

Citizens Join Together to Fight Crime

Last year, the Fairview Neighborhood Association decided to take a more active role in the legal punishment of criminals working their neighborhood and began developing a Court Watch program. Residents are working hard to engage their neighbors in keeping their eyes and ears open and looking out for one another. Through the Court Watch program, neighbors can track what the Courts are doing with the people who were caught committing crimes in their neighborhood. The project also puts prosecutors and judges on notice that a slap on the hand is not enough of a consequence. The goal? Simple, keep criminals off our streets!



The Court Watch program is so popular with residents all of the neighborhoods in the FROC Priority Board area wanted to get involved. According to Kevin Jones, FROC Chairperson,

“Court Watch has grown wings of its own – it has gone FROC-wide and is still growing!” The Dayton View Triangle Federation, across Salem Avenue in the Northwest Priority Board area, wanted to be involved and suggested that it would also be good to monitor Housing Court cases. So the project now includes tracking both criminal and housing cases – all with the goal of improving the neighborhoods and the residents’ quality of life.

The Court Watch project is managed by FROC’s Housing Committee and new members are always welcome. Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 6:00 PM at the FROC site office, 903 W. Fairview Avenue (corner of Catalpa & Fairview). For more information, attend the next meeting or contact Lynn McClung, the Housing Committee Chairperson, at 409-3917 or by email at hotlamance@woh.rr.com.

A new school is coming!



Fairview PK-8 Elementary School is currently under construction and expected

to open in 2011. This school is part of the Neighborhood School Center Project (NSC) an initiative of the University of Dayton’s Fitz Center for Leadership in Community. The NSC Project is a pilot project designed to demonstrate the full potential of schools as the centers of their communities. A local planning group made up of teachers,

parents and neighborhood residents help design the new school. Good Samaritan Hospital has also partnered with DPS to provide funds to build a multi purpose room on the first floor of the new school for community use. This dedicated space will allow organizations throughout the City to offer programs for families and children and provide space for local civic organization activities as well.





Watch Us Grow!

Meet Thelma Patterson (left, with Amy Clanton) the new President of the Fairview Neighborhood. Thelma is a well known figure in the neighborhood, the mother of two sons and grandmother of five has lived on Auburn Avenue for the last 18 years. An artist and celebrated member of the African American Visual Artists Guild, Thelma brings passion and creativity to all her volunteer activities. She was the driving force behind the community's effort to decorate the new gateway at Salem and Catalpa for the holiday and a leader in the creation and maintenance of "Our Secret Garden" located on Fairview Avenue near the FROC Priority Board Office.

Houses filling up fast



Remember that house next door or down the street that sat vacant for what seemed like FOREVER? Through the Phoenix Project many of these abandoned properties

were purchased and demolished. In July, Miller-Valentine began new construction on the Rising at Phoenix. Thirty Three four bedroom, four bath homes are under construction and two thirds are currently leased. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about these homes, call the Dayton Single Family Leasing Office at 296-0666.

Under Thelma's capable leadership, the Fairview Neighborhood Association (FNA) has the following projects planned for this year:

- Installing colorful banners and flags at the Salem & Catalpa Gateway.
- Welcoming new neighbors and inviting them to join the neighborhood association.
- Celebrating the new school currently under construction at Hillcrest and Elsmere by encouraging parents to enroll their pre-kindergarten through grade 8 children in this new neighborhood school.
- Sponsoring Fairview's annual neighborhood clean-up and beautification where residents can buy flowers and mulch for a very small fee.
- Co-sponsoring with the Phoenix Project the fifth summer Neighborhood Youth Leadership Academy for youth age 12-15.

Learn more about Fairview activities by attending the neighborhood association meeting held the last Monday of each month except December at 6:30 PM at the FROC Priority Board office, 903 W. Fairview Avenue. With Mrs. Patterson at the helm this year, it's easy to believe her declaration about FNA and the entire Fairview neighborhood... "Come watch us grow!"

City of Dayton Expands Aquatics

The City of Dayton's partnership with the Phoenix Project continues to grow. As part of the development of Fairview Commons the City is expanding its aquatic offerings by adding a new spray park adjacent to the Fairview Pool. The park addition will be built in two phases. Phase one, the sprayground will begin construction immediately after the pool closes this summer with an opening date scheduled for spring of 2011. At a later date, two playgrounds will be added to complete the sprayground as funds are raised.



For more information on the Phoenix Project, www.phoenixprojectdayton.org