



Susan Woodbury

Neighborhood Seeds

Saying Goodbye to Neighborhood Advocate Susan Woodbury

Susan Woodbury passed away suddenly on Thursday, October 30, 2008. She loved living in Southeast Dayton and was a dedicated advocate for making her community a safe and desirable place to live.

Susan was a member of the Burkhardt/Springfield Neighborhood Association, Southeast Priority Board and was the Chairperson for the Southeast Dayton Weed and Seed committee for the past two years. As Chairperson, Susan championed the efforts of eliminating drug houses and prostitution in Southeast Dayton. She wanted to see the children and families of her neighborhood live in a safe and non-threatening environment.

Susan attended NAO training and became a NAO officer. Susan was very proud that she had taken this step to further provide a necessary service to her community.

Susan was employed as the Intake Appointment Coordinator for the Sunrise Center Prevention Program, where she assisted callers in financial distress and directed them to the proper agencies for assistance. She did her job with care and compassion for those in need.

Susan leaves behind her husband John, a special niece Katie and her beloved menagerie of Dogs and Cats.

She will be greatly missed.

In Memory of Susan Woodbury 1961-2008



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- National Night Out another success story
- Neighborhood Development Survey
- Project S.M.I.L.E
- Don't be a target of Auto Theft

Weed and Seed Staff Attend Domestic Violence Training

In August Joanne Hale, Norma Ryan and Cheryl Oliver attended Domestic Violence Training at the University of Toledo. The training was held by ODVN.

The day long training allowed the women to identify with

victims of Domestic Violence. The training included role playing that showed how difficult it is for victims to be able to escape their abusers due to financial woes and suitable, safe housing for them and their children.





Gordon Heller
Chair, Southeast Dayton
Weed and Seed

Gordon Heller Accepts Responsibility As Weed and Seed Committee Chairperson

Gordon Heller has been appointed as Chairperson for Dayton Southeast Weed and Seed. Gordon will be filling the vacated position of Susan Woodbury, who passed away unexpectedly in October.

Mr. Heller is no stranger to the community leadership. He has served as a member of the Huffman Historic Neighborhood Association for many years and is a past member of the Southeast Priority Board. He also has served as vice-

chairperson for the Dayton Southeast Weed and Seed as well as the Chairperson for the Community Policing Committee.

The Weed and Seed target area will be well served by the appointment of Mr. Heller. He is concerned for the well-being of the neighborhood and works tirelessly promoting its rich history and developing strategies that will continue to make a positive impact its residents.

Mr. Heller resides in the Huffman Historic Neighborhood with his wife Gail, where together they have renovated their home to its former beauty.

Please help us to welcome Mr. Heller to this new position by showing your cooperation and support in the days and years to come.

WSU Center for Healthy Communities Completes Weed and Seed Target Area Evaluation

“There is real magic in enthusiasm. It spells the difference between mediocrity and accomplishment.”

Norman Vincent Peale

The Wright State Center for Healthy Communities Co-Director Carla Clasen has completed a third year evaluation of the Dayton Southeast Weed and Seed Initiative. The initiative is comprised of Burkhardt/Springfield, Huffman Historic, St. Anne’s Hill, and Newcom Plain neighborhoods in a 2.2 square mile area. This area is home to 10,080 residents of which 75% are renters.

The Weed and Seed Committee is comprised of representatives from each neighborhood and four sub-committees. The sub-committees are Community Policing, Law Enforcement, Prevention, Intervention and Treatment, and Neighborhood Revitalization. The goal of the initiative is to reduce crime in the target area.

The evaluation indicates that of all 42 zip codes in Montgomery

county the 45403 zip code ranks high in many areas of crime to include 1st in child neglect, 2nd in sexual abuse cases, 3rd in violent crimes by youth and 4th in Juvenile probation cases.

The Weed and Seed law enforcement committee has been instrumental in closing more than 30 drug houses by using “Knock and Advise”. Nuisance properties have been demolished with the ongoing help of City of Dayton Police and extra staffing in the area.

The community policing committee had more than 400 people in attendance for *National Night Out*. A special task force has implemented to address the problems of prostitution in the target area that includes a Johns’ School for those found guilty of soliciting for prostitution. The newly appointed Police chief has helped to create

and foster an attitude of cooperation among the police and local residents.

The Prevention and Intervention committee has been busy addressing the issue of reducing substance and alcohol dependency in the homes of young families. They are also very active in decreasing the risk factors that lead to substance abuse. About 62% of a group of 25 youth said that they feel safe in their neighborhoods.

The Neighborhood Restoration committee has been busy surveying the target area neighborhoods for direction in how to revitalize the Third St. corridor. This project is a collaboration with St. Mary’s Development Corporation

The evaluation rendered successful for the efforts of the Weed and Seed Initiative in Southeast Dayton.

“When strangers start acting like neighbors, communities are reinvigorated.”

Ralph Nader



Neighborhood Development Survey

Dayton Southeast Weed and Seed in collaboration with Wright State University, St. Mary's Development, County Corp, Sunrise Center and neighborhood residents worked together to develop a survey that was delivered to more than 5,000 target area homes during the month of November. The goal was to seek input from all local residents and businesses to see what the residents would like to see developed in the future along the E. Third Street

corridor.

A total of 348 surveys were completed and returned to Wright State University on December 2nd. The University will assess the information and report the findings back to the collaborative.

A community forum was held on Tuesday, November 24, 2008 for all residents to come and have their voices heard regarding the needs of the neighborhood. Approximately

23 residents were in attendance.

A number of attendees voiced that another grocery store was needed, where people could shop and feel safe. They also stated that they wanted fewer liquor establishments in their neighborhoods. The biggest desire was to have neighborhood schools, where their children did not have to bused across town and far away from their homes.



Looking Ahead...

Frank Hatton Agrees to Chair the Law Enforcement Committee

Frank Hatton has agreed to Chair the Dayton Southeast Weed and Seed Law Enforcement Committee. Frank has been a life long resident of Southeast Dayton and is rooted in the premise that the residents of his neighborhood deserve to live in a safe and secure neighborhood.

Frank is a member of the Burkhardt/Springfield Neighborhood Association and has been a Southeast Dayton Weed and Seed member for four years. Please offer you full support to Frank. He will be a great representative for all of the Weed and Seed target area.



Neighborhood Tidbits

The P.I.T Committee provided a summer reading program in the Newcom Plains Park this past summer where the children attending were helped with their reading skills and were fed lunch. It was a very successful event.

A Cinco De Mayo Celebration

was held at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in May for all who wanted to attend. There were traditional foods and dancing for all to enjoy.

Once again the "National Night Out" against crime was held in August with more than 400 in attendance. It was a huge suc-

cess. The event was a neighborhood highlight.

Project S.M.I.L.E a mobile dental program for children was held at Sunrise Center free of charge for neighborhood children.



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Community Policing Chair - Gordon Heller

Law Enforcement– Frank Hatton

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Prevent your car from being
the next target.

Auto Theft Prevention Tips

- Park your car in garage
- If you don't have a garage, park in the driveway.
- If you don't have a driveway, park in a well-lit area.
- Lock the doors and pocket the key.
- Keep valuables out of plain view.
- Install an anti-theft device that is highly visible, hard to defeat, and that renders the car undriveable, such as a steering wheel locking device.
- When you park, turn your car's wheels toward the curb and apply emergency brake to protect it from illegal tows.
- Don't hide spare keys in , or on, your car.
- Keep title and registration in your wallet or purse.

A slow car thief can steal an unprotected vehicle within two minutes. The most frequently targeted vehicles are General Motors products made between the years of 1975 and 1993. These cars are often stolen by children too young to obtain a driver's license. Protect your vehicle.