



THE MISSION

6th Ward Newsletter

Keeping You Connected and Informed

March 2016

Council Pres. Sammarone mugs it with Councilwoman Davis' mother, 90 year old Mrs. Daisy Turner on Swearing in Day



Volunteer Brunilda Turner with Operation Turkey Drop, a community Christmas Dinner



Proud dad Milton Eskew with son Jason Nance who was sworn Tuesday as a new firefighter. Eskew, is a retired Youngstown



A Message from Councilwoman Davis

Dear Friends & Residents:

Thank you for electing me to serve as your City Councilwoman for the 6th Ward. Each day I am honored to serve as your representative to City Hall. I look forward to working with you over the next four years to improve Youngstown and our neighborhoods.

I hope that you will connect with me and let me know how we can make our outreach efforts even better. My newsletter will highlight some of the things we are focusing on at Council and events around the ward. I want this newsletter to create an ongoing dialogue with the community, please let this be the start of a conversation.

As this newsletter goes to print, we are working on approving our city budget for 2016. Know that I have fought to ensure we have excellent police and fire protection, as well as provide funding for our parks, sanitation services, the promotion of economic development and as always, greater transparency in how your tax dollars are being spent. I urge you to attend council meetings to see first hand your government in action.

Please check out my website, Anita4council.com and take the survey there. The site is a source of news and information. I can also be reached via email at: Adavis@youngstownohio.gov or by phone at (330) 207-0302

Share your comments and concerns; I appreciate the feedback.

Thank you again for this opportunity to serve,



Coffee and Conversation with Councilwoman Davis



An opportunity to sit with Councilwoman Davis face-to-face to share what is going on your neighborhood. In an effort to find new ways of engaging with residents who live in areas that don't have neighborhood or home owner associations, or who prefer a more relaxed setting Councilwoman Davis is instituting several initiatives, one of them is "Coffee and Conversations with the Councilwoman".

These small, informal gatherings take place on Saturday mornings in different area restaurants around the ward to make it convenient for residents to attend. Each meeting will get things started with a brief overview of major issues facing the city and the ward and then invite questions from the audience.

The first one will be held at Flamebeau Dinner Club at the corner of St. Louis and Market on Saturday March 12 at 10am. Other dates and locations will

6th Ward Round-up

Vacant rundown houses are being demolished. Seven houses have been taken down in the ward in January and February with more to come. Several issues brought forward by the Handel and Boulevard Block Watches have been addressed and resolved, vehicles removed by owner. In the 300 block of Ferndale complaints about disabled vehicles left on empty lots were

addressed and resolved, with one car being removed by its owner and the other car towed by YPD. There was a complaint of a traffic hazard created by a large tree. The issue was resolved and the hazard abated. Several complaints were received about dead trees along the devil stripe on three different streets. Trees were either totally taken down or reduced to no longer be a hazard.

The Street Dept. did a great job keeping the street clear of snow. They are to be commended. During the recent snow storm most streets were treated the following day.

If you have a complaint about speeding cars, please contact the Youngstown Police Department. Trees in the devil strip creating a hazard, contact the Park Department. The city does not remove trees from private property.

The Public Square



Sponsored by the Buckeye Review Newspaper, The Public Square is a discussion about how public policy affects our private choices and our children and families. At this first event Mahoning County Sheriff Jerry Greene and Chief of Police in the City of Youngstown Robin Lees were at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church on Youngstown's south side. The top cops used the opportunity to give the citizens of Youngstown more of a mutual understanding about interactions with an

officer of the law.

Topics of discussion ranged widely from the use of lethal force, to the elimination of the heroin traffic and what suggestions could be given to parents in assisting to teach their children and so on. One thing that Chief Lees shared with the audience is that all officers have ongoing mandated training they go through after getting hired.

Public Square is held monthly at Mt. Gilead Church.

What Does City Council Do

Youngstown City Council is the legislative branch of the city government, as well as the keeper of the City's financial gate. The council also looks at the city's goals, major projects and infrastructure improvements ranging from community growth to land use to finances and strategic planning.

The City Charter is the driving document behind what the Council Representative can and can't do. This document outlines the scope of what the government does as a whole, including its rules and responsibilities to the citizens, and what powers and checks, guides and defines the council. These duties and responsibilities can be summed up as "do the very best to represent your constituents only after you've seen to the needs of the city as a whole."

Basically even though the focus is on our individual ward we understand what happens to the city happens to the wards. This is never more evident than around budget season, when needs and wants often collide. Every ward wants a piece of the pie, and believes it should be in equal slices. If a Council Representative grabs a slice of the pie without considering long-term needs, the city could wind up facing additional hardship. So, to run a city successfully, a councilmember has to weigh the needs of a ward with the needs of the whole community.

Commonly heard terms during Council

Board of Control (BOC) - made up of the Mayor, Finance Director and Law Director, responsible for executing contracts and financial expenditures on behalf of the City

Caucus - A meeting. During the caucus Council discusses agenda items

Charter - Defines the roles of the City Government and its authority

Communications - Documents received pertaining to City business

Consent Agenda - Grouping agenda items together to vote on at one time, used to expedite routine matters

Legislation - All matters of business under consideration, which may become law in the City

Minutes - Official record of proceeding of meetings

Motion (move) - A formal proposal for action

Pro Tempore - A member of Council elected by Council to perform in the absence of the President

Resolutions - A formal expression of an opinion or recognition

Rules of Council - Rules of order governing City Council

Suspend - Temporarily defer the rules



Boulevard BW

1st Tuesdays, 6:30

Sunset and Midlothian

Terrance Esarco, president

Eyz N the Neighborhood BW

4th Monday at 6:30

Oasis Care Facility

William Betts, president

Handel's BW

1st Tuesday, 6:00

Newport Library

David Starr, president

ICU BW

3rd Monday

Metro Assembly Church

Victoria Allen, president

Market Street Merchants Association

1st Tuesday, 5:30pm

Newport Library

Tyronne Peakes, president

Pleasant Grove Action Team

Meets quarterly, next meeting
Tuesday April 5th at 5pm. YNDC office
on Canfield Road

Operation Turkey Drop



Inspired by an episode of an 80's tv show, WKRP in Cincinnati, on December 19 then Councilwoman elect Anita Davis and sitting 6th Ward Councilwoman Janet Tarpley, sponsored an early holiday fellowship dinner for the community to share in the celebration of Christmas season. More than 100 people from all sides of town came together to enjoy a repast with all the trimmings, held at Mt. Gilead Church on Hillman Street.

The church's new fellowship hall provided a warm and inviting environment. The guests were encouraged to stay and leisurely

minge, and could be seen sharing family photos and playing table games. Laughter and positive energy filled the hall.

The food was delicious. Turkey galore, (deep fried, traditional, and deep dish—no two alike), ham, green beans, dressing, macaroni and cheese including Ted's Special, The dessert offerings topped off the dinner and they were awesome, and the only thing missing was Patty Labelle's sweet potato pie.

Janet and Anita thanked all the volunteers and donors without whom Operation Turkey Drop was a big

Without everyone leaping in none of it would have been possible. David and Janice John, Patty Bowser, Ted Davis, FloEtta Jordan, Curtis Davis, D'Aare Sky, Brunilda and San Turner, Rosa and Rozzie Davis, Carlos Rivera, Alex Bugno, Tracey Patton-Oates, Jaladah Aslam, Thelma and Louise, John Saulitis, and Danielle. The cast and crew not only donated all the turkeys, hams and array of desserts, they gave their time serving up the meals and cooking all the food. Guests were seated at tables and the merry band of volunteers brought the meals to them.



St. Andrewes AME Church



CW. Davis, Rev. Aimee Anderson, Rev. B. Davis, and Charles Anderson

St. Andrewes is the oldest African American Church in the Mahoning Valley. The church has served steadfast as a social leader in this community for over 147 years and a shining example of faith.

The AME Church was founded by Bishop Richard Allen in 1787 and has endured the past 229 years amassing a world wide membership of over 2.5 Million members, with over 7,000 congregations in 40 countries on 5 continents. Recently Bishop Allen was honored by the USPS on the new forever stamp.

Both the AME Church as well as St. Andrewes AME Church have endured many years of struggle, hardships, and obstacles. The early years of the AME Church history were a constant struggle against racial discrimination. Its Charleston church was investigated for its involvement with the slave uprising in

Charleston led by Denmark Vesey.

After the slave revolt was suppressed, the AME church was burned to the ground. Worship services continued after the church was rebuilt until 1834 when all black churches were outlawed. The congregation continued worshipping underground until 1865 when it was formally reorganized, and the name Emmanuel was adopted, meaning "God with us".

The congregation of St. Andrewes, and its pastor, Rev. Brandon Davis, were presented by Councilwoman Davis with a proclamation from the City of Youngstown, in recognition of its many