



Huffman Highlights

Neighborhood News for the Huffman Historic Area

June, 2008

Summertime in Huffman

By Rosie Miller



Summer is fast approaching and the neighborhood is full of busy folks tending to their yards and starting fix-up projects outdoors.

Many neighbors got together on Saturday, May 24 to spruce up some of the public areas. If you haven't already done so, go past the Linden Park (just around the corner of Linden and Third) and see the new trellis and beautiful flowers. Thanks to all who helped and to Greg and Eileen Peisert for donating the trellis.

This park, the Victorian Garden at 4th and Ringgold, \traffic circle at 4th and Huffman and several other public areas are maintained by neighborhood volunteers. (mostly Paula Worman and Shirley Watson.)

Keeping public or abandoned areas neat and clean is a tough job, especially when owners are nowhere to be found. If you live near one of these properties, you can help by maintaining the area yourself, or better still with a group of your neighbors. There are many public areas you can "adopt" and beautify.

You can also call Connie Nissonger, Southeast Priority Board, at 333-7380 to report tall grass, or any other problems in your

Reminders:

June 2

HHNA Meeting
Huffman Place Dining Room—7:00 PM

June 16,,2008 HHNA Board Meeting
Huffman Place Office—7:00 PM

June 30—Deadline for Yard Sale Sign Up

July 7

HHNA Meeting
Huffman Place Dining Room—7:00 PM

July 12, 2008—Huffman Yard Sale

July 21, 2008 HHNA Board Meeting
Huffman Place Office—7:00 PM

Christmas Tour Working Groups Need You!

The 2008 Historic Huffman Christmas Tour is scheduled December 12th through 14th and will showcase homes throughout our neighborhood. Planning is underway, working groups forming, and we need *YOU*.

- Join Eileen to organize event hospitality
- Work with Rhonda on signage and publicity
- Assist Gale with sponsorships and donations
- Help Joe plan and strategize event logistics
- Coordinate volunteers with Rosie and Dan
- Join Danielle and Joan to coordinate design and marketing

We'll need Tour Guides, volunteers at check-in and the Dessert House, ambassadors throughout the neighborhood, and more. There's a place for you /your talents in this special Holiday event!

If you are interested in joining the planning committee, please contact Co-Chair Joan Spain at 254-6043 or by email at jspain2@woh.rr.com

If you would like to have your home considered for the Tour, or would like to volunteer during the event, please contact Co-Chair Rosie Miller at 546-2569 or by email at: rosie.miller@gmail.com

Observations by Shirley Watson

Now that spring is here, Lee and I have resumed our walks in the neighborhood. It is definitely interesting to walk during the four seasons. For instance, these are some of the things we have observed this spring:

- Daffodils and tulips brightening flower beds
 - Paper of various descriptions littering walks/fences
 - Grass turning green
 - Diapers (without babies) along Fifth St. sidewalk
 - A variety of colorful houses
 - Leftover leaves on the sidewalks from years past
 - A girl skipping on the sidewalk to her house
 - Charred ruins of a once loved home
 - People on porches laughing, talking, sitting
 - Porches waiting to be enjoyed
 - The quietness of the inner neighborhood
 - Gifts from dogs left on the sidewall.
- ... and so much more.

As you can see, walking in Huffman is an experience. We find it a diverse neighborhood filled with wonderful peoples. So, if you get the opportunity, try it. If needed, help make your area of the neighborhood pleasant for yourself and others walking by.

No Alley Sweep—Use Bulk Pick Up Instead

The city now has a lottery for alley sweeps. So far, Huffman does not have an alley sweep for this year. You can solve the trash problem by calling for a Bulk Pickup. Each resident can have four bulk pickups a year. If possible, get with your neighbors and have a pickup at one location. This will stretch the number of pickups available for your block. Here are the Bulk Waste Guidelines:

- You must separate your metal items (stoves, refrigerators, etc.) from other bulk items. Remember to remove refrigerator doors.
- All loose and small items must be securely contained, bundled or bagged for easy pickup.
- Sorry, the City cannot pick up concrete, rocks, brick blocks, sand, gravel, or hazardous waste.
- Yard waste (brush, hedges, tree limbs, etc.) must be tied into bundles not larger than 4 feet long and 18 inches in diameter.
- Bundles are limited to 25 pounds each.

The City cannot pick up grass clippings.

To schedule a bulk pickup call 333-4800. Bulk waste items are to be set out after 3:00 p.m. the day before the scheduled pick-up.

Huffman Helpful Hint of the Month

To kill weeds in unwanted areas such as sidewalk cracks and curbs, pour distilled vinegar into the cracks. This is much cheaper and better for the environment than chemicals. An easy way to use the jug as a dispenser is to poke a nail hole in the lid and another hole in the handle to let in air so the vinegar will flow.

Yard Sale July 12 Enter the Sign Contest

By Joan Spain

The Huffman yard sale date is now **July 12**. This year, the HHNA decided to add a little creativity to the event. We will have a **sign contest** for neighborhood yard sale participants this year.

Instead of a generic yard/garage sale sign provided by the neighborhood association, consider making your own unique, creative, one-of-a-kind sign to mark your personal sale. HHNA Board members will come around during the day to judge all the signs throughout the district.

Signs will be evaluated for creativity, innovation, and message effectiveness. The winning sign designer will receive a **fabulous/valuable prize** and a picture and write up in the August neighborhood newsletter.

Due to the increase in Dayton Daily News Ad prices, the cost to participate this year is \$6.00 per household to cover the following:

- Advertising in the Dayton Daily News and the local area newspapers.
- Posters and signs placed in strategic locations to advertise the event ahead of time.
- Flyers handed out day of sale in various locations listing your address, some of the key items you have for sale and a neighborhood map.
- Directional signs placed on key street corners the day of the sale.

Sign up using the form below and enter the sign contest. **Sale is held rain or shine.**

To participate in garage sale and be automatically entered in the sign contest, complete and detach the form below. Place it in an envelope along with \$6.00 (make checks payable to Huffman Historic Neighborhood Association) and deliver it to one of the following three convenient drop off locations no later than June 4:

- Mail box at 58 Linden Ave.
- Mail slot at 25 S. June St. .
- Reception desk at Huffman Place – 100 Huffman Ave.

If you have any questions regarding the sale, call Rosie Miller at 536-2569

Huffman Neighborhood Garage Sale Registration Form

Name: _____

Sale Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

List some of the major items or types of items you are selling, the hours of your sale if not 9:00-4:00, and where your sale will be (front yard, back yard, porch, garage etc.).

