

**FAIRLAWN HISTORICAL COMMISSION (FHC)
STATUS REPORT TO FAIRLAWN CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 29, 2008**

Mission Statement: The Fairlawn Historical Commission, authorized by the City of Fairlawn, Ohio, is dedicated to gathering and preserving archival materials, disseminating historic information to the public, and celebrating Fairlawn's historical heritage through programming, publications, exhibits, interpretation and advisory services, and other activities.

2007-2008 Activities:

1. Cataloged and archived historical materials and holdings into 48 categories with the volunteer help of archivist Ronnie Greenberg.
2. Acquired storage equipment and placed historical holdings in them.
3. Recommended legislation to City Council authorizing ebay sale of holdings not considered historically significant to the City of Fairlawn.
4. Donated selected holdings not considered historically significant to the City of Fairlawn to appropriate nonprofit agencies.
5. Published historical articles in the city newsletter.
6. Took oral histories from three individuals and will include these as part of the article series in the city newsletter.
7. Contributed historical material to City of Fairlawn feature in September 2008 edition of Akron Life & Leisure magazine.
8. Conducted photo survey of key Fairlawn traffic corridors and sites to provide a physical development baseline. Photo shoot will be repeated periodically to record changes in the appearance of the city over time.
9. Reviewed situation with local radio/TV broadcaster halls of fame for potential for location in Fairlawn. No recommendation/action based on two competing organizations involved in inductions, hall membership, exhibit materials, and trying to secure funding.
10. Commissioners (Jim Kroeger, Tom Luck, Larry Rubens, Elizabeth Sandwick, Christopher Tipping) are meeting monthly to conduct FHC business. Laura George and Richard Goldsmith have been staffing and advising the FHC.

Anticipated Future Activities:

1. With City Council approval, sell items not considered historically significant to the City of Fairlawn on ebay.
2. Place selected archival materials in visible locations (City Hall, Griffiths Park Resource Center, etc.)
3. Scan print/graphic materials and make them available to citizens, researchers, students and other interested parties via a link the city website.
4. Acquire additional archival inventory via donation or loan.