

Up Front

Newsletter of the Finneytown Civic Association



Third Annual Northminster Fine Arts Fair

Saturday, February 9

10 am - 4 pm

Northminster Presbyterian Church
703 Compton Road

Finneytown High School Theater Dept.

presents

Disney's Beauty & the Beast

*Thursday, Friday & Saturday,
February 14, 15, 16*

Wm. Swartzel Performing Art Center

Admission: \$10; \$8 students/seniors,

\$5 children (8 and under),

\$30 Family Four Pack

Finneytown Music Parents' Association

Dinner & Show/Bid & Buy

**Friday, Feb. 15 @ 5 pm
to Curtin time**

**FHS Multipurpose Room
Call 728-3700 for tickets**

Finneytown Civic Association

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Construction, Former Kroger and Walgreen Sites, New Starbucks (old Compton & Winton) at January 20th Meeting

The public is invited to the general membership meeting of the Finneytown Civic Association, Sunday, January 20 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Springfield Township Senior/Community Center, 9158 Winton Rd.

Mr. Mike Hinnenkamp, Springfield Township administrator, will provide an update and answer questions about the current issues facing the township. Among these issues:

- Status of the township's Strategic Neighborhood Action Plan (SNAP). Elements of the plan potentially include acquisition of under-utilized property by the township to be turned over to developers for higher-end uses.
- Revised schedules for the completion of the Reynard-Fleming phase of the Winton Rd. widening, and start of the North Hill-Reynard phase. Also, the potential for that the and North Bend-North Hill phase may be delayed by the county's budget problems.
- Reports on the delay in Cincinnati Financial's redevelopment of the former Kroger (Reynard & Winton), and potential new use for the former Walgreen's (Galbraith & Winton).
- Schedule for the new strip mall (to include a Starbuck's Coffee) at old Compton & Winton.

The meeting is free and open to the public. All FCA members and Finneytown residents are encouraged to attend.

Township Moves Up Trustee Meeting Time

During their annual organizational meeting on December 26, 2007, the Springfield Township Board of Trustees passed a motion to change the time of their regular meetings in 2008 from 6:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month at the Township Administration Building located at 9150 Winton Road. The change is an attempt to make the meetings more accessible by enabling the public to attend without interrupting resident's evenings.

The Board changed the meeting time to allow more people to attend the monthly meetings. It provides an opportunity for those on the way home from work to attend the meetings and still get home in time to be with their families or participate in other family or school functions.

Township Trustees Want Levy Comments

The Springfield Twp. Trustees want to hear from residents who voted against last fall's road levy. The trustees want to know the reasons for voting against the levy, and specifically, what can the Township improve upon in the future. Call 522-2108 to leave your comments or send email to: levycomments@springfieldtwp.org

Member's Letter to *Hilltop Press* about Census Estimate Changes

To the *Hilltop Press* Editor:

You need to send your writers back to school to brush up on basic math. You quote the Green Township Administrator in this front page article in yesterday's (1/3/08) paper as saying: "The revised numbers also show the strength of Hamilton County's suburbs, especially the west-side suburbs like Colerain, Dehli, and Green townships." Well "Duh!" These are three of the four largest townships in your table, so numberwise, they have had the largest increases. They also have three of the four lowest **Rates of Increase**: Colerain 10.1% increase, Dehli 4.4%, (the lowest), and Green 7.9%, (the second lowest).

The greatest increase is in my own Springfield Twp., 12.5%, followed by Silverton 12.0%, Symmes 10.6%, and Wyoming 10.5%. **This is the more-important statistic!** Had Delhi grown at the same rate as Springfield Twp., they would have about 33,556 inhabitants. Others in the table are Blue Ash at 10.0%, and Amberley at 9.5%.

Dick Okenfuss, Member of the Finneytown Civic Association

FCA Represented on New Township Budget & Finance Committee

Springfield Township has formed a new citizens' Budget & Finance Committee to provide informed oversight and advice to the township trustees on matters related to the township's expenditures and revenues. The committee is based on the successful Blue Ribbon Finance Committee established two years ago by the Finneytown Local School District. The township committee includes 16 members with extensive professional budgeting and finance experience from throughout the township. FCA members Jim Reizner, Jim Golan, Darrel Blitzer, Mark Besserman and Chris Auffrey are part of the committee.

News from the FCA Township Liaison

FCA/Township Liaison R. Hendley reports that the 3rd phase of the Winton Road improvement may be delayed because of County funding issues. Also, Galbraith Point has new owners and may be in for some dramatic changes. Finally, the township's Citizens Police Academy had 21 graduates and is moving forward.

Northminster Fine Arts Fair Set for February 9th!

The 3rd annual Northminster Fine Arts Fair will be held on Saturday, February 9th, 10am-4pm. The fair will feature over 40 regional artists offering professional-quality artwork for sale. Past fairs featured oil, acrylic and watercolor paintings, pottery, photography, jewelry, fiber arts, wood and many other media. New this year is a music program showcasing Caledonian Pipes, Fiddlin' Cowboys, the Squeezeplay accordion band, cello choirs as well as many other musical performers. Home-made gourmet soups and other choice selections will be available for lunch. Come experience fine art, fine music and fine fellowship.

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"Township Update w/ Mike Hinnenkamp"

FCA General Membership Meeting

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Springfield Twp. Senior & Community Center