

Salem Lamplighter

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Salem Block Party: A Vibrant Gathering for All Ages

by Heather Odenweller

Get ready to experience a day filled with joy, laughter, and camaraderie! Groove to great music, savor delicious food, and connect with your neighbors at the highly anticipated Salem Block Party on Garvey Road! Our hearts are filled with excitement as we anticipate the magic that will unfold this October right here in Salem.

The Salem Block Party Committee has been working tirelessly to ensure that this celebration caters to everyone in the neighborhood. From children to adults, there will be a multitude of activities to keep the excitement soaring:



Costume Contest for All Ages

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Scenes from Salem's National Night Out

Allison Hibler made the festive balloon décor—and everything else—happen.



Some of the many Salem residents who enjoyed National Night Out in Chaseland Park on August 8—including about a dozen dogs!

Officers Yandrich—Mr. and Mrs.—stopped by with police treats for the kids.



Salem Civic Association Meetings

The next Civic Association meetings are Tuesday, August 22 and Tuesday, September 26. 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: June 27, 2023

by Charlene Combs, SCA Secretary

President Jake Wheeler opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

This is a dinner meeting so everyone was invited to get food. Once all were seated, Officer Yandrich was invited to speak.

Columbus Police Liaison - Dan Yandrich

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Officer Yandrich was accompanied by Lt. Sweeny. There was a shooting on May 24 at the apartments. The shooting did not appear to be random. A Salem resident witnessed a male being mean to a dog. She stopped and asked if everything was OK. He told her to mind her own business and pulled out a gun. She left and called Officer Yandrich. She did not want to call 911 because she did not want to have police at her house out of concern for her safety. Officer Yandrich informed he can not come out on calls and that callers may request officers meet them at another location.

Lt. Sweeny explained Safe Streets a Community Response. Explained precincts and zones.

Question about what seems to be escalating violence/gun use and what can be done. Per Lt. Sweeny, **call every incident in!**

Treasurer's Report - Allison Hibler

SCA Treasurer's Report May 2023 (5/7/23 - 6/7/23)

	2023 Budget	Actual as of 6/7/23
INCOME:	\$6,626.00	\$5,041.00 (76% collected)
EXPENSES:	\$6,626.00	\$1,718.93 (26% paid)
Net Income or (Loss)	\$ 0.00	\$3,322.07
Checking Account Balance as of 6/7/23		\$6,694.28
(-) Remaining Budget Obligations as of 6/7/23		\$4,907.07
(-) "Outside" Donations (Food Bank; Feral Cats)		\$150.00
(-) Annual Cash Reserve		\$2,335.00
CASH AVAILABLE AS OF 6/7/23		(\$697.79)
Garage Sale - Get on map! \$250 donation from Joe Jackson		
National Night Out - \$258 Grant		

Northland Community Council - Pat Hammel

- Columbus Metropolitan Library's inaugural Book Festival will be held July 15-16 at the Main Library, Topiary Park and Kaufman Plaza on Grant Street downtown. Over 200 national and local authors, exhibitors and vendors and live entertainment will be available. For a schedule of activities see: <https://www.columbusbookfestival.org/>
- The NCC July 4 parade will start at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 4. The route starts at the intersection of Morse and Karl Rds. and proceeds down Karl Rd. to SR 161. For information about honorees and participants, see: <https://northlandparade.org/>
- All Columbus Parks and Rec outdoor pools are now open. Cost is \$1, and you must have a Parks and Rec Leisure Card. Calendar and hours here: <https://columbusrecparks.com/facilities/aquatics/pools/>
- The Columbus and Franklin County Addiction Plan is hosting Walk-In for Recovery events throughout the summer to connect people who use drugs or alcohol to health checks, naloxone, addiction help, food and resources. Services are available on a drop-in basis and no appointment is needed. Free Walk-In for Recovery events will be held at the following locations: June 28 & 29 11 a.m.-6 p.m. New Salem Baptist Church, 2956 Cleveland Ave.;

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Salem Book Club Read Inspires Action

by Angie VanHulle

At the June meeting of the Salem Book Club, members enthusiastically discussed the book, *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* by Barbara Kingsolver. The book details the author's family move from suburban Arizona to rural Appalachia to spend a year on a locally-produced diet, paying close attention to the provenance of all they consume. Concerned about the environmental, social, and physical costs of American food culture, they hoped to recover what Barbara considers our nation's lost appreciation for farms and the natural processes of food production.

We discovered we were being challenged to look closer into our habits and lifestyles, and the effects these may have on the bigger picture, mass-produced food. Mass food production is not only destroying local farms, but our culture, our environment and, frighteningly, our health and the health of our younger generations.


Most of us are not in positions to duplicate the author's drastic life change, but each of us is able to make small changes in our practices that can make a positive impact on the nearly lost culture of local farming and food production. As Steven Hopp (Kingsolver's spouse) quoted in the book: "If every U.S. citizen ate just one meal a week (any meal) composed of locally and organically raised meats & produce, we would reduce our country's oil consumption by over 1.1 million barrels of oil every week...Small changes in buying habits can make big differences."

As a book club, it was decided to think about small changes we can make. Here are a few we tried:

- The last time I was in a local grocery store, I asked the manager if they carried any local (within 50 miles of Columbus) produce. Sadly, he reported that the only local produce on their shelf is the basil; all the rest come from California and/or Florida. He did say corporate executives have been discussing the possibility of offering more local

items. I plan to follow up with this gentleman to see how those discussions are panning out. Challenge: The next time you are grocery shopping, ask if they carry any local products (meat, produce, poultry, dairy, etc). It may change where you shop for your fresh items.

- Stephanie Wheeler was inspired to organize community composting. See her article (page five) for more details on this exciting opportunity for us. Also, see the article (and pictures) on the garden clean-up and beautification day at Salem Elementary on July 8. Community building comes in many ways and supporting our local neighborhood school is one example.
- One reader shared "I never thought of buying more at the farmers' market to preserve for the winter. I love the idea of summer flavors year 'round—especially since locally grown tastes so much better!" Many in the group made the decision to shop more regularly at local farmers' markets. We were delighted to find out that EBT/SNAP benefits can be used for farmers' market purchases, and that the amount is increased when used at the farmers' market!
- Community supported agriculture (CSA) is a partnership between farmers and consumers, where consumers purchase a share of a farm's products in advance. These products are sometimes delivered to a central pick up location or delivered. For more information, visit <https://www.localharvest.org/columbus-oh/csa>

The book club encourages you to investigate ways to support local farmers in whatever way you are able. The book, *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle*, provides a lot of information about our food culture and gives practical suggestions for supporting our local farmers. There are copies of the book in the library. Together, doing small things can make big differences. 



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FREE Curbside Composting Pilot Coming to Salem this Fall

by Stephanie Wheeler

The average American family produces about six hundred pounds of organic, recyclable materials each year. A simple change in how each household “manages” the disposal of these valuable resources can have a huge effect on our shared world—our soil, our water, and our air. Let’s face it, every day after peeling that banana or cleaning out the fridge, we place these organic materials somewhere—into a trash can to be taken to our already overcrowded landfill *or* into a composting bucket to be made into healthy soil to grow food and flowers in our local gardens.

The cost for either path is about the same. Right now most households are paying to have these valuable materials taken to the local landfill as part of their trash every week. By simply placing these materials into a composting bucket instead of the trash can—think about it, it takes the same effort—we can do our part to make a huge difference in our shared quality of life. Let’s compost it!

After the five-week free pilot, you can choose to opt in/out for ongoing service. The cost will depend on the number of participants we have in our neighborhood program. The more participation, the less cost per household! Once you have participated in the program for six months, you can request a bag of ready compost to use for your home garden. Some Salem residents compost in their backyards already,

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Curious Salem

by Grace Freeman

Blair, at 5750 Sinclair Rd., writes, “I would love to learn more about the history of our home and property.”

5750 Sinclair Rd was built in 1960 and is situated on lot 19 of the ‘Indianola Acres’ subdivision. Indianola Acres was platted in 1946 on land owned by John and Catherine Hislop, and consisted of seven lots on Dublin Granville Road at the corner of Sinclair, and



Image courtesy Zillow, 2021

thirty-eight lots on Sinclair, primarily on the east side of that street. Indianola Acres did include eight lots on the west side of Sinclair, all south of Bill Fry Lane, now known as Shore Drive. The rest of the western side of Sinclair was developed separately, as part of the Pencader development. At the time, Sinclair Road was actually still an extension of Indianola Avenue, hence the name, Indianola Acres. The street name did not change to Sinclair until 1949, as discussed in a previous issue of “Curious Salem” (June, 2021). The lots on the east side of Sinclair are large parcels, all with approximately two (or more) acres of land. 5750 Sinclair remains a 2.141 acre lot, as it was when originally platted for development.

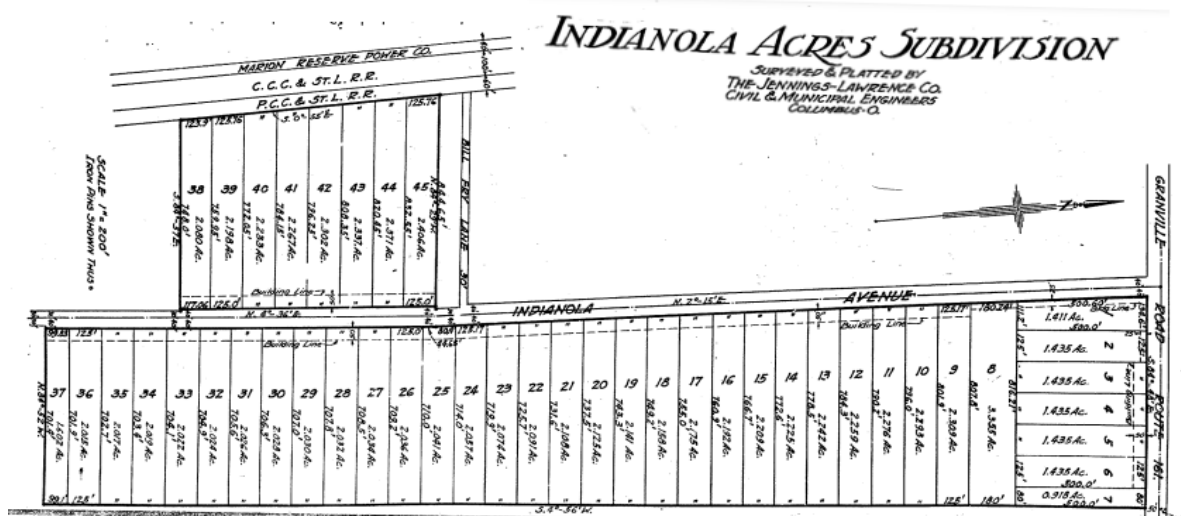
5750 is unique in a few ways. First, while it sold several times in the early days as a plot of undeveloped land, it has only transferred a handful of times since the house was built. The lot was purchased in 1959 by Richard G. and Emogene B. Payne, and the home remained in the Payne family for fifty-seven years,

until 2016. The Paynes moved to 5750 from a smaller home at 1518 Maynard Ave in Linden, likely to accommodate their growing family. They raised three boys, John, Don, and Mark, all Eagle Scouts. Richard served in WWII and Emogene, or “Jean,” as she was known, was for a time the proprietor of “The Crafty Owl” craft shop. Her obituary noted that Jean was “[a]community leader in the arts and crafts field and member of a local quilting group, and she has won several awards in ceramics and quilting.”

Attesting to Jean’s creativity, current homeowner, Blair, has observed that the basement has been outfitted with a ceramics studio. Jean’s “Crafty Owl” shop was a home business that also had a location at one time at the Union Station Antique Village & Retail Bazaar in the Northern Lights Shopping Center.

The house remained in the Payne family until 2016 when Richard passed away (Emogene died two years earlier, in 2014).

It was then, in 2016, that another unique event took place: the house sold in August 2016 to Mark Devine, Ricky Schoch, and Keith Graney—all of whom also live on Sinclair Rd. These neighbors purchased



Plat map of Indianola Acres subdivision, courtesy Franklin County Recorder



Payne



Grinch

2 Scouts Get Eagle Awards


Don Payne, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Payne, 5750 Sinclair Rd., received the Eagle Scout award at a Troop 330 court of honor Saturday at Salem Elementary School.

Don, who has earned 21 merit badges, has served his troop as patrol leader, senior patrol leader, and instructor.

Image courtesy The Columbus Dispatch, July 23, 1972 pg 8.

the home together, before it was sold again in November 2016 to James Lewis, and the current owners purchased the home in 2021. In all, it has only had a handful of owners in its 60+ year history, and most of them have known one another.

Unfortunately, because the house did not sell after it was built until 2016, resources for learning more about its history are limited.

If you are interested in learning more about the history of *your* home for a future "Curious Salem" feature, email curious.salem.oh@gmail.com with your address and any specific questions you may have. You do not need to be the homeowner or live in a single-family home to be curious about your home's history! 



Payne

JOHN PAYNE, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Payne of 5750 Sinclair Rd., is a sophomore and has served as senior patrol leader, patrol leader and instructor during his five years of scouting. He has earned 22 merit badges.

Image courtesy The Columbus Dispatch, July 18, 1971 pg 38.

(Excerpt from "4 Scouts Win Rank Of Eagle")



Payne


Mark Payne, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Payne of 5750 Sinclair Rd. He attends Clinton Junior High School and has been a patrol leader. He has two brothers, Don and John, who are Eagle Scouts.

Image courtesy The Columbus Dispatch, January 27, 1974 pg 29.


(Excerpt from "5 Members of Arrowhead Troop To Receive Eagle Scout Awards")

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Salem Elementary Gardens Spruced Up


by Angie VanHulle

On July 8, a group of resident volunteers met at Salem Elementary School to clean up and add plants to the raised beds lining the school's entry. They pulled weeds, put down cardboard and mulch, built an arbor for grapes, and planted vegetables and flowers.

It was a "group of all ages" effort and resulted in a fresh new look for the school. Salem residents stopped by all morning with donated plants for the

garden. In addition to the volunteers who helped, the Salem Civic Association would like to thank Lowe's, Home Depot, and Ohio Mulch for donating top soil, mulch and plants.

Thanks to everyone who helped and donated—we couldn't have done it without you.

If you are interested in helping with the garden upkeep (weeding/watering), please email Stephanie Wheeler at stephwheeler.236@gmail.com. 



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Salem Civic Association Meeting Minutes: July 25, 2023

by Charlene Combs, SCA Secretary

President Jake Wheeler opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary - Charlene Combs

Meeting minutes from the June meeting approved.

Columbus Police Liaison - Dan Yandrich

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Missing child—found safe; Millbank foot chase; North Meadows report of a man with a gun; Tacoma man shot in stomach—transferred to hospital in critical condition. That gun violence in the apartments seems to be increasing was brought up. Officer Yandrich suggested reaching out to apartment managers and inviting them to attend our meetings. He is happy to go with us to talk to them.

Treasurer's Report - Allison Hibler

Report accepted.

SCA Treasurer's Report June 2023 (6/7/23 - 7/7/23)

	2023 Budget	Actual 7/7/23
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CASH AVAILABLE 7/7/23 (\$312.21)		

Northland Community Council - Pat Hammel

- The city's impound lot is open again so CPD can have illegally parked and/or abandoned cars towed after failure to comply with warnings and tickets. Report illegally parked and/or abandoned cars through the 311 system.
- The City Attorney has negotiated a nuisance abatement agreement with The Doll House (Karl Rd.) that has significant new safety procedure

requirements. It remains closed until the agreement requirements have been installed.

- ODOT has secured funding for Phase 1 of the 161 corridor rebuild plan from Maple Canyon Dr. to Ambleside Dr. Road resurfacing, installation of a multi-use path and sidewalk, and installation of mini-roundabouts will be included. Projected date for beginning construction is Spring 2026.
- The mayor's Office of Violence Prevention has been established to coordinate the multiple city-run and city-funded violence prevention programs. It will include a web-based dashboard for public use.
- The July 4 parade was a success with over fifty registered participants (up from thirty the prior year).
- The Ohio Department of Public Safety is expanding a program to prevent injuries among older drivers. CarFit is an educational program which offers older adults the opportunity to improve their safety and comfort behind the wheel. At a CarFit event, trained volunteers complete a 12-point checklist with each driver. Occupational therapists

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Young Salem trees need water!



Newly planted trees need about ten gallons of water per week. They should be watered one to two times per week during the growing season. The best time to water is early in the morning or at night, when they are not as stressed by hot temperatures. Watering at night allows more effective use of water and less loss to evaporation.

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July 12 & 13 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Community Development for All People, 946 Parsons Ave.; July 26 & 27 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Stonewall Columbus, 1160 N. High St.; August 9 & 10 11 a.m.-6 p.m. African American & African Studies Community Extension Center, 905 Mt. Vernon Ave.; August 23 & 24 11 a.m.-6 p.m. The P.E.E.R. Center West, 866 W. Broad St., #860

The free community events may include: alcohol and/or drug assessments; immediate linkage to medical detox; boxed meals; wound care; same-day contraception; STI/HIV testing and treatment; access to PrEP; women's health exams, including breast and cervical cancer screenings; COVID-19 prevention help; Medicaid enrollment assistance; and, naloxone and fentanyl test strips. Services are free and will be offered at most locations. For more information about the Columbus & Franklin County Addiction Plan, visit <https://cfcap-columbus.hub.arcgis.com/>.

- The city's Housing for All: 2nd Annual Housing Forum will be held on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at Columbus State Community College, Mitchell Hall's Crane Room, 250 Cleveland Ave. to RSVP see: <https://www.housingforallcbus.com/>
- The city's next Immigrants and Refugees Townhall will be held on Thursday, June 29 at The Harmony

Project, 4411 Tamarack Blvd from 5:50-8:30pm. For information see:

<https://www.immigrantsmakecolumbus.com/event-details/immigrant-heritage-month-conversation>

- Question about the old Tee Jay's site at Morse and High Street. Water and sewer infrastructure "challenges." No definite answers about what is going to happen.
- Best Value Inn - We may need people to attend meeting.

Northland Community Development Committee - Pat Hammel reporting for Sam Shy
Nothing on the agenda near Salem. Pat will attend meeting for Sam tomorrow night.

Membership - Laurel Hobden

About a hundred members. Block Party still needs help. Laurel is passing a sign-up sheet. Lots of good ideas have been discussed in the Block Party meetings.

Safety - Pat Hammel

May 23- June 26 *CPD Reports*: Thirty reports of menacing, seven were at Sheetz, same person. Four car thefts, three attempts, two trespassing. *311 Reports*: Repair or replace trash cans, eight abandoned vehicles on streets. Mailbox at North Meadows and Garvey theft. Checks were stolen, altered and cashed. If you are mailing checks, take it inside a post office. 🗑️

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are also on hand to provide a consultation, if needed. For information see <https://car-fit.org/>
NCC Development - Sam Shy not present
Pat Hammel reported there is nothing near Salem.

Communication - Still no chair

Jake reported *Lamplighter* articles due by August 3

Membership - Laurel Hobden not present

Jake reported 107 residential members
Block Party planning is coming along nicely

Safety - Pat Hammel

Between 6/24 and 7/24 *CPD Reports*: Two car thefts, one at Sheetz; two assaults, one at Sheetz; one rape in Cruiser District 18. Zone 1 is the largest physical district in the city.

311 Reports: #1 report is trash can replace or repair. National Night out is Tuesday, August 1. Garage Sale is Saturday, August 5. Get on the treasure map!

Guest Speaker - Ray Leard - Compost Exchange
Mr. Leard encouraged our neighborhood to take part in composting. A composting bucket will be provided and picked up weekly in exchange for an

empty one. There is a small fee involved *after the free five-week pilot program*. For additional information, contact Ray at 740-249-5427 or visit <http://thecompostexchange.com>

New Business - Concerns on facebook about what seem like excessive power outages in our neighborhood. After some discussion, Charlene will reach out to AEP to get a rep involved for more information and to, possibly, attend one of our meetings to discuss. 🗑️

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Talented artists will be ready to turn your faces into works of art. Whether you aspire to be a fearless superhero, a mystical creature, or a beloved storybook character, our face painting volunteers will make it happen.

Capture Your Look at the Photo Booth

Don't forget to capture the magic of your costumes at our Photo Booth! Grab your cell phones and strike your best poses.

Delightful Activities for the Young Ones

We know how important it is to keep the little ones entertained throughout the event. That's why we've prepared a variety of activities just for them. From captivating costume and bike decorating contests to fun-filled sidewalk coloring and face painting, our kid-friendly booths and activities are bound to keep them delighted and giggling with joy. And how about sparking their imagination and curiosity? They'll get a chance to experience the thrill of touching a fire truck up close. (Children under the age of twelve must be accompanied by a responsible adult.)

Teenagers' Paradise—Games and Ice Cream Galore

Teenagers, we haven't forgotten about you! Head to the school field, where we've arranged exciting games like ping pong and spike ball, perfect for unleashing your competitive spirit. And guess what? Everyone, regardless of age, will be treated to *free ice cream!*

An Adult's Paradise—The BYOBeer Garten & Food Truck

For the adults, we have a special treat—the BYOBeer Garten. Picture this: lounging on a sunny afternoon, live music filling the air, indulging in great conversations, and exchanging tastes of your favorite brews with fellow partygoers. But that's not all! Our local food trucks will be available for purchasing mouth-watering eats.

So, remember the date, embrace the spirit of community, and head to Garvey Road in front of Salem School. Join us for an exciting and heartwarming celebration at the Salem Block Party! It's a gathering for neighbors, friends, and families! See you there!

A big *thank you* to Silver Smiles for sponsoring the Bike Decorating Station and to these local businesses which have donated prizes for our contests—thanks for your support!

- Bare Clay - Ceramics Studio
- Casey Giblin - Reiki Healing
- 614 Fitness - Get Your Workout On
- Luke's Auto - Oil Change & Safety Inspection
- Johnson's Barbershop - Free Haircut

Patronize these businesses & let them know you appreciate their support for our Block Party.

This spectacular event is only possible with the support of volunteers like you. If you're interested in contributing and becoming part of the magic, check out the Signup Genius on our Salem Civic Association Facebook page or reach out to Laurel Hobden via email at laurelsblends@gmail.com for more information.

FAQs

What is the date and location of the Salem Block Party?

The Salem Block Party will take place on October 8, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., with a rain date of October 15. The event will be held on Garvey Rd. next to Salem Elementary.

Is there an entry fee for the Block Party?

No, the Salem Block Party is a free event for all attendees. However, supporting the Salem Civic Association with a small membership fee of \$15 is encouraged.

Can I bring my pets to the Block Party?

We kindly request that you do not bring your pets to the Block Party. While we love our furry friends, the event can be crowded and loud, which may cause stress for some pets.

Let's ensure a safe and enjoyable environment for everyone attending.

Will there be food available at the Block Party?

Yes, there will be a food truck at the Block Party for you to purchase savory local cuisine. Additionally, you can bring your favorite six-pack to the BYOBeer Garten and enjoy a delightful exchange of tastes with fellow attendees. Also, we will have complimentary ice cream and lemon ice available. 🍷

Deep soaking needed for young trees



The best way to water newly planted trees is slowly, deeply and for a long time so that roots have more time to absorb moisture from the soil. Use a garden hose with the water coming out at a slow trickle. Place the end of the hose on the root ball a few inches away from the main stem and leave in place for 30 minutes. Alternatively, use a 5-gallon

bucket with two small holes poked towards the bottom of one side. Fill, using a hose or another bucket. Two of these slow-draining 5-gallon buckets of water a week will provide the ideal slow soaking needed for the young trees planted along our streets. Credit to TJ Nagel, Arborist, Russell Tree Experts; <https://www.russelltreeexperts.com/arbor-ed/2020/8/12/watering-best-practice>



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