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# MERRY CHRISTMAS,

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# SCA **Annual Holiday Party**

Tuesday, December 19 (third Tuesday) • 7:00 p.m. Salem Baptist Church

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# **Salem Civic Association Meetings**

The next Civic Association meetings are Tuesday, December 19 and Tuesday, January 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: October 24. 2023

by Charlene Combs, SCA Secretary

President Jake Wheeler started the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary - Charlene Combs - September minutes approved.

### Columbus Police Liaison - Dan Yandrich

Concerns brought up by residents: Cars parked over 72 hours • Sheetz theft turned into robbery • 161/N Meadows intersection • Trucks parking in Shapter Center lot • Homeless still on the RR tracks • Homeless camp behind the church. Residents approached and told them to leave. It was reported they looked like they had been beat up pretty badly. • People asking for money/panhandlers. Officer Yandrich said there are not enough officers to do much about them.

### Treasurer - Allison Hibler

SCA Treasurer's Report September 2023 (9/7/23 - 10/7/23)

	2023 Budget	Actual as of $10/7/23$			
INCOME	\$6,626.00	\$6,664.00 (100%+ collected)			
EXPENSES	\$6,626.00	\$3,369.26 (51% paid)			
Net Income or (Loss)	\$ 0.00	\$3,294.74			
Checking Account Balance as of 10/7/23 \$6,746.95					
(-) Remaining Budget Obligations as of 10/7/23		\$3,256.74			
(-) "Outside" Donations (Food Bank; Feral Cats)		\$230.00			
(-) Annual Cash Reserve		\$2,335.00			
CASH AVAILABLE AS OF 10/7/2	23	\$925.24			

Northland Community Council Report - Pat Hammel

- Nominations for the City of Columbus 20 Under 20 Award are open through 11/10. The 20 Under 20 Award honors outstanding young people who contribute to their communities through exemplary acts of volunteerism and advocacy.
- Changes to the city's zoning code along designated development corridors known as the Zone In Columbus initiative—are being finalized. Citizens can provide input by providing comments here: https://zoningsurvey.columbus.gov/
- The City Attorney is working on multiple nuisance abatement and code enforcement hearings and cases around the Northland area.
- Applications for the City of Columbus New American Leadership Academy (NALA) are open through 11/17. NALA is an opportunity for New American professionals to foster their personal development by building knowledge in civic engagement, and discovering new ways to contribute to their respective communities and the city of Columbus at large.

Safety - Pat Hammel - 24 CPD Reports. 81 total 311 Reports: #1 14 homeless issues; #2 trash can repair/replace

NCC Development - Sam Shy - Per Pat Hammel, nothing local to report

**Communications** - No Chair at this time - Per Jake, *Lamplighter* articles due December 6. Current *Lamplighter* being printed now. Will be distributed soon.

**Membership** - Laurel Hobden - Current membership totals 114. Going to try to increase next year.

### Nominations for November Election

Floor nominations are as follows: President-Jake Wheeler; Vice President-Jeff Combs; Secretary-Charlene Combs; Treasurer-Allison Hibler; Membership-Laurel Hobden; Communications-No one; Safety-Pat Hammel; Trustee-Charlene asked Charlie to consider accepting the nomination.

Hospitality - Charlene Combs - Soup/Chili cook off resulted in a 3-way tie. **New Business** – Apartments on Sinclair still have not gotten occupancy permits; Per Jake-Make those 311 reports!  $(\mathfrak{d})$ Adiourn

Salem Civic Association

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Articles for the *Lamplighter* and Letters to the Editor are welcome and encouraged.

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### **Festivities Set for SCA's Annual Holiday Party** *by Heather Odenweller*

The Salem Civic Association warmly invites you to our much-anticipated Annual Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 19, at 7:00 at Salem Baptist Church. The holiday season is a time to come together, and our Annual Holiday Party is the perfect occasion to celebrate with friends, family, and neighbors.

Join in the fun with the ever-popular bingo game! Everyone who joins in is guaranteed a good time and a chance to win delightful prizes. Everyone wins!

This year, we're introducing even more excitement with a Cookie/Dessert Challenge. Bring your best homemade cookies or desserts and get ready to impress. It's a wonderful way to share your culinary talents and maybe even win the title of Salem's favorite baker as well as a surprise gift—party goers will taste and vote for their favorite treats.

We're delighted to announce the food for our party will be provided by local favorites, Pizza House and Kickin Chicken Mobile. Enjoy a variety of delicious pizzas and salads from Pizza House, and savor the mouth-watering chicken tenders from Kickin Chicken Mobile.

Don't miss this evening of delicious food, exciting games, and community fellowship. Whether you're showcasing your baking skills, playing bingo, or just enjoying the company of neighbors, there's something for everyone at the SCA Annual Holiday Party.







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# Salem Civic Association Meeting Minutes: November 28, 2023

by Charlene Combs, SCA Secretary

President Jake Wheeler started the meeting with The (-) Remaining Budget Obligations Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary- Charlene Combs - Minutes approved.

Columbus Police Liaison - Dan Yandrich Question to Dan about people open carrying going into carryout on North Meadows. Open carry is legal in the state of Ohio • Discussion about window tint and the darkness allowed • Gunshots at 1075 Roche. No additional information • Sarah Pomeroy is taking Sheetz, and additional businesses, to court due to numerous criminal activities. The request is to take the liquor license from these locations. • Quaker Hill Apartments reached out to Officer Yandrich asking how they can help. They have a security company in place.

Treasurer - Allison Hibler - Reviewed and accepted. SCA Treasurer's Report June 2023 (10/7/23 - 11/7/23)

	2023 Budget	Actual 11/7/23
INCOME	\$6,626.00	\$6,834.00
(100%+ collected)		
EXPENSES	\$6,626.00	\$5,557.70
(84% paid)		
Net Income or (Le	oss) \$ 0.00	\$1,276.30
Checking Account	t Balance 11/7/23	\$4,828.51

as of 11/7/23	\$1,068.30
(-) "Outside" Donations	\$330.00
(-) Annual Cash Reserve	\$2,335.00
CASH AVAILABLE 11/7/23	1,095.21

Northland Community Council Report - Pat Hammel

- Motor vehicle thefts from cars at hotels spiked a lot. Four high caliber rifles stolen from the trunk of one car. Take all valuables out of parked car whether at home or when traveling.
- Homeless camp behind former Wendy's on Busch Blvd. cleared out. Property owner drove up from Mississippi to evict residents and provide CPD with trespass order. Residents were offered city and non-profit services prior to eviction.
- City Attorney secured nuisance abatement closure order on Baymont Inn on Morse Rd. due to high level of CPD calls for prostitution activity.
- Street widening on Busch Blvd. from 161 will commence spring 2024. Bike lanes from 161 to Shrock Rd. to Blendon Woods Metro Park will be included. Sidewalks/shared use paths will not be included. Project information can be found here:

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# **Curious Salem**

### by Grace Freeman

The Pizza House first opened in 1961 at the corner of Sinclair Road and E. Lincoln Ave., where Luke's Auto Service stands today. Cousins Bob Tiberi and Richie Dorn opened the restaurant. The location was a small former residence, with seating for only about twenty, but a hopping carry-out business.

According to Tiberi's 2014 obituary, many of the recipes used were handed down from their mothers. Bob's mother Christina was born in Columbus, but her father (Frank Giannantonio, later changed to Frank Gill) and husband Lee Tiberi (Eliso Tiberi/Diberio) came from Italy. Richie's mother, Concetta, later known as Christine or Christina, was Lee's sister, and also from Italy, as was her husband John Dorn (Giovanni D'Orrigo/Dorre).

Billy Colasante was their first nonfamily hire in 1962, after moving the restaurant across the street for more space. Bill was only fifteen, and eventually purchased the restaurant from Bob and Richie in 1993. Between his early years at the Pizza House and his later ownership, Colasante was manager at the nearby Alrosa Villa (located where the new "Sinclair" apartments are today). According to Sean Wehrle, grandson of Richard Dorn, Bill "dated and married the daughter of the owner of Alrosa, Diane. My grandma worked there as a go-go dancer. My grandfather hung out there all the time and that's where he met my grandmother and Billy."

In 1991, Pizza House moved to the current location at 747 E. Lincoln Ave. As noted above, Bill Colasante purchased the restaurant in 1993, maintaining the quality, the ambiance, and continuing to employ family and friends, some of whom have been there for decades.

Pizza House is consistently ranked as one of the top pizza places in Columbus, while continuing to offer non-pizza items, many of which still pay homage to the family recipes handed down by the Dorn and Tiberi families. This is especially impressive considering Columbus has more pizza restaurants per capita than any other city in the country.

In 2017, Colasante's son Rodd Carmean purchased the Pizza House, taking over the family business, having worked at the original and current locations over the years. The Pizza House continues



At Pjzza House, owners and cousins Richie Dorn (left) and Bob Tiberi

Image courtesy Columbus Monthly, February 1988



September 1960 real estate photo of original Pizza House location shortly before Pizza House occupied the space, at corner of Sinclair and Lincoln (where Luke's Auto is now located) – original address was 5379 Sinclair Rd. Image courtesy Columbus Metropolitan Library.

## RESTAURANTS

# Longevity easy as pie for Pizza House

While major chain pizza operations dominate the marketplace, there still is plenty of room for independents.

Billy Colasante has the proof. His Pizza House restaurant, 747 E. Lincoln Ave., has been in business for 40 years.

Colasante doesn't take all the credit for beating the restaurant odds. Much of it, he says, should go to the original owners, Bob Tiberi and Richard Dom. Both retired to sunny climes after selling the business seven years

DORAL CHENOWETH

ago to Colasante. When Tiberi and Dorn opened, it was in a small room

at the corner of Sinclair Road and Lincoln Avenue, across from the current 110-seat location. Colasante said the two had a gross of \$60,000 the

first year. "But what made it, was the quality they put out from the start," he said.

Colasante was Tiberi and Dorn's first hire, in 1962 after the founders decided to move across the street. The first location had only 20 seats. Pizza was in the name, but the menu was full-

Pizza was in the name, but the menu was fullservice Italian, including lasagna, ravioli and spa-Wiford has worked there 29 years.

Image courtesy Columbus Dispatch, May 22, 2001.

to serve the people of Salem and Columbus more broadly, entering its sixty-third year of business.

So, what is the secret to Pizza House's pizza? According to Richie Dorn in a 1988 *Columbus Monthly* article (upon winning *first place* in the magazine's city-wide "Best Pizza in Town" "I need two managers with the output we are doing," Colasante said. Much of his daily volume is for corporate deliver-

Much of his daily volume is for corporate deliveries. His ovens are capable of putting out 120 pizzas an hour and are used to fill catering orders to such companies as Worthington Industries, General Electric and Ross Laboratories. Pizza House has more than 300 corporate accounts, all local. Some order 20 pizzas and more at a time.

Pizza House is open seven days a week. For more information, call 614-885-3121.

competition) "...a crust a little thinner than average and the use of provolone, rather than mozzarella, cheese. The sausage is sliced, not crumbled. And, he adds, over the years there have been unstinting efforts to maintain the quality of the ingredients."

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The pizza menu, little changed in four decades.

sticks to traditional pizzas for the most part. There is

The business they started now has 30 employees and last year grossed \$1.1 million.

tion has been a big part of the success. He also pointed to the experience of his two managers, who

have been there from early days. Jeff Tiberi, son of

Colasante said sticking with one successful loca-

mily recipes of Dorn and Tiberi.

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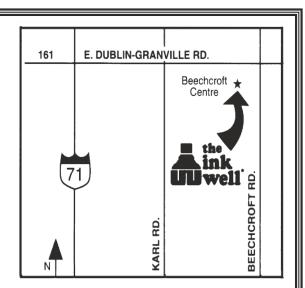
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- Mayor Ginther has submitted the 2024 Proposed General Fund Budget to City Council for consideration. The proposed budget can be found here: <u>https://columbus.gov/2024budget/</u>
- WinterFest Columbus, presented by Columbus Recreation and Parks Department, is a free annual celebration of the winter season in downtown Columbus. The event will be held Saturday, December 2 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Dorrian Green, 50 S. Belle St. downtown. The event features local seasonal craft beer and cocktails, live music, some of Columbus' best food trucks, and lots of outdoor winter fun. For more information see: <u>https://winterfestcolumbus.com/</u>
- Are you looking for activities for your students during the upcoming winter break? <u>Sign them up</u> <u>for School's Out Winter</u> when registration opens on Tuesday, Nov. 28! School's Out Winter opens <u>community centers</u> for extended hours Dec. 18-Jan. 2 from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Don't miss your chance to provide your students with fun, engaging enrichment experiences while they're out of school.

# Safety - Pat Hammel

28 total reports including: menacing, motor vehicle thefts, misc. thefts, fraud, thefts from motor vehicles. 66 311 reports including: repair/replace trash cans and missed pick up of recycling and yard waste.

NCC Development – Sam Shy – Sam not in attendance but per Pat Hammel, nothing local.

**Communications** – *Lamplighter* articles due by December 6.

**Membership** – Laurel Hobden – 114 current members

Hospitality - Charlene Combs

December meeting is our Holiday Party. We will be having pizza from Pizza House and chicken from



Kickin Chicken. Please bring desserts to share. We will be playing bingo and having a great time!

# Election

All positions are uncontested. No volunteers or nominees from the floor.

Nominees are as follows:

**President** – Jake Wheeler; **Vice President** – Jeff Combs; **Treasurer** – Allison Hibler; **Secretary** – Charlene Combs; **Membership** – Laurel Hobden; **Communications** – Heather Odenweller; **Safety** – Pat Hammel; **Trustee** –

Motion was made and seconded to elect the nominees as listed. Motion was approved.

**Guest Speaker** – Salem Garden Collaborative – Stephanie Wheeler. Also, part of the collaborative is Bill Owens, Northland Community House and our own Charity Eilerman. Franklin Park Conservatory is going to design this project. 80 out of the 300 students in the school wanted to join. 614 Beautiful Grant was proposed and approved for \$15,000!!! This grant has to be implemented in 2024. A couple other grant applications have been submitted. There is currently a crowd funding going on. Per Charity, they can also accept in-kind donations. Question was asked if the civic association can help? This can be discussed. SalemGardenCollaborative@gmail.com

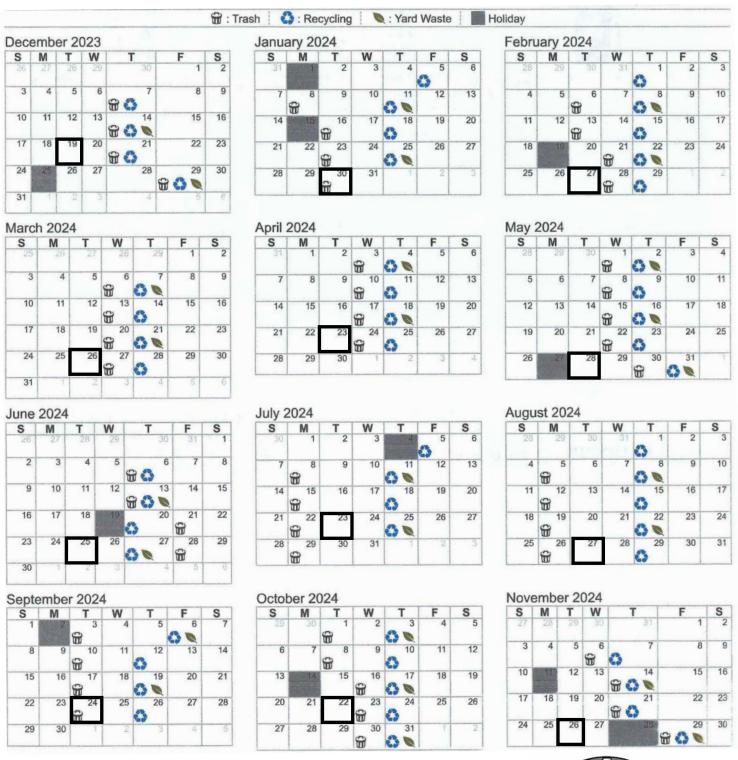
Old Business - None New business - None





# Salem Refuse Collection Calendar 2023

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Don't forget to attend your Salem Civic Association meetings. They are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month, with the exception of December. The December meeting, which is a Christmas party, is on the third Tuesday.

Meetings are at Salem Baptist Church on Sinclair Road at 7:00 p.m. *All are welcome and encouraged to attend*!

Happy New Year! 2024 is just around the corner—it's time to renew your membership in the Salem Civic Association! Mail in your application today to the address below or go to the website online and click on the 'Membership' tab. *Join today!* 



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