

PEOPLE NEWS

She's not old enough to do that! As of the end of March Emily Foster Brown retired from OSU.

John Sauer was seriously ill at Riverside Hospital but was almost resurrected Easter Sunday. He is home now and recovering.

Rich Hollingsworth, the heart and soul of Ohio State University's student affairs office, announced that he will retire in January after 35 years at the campus.

Dianne Efsic had fun on a 5 day painting trip to Paris (KY) where she marbled a fireplace and painted walls. Her painted Africavan, named Molly, has been accepted in the 21st annual Houston Art Car Parade. Plus her installation, "Blankets of Sorrow" at the Puffin Foundation Forum was mentioned and shown in the New Jersey edition of the New York Times in an article about Poet Soldiers. On the web at:
<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/02/24/nyregion/nyregionspecial2/24colnj.html?ref=nyregionspecial2> Aaah, the 15 minutes of fame!

Tuttle Park Recreation Center-Spring 2008

240 W Oakland Avenue Columbus, OH 43202

Hours: Tuesday 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Wednesday 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Thursday 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Friday 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Call for the spring schedule of classes 645-3602

University District Tells Its Story

The first day of the "Big Snow" community members attended a reception March 7 for those who had participated in the Ohio State's first oral history class project that focused on the University District. Several dozen residents, professors and students from the two participating Winter Quarter English classes braved the record snowstorm of 2008 to assemble at the Center for Folklore Studies in the Ohio Stadium. There students talked about what they had learned of the history and character of the community and the attitudes of people who lived and worked there.

They also played sample recordings of some of the many hours of stories and memories that had been collected as part of the project. George Sicaris, long-time owner of the Blue Danube, recalled on tape how a former customer returned to the restaurant years later, ate dinner, then overpaid the bill by the amount he estimated he owed for slipping out without paying when he was a student. Another interviewee gave a hilarious account of a mugging.

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Students learned the techniques of doing oral history and studied the history of the university neighborhoods in preparation for conducting interviews. At the reception, as residents, students and professors helped themselves to cake and hors d'oeuvres and swapped stories, several students remarked that their attitudes toward the University District had changed over the course of the quarter from unawareness that a residential community even existed around campus to an appreciation for the quality of life and the historic richness of the area.

The project will resume with a new class during Spring Quarter. The oral history project has been led by Ray Cashman, Galey Modan and Martha Sims with the Center for Folklore Studies. Copies of the recorded oral histories will be archived at the Ohio Historical Society through "History Shared, History Saved," the ongoing UDO archives project, and also at the Center for Folklore Studies.

New Community Outreach Center

Ohio State University Extension and Godman Guild Association are jointly operating a new community outreach center in a former credit union building at 1427 N. Grant Ave. in Weinland Park. The public was invited to an open house at the community outreach center on Wednesday, April 2, from 3 to 6 p.m. The open house was an opportunity to meet the staff, tour the facility and learn about the programs and opportunities available to residents of the University District. The telephone number for the center is (614) 299-2915..

For the past five years, OSU Extension has assigned Susan Colbert as an extension educator focused on the University District. She and a small staff and volunteers are directing the community computer center at Godman Guild, providing 4-H programming at Indianola Middle School, leading a committee that is creating a path for job opportunities at Ohio State for neighborhood residents, offering assistance with income tax filing, and much more. She and her staff are now housed at the community outreach center.

Share Your Stories!

Do you remember the beginning of the Community Festival, the community food co-op, rationing, the National Guard cordoning off the streets in the early 70's, tear gas, Summer on the Lawns, church concerts, the beginning of Neighborhood Services, your children's school, before Indianola elementary was an alternative school and how it happened, making the butterfly garden at Medary, Mr. Gordon's Ice Cream and Candies? Write something you remember and send it to your editor for inclusion in one of these newsletters. Send to Efsic.1@osu.edu or see http://www.universitydistrict.org/archives_how.php

Let Your Voice Be Heard!

UDO's latest Fifth Monday Forum took place on Monday, March 31, 2008 at the South Campus Gateway's Barnes & Noble bookstore . Nearly 30 people attended the event to talk about the future of the University District and the exciting things that are happening now and those things which we hope will happen in the near future.

Ellen Moore, UDO board president, opened the event with an overview of the city's 2012 Bicentennial Commission's planning process and then asked the participants to fill out a questionnaire that was used at the 2012 Commission's Citizen Summit in January. The questionnaire focused on what people feel is special about living in the University District.

Overwhelmingly, the responses pointed toward the importance of the neighborhoods and people of the district to the vitality of the district.

Doreen Uhas-Sauer, UDO board member and University area commissioner, then introduced a list of possible projects that could be implemented in the University District. Some examples: a new vision for Tuttle Park, incubator business opportunities for students/community members, computers for the older members of the community, new signage to identify neighborhoods, etc. Participants were then asked to break up into small groups to prioritize the projects on the list and to add other projects to it. Some additional projects mentioned were: a community arts festival (possibly held in Tuttle Park), strict litter enforcement, a landlord code of conduct, a "metro" section in the Lantern to market the district, University District Olympics, a district signature flower, tree or plant.

Going forward, the UDO board will review all ideas brought forward to determine next steps, priorities, and funding sources. All information regarding the event, as well as future Fifth Monday events, will be placed on the district's website,

<http://www.universitydistrict.org>>www.universitydistrict.org

Northwood ARTSpace presents

Spring Forward

Paintings by Ernest Lockridge
April 3-May 17, 2008 2231 N. High Street

Coming next: photography by the Focus Group

University Funds More Patrols

On Thursday, March 27, the Ohio State University announced that it would contribute \$21,000 to Community Crime Patrol to provide additional patrollers on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights during Spring quarter in an effort to reduce crime. These patrols will focus on specific areas within the University District with large student populations and supplements the extra patrols already planned by the Columbus Division of Police and the OSU Police Department on those nights. An education component will be rolled out to students during the first several weeks of Spring quarter, giving them tools to help keep themselves and their property safe.

The City of Columbus street sweeping Schedule for University District.

Neil Avenue (from 9th to Goodale) East side, 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month from April through October

West side of Neil Avenue 1st and 3rd Friday of every month from April through October.

University District from the river to RR tracks south of Arcadia

North and East side of streets 2nd Thursday of each month from April through October

South and West side of streets, 2nd Friday of each month April through October.

Hours: Frambes to Arcadia 8 am-4pm,

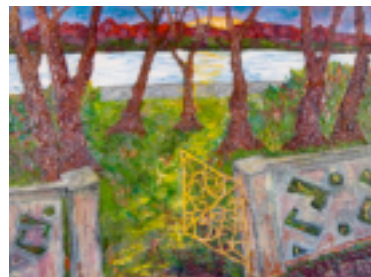
Frambes to 5th Avenue 8 am-2 pm

Parking Bays 13th, 14th, 16th & 18th Avenues 2nd & 4th

Wednesdays April through October

IMPORTANT! Move the car!

Be sure to remove your car from the streets that are being swept. The tow trucks are busy those days and it can easily cost you about \$100 if you don't.



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Please check category of dues listed. Dues are paid yearly. Send to UCA, 2231 N High St. #200, Columbus OH 43201

Family \$24_____ Senior/Student \$6_____ Individual \$12 _____ Business/Supporting \$50 _____

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