



# Up Front

Newsletter of the Finneytown Civic Association

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## FCA Meetings Move to 4<sup>th</sup> Monday - April 25<sup>th</sup> & September 26<sup>th</sup>

BY JOSEPH GORMAN

As part of the reorganization of the FCA, the board has changed the regular meeting nights, the location, and the number of meetings. We are meeting twice this year. To coincide with the Township's branding of Finneytown into a South and North quadrant, we will hold each meeting in two quadrants. The next FCA regular meeting is MONDAY, April 25 at 7 p.m. and will be held in the south quadrant at the Northern Hills United Methodist Church, 6700 Winton Road (by Goodwill). Thanks to Rev. Paulette and her church for hosting us.

The September 26 meeting will be held in the north quadrant at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 703 Compton Road, at 7 p.m. Thanks to Rev. Jeff for accommodating us. We hope to attract more residents to our meetings, and encourage you to get involved with your civic association.

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## 2011 FCA meetings:

**Monday, April 25, 7-9 p.m.**

Northern Hills United Methodist Church, 6700 Winton Road.

**Monday, Sept. 26, 7-9 p.m.**

Northminster Presbyterian Church, 703 E. Compton Rd.

## FCA Candidates' Forum

**Sunday, October 16, 7-9 p.m.**

Held at Springfield Township Senior Center, Room C

Please contact Joe Gorman at [igorman@fuse.net](mailto:igorman@fuse.net) or call him at 325-5202. Thanks! [fcaontheweb.org](http://fcaontheweb.org)

## Poles & Wires Ruin Winton Road Upgrade

BY JOSEPH GORMAN

The Township recently installed new decorative street lights. Cincinnati Bell has not moved the lower two rows of wires, which are at the same height as the new lights. Awful! With nearly 400 light, utility, street, decorative poles between Galbraith and W. Compton, Winton is an ugly mess. Surely, Duke and Cincinnati Bell, and our local governments, could have done a better job designing this road. [See pics on Page 2]

## FCA Ballot

BY JOSEPH GORMAN

We will have an election next month at our April 25 meeting. Please complete and mail the ballot below:

President	Joe Gorman	___
Secretary	Cathy Zimmerly	___
Trustee	Nancy McGuire	___
	Bill McMahan	___

Mail ballot to: Finneytown Civic Association, PO Box 317696, Cincinnati, OH 45231. Or, bring ballot to April 25<sup>th</sup> FCA meeting.

## Finneytown Housing Block Watch

CONTRIBUTED BY JIM GOLAN

We are now into our third year. We have a loyal squad of Watchers numbering nine. Meet our newest Watcher, Mary Patton, on Fontainebleu. Mary is a typical watcher: She has no use for spreadsheets. So she tells me what she sees in plain old English. Then we chat back and forth by email to determine if she has a candidate for the WATCH List, or even more serious, the HOT list.

Three years ago we started FHBW using a detailed spreadsheet. It soon became clear that most Watchers were not comfortable with spreadsheets. So we went to Plan B: a .doc file. This .doc file has two sections: The **HOT LIST** and the **WATCH LIST**, each about a dozen listings. These listings help Township assistant administrator Chris Gilbert and the Property Maintenance Code folks zero in on the worst properties. So, exactly how does a property end up on one of these lists? It is a subjective judgment by a neighbor: "If I were in the market for a new home in Finneytown, would this property cause me to go elsewhere?"

Would you like to be a Watcher? I'm sure a current Watcher would appreciate a break. Just email Jim Golan at [jgolan1@cinci.rr.com](mailto:jgolan1@cinci.rr.com) to explore this.

**EXCEPTIONAL PARENTING AWARD -- NOMINATIONS DESIRED:** The Civic Association desires to highlight the efforts of those people who have done outstanding work in educating their children. Therefore, it will award \$100 (and a plaque) to 3 parents in the Finneytown school district who have enriched the lives of their children in special ways. If anyone knows of exceptional parents deserving an award, information can be provided to Jeff Decile at: [cinlaw22@aol.com](mailto:cinlaw22@aol.com) or by calling him at 513-931-1837.

### Township News Bits – Call Kim Flamm, 522-1410

1. Neighborhood Master Plan Draft Open House March 29, 10 a.m.-noon and 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. & March 30 Public Hearing at 7 p.m. Allen Paul Room, 9150 Winton Road.

2. Great American Cleanup, April 16th. \_\_\_\_\_

### The Canyon of Poles and Wires Ruin Winton Road Aesthetics



#### FCA General Membership Meeting

Monday, April 25, 2011. Topics: Election, Education, State Funding/Township Budget  
Northern Hills United Methodist Church, 6700 Winton Road.

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