

# Salem Lamplighter

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## Oases for Thirsty Dogs in Salem

by Leslie Baab

Some years ago, Keith Garard was walking his dog, Lucy, on a hot day when she simply shut down. She stopped, panting heavily, and would go no further. Keith picked her up and rushed her home, where he was able to cool and hydrate her, thereby averting a dangerous heat stroke. When a similar experience occurred later with another dog, he learned how easily this might occur in the heat of summer.

It dawned on him his home is located pretty centrally to many people's walking loops with their dogs and the simple act of putting out a dish of water for thirsty four-legged passers-by may prevent the potentially life-threatening situation he had experienced with his dogs. That was three years ago. Although his original (metal) bowl was pretty swiftly scooped up by scrappers, he faithfully puts out a (plastic) bowl in front of his house on Eisenhower Road when the weather turns warm and refreshes the water each morning and evening until cool weather sets in.



A refreshed Maya licks her lips as her owner, Melissa, coaxes her to pose at the 'Doggy Spot' on Darcy Road.

An appreciative neighbor whose dogs frequent the watering dish at Keith's house decided to return the favor. A few weeks ago, she started setting out water in front of her home on Stock Road. She gets a decent amount of traffic from neighborhood dogs, but also sees feral cats and other thirsty wildlife at the dish. In fact, she says she refills it two or three times a day and will continue to do so as long as it's seasonally appropriate.

I heard about Keith's water dish when neighbors Carla and Rick walked by my house with not just their dog, but the two dogs they walk every day for two different neighbors, as well. Talk about a thirsty crew! They had been playing at the school and Carla said they normally head over to Eisenhower for a drink. I think the dogs would agree it's a long way from Salem School to Eisenhower when you're that thirsty. So I told them I'd start leaving a bowl of water out for them. When I told yet another neighbor about that interaction, she immediately offered to put out water, as she has a double bowl and no longer has dogs. Since I'm off the hook for water, I made her a little sign and the 'Doggy Spot' came to be at Joann Hock's house on Darcy Road.

Keith's thoughtful act of kindness toward dogs has grown into three watering spots—of which I'm aware. On behalf of dogs throughout Salem, I lift a bowl and say, "Thank you!"—and "Cheers!"

### HOW TO SPOT HEAT STROKE IN YOUR DOG

	Excessive Panting
Increased Heart Rate	
	Excessive Drooling
Bright Red Tongue	
	Red or Pale Gums
Thick, Sticky Drool	
	Weakness or Dizziness
Vomiting or Diarrhea	

If you notice any of these signs in your dog, remove them from the heat immediately and contact your veterinarian.

## Salem Civic Association Meetings

The August meeting of the Salem Civic Association has been cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, depending on the Coronavirus situation. Meetings are held at Salem Baptist Church on Sinclair Road at 7:00 p.m. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend!

# News from Northland Community Council

by Pat Hammel

- Environmental Court has resumed and the city attorney is litigating cases again.
- Karl Road Library new construction continues while the existing library is now open for limited use—computer lab, copying, librarian assistance with book and audio recommendations—and curbside pick-up and delivery continues. Anyone who needs wifi access can park in the parking lot and use the boosted wifi signal while remaining in your car. Homework Help program will resume in some form, the library is working with Columbus Public Schools and other partners to determine how to do it during COVID-19 school session programming.
- 161 Task Force Saturday morning litter clean-ups have resumed. The next one is September 12, 9 a.m.-noon. Meet behind Jiffy Lube, 1800 E Dublin-Granville Rd. Bring gloves. Grabbers and trash bags will be supplied.
- The City of Columbus is holding a series of Virtual Town Hall Meetings discussing what city departments are focusing on in different parts of the city. Topics will include illegal dumping, neighborhood safety, My Brothers Keeper, Mission Zero, and charter amendments. The one focused on the Northland area/Northside is August 31, 5:00-6:30 p.m. See <https://www.columbus.gov/VTHS/> for information.
- City Council President Shannon Hardin attended the August NCC meeting and discussed City Council’s activities to address COVID-19, police reform, and city partnerships to increase voter education and registration, especially for new and young voters.

## Treasurer Report: Salem Civic Association

Submitted by Pat Hammel, SCA Acting Treasurer

### July 2020

	2020 Budget	Actual as of 7/7/20
<b>INCOME</b>	\$5,170.00	\$5,298.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>	\$5,170.00	\$1,580.07
<b>Net Income or (Loss)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$3,717.93</b>
Checking Account Balance as of 7/7/20		\$8,211.36
(-) Remaining Budget Obligations as of 7/7/20		\$3,589.93
(-) Annual Cash Reserve		\$2,355.00
<b>CASH AVAILABLE as of 7/7/20</b>		<b>\$2,286.43</b>

### August 2020

	2020 Budget	Actual as of 8/7/20
<b>INCOME</b>	\$5,235.00	\$5,393.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>	\$5,235.00	\$1,874.57
<b>Net Income or (Loss)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$3,518.43</b>
Checking Account Balance as of 8/7/20		\$ 8,011.86
(-) Remaining Budget Obligations as of 8/7/20		\$ 3,360.43
(-) Annual Cash Reserve		\$ 2,355.00
<b>CASH AVAILABLE as of 8/7/20</b>		<b>\$ 2,316.43</b>

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

# Is There a Second Salem Facebook Page?

by Erin Rice



The short answer to that question is, yes, there is a second Salem page. It is in addition to the original Salem page, not instead of that page.

The purpose behind the second page is for residents (and residents who have recently moved out) to feel free to say and post whatever they want, without the fear of it being censored.

The slightly longer answer is that this is the *second* second Facebook page. There was an initial, brief attempt at starting a second page that folded. When that happened, I had several concerned people message

me about it. I had not personally planned on starting another page, but the messages I received made me realize another one needed to be created. And that is how "Salem—Neighbors, Friends, and Family" came into existence.

This new page has proven to be a great outlet for people to feel comfortable posting whatever they want. There has been absolutely no strife, no name-calling, nothing negative. Everything has been respectful and positive. Concerns have been brought up, and everything has been discussed civilly. On top of that, it has helped people feel like they are getting to know their neighbors in Salem better.

A couple of things we have been discussing in the group are different types of clubs or groups. Some of the examples that have been tossed out have been a (playing) cards group, a book club group, a gardening group, a car group, and a kids group, among several others. Obviously, most of those will take place after the social distancing has lifted. We also have a "get to know your neighbors" post where whomever has felt comfortable with it, has introduced themselves to everyone else.

If anyone is interested in joining our group, please feel free to join. We would love to have you. And if you decide to join, you do not have to leave the original page.



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# Safe Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste

from the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District

It's always a good time to take inventory of potentially hazardous products that have accumulated throughout your household and decide what you can safely store and what needs to be disposed of. As summer comes to an end, you may find an abundance of old mower gas, paints, stains, pesticides, fertilizers, pool chemicals, CFL light bulbs, and batteries leftover from projects. So now's a great time to go through your basement, garage or storage shed and properly dispose of them or put a plan together of where they should go.

When dealing with potentially hazardous products, the way you dispose of them makes a difference. Hazardous waste disposal is essential for both human and environmental health. Small amounts of hazardous waste being released may not cause an immediate impact, but over time, small releases have the potential to contaminate the environment and have serious health implications.

First, look for ways to store excess materials for future use, or perhaps donate what you can't use to your neighbors, family, or friends. If something must be disposed of, check to see if it is considered a hazardous waste. This is easy to do by simply looking for key words of warning, such as: poison, danger, caution, flammable, corrosive, toxic, use in a well-ventilated area, keep out of reach of children or pets. These types of products are considered hazardous and should never be thrown in the trash or poured down a drain, as they can end up contaminating our soil and water.

In Franklin County, the best way for residents to dispose of these household wastes is through mobile collection events or at the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) Household Hazardous Waste Center (<http://www.swaco.org/195/Household-Hazardous-Waste>)



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Columbus, Ohio 43201  
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Phone: 614-294-1300

## Upcoming Hazardous Waste Collection Events

**September 12, 2020**  
**8 am to 2 p.m.**  
Westerville Service Complex  
350 Parkmeadow Rd.  
Westerville, Ohio

**September 28, 2020**  
**8 am to 2 p.m.**  
Kingston Center  
3226 Kingston Ave.  
Grove City, Ohio

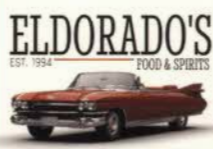


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## Saturday Morning Market Opens Nearby

by Scott Williams

Just south of the Morse & Indianola intersection is a new mini-farmers' market operating from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. For those interested in healthfully grown, fresh food and local Ohio products, this is a great local source to check out.

Recently, Swainway Urban Farm acquired the address at 4662 Indianola Avenue (just south of Morse on the east side of Indianola). Swainway then teamed up with Yellowbird Foodshed to start this Saturday market. For Salem residents using the wonderful Worthington Farmers' Market, this may be a more convenient and much less time-consuming alternative. Swainway's

organic farm stand offers a reasonable range of fresh produce for sale, including a beautiful array of specialty mushrooms. Yellowbird Foodshed, however, operates on a pre-order basis. So, you'll have to visit their website at <https://yellowbirdfs.com> to investigate their truly wide array of fresh Ohio products. Your pre-paid order is boxed and all you have to do is pick it up!



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## Thanksgiving Dinners for Salem School Families

by Chris Rudin

For the past few years, our civic association has donated ten complete Thanksgiving dinners to families of students from Salem School, who are selected by the staff. It has been my pleasure to coordinate these dinners. This year, as we all adjust to a new normal, our annual donations face some challenges. If you are interested in being a part of this project—picking up groceries or bagging items, please let me know. At this point, I don't have a firm plan in place, but need to gauge interest. My email address is: [ctr4343426@att.net](mailto:ctr4343426@att.net). Phone: 614-282-6875. Thank you!

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