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Leafing Out in Salem

by Leslie Baab


Take a drive around Salem these days and you can't help but notice a profusion of freshly-planted young trees along the streets. These are a part of the City of Columbus's Urban Forestry Master Plant (UFMP).

An outline of the UFMP, including reasons the city is looking to plant more trees and the environmental and physical health benefits that come with increased tree cover in an urban environment, can be found at <https://www.columbusufmp.org/>. It includes many charts and facts, pictures, and information to support their goals.

Trees are planted only in the city easements. After a year, the city will be back to remove the stakes. Three years from now, they'll prune them and they will handle any future maintenance required at the request of the property owner. All that's asked of the resident is to **WATER** regularly for the first couple years and, eventually, leaf clean-up. Each new tree should be given ten or so gallons of water per week as needed—do not rely on rainfall being enough to sustain it during the hotter parts of late spring through early fall.

According to Chad Hoff, certified arborist for the Forestry Section of Columbus Recreation and Parks Dept., the city is mainly focusing on the streets with larger planting spaces right now. Along with North Meadows, trees are being planted on Roche, a couple on Norcross, and a few other streets. Eventually, more streets will be added to the areas getting planted, but at this time there are more trees in the city nursery that need to go into larger planting spaces than ones requiring small planting spaces.

It's important to know that **ALL** trees out by the road, including those just planted, are the property of the City of Columbus. Un-permitted pruning or removal is illegal and the property owner is subject to a fine, as evidenced in a recent case in which a Clintonville business was fined thousands of dollars for removing city trees in front of their building (<https://columbusunderground.com/new-dunkin-donuts-in-clintonville-fined-for-cutting-down-trees-bw1/>). If something really needs to be done to the tree, it will be addressed when stakes are being pulled next summer (2024) and when they come out again in early 2026 to low-limb the three-year-old tree.

What a beautiful difference these trees will make in our neighborhood for years to come! Don't forget to water, starting today! 



Trees recently planted on North Meadows (left) and Garvey Rd. (Right)

Salem Civic Association Meetings

The next Civic Association meetings are Tuesday, April 25 and Tuesday, May 23. 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: February 28, 2023

by Charlene Combs, SCA Secretary

Pledge of Allegiance. This was a dinner meeting.

Columbus Police Liaison—Office Yandrich

1085 Strimple Ave.: Male, Carl Zamor, lives there with his aunt. He chased a young teen that was walking with a resident into a house and then banged on the side of the house. Carl is known to the 18th precinct due to previous issues.

Millbank parking issues. Cars can be ticketed but still not able to tow at this time.

Capri Lanes site homeless camp. New owners will be responsible for cleanup.

Speeding on Sinclair. Call 311 and give them the time of day you are noticing it.

Officer in the 18th precinct was hit by juveniles in a stolen car.

Secretary - Charlene Combs - January meeting minutes approved.

National Church Residence guest speakers - Stephanie Rhodes and Nicole Woods.

NCR was invited back to this meeting to discuss updates/changes they have made from their initial presentation with us in November. They are planning to purchase the property soon; the development could take up to two years before Salem Village will be ready. In November they were requesting to build 135 units, they are now proposing 145 units. They have added a story and increased parking from .5 per unit to .7. They are willing to put the max of 145 units in writing.

What about fencing? Yes, they will do that.

Doug has concerns about a massive building being built against a two-story building. Doug is asking for the building to be flipped.

If HUD financing is obtained, the residents will be 62 and over. If not, HUD residents will be required to be 55 and over. After 30 years the building can be sold and younger people can move in.

Treasurer's report - Allison Hibler

SCA Treasurer's Report January 2023

	2023 Budget	Actual as of 2/7/23
INCOME	\$6,626.00	\$921.00
EXPENSES	\$6,626.00	\$23.46
Net Income or (Loss)	\$ 0.00	\$897.54
Checking Account Balance as of 2/7/23		\$3,589.75
(-) Remaining Budget Obligations as of 2/7/23		\$6,602.54
(-) Annual Cash Reserve		\$2,335.00
CASH AVAILABLE AS OF 2/7/23		(\$5,347.79)

Motion made and accepted to accept treasurer's report.

NCC Report - Pat Hamell

Abatement filed to close Doll House

See report on page 8. Full report at www.salemcivicassociation.org

NCC Development - Sam Shy

No cases in the Salem area.

Membership - Laurel Hobden

Laurel explained why membership is so important to keep or association going. For example, funding our annual garage sale and hopefully a block party! She can take memberships tonight or you can mail it in or go to our web page and pay there.

Communications - Angie VanHulle (acting chair)

Need two routes covered. Need articles for the *Lamplighter*.

Safety- Pat Hamell

Criminal damaging in the apartments; misdemeanor thefts at carry-outs and gas stations, including Sheetz and Speedway.


Hospitality - Charlene Combs

Dinner in April will probably be sandwiches and sides.

New Business

Question was asked about the completion/opening of Sinclair Rd.; Jake will follow up with our City Liaison.

Meeting adjourned.

Attendance- approximately 50 

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Salem Loves Dogs and I Do, Too!

by Renee Sammet

During the dark days of winter, my dogs and neighbor, Melissa, helped me avoid the usual seasonal depression by a daily post-work walk. I used to come home and sleep, but this entire winter I was more productive and overall happier. I credit the walks. As the weather gets nicer and the sun shines in the sky longer, more and more people can be seen taking their furry companions out for a stroll. I have some tips for fellow dog walkers to make the walk as beneficial as can be.

Firstly, it is important that we be responsible and pick up our dog's poop. Not only is it the polite thing to do, it's also the law. Fashionable poop bag holders are plentiful and inexpensive. My favorite came from Burlington Coat Factory in their discount pet section.

Twelve rolls of poop bags for under \$5 and a free holder (what a dream). Then I upgraded to the biodegradable bags on Amazon that come with thirty rolls for under \$20, an investment that will last at least 6 months for my super poopers. But who wants to walk around with a full bag of poo?! Not me, that's why I

love to swing by the Chaseland park public trash can to make a quick deposit and continue on my way. If you don't have a designated poop bag, re-use a plastic grocery bag or ask a fellow walker if they might have an extra you can use. I personally carry extra for this reason.

Secondly, be aware of what puddles your dog is drinking from. As the weather gets warmer, mosquito larva, and other parasites can be living in stagnant water. Your dog's chances of contracting worms or developing diarrhea are increased significantly. Not only will they be miserable, but any fecal matter they leave behind can infect animals who encounter it later (another benefit to picking up after your pet!).



Jorah, age 9: A local dog and avid walk participant

Lastly, changing up your route every few days or going on "scent walks" will give your dog a chance to smell new scents, explore their area and create a kind of doggie social network. Scent walks have been scientifically proven to decrease stress, increase happiness, and exercise dog's minds (AKC.org).

Happy walking, and I hope to see you out there!





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Curious Salem

by Grace Freeman

Columbus Pottery Co.

The Columbus Pottery Co. opened in May 1905, on E. Lincoln (then, Chaseland), just east of the railroad tracks, where Savko Plastics is located today. Ground was broken in 1902 on ten acres of land, with a dedicated railroad station for the Pennsylvania Railroad located adjacent to the property.

The factory opened with several buildings, including a massive 400 x 54 ft. main building and six large kilns. The company specialized in semi-porcelain and underglaze white wear. Because there was no good clay in the area for this purpose, clay was brought in from England.

Over the years, the company employed as many as 150-200 employees at a time and was a major motivator for the development of the Chaseland area, near what is now Salem. The original plat map for Chaseland, the development between Sinclair and High St, consisting of Stanton Ave., Lincoln Ave., and Chase Rd., includes the plans for the pottery plant, as it was an integral element to the development of the neighborhood (the plant itself would be within Salem boundaries, today). *The Columbus Dispatch* reported in 1905 that those interested in working at the factory should "secure a lot (which can be had for five dollars [\$5.00] down and \$1.25 per week), and arrange to build upon it at once." (*Dispatch* May 14, 1905 pg 8). Nonetheless, by 1914 the plant owner was quoted in the same paper as stating: "We have several men in our employ who are unable to secure houses to rent in North Columbus," calling on local real estate investors to build further in North Columbus. Chaseland lots began selling soon afterward and Franklin County phone books list residents at various "Chaseland" addresses during this time. It is likely few of these early houses remain, as many of the area's current houses were built in the post-WWII era, replacing these earlier dwellings.

In November 1906 the pottery plant experienced a massive fire, causing upwards of \$50,000 in damage,

particularly to the main building. The factory had been considered one of the "finest" in the United States, according to the National Pottery Association, but closed after the fire. Because insurance had been cost-prohibitive, there was insufficient coverage for the fire damage.

In 1914 the plant was renovated and reopened under the direction of GF Brunt, an East Liverpool (Ohio) porcelain businessman whose new factory specialized in floor and wall tile. They reinstated railroad access at the plant and added additional buildings and acreage to the business. Soon, the GF Brunt Tile Co was the fifth largest of its kind in the U.S. and shipped products all over the country. Business was so good, they added a new large kiln in 1916 to further increase production. Tile from the plant was used in the OSU chemistry building, and the Fox theaters in Detroit, St. Louis, and New York City.

Brunt's factory was known for its "ideal working conditions" (*Columbus Dispatch* August 17, 1917 pg 6) which were clean, with electricity and natural light throughout. The grounds were well landscaped, and employees were allowed to use factory land to garden in order to offset the high cost of living. *The Columbus Dispatch* described the setting in a 1916 article: "it is a little community in itself, maintaining its own water supply, fire department, etc...The location has its advantages, among them pure air and healthful working conditions. Many of the employees live near the plant. A private railway spur furnishes adequate transportation facilities." (*Columbus Dispatch* November 18, 1916 pg 7)

By 1921, Ohio ranked number one in the country for manufacture of clay products.

In 1924 the factory was transferred to the Federal Tile Co. until it closed in 1931. Briefly, local investors planned to build an amusement park on the property, similar to Minerva Park or the old Olentangy Park in Clintonville, with a swimming pool, clubhouse, and dance hall. 🏰



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Help Keep Salem Beautiful

by Angie VanHulle

Some of us “seniors” may remember the commercial where the American Indian was standing (in full headdress) overlooking a highway that was littered with trash. He turns and there is a tear running down his face. That commercial always moved me because I felt the same way, and still do when I see litter in public areas.


On Saturday, March 11, Holly Rast and two other volunteers from Salem joined other Columbus residents for the “Kick Butt Columbus” freeway clean-up.

The goal was to clean up the Columbus freeway ramps citywide. Holly’s small group cleaned up the I-71 southbound ramp onto SR 161, next to the Waffle House. They picked up ten bags of trash, plus a tire

and a bucket, and noticed a marked difference! Lots of trash to no trash!

Holly and her volunteers would like to gather a larger group from Salem people to pick up trash in our neighborhood and freeway ramps on a more regular basis. Will you join us? It only takes a couple of hours one Saturday morning a month. The “Keep Columbus Beautiful” organization will supply us with everything we need—litter grabbers, safety vests, gloves, and bags. All we have to do is show up and help out. Remember: “Many hands make light work.”

Please let Holly know if you are interested. She can be reached at


yspring@ymail.com or 614-218-9095 (leave a voicemail). If enough people are interested but Saturday mornings don’t work, let her know and she’ll come up with a better time. 




Holly Rast with garbage collected from one freeway ramp in the area.

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NCC Report January 2023

The City Attorney is objecting to the hotel operating license renewal of two locations in Northland—Inn Towns Suites 2420 E Dublin-Granville RD, and Woodspring Suites 375 Hutchinson Ave.

The results of the Summer 2022 heat mapping campaign reveal temperatures in Columbus neighborhoods can vary by up to 13 degrees at the same time of day. The report will be used to help implement the strategies and actions in the Columbus Climate Plan. The report can be accessed here:


https://www.columbus.gov/Templates/Detail.aspx?id=2147525622&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

The 161 Task Force has received \$10,000 from the city's 614 Beautiful Grant Program for a pilot for a 3D-printed bus shelter prototype to be located at the COTA stop on 161 and Beechcroft Rd. Success of this project could be replicated across the city where many bus stops have no shelter for waiting passengers at substantially less cost than traditional concrete and steel shelters.

Report from the Quarterly Good Neighbor meeting with Community Shelter Board (CSB) and YMCA and Homefull 12/1/22:

- **1111 Mediterranean Ave.** (permanent supported housing site). Annual city code inspection found no major violations cited. They will be back to full 70 single-unit occupancy by the end of the year. Thanksgiving event included haircuts and hygiene kits

supplied by the Urban Minority Drug Abuse and Alcohol Treatment Program (UMDAAT).

- **888 Dublin-Granville Rd.** (former Magnusson hotel). 123 residents from the now-closed former shelter at 40 W. Spring St. are residing in renovated units (250 square feet with a kitchenette) leased by the YMCA and will move out to the newly built Lockbourne Rd. YMCA building by the end of 2023. YMCA will provide security and supported services until all their residents have moved. CSB is not considering utilizing the site for permanent supported housing after that. They believe the site owner is considering continuing renovations to establish an affordable housing operation in the future. NCC representatives expressed a desire to know more about specific plans for the site after 2023 and asked the CSB/YMCA reps to ask the site owner to contact the NCC Development Committee Co-Chairs.
- **1289 E. Dublin-Granville Rd.** Eleven rooms are currently leased by CSB for covid quarantine, eight are currently occupied. The building owner is planning on appearing at the December 7 NCC Development Committee with a rezoning request with the intention of leasing the site to CSB in the future for a permanent supported-housing facility after renovations and site changes have been negotiated between the owner and CSB.
- The number to call if you see someone who is homeless and in need of help is 614-512-2483. The Mt. Carmel Outreach Team will respond and assist the person to access services they need and desire, including immediate shelter. 



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Salem Civic Association Meeting Minutes: March 28, 2023

by Charlene Combs, SCA Secretary

Jake opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Report - Charlene Combs

Motion was made and accepted to approve the prior meeting minutes (February)

Columbus Police Liaison Officer - Daniel Yandrich

dyandrich@columbuspolice.org 614-645-1418
Dan was not in attendance. Jake said he could email Dan if there were any issues. None were given.

Treasurer's Report - Allison Hibler

Allison was not in attendance but the following report was submitted:

	2/7/23-3/7/23	2023
	Budget	Actual as of 3/7/23
INCOME	\$6,626.00	\$1,581.00 (24% collected)
EXPENSES	\$6,626.00	\$1,491.37 (23% paid)
Net Income or (Loss)	\$ 0.00	\$89.63
Checking Account Balance as of 3/7/23		\$4,111.84
Remaining Budget Obligations as of 3/7/23		\$5,869.63
Annual Cash Reserve		\$2,335.00
CASH AVAILABLE AS OF 3/7/23		(\$4,092.79)

Northland Community Council - Pat Hammel (see www.salem-civicasociation.org for full report)

Northland Community Council Development Committee

- Sam Shy

Sam is only going to talk about local issues. Per prior meeting, she was reminded about boundaries to report. The agenda for the meeting is attached. Sam will be available if you wish to discuss the other cases in the Northland area.

National Church Residences (NCR) - parking spaces are remediated. NCR has agreed to a max of 45 units. Pat Hammel talked to the planner. They said if the building is sold, the units will stay at a max of 145 if it is written into the text.

1889 Dublin Granville Rd - Northland Development Committee previously voted it down. The plan submitted was to make it into apartments They are going back to the Development Committee tomorrow night to try for a council variance to operate it as a residential care facility. They want to make 82 units. The property has a nuisance abatement in place that must be adhered to.

Membership - Laurel Hobden -She is going to do a Facebook post about joining the civic association

Hospitality - Charlene Combs - Next meeting is a dinner meeting. Please join us for dinner while we talk about our neighborhood.

Communications - We need chair.

Salem-civicasociation.org is processing memberships, archives *Lamplighter*, meeting agendas. We need *Lamplighter* articles.

Safety - Pat Hammel


Local thefts from carry-outs and gas stations, including Sheetz at 161 and North Meadows.

Lincoln Ave - theft of tools from back porch.

Fifty-three total 311 reports for our area.

Unfinished Business - none

New Business a) NCR zoning application (see attached)

- Sam Shy made a motion, as the civic association to accept the proposed recommendation is text. NCC Development Committee may or may not approve.
- Doug Moody is still concerned about the large building being close to the two-story building.
- Other discussion was brought up about why there is such a concern about parking spaces when we have a need in our area for grocery stores, restaurants, etc. for the residents that will be residing in the NCR properties.
- Concerns about the traffic situation at 161 and North Meadows. Roche Ct will not be subbed off until the building in process is complete and up and running. Also, as of now there is no budget approval for this so that also has to happen first. 



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Bring the World into Your Home with an Exchange Student

by Renee Sammet, Local Coordinator, ETC

Have you ever wanted to experience a culture outside of the United States? Are you an empty nester? Do you have an only child and want them to experience having a sibling? What about younger children who would benefit from a high school-aged older sibling from a different country? Education, Travel, and Culture (ETC) is a non-profit organization that pairs international high school students on J-1 visas with volunteer host families in the United States.

ETC has been in operation since 1999 and has hosted thousands of students from countries all over the world from countries like Germany, Austria, Italy, Japan, Paraguay, South Korea, and Spain. Students create unique and lasting bonds with American families during the school year and bring with them the culture, traditions, cooking, and language of their home country. This ambassador program was designed by the U.S. Department of State in the 1960s to promote good will and mutual understanding, as well as an exchange of culture amongst citizens.

ETC is seeking host families for students for the 2023 school year.

A host family must be able to provide a student with:

- A bedroom in which to sleep—may share with someone of similar age and sex;
- Three meals per day;
- Transportation to school (if bus transportation is not an option);
- Love and support.

Host families will need to undergo an interview process and background check. After a student is placed, a local coordinator (that's me!—your neighbor, Renee Sammet) will be assigned to do monthly support visits with the student and family to monitor adjustment and progress.

All students:

- Have competent English skills;
- Have their own spending money and medical insurance;
- Are eager to learn American culture and be a part of an American family.

Here are some examples of current prospective exchange students, but there are many more from which to choose, and we are getting new students every day!

Lina is a 15-year-old girl from Germany. Lina's hobbies include playing ice hockey, reading, and canoeing. At home, Lina belongs to an ice hockey club and a canoe club. Lina would like to continue playing ice hockey, but she would also like to try baseball during her exchange. In her free time, Lina loves to paint, draw, and write. Lina is looking forward to learning about American culture and history, improving

her English, and experiencing American high school. Lina is excited to meet her new host family and is very thankful for this opportunity.

Tomas is a 16-year-old boy from Spain. Tomas must be placed in the eleventh grade. Tomas enjoys soccer, tennis, animals, technology, cooking, skiing, and watersports. In his spare time Tomas enjoys watching movies, playing board games, playing video games, and listening to pop music. At home, Tomas plays on a soccer team and he would like to participate in soccer, tennis, and skiing while he is here. Tomas is excited to come to the US to improve his English, explore a new culture, and form new relationships.

Giovanni is a 16-year-old boy from Italy. Giovanni enjoys soccer and watching sports. At home, Giovanni has belonged to a tennis club and a soccer team. While in the US, Giovanni would like to participate in soccer, volleyball, martial arts, and rugby. In his free time Giovanni enjoys listening to music, video games, and spending time with his friends and family. Giovanni is excited to grow his sense of self, become more independent, and improve his English. Giovanni cannot wait to experience American culture.

Monica is a 17-year-old girl from Italy. Monica enjoys being with her family and friends, playing the oboe, skiing, and participating in outdoor activities. Monica is excited to try new sports during her exchange. Music is one of Monica's biggest passions. She loves listening to different types of music as often as she can. Monica also likes to travel and discover new places, experience new things, and meet new people. Monica is looking forward to creating a close bond with her host family. 

More information is available at www.edutrav.org.

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