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Changes Coming to Salem's North End

by Samra Shy, SCA representative to the Northland Community Council

**Sheetz
Coming to
our
Corner
with 'Jobz'
and
'Shweetz'**



The Altoona, Pennsylvania-based restaurant, convenience store and gas station company, Sheetz, has indicated that it is planning to open multiple stores in central Ohio by the end of 2021.

They have broken ground on stores in Obetz and Delaware, and presented to the Northland Community Council development committee their plan for developing a location at 975 E. Dublin Granville Rd. (the former Walgreens) during the September meeting.

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Affordable Senior Apartments Also to be New Neighbors

The Northland Community Council development committee reviewed a request for two variances related to 999 E. Dublin Granville Rd.—the future site of Salem Village, a National Church Residence property being developed for senior citizens' independent living apartments. Central Ohio is one of the many communities with a growing need for senior housing. National Church Residence seeks to satisfy that need through the new construction of a housing development in our neighborhood consisting of

seventy-six one-bedroom senior independent living units. As the nation's largest not-for-profit owner and operator of senior housing, National Church Residence has a mission to provide high-quality care services and residential communities for all seniors. The proposed development will be complemented with a community room, fitness center, community laundry room, outdoor lounge space and walking path. Salem Village will feature on-site service coordination offering

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Salem Civic Association Meetings

The October meeting of the Salem Civic Association has been cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 24, 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!

A Message from the Executive Committee

by Doug Moody, SCA Trustee

“May you live in interesting times.” This old English curse seems particularly well-suited to the year 2020. I know I have never lived through anything like this year. I pray we never have to live through another like it.

The Salem Civic Association has not been able to meet as an organization since February. We have really missed the fellowship of neighbors and the active discussions we enjoy. But since this “meeting moratorium” has stretched into the fall, the organization has found itself in a predicament. Our constitution dictates that we hold an election of officers every November. It is very apparent that there will be no meeting in November. The constitution also specifies that a budget will be presented to the General Membership and approved every January. Again, we do not expect to be able to meet in January. In an attempt to bridge over this extraordinary circumstance, the Executive Committee, after due consideration and notice to the current officeholders, has voted to extend all officeholders’ terms for an additional year. All current officeholders have agreed to this extension. The Executive Committee has also voted to continue the 2020 budget into 2021.

In all honesty, after examining the possibilities, we firmly believe we are doing what is best for our association. Hopefully, there will be a viable vaccine and treatment regimen available soon that will alleviate the restrictions on gathering together. At that time, we can reexamine these decisions and address them as you, the members, see fit. Until then, we encourage you to stay safe and love your neighbors from six feet away!

Editor’s Note: *If you look to the right at the nameplate, you will see vacancies remain in two positions: Treasurer and Communications Officer. Other officers, namely, Charlene Combs and Pat Hammel, have doubled-up in their duties to cover these positions for the last year-plus, since no one has volunteered to fill the positions. Our association cannot continue with a diminishing handful of people rotating among the offices. The association has the ear of the police and local government and the support of surrounding associations. With such connections, we have prevented politicians from railroading our neighborhood and crime from overrunning it. If that’s important to you: 1) Join the association, and 2) Volunteer in the association. Salem needs you now!*

The disappearance of milkweed across the U.S. has contributed to the 80% decline of the eastern monarch butterfly population over the last twenty years. Since the Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative began in 2015, volunteers have collected over 5,000 gallons of common milkweed seed pods, totaling over 22 million seeds. The seeds are sown by ODOT onto “conservation corridors,” designated areas along highways that are planted with native prairie perennials.



Treasurer Report: Salem Civic Association

Submitted by Pat Hammel, SCA Acting Treasurer

September 2020

	2020 Budget	Actual as of 9/4/20
INCOME	\$5,235.00	\$5,673.00
EXPENSES	\$5,235.00	\$1,876.57
Net Income or (Loss)	\$0.00	\$3,796.43
Checking Account Balance as of 9/4/20		\$8,289.86
(-) Remaining Budget Obligations as of 9/4/20		\$3,358.43
(-) Annual Cash Reserve		\$2,335.00
CASH AVAILABLE as of 9/4/20		\$2,596.43

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SkilkenGold Development presented the plan for a change from the site's current C-4 zoning to CPD-Commercial Planned Development zoning. In a nutshell, this means everything about the zoning will be documented as part of the CPD. If, in the future, they or any new owners want to make any changes, they must represent to NCC development and the city for a rewrite of the CPD, even if it's as simple as changing the location of the dumpster.

A few items to note, there will not be a drive-thru and the site is not large enough to accommodate "truck stop" type service and semi tractor trailer parking. The business will provide approximately 30 'Jobz'!

Aside from the "made to order" food offerings, convenience shopping and fuel station, Sheetz, a family-

owned business, brings a history of investment and return to the community. In 2019, 9,700 kids found support through their Sheetz for Kids Holiday program. Working with the Salvation Army in all the markets in which they operate, they identify kids in need. Each store supports about sixteen kids for the holidays. They support Special Olympics to the tune of a million dollars a year and donate \$2,500 at every store they open. Fifty-five wishes for the Make-a-Wish organization were fulfilled by Sheetz in 2019. They have already, as of last month, joined the "Hunger Action Month" and Mid-Ohio Food Collective to help identify ways they can assist the Columbus community in ways to eliminate hunger.

I don't know about you, but I can't wait to see that corner a functioning business again and I'll be the first in line to get some fuel and "Shweetz"!

Credit: "Sheetz is moving full steam ahead with its \$250 million rollout in central Ohio." The Columbus Dispatch.



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Keeping Up Appearances

by Leslie Baab

It's impossible to not notice the trash that litters the street and properties (with the exception of Tim Horton's) at the north entrance to Salem. Although they are commercial and multi-unit properties, it's certainly a poor reflection on our residential neighborhood.

However, if you're paying attention, you've also noticed that occasionally the area is clean—at least, briefly.

Holly Rast has spearheaded a monthly clean-up of the area that, since August, has netted dozens of bags of garbage and multiple trailer-loads of brush. Going above and beyond the call of duty, Jeff Combs not only hauled trailer loads of branches and brush to Kurtz Brothers for chipping, but he also disposed of the toilet—yes, toilet—that sat in the lot north of the apartments.

In addition, the entrance ramp to I-71 off of 161 was the target for clean-up in conjunction with the NCC 161 Clean-Up Day in September and Walgreens had a crew on-site at the same time as the last clean-up landscaping, and picking up garbage and waste—human and otherwise—from homeless squatters.

Volunteer crews have ranged thus far from two to nine. **Many hands make light work.** In order to keep up with the litter and to keep up the appearances of the neighborhood entrance, regular cleanups have been scheduled for the third Saturday of each month, weather depending, at 9:00 a.m. If you can't make it at 9:00, look for the volunteers and join in when you can. The next dates are November 21 and December 19. Meet in the parking lot south of Tim Horton's. Wear sturdy shoes and bright/fluorescent clothing. Pickers, trash bags, and gloves will be provided. If you have any questions, contact Holly Rast at holly.rast@uchd.net or 614-218-9095 (leave a message).

Slackers
Stacy
Smith,
Charlene
Combs,
and
Trinity
Eisenman.



(Actually, the Combs/Eisenman family and Stacy have been faithful and hard-working volunteers at clean-ups.)



Pictured at left are Jeff Combs, Charlene Combs, Trinity Eisenman, Michele, Kitty Stahl, and Stacy Smith (with rake) with supporters.

Jeff Combs,
Michele,
and
Kitty Stahl
bag leaf
debris.



Below,
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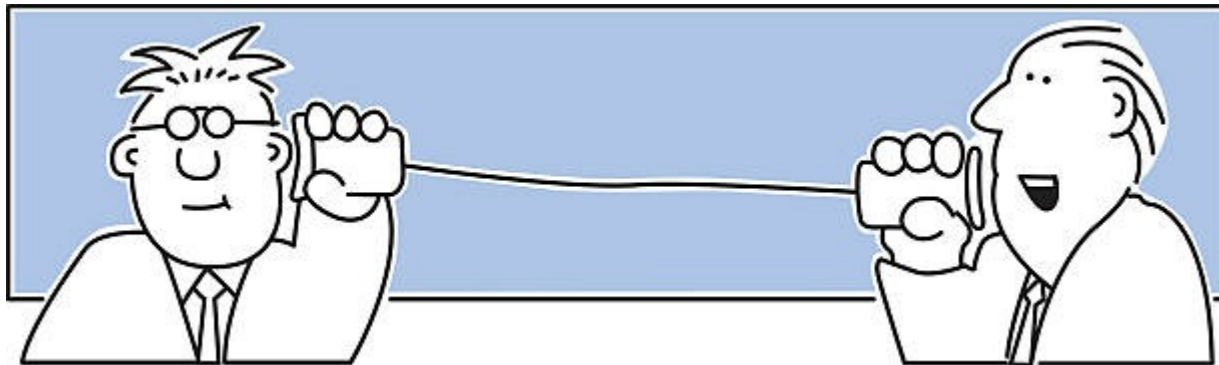
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Ways to Stay Connected

by Charlene Combs, SCA President

I don't know about all of you, but I'm feeling pretty out-of-touch with everyone. Our last association meeting was in February! It seems like forever. The board has been able to resume meeting, due to having fewer than ten people, and we have been working hard to keep you informed via *The Lamplighter*, Facebook, and emails.

At this time we do not have a designated Communications Chair so I am doubling up for now. I want to make sure you have all of the information you need to join our Facebook page and to be able to get the emails that are being sent out.

To join the Facebook page go to: Salem Civic Association (Ohio). Once there you will need to answer all of the questions and wait to be approved. We do this so that we do not have people join the page who do not

have an interest in our neighborhood. This Facebook page is for people who live or work in our area.

To be added to the Salem email group send an email to: salemcivicasn.com and request to be added.

We also have a webpage! On our webpage you can find General Information, become a member, make a general donation, see minutes of previous meetings, and read *The Lamplighter*.

If you ever have a question, please feel free to reach out to me. If I do not have an answer for you, I will reach out to contacts I have to get you an answer.

It looks like we will not be able to resume meetings anytime soon. I am so sad that we will not be able to have our holiday party this year. We, as the board, have been throwing around ideas about having something special when we can meet again. Stay tuned...

Simple things. Powerful tools.

Stay home when you're sick, wash your hands, and maintain social distancing.

- Maintain 6 feet of separation from others.
- Wear a face covering.
- Wash your hands often for 20 seconds with soap and warm water.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with your sleeve.
- Stay home when you are sick. Stay home for at least 24 hours after you are fever-free.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces in your home or work area. (door knobs, keyboards, phones, tablets)



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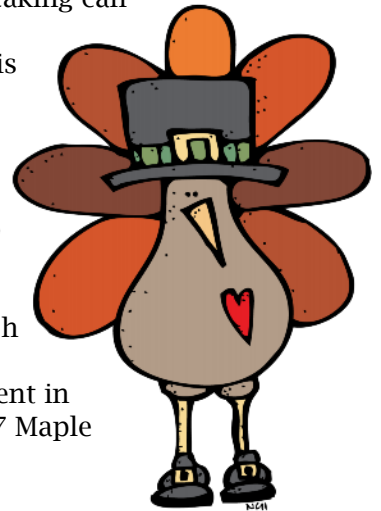
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essential services and critical links to resources in the community such as healthcare assessments and legal assistance for its senior residents.

In February 2020, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development awarded Salem Village a Section 202 Capital Advance Grant of almost \$5 million dollars for the construction of supportive housing units for seniors. The competitive award was the largest of its kind in the country. The Salem Village site is next to another National Church Residence senior independent living community formally known as InCare suites. The addition of Salem Village will offer a small campus-like setting where community members of both buildings can connect with each other and the resources each community brings. Much needs to still be done before ground breaking can begin, but the projected completion of the project is slated for the fall of 2022.

Watch for more information as it becomes available and finalization of this exciting addition to our community comes to fruition.

Another National Church Residence property is currently under development in the Northland area at 5757 Maple Canyon Ave.



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Franklin County Dog Shelter hosting free vaccination and microchip clinic

In celebration of the new dog license season which begins December 1, the Franklin County Dog Shelter & Adoption Center will host a free vaccination and microchip clinic that day.

The event will take place on Tuesday, December 1 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 4340 Tamarack Boulevard. It's only open to Franklin County residents and their dogs.

The clinic will offer free rabies, DAPP, and Bordetella shots, along with free microchipping. If your dog needs a new license, you'll be required to purchase one at the event for \$18. Licenses for dogs that are not spayed or neutered are \$35.

You may bring multiple dogs per your slot, but please do not bring any cats or other animals with you.

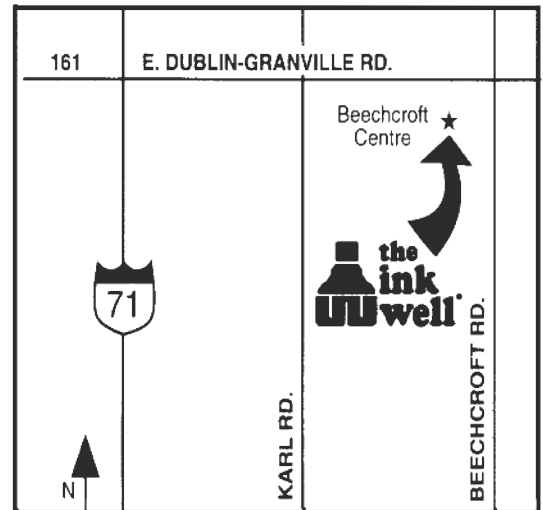
To attend, you'll have to sign up for a time slot at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054aa9ad2aa7fc1-dogvaccine>. After signing up, you'll receive more information and details about the event via email. *Although all time slots are currently full, more appointment times may be added.*

Please remember:

- 1) This is an event for DOGS only.
 - 2) You need to schedule an appointment to access the clinic.
 - 3) You must live in Franklin County.
 - 4) You will be required to purchase a dog license for each dog in attendance.
- If you have any questions, reach out to the Franklin County Dog Shelter on Facebook or by phone at 614-525-3647.



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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, our annual donations face some challenges, but if you are interested in being a part of this project—picking up groceries or bagging items—please let me know. My email address is:

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