

Up Front

Newsletter of the Finneytown Civic Association



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EVERYONE'S INVITED
to the 2nd Annual
Northminster Art Fair
703 Compton Rd.
Sat., Feb. 10, 10am-4pm

Finneytown Music Parent's Assoc.
presents its 4th annual
Dinner and a Show
Featuring the FHS presentation of
South Pacific
Friday, Feb. 23rd 5:30pm-showtime
Contact Kelly Hickey (522-4566)
Show dates: Feb. 22, 23, 24 @ 7:30

Neighborhood Watch to be topic of General Membership Meeting Sunday, January 21, 7-9pm

Officer Ken Klayer of the Springfield Township Police department will be the featured speaker at the January 21, 2007 General Membership meeting. Officer Klayer is a specialist in setting up neighborhood watch programs, and will describe when such programs are needed, and the most effective ways to set them up to establish a sense of safety, security and liberty within a neighborhood.

The meeting will be held Sunday, January 21 at the Springfield Township Senior/Community Center, 9158 Winton Rd., from 7:00 to 9:00pm.

The meeting also will provide an opportunity for an update on the major developments underway, including the schedule for the widening of Winton Rd., between Reynard and Fleming, the new owner's plans for the old Kroger site, the new Walgreen's store at Winton and Galbraith, and the new restaurant and retail on the site of the old fire house.

The meeting is free and open to the public and all Finneytown residents are encouraged to attend and participate. Call Joe 325-5202 for information.

President's Message—Read this or else!

In this gray, rainy weather I am sure you need some positive vibes sent to you. Are you getting (or sending) those emails that tell a beautiful story by making a spiritual or uplifting point only if you forward it along to seven or ten people within 5 minutes of reading it? You know the ones about angels' footprints leading into the ocean, or about how friends are more important than a million bucks (sometimes I wonder!). I guess if these emails take your mind off the dreary, wet, gray, just-cold-enough-for-rain winter we're having, they may be alright. Perhaps we can send you an FCA membership renewal form that requires your immediate attention or else your humble prez will streak (what?) down Winton Road yelling crazy things at drivers soon to be stuck in construction traffic.

I definitely could use some sun...

Development News

The **former Kroger store** has been bought by **Cincinnati Financial** to be used as a tech center. It is expected that 70 employees will be working there 24/7 early next year. This should be very good for local restaurants and businesses.

The **former Township firehouse** and service garage near the Cross County ramp on **Winton** have been razed. A multi-tenant retail building will go in front in Spring, and Kroger may use the back portion for improved parking (which is much needed).

Walgreens is building a new store at **Winton and Galbraith**, beginning this Spring. The former **Jiffy Lube** is now closed.

A new **Wal-Mart** is being built on **Hamilton Avenue** at the former Rink's site. Watch out for another **Wal-Mart** proposed for the now-filled Gray Road Landfill on **Winton at Dutch Colony**. College Hill, Winton Place, Winton Terrace are watching this closely

AJ Wright closing Brentwood store

A.J. Wright clothing stores nationwide are closing, including the one located in **Brentwood Plaza**. This underperforming chain is having a big close out for sales. This is a good opportunity to try to lure an more upscale business in this space.

Family Dollar needs to clean up store

If you shop at **Family Dollar** in Brentwood, prepare to be overwhelmed by the messy store. Merchandise thrown all over the aisle, disorder everyone, major disrespect of customers. It is unclear how this Colorado company can continue to stay in business. (In 2005, Family Dollar projected to add 52 stores in Cincinnati area, and over 600 nationwide.)

If you shop there, please tell the manager to clean up their act. Call the fire department and complain about blocked aisles. If you are in a wheelchair, you can not shop there, and this should be against the Americans with Disabilities Act. This is a terrible way to run a business and we hope that New Plan Realty, owner of Brentwood Plaza, would insist on a cleaner operation. Springfield Twp. could use the property maintenance code to clean up this mess. [Joe Gorman]

Board Members Needed!

A Nominations Committee was established by the Board to recruit new board members and to convince some standbys for the Finneytown Civic Association board of trustees. We need have a slate of trustees ready to vote on at the March 18 FCA membership meeting. If you have a desire to help make our community a better place to live, please call Joe at 325-5202. Committee members include: Joe Gorman, Nancy McGuire, Chris Auffrey, and, David Gaines. Terms are staggered in one- and two-year terms.

FCA President: Joe Gorman; Rec. Secretary: Sue Hummer; V-P: Dick Okenfuss; Corr. Sect.: Jeff Decile; Treasurer: Rich Schafermeyer; Trustees: David Gaines, Vicky Minnich, Nancy McGuire, Don Riva, Jeff Vogt. Editor: Chris Auffrey

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General Membership Meeting
 Sunday, January 21, 7-9pm
 Springfield Twp. Community/Senior Center

**“Does your block need a
 neighborhood watch program?”**