408

Norm Wentland 226-1059

Submitted by Kathy Coley (your Sixth St. neighbor on a bicycle) as we were heading to the printers...

Have you noticed we have a new business on Wayne Avenue? Dayton Cyclery is a full-service bike shop with lights, locks, tires, and tubes, that has moved into the storefront across from Cocos at 506 Wayne Ave. They also offer a local delivery service.

Newsletter Editor's two cents: Rumor has it that Green Street neighbors Amelia O'Dowd and Brian Eastman have already taken their bikes in to get them ship-shape for spring, and that prices are very reasonable. Check out our new business neighbors in their new digs, or give them a call at 223-BIKE.

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. 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.

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Abandoned Vehicles
333-1038
Water Billing
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