



# Up Front

## Newsletter of the Finneytown Civic Association

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### VIEW PLACE CIVIC ASSOCIATION MERGES WITH FCA

By Joe Gorman, President

At the VPCA November 19, 2011 meeting, it was proposed by the VPCA board that the VPCA dissolve as an official civic association by joining with FCA. The funds in the VPCA treasury (approximately \$998) would be transferred to the FCA, but all of the funds would be earmarked for VPCA activities only, such as the flower boxes and Easter egg hunt. The FCA would assist View Place residents with civic issues with the strength of organization and a larger membership. When the VPCA funds run out, FCA funds could be used for View Place residents, but would need to be prioritized along with all other FCA needs.

The View Place area would retain a strong identity as a separate neighborhood with its unique needs. It was acknowledged that there was still some work to be done to finalize the details, but that a vote in favor of the proposal would essentially move the proposal forward and move the funds.

Of the members in attendance, the vote was in favor of the proposal with 23 yeas and 1 abstention.



### ❖ Budget Hearing

December 13, 2011 @ 5:30 p.m., Allen Paul Community Room

The Springfield Township Board of Trustees will host a public hearing to discuss the 2012 budget on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 in the Allen Paul Community Room at 5:30 p.m. (at the rear entrance of the Springfield Township Administration and Fire Department complex at 9150 Winton Road.)

The public hearing will include a presentation of Township finances, 2012 budget appropriations, impacts from cuts in state revenue, layoffs, possible reductions in services and a 1.0 mill levy for the Fire Department. The public will have an opportunity to comment.

The regular trustee December meeting will follow immediately after the public hearing. This meeting will be televised live on Waycross community media, channel 23 and will be available online at [www.http://waycross.tv](http://www.http://waycross.tv) the following day.

**Membership renewals hit a snag with a snafu regarding the FCA Post Office Box account. Problem Solved! Please remit your membership dues. Sorry for the inconvenience.**

### FCA Membership Reminder:

Annual Dues are: Family \$20; Individuals \$10.

Mail to: Finneytown Civic Association, P.O. Box 317696, Cinti., OH 45231.

### 2012 MEETING DATES:

#### GENERAL FCA MEETING:

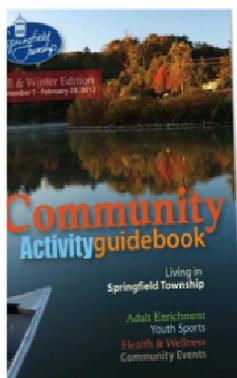
Monday, April 23 7-9 pm

Monday, September 24 7-9 pm

#### MEET THE CANDIDATES FORUM:

Sunday, October 14, 7-9 pm

Township Senior Center



Check out the **FCA ad** on Page 20 in the new **Community Activity Guide**.

### Finneytown School News FMPA plans "Light Up Finneytown" event

On Sunday, Dec. 18 from 5 to 8 p.m., the Finneytown Music Parents Association invites our community to the second annual "light up Finneytown" by placing luminary candles along driveways and walkways in a community celebration of the season.

Kits are \$10 and include 12 candles, 12 bags, sand and delivery to your home. Checks made payable to FMPA can be sent to 8788 Woodview Dr, 45231 or to the school offices. Please include name, address and quantity of kits.

### Congratulations Wildcats Marching Band on a fantastic season!

The HS band received its 4<sup>th</sup> straight superior rating at the OMEA State Marching Band Finals in Columbus on October 30<sup>th</sup>. The band earned first place and a superior rating at every contest. It placed first in its class at 17 straight contests, dating back to 2006.

### **FINNEYTOWN IS A "HIDDEN TREASURE"** By Robin Hendley

I had the privilege of representing the FCA at the Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> human relations summit at the Springfield Township Senior. Finneytown was one of ten communities recognized for being an Integrated Community for 20 years. Twenty-seven other neighborhoods, including, Kennedy Heights and Mt. Auburn (40 years); College Hill and Golf Manor (30 years); Pleasant Run Farms, and, Camp Washington (20 years) were also recognized. FCA received a nice plaque, which will be temporarily displayed at our regular meetings. We hope to put it on permanent display at the Springfield Township administration lobby.

### **POSITIVE BUSINESS TIDBITS** By Joe Gorman, President

After a few years of suffering through the Winton Road construction, the Township is seeing some investment in the area pay off. There are a lot of good comments by residents about the newly-built **McDonalds** next to Sibcy Cline. John Rapach says on the Finney Town facebook site: "We are Finneytowners for over 40 years. Love the NEW McD's!" Very cool they got it rebuilt so quickly after the fire several months ago.

**Planet Fitness** is coming to Finneytown in the former Burke Hardware site.

**Kyle's Gun Shop** on Hempstead is up and running. A lot of concern about a gun shop coming to Finneytown, but it appears to have quieted down a bit. Kyle bought the building, improved the space, and, seems to have a decent clientele.

**Finneytown Buffalo Wings and Rings** in Brentwood is doing good business, and is gaining a steady group of regulars. It is nice to see this space behind Chipotle's full of folks.

**J. Gumbo's Cajun and Creole Cooking** has been a good addition to the Galbraith and Winton Road corner. Perhaps the purchase and the clearing of the former Taco Bell by the Township was a good thing after all.

### **SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP SECURES THE NEW ELECTRIC AGGREGATION CONTRACT FOR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES WITH FIRST ENERGY** By Kim Flamm, 522-1410

Springfield Township officials have secured a new electric aggregation contract for residents and small businesses at its lowest rate since the program began. The new contract with the set rate of **5.34¢/kwh** extends for a two year period beginning with January 2012 meter reads with **FirstEnergy Solutions** as the program's new supplier. Info: <http://www.springfieldtwp.org/utilities.cfm>



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## **FCA General Membership Meeting**

Monday, April 23, 2012, 7-9pm

**Springfield Township Senior Center**