

# Oregon Historic District Society News

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Summertime in your neighborhood

## A time to say “Thanks for a job well done”

**Submitted by Leslie Gonya**  
Newsletter Editor

Our neighborhood is such a good example of how many people doing so many small things well, makes things wonderful. Since our last newsletter, we've had our annual dinner and elections, park planting, our first picnic of the season and neighborhood garage sale. I want to extend a “Thank You” to Dina Peterson for coordinating our annual dinner at Coco's and to Janet Neu who arranged our annual awards, as well as our guest presenter, Jim Charters from Dayton History (the OHDS made a \$100 donation to Dayton History as our way of saying “Thank You” for a wonderful presentation on the 1913 Flood). It seems only appropriate to say “Thank You” to Mike Martin who oversees park planting each year, and to George and Kit Wymer who coordinate the entrance ways, with the help of Todd Crawford, when he isn't busy coordinating OHDS Membership details. And I sure don't want to leave out Marion Kendig who single-handedly tends David's Garden on the corner of Brown and Green Streets. Thanks to Burgess and Jeanine Gow for coordinating our picnics throughout the warm weather months. I'm grateful to the newly elected trustees Ellen Havdahl, Bethany Ramsey and Catherine Springer who not only were willing to run for the board, but all of whom have jumped in with both feet to their new roles. I want to say Thank You to the outgoing trustees Russ Joseph, Greg Smith and Dina Peterson for their service to the neighborhood. I want to offer a BIG THANK YOU to Andrew Steele and Laura Painter for their willingness to co-chair the neighborhood garage sale this year. And then there's the committees like lighting, park, welcoming, archives and housing that work throughout the year, and Holiday Tour and....

The danger of extending gratitude in this format is that you will likely leave someone, very deserving out. As not to leave anyone out, I say to you:



## Fourth of July Festivities in the Oregon District

Submitted by Mike Martin

It's that special time in America when we celebrate our nation's birth all around this great country. And here in the historic Oregon District we join as a community once again to celebrate in our own way.

On Thursday, July 4 we will once again take to the streets of Oregon to show our American pride and spirit. This year's theme is RED. Our 40th anniversary as a historic neighborhood is this year and the symbol of 40th anniversaries is the ruby. So...let's all wear red...bring anything you have that's red to decorate yourselves..your bikes..your pets..kids..strollers and join us. If you have a cool car/truck...drive it in the parade. If you'd like to be a part of the famous Oregon Kazoo Band, you can be!

There will be a flyer distributed to your homes, but in general here is how the day will go:

10:30am - kids meet in the park to decorate your bikes, trikes, strollers. We'll have some decorations you can use or bring your own.

10:45am - judging of parade entries (best decorated adult, best decorated child, best decorated bike, best decorated tricycle, best decorated baby stroller and more!) Be creative...you just might win a fun prize.

11am - parade leaves Newcom-Founders Park, led by a firetruck from Dayton's finest!

11:30am - parade returns to Newcom-Founders Park

1130am - 1pm - enjoy hot dogs and ice cream, play games and win prizes (adults and kids!)

6pm - neighborhood Fourth of July picnic in Newcom-Founders Park

Come out, have some traditional fun and meet new friends and neighbors...bring your family and friends and show off this spectacular neighborhood!

### Upcoming picnic dates are:

- July 4 – Fourth of July Parade and Picnic (Thursday)
  - July 21 – Live Music Night (Sunday)
  - August 6 – National Night Out (Tuesday)
  - September 2 – Labor Day (Monday)
- September 22 – Fall Equinox Bash (Sunday)

Picnics are held in Newcom Park at 6pm. Bring your lawn chair or a blanket, a covered dish to share and \$3 for the kitty (which covers the expenses of the main dish).

## **Invitation to Next Door**

**Submitted by Bethany Ramsey**

### **WE LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS!**



**Nextdoor Oregon Historic  
Join us at [nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com)**

The OHDS is officially endorsing Nextdoor.com, a new private social network, as a great social media tool for the neighborhood to use. The website allows neighbors to share neighborhood information and engage with each other. Unlike Facebook, Nextdoor remains private to the neighborhood because everyone must verify their address by postcard or phone. Below are just a few of the features:

- A Nextdoor mobile app is available
- Crime Alerts can be set to be sent to your mobile device
- "Groups" allow neighbors to create spaces for people with similar interests to post and engage with each other (i.e. Pet group, Committee groups, Parent groups, etc)

**If you want to join Nextdoor go to:  
[nextdoor.com/join/NGBKXH](http://nextdoor.com/join/NGBKXH)**

The OHDS believes this will be a wonderful tool for the Oregon Historic District neighbors to get to know each other not only online but offline at picnics, future neighborhood events and just walking around the neighborhood.

The neighborhood will continue to also use the OHD email blast to send out Crime alerts, neighborhood events and timely & important news. If you need to be added to the OHD email blast contact me at [bramsey12@gmail.com](mailto:bramsey12@gmail.com). And if you have questions about Nextdoor you can also reach me at that email.

## **“Good Neighbor” Reminders**

**Submitted by The Housing Committee**

### **COA - Certificate of Appropriateness**

Before beginning work outside on your house; i.e., painting, cutting down a tree, building a fence, etc., call the City of Dayton Landmarks at 333-3683. They will issue you a COA if the work meets the requirements for a historic area. Please post the COA in a front window or door so it is visible to inspectors and residents.

### **Bulk Waste Pick-up**

For all large items to be removed from your property or yard waste that has been bagged or bundled call 333-4800 and schedule a pick-up. Pick-ups are currently scheduled for July 26 and August 23. Additional pick-ups will be scheduled during the summer, so call for an appointment.

## **Emerald Ash Borer**

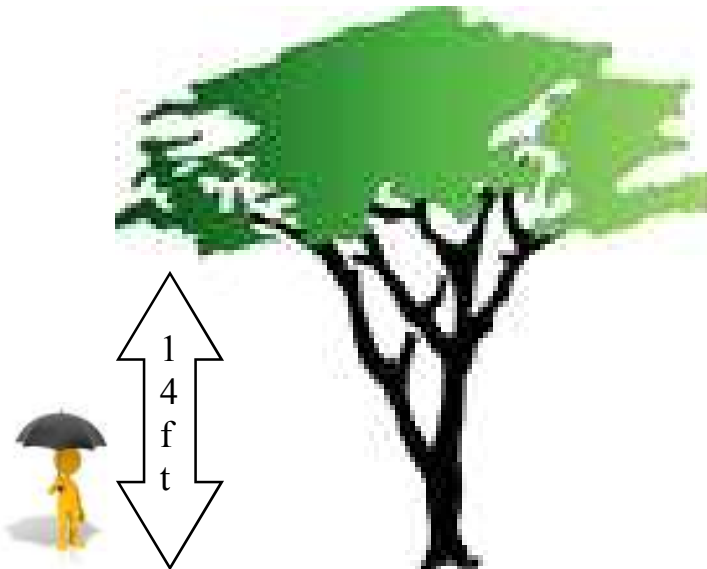
**Submitted by Sara Vice**

### **Watch Out for the Emerald Ash Borer! Presentation After OHDS Meeting, July 9, at 8:00 p.m.**

According to the City of Dayton arborist, many of the ash trees lining our streets have been infested with the emerald ash borer, which destroys the tree from the inside out in just a few years. A number of ash trees in the District show signs of infestation. To help us take care of our trees, a Master Gardener from the Ohio State University Extension Services will give a short presentation on the emerald ash borer at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9, following the regular OHDS meeting in the Park Manor Community Room.

The City of Dayton plans to take down any ash trees on the City's tree lawns, which appear to have 25 percent or more of the crown dead, because they are potential hazards. If you have an ash tree in distress on your street, you may report it to Public Works at 333-4800 and request that it be removed. If the tree is on your private property, you will need to arrange for an arborist or tree removal service to take down the tree. The City arborist does not recommend treating the tree if it already shows signs of infestation. The City will provide a list of recommended replacement trees for areas such as the Oregon District that have small spaces for trees, which homeowners may wish to plant. The City does not have the resources to provide replacement trees at this time.

As a reminder, for the safety of pedestrians, residents are asked to keep their street trees trimmed 14 feet above the sidewalks and away from light poles.



**Thanks for helping to keep our neighborhood beautiful!**

P.S. For other ways to keep our neighborhood beautiful, please see the flyer enclosed on neighborhood yard standards.

## Annual Dinner Awards and Garage Sale 2013—a “Janet Report” Submitted by Janet Neu

**Outgoing Trustees....**Greg Smith, Dina Peterson and Russ Joseph were recognized for sharing their time and talents with us, by serving on our board. They were presented with one of Adam Alonzo's beautiful photographs of our gazebo, as a small token of our appreciation....but they deserve a million dollars!!!

**Housing Committee Members....**Kit Wymer, Monica Snow, Jane Lynch and Barb Smith were each given Lowe's gift cards, as a thank you for their tireless efforts with very difficult tasks.

Marion Kendig.... our **Park Angel**

received a gift card from Siebenthaler's, with much gratitude for his volunteer service in watering, gardening, and helping to keep Newcom Park, the beautiful little treasure that it is.

Sara Vice....**M.V.T. Award**

Determined by her peers that she was indeed the MOST VALUABLE TRUSTEE....as she consistently volunteers to spearhead OHDS board projects.

Martin Kelly was inducted as "**EMERITUS TRUSTEE**".

For those of you who don't know Martin... he was one of the early pioneers who worked to promote the revitalization of Oregon. And though he never lived here, he spent years and years researching the history of our homes and neighborhood....served as one of our first trustees... wrote countless articles about the area for the Dayton Daily News....and has always, so generously, shared all his research findings with us.

He can be seen in John Bognar's "Oregon Stories" video, doing what he does best....teaching us our history. Ted & Betty Dodds.....received the **CHRISTMAS ANGEL Award** in appreciation for their "generous spirit".

Year after year, they have shared not only their time and talents with ALL of the duties required to make our Holiday Tour Of Homes a huge success....

but they have also shared their home with us and our guests.....and have the MOST TOURED HOME in the district.

Amelia O'Dowd & Brian Eastman....received the **BEST NEW BUSINESS Award** for their beautiful new hat shop "Brim"....in addition to the

**LITTLE MICKEY Award**, which has a back story too long to tell here.

Mike Martin....received the **JOANNE HENKEL SERVICE AWARD** for more than 25 years of dedicated community service. His Oregon resume is MUCH too long to list!!!

And about the garage sale: Well....in my opinion, it went great!! We were open, as usual, and had a good flow. Sold quite a lot, so it was worth all the trouble and hard work.

I was up @ 4:30 am.....because without a garage, I have to haul everything out to the porch in the morning. And I know from experience how early the dealers start showing up, so I try to be ready. But I have to say, I think today beat the record. My first customer was here @ 6:15.....even though the sale doesn't officially start until 8:30!!!! And the rain held off....so yay for that! Customers were all really friendly and in a good mood.

I made \$482.75, and my Mother made \$103.75.

But the REAL REWARD is counting the empty boxes!!!!

And my new neighbor, Laura Pippenger, even brought us homemade banana bread!!

Couldn't have asked for a better day....

Those who have stuff to get rid of, but don't participate.....are truly missing out!!

And THAT, my friend, is the official "Janet report" .....

## **OHDS INC. NEWSLETTER**

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### **OHDS Board of Trustees**

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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. 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.

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

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

The Oregon Historic District Society (OHDS) meets at 7pm the second Tuesday of every month (except in April and December). Meetings take place in the community room of the Park Manor Apartments (accessed by the sidewalk off Cass St.) All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

***Next OHDS Meeting is: Tuesday, July 9th at 7pm***