

# Salem Lamplighter

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## Meet Your Neighbor: Wayne Schlingman

by Chris Rudin

In the July 26 issue of The Ohio State University “Latest News for Faculty & Staff,” one of our neighbors wrote about a scientist’s perspective on Apollo 11. Meet our neighbor: Wayne Schlingman, who is the planetarium director at the Arne Slettebak Planetarium at OSU. He is an astronomer, meaning, he studies celestial objects beyond Earth’s atmosphere.

It was my pleasure to spend time with Wayne—it kind of felt like a 60 Minutes interview! The first thing I asked him was, “What does an astronomer do?” Astronomers research and record data from cameras and interpret what it means. Wayne’s job is to describe astronomical data and ideas to the general public. He coordinates presentations for undergraduate and graduate students as well as the general public. Did you know the planetarium has been in the Smith Laboratory on OSU campus for fifty-one years?!

So, why astronomy? Wayne had an interest in science for most of his life. He chose astronomy by a process of elimination between chemistry and physics and got hooked on astronomy. Wayne did his undergraduate study at the University of New Mexico and graduate studies at University of Arizona, where he received his PhD.



Want to be an astronomer? Concentrate on courses in physics, math, and chemistry! His advice to young people interested in a scientific career: “Follow your heart and don’t give up because it’s hard.”

Wayne has been a resident of Salem for five years. He was drawn to the neighborhood feel, friendly people and the diverse population. He is a substitute delivery person for the *Lamplighter*. In addition to looking at the stars, he is a photographer who has had an exhibit of his photos of lightning. Some of you may remember fountain pens that use real ink—our neighbor prefers to write using a fountain pen. Wayne feels the pen writes whole words, not just letters (can you remember cursive?).

Look for postings on Facebook about presentations at the planetarium. There are plans to provide Salem School students an

opportunity to learn about the wonders of the sky above the world we live in.

Wayne showed me a 3-D model of Buzz Aldrin’s footprint on the moon! Totally cool. Make it a point to meet Wayne—his discussion of the Apollo 11 moon landing highlights the facts gained from the mission that celebrated a fifty-year anniversary in July.

## Salem Civic Association Meetings

The next Civic Association meetings are Tuesday, August 27—a dinner meeting!—and Tuesday, September 24. Meetings are held at Salem Baptist Church on Sinclair Road at 7:00 p.m. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend!

# Salem Civic Association Meeting Minutes:

## June 25, 2019

by Jess Baldwin for SCA Secretary

Motion to accept May, 2019, meeting minutes was seconded and passed.

### Officer Clinger and Officer Stafford

- CPD will represent at National Night Out.
- America's Best Value Inn will not re-open soon and will likely have to sell.
- Hawthorne agreed to sign an order to plead guilty to operating a nuisance.
- Extend-A-Suites agreed to a "super secret probation" prior to their hearing.
- A search warrant was served at the North Meadows apartments.
- Speeding complaints should be filed to 311. Community Response Team can try to monitor it, but when they come out they are seen and don't see any speeding.

### Treasurers Report - Pat Hammel

Checking account balance: \$6,311.25  
Expenses: -3,756.50  
(budget commitments)

Proposed Cash Reserve: -2,335.00  
Cash Available: \$ 219.75

- Budget was reviewed and explained.
- We are currently short on actual income vs. projected income. We are expecting more income from *Lamplighter* advertisements.
- Budget vs. Actual is resulting in a loss for the fifth year.
- Treasurer report accepted.

### Discussion

- How do we get more people to dinner meetings? Dinner meetings are also bringing in less income than projected. Fewer people are attending these meetings.
- Do we raise our already low membership dues?
- The next 6 months are already budgeted into the available cash.

### Community Liaison

[aaakainyah@columbus.gov](mailto:aaakainyah@columbus.gov)

- Community liaison, Alfred, agreed to attend meeting, but did not show up.
- Email was sent to Alfred about 1) sewer issues, 2) concrete corner at Hillary and Roche, and 3) speeding in the neighborhood.

### Discussion

- File 311 report on flooding. You can also send specific issues to Charlene.

- The number of people who file a 311 complaint matters.
- Ditches on both sides of Sinclair are full of water and have mosquitos.

### NCC Report

- Karl Rd library has open computer labs on Wednesdays from 9-11 a.m.
- NCC facebook page has post showing planned proposals for Parks and Rec greenways, bike and walking trails.
- Need volunteers for Northland Independence Day parade.
- City is proposing new process for rezoning and use change. A sign would be posted when request is made, similar to Worthington's process.

*Pat will be covering for Sam at the NCC. It looks like Bob Evans is rebuilding in the same location on 161.*

### Website

- The webpage is up!—still under construction, however. Any pictures or additions for the website, please let Stephanie Wheeler know.
- [\\*\(www.salemcivicassociation.org\)](http://www.salemcivicassociation.org) "Village" needs to be removed from it.

### Membership

- 167 residential members, 24 business members plus a few at the meeting.
- We are hoping to get more memberships when the electronic payment method is working on the website.

### Safety

- If you are concerned about speeding cars, please report it to 311.
- Please be careful, it is summertime and we have kids playing more now that school is out.
- 5428 North Meadows has been mowed.

*A Chipotle Fundraiser was suggested and will be looked into for possibly getting more income to the association. O'Reilly's is going into the old Family Dollar area.*

*The City of Columbus has its own sewage and drain department. You can complain directly to them. 614-645-8276 or [utilityleadrep@columbus.gov](mailto:utilityleadrep@columbus.gov)*  
Motion to adjourn was seconded and passed.

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[www.facebook.com/groups/223502895108/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/223502895108/)



# Woo-woooooooo! Open House at Crawford Valley Garden Railroad



**Alvin & Bev Mann Residence**  
5497 Crawford Drive  
(Look for the crossbucks in the driveway)  
Sunday, September 8, 12 noon – 5 p.m.

Alvin & Bev Mann invite all their neighbors to join them on September 8, 2019, in their backyard to see their Crawford Valley garden railroad. They will be open this year from 12 noon until 5 p.m. Thomas and Percy live in their backyard, so bring your little ones to see them in person. Trains seem to ignite the imagination of young and old alike. See if you can imagine yourself driving a buckboard into the town of Lily Pad Junction, feeding the chickens on KAM farm, bringing your grain to the Frame gristmill, or picking out the latest Harley to show off to your friends. Think of the fun it would be to ride the rails with the hobos, ride the fire train to put out the latest brush fire or be a passenger in the dining car watching the scenery go by. There are real frogs and fish hiding among the lily pads and if you look carefully, you might find an eagle, mountain lion, or bear cubs, too!

For more information on other open railroads in the area go to <http://www.thecgrs.org/>

# Collaboration is Our Superpower

by Jake Wheeler

The annual community yard sale in our neighborhood is a great opportunity to meet people. In years past, my wife and I made it a point to introduce ourselves at every house we visited. Sometimes we were able to connect with enthusiastic neighbors eager to become acquainted. Sometimes residents greeted us with indifference, and yet other times people looked at us in disgust with an awkward fear as if to say, "If you don't want to buy any of this junk I don't want anymore then please leave."

This year I used the yard sales as an opportunity to raise awareness of and recruit for our civic association. The response was about what I expected. Some people were eager to become members, making statements like, "I've been meaning to join but keep forgetting." Or, "I didn't know we had an official organization. That's great." Others looked at me like I was a crazy person doing something that didn't matter or that they didn't understand. A few people even treated me like I was an

annoying solicitor selling them a magic potion that I thought would cure community ailments. The truth is, that what I was really offering my neighbors was the power of collaboration.

Several residents brought up issues on their street or mentioned things they observed in the neighborhood that they believe need to be addressed. I told them that voicing their concerns at one of our monthly meetings would be a great first step towards action. As a volunteer for the SCA I get to hear a lot of criticism about everything wrong with our neighborhood. Even though it's not perfect, I still like living in Salem. However, I'm never tempted to tell people that if they don't like it they should stop complaining or move to a different neighborhood. I want to encourage people to collaborate with one another and seek solutions together. Being willing to collaborate is our best tool in building a better future.



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# Salem Civic Association Meeting Minutes: July 23, 2019

by Angie VanHulle, SCA Secretary

Motion to accept June, 2019, meeting minutes was seconded and passed.

## CPD Liaison - Officer Clinger

Only issues are cars being rifled through - do not keep valuables in car and keep car locked.

Extend-a-Suite back in compliance - police will keep eyes on.

614-645-4545\*

## Treasurers Report - Pat Hammel

Income - \$3,843.00

Expenses - \$1,906.19

Net Income - \$1,927.81

Checking account balance \$6,097.72

Remaining budget obligations -\$3,013.81

Annual Cash Reserve -\$2,355.00

Cash Available - \$728.91

Relationship between income and expenses in the budget—Thanksgiving dinner as example. \$500 budgeted for dinners, \$5 donated but that does not add to budgeted expenses amount, it is a source of income. So amount for Thanksgiving dinners remains \$500, not increased to \$505.

Motion made to accept treasurer's report.

## Community Liaison [aaakainyah@columbus.gov](mailto:aaakainyah@columbus.gov)

Charlene Combs spoke with Alfred Akainyah re:

- Sewer issues - Alfred sent request to Public Utilities and forwarded as well to Sewer Maintenance Operations Center.
- 5428 North Meadows - Alfred notified supervisor of Code Enforcement.
- Concrete at corner of Hillery and Roche - he referred out - recommended that residents call 311.
- Speeding in the neighborhood - no longer deploys the speed trailers. Recommended that residents make 311 calls. A resident reported that she saw a speed trailer on Cooke Road.
- Water from park coming into yard - he referred to Parks and Rec.
- Empty lot not being cared for on North Meadows reported every week. Encouraged residents to call 311.

Charlene mentioned that Columbia Service Partners is a

water line warranty company that pays for water line repairs at a minimal monthly membership cost. See *Columbia Service Partners* on Facebook.

## NCC Report

- NCC Development Committee recommended approval for construction of 4-story senior independent housing facility on Roche/161 corner parcel, with the condition they pursue shared parking agreements with neighboring buildings.
- Next 161 Task Force cleanup is Saturday, August 10. Meet at 9 a.m. behind Jiffy Lube at Sharon Woods Center. Bags, gloves, safety vests and pick-up tools provided.
- NCC Annual Picnic Tuesday, August 13, 6-8 p.m. at Northland Swim Club (5006 Almont Dr.). All Northland area residents invited, free admission, NCC provides meats for grilling, bring a side dish to share.
- Northland Area Business Association (NABA) Annual Golf Outing Thursday, August 22, 9:00 a.m. start at York Golf Club. A portion of the proceeds will go to Elevate Northland.
- Next Elevate Northland Business Academy class is 'Grant Writing Like A Lawyer,' Thursday, August 22, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- The next Elevate Northland Community Potluck is Saturday, September 28 at noon at Ashland University on 161.
- Northland Community Bazaar is Saturday, September 14, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. See <https://www.facebook.com/events/336683733646618/> for info to sign up to be a vendor.

## Communications

- *Lamplighter* articles due August 9 - send early if you want but please do not send late. Email articles, ideas, etc., to Jessie at [toney0914@gmail.com](mailto:toney0914@gmail.com).
- Delivery the weekend of August 23 - stuffing on 8/22 (Thursday).

## Website

- The webpage is up - ([www.salemcivicassociation.org](http://www.salemcivicassociation.org))

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## It's a Dinner Meeting!

by Charlene Combs

Please join us on August 27 for our association meeting and dinner. We will have Sloppy Joes and Pulled Pork sandwiches. Of course, sides and desserts will also be available. As always, the cost is \$5 per adult and kids eat free. If you are in the cooking mood, feel free to bring an item to share.

We will have a speaker at this meeting. A representative from the Board of Elections will be there to explain the new voting process.

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# 'Tis the Season—for Nuisance Barking and School Buses

by Jeff Combs, Safety Officer

It appears to be quiet in the neighborhood. If anything has been happening, it has not been reported to me. A couple issues that have come up, however, are barking dogs and school bus safety.

## Barking Dogs

Dogs are a part of every neighborhood, and dogs bark. However there is a not-so-fine line between a dog that is out and has barked for a short time and a dog that is barking for more than 15-20 minutes time and time again. If this happens, please go to your neighbor first. Maybe they are not aware this is a problem.

Advice from our own Liaison Officer, Scott Clinger, as it appeared in the *Dispatch* last year:

Police in Columbus say if you want to complain about your neighbor's barking dog, don't call 9-1-1.

"It's a filler run, it takes our time from doing other things that are more important," says Officer Scott Clinger, who patrols the Precinct 18 on the north end of Columbus.

Clinger says each of those calls takes time away from what officers feel could be more priority ones compared to a noise complaint.

"Cars get broken into, garages get broken into... everything you can imagine to happen will happen during that time," explains Officer Clinger. "We're not able to do much about it because we're taking a report off something that we really can't do anything about."

To reduce calls for service related to animal complaints, Columbus Police, along with the City Attorney's office, are putting out a "how-to" guide on what to do instead of calling 9-1-1.

## Information on the Problem of Excessive Dog Barking

The first action to take when dealing with a barking dog problem is to contact Chief of Staff Bill Hedrick at (614) 645-8874. Mr. Hedrick or a member of the staff will assist you with other dog issues.

Excessive dog barking solutions may include the following:

1. A noisy animal warning letter can be mailed to the address where the dog in question resides. We do not disclose the identity of the person who has called our office to complain about the noisy animal. A vast majority of barking dog issues are resolved at this step.
2. Mediation can be scheduled in our office to allow the parties to discuss the matter. Our Night Prosecutor Mediation Program has a long history of successfully handling this type of neighborhood problem.
3. If the problem persists despite a warning letter and mediation, prosecution exists as a final option. Noisy Animals is a minor misdemeanor under the Columbus City Code and a violation is punishable by a fine of up to \$150. To prosecute this offense, our office requires the following types of evidence:

- A. The barking must happen within the city limits of Columbus. You must also provide the dog owner's name. If the owner's name is not available, our Intake Unit can attempt to acquire the information.
- B. To prosecute a case, you must provide exact dates and times the barking has taken place. Simply stating "the dog barks every day" is NOT sufficient evidence to file a criminal charge. The evidence you submit should also include one or two other households in the area that will confirm the dates and times the barking occurred. Video and/or audio tape recordings of the barking are also very helpful. Generally, twenty minutes or more of audio demonstrating continuous barking is needed to create a strong case.

Please note: Dogs will bark. Unless the barking is excessive, it is NOT considered criminal. Be advised that in order to pursue a criminal charge (as explained in #3 above), you will need to file a complaint through the Intake Unit at the Columbus City Prosecutor's Office, 375 South High Street, 7th Floor. If charges are approved, you may be required to appear in court several times.

## School Bus Safety

Following is a list of the latest school bus laws in Ohio:

The driver of any vehicle approaching a school bus in any direction must stop at least ten feet from the front or rear of the school bus. They cannot proceed until the school bus resumes motion or the school bus driver motions for the automobile driver to proceed.

All school buses are equipped with amber and red visual signals meeting the requirements of section 4511.771 of the Revised Code. These can be activated by the bus driver only when the bus is stopped or stopping on the roadway for the purpose of loading/unloading school children, persons attending mental health or developmental disabilities programs, or children attending programs by head start agencies.

When a highway has four or more lanes, a driver of a vehicle approaching from the opposite direction of the school bus does not need to stop. However, drivers of vehicles driving in the same direction as the school bus must stop.

Regarding divided highways or highways with four or more lanes, school bus drivers are required to unload/load passengers on the residence's side of the highway.

The school bus driver is required to wait until the passengers have reached a safe destination on the side of the road before driving away.

School bus laws in Ohio are serious. Any driver who fails to follow the laws listed above can be fined an amount up to \$500 and receive a one-year license suspension.

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### *Minutes con't. from page 5*

- Will upload minutes and add calendar of events (along with trash schedule).
- Send community events to Jessie Baldwin.
- Website committee will meet in a week or so to set up a PayPal account and online membership.

### Membership

- 172 residential members
- 24 business members plus a few at the meeting.
- Regarding a welcoming committee: Jake said it is usually the responsibility of membership chair to welcome new members. He is working on a process for doing this. One resident suggested a letter and some other neighborhood information (*Lamplighter*, etc.) be placed in a clear bag and hung on the front door. Perhaps local businesses could be asked to contribute coupons.
- Another resident suggested SCA members visit sellers at the upcoming garage sale and give them a *Lamplighter* and invite them to the SCA meeting.
- It was also suggested that an article about the Website go into the *Lamplighter*.
- Jake was reminded to submit a projected budget request if he would need funding for the suggestions above.

### Safety - Jeff Combs

- Concerns about speeding - referred to Alfred.
- Hot days - keep animals indoors.
- Columbus Schools resume classes on 8/22.

### Social

- September 8 - Crawford Valley Garden Railroad, 5497 Crawford Drive - 12 noon-5 p.m. For more information, visit: <http://www.thecgrs.org/>
- September 24 - September Meeting

### Salem Elementary - PTA

- No news - school not in session.
- Salem has new counselor.
- It appears school is getting a new roof and A/C.

### Beautification Committee - Leslie Baab

Can use some helpers, ideas or suggestions.

### Old Business -

Items addressed above in Columbus City

### New Business -

- Residents were asked if they would like to have a Chipotle fundraiser to help fund SCA, to be held in one of the Northland locations. Charlene & Jessie will check into available dates.
  - Sam Shy recommended another low cost fundraiser - discount cards for restaurants. Sell for \$10/pay \$5, SCA receives \$5. Need volunteers to visit restaurants to encourage them to participate.
  - Boy Scouts will pick up leftovers from garage sale. Please leave on curb with note saying "For Boy Scouts."
  - City Council - reimagining 161 corridor - grant to provide analysis/study of what people/residents need. Part of 161 task force.
  - Bridge project on Sinclair Road from Morse Road.
  - A link for a program on WOSU about growth in Columbus and the need for affordable housing will be sent to SCA email group.
  - A resident shared about RR crossing lights and barriers at Lincoln not always functioning. OH is looking at budgets for RR crossings - if you see something, call your state representative.
- Motion to adjourn.

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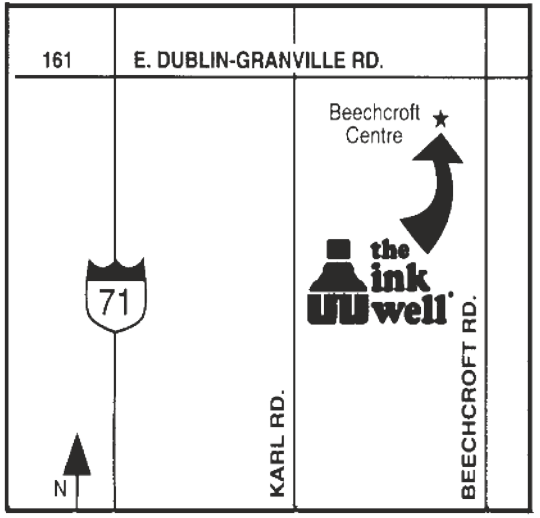
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# Observations...

by Doug Moody

As many of you know, I am inspired to write these little missives mostly from what Duke and I see or experience on our daily walks around Salem. This installment is going to be a bit different. While Duke has still been visiting his regular haunts about the neighborhood, it has been my wife Audrey at the other end of the lead. I have been left to find inspiration in a torn meniscus in my right knee. This happened in late April and I had arthroscopic surgery the middle of June. Recovery is going well, but, as I will get to later, is not progressing with the rapidity I would like. Being close to immobile for the last three months (and counting) has given me time to make some life observations, some of which I will share with you, my lucky readers.

First, in the spirit of full disclosure, this was not my first, but fourth, arthroscopic surgery, so I have some hard-won experience to go along with my thoughts.

My first observation, given especially to you kids (those under 40), is take care of your body. In your teens, twenties and thirties, you believe you are indestructible. Small tweaks, strains and pulls are only minor annoyances. Week-end warrioring is viewed as an acceptable and bold way of life. In my opinion, you couldn't be more wrong. Each of those little annoyances have a cumulative effect on the body that only begin to show up after age fifty or so. Then, when you have difficulty raising your arm above your shoulder or it hurts to bend over, you will begin to remember all those seemingly benign injuries and wonder, "Why did I DO that?" That's when the veil of indestructibility begins to fall. Nobody ever told me this. At least now I have told you.

My second observation is for the fifty-somethings that are currently nodding their heads at the last paragraph. If you are currently experiencing those growing aches and pains, swallow your pride, confess them to your doctor and get them checked out! Thinking that you can give it some time and it'll get better rarely works out well. Things usually get progressively worse. You begin to stop doing those things you like to do because it hurts. Your

world contracts little by little. Your kids don't think you're fun anymore. If it is something that can be treated, get it done now. You are young enough that the treatment and recovery times are still tolerable. Believe me, you don't want to enter your dotage at anything less than your best. Growing old is not for sissies!

And that brings me to the rest of us, the 65 and over crowd. It's right around this age when a person begins to realize that there is a lot more to look back on than there is to look forward to. This is a harsh reality. It is also a part of life. In all of recorded history, I only know of two or three people who have been documented to have gotten out alive. The one advantage we do have over the other two groups is life experience. We have that in spades. The problem is, we are seemingly very reluctant to share our life experiences. It's like we believe, "Hey, nobody told me about this; why should I tell them? They'll figure it out!" Sounds selfish when you say it out loud. My advice: share what you know. Not in a way that gets you branded as the old fart in the neighborhood who thinks he knows everything, but in a kind and loving way that says, "Hey, I've been there and done that. Let me share my experience." Several positive things will happen when you do this. One, in order to pass on your hard-won knowledge, you will have to develop friendships with your neighbors. Second, your world will start to re-inflate as you call more people "friend." Third, your new friends will benefit from your knowledge and, finally, Salem will continue to improve as a great place to live. You never know, you might even end up sticking around longer because you're having so much fun!

Finally, in the words of one of my favorite television shows, "And now for something completely different..." I have a free offer. If you have seen our yard, you know Audrey and I love trees. One of the tree species we have is the American Elm. The trees are clones from Dutch Elm Disease-resistant trees. This spring, one of these trees went into overdrive producing seeds. I have been cultivating a few of these into seedlings. If you would be interested in having an American Elm in your yard, give us a shout. You may be able to adopt one!




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