



Newsletter

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Co-President's Message

Some years ago a number of residents established the Mt Vernon Neighborhood Association. All residents, renters, property owners and institutions within our geographic borders are welcome to join the Association. We believe that as an Association we can effectively ensure the stability, security, and value of our neighborhood. Our common goal is to improve our living conditions and make this a better place in which to live.

The Association's constitution embraces an advocacy for improving and enhancing the quality of life within our area. Quality of life is multidimensional with both physical and intangible components. It refers to the attractiveness of homes and property, community green space, improved traffic flow, and such. One of our concerns is the overall appearance of our community. We make a concerted effort to adhere to a minimum set of standards consistent with Dayton City Ordinances to prevent deterioration of our housing. It's our belief that a well maintained property is both an individual and collective social responsibility.

There are also intangible components such as neighborliness, spirit of community, neighborhood participation, and a general sense of welfare and security. Building relationships within our

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neighborhood is needed now more than ever. If we are to survive as a vital neighborhood, people must come together to support efforts to protect their investments. 'Community' takes more than living close together. 'Community' is about responsibility and involvement. In successful neighborhoods people work together to promote their common interests. In this way, relationships and team work create a sense of community. Our Association has in past years led a variety of projects to enhance the quality of life in Mt Vernon.

Mt Vernon Neighborhood Association meetings are open to all. They are held monthly at the FROC Priority Board, 903 West Fairview Avenue, corner of Catalpa and Fairview. Reminders of date and time are published in our newsletter. Please join us - be a part of the solution!

News about Dues

On what is your dues money spent? Over the past year, the Mount Vernon Neighborhood Association has sent representatives to city planning conferences; put on an ice cream social, including renting a new tent; used paper for printing; put together Welcome Packs for new neighbors; and paid a water utility bill for Marathon Commons.

Your neighborhood representatives appreciate deeply the dues that have been paid by many of you. So far, though, only twenty-seven of approximately 200 households have paid their 2009 dues. It is not until 2010 that dues will go up to \$10 per year. For 2009 they are still only \$5.

We will express our appreciation to those who paid dues in 2009 by listing their names in the November and December newsletters.

If you have yet to pay your dues this year, you can send your money (check payable to MVNA) to Dennis Doyle/362 Marathon Ave/Dayton, OH 45406.

On the Ballot

At the October 13th meeting we will host candidates and issue representatives to present themselves and have Q&A time. Confirmed as of printing are Gary Lietzell and the MetroParks levy. The following are issues of direct concern to the neighborhood:

Issue #4: A 1.8 replacement mill levy has been placed on the ballot for the November 3 election for the Five Rivers MetroParks. The replacement levy would allow the parks to continue to provide clean safe access to nature and recreational facilities for all residents, close to home and free. The levy accounts for 80% of the park system's operating budget and is the only levy for Five Rivers MetroParks. This issue replaces an existing levy that expires next year. It will cost less than \$1 a month more per \$100,000 of home value. If this replacement issue doesn't pass before the current levy expires, Five Rivers will lose 80% of its revenue. Without that funding, Five Rivers would be effectively unable to operate the parks for public access.

Issue #40: The Library levy is a 1.25 mill replacement levy plus 0.5 mill increase. The levy provides about 40% of the library's funding. Based on a home values at \$100,000, the existing levy costs \$35.06 per year. The additional 0.5 mill will raise the annual cost to \$53.59; which is an increase of \$1.55 per month.

However, even with the slight increase, the levy will not bring in enough to make up for the deep cuts in state funding so the library continues to look for ways to save money with the least possible impact on service.

Second Annual Ice Cream Social a Success

Thanks to the efforts of Elsa Guffey, Luci Beachdell and Angelo, Dan Lesage, Debbie Reddington, Jayne Bey, John Fraser, and Dan Sauer we had a very enjoyable ice cream social in our Marathon Commons Garden at Linda Vista and Marathon.

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More than 50 people attended, including Mayor McLin, Commissioners Nan Whaley and Joey Williams, and a number of former Mount Vernon neighbors.

John Fraser and Igor Golovscenko photographically documented the event with many photographs.

Thanks to all!



Calendar of Upcoming MVNA Events

- ☺ **Tuesday, Oct 13th, 7:30 p.m.** Mt. Vernon Neighborhood Association General Meeting, FROC Office, Catalpa and Fairview
Candidate/Issue discussion starting at 8:00
- ☺ 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 *October 28th*.

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