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A Grand Celebration

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Salem Civic Association Meetings

The next Civic Association meetings are Tuesday, October 24 and Tuesday, November 28. 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 22, 2023

by Charlene Combs, SCA Secretary

President Jake Wheeler invited everyone to go ahead and get food, then opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's Report – Charlene Combs

Report approved.

Columbus Police Liaison Officer – Dan Yandrich

Homeless camp behind Capri Lanes – there was a report of a gun-involved situation. Reportedly, one of the residents of the camp allegedly owed someone money. That person came to collect and had a weapon with them. Concern brought up about the fact that there is a camp behind the building and the amount of trash. The property is still owned by Jim Morgan. It is his responsibility to clean it up. · If you need to report a car theft or break in, please turn in any video you may have with your report. · Patrol is short-handed right now. · Auto Zone last night approx. 6:45 p.m. No details. Officer Yandrich to research and report at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report - Allison Hibler

SCA Treasurer's Report August 2023 (8/7/23 – 9/7/23)

	2023 Budget	Actual as of 9/7/23
BUDGETED INCOME	\$6,626.00	\$6,619.00 (99.89% collected)
BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$6,626.00	\$2,551.34 (38.5% paid)
Net Income or (Loss)	\$ 0.00	\$4,067.66
Checking Account Balance as of 9/7/23		\$7,227.77
(-) Remaining Budget Obligations as of 9/7/23		\$4,074.66
(-) "Outside" Donations (Food Bank; Feral Cats)		\$230.00
(-) Annual Cash Reserve		\$2,335.00
CASH AVAILABLE AS OF 9/7/23		\$588.11

Report was approved – see attached

Northland Community Council Report – Pat Hammel

- America's Best Value Inn (ABVI) on Sinclair Rd. is renting at \$250 per unit/per week. Two buildings have been brought into compliance with the nuisance abatement agreement negotiated and enforced by the City Attorney, and permits have been applied for to bring the third building into compliance. The State Fire Marshall has only granted a permit for operation of one building, so ABVI is open but only allowed to operate one building until the State Fire Marshall feels they have demonstrated they can operate in full compliance. The site will continue to be inspected by CPD, the City Attorney, Code Enforcement, Columbus Fire and the State Fire Marshall per the abatement agreement. The current owner has indicated intent to sell the property.
- The City of Columbus has launched three Food Waste Drop-Off Facilities for residential use. The facilities aim to help decrease the nearly 1 million pounds of food waste dumped at the Franklin County Sanitary Landfill every day. The city pilot program allows residents to dispose of food scraps at no charge at collection facilities at: Anheuser Busch Sports Park, Dodge Park and Community Center, and Scioto Southland Park. The city's Climate Action Plan includes a goal to reduce by 90 percent the amount of organic waste, specifically food waste, being dumped at the county landfill by 2050. The drop-off sites are identified by signage at the three Recreation and Parks locations. Columbus residents may use them seven days a week, 24 hours a day. The facilities will be serviced weekly, and the food waste will

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be hauled by Compost Clubhouse to a composting facility in London, Ohio, to divert it from the landfill. Learn more at:

<https://www.columbus.gov/foodwaste/>

- In July, City Council approved \$9 million in funding for programs to invest in the new development of quality and affordable housing units, the preservation of the current housing stock, and the inclusion of all Columbus residents. In addition, residents experiencing housing instability or in need of assistance with rent payment can visit www.rentful614.com to learn more about available resources.
- The County Auditor is sponsoring an Affordable Housing Resource Fair on Saturday 9/30, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Beechcroft High School.
- Columbus Metropolitan Library's School Help Centers open Monday, Aug. 21. These dedicated after-school spaces give students access to technology, resources and the library's catalog of books and materials. For information, see: <https://www.columbuslibrary.org/school-help/>
- City of Columbus will distribute fifty free produce boxes at Gillie Community Center from 4-6 p.m. on Tuesday, 9/5. First come, first served. The boxes are curated by the North Market's produce merchant Mini-Super with help from Yoder Family Farm.
- For information about the 2023 Countywide Property Reappraisal which will determine

property value and property taxes due beginning in January 2024, see the County Auditor's website at: <https://audr-kyhv.franklincountyohio.gov/>

Safety - Pat Hammel

Top three reports continue to be MVR theft/MVR break ins/MVR damage.

Top 311 calls are trash/recycle can repair and missed pick up trash/recycle.

NCC Development - Sam Shy

Sam absent - Meeting is not until next week

Communication Committee - No chair.

Lamplighter was distributed prior to meeting. Per Pam Unger, *Lamplighters* are not to be placed in mailboxes. She asked that delivery people be reminded of that.

Membership - Laurel Hobden

Block Party plans are underway. Still need volunteers.

Hospitality - Charlene Combs

Please eat! October is Chili/Soup Cook off!!

New Business - Interested in someone from apartments being built on Sinclair Road to speak at a future meeting, if anyone has a contact. There are concerns about the apartments being rented and no sidewalks being installed yet. Apartments have multiple bedrooms, possibly children coming or going from school, people walking on the side of the road. 🚗



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Salem Block Party: A Grand Celebration

by Heather Odenweller

The Salem neighborhood resonated with joy and enthusiasm on Sunday, October 8, as the entire community gathered for the first-time block party event. The air was filled with music, laughter, and the aroma of delicious food. But before we delve into the fun details, it's crucial to extend our gratitude to those who made it all possible.

A Heartfelt Thanks

Whoever said "It takes a village to raise a child" probably never organized a block party. It takes an entire neighborhood, and then some!

To Our Gold Sponsor: Luke's Auto Service

A huge shout-out to Luke's Auto Service for not just being our gold sponsor but for also donating ice cream—the universal symbol of happiness! Their generosity didn't end there; they also made a kind donation to the Nacho Street Band and raffle prizes.

Special Mentions: Nacho Street Band

Speaking of the Nacho Street Band, how can we thank you enough? Not only did they volunteer at our event, but they also turned their gratitude into action by donating funds to the Nationwide Children's Hospital's Ronald McDonald House. Isn't it wonderful when the cycle of giving just keeps going? Hear the band at NachoStreetBand.org & you, too, can donate there to support the Ronald McDonald House, which provides housing for parents with a seriously ill child being treated at Nationwide Children's Hospital.

Silver Smiles Station and Other Contributors

Many other businesses showcased their community spirit too. We're talking about Silver Smiles Station, BareClay, GoreMade Pizza, Villa Nova, Brew House, 614 Fitness, Iron Grill, Johnson's Barber Shop, 730 Reiki, and others who generously contributed. Their support added flavor, color, and rhythm to our event, quite literally!

The Pillars of Our Event: Laurel Hobden & Volunteers

The spearheading efforts of the tireless and passionate Laurel Hobden brought us all together. A standing ovation is also in order for the block party neighbor volunteers. They invested months into planning and executing this event to perfection.

Reliving the Fun

Did someone say party? Let's rewind and relive those cherished moments.

Touch a Truck and Cub Scouts Troop

With the Touch-a-Truck, featuring a fire truck and police cruiser, the dedicated Salem Garden Collaborative, and the involvement of ODNR, adventure was at every corner. These attractions not only entertained, but educated our young ones.

Special Highlights for the Kids

Our younger partygoers had a gala time with the costume and bike decorating contests. The creativity and enthusiasm on display were heartwarming.

For the Adults: Salem Trivia and Prizes

And the adults? Oh, they had their share of fun with Salem neighborhood trivia and raffle drawing. The lucky winners went home with attractive prizes worth \$\$\$. Remember that tricky question about...? Ah, good times!

Scrumptious Delights for Everyone

While the events kept everyone on their toes, the food trucks, free ice cream, chips, and pop ensured no

one went home hungry or thirsty.

Additionally, Cub Scout Troop #169 was there selling popcorn to support a good cause. Every bite and sip added to the contentment.

The Magic of Togetherness

When neighbors come together, magic happens. And this block party was testimony to that. It was not just an event, but a celebration of unity, friendship, and community spirit.

Building Bonds through Festivities

Festivities like these not only entertain, but forge bonds. Bonds that remind us we're all part of a larger family called the Salem Neighborhood.



Anticipation for Next Year's Event

With the success of this block party, the excitement for the next one has already begun. Will it be bigger? Will it be better? Only time will tell. But one thing is sure—we cannot wait to recreate the magic and share even more memorable moments. If this year was any indication, the next block party promises to be an even grander affair! It's a testament to the spirit of Salem that despite this being our inaugural block party, it felt like a tradition we've cherished for years. The laughter, the shared stories, the dancing feet, the decorated bike parade and costume fun—they all echoed the sentiment of a

community that stands united in celebration and support.

Conclusion

The Salem Block Party was not just a day's event; it was the embodiment of community spirit, generosity, and shared joy. From our gold sponsor, Luke's Auto Service, to the diligent volunteers and every neighbor who attended, the block party was a beautiful tapestry of collaboration and festivity. With hopes high and spirits higher, we eagerly anticipate the next block party. Here's to many more years of community celebrations! 🍷



More Block Party photos on page 8

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Salem Civic Association Meeting Minutes: September 26, 2023

by Charlene Combs, SCA Secretary

President Jake Wheeler started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Jake asked for a moment of silence in honor of Cindy Baber.

Secretary Report – Charlene Combs
Report was approved.

Columbus Police Liaison – Dan Yandrich
Officer Yandrich was not present. Report was sent, *not available due to technical difficulties.*

A couple items from this report were talked about. One item being the former Capri Lanes property. Owner is aware of the issues with people on the property and is trying to keep the trash cleaned up and people off the property. He is actively trying to sell the property but there is a signage deed issue that has to be resolved first.

Two weeks ago there was an issue on the lake side. People causing problems, police were called, an officer was bitten.

Treasurer Report – Allison Hibler
Report not available due to technical difficulties.
Allison noticed two checks that were mailed to Ink Well had not been cashed. After calling Ink Well, she came to the conclusion that the checks were stolen from the mail. Stop payments were placed and the checks have been resent.

Northland Community Council - Pat Hammel
Report not available due to technical difficulties.

Safety Officer – Pat Hammel
CPD Reports - Most reported is assaults with nine; others are thefts, trespassing and attempted motor vehicle thefts.
311 Reports - Fifty-three total, including seven trash can repairs, seven trespassing, seven homeless issues, five trash not picked up.

NCC Development – Sam Shy - not in attendance.
Nothing local is currently on the agenda.

Communication Committee – No Chair at this time
Lamplighter articles due October 6.

Membership Committee – Laurel Hobden
Current membership totals a little over 100.
Block Party—Luke’s Auto made a donation of \$1000 (\$500 directly to the association and \$500 for the band). Still need volunteers.

Hospitality Committee – Charlene Combs
Please help yourself to breads and coffee. Breads made by Trinity Eisenman.
Next meeting is soup and chili cook off.

New business – Sidewalks will not be installed in front of the apartments on Sinclair Rd at this time. The developer is giving the budgeted cost of the sidewalks to the city to use when sidewalks are installed on Sinclair Rd in 2024.
Eden Springs has been sold. Rae Kirkbride has been in contact with the new owners. They may come to a future meeting to introduce themselves.
Rae needs a cat feeder for Wednesday nights on North Meadows.

Adjourn. 



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Curious Salem

by Grace Freeman

Brown Machine Co.

The Brown Machine Co. was located at 682 E. Lincoln Ave., at the corner of E. Lincoln Ave. and Byers Circle West, where Tristar Transportation is now located.

According to the Franklin County Auditor, the building was built in 1950, but the *Columbus Dispatch* notes a 1954 building permit, and that the address was originally 5403 Byers Circle West. The 1954 builder was Stephen Hartig, of the Brown Machine Co. It's possible that Hartig's construction was an expansion of a smaller building originally located at the site.

Brown Machine Co. was first located in Old North Columbus on Summit Street, and was founded by Curtis Brown Sr., who ran his Mastercraft Venetian Blind Manufacturing Company and the Brown Manufacturing Company out of the Summit Street location, and also ran the Knotty Pine Tavern at Parkwood and Hudson. Brown retired in 1948, but his business ventures were continued by others, with Stephen Hartig moving Brown's namesake company to Lincoln Ave. (Byers Circle West) a few years later.

Brown Machine Co. fabricated machine parts for many purposes, but found a niche and a need for parts for aircraft and other defense machinery. Columbus was known for its manufacture of planes, in addition to other machines, with companies like North American Aviation, Curtiss-Wright, and others building planes and their parts

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Courtesy *Columbus Dispatch*, February 20, 1975



ADMIRE PLAQUE—Pictured admiring a plaque attesting to Brown Machine Co. manufacturing proficiency are, from the left, Stephen Hartig Sr., president; Delbert Warren, general manager; James R. Richter, vice president, and Neil Bailey, secretary-treasurer. (*Dispatch* Photo)

Recognition Award Presented Local Firm

Brown Machine Co., with virtually 100 per cent of its production efforts geared to the nation's defense effort, has been honored with Bell Helicopter Co.'s Recognition Award for outstanding performance.

"The award is presented to those members of our subcontracting family who, through consistent effort, have met our critical production needs through our acceleration program during 1966," a Bell Helicopter letter advised local management.

STEPHEN HARTIG Sr., president of Brown Machine, estimated that 70 per cent of its production is for Bell — with virtually all of that going for the Vietnam War effort.

Other major customers include North American Aviation, Lennox Industries, Magnavox, Avco, L.T.V. Vaught, General Dynamics and Martin Marietta.

The company is headquartered at 682 Lincoln Ave. where office-production facilities recently were expanded by construction of a 10,000 square feet addition.

IT HAS 94 employees engaged in fabricating machined parts and assemblies — including more than 250 different items for Bell Helicopter.

"Brown Machine Co. has in effect assisted Bell Helicopter's enviable record of never having missed a scheduled delivery to the Armed Services," Vice President James R. Richter commented.

Other officers of the 15-year-old firm are Neil O. Bailey, secretary-treasurer, and Delbert Warren, general manager.

Acquisition Offer Made

NEW YORK (AP) — Doeskin Products, Inc., said Cellulose Products, Inc., has expressed interest in acquiring its assets and business.

Doeskin is a manufacturer of cleansing and toilet tissues. Cellulose is a subsidiary of Consolidated Paper Corp., Ltd., of Montreal, Que.


Courtesy *Columbus Dispatch*, May 21, 1967

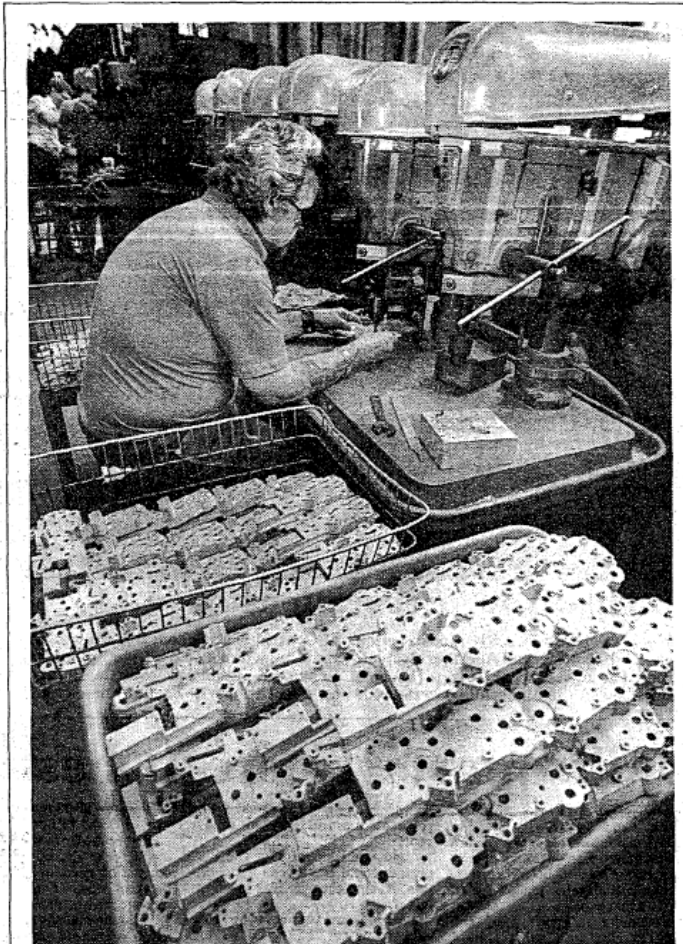
here in Columbus. Throughout the 1950s and 60s, through the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, Brown Manufacturing Co. was busy and expanding to keep up with the necessary production. Advertisements in the paper sought reliable, experienced employees, with specific skill sets for this type of work.

Eventually, by the late 1960s, the company name changed to Hartig Industries, reflecting Stephen Hartig's many years as head, though they continued to fabricate the same types of machine parts as Brown.

Over time, their output grew to include parts for other machine types, such as fabricating parts for Honda by the late 1980s, another major central Ohio manufacturer, and various others, often still for the military.

Stephen Hartig's son, Stephen Hartig Jr., took over the company upon his father's retirement, and while I was unable to find an official closing date for the company, the building was sold to the current owners in 2014 and Stephen and his wife moved to Florida, presumably in retirement.

Tristar Transportation is the current occupant. Originally a driving instruction company, Tristar now provides transportation to school children with special needs, adults with special needs, and non-emergency senior transportation in central Ohio. They have been in business for more than 30 years, the most recent of which have been at the current location. 



Dispatch photo by Cecilia Prestarno

Top performer

John Lynch, an employee at Hartig Industries Inc., works on a component that will be used in a military radio. Hartig manufactures parts

for various industries. Recently, it was one of 40 companies recognized by International Business Machines for quality performance.

Courtesy Columbus Dispatch, July 22, 1988

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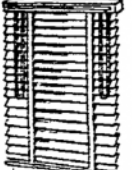
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