



Newsletter

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Co-President's Message

Igor Golovcsenko

The Mt. Vernon Neighborhood Association is a membership organization composed of individuals living in or owning property in the Mt. Vernon neighborhood. The association acts as the official advocate of the neighborhood. We focus on issues that will enhance the quality of life of its members. In this we collaborate with residents, property owners and with other community groups, including the Fair River Oaks Council (FROC) Priority Board.

The FROC Priority Board usually meets the second Wednesday of the month. I attended their meeting in May. We heard reports from the Fifth Police District, Public Street Works, Waste Collection, Housing Inspection, Recreation & Youth Services, the Dayton View Library, and other community service organizations. Citizens could ask questions during these presentations. A business meeting followed during which the Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, committees and staff provided their reports.

Verletta Jackson, our FROC Citizen Participation Coordinator, invited me to attend a meeting of the Priority Board Chairperson's Council. The

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meeting at City Hall brings together leaders of the city's seven priority boards twice each month. The City's 65 neighborhoods have a voice in their municipal government through the seven Priority Boards and ultimately through a Chairperson's Council, which oversees the Priority Board system. Dayton has a long history of citizen participation dating back more than 30 years when the Priority Board system took shape.

It takes an organized effort to solve individual and community problems. Residents can enlist the support of their neighbors through the Priority Board system of neighborhood associations. Through these community groups, citizens can bring their concerns to City officials responsible to provide services.

We live in a beautiful area of the city. With organized effort and dedicated neighbors, we can make our neighborhood a beautiful work in progress. Please contact me or any of our neighborhood leaders to share your concerns and suggestions.

Our Vision

Mount Vernon is a progressive and diverse community with rich architectural heritage, striving to enhance its unique character through collaboration with its residents and other community groups.

Mini-Grants

We need the Neighborhood's Help in deciding on a project! Proposals are due July 17. Here are the key points about the mini-grant (up to \$2000).

The funding helps resident- or business-driven neighborhood groups:

- engage more residents in their efforts
- strengthen their organizations as they plan and complete

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community improvement projects

Projects could include (but are not limited to): home tours and other marketing events, communications materials and websites, as well as limited public space enhancements.

Selection Criteria:

- Impact
- Strength of Plan & Measurable Outcomes
- Leverage
- Marketing Potential
- Breadth of Community Involvement
- Budget
- Capacity Building
- Maintenance & Sustainability

Please contact one of the executive board members if you have any ideas you'd like to discuss.

Kid's Summer Fun Club

Fairview United Methodist Church at Fairview & Catalpa is hosting a weekly summer Fun Club for students in kindergarten through 6th grade.

Children from the church congregation and the neighborhood meet each Thursday ending from 5:45 to 8:00 pm, with the final session on August 13. Every session begins with prayer, a home cooked meal and music. After an evening of reading and fun activity, children are dismissed with a song, a prayer, and a take home snack. Most evenings, free books are given away to participating children.

This program is intended for children with all levels of reading and vocabulary skills. Fairview Church partners with Fairview Ele-

mentary School to provide tutoring during the regular school year. This summer enrichment program will encourage reading & listening skills.

Questions may be directed to the church office, 274-2189. Please share this information.

Calendar of Upcoming MVNA Events

- ☺ **Tuesday, July 14th, 7:30 p.m.** Mt. Vernon Neighborhood Association General Meeting, FROC Office, Catalpa and Fairview
- ☺ **Saturday, July 18th. 9:30am—11ish** Marathon Commons Workday
- ☺ **September 12** — Neighborhood bulk trash pickup
- ☺ 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 **August 28th.** (No Newsletter in August)

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