



# Huffman Highlights

Neighborhood News for the Huffman Historic Area November, 2008

## Huffman Holiday Home Tour

The planning committee is very excited about the 2008 Huffman Holiday Home Tour, scheduled December 12-14. Sponsored by Historic Huffman Neighborhood Association [HHNA] and Wright-Patt Credit Union, the Home Tour is going to bring in the season with a nostalgic return to the elegance and grandeur of Christmas Past. Our Holiday event will showcase beautiful homes throughout our neighborhood and invite visitors to experience the best of life in Huffman.

Everyone is welcome to plan, volunteer or participate in this special event showcasing our lovely neighborhood. If you are interested in participating, please contact Joan Spain at **254-6043** or by email at: [jspain2@woh.rr.com](mailto:jspain2@woh.rr.com) The next Holiday Tour planning meeting is scheduled Monday, November 3, 6:00pm in the Huffman Place Board Room, 100 Huffman Ave.

## **VOTE—It's Your Responsibility** 4 Nov. 2008

To learn about the issues (besides the Presidential Election) here are official sites to research:

From the Montgomery County Board of Elections:  
<http://www.mcboe.org/>

From the City of Dayton:  
<http://www.cityofdayton.org/Documents/Proposed%20Charter%20Amendments%202008.pdf>

Issues 1-6 are Ohio State related,  
Issues 10-13 are City of Dayton related, with  
Issues 14-16 possibly on our ballot, and  
Issue 52 is Dayton Public School related

Please educate yourselves on the issues and vote.

### **Vectren To Discuss Energy Savings**

A representative from Vectren Energy will attend the Huffman Historical Neighborhood Association meeting on 3 November at 7pm to discuss energy saving measures residents can take this winter.

Please join us for this informative discussion.

## **\$\$Mini-Grant For Our Neighborhood\$\$**

Awards of small grants to neighborhood and civic groups throughout Dayton were announced by the Dayton Department of Planning and Community Development. Thirteen projects receiving grants of up to \$2,000.

Thanks to the Huffman Historical Neighborhood has received one of these grants to build the Holiday Home Tour which will raise additional funds for the Neighborhood Committee. WELL DONE!

## **Fall Festival Fun, Eats & Treats' Night**

Dayton families and youth have an alternative to traditional trick-or-treat activities associated with Halloween. The annual Fall Harvest is scheduled for **Thursday, October 30, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** This fun, safe and family friendly event takes place within City recreation centers, with games, prizes, inflatables to bounce around in, food and—of course—candy. Admission is free. Participating Recreation Centers are Northwest (1600 Princeton Dr.), Westwood (611 Leland Ave.) and Stuart Patterson (238 Baltimore St.). Limited activities (candy only) will be available at the Burkhardt, Bomberger and Lohrey Centers.  
<http://www.cityofdayton.org/PressReleases/publications/Dayton%20Update/Dayton%20Update%20Fall%202008.pdf>

### **Reminders:**

**Oct. 30** Beggars' Night (trick-or-treating)  
City of Dayton, 6-8p.m.

(Source: City Commissioner, 333-3333)

**Oct. 31** Fall Festival  
Bomberger Community Center, 6-8p.m.

**Nov. 3** HHNA Meeting  
Huffman Place Dining Room, 7p.m.

**Vectren Energy representative will attend to discuss energy saving measures residents can take this winter.**

**Dec. 1** HHNA Meeting

Huffman Place Dining Room, 7p.m.

**Dec. 12-14** Huffman Homes Tours

## **Blowin' In the Wind**

Please be sure to bag your garbage before putting it in large green containers. This will reduce the amount of loose and blowing trash in the neighborhood.

## Lovely Trees + Fall = Leaf Collection



The Division of Street Maintenance's goal is to collect leaves twice on every street. For Huffman, the weeks are:

\*\*\* **Nov 3-7 and Dec 8-12** \*\*\*

**LOOSE LEAVES:** Rake leaves to the street in front of your residence prior to 7am Nov 3 & Dec 8

**BAGGED LEAVES:** Leaves may be bagged & placed at the curb in front of your residence prior to 7am Nov 3 & Dec 8

**PLEASE:**

- DO NOT have grass, twigs, or other waste with the leaves
- DO NOT park cars over leaves in the street 7am – 3pm
- DO NOT place leaves in alley (loose or bagged)



## St. Paul's Holiday Happenings

Nov. 1 – Semi-annual Steak Dinner 4:30-7pm

Dec. 6 – Parent's Shop

Week of Dec 8 – Children's Santa Shop

Dec. 13-14 -- 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Dec. 13 -- 7pm Carol Singing

Dec.14 -- 9am coffee & pastries; 10am special service

The Parent's and Children's shop take donations from the community and sell them at one fifth the price to low-income families to help them celebrate the holidays and teach children the joys of giving.

Donations needed:

**\$10 – 100:** toys for ages birth-17, clothing for birth-adult, adult shoes/slippers; games, sports equipment, bikes, scooters, electronics, gift certificates

**\$5 and under:** for all family members

**Supplies:** tissue paper, gift bags, wrapping paper, tape

Also needed are English teachers (no training necessary) for non-English speakers. Currently they have seven tutors, but more are needed! If you have an interest in teaching English to a non-English speaker, please call 252-4467. <http://www.stpauldayton.org>

## Dayton Area Special Events

Oct. 30 City of Dayton's Halloween Safe Havens  
Adrienne Robinson 333-1724

November 21-23 Sugarplum Festival Dayton Convention Center  
Frances Obringer 641-3405

**November 28 Grande Illumination - Tree Lighting Ceremony Downtown Dayton 224-1518**

December 5-6 City of Dayton's Winter Wonderland - Dayton's Riverbend Art Center 333-1724

December 6 Dayton Neighborhood Ball- Kettering Tower 275-1222

December 10 City of Dayton's Senior Holiday Party- Dayton Convention Center 333-1724

December 12-14 Huffman Homes Tours- 254-6043

(Source: <http://www.cityofdayton.org/Documents/2008%20Special%20Events%20Calendar.pdf>)

## IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION

**"Amnesty Program" Available Through November 19, 2008**

The City of Dayton is stepping up efforts to collect delinquent income taxes. To encourage greater participation in the new collection process and to create a savings for those who have not paid their taxes in full, the City is offering a **one-time penalty amnesty period through November 19, 2008** that will allow residents and businesses to pay their delinquent taxes in full without penalties or late fees.

Thanks to tax records made available from the IRS and the State of Ohio, the City of Dayton is now able to identify who may not have paid their proper City income tax payments over the past several years. **If you owe City income tax, this is your opportunity to take advantage of the one-time amnesty period to avoid the extra penalty charges.** Now is the time to wipe the slate clean.

Remember, if you live within the city limits of Dayton, you must pay income tax regardless of where you work. If the tax you pay in the city where you work is **less than** Dayton's 2.25 percent income tax rate, then you owe the difference to the City of Dayton.

If you have unpaid City of Dayton income taxes and want to avoid the costly collection process, download a City tax form to return, or call us at 937-333-3500 for further assistance.

If you are unsure whether or not you should have paid income tax to the City of Dayton, a complete listing of taxable and non-taxable income is available through this website: <http://www.cityofdayton.org/departments/finance/Pages/taxamnesty.aspx>

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## Fitness, Fun & Learning—Year 'round!

Cooler weather means most of our programs and activities move to the great indoors. But there are plenty of opportunities for vigorous, healthful exercise inside Dayton's recreation centers— from swimming and water aerobics to an array of fitness equipment and classes. We also offer a variety of youth and adult leagues and competitive sports.

You will find a wonderful variety of art and crafts instruction at our centers, particularly the Riverbend Art Center and the Dayton Cultural & RTA Center. The schedule includes jewelry making, painting, weaving, pottery-making and much more.

For more information, drop by a recreation center, call 333-8400, or visit [www.daytonrecreationandyou.com](http://www.daytonrecreationandyou.com).

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