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Christmas decoration in Salem.

### Salem Civic Association Meetings

The next Civic Association meetings are Tuesday, December 17 and Tuesday, January 28. 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: October 22, 2019

by Angela VanHulle, SCA Secretary

Motion made to accept September 2019 minutes. Accepted.

Columbus Police Liaison - Rick Foster - Community Response Team Member Watch out for scam calls as they increase during the holidays. CPD can run folks out of homeless camps along the railroad.

**Environmental Court Judge** - Stephanie Mingo

Explains all that she oversees: building/housing code enforcement, animal abuse & neglect.

Code violation cases can take 4-5 months to resolve issue (get property into compliance). If not compliant, goes to judge. There are usually issues that lead to property decline (drug abuse, death of spouse, illness in family, hoarding, etc.) Judge looks behind cases of community complaint for cause of problems and links owners with resources to help them.

Vacant properties attract crime and are put on faster track. They can try to bring vacant properties in compliance or can have them demolished.

Question from resident about the trash around the homeless camps along railroad. She referred SCA to City Engineer Robertson, who wants to be notified about these issues. Phone number (614) 525-3043, crobertson@franklincountyengineer. org). Kyle Kirker - resource in Environmental Court.

**Columbus Community Liaison**: Alfred Akainyah - aaakainyah@Columbus.gov - not present.

- 5661 Crawford court case to be filed for noncompliance.
- Concrete at corner of Hillary and Roche - still not fixed.
- Stop sign at North Meadows and Garvey tree was pruned.
- Sewer issues addressed by city. Tree roots cleaned from curb to street but roots in sewer line from curb into the home are owner's responsibility.

**Treasurer's Report** - Pat Hammel As a result of concerns raised at the September meeting over the 2019 budget that was presented and approved in January 2019 and reviewed and approved without changes in June 2019, the executive board reviewed the concerns and prepared a recommendation.

The executive board recommends that for the current 2019 fiscal year, any donated funds for the following activities: Salem Elementary School, feral cats, food bank, Thanksgiving dinners, be added to the original general fund budgeted amount. Motion to accept this recommendation was made and seconded.

After discussion, the motion was amended to state the 2019 budget will include expenditures from donations first, then expenditures from general funds. Donated money not spent carries forward to the following year. General fund money not spent in respective categories reverts to the general fund. Motion seconded.

Another amendment was brought to the floor to add Beautification Committee line (other) to budget as there have been donations.

All motions and amendments passed. Income - \$4,667.00 Expenses - \$2,702.33 Net Income - \$1,964.67 Checking account balance - \$6,114.58 Remaining budget obligations - \$3,112.67 Annual Cash Reserve - \$2,335.00 Cash Available - \$666.91 Motion made to accept Treasurer's report. Passed.

### NCC UPDATE - Pat Hammel

- Karl Road library providing after school homework help (K-12) from 4-7 p.m. M-F; includes snack.
- Elevate Northland. Financial literacy class "Different Ways to Pay: Understanding Credit," September 24, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Ashland University room 107 1900 E D-G Road.

NCC Development Committee - Sam Shy (not present)

**Communications** - Jessie Baldwin *Lamplighter* articles due November 26. Delivery the week of December 9. Executive Board will be increasing ad

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Leslie Baab

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### Civic Association Elects Officers for 2020

Charlene Combs, SCA President

The November Salem Civic Association (SCA) meeting saw the election of officers to lead our association in the coming year. You'll see many familiar faces, as numerous people agreed to continue serving in the capacity they served in 2019.

What you won't see many of are new faces to fill the positions that have been vacated. Jessie Baldwin stepped down from her position as Communications Chair and the position remains unfilled. Likewise, while Pat Hammel has been pulling double-duty as Vice President and Treasurer since Steve Baker resigned as Treasurer for health reasons six months ago, the Treasurer position remains unfilled for 2020. The exception is Norma Sisson, who stepped up to finish Chris Rudin's remaining year in a three-year term as Trustee. All other officers agreed to another term in office, including Cindy Baker as Trustee, whose threeyear term was up but signed on for another three-year position. It is important to note here, that by our constitution, the same person may hold a position for no more than four terms.

This means we have two extremely important positions to fill: Treasurer and Communications Chair. It can sometimes be scary to step up and commit but you will have support. We have a pretty seasoned board which will offer as much support as you feel you need. This association cannot continue without volunteers who are willing to commit to making this the best neighborhood possible to live in and raise our children.

So please think about it. If you want to discuss any position, please contact Charlene. All of her information is in the masthead of the *Lamplighter* and on our web page.

A sincere

Thank You

to these, the officers of the

Salem Civic Association

heading into 2020,

as well as all who served our

neighborhood's association

in 2019.

President Charlene Combs
Vice President Pat Hammel
Secretary Angie VanHulle
Treasurer Open
Communications Chair Open
Membership Chair Jake Wheeler
Safety Chair Jeff Combs
Third year Trustee Norma Sisson
Second year Trustee Doug Moody
First year Trustee Cindy Baker

Each November, Salem Civic Association provides ten complete Thanksgiving dinners to families of students at Salem School. A huge thank you to the team of Chris Rudin, Carol Silness, Mike Wonnacott, Pat Hammell, Pam Unger, and Sam Shy, who were tasked with making this happen. Also, thanks to Kim Nesser, manager of Kroger at Graceland for getting the large order together. The group had a dedicated cashier and Carrie, who pulled needed items. Sam organizes the bags; the others say, "Just do what Sam tells us," and the system works beautifully! Mrs. Pearson from Salem School helped coordinate the delivery. Truly a team effort and one of the best parts of Thanksgiving.

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### Salem Civic Association Meeting Minutes: November 26, 2019

by Jessie Toney for SCA Secretary

Motion made to accept October 2019 minutes. Accepted.

**Speaker: Franklin County Wildlife Officer** - Brad Kiger Informed that archery hunting is permitted on private property due to overpopulation of deer. If deer drops on another person's property, the hunter must obtain permission to get the dear. All must follow "in season" laws.

**Columbus Police Liaison** - Scott Clinger It is illegal to fire a firearm in the city limits.

(Combustion through a barrel).

If you hit a deer, CPD will tag the carcass and contact people from a list who may want the deer.

Police situation at Garvey & Crawford was due to a company van stolen from Polaris area - van was followed. Thieves were not from Salem area.

#### NCC UPDATE - Pat Hammel

- Karl Road library providing after school homework help (K-12) from 4-7 p.m. M-F; includes snack.
- NABA luncheon, December 10, 11:30-1:00 at Ashland University on 161.
- Next NCC development meeting, December 4; nothing involving our community.

Treasurer's Report - Pat Hammel

Income - \$4,992.00

Expenses - \$2,797.37

Net Income - \$2,194.63

Checking account balance - \$6,344.54

Remaining budget obligations - \$3,017.63

Annual Cash Reserve - \$2,355.00

Cash Available - \$991.91

Motion made to accept Treasurer's report. Passed.

Communications - Jessie Baldwin

Lamplighter articles due November 30.

Delivery the week of December 9.

Membership - Jake Wheeler

Residential Members YTD - 200

Business members YTD - 25

Safety Committee - Jeff Combs

Sinclair Road project completion date 12/6. Sidewalks will be installed on the east side of the road. There have

been delays due to weather.

**Social Committee** - Need chairperson

Chipotle Fundraiser, December 8.

**Hospitality** - Charlene Combs

Christmas party at SCA meeting, December 17, 7 p.m. Pizza and bingo. Pizza and salad will be from Pizza House; please feel free to bring side items.

### **Salem Elementary School**

Thanksgiving meals (with full fixings) were delivered to eleven families the Saturday before Thanksgiving. The families would not have been able to do a traditional Thanksgiving meal otherwise and were very grateful. This was made possible in large part by the help of Salem Civic Association.

Beautification Committee - Leslie Baab

Nothing to report.

### **New Business**

- Officer elections. These current officers have agreed to continue:
  - President Charlene Combs
  - Vice President Pat Hammel
  - Secretary Angie VanHulle
  - Membership Jake Wheeler
  - · Safety Jeff Combs
  - Interim trustee position (1 year) Norma Sisson agreed to run.
  - Trustee position (3-year) Cindy Baker agreed to run.
- Need someone for the following positions:
  - Treasurer
  - Communications
- Rae Kirkbride asked for help for a new feral cat group. There are some newcomers to our feral site on North Meadows that need to be TNR'd. We could use volunteer assistance with transportation, if anyone has a heart for it. You may text Charlene at 614-378-7950 or call and leave a message with your contact info if you are interested in helping.

Motion to adjourn.





10:00am 3:00pm

5532 Sinclair Rd Columbus, OH 43229 Website: http://theconnection.ws





First of all, from the bottom of my heart, I want to say that it has been a pleasure and a privilege to have met so many neighbors in our wonderful community over these past 7 years and to have worked for so many of you in caring for your home. Salem Property Care has been a blessing to us because of the support that we have received from you...Thank you!

<u>Secondly, with great expectations, I hope to continue serving you with our new adventure: Mansfield Handyman & Consulting!</u>

From so many angles, opened doors, and words of advice from family/friends, we will be switching gears and discontinuing the following services beginning this month: weekly lawn care, fertilizing, and emergency snow removal. Our new focus is to help our clients to *BUY*, *FIX*, or *SELL* their home in the metro-Columbus area. Backed with 30 years of real estate and remodeling experience, our company looks forward to fulfilling your & your friends' & familys' & your coworkers' dreams!

We will officially begin "Mansfield Handyman & Consulting" in January 2020. This new endeavor will focus on answering all the questions of home buying, selling, and home repairs and remodeling. With a Real Estate degree from OSU, an MBA in Finance, and being a licensed Real Estate Professional in Ohio for several years, I am ready to assist you! I hope that so many of our friends and customers in the community would freely reach out to me with that eternal question: "How much is my house worth?" As well as, "What do I need to do to get my house ready for sale?" And finally, "How much house am I qualified to purchase?" Answering your questions is all part of the "consulting" that I will happily provide friends and neighbors - NO COST!

Our number will remain the same **614-905-0240** and I hope that you will not hesitate to call/text me to chat about these important matters.

Happy Holidays and I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Warm regards, Bill Pearce, Jr.

PS: Please spread the word!

### Charlene's Page...

by Charlene Combs, SCA President

### B-I-N-G-O! December Meeting is Christmas Party

A reminder that the December SCA meeting is on the *third* Tuesday of the month, which is December 17 *and* it's our annual Christmas party! This is our celebration of the holidays—our time to visit and enjoy each other's company, eat some pizza, play bingo, win some prizes and just have fun. This year's party also features live entertainment! None other than Otis Johnson, from Johnson's Barber Shop on Lincoln Ave, will provide entertainment as he sings Christmas songs and other music, accompanied on the guitar by—none other than Otis Johnson!

Your civic association will provide pizza and salad from the award-winning Pizza House, as well as drinks and desserts. However, please feel free to bring anything you would like to share. This is a very child-friendly event so bring the little ones with you. There will be bingo prizes for all ages, and remember—everyone is a winner!

Dinner begins around 7 p.m., followed by a rousing, perpetual game of bingo. This is a party you don't want to miss. We will also be taking memberships for next year at this meeting. I hope to see a lot of both familiar and new faces!!!



Christmas decoration in Salem.

### **Local Happenings**

Wow! We have a lot going on lately. Where do I start? *Sinclair Road construction* is almost complete and should be open by the time you are reading this. It's been a long haul! As with many projects, when you begin, you think you know what you are getting into but it's never that simple. Such was the case with this project. They thought it was going to take less than sixty days...add on about another month. I am convinced it will all be worth it, however. When it opens, you will notice the road is wider and more level. Eliminating the dip in the road will alleviate the flooding and ice that caused issues. Widening will allow for sidewalks to be installed to run from Morse Road to Strimple Avenue. Plans are still being finalized for the

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sidewalk project but it should begin within a year. When I have more information, I will share it.

**Bob Evans** has been rebuilt and is due to open by mid-December. So glad to see the choice was made to rebuild! Have you driven by it? It looks so nice!

What about *Kickin' Chicken* taking over the empty restaurant space on Sinclair Road? It's nice to have another option for food. Right now, it is open Monday-Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays from noon to 5 p.m. Many people in the neighborhood have tried it and love it. If you are on our Facebook page (Salem Civic Association (Ohio)) you will see the posts raving about this place! Stop by and see Michael—he is always giving free samples!





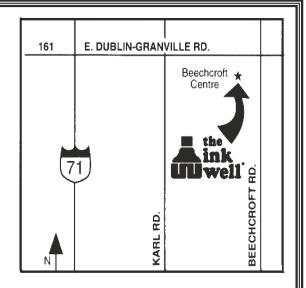
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prices for 2020 and adjusting ad sizes. More information will be presented at a later date.

Web Page - Stephanie Wheeler (by Jake Wheeler)

Salemcivicassociation.org is live

Constitution will be added to web page.

Membership - Jake Wheeler

Residential Members YTD - 200

Business members YTD - 25

Safety Committee - Jeff Combs

Nothing to report.

Social Committee - Need chairperson

Block Party, October 26, Garvey Road between Roche & Darcy 3-7 p.m. SCA providing drinks, snacks and deli tray. Invite your neighbors.

### Hospitality - Charlene Combs

- Chipotle fundraiser, Chipotle on 161, December 8, 4-8 p.m. Take printed flyer or show on your phone. The flyer is in the *Lamplighter* and will be emailed.
- Christmas party at SCA meeting, December 17, 7 p.m.
   Pizza and bingo. Pizza and salad from Pizza House.
   Live entertainment.
- Motion made to authorize up to \$400 to sponsor block party. Motion passed.

### Salem Elementary - PTA

- Male volunteers are needed every day of the week for Watch Dads. Please call the school at 365-5352 to schedule if interested.
- Wants to do movie night need support to pop popcorn and other help.



**Beautification Committee** - Leslie Baab Nothing to report.

#### Old Business

- 5661 Crawford grass has been cut.
- 961 E Dublin Granville (back lot behind Tim Hortons)not cut. Reported to city and environmental court.

#### **New Business**

- Officer elections will take place at November meeting. All positions are open if anyone is interested. Norma Sisson agreed to run for Chris Rudin's vacated Trustee position. All other current officers have agreed to continue except Treasurer and Communications Chair.
- Due to Chris Rudin moving, *Lamplighter* stuffing and pick-up organization will be overseen by Charlene and her family. The following routes were assigned:
  - All of Joos, 45 houses—Stacy Smith
- Roche Ct. N/S/W, 35 houses—Jake Wheeler *Motion to adjourn*.



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