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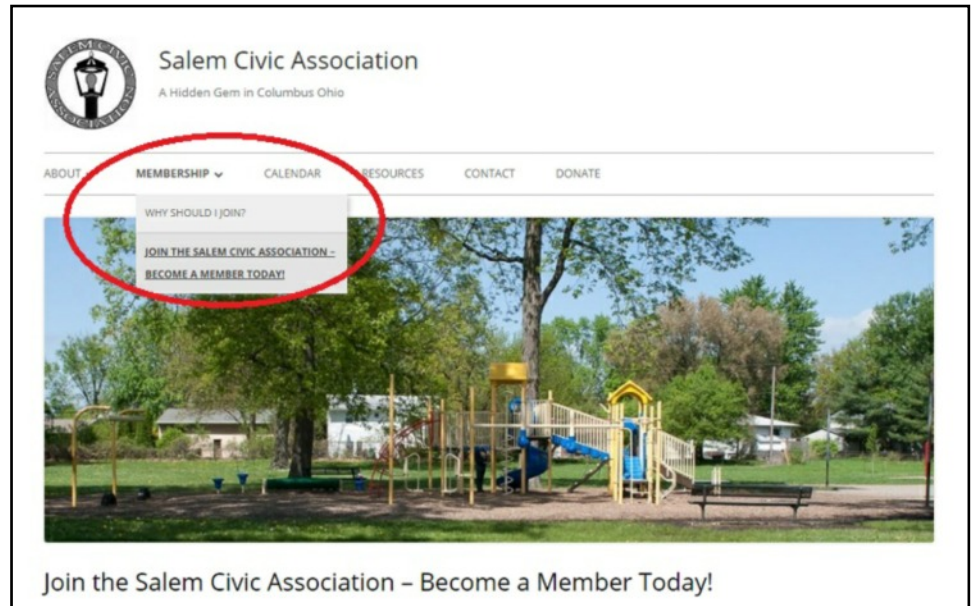
Save the Stamp: Become a Member Online

by Jake Wheeler, Membership Chair

Last year we launched a website for the Salem Civic Association. The main purpose of the website is to provide information about our civic association and to give residents an opportunity to become members online. This year we hope to reach 250 residential members. The more members we have, the greater our opportunities will be to preserve and improve our neighborhood.

We try to keep our membership rates as low as possible by limiting operating costs. We want membership to be affordable for all residents of Salem, and every donation made through membership helps keep our civic association functioning.

This year, consider becoming a member online. Visit salem-civic-association.org and access the 'MEMBERSHIP' tab to complete the application. Payment can be made safely and securely through PayPal. Or, if you prefer to mail in your application, one is included with this newsletter. We hope we can count on your membership donation this year.!



February Dinner Meeting

by Charlene Combs, SCA President

Please join us for the February general meeting. This is a dinner meeting and the theme is L♥VE. Who doesn't love an Italian comfort meal? Join us for some yummy pasta, salad and desserts while we talk about what's going on in your neighborhood.

Officer Clinger will update us on any police matters, including what the current situation is with the hotels around us.

We need to talk about what we want to do for the upcoming year. National Night Out is coming up and many have expressed an interest in rescheduling the Block Party.

I know the weather has not been very nice, however, spring will be here before we know it. So let's focus on that and make some plans!

Salem Civic Association Meetings

The next Civic Association meetings are Tuesday, February 25 and Tuesday, March 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: January 28, 2020

by Angela VanHulle, SCA Secretary

Columbus Police Liaison - Scott Clinger

- CPD is attempting to resolve license disputes with Motel 6, Comfort Suites, and Extended Stay America hotels. This includes CPD placing injunctions until hotels provide the required operational lighting and cameras.
- You can call CPD non-emergency number for cars parked in the "no parking" section of North Meadows; those cars can be ticketed and towed.

Adam Dougherty (Community Response Team) - stated that there are illegal drug and other complaints at these same hotels. These are being addressed. They are also following suspected narcotics and gun-running activity.

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

Feral Cat colonies need more volunteers to help feed cats. This would entail 1 day per week for 1/2 hour. If interested, please contact Rae Kirkbride at 614-379-7950.

Treasurer's Report - Pat Hammel (acting treasurer)

Year End 2019:

Income - \$5,063.00

Expenses - \$4,709.48

Net Income - \$353.52

Checking account balance - \$4,503.43

Remaining budget obligations - \$45

Annual Cash Reserve - \$2,355.00

Cash Available - \$2,123.43

Motion was made to accept Treasurer's report. Passed

NCC Update - Pat Hammel

- The Karl Road library continues to provide after school homework help (K-12) from 4-7 p.m. M-F, includes a snack.
- Elevate Northland International Neighbor Potluck, Saturday, February 8th 4:30-6:30, Ashland University Room 139, 1900 E. Dublin Granville Road.
- Columbus Women's Commission Town Hall, Tuesday, February 25,

5:30-7:30 p.m., Columbus State Community College, RSVP at www.columbus.gov/2020townhall

NCC Development Meeting - Thursday, January 30.

Communications - Charlene Combs (acting)

- *Lamplighter* articles needed and due by February 8.
- *Lamplighter* delivery the week of February 21.
- Web Page - you can now pay membership dues online. The website would like pictures to post.

Membership - Jake Wheeler
2020 Residential Members YTD - 25
2020 Business members YTD - 0
2019 Residential - 200
2019 Business - 25

Safety Committee - Jeff Combs

- Turn on porch lights and lock cars.
- Call all crimes into CPD.
- If you see trucks parked in the Walgreens parking lot, call 645-4545.
- Empty lot behind Tim Horton's needs addressed. That parcel and apartments next to it are listed for sale.

Social Committee - Chairperson Needed

Nothing to Report

Hospitality - Charlene Combs

February 25 Dinner Meeting with Italian theme. Bring side dishes or desserts to share.

Beautification Committee - Leslie Baab
Leslie would like a new name for the committee because "beautification" does not fit. The name should reflect a cleaned, maintained, environmentally attentive focus. Helpers are needed.

Old Business:

No changes except that the lot behind Tim Horton's has been mowed.

New Business -

- Discount Card Fundraiser - Asked for volunteers to take on this project.

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A very important point from Police Liaison, Officer Clinger

I really want to emphasize a very important point. The Columbus Division of Police has been discussing the redistricting of precincts and patrol personnel to better accommodate crime where it happens. It is *imperative* that if you have been the victim of a crime, you spend the time to make a report. Even a simple crime such as that your car was entered and things were thrown around but nothing was missing.

Why is this so important?

When redistricting takes place, they look at reports and calls for service. If you fail to report a crime, then you take away from your area patrol resources because there is, seemingly, less crime. This means that when an area is redistricted it will be in a larger fashion than what the true crime results would show on paper. As an example, the crimes reported shows the need for

one police cruiser for a three-mile area but the true unreported crime may show a cruiser is necessary for a one-mile area. ***Unreported crime is crime that did not happen!***

There are several ways to report a crime.

1. Telephone reporting unit: (614) 645-4717.
2. Smart phone application: In your app store, look up "Columbus Police Mobile." Download/install the application and go to "File An Offense Report."
3. Log onto the Columbus Police web address at <https://www.columbus.gov/police/>
4. Call the non-emergency number at (614) 645-4545.

Please take the time to pass this on so your neighborhood doesn't get the short end of the stick!



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Beat the Winter Blues by Walking

by Jake Wheeler

We are in that time of the year when many of us are feeling bored and frustrated with winter. The days can feel a little gloomy and gray, the landscape appears bleak, and the cold weather is getting annoying. Inevitably, we all start to look forward to warmer and sunnier days. If you are not part of the seven percent of Americans who embrace winter as their favorite season, consider adding a daily walk to your routine to help take the edge off your winter blues.

We all know about the health benefits of walking. Even fifteen minutes of walking serves as useful exercise and strengthens muscles, joints and bones. People who walk have a lower likelihood of suffering from high blood pressure or high cholesterol. If done at a decent pace, it can result in increased pulmonary and cardiovascular fitness. Walking can help you lose weight and keep it

off. Exercise such as walking raises levels of dopamine, norepinephrine and other neurotransmitters that help regulate mood. If you can do it outdoors during the day, you will absorb vitamin D, which is useful for boosting your mood and immune system. It's a great time to listen to music or meditate. It can be done with friends, family or pets. It's very easy to recover from and can be done daily. These are some of the obvious benefits but their importance is compounded during the winter when some of us tend to be less active outdoors.

Walking outdoors during the cold months has a unique quality to it that can make a real impact on how we experience winter.

Aside from all the obvious health benefits mentioned above, outdoor exercise just makes winter seem less depressing. Getting out in the cold makes you feel like more of a participant in the season



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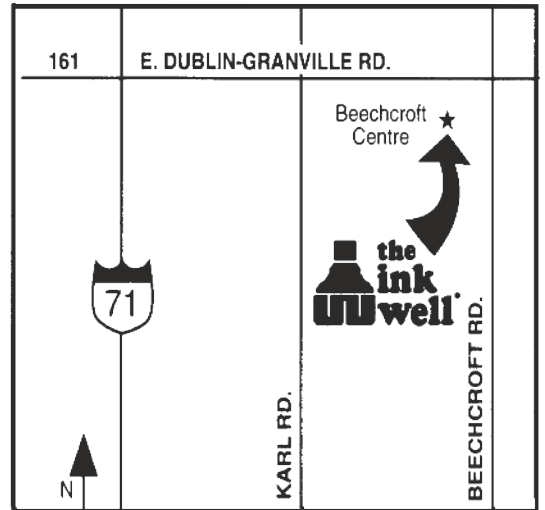
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- Railroad tracks on Lincoln - will be addressed.
- 4th of July parade - "Using our 2020 focus to Elevate Northland." Anyone interested in helping? Planning meetings are first Saturday of each month, 10:30 at Kroger, Morse Road.
- **Proposed 2020 Budget** (will be reviewed in June 2020) - Pat Hammell
 - Each item on the Income line was read/explained by President Charlene Combs. No questions or comments.
 - Each item on the Expense line was read/explained and the following was addressed:
 - No donation for flag day was considered (last donation was 2018).
 - The food bank was not budgeted for 2020 because the executive board determined that this line can be funded by private donations or by the collection of canned goods, especially since some of the funds and food items go outside of Salem. Food and funds have been split between Salem Baptist Church food bank, Our Back Yard Mission/ Epworth United Methodist Church and Stowe Baptist Church.
 - A motion was made to accept the 2020 budget. Passed. Budget accepted.
- Board positions that still need filled are Treasurer and Communications. If you are interested in helping with one of these, please contact Charlene Combs.
- The block party that was cancelled in April due to weather will be rescheduled.
- There is interest in expanding National Night Out this year.
- New prices for *Lamplighter* ads

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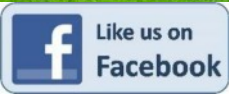
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Observations...

by Doug Moody

You haven't seen this column in the past couple of issues of the *Lamplighter*. I understand that some of you really enjoy reading my ramblings. To you who find yourselves in this group, I offer my sincere apologies. I had every intention of writing a holiday piece for the December issue. I even think it would have been a good one, Unfortunately, life got in the way.

Audrey and I had gone to visit her family in Maryland for Thanksgiving week. We left Duke in the capable hands of a house-sitter and had a very enjoyable time. When we got home, Duke was over-the-moon excited to have us back. He was yipping and dancing, all while his tail was wagging furiously. Dogs really have a way of welcoming you home that makes you feel special. Duke and I headed for the backyard where he proceeded to go tearing around in sheer joy—until he made a hard cut to the right. Mid-turn, he yelped and immediately favored his right hind leg. It was obvious he was in a great deal of pain. I ran to him and helped him back to the house. As we got to the back door, he yelped again and collapsed. Now he couldn't put weight on either hind leg. My heart sank as I helped him to the living room. Once he lay down, he showed absolutely no interest in getting up again. We discussed going to the emergency room at MedVet but, given that he was comfortable as long as he wasn't moving around, decided to wait until morning and take him to his regular doc.

Aud and I stayed with him through the night and made our beds on the living room floor. I didn't sleep much. My buddy was really hurt, I didn't know why, and his future looked bleak. What I envisioned in the immediate future was that, come morning, I was going to take Duke to Doc Kathy's and be told to put him down.

After a long night and with great dread, we carried Duke to the car and headed for Oak Creek. Once there, we got him on a gurney and went in. Even in pain and strapped to a rolling table, Duke was excited to visit

with everyone in the place, tail wagging and ears up. It was killing me. He was taken into the back, where x-rays were taken and studied. We reunited with him in an exam room. Doc Kathy came in and explained that he had ruptured his anterior cruciate ligaments in both legs. These ligaments connect the femur to the tibia and stabilize the knee. My heart sank lower. I focused my attention on Duke, grieving, certain that I was spending our last moments together. Kathy then explained that this injury is not uncommon and dogs usually survive it (!!!!!). It is amazing how a small ray of hope can blossom into a flood of glorious sunshine! She went on to describe how canine orthopedic surgeons (yes, they have those now) have developed a surgery to bring the dog back to near-normal activity levels. We left Oak Creek with drugs for Duke, an appointment with surgeon Dr. Shawn Kennedy at MedVet, and much lighter hearts.

Duke had his surgery at the end of that week. At this writing, it's been ten weeks since the surgery and Duke is recovering nicely. Dr. Kennedy is confident that Duke will be romping in the backyard with his buddies and me by spring. I am so relieved that he is okay and improving. Soon enough, you will be seeing us again, walking through the neighborhood, greeting friends old and new. If you see Duke out and about, please come over and give him a skritch and a pat. It's what he lives for!

I would be remiss if I didn't remind you that it is time to become a 2020 member of our Salem Civic Association. I know we all enjoy living in the safe and friendly confines of our Salem neighborhood. The association has been a steadfast presence in protecting our neighborhood. I urge you to become a member. Please fill out the form included with this edition of the *Lamplighter* or go on-line and join through the association's website (you can pay by credit card!). Your participation demonstrates your commitment to our home. Thank you in advance.




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