
Salem Lamplighter

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Elections determine the direction of Salem Civic Association (SCA)

November is election season and it's no different for the Salem Civic Association. What *is* different is that SCA elections involve no partisan politics, no mud-slinging; in fact, no campaigning whatsoever. They also often suffer from a distinct lack of candidates. Meaning, we do not have people volunteering to hold positions on the board.

Nearly all the current officers have hit their term limits. That means that while they have generously continued to serve in their positions because no one volunteered to run to replace them, they can no longer extend their seats even if they are willing to do so.

The last few years we have had positions go completely unfilled. Currently, our Communications Chair is also acting Secretary because no one filled the Secretary position when she moved to fill the Communications position. Our President had been covering the empty Communications position for the previous two years along with her duties as President. Our Vice President doubled as acting Treasurer when that position sat empty.

Clearly, we cannot sustain the association without officers. We cannot expect the same group of people to rotate among the offices. The face of our neighborhood is changing. The face of our association is not. An influx of new people into the neighborhood should mean new faces, new concerns, new ideas in the civic association. SCA represents each person reading this *Lamplighter* and then some, whether you are paid members or not. If *you* want the association to thrive and continue to fight for the safety and integrity of Salem as a family-friendly neighborhood, consider taking a position on the board. Nominations will be accepted at the October meeting or contact an officer.

No experience necessary. Current officers will be happy to walk you through the transition. Questions? Contact the current officers; their contact information is in the masthead on page two.


Following is a description of the main duties of each position on the Executive Committee.

Officers con't. on page 3

October meeting is chili cook-off—or is it?



October's meeting of the civic association is a dinner meeting. It's been described as a chili cook-off, although word is, one may bring a favorite soup. Or whatever other dish one cares to share. Sounds more like a potluck, really. The association will provide drinks, crackers, and bread. Well, that sounds like chili or soup, again. Plus, there's a prize for the winner. Winner of what—a potluck? Must be a cook-off! So, chili/soup/cook-off/potluck...you decide.

Just bring your favorite dish, if you'd like, to share, show off, enter, whatever—and your appetite. All this intrigue and food for just \$5.00 per person. Followed by a rousing and informative civic association meeting for free! 

Salem Civic Association Meetings

The next Civic Association meetings are Tuesday, October 25 and Tuesday, November 22. 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 23, 2022

By Angie VanHulle, Acting SCA Secretary

Motion made to accept July 2022 minutes. Passed

Columbus Police Liaison - Officer Dan Yandrich

Contact: 614-645-1418; Dyandrich@columbuspolice.org

Shots fired on August 6, car shot at North Meadows Apartments. August 14, 800 block of Lincoln Avenue; shots fired at house. August 20 road rage north of 161 on Bush Blvd; suspect was apprehended. Barber shop shooter was apprehended. Warning ticket was written for car parked on Minerva; it has been moved to driveway. Beggars on 161/I-71 ramp protected by freedom of speech. Resident asked about SWAT incident on March 9 at Roche and Garvey (7 a.m.). Officer Yandrich will look into it.

Treasurer's Report - Allison Hoyt

	2022 Budget	Actual as of 8/7/22
Income	\$6340.00	\$3667.00
Expenses	\$6340.00	\$2518.65
Net Income	\$0.00	\$1148.35
Checking account		\$5202.29
Remaining budget obligations as of 8/7/22		\$3821.35
Annual cash reserve		\$2355.00
Cash available as of 8/7/22		(\$954.06)

Motion to accept treasurer's report - passed.

NCC UPDATE - Pat Hammel

- The next 161 Task Force Cleanup Day is on Saturday, September 10. Meet at 9:00 a.m. behind the Jiffy Lube on 161. Tools provided.
- America's Best Value Inn on Sinclair Rd has been shut down due to the City Attorney's objection to renewal of their operating license under nuisance abatement ordinance. City put up for sale. Developers will need to take down and rebuild, or comply with nuisance abatement agreement.
- OSU Master Gardeners Program is sponsoring free guided tour of Waterman Farm pollinator and vegetable gardens on Tuesday, August 30 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Columbus Metropolitan Library's K-12 School Help Centers open Monday, Aug. 22. Dedicated after-school spaces give students access to technology, resources and library's catalog of books and materials. Center at Karl Rd. Library will be open Monday-Thursday, 4-7 p.m. and Friday 3-6 p.m.
- COTA's Board of Trustees has approved making COTA Income Assistance Program a permanent benefit for qualifying customers. The COTA Income Assistance Program now provides a 50% discount for customers who participate in: SNAP food assistance; Publicly funded childcare; Ohio Works First cash assistance; Prevention, Retention, and Contingency emergency assistance; Medicaid; Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF); WIC. Customers apply for discounted fares at COTA's Customer Experience Center at 33 North High Street. Need to show verification from qualifying agency.
- Street Sweeping currently scheduled for Salem neighborhood from Monday, October 10 to Friday, October 14. The schedule may be adjusted due to weather or other circumstances. Please park cars off the street during this time to help ensure the most effective cleaning possible. To see the schedule calendar or sign up for a reminder, see <https://www.columbus.gov/publicservice/streets/Street-Sweeping/>

NCC Development Committee - Sam Shy (not present)

Ohio State on Hamilton Rd. asking for sign variances.

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Officers of the Salem Civic Association President

Preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee and the Association; ex-officio member of all committees; Speak on the Association's behalf consistent with the objectives and prior resolutions of the Association; Report at General Membership meetings on meetings and discussions since the last General Membership meeting.

Vice President

Fulfill the duties of the President in the President's absence; Assist the President as requested; Preside in the absence of the President; Report on the meetings of the Northland Community Council or other Civic Associations (may be delegated); Serve as the Association's Parliamentarian. (may be delegated).

Secretary

Record and transcribe the minutes of Executive Committee and General Meetings, including attendance of the Officers; Custodian of minutes; Present to the Executive Committee all communications addressed to the Association for their actions.

Treasurer

Make deposits into SCA bank account; Write checks to cover SCA expenses; Maintain SCA financial records (income and expenses) in Excel spreadsheet; Update membership at monthly General Meetings on financial status of SCA; Review financials with SCA board at

monthly board meetings; Help determine annual SCA budget; Verify payment of appropriate SCA membership dues and *Lamplighter* advertisement fees.

Communications Officer

Give notice (via email and Facebook) of all General Membership meetings and other neighborhood-wide events to Salem residents; Supervise preparation and delivery of printed *Lamplighter*; Stuff, count out and bag *Lamplighters* according to delivery routes; Notify delivery personnel that *Lamplighter* is ready for pickup.

Membership Officer

Keep records and data related to all membership functions; Prepare and issue appropriate membership cards; Maintain and update Association's membership application and membership roster; Coordinate annual and special membership drives.

Safety Officer

Serve as the Association's contact with the Columbus Division of Police and City Code Enforcement Supervisor. Report at General Membership Meetings on issues of importance to the safety, health, and security of neighborhood residents.

Trustee

Three trustees serve a three-year term each, to be elected on a rotating basis, one per year. Trustees sit on the Executive Committee and thus, attend board meetings, as well as General Membership meetings.







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Communications - Angie VanHulle

Next *Lamplighter* - October; Articles due - October 6. August *Lamplighters* were mailed to all members of Columbus City Council.

Salem Web Page - Stephanie Wheeler (not present) salemcivicassociation.org will be updated. The *Lamplighters* are now on the website.

Membership - Jake Wheeler.

131 residential members, which is on pace, but more are needed by the end of the year. Jake personally knocked on doors of recently sold homes and distributed SCA information and membership forms. He will continue to reach out to new residents once or twice a year. It's easy to join online.

Safety Committee - Jeff Combs

Resident noticed shootings seem to be going up and seeing more people walking through neighborhood with shopping carts, etc. He expressed concern about the low-income apartments and asked if anyone was interested in forming block watch. Jeff responded he and Officer Yandrich will get together, as city replaced Block Watch with a liaison structure. Police bike patrol was pulled to the Safe Streets program. Another resident suggested Ring cameras help by providing video of attempted crimes.

Resident who reported speeders and cars illegally passing on Sinclair road, was encouraged to call 311

to report and ask for motorcycle unit. For cars speeding on I-71; ask for freeway unit.


Hospitality - (acting) Charlene

October 25 - Soup and Chili cook-off; prize for winner. December 20 - Holiday Party; Pizza from Pizza House, games, entertainment.

Old Business:

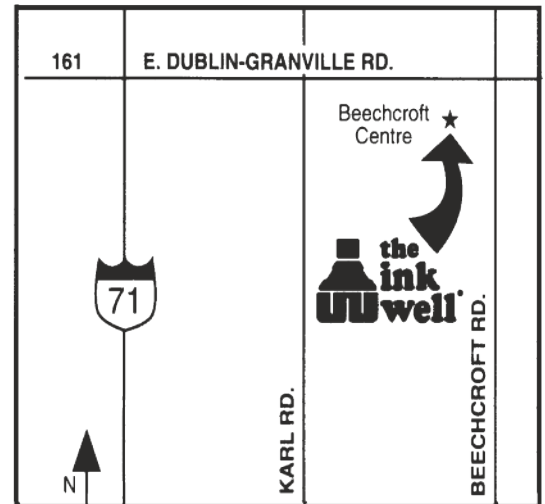
- Rae Kirkbride - need help to build housing for cats for winter. Colonies off of North Meadows Court. Need wood (not treated), pallets, and Rubbermaid bins.
- Semis parked at 161-71—property owner has to post no parking/trespassing signs to give CPD authority to enter their property to enforce no trespassing.
- The August garage sale was very successful with 25 homes on the official garage sale map and numerous others in the neighborhood.
- Block Party Sunday, September 25, yards near school, Garvey between Roche/Darcy. Need volunteers.
- Salem Elementary - no PTA - do not have to have children to lead or participate. Call Allison or Charlene.

New Business:

Luke's Auto owner, who is involved in teaching auto repair to young adults, to address a meeting. Motion to adjourn. 



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Community Resilience Starts with Community Connection

by Laurel Hobden

Research suggests that individuals who feel a sense of security, belonging, and trust in their community have better health. We are innately social beings and thrive when we connect in meaningful ways. Community *resilience* starts with community *connections*.

Needed core principles for community connections are satisfied by the Salem Civic Association (SCA):

- Collaboration, such as working to address issues;
- Shared purpose—having a safe, connected community;
- Continued interaction—monthly meetings on the fourth Tuesday of the month;
- Community participation—volunteer opportunities; and
- Inclusion and acceptance of diversity (tolerance of differences).


Four of the top factors for community *resilience* are community networks and relationships, preparedness, communication, and health. These factors are also supported through the involvement of our civic association. The association is a major contributor to networks and relationships, both locally and socially among neighbors; and throughout the city with police, other civic associations, and city officials. SCA also maintains communication through our bi-monthly newsletter, Facebook page, and website.

There are many benefits to a connected community, including local influence, safety, and support. With the

structure of a strong civic association, we were able to influence the outcome of a developer chipping away at the single-family status of our neighborhood and help shut down local crime-ridden hotels. We can learn from each other—how a parent dealt with an issue, how a neighbor handled a repair, gardening tips, etc. We share a tool, baked goods or child care. We also have a greater chance of success—a neighbor may know of an opportunity you had not yet discovered.

With life seeming less predictable, it is helpful to have community connections to support more stability on the home front and in the neighborhood.

Our civic association is at risk of collapse. Presently five of the six SCA officers are up against term limits. As stated by Jake Wheeler (Membership Officer), “Officer responsibilities are not complicated or burdensome and generally take only a few hours a month.” Outgoing officers are prepared to help incoming officers to understand what is needed & how to go about it. The November meeting (Tuesday 11/22 7 p.m. at Salem Baptist Church) is when the next election will be held.

It’s time to get involved in your civic association. Why not join in the upcoming potluck? It’s Tuesday, October 25 at 7 p.m. at Salem Baptist Church on Sinclair Road. It’s a Chili/Soup Cook-Off, but any type of dish or dessert (yum!) is welcome. The SCA will host a block party in the spring. I’ll be involved with the Block Party planning committee. Please join me! Or maybe you can help deliver the *Lamplighter* once every two months. Please support the SCA by becoming a member. It’s just \$10 for an individual or \$5 for seniors, 62+. You can do this at a meeting or via the Salem Civic Association webpage. Invest in your community! Please get involved on whatever level you can. Remember: **Many hands make light work!** 






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Curious Salem

by Grace Freeman

What is the Harding Hospital on Dublin Granville Road?

The Harding Hospital campus, located at the corner of Dublin Granville Rd. and Proprietors Rd., is just outside of Salem, but has long been part of the local community, and boasts one of the Ohio History Connection's Ohio Historical Markers. You've likely seen these brown markers all over the state, noting places that "tell the state's history as written by its communities" (Ohio History Connection, ohiohistory.org). To obtain a marker, a local sponsor (historical society, civic organization, etc.) applies for the program. Approximately twenty new markers are accepted into the program each year.



■ (Image courtesy Columbus Metropolitan Library digital collection)

The Harding Hospital was founded by George T. Harding II, brother of President Warren G. Harding, in 1916 and was initially known as the Indianola Rest House, located on 18th Ave. near Indianola Ave. It then moved just south of Columbus and was renamed the Columbus Rural Rest Home, before outgrowing that location. In 1919, Harding purchased what was originally the Worthington summer estate of businessman John Joyce to house the facility, which became the Harding Sanitarium, later re-named Harding Hospital after its founder's death in 1934. Joyce had founded a dry goods wholesale business, which became a large retailer with three locations in Columbus and operated from 1866-1928. Harding purchased the property from later owner Lina Hoster, daughter of Columbus Hoster Brewing founder Louis Hoster (Gold Top beer).

Once established in Worthington, the hospital operated at that location until 1999, eventually becoming part of the Ohio State University Medical Center. The Worthington campus was originally fifty acres, with a main building known as the "Lodge" serving many purposes (including meeting space and rooming facility) and other smaller buildings across the property. The Lodge was the location of Warren G. Harding's first public address after becoming the Republican candidate for President in 1920; the Lodge was razed in 1981.




■ (Image courtesy remarkableohio.org)

Generations of Hardings contributed to the medical field, particularly regarding mental illness. George T. Harding II was particularly known for pioneering new methods of caring for his patients, including advocating "horticulture therapy" (gardening).

Harding and his wife, Elsie, lived in a house across the street from the hospital. Their house stands on the north side of the street at 430 E. Dublin Granville Road, facing an 1864 brick house that is part of the actual hospital

campus. The Hardings' home is still owned today by the Harding Heritage Foundation. Today, the Ohio State Harding Hospital located at the Wexner Medical Center bears Harding's name and remains a leader in psychiatric and behavioral health services for patients of all age. The Harding Hospital campus in Worthington is currently home to non-profit I Am Boundless, which focuses on caring for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Video from the Harding Hospital, and featuring Dr. George T. Harding IV (1929-2022), grandson of founder George T. Harding II, is featured in the 2021 Netflix documentary *Monsters Inside: The 24 Faces of Billy Milligan*, which tells the story of infamous Columbus criminal Billy Milligan, who was famous for his diagnosis of multiple personality disorder. Harding treated Milligan in 1977. 



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Salem Civic Association Meeting Minutes: September 27, 2022

by Angie VanHulle, Acting SCA Secretary

Motion made to accept August 2022 minutes. Passed

Columbus Police Liaison - Officer Yandrich

Contact: 614-645-1418;

Dyandrich@columbuspolice.org

In a follow up on a report about 5507 Roche Drive, Officer Yandrich couldn't find anything reported through CPD. • Resident reported white male approached her back door and was confronted by her husband. The man said he was being chased and asked the resident to call the police. When the resident went to call the police, he left. A similar situation was reported on the Worthington Neighborhood page at Proprietor/Schrock. Appears to be a scam when caught while planning to break into a home. Don't leave doors unlocked. • The gold minivan parked on Strimple/Sinclair is gone. • CPD is scheduled to do a security inspection on America's Best Value Inn as part of a court agreement. • Chaseland Park - report of homeless. Wasn't tent, but a hammock. Park police operations are over for the year but there is a tentative plan to have park patrol in early spring. • Speeders down Sinclair - resident reported seeing CPD officers parked in parking lot of church while this is going on. Officer Yandrich responded that CPD has to have a speed camera recording in order to make a stop. • Crime in Salem south of apartments is next to nothing. • Residents reported gunshots two Saturday nights in a row? Probably in apartments or at the industrial park south of Strimple.

Treasurer's Report - Allison Hoyt (not present—gave birth to a baby girl this morning!) *Congratulations to the new parents!*

	Budget	Actual
Income	\$6395.00	\$3762.00
Expenses	\$6395.00	\$2870.00
Net Income	\$0.00	\$892.33
Checking account balance (9/7)		\$4946.27

Budget obligations	\$3525.33
Annual cash reserve	\$2355.00
Cash available as of 9/7/22	(\$914.06)

Motion to accept treasurer's report - passed.

NCC UPDATE - Pat Hammel

The City of Columbus Department of Development Lead Safe Columbus program has grant funds available to remediate lead-based paint hazards. Property built before 1978 that is owner or renter occupied may be eligible to receive a grant of \$9,300 average per unit to pay for lead hazard control work and up to \$2,125 for other healthy home repairs based on a healthy homes assessment. For more information contact Kim Chaffin at 614-645-2875 or kachafin@columbus.gov

IMPACT Community Action has Emergency Rental and Mortgage Assistance funding available that will expire by 9/30/2022.

The City's Department of Parks and Recreation free Mobile Produce Markets will continue through December. For dates and location see <https://columbusrecreparks.com/wellness/food/mobile-produce-markets/>

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The Walk With A Doc program continues through October at Woodward Park Rec Center at 9:00 a.m. October 1 and October 15.

The Franklin County Commissioners Office on Aging has extended Free Meals At Home to residents over 60 years of age, no matter what your income ** No income verification required.** Get one hot meal a day or seven frozen for the week. Call 614-525-6200 for more information.

Next 161 Task Force Clean Ups are Saturday, October 8 and November 12. Meet at Sharon Woods Center behind Jiffy Lube at 9 a.m. Tools provided.

Report from the Quarterly Good Neighbor meeting with Community Shelter Board (CSB) and YMCA 9/1/22:

1289 Dublin-Granville Rd. no longer being utilized as covid quarantine location for CSB and YMCA clients. CSB is in discussion with current owner to explore renovating the site to provide a permanent supportive housing facility similar to the one at 1111 Mediterranean Ave. Building owner has done structural repairs over the last several months. A change in use of this property would require a zoning variance application to the city and be subject to review by the NCC Development Committee.

1111 Mediterranean Ave. permanent supportive housing site is fully leased (70 units) and Homefull now delivers support services along with continued management of the facility. Several residents recently

secured employment. Grocery deliveries from Worthington Food Pantry have been instituted. Seven residents who are registered sex offenders will be relocated to other facilities in the CSB/YMCA system. **888 E Dublin Granville Rd.** (former Magnusson hotel) purchased by private developer and is being renovated for use as affordable permanent supported housing residence. Owner is contracting with the YMCA for provision of 24/7 front desk staff, security, and coordination of access to employment, training, food access, medical and mental health services. YMCA will lease up to 100 efficiency apartments as they become available through December, 2023 for clients from the Long Street shelter that is closing and being sold. These residents will be later moved to YMCA's Lockbourne Rd and West Broad St. permanent supportive housing facilities that will be constructed in 2023. The first efficiency apartments were leased in July, apartments will be available as renovations and repairs continue over the next year. Developer is including merging several rooms to become family-size housing units in the development over the next several years. The Affordable Housing Trust provided a \$4.6M loan to Affordable Columbus Housing for the acquisition and renovation of the site. **NCC Development Committee** - Sam Shy Four cases before NCC at next meeting: 2400 E Dublin Granville Road - asking for variance; a food truck has been parked there for a while and is getting parking violations because it is not mobile. They want to be redefined as a portable building instead of a food truck.



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6116 Cleveland Ave - Asking to change from limited to commercial 2 - permitted for office use but want to incorporate a daycare.

5470 Hildebrand Road - building 94 unit multi-housing rezoned from R1 to ARLD permit.

5400 Walnut View Blvd - build a garage - height and setback variance.

Communications - Angie VanHulle

Next *Lamplighter* - October; Articles due October 6

Salem Web Page - Stephanie Wheeler (not present) salemcivicassociation.org will be updated.

Lamplighter is on the website and calendar is being uploaded.

Membership - Jake Wheeler.

135 Residential members

Safety Committee - Jeff Combs

Keep your outside lights on.

??Are there any cruisers or neighbors looking out - nothing planned. October 31, 6-8 p.m.

Rubble on North Meadows - it took four calls to 311 for bulk pickup. Prefer trash cans in the street a little away from the curb.

Hospitality - (acting) Charlene

October 25th - Soup and Chili cook-off - prize for winner. SCA will provide drinks, crackers and bread.

December 2 - Holiday Party - Pizza from Pizza House - games - entertainment. *Thank you, Silver Smiles, for the pumpkin cheesecake for tonight's meeting!*


Old Business

Block Party September 25, POSTPONED until March pending formation of a planning committee. Not

enough volunteers or time to get license to close street. Committee is needed, not just executive board. Suggestion was made to have it in conjunction with National Night Out or stand alone in Chaseland Park.

New Business - Nomination of Officers for 2023
Doug Moody, SCA Trustee, reminded attendees that SCA is made up of neighbors in the neighborhood. If folks want to sit back and let others run the show, the association will come to a grinding halt. If that happens, things like drugs being sold, gangs, etc, will not be run against. SCA needs new people in the governing board or the neighborhood will succumb to whatever is going on in the neighborhood. We lose a lot if we lose the organization. No representation at Northland Community Council. Need fresh faces and fresh ideas.


Announcements

Motion to adjourn. 



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