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Newsletter of the Finneytown Civic Association

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Finneytown Civic Association Talks School Levy at March 21 Meeting

CONTRIBUTED BY JOSEPH GORMAN

The entire community is welcome to attend the regular Finneytown Civic Association meeting, Sunday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in upper Room A in the Senior/Community Center, located on the Springfield Township Administrative campus, 9158 Winton Road.

The superintendent, board members, and supporters from the Finneytown Local Schools will be on hand to explain the need for the May 4th vote on a 7.9% Operating Levy.

The meeting-in-the-round will offer residents the opportunity to voice concerns, ask questions, and offer funding ideas. Many homeowners in Finneytown already feel overburdened with high property taxes and many are nervous that their property values are falling faster than their ability to pay existing taxes. With this shaky economy, we have a lot of nervous taxpayers who, in the history of Finneytown Schools, have willingly paid their fair share to support our small district (about 1600 students).

We also will offer a slate of two new officers and three trustees; FCA members in good standing will be able to vote for these volunteers at the regular May 16 meeting. Info: Jeff Decile, FCA vice president at 931-1837.

FCA Web Site Photography Contest

CONTRIBUTED BY NANCY MCGUIRE

Get your cameras ready! The FCA is sponsoring a Photo Contest by showing Finneytown residents and sites as the main focus of the photos. It's not restricted to Finneytown residents. Kids in grade and high school, adults and seniors over 65 can enter their best photos. We hope to spiff up our web site with the images. The FCA web site (www.fcaontheweb.org) is run by webmaster Rich Schafermeyer. **Submit by May 1, 2010 your name, phone number, age, or group and a JPEG to fcaphotocontest@gmail.com.**

Winners will be announced at the May 16 FCA regular meeting. Four categories: Grade school (under 14) • High school • Adult • Seniors Age 65 & Older. Prizes for each category: First Prize \$100 • Second prize \$50 • Third Prize \$25. No entry fee.

2010 FCA meetings:

Held at Springfield Township Senior Center.

Regular meetings upstairs in Room A:

Sunday, March 21, 7-9 p.m.

Sunday, May 16, 7-9 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 19, 7-9 p.m.

Room C:

FCA Candidates' Forum

Sunday, October 17, 7-9 p.m.

**FCA GREEN COMMITTEE
SEEKS NEW MEMBERS –
RECYCLING,
ALTERNATIVE ENERGY,
RAIN GARDENS –
DAVID GAINES 310-9355**

Winter Snow Melt Reveals Litter

CONTRIBUTED BY DAVID GAINES

As Spring gets closer and the weather gets warmer, we're seeing a lot of litter and garbage nestled in curbs, along sidewalks, in the streets. If you're out taking a walk, bring a bag with you and pick up the litter as you enjoy the beautiful trees and whistling birds. If you're walking on Winton Road, bring a claw hammer and tear down the illegal signs posted on the poles. Pick up the signs in the ground announcing "Cheap Houses." We all must chip in and keep our Finneytown clean.

NYT Article Reports Recycling rates Unchanged in Boston

This twenty-year study reveals that many people are still reluctant to recycle. The City of Boston recycling rates have remained flat at about 28%, even after many promotional and educational recycling programs. We are hoping that more folks in Finneytown continue or start recycling. Please encourage your neighbors to recycle.

FCA Membership Reminder:

The FCA currently has 130 families, representing 208 members.

Please send in your membership renewals for 2010.

Dues are: Family \$20; Individuals \$10.

Mail to: Finneytown Civic Association, P.O. Box 317696, Cincinnati, OH 45231.

Township Events – Call Kim Flamm, 522-1410

1. **Sold on Springfield Township** – March 21, showcases many open houses from Noon – 4 p.m. with dinner provided by Finneytown Skyline at The Grove. Come to FCA Meeting afterwards!
2. **Protect Yourself From Identity Theft**, April 21 at 7 p.m. at The Grove. Dave at 729-1300
3. **Great American Clean Up** – April 24. Help clean up your part of the world.
4. **Community Garage Sale**, Saturday June 5, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. With 68 booths!

Lights on Winton Road Would Be Helpful

Bus riders who catch the bus in the early mornings often have to navigate dark, icy sidewalks and then stand at dark bus stops. We have to wait for the Fall before new lights to be installed as part of the Winton Road construction project!

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FCA General Membership Meeting "May 4 School Levy"

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Springfield Twp. Senior & Community Center