



Newsletter

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Co-President's Message

What a spring we are experiencing here in Mount Vernon! I have not seen such a vigorous bloom in some time. The forsythia, Bradford pear trees, crab apple trees, red bud trees, lilacs, dogwoods and some others I can't identify are beautiful against the bright greens of the new foliage. Daffodils, hyacinths, blue bells and tulips decorate our lawns and gardens along with the thick, dark green spring grass and dandelions. As I walk the neighborhood I am reminded again of the unique characteristics of our neighborhood and how important it is to preserve this community and do whatever we can to make it an even more attractive and desirable place to call home.

On a negative note, I have to report that we had a potential crime event on Ridgedale Road this past month. Although no crime was committed, the event produced a remarkable response from residents all over Mount Vernon. Within a few days of the incident, neighbors organized a walk through the neighborhood and carried signs to demonstrate that we will not tolerate crime in Mount Vernon. We got excellent TV coverage from both channel 2 and channel 7 and we continue to work closely with the police to counter

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and prevent these incidents. It is this type of commitment and level of responsiveness that will have positive results for the safety of our neighborhood.

One last note, before it's too late, go outside and take a few pictures of spring around your house or on your street. If they are digital photos, please consider sharing them with the executive staff. We are collecting seasonal pictures on the neighborhood for future marketing materials.

Walk and Knock Survey — Saturday, May 17, 2008

Once again, we will come door to door with our Walk and Knock Survey. We will be gathering information about the demographics of the neighborhood and about your concerns about Mount Vernon.

We did this in 2005 and the information has been a valuable tool when we talk to city personnel, write proposals for grants, or talk to the media.

Please open your door and take a few minutes with one of your fellow neighbors to give us the information we need. We are also enclosing the survey in this newsletter for you to complete and mail in if you will not be available May 17.

Ice Cream Social at Marathon Commons

Sunday, July 27, 2008, 2 – 4 pm

Mount Vernon will host an Ice Cream Social at Marathon Commons Garden.

This event will mark the 10th anniversary of the garden. This event will be held in lieu of a summer picnic.

We will have ice cream and the fixin's, plus other planned activities in the garden.

Put the date on your calendar now. No potluck dish to bring. Just come enjoy the company and the ice cream.

Mount Vernon Walk Against Crime

We want to thank all Mount Vernon residents who participated in the Mount Vernon Walk Against Crime. Thanks to our neighbors Mike Grant and Chuck Upthegrove we received excellent coverage from both Channel 2 and Channel 7. Our thanks to Channel 2 and Channel 7 for their accurate reporting on our concerns for Mount Vernon. Thanks so much for caring enough to make "Mount Vernon be what a neighborhood should be."

Marathon Commons Garden - our growing asset

Saturday, May 17, 2008 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. we will be planting, and trimming, and cleaning up the garden. We have a new Welcome sign, which we hope will encourage many people to walk through the garden and enjoy the wildflowers, birds, and insects that abound. Bring a pair of gloves if you can. We will provide tools and drinking water.

Mack Memorial

Did you know? Mack Memorial Church, located at 1717 Salem Ave. is alive and busier than ever? It is the home of three worshiping fellowships: the Mack Memorial Church of the Brethren, the Dayton Friends Meeting (Quakers) and the Tree of Life Community, the Paisley Day Care Center, The Serrv Shop which sells items from third world countries and we are now the new home of New Source-formerly known as the Parish Resource Center! Come and join us for activities, worship or to shop for those interesting gifts!

August 16th will be the Mack Memorial Annual Flea Market and Ice Cream Social, so mark that date on your calendars. If you have donations for the flea market you can drop them off at the church, just call the building manager, Billie Ferguson at 276-9336; Office hours are 9am -2 pm Tuesday-Friday.

Santa Clara Neighborhood Association Neighborhood Cleanup

We know we need to help our neighbors just like the Santa Clara folks have helped recently at Marathon Commons Garden and participated in the Mount Vernon Walk Against Crime. So, anyone who can give a little or a lot of time to Santa Clara on Saturday, May 10, 2008 from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. please do so.

They will meet in the parking lot of the Santa Clara Apostolic Temple, 60 Santa Clara Ave.. Refreshments will be served. For more information call 279-9215 or 333-3288.

Mind your hoops

Just a reminder that street basketball is not only annoying, but you can be ticketed for it. So please keep take it to the park or the driveway, or the backyard.

Email and Phone Alerts

If you would like to be included in the email and/or phone roster for neighborhood updates and alerts, email editor@mvnadayton.org with 'alerts' in your subject line.

Calendar of Upcoming MVNA Events

- ☺ **Tuesday, May 13, 2008, 7:30 p.m.** Mt. Vernon Neighborhood Association General Meeting, FROC Office, Catalpa and Fairview.
- ☺ If you have copy for the next Newsletter. Deliver or e-mail to David Wright, 1219 Mt. Vernon Ave, **editor@mvnadayton.org**
- ☺ Deadline for submissions is **May 26th.**

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