

Phoenix Project Update

Our Secret Gardens Secret Crew

Did you know there is a group of young males ranging from the age of 6 to 19 from right within your neighborhoods that have until now remained a hidden treasure?? This group of young men is a part of a male mentoring program that is involved in several other activities but the garden project fit into their male responsibility portion.

During the school year these young men worked in conjunction with youth from Juvenile Court to get the fence painted along with the graphic designs of art students from Fairview Elem. At the end of the year, the bond that had developed between the groups continued as the students entrusted their garden plots to the mentoring group who continued to water, weed and watch as the veggies, sunflowers and beautiful floral borders took shape.

When the students returned the garden was thriving, ALL THANKS to the young men in the mentoring group! As the 2006 season begins, it is our Prayer they will continue with the same unselfish commitment.

Also we hope to have a program in floral gardening this year. If you are interested in helping, contact Kevin Jones at 559-2512.



Phoenix Public Meeting Scheduled

The first public meeting for 2006 has been scheduled for:

- Tuesday, February 28, 2006
- 6:45 PM.
- Fairview United Methodist Church, corners of Fairview/Catalpa Avenues.

Come out to get information on items read about inside this newsletter and more!

See you on the 28th!



Activities for Your Youth

Wouldn't it be nice not to have to juggle one more problem this summer?? For instance, do you have any idea what your kids will be doing during summer break? Well the Phoenix Team and Area Youth providers are looking into an array of youth programs for the summer. Take a look at some brief descriptions of opportunities we can offer, and be sure to watch for more details coming soon!

- **Summer Day Camp** – offered by the City in conjunction with Fairview Pool.
- **Extended Pool Hours** – Week day evening hours, weekends and staying open past Labor Day.
- **Youth Employment I** – Working with YMCA and UHS to recruit and train Phoenix Youth for lifeguard positions.
- **Youth Employment II** – DUL and UHS will provide an employment program for youth ages 16-21.
- **YMCA Teens in Action Camp** – This is a Civic Leadership Camp that operates at the Y's downtown location serving youth ages 13-15. Offered 8 weeks. **Phoenix will

provide scholarships for some neighborhood youth.

- **Children's Garden and Civic Leadership Pilot Project** – Phoenix has made a small grant to the Grow With Your Neighbors program at Five Rivers metro Parks to create a summer program involving the youth and adults working on the "Secret Garden".
- **Community Camp Scholarship Fund** – The Phoenix Team will provide a limited number of scholarships for children who wish to attend summer camp. Scholarships are restricted to youths living within the Phoenix Area but camps can be located anywhere.

If you would like more information on these programs being offered you may contact one of the Team Members listed below.

Tim Jumper, UHS 220-6639
 Verletta Jackson, FROC 333-2333
 Amy Clanton, Paul Merrick, FSA 222-9481

**Please parents be mindful that in some cases space is limited and in others monies are limited so make plans to apply early to insure your child's participation in one of these programs. Want more information... Then join us February 28, 7PM for the Phoenix Public Meeting at Fairview United Methodist Church, corners of Fairview and Catalpa.





Housing

Some of you may have noticed new neighbors moving in. There have been several closings completed along with over \$250,000 in home improvement loans for the Phoenix Area by existing homeowners. With so many new families moving in, existing block clubs may want to think about applying for one of the mini grants to throw a "welcome to the neighborhood" party this spring.



Rebuilding Together Day – April 29

Two homes in the Mount Auburn neighborhood will receive a makeover on Rebuilding Together Dayton's annual volunteer day. Fifth Third Bank and Premiere Health Partners are sponsors and are providing both volunteers and funding for materials. If you don't mind rolling up your sleeves and having a good time while doing a good deed contact Amy at 222-9481 or pager 282-0456.

New Fairview School

The Fitz Center for Leadership in Communities at UD has formed a neighborhood schools planning team to work with interested residents on the design and use of this new "neighborhood school". Come hear more about what's been discussed and get future meeting

dates at the next Phoenix Public Meeting February 28 at 7:00 PM.



Neighborhood Project Funds Available

The 2006 Neighborhood Project Fund Applications are now being accepted. We are looking for ideas that will encourage involvement from your neighbors that will have an end result of both beautifications of the community as well as creating new and lasting relationships. To see if your groups are eligible Contact either Amy at 222-9481 or 282-0456 or Verletta at 333-2333 for details.

Community Policing

There are some exciting changes on the horizon for the community policing project, so keep your eyes peeled. Officer Rod Roberts and the 5th Districts zero tolerance plan within the Phoenix Area has definitely been appreciated by the Safety & Security Committee, Sunnyview/Catalpa and the Mount Auburn Neighborhood Associations. To hear more about what Officer Roberts is doing in your neighborhood come meet him at the Phoenix Public Meeting, Feb. 28, 7 PM.



Contact Information

Amy Clanton – FSA Organizer – 222-9481
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Paul Merrick – FSA Organizer – 222-9481
or 282-0459

Verletta Jackson – FROC Priority Board –
333-3288. E-Mail –
Verletta.Jackson@cityofdayton.org

Karen DeMasi – CityWide Development
Corporation – 226-0457 ext 139
(Information on Housing Programs)
E-Mail – kardemasi@aol.com

Jill Hamilton – Salem Avenue Corridor
Manager for Good Samaritan Hospital.
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Corporation. (Business Loan Officer)
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Fred Ralston – FROC Priority Board
Chairperson. 333-2333

Nannette Davis – Sunnyview/Catalpa
Assoc. 333-2333

Margie Kuzia – Mount Auburn Assoc. 333-
2333

Officer Rod Roberts/Lt. Dave Maynes – 5th
District Police Dpt. 333-1032. (Officer
Roberts also receives messages left at
FROC 333-2333).



Meeting Dates to Remember

FROC Priority Board Meeting – 2nd
Wednesday of every month 6:00 PM held
at FROC Offices located at 903 W. Fairview
Ave. Contact Verletta Jackson 333-2333

Mount Auburn Neighborhood Assoc. – 4th
Monday of every month 6:30 PM at FROC
Offices located at 903 W. Fairview Ave.
Contact Margie Kuzia 333-2333

Sunnyview/Catalpa Neighborhood Assoc. –
3rd Tuesday of every month 7:00 PM at
FROC Offices located 903 W. Fairview Ave.
Contact Nannette Davis 333-2333

Business Owners Association – 3rd Monday
of every month 6:00PM at FROC Offices.
This group accepts members who own or
operate businesses along Salem, Catalpa,
Fairview and Hillcrest. Contact Ron Cook
274-4693.

Safety & Security Committee – 1st Monday
of every month 6:00 PM. For meeting
location contact Paul Merrick at 222-9481
ext 134.

Phoenix Public Meetings – Held quarterly.
Notices are mailed or delivered to your
door, so be sure to look for information
coming in Feb, May, Aug, and Nov of 2006.
Contact Karen DeMasi at 226-0457 ext 139

****Because of holidays or situations
beyond our control, please call to
verify meeting locations and times.**