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Association Hosts First-Ever Salem Block Party!!

by Charlene Combs, SCA President



Salem, you are invited: Saturday, October 26 is the date for the first-ever Salem Civic Association block party! Party in the street from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Garvey Road as it's blocked off in front of the school from Roche Drive to Darcy Road. Put on your Halloween costumes and bring the kids, your neighbors, and anyone else you want to have join you in a day of fun, food and—hopefully—

beautiful fall sunshine. With the road closed to traffic, ride your bikes and trikes, and bring toys or games you'd like to play with in the road. *The kids will love the bounce house!*

The association will provide family-friendly drinks and some snacks. Feel free to bring other food and beverages you'd like to eat or share. Alcohol is not allowed to be consumed on the street but Jessie Toney, our Communications Officer, just happens to live on the corner of Roche Drive and Garvey and has kindly offered the use of her yard for those who would like to drink a cold one. Just please keep in mind, this is a family-friendly event.

Salem, come out and play!

A semi-farewell from long-time Salem resident, Chris Rudin...

Nineteen years ago I moved into Salem because the house just spoke to me! Over the years, I have never regretted my choice. Salem is a people-friendly neighborhood—I call it a 'hidden gem' in the city. I became a member of our civic association in 2007. Over the years I have worn many hats. One of my projects has been coordination of Thanksgiving dinners for students at Salem School. I think I can speak for the gang who are an integral part of the project when I say it is one of our joys of Thanksgiving. Then there's the Christmas caroling in our neighborhood. Many folks had never had carolers. It is such a joy to bring smiles to our neighbors' faces and feel the excitement of the children, despite the time the inflatables deflated when we came, then quickly reinflated after we left. Oh, and I can't forget 'bugging' our *Lamplighter* delivery team. Their dedication to delivery is so much appreciated.

Now I enter a new phase of my life's journey. But not to worry, I'll be around. I will need my Salem 'fix'!

My heartfelt 'thank you, all' for making my Salem home a special place.

Chris has been very actively involved in our neighborhood and association in her time in Salem. If you're in the area of the overpass just about any morning, you've seen her walking with her friends—both human and canine. She is a staple at every SCA meeting and nearly always closes with a relevant announcement with which to send us on our way. She has regularly provided us with some bit of information promoting health and wellness or neighborliness in the Lamplighter. Her care, concern, and commitment for the people in and around Salem will be greatly missed. SalemCivicAssociation

Do you eat?? Then you can help raise funds for our neighborhood! The SCA has teamed with Chipotle to receive a portion of the proceeds from customers who let them know they're with the Salem Civic Association. Make plans now to eat at **Chipotle on 161** on **Sunday**, **December 8** between **4:00 p.m.** and **8:00 p.m!**

Support your local civic association: grab a neighbor and eat delicious food! See the flyer and details on page 7.

Salem Civic Association Meetings

The next Civic Association meetings are Tuesday, October 22 and Tuesday, November 26. 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: August 27, 2019

by Angela VanHulle, SCA Secretary

Motion made to accept July 2019 minutes. Accepted.

<u>Columbus Police Liaison</u> - Scott Clinger and John Stafford - Community Response Team Member Officer Clinger reminded residents to report these issues via police nonemergency line (645-4545*):

- Any threats made on social media.
- Packages stolen from porches
- Someone at your door asking for money, rides, etc.

America's Best Value Inn - deemed unsafe to occupy. Owner has to pass inspection before he can re-open.

Treasurer's Report - Pat Hammell

Income - \$3,897.00

Expenses - \$2192.36

Net Income - \$1,704.64

Checking account balance - \$5,854.55 Remaining budget obligations - -\$2,727.64

Annual Cash Reserve - 2,355.00 Cash Available - \$791.91 Motion made to accept Treasurer's report.

Columbus Community Liaison: Alfred

Akainyah - aaakainyah@Columbus.gov - not present.

- Sewer issues sent request to Public Utilities and forward to Sewer Maintenance Operations Center.
- 5428 North Meadows notified supervisor of Code Enforcement.
- Concrete at corner of Hillery and Roche - referred out - recommended 311 calls.
- Speeding in neighborhood no longer deploy speed trailers. Recommended 311 calls.
- Water from park coming into yard referred to Parks and Rec.
- Empty lot not being cared for on North Meadows reported every week. Encouraged 311 calls.

Vacant lot behind Tim Horton's - what is being done? Resident reported complaint had been closed because the issue was addressed.

Franklin County Board of Elections Ann Kimball/Lorie Gatin

Explained new Hybrid Voting System

and demonstrated new voting machines. Options for voters will be touchscreen ballot marker or traditional paper ballot. Ensured new voting machines are completely secure and are ADA compliant, including Braille and audio support. Gave voter registration deadlines, absentee and in-person early vote dates. Sample ballot available after October 7 (put in street address). Help needed for polling locations. To apply, call 614-525-5393 or apply online at www.WorkElectionDay.com. The earlier you apply, the better chance you have to work at or near your voting location.

- NCC UPDATE Pat Hammel • Next 161 Task Force cleanup Saturday, September 14.
- Northland Community Bazaar Saturday, September 14.
- The next Elevate Northland Community Potluck Saturday, September 28 at Ashland University. Bring a dish from your home country or region to share. Details at ElevateNorthland.org

<u>NCC Development Committee</u> - Sam Shy

Kroger on Morse Road as requested to add Fuel Center.

<u>**Communications</u></u> - Jessie Baldwin LL articles due October 11; stuffing on October 16; delivery the weekend October 18. Looking at prices for business ads. Trying to reduce ads for space for relevant issues but need more relevant articles.</u>**

Calendar on website has been updated with trash dates and SCA meeting dates.

<u>Web Page</u> - Stephanie Wheeler (by Jake Wheeler)

Salemcivicassociation.org is live. It can take one membership application at a time, can make donations and pay membership fees. Gained five memberships since active on website. <u>Membership</u> - Jake Wheeler Residential Members YTD - 188 Business members YTD - 25

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Look What's Happening in October



Besides being a general meeting where we provide information about what's going on in our neighborhood,

our October association meeting is also when we take nominations for next year's officers. Please think about stepping up and jumping in. No experience necessary. There are many of us who will help you. It is a great way to get involved in your neighborhood. None of these positions requires a huge time commitment.

We will take nominations for the slate of officers and then vote on them at the November meeting.



Our October meeting is also a dinner meeting. And not just any dinner meeting-our annual Chili/Soup Cook-Off! Dig out those recipes and get cooking! We

will provide drinks, crackers, bread, cheese, and some desserts. However, if your dish requires something special to give it the finishing touch, go ahead and bring that with you.

We will have a couple small prizes for the best dishes!

October 22-don't miss it!

How Many Columbusites Does it Take to Change a Light Bulb?

by Jake Wheeler

Increase the comfort, efficiency, and safety of your home with LED light bulbs.

LED light bulbs are nothing new. However, visiting the homes of friends or driving the streets of our neighborhood at night shows they are still not widely adopted. Until recently, LED light bulbs were expensive and were looked at as an investment in future energy savings. Now LED light bulbs are so affordable that converting an entire house to more efficient lighting can cost less than a tank of gas.

LED light bulbs come in a range of brightnesses just like incandescent and CFL light bulbs. Additionally, LEDs are available in a variety of color temperatures. A light fixture with a color temperature of 3000K is a warm, yellow glow. A bulb with a color temperature of 6000K is a clean, white color similar to daylight. Check the lighting aisle of a home improvement store and examine the LED color displays if you need help deciding what you like best.



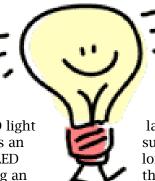
In addition to being more energy efficient, LED lights can also be safer. If your light fixtures don't have a dusk-todawn feature, LED bulbs are available with the dusk-to-dawn sensor built in. These can be used as porch lights and for other outdoor lighting needs, as well as indoor lamps for security or night lighting. When the sun goes down they automatically come on as long as the fixture has power. This eliminates the need to remember to turn on your lights

every evening, because they will automatically come on even when no one is home. LEDs do not give off heat so they are safe to have on even when no one is home and they typically last for many years, so they cost only pennies to operate, even all night, every night.

If you've already converted your home to LED lighting, you will never go back to incandescent or CFL bulbs. If you haven't yet, now is a great time to make your home a little safer, a little more efficient, and a little brighter.

Make Solem Sparkle: Porch lights on





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John's Auto founder passed away on Friday, July 3, 2015. John is sorely missed but is in our memories as we live out his goals at our shop.

Salem Civic Association Meeting Minutes: September 24, 2019

by Jessie Toney for SCA Secretary

Motion to accept August, 2019, meeting minutes seconded and passed.

CPD Liaison - Officer Clinger

- Had pictures of guy breaking into cars, got another picture today and it is same guy. He was living in Giant Eagle Parking lot, but no longer there. Might be pitching tent in Woodward park. It is against the law to camp in a park. White male about 6'2, gray hair, on bicycle. Aged from addiction, looks about 50's. Call CPD if you have a concern.
- Railroad is very aware of homeless camps along tracks. Railroads have their own jurisdiction, neither CPD nor Sheriff's dept. have jurisdiction.
- Norma (another civic association) looking at getting hold of environmental people due to hazardous waste from homeless along tracks by the lake.
- America's Best Value Inn failed inspection, so unable to reopen at this time.

Treasurers Report - Pat Hammel

- Cash available is \$1010.91 as of 9/6/19.
- Discussion ensued over original budgeted amount vs the budgeted amount + donations. Pat explained amount was never reflected in budget, which is why bank account has been going negative.
- Membership (*not* the board) approved the new format in June, the budget itself was approved in January.
- Treasurers report approved and board will review the way the budget is managed.

SCA Treasurer's Report September 2019

	2019 Budget	Actual 9/6/19
INCOME	\$4,715.00	\$4,581.00
EXPENSES	\$5,385.00	\$2,348.77
Net Income or (Loss) \$ (670.00)		\$2,232.23
Checking Account Balance 9/6/19		\$6,382.14
(-) Remaining Budg	et Obligations 9	/6/19
		\$3,036.23

(-) Annual Cash Reserve CASH AVAILABLE 9/6/19 \$2,355.00 \$1,010.91

Community Liaison - Alfred Akainyah

Alfred is still Community Liaison at this time. Chris Suel is coming back—however, he is not returning to this position. Charlene has invited Alfred to the October dinner meeting.



- Sewer issues, unsure if it is still an issue.
- 5661 Crawford is ongoing issue.
- 984 Joos, unsure if it is still an issue.
- Stop sign at North Meadows and Garvey. A 311 request was submitted to have the tree trimmed or removed because stop sign is not visible headed southbound on North Meadows.
- 311 requests keep getting closed for tall grass on North Meadows.

NCC Report

- Karl Rd library has after school hours homework help for K-12 students from 4-7 pm Monday through Friday.
- Still in design phase for new Karl Rd library, the new library will be in front of the old one and the old one will remain open.
- <u>Up</u>coming Elevate Northland Business Academy classes reported. "Different Ways To Pay: Understanding Credit" on Thursday, 10/24, 6:30-8:30 pm at Ashland University, for registration see <u>https://www.facebook.com/events/537884826959</u> <u>830/</u>
- NCC Meet the Candidates Night Wednesday, 10/2. <u>Northland Development</u>
- Gas Station/Fuel Center in front of Kroger on Morse Rd. Need variance for the gas station LED lights.

Communications - Jessie Toney

Lamplighter Articles due October 11 and delivered the weekend of October 18.

• Articles can be sent to salemcivicassn@gmail.com

<u> Membership - Jake Wheeler</u>

- 199 individual memberships
- 25 Business memberships

Safety - Jeff Combs

- School busses running stop signs need to call CCS transportation.
- Please make sure to turn porch lights on. With LED bulbs it doesn't cost much to keep lights on at night. **Block Party**
- October 26 if approved by neighbors and city. October Dinner Meeting

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Grass clippings and leaves return nutrients and organic matter to your lawn and soil, and prevent soil compaction caused by rain and foot traffic. Shred fall leaves with your mulching blade or make multiple passes until they're about the size of a dime (grass blades will still be visible) so they'll break down quickly by spring.

Too many? Use excess leaf material in garden beds or add it to your compost bin for a good carbon ("brown") source. Dead leaves also provide cover for wildlife during the colder months. According to the National Wildlife Federation, "Critters ranging from turtles and toads to birds, mammals, and invertebrates rely on leaf litter for food, shelter, and nesting material. Many moth and butterfly caterpillars overwinter in fallen leaves before emerging in spring."

For the Birds: Clean bird feeders for winter by dipping them in 10% bleach and 90% water. Spray with water until all bleach is gone and completely air dry

them in the sun to get rid of all bleach and chlorine residue. Make any necessary repairs. Fill! *From: Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District Newsletter, September 2019*

Can't live alone but don't need all of the services of a nursing home?

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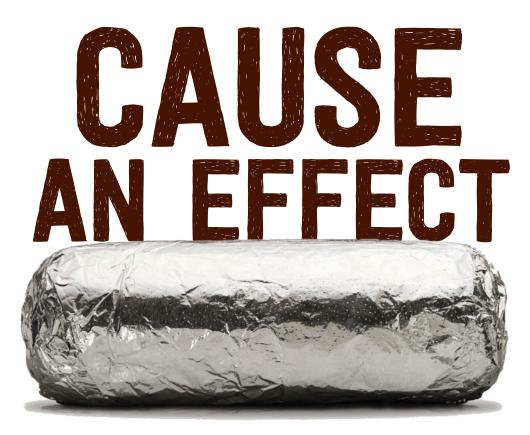
Local residential homes for seniors that are staffed 24 hours a day to provide assistance with daily life.

Private rooms, home cooked meals, friendly and caring staff. Subject to room availability, temporary respite care may also be available.

Call Margie for more information or to schedule a tour at 614/554-7697.







Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Salem Civic Association. Come in to the Chipotle at **1960 East Dublin-Granville Rd** in Columbus on **Sunday**, **December 8th** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Salem Civic Association.



MEXICAN GRILL Online orders will not be included in the fundraiser total. To ensure your purchase is counted in the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in-restaurant. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.

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Columbus Police Install Drug Disposal Box

In an effort to collect excess medications throughout the city, The Columbus Division of Police recently installed a drug disposal box at the public entrance at the Columbus Police Property Room at 724 E. Woodrow Avenue.

Those with expired or extra medications can properly dispose of those items by placing them in the drug disposal box. Those with extra or used needles can properly dispose of those items by placing them in the red sharps container.

The Ohio Department of Health provided funding to Franklin County Public Health, which provided one drug disposal box to the Columbus Division of Police.

Why It's Important to Safely Dispose of Drugs

Improper drug disposal can lead to many problems for people and the environment. Proper disposal of drugs can prevent negative and toxic effects on our environment as well as their intentional or accidental misuse.

1. Drugs in the Environment and Water Supply

When any substance, including a drug, is flushed down the toilet, it becomes a part of the water supply. It can leech into groundwater if you have a septic system. If you are on a community sewer system, it enters the water supply after wastewater treatment. While treatment systems are designed to remove foreign substances from the water before putting it back into the public water supply, they do not process water to remove drugs. Any wastewater that results from treatment is returned to the environment. That includes drugs that have been flushed, plus the residual from drugs that have passed through patients and then evacuated (urine or feces).



The environment suffers. The substances become a part of both water and soil. Traces of drugs from human prescriptions have been found in plants, fish, and other animals that drink or swim in lakes, streams, and oceans. Genetic alterations in plants, fish, and animals have been observed and reported.

Our drinking and household water come from the environment. It's affected no matter whether you get your water from a public supply or from a well. *Studies* of drinking water supplies in the United States have reported traces of pharmaceutical drugs in every metropolitan area's water sources.

2. Drugs Get Into the Wrong Hands

Drug abuse is a well-recognized and rampant problem. When drugs are not disposed of correctly, they can easily fall into the wrong hands. It may be a teenager who steals them for his own use, a curious toddler who puts everything in her mouth, or a trash picker combing through a dumpster.

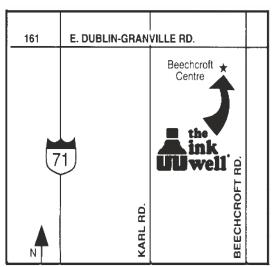
When drugs are prepared properly for disposal, they can't be identified easily. That lack of easy identification can keep the wrong person from ingesting them. **3. Taking the Wrong Drugs or Expired Drugs**

When drugs go out-of-date or aren't well labeled, it's easy for someone who is sick or confused, or simply can't see well, to swallow the wrong ones. One way to prevent problems for these patients is to dispose of drugs as they expire or as they are no longer required. Then carefully label the right ones with larger or more colorful words to help the patient take the right ones. *Excerpted from verywellhealth.com, written by Trisha Torrey.*





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<u>Safety Committee</u> - Jeff Combs Nothing to report.

Social Committee - Need chairperson

- Garage Sale Date requests to change (conflicts with Pelotonia; too hot). Can there be a spring *and* August date? Charlene will check with Paul Groeniger.
- Block Party Need 60-day notice for permit (fee \$60). Saturday October 26. All neighbors affected need to sign off to close street (Garvey between Roche and Darcy). Can get bounce house and have kids dress in costumes. Residents voted to have event in the fall.
- Motion made to authorize up to \$400 to sponsor block party. Motion seconded and passed.
- National Night Out next year will be bigger and better.
- September 8 Crawford Valley Garden Railroad, 5497 Crawford Drive - 12 noon-5 p.m. www.thecgrs.org **Hospitality** - Charlene Combs

October meeting Chili/soup cook-off.

Salem Elementary - PTA

Salem has new counselor, Linda Siroskey - Charlene will meet with her next week to see how SCA can support the school/students.

Beautification Committee - Leslie Baab

Leslie wants to change name to reflect its purpose and be more inclusive. Can use some helpers, ideas or suggestions. Bring committee name ideas to next meeting.

Old Business -

Welcome committee in planning stages - needs chairperson.

New Business -

- Chipotle fundraiser for SCA. Will decide which location, availability and put info in *Lamplighter*. Charlene & Jessie will work on this.
- Another low cost fundraiser is discount cards for restaurants. Sell for \$10/pay \$5, SCA receives \$5. Need people to visit restaurants to participate.
- Sinclair Road improvements Morse to Strimple: replacing culvert at Bull Moose Run to accommodate 3 lanes of traffic and sidewalks on both sides of Sinclair, and to improve roadway drainage. Freeway drive will be available at each end. Planned detour is Indianola.

Motion to adjourn.

Salem Elementary and PTA

• School has something new called "Watch Dads." They are looking for male volunteers, every day of the week. Call the school to schedule if interested.

Officer Elections for 2020

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Soup/Chili cook-off

- Nominations will be taken at October meeting, voted on in November meeting.
- Cindy Trustee term ends and this will need to be filled.
- Chris Trustee will need an interim vote.

<u>Chipotle Fundraiser</u>

- We need a date to submit with the application. Need a minimum of 3-week lead/prefer 4-6 and no more than 90 days out.
- It needs to be a Sunday, Monday or Tuesday with four hour window.
- It was suggested to email neighboring associations.
- Suggested to do a weekday in the evening.
- Looking at the 161 Chipotle.

<u>Discount card fundraiser</u>

- If Charlene is doing it, she will have to put it off to next year.
- Would anyone like to lead a committee to do this? <u>New Business</u>
- Chris Rudin is moving to Friendship Village. She is going to miss Salem and plans to continue to attend meetings when possible. She will not be taking a leadership role for Thanksgiving dinners this year.
- *Lamplighter* stuffing and pickup has been done at Chris' house, it will now be at Charlene's house.
- Senior member is looking for electrician who offers senior discounts.
- Judge Stephanie Mingo has volunteered to speak at a meeting about environmental issues. She is a judge on the Franklin County Environmental Court.
- It was brought up that not everyone is getting the emails that get sent out. If you would like to be on the email list, please send an email to <u>salemcivicassn@gmail.com</u> to let me know you would like to be added to the list. Also, check to make sure our emails aren't going to your spam folder. Motion to adjourn.



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