



President's Message

I'm three months into the job and very pleased with all the activity that has taken place already – the Chicken Noodle Dinner

Fundraiser, the scholarship, the NPD K-9 presentation, the historical presentation on the *Hey Day of Hudson Area in 1905*, the new banners, prepping the Hudson Ave. median for spring/summer, the area clean-up, the yard sale, and advances in our website (www.HHCAOHIO.com), the great line of communications with Deputy Chief of Newark Police Dept., the Community Garden and North Street Park projects....what a start!

We need members to continue to grow, and we invited you to join us. See the events part of this newsletter or the website for our meeting schedule.

SAFETY: pay close attention please. A man has come to 4 homes on Hudson Ave between 12:30 – 3:30 am asking for money. **THIS IS ILLEGAL** and annoying. The police ask that you **call 911** if it happens to you, and **give a description of his clothing and build**. Do not open the door, do not give him money (he has a great line ... don't fall for it). The police want him, but need our help.

Suggestions for your safety: Porch lights should be on all night. If you have a storm door – lock it as well as your house door. Please be sure your house number is easy to read; it is best that it's on the front of the house over the door or porch steps. Also, put house numbers on rear of garage doors or fences that face an alley, thus making it easier for police to respond. Please leave outdoor garage lights on

all night, from dusk to dawn, or on a motion sensor.

We have asked the police increase patrol for traffic speed in the area. The 3rd Street construction ends soon, and 3rd and Hudson will soon have complete traffic flow. **The speed limit is 25 MPH** everywhere in our area, except on Mt. Vernon Rd.

Spring is here, go out enjoy it!

Bob Meldahl
President, HHCA



Community Garden

The North Street Park Community Garden is currently accepting applications for the 2018 Growing Season. A cost of \$20 will be charged for two raised bed boxes for the season. HHCA has also scheduled various activities throughout the year that originate in or around the park. Some of these include a Park Preview, the April 21st Community Clean-up, and the July 14th Picnic in the Park. All events offer exciting opportunities to be involved in our community. Please feel free to come and enjoy the park, meet your neighbors and help with the many activities throughout the year.

Mark Fraizer



Neighborhood Clean Up — Volunteers Needed!!!!

HHCA is sponsoring our annual neighborhood cleanup on Saturday, April 21 (rain date, April 28). Those interested in helping clean up the HHCA area are encouraged to meet at 9:30 am in the North Street Park. We will start the day with coffee, juice and donuts before heading out armed with trash bags and gloves! We hope to cover the entire neighborhood, so we need plenty of willing hands, young

and old! It's a great way teach your children about caring for our community and working to make it better. One added bonus is the opportunity to meet your neighbors, and getting some exercise in the process! In past years the cleanup has truly made the neighborhood look more attractive and inviting. With the Yard Sale just a few weeks later, let's make sure our neighborhood is ready to show off to all the shoppers! Litter will be picked up between the sidewalks and the streets, as well as the alleys if we have enough volunteers. We do not go into people's yards. Please join us in making the neighborhood look great!

Mindy Nelson



You Can Make a Difference

Our neighborhood cleanup is just one way we can work together to make a difference in our community. There are small things that each of us, whether renters or home owners, can do every day to make the HHCA area a great place to live. Here are a few ideas:

- Pick up and dispose of any litter that you find in your yard. Recycle anything that is recyclable.
- Always return your trash cans to the side or rear of your home within 24 hours after pickup. This is actually a city law.
- Try to keep front porches free of old newspapers, advertisers, mail and trash.
- Always clean up after your dog when you walk and in your own yard.
- Plant some flowers!

Remember, little things can make a big difference!

Mindy Nelson

2018 Joe Kennedy Scholarship

HHCA is pleased to announce that Gabriela Bell is this year's recipient of the Joe Kennedy Scholarship award. Gabby was selected from a pool of several well accomplished applicants, all of whom are our neighbors.

Gabby is currently a senior at Newark High. After graduation this spring, she plans to pursue a career as a surgeon. At Newark High, she has established an outstanding record across all academic fields, including English, humanities, mathematics and the sciences. In addition to academic pursuits, Gabby has also been quite active in many programs. She has been a member of the volleyball team for many years, participated in the Key Club, and has been a member of the Gay Straight Alliance club.

This fall she plans to enroll at Ohio University. Initially attracted to nursing, she has since developed an "interest in the function and science behind every living creature." This has also inspired her to excel at Newark High, with the idea of "being able to fix and help others" as a key motivation to keep her grades up.

The Association is very pleased to have the opportunity to support Gabby in her academic pursuits. We also wish to extend our appreciation for all the support our neighborhood parents and youth have made in making the future of our neighborhood a little brighter.

HHCA also wishes to express its thanks to Tim Campbell, Campbell Insurance Agency, and Cyndi Lane, Lewis A. Clark Insurance Agency, for their generous contributions to our scholarship fund.

Congratulations Gabby!

It's Spring Time, and we ARE Busy!

HHCA has been quite busy preparing for its spring and summer activities in our neighborhood. Thanks to various committees, we have managed to finalize plans for many events that take place soon. And you, too, are welcome to join our efforts.

In the next few months, you can look forward to the installation of 24 colorful new banners welcoming people to our district. This year, ten of these will be sponsored by our very own area businesses.

In the North St Park, now revitalized through our efforts, we will have a community garden for the very first time. Have you signed up, yet? We will also make improvements in the landscape and playground of the park. This year's spring clean-up drive originates there, and our Picnic in the Park this summer will also be there. Plan to take advantage of these opportunities to help and have fun.

The popular HHCA Yard Sale, always a big draw to the neighborhood, will be May 12. If you'd like to participate, we ask for a \$5.00 donation toward permits and advertising. Master Gardener Volunteers will also host their plant sale that day at 473 Hudson Ave. So sell an item, or take home a plant you always wanted for your yard.

As always, you are encouraged to be a part of HHCA and its many activities. We encourage you to do your own spring clean-up, and help make our neighborhood more inviting to visitors. We are proud of our homes and yards! If you are able, we encourage you to offer help to your neighbors in their upkeep efforts.

Bob Meldahl

Calendar of Events

Saturday, April 21
9:30 AM, Neighborhood Clean-up
North St. Park
- April 28 is the rain date.

Thursday, May 10
HHCA Meeting
7:00 PM GMP Hall

Saturday, May 12
HHCA Yard Sale
9:00 AM -5:00 PM
- \$5.00 donation to participate

Saturday, May 12
Master Gardener Plant Sale
- 473 Hudson Ave

Saturday, July 14
Neighborhood Picnic in the Park
North Street Park
1:00 – 3:00 PM
- drinks, hotdogs, hamburgers and buns furnished; bring a covered dish or dessert to share.

September 13
HHCA Meeting
7:00 PM GMP Hall

October 11
HHCA Meeting
7:00 PM GMP Hall

November 8
HHCA Meeting
7:00 PM GMP Hall
- Elections of officers and trustees