

Salem Lamplighter

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Volunteers needed Block Party Planning Underway

by Claudio Donndelinger

It's time to get down! Join us for a day of fun, connection, and community at our first annual Salem Block Party on Sunday, October 8, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. (rain date: Sunday, October 15). This gathering aims to bring people from across our neighborhood together, fostering a sense of unity within our unique and vibrant community.

We need your support now to make this event a success—the block party planned last year was cancelled due to the lack of volunteers. We are seeking approximately forty enthusiastic volunteers who can share their talents and make the day entertaining and enjoyable. Whether you're skilled in face painting, balloon animals, juggling, or any other form of safe and entertaining activity, we would love to have you join us. You can make a significant impact and ensure that this celebration is one to remember by sharing your expertise, interests, and skills.




We are actively seeking volunteers who can assist with transportation services as well, ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to participate in this exciting community gathering.

Event volunteers needed for:

- Face painting
- Balloon animals
- Juggling
- Live action role playing
- Costume contest
- Bike decoration contest
- Trivia
- Photo booth
- General staff
- Transportation
- Musicians

Contributions to enhance the event experience in the form of monetary support, prizes, or even baked goods will be greatly appreciated.

Mark your calendars and spread the word about our Salem Block Party on October 8!

Together, we can create a day filled with laughter, connections, and a stronger sense of community. For more information, to volunteer, or to make a donation, contact us at LaurelsBlends@gmail.com. 

Salem Civic Association Meetings

The next Civic Association meetings are Tuesday, June 27 and Tuesday, July 25. 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: April 26, 2023

by Charlene Combs, SCA Secretary

Jake Wheeler opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's Report - Charlene Combs

Waived reading. Motion made and passed to approve March minutes.

Columbus Police Liaison - Dan Yandrich

dyandrich@columbuspolice.org 614-645-1418

Accidental shooting in Worthington Apts. by three-year-old; Distracted driving (looking at phone) going to be initial offense, fines and points imposed; Speeding on I-71 SB starting targeted enforcement soon, officers in training; Ride-along with Columbus Police happening now:

Ridealong@columbuspolice.org; Area behind Salem Baptist Church has cat colony, possible tent/homeless behavior. Officer Yandrich to follow up.

Treasurer's Report - Allison Hibler not in attendance, Pat Hammel explained:

SCA Treasurer's Report March 2023

	2023 Budget	Actual as of 4/7/23
INCOME	\$6,626.00	\$2916.00
EXPENSES	\$6,626.00	\$1499.93
Net Income or (Loss)	\$ 0.00	\$1416.07
Checking Account Balance as of 4/7/23		\$5853.28
(-) Remaining Budget Obligations as of 4/7/23		\$5126.07
(-) Donations (Food Bank; Feral Cats)		155.00
(-) Annual Cash Reserve		\$2,335.00
CASH AVAILABLE AS OF 4/7/23		(\$1762.79)

Note, budgeted income includes current year income, prior year cash available (\$376), and prior year donations (education (\$100) and beautification committee (\$20).

Budgeted income does not include current year donations: *Lamplighter* (\$105), operating costs (\$830), food bank (\$35), feral cat management (\$120), education, Thanksgiving dinners (\$150), or the beautification committee (\$10).

NCC Report - Pat Hammel

- NCC still needs Fourth of July help.
- CPD's Freeway Unit is now fully staffed so will be able to catch more cars speeding on 71 and 270 within city limits.
- The Karl Rd. library has free Culture Passes available again this year for a wide variety of institutions and events. Sunday Clipper games are included, and this year the Columbus Symphony orchestra has been added. For details see: <https://www.columbuslibrary.org/culture-pass/>
- The Karl Rd. library has Neighborhood Social Workers from Columbus Public Health available on a walk-in basis on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 12:30-4:30 p.m. to provide help with housing, employment, food, healthcare, addiction and recovery, applying for benefits and more.
- The Columbus Recreation and Parks Dept. Free Mobile Produce Markets are back for 2023. These markets offer a week's worth of free seasonal fruits and vegetables, and take place at various community centers throughout the city. For schedule see: <https://columbusrecreparks.com/wellness/food/mobile-produce-markets/>
- The NCC July Fourth Parade committee is seeking volunteers to help with planning, promotion and participation. The committee meets on the third Saturday of the month from 1-2 p.m. at Epworth United Methodist Church, 5100 Karl Rd. For information about the parade, how to get involved, and a zoom link for meetings see: <https://northlandparade.org/>

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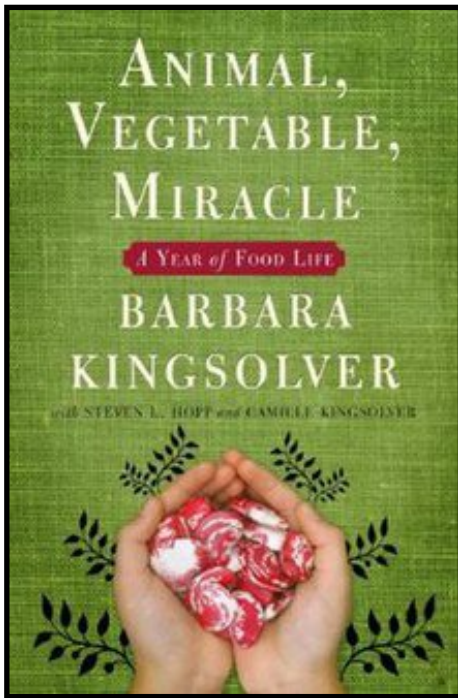
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Salem Book Club Going Strong


by Angie VanHulle

The Salem Neighborhood Book Club, started by Emelia Sheeley in January of this year, is continuing to meet regularly.

The club, which averages over twelve attendees, meets every six weeks at different host homes in the neighborhood. There is ample time to read designated books, which cover multiple genres. Books are selected by the group by voting on suggestions. So far the club has read *The Invention of Wings* (Kidd), *Educated* (Westover) and *Anxious People* (Backman). The June book is *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* by Barbara Kingsolver.

We enjoy getting together with our neighbors and becoming more acquainted with each other; it's community building! If you are interested in finding out more about the Book Club, feel free to email Emelia Sheeley at ohemelia@gmail.com. 

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The Chicken *Definitely* Comes Before the Egg

by Renee Sammet

With the price of eggs these days and the increased popularity of homesteading and environmental sustainability and stewardship, many have considered keeping backyard chickens for both egg and meat consumption (layer hens and broilers). It may come as a surprise to some neighbors that there are several happy hen farmers in Salem already. I'm here to give some tips to potential first-time chicken owners within the Columbus city limits.

Here are some pros and cons of chicken ownership.

Pros:

- **Eggs!** Once you have a fresh egg you will never buy from the store again. They are so good.
- **Food waste reduction:** My hens eat about 90% of my food scraps. It reduces the amount of trash we produce per week.
- **Pest control:** Chickens eat fleas, ticks, grubs, mosquitoes.
- **Pet Dinosaurs:** Chickens are basically little velociraptors. Very food motivated and fun to watch. A well handled hen makes an excellent pet.

Cons:

- **Rats:** Chicken feed can attract vermin, so it's important to follow the guidelines for reducing the risk and keeping rodent and predator-proof coops/ runs.



- **Noise:** A noisy chicken can be heard even over the highway noise in my yard on occasion.
- **Cost:** Keeping hens is an expensive hobby. Knowledge of proper care is important and lasts the life of the hen.
- **Smell/Waste:** Chicken poop has an odor so it must be properly managed and safely disposed of

to prevent the spread of disease and Histoplasmosis.

Getting Started:

Owning hens is rewarding, but there are several considerations to be made before taking the plunge.

The first thing to know is that roosters are prohibited in Columbus, so if you get a mixed flock and find out four months into raising a hatchling she is actually a he, you will need to say your goodbyes and send him on his way to a new home or dinner pot. Sexing chicks is difficult, so even if you purchased all females, the chance of

getting a rooster by mistake is higher than zero.

Secondly, if you are getting chickens, you will need to make an application with the city to have your coop plans approved and permitted. This process is pretty easy and not unreasonable in pricing. Your coop will need to be up to the city's regulations and your hens will need to come from a National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) certified source to keep the rates of bird flu and other

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Curious Salem

by Grace Freeman

Salem Elementary School

Salem Elementary School opened in 1962 to serve the newly developed Salem Village, which had been advertised as “wonderful for kids” (*Columbus Dispatch*, July 30, 1961 pg 57). The school was described in the 1962-1963 Columbus Public School directory as a brick building with “fourteen classrooms, two kindergarten rooms, health rooms, gymnasium-auditorium, library” and offices. There were twelve teachers for grades K-6. By the 1990s, enrollment at Salem was around 50% of total capacity (around 250, with capacity for 500 students) so Salem was one of the schools up for closure when talks began in 1996 to close buildings throughout the city. Students would be relocated to Indian Springs Elementary School in Clintonville. Parents, teachers, and school advocates fought to keep Salem open, and the school was eventually removed from the closure list.

Some highlights of Salem students, teachers, and school history include:

1968 - Salem student Holly Emrick (age ten) and others received citizenship award from Ohio Governor Rhodes at Salem Elementary. The governor’s daughter, Sandra Jacob, taught fourth grade at the school.

1970 - Salem teacher Patricia Schopfer taught her sixth grade students about pollution in a hands-on way, spending part of each day for a week collecting trash. Their goal was fifty pounds, though by the end of the week, students had gathered more than four



Image courtesy Columbus Dispatch, May 23 1968, pg 23.

hundred pounds of trash and *The Dispatch* covered their efforts. A Groveport resident wrote to the paper to say that the Salem students had inspired him to pick up trash during his walk to work that morning.

1976 - Teacher Patricia Schopfer was nominated for the National Education Association’s human and civil rights award for creative leadership in civil rights. Among other activities, her focus was on sexism in textbooks, noting that women’s contributions were often excluded, and tended to feature women only in stereotypical roles; she also focused on including black Americans in her curriculum for her fourth/fifth graders.

1983 - Salem student Andrew Dalton (age six) was killed after darting in front of his school bus on Chase Rd. The tragedy led to the enactment of a law allowing the hiring of lookouts on busses, as well as



Salem Elementary in 1990s courtesy Columbus Metropolitan Library. Are you able to identify any of these students? Please contact gfreeman@columbuslibrary.org!



Salem Elementary in October 1979 courtesy Columbus Metropolitan Library. Are you able to identify students in either of these photos? Please contact ajfreeman@columbuslibrary.org!



the invention of a detector to warn a driver when someone is in front of the bus.

1986 - Salem was one of the first Columbus elementary schools to offer full day kindergarten, which was then expanded district-wide after its success.

1987 - Salem student Kevin Mayberry was one of ten students in the district to serve in the 'Mayor for a Day' program, in which students act as mayor and members of the city cabinet. Kevin, a third-grader, ran the department of Jobs Development.

1989 - Salem student Jonathan Winer received the Boy Scouts of America "Recommendation for

Lifesaving Award" for his help in saving an eighteen-year-old from drowning at Alum Creek State Park.

1999 - Salem student Alex Carr Brown won first place in the district spelling bee, winning with the word *pathetic*. Alex said "If I didn't know how to spell it, I just sounded it out" (*Dispatch*, February 4, 1999 p C1).

2000 - Salem is one of the first Columbus City Schools to receive Dell computers in the classrooms.



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There is a \$50 plan review fee and yearly cost for a permit is equal to \$25 per year (or \$100 for a four-year permit). A portion of these fees can be waived if you or a family member receive assistance from WIC or SNAP.


Plan to spend about \$700 in set-up costs. That's coop, run, predator-proofing, food storage, water, permit fees, feed, and bedding. Purchasing laying hens is more expensive (6 month old hens are \$15-20 and above per individual) but allows one to skip the chick stage which can be educational but time consuming.

Thirdly, selecting which breeds of chicken you want can be the most fun. There are over one hundred thirty different recognized breeds of chicken and each has its own unique characteristic. Chickens that do best in Ohio are cold hardy. Some hens lay an egg almost every day of their life while other breeds will lay about one every third day. During the winter, egg production slows for all birds if they get less than sixteen hours a day of sunlight.

If it is too hot in the summer, they will stop laying, so have a plan in place to keep them well ventilated and cool.

Advice from our county veterinarian, Aaron Messer:

1. Application forms must be submitted first.
2. An onsite consultation is part of the process and the city does their best to make sure anyone who wants chickens is educated and well prepared for them.
3. After the application is approved, there is a final onsite inspection.
4. If your hens are properly permitted with the city and all guidelines are followed, there is no recourse from anyone who would want you to get rid of your hens.
5. Hawks, raccoons, skunks, foxes, and ferrets are all predators to watch out for.

For more resources, visit www.columbus.gov and search animal permits or call Dr. Messer at his office, 614-645-6748, for questions. He is always happy to talk. 



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Salem Civic Association Meeting Minutes: May 23, 2023

by Charlene Combs, SCA Secretary

Jake Wheeler opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's Report - Charlene Combs

Report is not ready. Will add to next month.

Columbus Police Liaison - Dan Yandrich

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Cars stolen on Eisenhower and North Meadows; Mail stolen on Garvey/N. Meadows, checks altered and cashed. Recommend do NOT mail checks from outside/freestanding mail boxes—take them to the drop box inside the post office; No homeless camp found behind church where reported; Registration sticker expires on your birthday, not the end of birth month—you can be cited if not renewed on time; Police Officer Safe Streets will be focusing on hotels/motels the first week of June; Graffiti reported on walkover bridge to Woodward Park.

Treasurer's Report - Allison Hibler

NCC Report - Pat Hammel

- CPD has instituted a Street Racing Enforcement Initiative to target areas where cars are engaging in dangerous high speed street races.
- The city attorney's objection to the Doll House on Karl Rd. liquor license renewal is up for a hearing in June, and the Nuisance Abatement enforcement action is up for a hearing in July. It remains closed until outcomes from the hearings are issued.
- America's Best Value Inn (ABVI) on Sinclair Rd. remains closed due to lack of compliance with the Nuisance Abatement agreement. The city attorney has scheduled a Receivership Status Conference for the end of June. If no satisfactory outcome occurs at this meeting, the city attorney will file to have a receiver appointed by the court to sell the property.
- The Karl Rd. library Summer Reading Challenge kick-off event will be Saturday, 6/3 from noon-2 p.m.

- The NCC July Fourth Parade committee is seeking volunteers to help with planning, promotion and participation. The committee meets on the third Saturday of the month from 1-2 p.m. at Epworth United Methodist Church, 5100 Karl Rd. For information about the parade, how to get involved, and a zoom link for meetings see: <https://northlandparade.org/>
- City Council's 2023 Northside Community meeting will be held on May 24 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Park of Roses Shelterhouse at Whetstone Park. Community meetings allow residents to discuss topics that affect their daily lives in an informal, one-on-one setting with Council members, staff and department leadership.
- City Council's 2023 Capital Improvement Budget Public Meeting (Northside) will be held on June 7 at 6 p.m. at Howard Rec Center, 2505 N Cassady Ave.
- Vendor Registration is open for the Northland Unity Festival sponsored by Elevate Northland. The event is September 16 from 3-7 p.m. at the YMCA on Karl Rd. Information about how to register: <https://elevatenorthland.org/events/northland-unity-festival/>

NCC Development - Sam Shy
No cases in the Salem area.

Membership - Laurel Hobden
New memberships slowing down; Block Party coming along, more helpers needed.

Communications - Jake Wheeler
Need chair! Please write articles.

Safety - Pat Hamell
Seven car thefts; thefts at Sheetz; trespassing at Dollar Tree.

Hospitality - Charlene Combs
June dinner meeting is taco bar. Feel free to bring sides or desserts to share.

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Tips for Our Yards and Gardens

Excerpts from Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District's Backyard Conversation

- For a healthy lawn, mow high to shade out weeds (4").
- Leave grass and leaf clippings on your lawn to improve your lawn's health and cycle carbon back into the soil; grass clippings can increase carbon-storage in the soil by nearly sixty percent.
- Use an electric, push or battery-powered lawn mower to avoid air pollution. Gas lawn mowers have no catalytic converter, and on average, **mowing for one hour produces as much pollution as driving 650 miles.**
- Gas-powered leaf blowers emit even more pollution than lawnmowers and also emit high velocity wind blasts directly on bees and other insects living beneath the leaves, which destroys their habitat and may kill them. This takes away the insects that birds need to feed their babies.
- Plant regionally native Milkweed for Monarchs and flashy insects (avoid Tropical Milkweed): keep the area pesticide free.
- Plant native groundcover (for example, native violets) around trees instead of mulch because caterpillars pupate over winter underground and cannot penetrate mulch. Alternative: use leaves, leaf litter or compost (wait until after the ground warms to avoid a cold, damp place where fungus can form) around trees, bushes and flowers 

April Minutes con't. from page 2

- The city will be holding a series of public meetings to discuss and review the progress of the comprehensive Zoning Code Update currently being developed. For details on upcoming meetings see: <https://zone-in-columbus.hub.arcgis.com/pages/how-to-engage>
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- The Northland Swim Club Community Pool will open for the 2023 season on Saturday, May 27. For information about membership rates, operating hours and hiring for lifeguards see: <https://northlandswimclub.wixsite.com/northlands-wimclub>

NCC Development – Sam Shy not in attendance, Pat Hammel reporting

National Church Residence approved with written agreement for overflow parking—recommended approval to city council; Question concerning concrete falling-off 161 underpass.

Membership – Laurel Hobden

Hundreds of dollars to print *Lamplighter*—encourage your neighbors to join the association; Block Party is being organized. We need twenty people in the Block Party committee by June to move forward.

Communications – Jake Wheeler

Need chair! Need delivery help; check out the website.

Safety- Pat Hammel

Trash fire this morning in the rear of a house on Minerva—fire was contained; Pretty severe fire on Crawford just north of Hillary—family may need assistance; Reports from March 23-April 1 include: shooting in Worthington, car thefts in Eden Springs,

trespassing and assaults, bullying report at Salem, thefts at Sheetz, thirty-eight 311 reports—four reports requesting trees to be planted.

Hospitality – Charlene Combs

Salem Shark Frenzy needs volunteers and cakes.

New Business

Request for yard signs.

Adjourn. 

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New Business

- National Night Out is August 1. Meet at Chaseland Park; Officer Yandrich planning to attend: snacks for people and pets. Please join us to meet your neighbors. Don't forget to also bring your kids!
- Garage Sale August 5. Will be advertised as 9-3 but feel free to open earlier or close later. To be placed on the yard sale treasure map, email address to SalemCivisAssn@gmail.com.
- If you are having financial difficulties please reach out to the St. Vincent DePaul Society 614-500-3893. They can help with furniture, appliances, food, utility bills, etc.

Adjourn. 



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