

Huffman Highlights

October 2010



Upcoming Events

- **Neighborhood Potluck**—October 9, 6 p.m. 19 Linden Ave. (see next page for details)
- **Beggar's Night**—October 30, 6-8 p.m.
- **November 1**—HHNA Meeting in the Huffman Place (100 Huffman Ave.) Dining Room at 7 p.m. All neighbors are welcome!
- **November 8**—HHNA Board Meeting at Huffman Place (100 Huffman Ave.), 7 p.m.

From the President's Parlor

Do you want to make a difference?

Opportunities in Huffman are available. This is your neighborhood and there are things you can do to make it better. You can offer random acts of kindness like taking a neighbor to the grocery; picking up litter when you go for a walk; or welcoming a new neighbor and help them feel more like part of our community. There are also opportunities on a larger scale. We have several openings for leadership volunteers. Please look at the list below and see what fits your interests and talents.

- The garden club is a small but dedicated group that would love to have your help either for a single project or for regular work days.
- Huffman Neighborhood Representative to the Southeast Priority Board: You

would represent this neighborhood on the Board that addresses citizen needs in this portion of the City and would be the liaison to bring news back to our general membership at our meetings or by writing articles for the newsletter.

- Huffman Housing Committee: You would work with our housing inspector to improve the appearance of neighborhood by identifying environmental issues (i.e. trash, maintenance of lots and yards, trees in the right-of-way that need attention, etc.).
- You can put your name in nomination for a seat on the HHNA Board. This would be a two year term and would be where you could make an impact on the activi-

ties and direction we will be taking. Nominations will be accepted at the November and December meetings and the election will be in January.

I encourage you to jump in. You will learn a lot about Huffman, the larger area, your neighbors, and about yourself. And you just might have a real good time.

For more information on any of these opportunities, please send an e-mail to: huffmanhistoric@yahoo.com

OR

Drop by the monthly neighborhood meeting.

Sincerely,

Gale Heller
President, HHNA

Leaf Collection 2010

Curbside Leaf Pick-Up is Changing to "Bagged" Collection Service. Leaves raked to the curb will no longer be picked up. You must bag your leaves in special collection bags.

Look for Home Mailer with Coupon for FREE Leaf Bags! A printed flier is also being mailed to Dayton homeowners with information about this year's leaf collection. Look for a coupon in the mailer that entitles you to 10 free biodegradable leaf collection bags.

Similar to past years, each neighborhood will receive two leaf collection cycles. The leaf pick up cycles are based upon your regular waste collection day. Since the Huffman Neighborhood trash day is Thursday, the first leaf collection cycle will be the week of **November 15-19** and the second cycle will be **December 20-24**.

IMPORTANT: You must place bagged leaves at the curb (tree lawn, not in the street) by 7:00 a.m. on the Monday of your scheduled leaf collection week. Your bags will be collected one time during your scheduled week. Please position your biodegradable leaf bags separately from your normal waste collection/

recycling containers.

The bagged leaves will be disposed of at City-owned composting sites, not the landfill. This is why leaves must be placed in biodegradable bags only.

From October 25-December 31, residents can also drop off leaves at the three composting locations below between 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, or 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. on Saturday. Leaves can be dropped at these sites without a paper bag, but they must be emptied from plastic bags. No grass, sticks, or other debris should be included.

- Lohrey Site – 2366 Glenarm Ave., behind the Lohrey Recreation Center at Belmont Maintenance building.
- Gettysburg Landfill – 1826 Gettysburg Ave., north of McGee Blvd.
- Wegerzyn Garden Center – 1303 E. Siebenthaler Ave., behind Wegerzyn facility near the City of Dayton greenhouse.

Go Green!

Another practical and convenient way to handle yard wastes is to create a compost pile in your yard is with fallen leaves, grass clippings, weeds, and the remains of garden plants. Compost improves soil and the plants growing in it. If you have

a garden, a lawn, trees, shrubs, or even planter boxes, you have a use for compost. For more information about composting, contact the Montgomery County Solid Waste District at 937-225-4999 or visit their web site at www.mcswd.org.

Other helpful composting web sites include:
www.howtocompost.org,
www.compostingcouncil.org,
 and www.ohiocompost.org.

Mowing, especially with mulching mowers, also helps return natural nutrients back into the soil without harmful chemicals and cuts down on the need to bag your leaves.

REMEMBER:

Leaves raked to the curb will not be collected. Loose leaves can clog catch basins and cause street flooding. If you have a sewer catch basin near your property, please clear away leaves or other debris on a regular basis.



Neighborhood Potluck

There will be a neighborhood potluck on Saturday, October 9th beginning at 6 p.m. at the Watson residence, 19 Linden Avenue. If you plan to come, please e-mail lswaton19@att.net, or call 937-254-5783. Please bring a side dish to share. Everyone is welcome!

Rebuilding Together

In need of home repair? This national nonprofit rehabilitates homes free of charge for low-income homeowners, particularly the elderly and those with disabilities.

Applicants must:

- Live in the city of Dayton
- Own your home
- Have Household income 80% of median or less
- No outstanding real estate taxes
- Unable to do work yourself, but are willing to help in the process

For more information, see www.rtdayton.org and for an application, visit http://www.rtdayton.org/documentation/RTD_NRD_2011Application.pdf



Halloween in Huffman

My children LOVE Halloween and we are so privileged to live in a neighborhood like Huffman where so many of our kind neighbors give out candy and greetings to us on beggars' night. Of course, their favorite part is getting candy and dressing up, but I really look forward to the opportunity to visit, if only for a moment, my neighbors.

This year, beggars' night is October 30 from 6-8 p.m.

If you're taking or sending your trick-or-treaters out on the 30th, here are some important tips for parents:

- Know the route your kids will be taking if you aren't going with them. Let them know that they are to check in with you every hour, by phone or by stopping back at home. Or, better yet, go with them.
- Help your young child pick out or make a costume that will be safe. Make sure that it's fire proof or treated

with fire retardant. If they are wearing a mask of any kind, make sure that the eye holes are large enough for good peripheral vision. They should also have a glow stick or reflector patches so that they can be clearly seen by motorists.

- Make sure you set a time that your kids should be home by. Make sure they know how important it is for them to be home on time or to call immediately if something happens and they are going to be delayed.
- Explain to kids of all ages the difference between tricks and vandalism and to always be considerate of neighbors and their property.
- Serve your kids a filling meal before trick or treating and they won't be as tempted to eat too much candy.
- Be sure to show your children how to cross a

street properly. They should always look both ways before crossing the street and should only cross at corners or crosswalks. Make sure that if you have more than one child, they know to take the hand of the younger child when they cross a street.

- Make sure your children are courteous and polite, never leaving a house without saying "Thank you" for the treats they receive.

If you are staying behind to give out candy this year, please make sure your porch light is on so that trick-or-treaters know to come a'knockin. Thank you for being a part of making this holiday a fun one for my family and many others.

Have a safe and fun Halloween!





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Important Phone Numbers

- Police: 333-COPS (2677)
- Weed-n-Seed: 461-9333
Weed-n-Seed is a number that you can call to report suspicious activity including prostitution.
- City Hall: 333-3333
- Fire Department: 333-FIRE (3473)
- Abandoned Vehicles: 333-1038 Or 1058
- Animal Control: 898-4457
- Dead Animal Removal: 333-4800
- Garbage Collection: 333-4800
- Bulk Pick-up: 333-4833
Call to schedule a pick up of large trash items. Items can't be set out more than 24 hours before the scheduled pick-up.
- Housing Codes: 333-3959

Neighborhood Church Happenings

St. Paul United Methodist Church,
101 Huffman Ave., 937-252-4467

Upcoming Events:

1. St. Paul will be having our semi-annual **Steak Dinner fundraiser on Saturday, October 23, 2010 from 4:30pm-7:00pm.** Adult tickets \$8.00 and children (10 & younger) are \$4.00. Dine in or carry-out.

2. **Worship Services:** Sunday 10:30am and Tuesday 11:30am

3. **Thrift Store Hours:** Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 10am-2:30pm and Tuesday 12:30pm-2pm.

Note: The Thrift Store will be closed on Wednesday, October 20th thru Thursday, October 28th; and will reopen on Monday, November 1st with a great selection of fall & winter clothing.

Needs & Volunteer Opportunities:

1. **Pantry Needs:** Macaroni & Cheese, Jelly and Plastic/Paper bags

1. **Thrift Store Needs:** Unwanted household items, toys and clothing *in good condition.*

1. **There is a critical need for ESOL TUTORS** (English for Speakers of Other Languages). If anyone is interested in teaching English, contact the church office for more information.