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# Salem Civic Association to Resume Meetings

by Charlene Combs, SCA President

After extensive discussion regarding the safety of starting up community meetings, the board of the civic association is pleased to announce the resumption of meetings, beginning July 27. The meeting place remains at Salem Baptist Church, where they are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Meetings will have a little different look to them at first. Those who are not vaccinated are asked to please wear a mask, although no one will be asked for proof of vaccination. While every-other-meeting dinners will not yet resume, snacks will be served in the form of wrapped single-servings and drinks in individual bottles. Hand sanitizer will be provided and we will work with the church to follow their safety plan for cleaning.

I hope to have Officer Clinger in attendance to catch us up on what has been going on in our neighborhood and the areas that surround us. Please let me know if there are any specific questions for him or any issues you would like to see addressed. I will do my best to comply.

I know things are still a little unsettling right now but I am very much looking forward to seeing you at the meetings!

# A truly "good" neighbor

by Angie VanHulle

I walk around the neighborhood a lot—usually with my shepherd, Maggie. I like to stop and talk to people I pass or see working in their yards. Over the past several years, the person who stands out the most to me is my neighbor from three houses down, John Bachman. If he's outside, he's working in his yard—or someone else's.

I noticed this past snowy winter, he was often shoveling his walks and, in many instances, those of his neighbor. Now, I realize many people do this in Salem; they take their snow blowers and run them down the block—and that's a wonderful thing to do for your neighbors. John, however, does not use a snow blower. He doesn't use a new or large snow shovel. He uses a metal snow shovel he purchased in 1951. He says it does a much better job than any of those newer ones. This shovel has been worn down to about half of its original size so it takes John a while to clear the snow. He says he doesn't mind how long it takes, though; he likes having something to do. When he's done shoveling walks, he'll work at keeping the storm sewer entrances clear of ice.

You might not think it's such a big deal that someone shovels a few walks. The big deal is, John is 84 years old. The big deal is, he's not just shoveling



■ John Bachman

snow and clearing storm drains. I regularly see him walking up and down the block picking up trash that has been tossed or blown into the area. I regularly see him cleaning up the gutters along the street. When a neighbor's recycling can blew over into the street—twice—John picked up the can and the recyclables that had blown around the

street. I've never heard John grumble or complain about the trash; he picks it up because he likes for our neighborhood to be safe and tidy.

John filled me in on some life details...and boy, does he know details.

John was born at White Cross Hospital in the short north which, as he explained, was rebuilt in 1961 as Riverside Methodist Hospital. He graduated in '55 from Central HS before it was renovated to become COSI and then joined the Navy Reserves

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# Treasurer Report: Salem Civic Association

Submitted by Pat Hammel, SCA Acting Treasurer

## **March 2021**

	<b>20/21 Budget</b>	Actual as of 3/5/21
INCOME	\$5,425.00	\$6,316.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>	\$5,425.00	\$4,481.26
Net Income or (L	oss) \$0.00	\$1,834.74
Checking Accoun	t Balance as of 3/5	/21 \$6,328.17
(-) Remaining Bud	get Obligations as o	of 3/5/21 \$943.74
(-) Annual Cash R	eserve	\$2,335.00
CASH AVAILABL	E as of 3/5/21	\$3,049.43

# **April 2021**

	<b>20/21 Budget</b>	Actual as of $4/2/21$
INCOME	\$5,425.00	\$6,316.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>	\$5,425.00	\$4,481.26
Net Income or (L	oss) \$0.00	\$1,834.74
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CASH AVAILABL	<b>E</b> as of 4/2/21	\$3,049.43

## May 2021

	<b>20/21 Budget</b>	Actual as of $5/7/2$	1
INCOME	\$5,425.00	\$6,416.00	
EXPENSES	\$5,425.00	\$4,489.18	
Net Income or (L	oss) \$0.00	\$1,926.82	
<b>Checking Accoun</b>	t Balance as of $5/7$	<b>/21</b> \$6,420.25	,
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## Brood X Cicadas:

Male cicadas produce the loudest sounds in the insect world. Their mating calls can be louder than a lawn mower. The calls are produced by vibrating drum-like organs on their abdomen. Entomologists believe the sound protects these insects by hurting predators' ears.

Many animals, from frogs to fish and raccoons to birds—even humans—eat cicadas. Studies have shown some birds have larger clutch sizes during the years periodical cicadas emerge.

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soon afterwards. While serving, he worked a part-time job in the Lazarus downtown warehouse, sold cookware door-to-door, and spent two and a half years at Dobson Evans, a school supply company no longer in existence. He ended up at the U.S. Postal Service, where he spent forty years in the parcel post department at the E. Spring Street Annex and as a registered mail processor at Twin Rivers Drive. Through all of this, he stayed in and retired from the Navy Reserves.

John moved to his current home in Salem in 1983 with his mother, whom he cared for until her death. He never married.

In the course of our conversations, I quickly realized that John has an amazing memory of dates. I'm not talking about the year something occurred. He knows exact dates: On November 25, 1960, Columbus had an historic snowfall. He knows dates that businesses, like downtown Lazarus, opened and closed. He remembers when National City Bank & Trust became Bank One. He remembers exact dates of all sorts of community happenings. I don't know about you, but aside from my and my immediate family's birthdays and my wedding anniversary, I cannot recall one "date" that something occurred in my life or my community.

John is active in the American Postal Workers union, the Ohio Alliance of Retired Americans, and the Good Samaritan ministry at First Congregational Church (he got involved here when he "filled in temporarily" for someone and still serves there today). He enjoys sports events and attended the NCAA Women's basketball tournament right before the COVID shutdown, driving to and from Indianapolis every day of the tournament. He enjoys church and community events like the Home and Garden Show and likes to eat out—he doesn't cook.

Asked what he likes best about living in Salem, he cited the low crime rate, affordable housing, nice neighborhood and, mostly, the people. I know Salem is a "nice neighborhood" because of people like John, who takes great pride in his property and the surrounding neighborhood. John, thank you for being a quiet, humble, example of service and stewardship—let's hope some of us learn from you.

Editor's Note: I have found in my conversations with Mr. Bachman that he is also a wealth of knowledge and has the same gift of very detailed recall as noted by Ms. VanHulle when it comes to baseball!



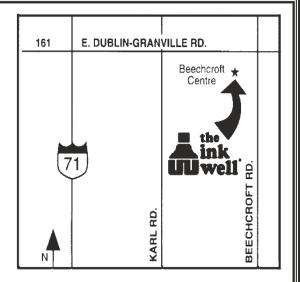
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# Fighting Leukemia and Lymphoma for Woman of the Year

by Christine Swisher



My name is Christine Swisher and I am running for Woman of the Year 2021 for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. I am competing over ten weeks (April 1-June 11) to raise money for LLS. The winner of the fundraising competition is given the title of Woman of the Year. My personal

fundraising goal is \$75,000.

I love our neighborhood and want to extend an opportunity for anyone interested to get involved with my campaign. One fundraiser I have been really excited about sharing is a coloring book!

Over twenty artists have come together to create something of a masterpiece. Each page is drawn by a different artist in their own style. It features familyfriendly artwork, but most illustrations are intricate enough that adults will love spending hours coloring the pages. 100% of these online sales go back to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in support of my campaign. To pre-order your coloring book, go to my fundraising page at

https://pages.lls.org/mwoy/coh/columbus21/cswis her. Under where it says "Support My Efforts" click on "Purchase Event Tickets." From there, click on "Coloring Book Pre-sale" and add your desired quantity to the cart. Then check out. If you purchase a coloring book through this pre-sale, we will contact you once the books are printed so we can coordinate a local pick-up, hand delivery, or shipping method.

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If you or someone you know has a blood cancer and would like to get involved with LLS or learn more, please feel free to email me at christine.swisher90@gmail.com or check out https://www.lls.org/. --

Christine Swisher LLS Woman of the Year Fundraising Page 740-490-5058 (cell)



# In Memoriam...

Bob Hock, long-time Salem resident, died on Tuesday, May 25 from surgical complications. He was just days shy of his eightieth birthday.

Bob was an active member in the civic association and served multiple years as the Communications Officer. Friendly and outgoing, he was known to be a bit of a character and always with a joke at the ready. He served up laughs as well as hot dogs at the Salem Elementary Shark Fest. If you were a regular attendee of association meetings, you also knew him as the bingo caller at the annual Christmas party!

Bob's thirty-eight years in his home in Salem attest to his love for the neighborhood. Those who knew him and loved him in Salem will miss him

May Bob Hock rest in peace.







# **Brood X Cicadas: Facts and Tips**

- Billions of cicadas—members of what scientists call brood X—are now emerging after living underground for seventeen years.
- Though they are known for their two big red eyes, they also have three small eyes in between. Some cicadas even have eyes that are blue or some other color
- They don't sting or bite and pose no threat to humans. But their sheer numbers can make them hard to avoid in some areas.
- Some periodical cicadas emerge after seventeen years, while others emerge after thirteen. Those prime-number life cycles may help protect cicadas by making it hard for predators to sync up their life cycles with the cicadas.
- For medium and large trees, they are harmless. The cicadas will likely feed and lay eggs on the trees but they will not cause any long-term damage. You may see some dead leaves and twigs but the tree will be just fine in the long term.
- Smaller and recently planted trees may be more susceptible to long-term health issues from cicadas. You may consider wrapping these trees to prevent the possibility of damage.

# **Northland Community Council Report**

by Pat Hammel, SCA Vice President

#### March-May 2021

- Three hotels in Northland were converted to Emergency Homeless Shelters in June 2020 due to Covid 19 impacts in our city. The Community Shelter Board and the YWCA contracted with the hotel owners to operate the facilities under emergency licenses. Emergency shelter licenses do not require the regular on-going hotel licensing inspections or zoning use change procedures required in non-emergency uses. However, two of the hotels have Nuisance Abatement Agreements in place (permanent agreements negotiated by the Columbus City Attorney to settle charges filed under the city's Nuisance Abatement Ordinance) and must continue the security and health provisions of those agreements in order to remain in operation. The hotels are located at 1111 Mediterranean Ave., 1100 Mediterranean Ave., and 1289 Dublin Granville Rd.
- As of March 2021 the emergency shelter at 1111 Mediterranean Ave. applied for and was granted a Rooming House License, after all required Code Enforcement inspections were completed. It is anticipated that use of 1100 Mediterranean Ave. and 1289 Dublin-Granville Rd. as Emergency Homeless Shelters will end when statewide Covid 19 emergency health orders are lifted.
- NCC representatives have expressed concerns to the Columbus City Attorney's Office regarding the lack of consultation by the Community Shelter Board with Northland area civic associations in the conversion of these facilities, especially the Rooming House conversion, given the long history of efforts on the part of civic associations, the Columbus Police Community Liaisons, Code Enforcement, Fire enforcement and Health Dept. enforcement as well as the City

Attorney's litigation to get these hotels into compliance with all required ordinances. NCC reps also expressed concerns about whether or not comprehensive services will be provided to the homeless clients residing in the Rooming House at 1111 Mediterranean Ave.

- A representative from the City Attorney's office has begun holding joint meetings with the Community Shelter Board, Columbus Community Police Liaisons, and Code Enforcement to ensure that any future siting decisions include input from area citizens and compliance with any existing Nuisance Abatement Agreements in place. A representative from the Community Shelter Board will be attending the June NCC meeting to have discussion with the NCC representatives.
- The 161 Task Force litter clean-ups will be on 4/10, 5/8, 6/12, 7/10, 8/14, and 9/11. Meet at 9 a.m. at the Jiffy Lube on 161; gloves, grabbers and bags will be provided.
- City of Columbus is undergoing a comprehensive review of the city's zoning codes in order to update and revise the code all at once rather than piecemeal over time. All residents are encouraged to take a survey about your needs regarding zoning and land use by visiting <a href="https://www.columbus.gov/zoningupdate/">https://www.columbus.gov/zoningupdate/</a>
- The City of Columbus and the YMCA are partnering on a litter collection program in city neighborhoods that will employ four hundred teens and young adults from June through October, utilizing American Rescue Plan funds to launch the YMCA Earth Service Corps. The work will be targeted in neighborhoods where the City Refuse Collection Division has identified greater need for litter pickup, including the Northland

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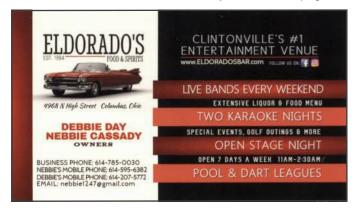
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# **Update on Association Memberships**

by Charlene Combs

Can you believe that even though we have not been able to have meetings and only one issue of the Lamplighter has been delivered this year, we have over a third of the memberships we had last year? That is so encouraging! I believe it proves how much this neighborhood is valued by its community.

Please keep this momentum going. You will find a membership application included in this issue. You can fill it out and mail it or go to our website and join. We will also be accepting membership fees at all meetings, including the one on July 27.



# A More Enjoyable Lawn Care Experience: Tips and Tricks

by Jake Wheeler

Over the last year, most of us have spent much of our time at home. More time around the house has resulted in new hobbies and renewed attention to details about the place where we live. We've spent more time appreciating the things we like as well as more time bemoaning the things we don't. As the weather warms up, the seasonal chore of caring for our yards gets added to our "To-Do" list.

When I moved to Salem in 2015, I acquired a jungle of weeds for a lawn. For several years I never put in any effort to care for it, aside from the mandatory mow every ten to fourteen days. Mowing just felt like work and I forfeited the notion of ever having a nice yard. I was discouraged and apathetic; after all, it was just a bunch of grass on top of some dirt around my house.

Fast forward to 2020 and the thought of having nice grass started to grow on me a little. I started doing some research and putting a little more effort into lawn care. It's actually been somewhat rewarding and almost enjoyable. Here are some tips and tricks if you're considering stepping up your turf management this summer.

The most important thing you can do for your lawn is mow. Mowing keeps grass at a healthy height and makes it look neat. Most homeowners cut their grass too short and too infrequently. This can stress the grass and make it more vulnerable to disease and weed pressure. Cutting the grass higher allows more of the plant to be exposed to sunlight for photosynthesis, which results in growth and health. For optimal results, never cut more than one-third of the grass height during a mow. Mowing every five to seven days at a high setting during the summer is a good heuristic to follow. A sharp blade is also important. If you don't want to sharpen your mower blades this can be done inexpensively at a shop.

Edging and trimming around borders is a great way to improve the look of any lot. Using a trimmer around trees, fences, and structures gives a nice cared-for look and reduces weed pressure. Installing landscape borders around flower beds is inexpensive and easy, and helps make your yard look defined. Removing grass that has grown over sidewalks and driveways instantly makes even the worst lawns like mine look better. This can be done with a garden spade or with an edger. Edging along borders makes the grass look like a carpet sitting on

the ground. Using a leaf blower on sidewalks and driveways also gives a nice clean contrast to freshly cut grass and removes debris from edge lines accentuating borders. This has become one of my favorite tricks to use and it's an instantly satisfying task. Electric lawn tools are very affordable, especially if you purchase corded units.

Fertilizing is an optional step some of us may want to explore. It's not necessary, but natural and organic fertilizers are easy to use and can boost nitrogen content in the soil, leading to healthier grass. One of the best fertilization techniques, however, is to simply mulch when you mow instead of bagging your clippings. This helps return nutrients to the soil and is easy to do. Just remember not to cut too short!

Ideally, a lawn should get between a half inch and an inch of water every seven days. Or as my neighbor puts it, "a tuna can per week." It can feel a little wasteful to just spray fresh water on your lawn but it may be something to consider during dry spells if that is your preference. I haven't personally decided if irrigation is something I want to take seriously, but since I have a large front and side lawn on a corner, I'm leaning towards not, just for environmental factors.

Ultimately, I'm glad I decided to get started with lawn care as a new hobby. More time outside, more physical activity, and a nice end-result are enriching experiences. Consistency is important and it will take several seasons before the wilderness in my front yard is anything to be admired, but I felt like I had to give it a shot. It all comes down to personal preference, but if you are curious about it, I would encourage you to do some research and try it out. It might even start to feel like less of a chore and become something you enjoy.



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- Columbus Police Dept. will begin enforcing citations for expired car tags on July 1.
- It is illegal for a semi truck to be parked on a residential street. Contact the CPD non-emergency number (645-4545) to report parked semi trucks so a citation can be issued if CPD cannot find the owner to immediately move the truck.
- Construction on the new Karl Road Library is on track to open in early September 2021. Current library will close on May 29 to transfer materials to the new building. The current building will be demolished June/July.
- Columbus Metropolitan Library has updated their website and added many more virtual programs, including online access to a wide range of periodicals, magazines and newspapers.
- The City of Columbus Redistricting Commission will hold nine meetings between now and November to explain the redistricting process for City Council seats that was required by the voter's passage of the referendum requiring the establishment of such districts. The referendum requires that the district maps be in place by December 31, 2021.
- SWACO is holding an online webinar on Backyard Composting on May 26 at 1 p.m. For registration information:

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