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Newsletter of the Finneytown Civic Association

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Help Develop Goals at Next FCA Meeting

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The next FCA regular meeting is Sunday, Sept. 19 in Room A at the Senior Center. It's going to be good seeing neighbors across Finneytown after this dry, hot summer.

Rich Schafermeyer is going to lead us to develop three clear-cut goals based upon your concerns and ideas. We want to narrow our focus of operation to better use volunteer time and to achieve some real results to improve Finneytown. We will have regular business on the agenda as well, including, election of officers, committee reports and Township updates.

Finneytown Schools Bond Refunding Saves Taxpayers a Cool Million

CONTRIBUTED BY JOSEPH GORMAN

Some good news for taxpayers! Finneytown Local Schools have saved its taxpayers over \$1.1 million by refinancing \$3,960,000 in outstanding general obligation bonds. These savings will be passed directly to property owners within the District in the form of lower property tax bills over the remaining 14-year life of the bonds.

At the time of the 1997 bond sale, the average interest cost on the bonds was 5.80%. The average interest cost on the new bonds is just 3.48%. "Today's challenging economic times require that we be excellent stewards of the public's tax dollars," said Superintendent Alan Robertson.

Rental Inspection in the Township

CONTRIBUTED BY JEFF DECILE AND JIM GOLAN

In an effort to address the growing concern by Township residents regarding single family houses being converted to rental properties, the Township proposed a new program to the Neighborhood Master Plan Steering Committee. The proposed Rental Inspection Program would require landlords to obtain a permit and that rental property would be subject to an interior home inspection prior to renting.

The Board of Trustees will be conducting a public hearing on October 12th at 5:30 p.m., in the Allen Paul Community Room in the Township Administration Building, 9150 Winton Road.

2010 FCA meetings:

Held at Springfield Township Senior Center.

Regular meetings upstairs in Room A:

Sunday, Sept. 19, 7-9 p.m.

Room C:

FCA Candidates' Forum

Sunday, October 17, 7-9 p.m.

FCA PR COMMITTEE SEEKS CHAIR

We need a leader to step up and help produce the FCA Newsletter.

The publication is published four times a year. Please contact Joe Gorman at jgorman@fuse.net or call him at 325-5202. Thanks!

Township Buys Former Taco Bell Site for Gateway Development

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Employing a defensive move, the Springfield Township administration purchased the prime corner property, in part, to keep it away from negative development projects. With the vacancy of the Marathon gas station across the street on the opposite corner, it is imperative that this space be developed to add to the viability of Shell and Walgreen's on the other two corners. The FCA Board likes this move, as the Township is being pro-active in its development efforts. Plus, it was a good deal financially as the land is appraised at over \$1 million way over the purchase price of \$275,000.

FCA Candidate's Night October 17

CONTRIBUTED BY CHRIS AUFFREY

Continuing the traditional, the FCA is hosting a candidate's night forum, Sunday, October 17 at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center, Room C (downstairs). State rep candidates Liz Ping and Louis Blessing will talk state issues. Jim Tarbell and Chris Monzel will discuss their Hamilton County Commission race. Other candidates have not confirmed, but may show up.

FCA Membership Reminder:

Please send in your membership renewals for 2010.

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

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

Waycross Media: Government programming is now available 24 hours a day/7 days a week on both Time Warner Cable, Channel 23 AND online at www.waycross.tv/waycross23live. Residents can watch Council and Trustee meetings and call-in shows LIVE as they happen on both cable and the internet.

Township News Bits – Call Kim Flamm, 522-1410

1. Annual Fire Department Open House & Senior Center Open House, October 2, 2010
2. Free computer & TV recycling drop-off for Hamilton County residents Oct. 1-30, 9:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 30 9a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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FCA General Membership Meeting "3 Goals"

Sunday, Sept. 19, 7-9 p.m., Room A
Springfield Twp. Senior & Community Center