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BOARD MEETINGS

April 11 - Monday @ the
Hoover/Avery res.

July 6 - Wednesday @
the Dager's

October 5 - Wednesday
@ the Tiernon's

Annual Meeting-Friday,
Nov. 11 at Kingston

Welcome 2011!

Winterset Neighborhood Association Newsletter—Winter 2011

Read on for information about OUR neighborhood!

Winterset Board Meetings and officers in the association will always appear to the left of this column. Please contact us with your comments/concerns.

Board Activities for the New Year

John Moore will implement the new Winterset web site to provide information, calendar of events, important links to local governments, etc.

Bob P. will be installing new solar lighting for the entranceways to enhance the beauty of our community's first impression.

The Board will be working with the Maumee Flood Commission in an effort to increase awareness and obtain information regarding an emergency plan for the next 500 year flood.

The Board continues to attend monthly Southwest Area Partnership meetings and work with the city on issues regarding street / sidewalk repairs, neighborhood watch and other community interests.

Bobbie Brubaker has graciously accepted the Board's invitation to co-ordinate a Garden Walk for Winterset this spring or early summer.

To participate,
please contact Bobbie @ 747-3552



Gifts Come In Many Ways

With the Christmas and Hanukkah seasons just recently passed, most of us have faced the challenge of buying the right present for someone. Sometimes it is an easy process and other times it is almost torturous. I guess I should speak strictly for myself as I apparently am missing that female "love to shop" gene that the media says I am seemingly supposed to have inherited somewhere in my DNA. Perhaps, it is the fact that I detest most shopping malls, detest large crowds, detest waiting in long lines to check out, and my general lack of creativity. I was born three days before the first atomic bomb was dropped on August 6, 1945, and being child number five, my childhood was not one that meant 10 presents under the Christmas tree. If asked what was the best Christmas gift you ever got as a child, there is no hesitation to my response – Betty Crocker Easy Bake Oven. That is rather ironic as I grew up in a family of ten and baking and cooking were just a given fact of life. They were work. They were a natural part of life. By the time I was twelve I could be trusted to can vegetables, bake just about anything, and even had mastered the task that sounds so gory to some - chop the heads off of, pluck the feathers, gut, and cut up the chickens that were to be served for dinner that night. So I occasionally laugh at my being so thrilled with an Easy Bake Oven as the real deal- a regular oven - was already a normal part of my life.

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With age I certainly learned that gifts come in my forms, not often wrapped up neatly with bows. One of the greatest gifts life has given me and my husband Joe is GREAT NEIGHBORS. For 37 years we lived on N. Cornell Circle next to Frank (Francis) and Helen Coomes. To my dying days we will never be able to thank them enough for all they have done for us. Frank could fix, repair, build, wallpaper, paint etc just about anything. When the oil filter would not come off for Joe, Frank could get it off. When Frank saw us neophytes trying to patch a flat roof that was leaking, his ladder was soon propped against the house and he became the lead foreman. Helen could be counted on to loan us anything we needed and saved us more money with her serious coupon shopping than I could ever calculate. They became our substitute parents, our plumber, our electrician, our friends. Good Neighbors cannot be bought in any shopping mall or even at eBay or Amazon.com. What comfort it gave us for 37 years to know that we were not alone...help was always just across the driveway. During one of the ice storms in the 1980s, Frank bought a generator and always made sure one of his long extension cords reached into our home to give us light.

Frank and Helen Coomes were better than any wrapped present.

About seven years ago, Helen came to the side door and said Frank and I have to talk with you. It sounded serious. I thought I hope no one is seriously ill. Their news was that they were moving. Moving to an addition off Winchester Road called Winterset. While I was glad for them my heart was also saying – there goes our “Linus Security Blanket”; there goes the best gift we had ever been given. Ironically there is not enough time to tell the story that Frank and Helen Coomes who live at 733 Snowfall Road bought the home that we had been seriously considering buying ourselves but they had beat us to the punch!! Our knees had been telling us for years that they would be much happier living in a ranch so we had been casually and reluctantly house hunting. We had the best situation going – great neighbors but knee and hip joints that hurt can be powerful motivators. Thanks to

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Joe and Mary Merchich 6912 River Haze Road, we knew when a For Sale sign went up in Winterset. We ended up moving to 6832 River Haze a few months before Frank and Helen moved to Snowfall Road. Needless to say we are not next door neighbors anymore and some thousand feet might separate us but I know that Frank could probably string enough extension cords together so we could get some lights burning off of his generator! These days Franks keeps our old wood lawn furniture glued and painted and recently built me a stand for my file cabinet. Today we are blessed with many good neighbors not only on River Haze, but all the streets in Winterset. I will not begin to name them as I do not wish to leave anyone out. Suffice it to say good neighbors are a wonderful gift, a gift better than most that come wrapped with a bow. We are grateful to all in Winterset that help make this a friendly, helpful, and beautiful neighborhood in which to live. You are such wonderful gifts.
(article by Jean Hahn)

February is National Heart Month.

Life Line Screening will be at Calvary United Methodist Church on Monday

Feb.7, 2011. For info regarding fees or to schedule an appointment:

1-877-792-8480 toll free or local 450-0549.

NOTE: Life Line Screening is not a free service.

