

The Pointer



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Holiday Party December 2024 - Ugly Christmas Sweater Theme!

Again, our wonderful Social Committee sponsored a fantastic meal and fun evening for all on December 16, 2024, at the Clubhouse. The photos attached here were taken by Edye Buchanan and we thank her for capturing so many great moments for the newsletter. Donna and John Welcome won the ugly sweaters prizes.

Table by Table







Quilt of Valor Quilt
Winner – Tina Edwards
(US Army Retired)



Tina served in the US Army at Ft. Meade, Maryland for four years as Specialist IV. She met her husband while she was there. If you see Tina, congratulate her and consider joining the Book Club that she leads monthly at the Clubhouse.

Joys & Concerns



Please call or text **Joan Poeppelman** if you have any Joys or Concerns that we need to be aware of. We send cards or flowers for hospitalization, serious illness and/or a death. Joan's email is impoppelman@gmail.com and cell phone is (937) 657-6494.

Things sent this past quarter:

Oct 27, 2024 Norma Silcott - she had gallbladder surgery Oct 28 - a Get Well card sent

Nov 6, 2024 Valerie McKee, Rick Calhoun's significant other, had surgery - a Get-Well card sent.

Dec 20, 2024 Thelma Chalfant - fell and broke her arm - a Get-Well card sent.

Dec 31, 2024 Gayle Hayes - Her stepmother, Jane Schroeder passed on Dec 12 in Elkhart, IN. She was 97 - a Sympathy card sent.

Jan 30, 2025 Kay Fenn - her son-in-law passed away the week of Jan 19th - a Sympathy card sent.

Jan 30, 2025 Brian Mondillo - had knee surgery in December - a Get-Well card sent.

Welcome to our New Resident

Christine Pederson @ 4711 Wenham Park joined our community in December.



Next Bingo night at the Clubhouse is February 14th. Bring your Valentine or a friend and enjoy the festive evening that will include snacks.

Dog Moms & Dads reminder

For those who walk dogs to handle bathroom needs, please be diligent in picking up any deposits at the time it occurs. If you find this occurs and you don't have a disposal bag, mark the location with a stick or something to be able to come back later that same day with a bag. It is good to carry pet waste bags 100% of the time in your pocket - the Dollar Tree store nearby has a package of 60 pet bags for just \$1.25 or ask a neighbor to recycle grocery plastic bags for supplies. Carry a flashlight if you are walking your dog in the early morning or late evening, where it is harder to keep up with this maintenance. A flashlight is also good for safety so cars can see you and you can avoid tripping or falling on ice.



Pets in Windows!

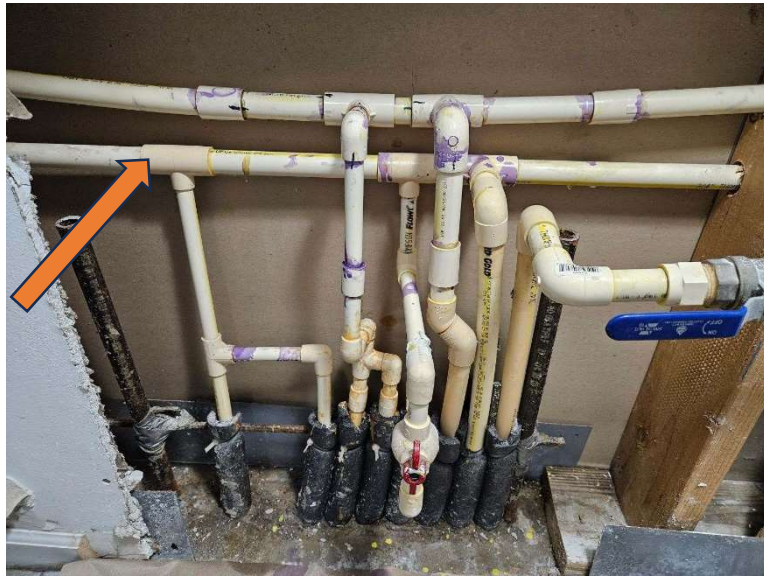
We introduced some of our condo dogs in the previous Pets on Parade articles – where we see the dogs while their condo owners are out walking them, but we have many other pets here too – the furry kind that meow and like to sit in the window and look out on their world. Introducing **Ellie**, the cat that is owned by Mary Jane and Clyde Magee at 4647 Wenham Park. Ellie is 11 years old, and she was rescued from Cozy Cat Cottage when she was a tiny 4-month-old kitten.

According to Mary Jane, Ellie sometimes thinks she is a dog.... She growls at anyone coming to the door and then runs and hides under the bed. She also likes to put her toy mice in her food dish. A very unusual thing is that Ellie likes to lick their hair. Mary Jane and Clyde have had 4 other cats and one dog before Ellie. Mary Jane grew up with a favorite cat named Pudgy.



If you are walking by and see a kitty in the window, wave at her.

Invisible Leaks by Edye Buchanan



Most property owners know appliances will only last 15-20 years. Around that time, some of the materials used to build those appliances start to break down and fail. We know the same is true for a lot of building materials such as roofs, concrete and plumbing materials.

Have you ever wondered about the water supply in your unit? There is a master shutoff for the building, plus a main shutoff valve for the water in each of our units. Downstream of

that shutoff, plumbing T's send water to your kitchen, bathrooms and your outside faucet. Over time the plastic fittings become brittle and crack.

One morning, this unit owner discovered wet carpeting in a bedroom closet on the other side of the wall from this piping. The drywall was not wet because the leak was so small, water dripped to the floor rather than spraying the walls. The repair required the drywall to be cut away and plumbing components resealed. The homeowner had to replace the carpet and pad in the closet, because the leak occurred over a period of time and mildew was starting to occur.

Unfortunately, this is not an isolated incident as other unit owners have shared a similar story. And if you recall, the water usage within our community has increased. If you notice unexplained moisture near a wall where piping may be found, be sure to contact a plumber as you may have an invisible pipe leak.

We do not want residents shutting off the water to a building using the building shut off inside a unit. As a matter of fact, we have signage in each unit specifying not to touch the turn off valve for the building. Water to the building must be turned off outside at the curbstop.



(Apologies for the lateness of publishing this Arts information in the newsletter. It was provided before Edye left for vacation and the newsletter creation in January was delayed due to illness and personal things for our newsletter editor). (Events that had already occurred in January were removed.)

Columbus Performing Arts Scene – Edye Buchanan

There are upcoming events good enough to get you out in the cold. For more information and other shows, see www.capa.com or www.cbusarts.com. Don't forget, skip the TicketMaster fees when buy your CAPA tickets at the box office.

McCoy Center – 100 E Dublin Grandville Rd., New Albany

[Civil Discourse and Debate](#) – Civil Discourse and Debate with Claire McCaskill & Ben Sasse, February 13. Tickets start at \$53.20.

Ohio Theater - 39 E. State St., Columbus

[West Side Story](#) – The combined forces of The Columbus Symphony, Choir, BalletMet and CAPA bring a new production of **West Side Story** to the Ohio Theatre.; February 13-16; Tickets start at \$31.25.

[& Juliet](#) – This hilarious new musical flips the script on the greatest love story ever told. **& Juliet** asks: what would happen next if Juliet didn't end it all over Romeo? February 18-23; Tickets start at \$55.

Palace Theater – 34 W. Broad St., Columbus

[Ron White](#) – affectionately known as "Tater Salad," catapulted into the limelight as the cigar-wielding, scotch-savoring humorist who stole the spotlight within the Blue-Collar Comedy Tour phenomenon. February 14; Tickets start at \$73.39.

Riffe Center – 77 S. High St., Columbus

[The Peking Acrobats](#) – For over three decades, **THE PEKING ACROBATS®** have redefined audience perceptions of Chinese acrobatics. February 19; Tickets start at \$33.67.

Short North Stage, Garden Theater – 1187 N. High St., Columbus

[NINE](#) The spectacular musical adaptation of Fellini's 8½ features one man and the dozens of women in his life. January 23 – February 16; Tickets start at \$45.37.

[A Chorus Line](#) *A Chorus Line* is a stunning concept musical capturing the spirit and tension of a Broadway ensemble audition. March 20 – April 19; Tickets start at \$45.37.

Southern Theater – 21 E. Main St., Columbus

[Bobby Floyd Plays the Blues](#) – With nearly 4 million followers across his social media, Josh Johnson was recently called “the funniest guy on the internet” by WIRED and is a star on the rise: February 13-16. Tickets start at \$23.99.

Coming soon – [Into The Woods](#), March 7-9; An [Evening with Judy Collins](#), March 10; [Funny Girl](#), March 23-30; [Harry Potter/Deathly Hallows 2](#), April 11-12;

Book Club 2025

Tina Edwards is again leading the group that meets at the clubhouse to discuss the month’s book and to share some snacks. January’s meeting has already occurred. The discussion and evening were facilitated by Kay Mullins.

Month 2025	Host	Book Title	Book Author
January	Kay Mullins	<i>The Secret Life of Sunflowers</i>	Marta Molnar
February	Sue Ferris	Remarkably Bright Creatures	Shelby Van Pelt
March	Kathy Strohm	Thirty Nothing	Lisa Jewell
April	Bev Stern	Lady at the Lake	Laura Lippman
May	Tina Edwards	Look Again	Lisa Scottoline
June	Edye Buchanan	Desert Heat	J.A. Jance
July	Carol Kline	The Women	Kristin Hannah
August	ATBD	For The Love of Summer	Susan Mallery
September	Dottie Harmon	The Art of Racing in the Rain	Garth Stein (also a movie)
October	Phyllis Davis	Summer at the Saint	Mary Kay Andrews
November	Geri Shoemaker	Someone Else’s Shoes	JoJo Moyes
December – no meeting			

Seniors Living Alone option for Emergency Help

There are many individuals in our community that live alone and may find themselves in the position of needing to let fire department/medic personnel come into your home if you call 911 with a fall or health emergency. Even if you live with a spouse, family member or friend, you may still find an occasion where you need to let the fire department in your home to provide care (911 emergency help) before another person can arrive at your condo location. Some people hide a house key outside, and this is not always the safest option. Second, seniors or single residents may rely on being able to give the Garage Door Opener Code to the 911 operator. If this isn’t an option or is not working, the next best option is for a front door key to be available for emergency personnel. An



inexpensive option to have a realtor lockbox type unit, where there is a 4-digit code on it. The actual front door key is placed in this lockbox. This box is very easy to open, and you would give the lockbox code to family or the 911 operator, then fire personnel could get to you quickly. This would avoid the possibility that a window in your condo would need to be broken in order for the emergency services to enter.

In your Google search browser, or on Amazon app or Amazon.com, enter “**realtor lock box**” and hit enter. You should then see many options to choose from. The one that was the least expensive that I recently purchased has the 4 number dials displayed on the front. They also sell a nicer version where the number dials are covered up to protect them from weather. You install this lockbox close by your front door, or an alternate location is by your garage door keypad.



CAUTION

Pet Caution from Kathy Strohm

During our January snowstorms, a rabbit left a big pile of turds in the grass beside the condo's hedge/shrubs. Kathy's dog Minnie consumed some before Kathy saw what it was and took care of removing it. Unfortunately, her dog was just diagnosed with worms related to exposure to wild animals and is receiving medication that will run for a couple months before the illness can be confirmed as resolved. If you want further information, please call or email her at kmstrohm@icloud.com and she can share details.