



The Pointer

April/May 2022

bi-monthly newsletter



We're Back -- Ladies Monthly Coffee



March Community Meeting

We had a good community meeting led by President Kay Mullins. **Kay announced that she will be leaving her post on our Board due to recently becoming engaged and she will be selling her condo to live now at her future husband Dan's home in Blacklick.** Congratulations Kay! We will miss you.

She announced **John Welcome will be stepping up to fulfill her remaining term as Board President.** The remainder of the topics covered during the meeting are captured in this edition of the Pointer. Our Board Secretary Edye Buchanan will publish the minutes and they will be posted to the community website. The next community meeting, our Annual Meeting including elections will be in June.

Introducing our new Board President

Please congratulate and thank **John Welcome** for his new role on the Board of Directors for our Collingwood Pointe at the Preserve community. John and his wife, Donna, have lived here 10 years at 4611 Collingville Way.

He has previously served as the Board Secretary 2013-2016. He will fill the Board President position held by Kay Mullins who will be resigning her post.

John is originally from Euclid, Ohio. He started his career after graduating from The Ohio State University. He began his career in 1975 in real estate management working as an area/district property manager managing apartment communities all over the State of Ohio. He was responsible for the entire scope of operations for about 60 properties including sales and marketing, budgeting, maintenance, marketing, capital expenditures and risk management.

In 2003, he shifted from apartment management to facility management with Johnson Controls and Key Bank. With Johnson Controls and Key he managed the day-to-day operations for 45 banks and corporate offices in Dayton, Mansfield and Columbus ensuring operations, maintenance and vendor management standards were met.

In 2013, John went to work for Nationwide Children's Hospital (Dublin Campus) part-time until retiring. With Nationwide he was responsible for 6 medical facilities making sure the buildings met JCAHO standards as far as janitorial services, maintenance issues and fire-life safety issues. He acted as a liaison for over 25 clinics providing solutions, customer service and guidance on building information.

Over the past 12 years, John has served as a Director on the Ohio State Delta Chi House Company, which is the owner and manager of the fraternity house. During his tenure the House Company completed a \$400,000 interior remodel, installed a fire suppression system and a fire alarm system.



Introducing our Board Member Jim Houssami

Jamal (Jim) Houssami at 4540 Faneuil Hall joined the CP Board in July 2021. His wife is Barb, and they have 4 children, JT, Justin, Jeffrey, and Jaime. They moved to our condo community in May 2021 and offered to get involved here. They have been residents of Gahanna since 1991 so he's very familiar with this area.

Jim met Barb at the McDonalds on Hamilton Rd. in Gahanna when he was attending Ohio State. They have now been married for 37 years. They have 3 grandchildren, Maxwell, Isla, Hudson.

Jim attended Ohio State University and graduated in 1986 with a BS in Civil Engineering. He worked for the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation initially. He then joined the private sector and has been with the same company, Lithko Contracting, since 1987. He is the Senior Operational Manager for the Columbus Office. Lithko has 25 offices throughout the US.

English is his second language. Jim came by himself to this country speaking Arabic and French, from Beirut, Lebanon in 1983. At the airport that arrival day, since he spoke very little English, his father had told him to ask a police officer so he could get a cab. Jim came to America to get a degree in engineering and get away from the civil unrest in Lebanon. Jim became a naturalized US citizen on July 11, 1991.

He was able to connect with the Lebanese population at Ohio State and made friends with other international students. His parents encouraged him to get a degree. His mother has come here to visit at least once in the past. Jim has gone back to Lebanon, once to take two of his children to be able to see their grandparents and their heritage.

For fun, he plays golf at the Gahanna and Airport courses. Family fun time includes vacationing at the beach two or three times a year. Jim enjoys working with people and has also taught at Columbus State University as an adjunct professional for subjects of Materials and Surveying and Tutoring in math and physics.

Jim and Barb also operate a very successful dog grooming business, TLC Grooming, in Clintonville. He bought a converted garage to start the business and they have grown the business to be a premier grooming business at High St. and Henderson Rd. Barb does a lot of the operational management, manages people, customers, taxes, and 10 groomers. They operate their business in a cage free, kennel free environment from beginning to end. Dogs can run around with other dogs to play if they are friendly and vaccinated.



Welcome New Neighbors

By Gayle Hayes & Dottie Harmon

We have seen some real estate listings and sales of condominium units, so we'll keep following up to update the directory as new resident owners join us.

4592 Collingville Way	Ben/Judy Braun
4710 Collingville Way	Jeff/Victoria Whaley
4663 Wenham Park	Alvin/Winnie Lai
4667 Wenham Park	Frank Edmands/Lynn Carter-Edmands
4507 Collingwood Point Pl	Carol Hamilton

VEGETABLE PLANTS ARE NOT ALLOWED – taken from August 2021 Pointer

Page 18 of our Handbook states that "Vegetable plants are not permitted to prevent attracting unwanted wildlife."

We love fresh vegetables. And so do many wild animals. That's why vegetable plants are not permitted in our community. They attract unwanted wildlife and don't always enhance the beauty of our community.

We received complaints in 2021 that a few residents were growing vegetables, both in mulched beds and in pots. Our policy will be enforced this year and going forward.

Some are growing herbs like basil, etc. These are allowed.



Community Directory – Please Help Us Keep It Current

If you have a change in a Cell phone #, Email address or your Emergency Contact information, please send the updates to our community office email at cwp4528@gmail.com or Kathy Strohm at 740-816-2870. We try our best to get new neighbors added to this directory as soon as our Welcoming Committee members meet with them and gather the needed information. This is very important so that you get email notices of things happening and also the newsletter.

Landscape Contractor

By Rick Calhoun

We met with our landscape contractor, AmeriScape, mid-March, and they informed us they were closing their business and gave us a 30-day notice that they will no longer be providing us with service.

Rick called on a few contractors and asked them for quotes to service our community this year and with such short notice, he was surprised how quickly we were able to get as many quotes back as we did.

The Landscape Committee and Rick met with a few of the contractors and decided on one company that would best fit our landscape and snow removal needs.

The Board agreed to move forward with the **Hedge Landscape, LLC** company with a (3) year contract. We knew with inflation and fuel prices we would be looking at price hikes in service from all quotes, which proved to be correct.

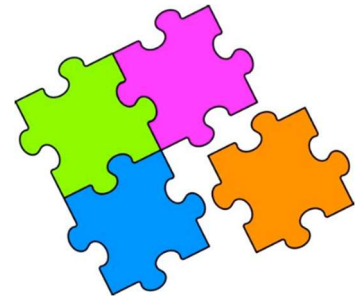
AmeriScape was in the final year of their contract at \$61,101.00 per year for landscape services. They refunded a small amount of money for the work that would not be completed before they left.

After negotiations, our new contract with Hedge Landscape, LLC was the best bid at \$71,475.30, taxes included for (3) years. Unfortunately, this is a **\$10,374** difference for this year that was not budgeted for in 2022.

The Board and Rick are confident in our choice and should be able to carefully manage our budget this year to make it through this increase in pricing. The Board will continue to inform our community of any changes in the future.

NEW!! A PUZZLE SWAP WILL BE HELD IN THE CLUBHOUSE!!

**RECURRING MONTHLY ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF THE
MONTH
4-6 PM Starting April 5th.**



BRING THE PUZZLES YOU WANT TO SWAP FOR A DIFFERENT ONE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

**NANCY STARKLOFF 614-216-3865,
LINDA ELKO 954-9935459 OR
DOTTIE HARMON 614-600-8670.**

Columbus Arts Scene

By Edye Buchanan

Columbus Association for Performing Arts has resumed a full schedule of Broadway shows, the Columbus Symphony, Ballet Met performances, as well as special engagements with comedians and lecturers. As of April 4, all Covid restrictions will be lifted at most venues; however, performers can request Covid restrictions such as the Columbus Symphony still is requiring masks. Please check venues for latest information. Stay tuned – summer promises to bring outdoor performances.

A sample of upcoming Shows in April - For more information and other shows, see www.capa.com or www.cbusarts.com

Pretty Woman: The Musical – March 29 - April 3 – Ohio Theater – If you loved the movie, you'll love the show. Frankie Valli's granddaughter starts as Vivian. Tickets start at \$39.

Black Violin - April 8 – Palace Theater – A unique blend of classical and hip-hop music come together as "classic boom." Tickets start at \$25.

Little Shop of Horrors – March 19 - April 16 – Short North Stage, Garden Theater - Don't feed the plants, they feed themselves! This classic musical is guaranteed to bring laughs. Tickets start at \$25. **Vaccination card required.**

New Albany Symphony - April 10 – McCoy Center - Handel's Messiah was first performed 280 years ago. Tickets start at \$18. **Vaccination card required.**

Sinatra! - April 14 - 17 – Southern Theater – The Jazz Arts Group featuring Tony DeSare. Tickets start at \$10.

Columbus Symphony – April 22-23 – Ohio Theater – Bach: St. John's Passion is considered the most beautiful of Bach's Passion oratorios. The Columbus Symphony Chorus will sing in German with English subtitles. Tickets start at \$10.33 with free children's tickets in some area.

Classic Albums Live – April 29 – Lincoln Theater – AC/DC's Back in Black. Tickets start at \$27.

Johnny Mathis - May 5 - Palace Theater - The Voice of Romance Tour. Tickets start at \$46.

Columbus Symphony – May 13-14 – Ohio Theater – Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 with the Columbus Symphony Chorus. Tickets start at \$31.33.

Lincoln Theater - 769 E. Long St., Columbus
McCoy Center - 100 E Dublin Granville Rd., New Albany
Ohio Theater - 39 E. State St., Columbus

Palace Theater - 34 W. Broad St., Columbus
Short North Stage, Garden Theater - 1187 N. High St., Columbus
Southern Theater - 21 E. Main St., Columbus

Joys and Concerns

- Kay Mullins (our Board President) had an emergency appendectomy last month and has recovered nicely.
- Nancy Starkloff was briefly hospitalized and has undergone some tests and is awaiting results.
- A former resident of our community, Tom Edwards passed away recently.
- Congratulations and best wishes to Kay Mullins, who will be married to Dan Stumpf on June 5. Kay is relocating to Blacklick.
- Please join us in congratulating **Liz Meyer at 4645 Wenham Park** on her 92nd birthday in April. She deserved a special 90th birthday party in 2020 but Covid prevented that celebration. If you see her out walking, say Hi and Happy Birthday.



Calendar of Events and Fun Things here at Collingwood Pointe Place

By Linda Elko

Collingwood Pointe is a busy place bustling with wonderful activities for all to enjoy. As new residents move in, new activities are evolving. We have a committee (Linda Elko, Dottie Harmon, & Nancy Starkloff) to facilitate, support and centrally coordinate community games and activities. Contact them if you want to schedule an activity at the clubhouse, please check to be sure there isn't a conflict with a regularly scheduled activity. That includes Social Committee events, clubhouse rentals or other commitments the Board has notified the community about.

If you would like to start a new activity/event repeatedly, and be the leader, please fill out a New Activity Form found on our website or in the clubhouse and email it to davlaelko@aol.com or drop it off at Linda Elko, Dottie Harmon, or Nancy Starkloff's home. This will help to facilitate coordination, managing the risks for the Association, and Board awareness of community plans.

Euchre – Anyone interested?

We previously had a good group of card players here in our community and are once again looking to find out who is interested in playing and what days or times people would be available. Notify the community email at cwp4528@gmail.com if interested and we'll gather that information and schedule a meeting with interested individuals.



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3	4 Mahjong – 6:30	5 Men's Romeo Lunch – meet at pool parking by 11:30 Puzzle Swap 4-6pm Bridge 12:30- * * Is held at <u>Arlene</u> <u>Secrist</u> condo not clubhouse	6 Ladies Juliet Luncheon – meet at pool parking by 11:45	7 Mahjong – 1 pm	8	9
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17 EASTER	18 Mahjong – 6:30	19 Bridge 12:30- * Book Club 6:30	20 Texas Hold 'em 2-5 pm	21 Mahjong – 1 pm	22 Mexican Dominos – 1:00	23 PASSOVER ends
24	25 Mahjong – 6:30	26 Bridge 12:30- *	27	28 Mahjong – 1 pm	29 Mexican Dominos – 1:00	30

Event/Recurring Date	Contact Person	Contact Information
CP Mens "Romeo" Lunch	Ray Starkloff	Cell 614-302-8685 Email: rbstar12@yahoo.com
CP Ladies "Juliet" Lunch	Linda Elko	Cell 954-993-5459 Email: davlaelko@aol.com
CP Ladies Coffee	Kay Fenn	Home: 614-855-5634 Email: rexpakgolf@aol.com
CP Book Club	Tina Edwards	Cell 614-205-0740 Email: tinaedwards1227@gmail.com
Texas Hold 'Em	Andy Godin	Cell: 614-214-5965 Email: usafvet56@gmail.com
Mahjong	Donna Welcome	Home: 614-855-5634 Email: rexpakgolf@aol.com
Mexican Train Dominoes	Nancy Starkloff	Cell 614-216-3865 Email: ncstar12@yahoo.com
CP Community Meetings	Edye Buchanan	Cell 440-785-1375 Email: edye515@gmail.com
Bridge Club	Dottie Harmon	Cell 614-600-8670 Email: dottieharmon35@gmail.com

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29	30 Memorial Day	31 Bridge 12:30- *		Mahjong – 1 pm	Group Water exercises will resume in early June. Watch your email for updates.	

Book Club



Sharing our full list of the books we have planned for 2022 even though we have already completed the Book Club meetings for January through March. They were still very enjoyable and informative books the group recommends. Join us at the Clubhouse. We have offered a Zoom link in past meetings when needed or used a phone to link someone into the audio for our meeting discussion. Please email to our group leader, Tina Edwards at tinaedwards1227@gmail.com or text/call her at Cell 614-205-0740.

Month	Book & Author	Host
Jan 18-cpt	<i>Hell of a Book</i> by Jason Mott	Kay Mullins
Feb 15-cpt	<i>The Giver of Stars</i> by JoJo Moyes	Sue Ferris
Mar 15-cpt	<i>How the Penguins Saved Veronica</i> by Hazel Prior	Kathy Stroh
Apr 19	Inheritance: A memoir of genealogy, paternity and love by Dani Shapiro	Edye Buchanan
May 17	The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman	Phyllis Davis
June 21	The Man Who Died Twice by Richard Osman	Dottie Harmon
July 19	The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah	Carol Kline
Aug 16	This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger	Tina Edwards
Sept 20	The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane by Lisa See	Nancy Starkloff
Oct 18	Penguin the Magpie by Cameron Bloom	Anna Brandina
Nov 15	Big Lies in a Small Town - by Diane Chamberlan	Geri Shoemaker
December – no meeting		



We have residents here at our CPP condo community with ties to Eastern Europe. Please pray and support the assistance efforts.

New Issue Form

By Rick Calhoun

We are always working hard to improve our community. A new issue form has been added to our website to use when you have issues with the exterior of a unit. The tab is located on the main page next to the "Home Sweet Home" tab.

Complete the form, press send, and your issue will be transferred directly to the Onsite Manager's email address, and you should receive a response soon after. This method will assist us with tracking purposes.

The original issue forms will still be accepted and located either in the clubhouse or on the website under forms tab.

New Clubhouse Signs

We have updated the signage in our Clubhouse to reflect today's new products and differences in perception of what Smoking is or is not. Use of e-Cigarettes and Vaping devices are not permitted in the clubhouse. This is what the new signs display. If you have any questions, contact a Board member.



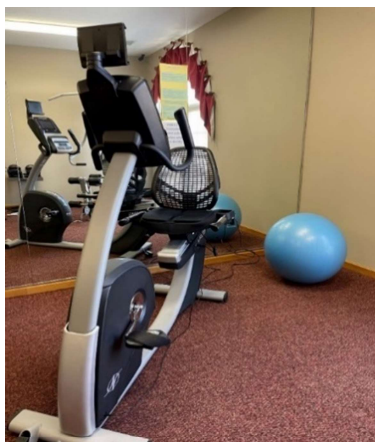
New Fitness Room Weight Machine



Rick Calhoun led the investigation into the replacement of the old weight machine that was original to the 2001 build of the clubhouse. He was able to secure an excellent price quote and the Board approved this and it has now been installed. Rick has offered to meet those who might want a quick review of how to use it. Email him at cwp4528@gmail.com.

In 2020, we purchased and installed a top-of-the-line Recumbent Bicycle after the old one failed.

The existing Treadmill and Elliptical Trainer are doing well and do not yet need replaced.



FOOD INSECURITY – HUNGER IN 43230

People asking for help (begging) at many street corners in our 43230-zip code community (e.g., Morse & Hamilton Rd) is increasing at previously unseen rates. Perhaps you wish you knew what to do to help. Even with the US government sponsored assistance program called **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**, there are many working individuals, seniors, and families who still struggle to have sufficient food.



This is called **Food Insecurity**.

Since our **Pointer** newsletter is distributed just to our condo community, this article is shared now because seniors in our own condo community may struggle due to relying on Social Security only or have a limited pension or income. With the cost of everything rising at incredible rates, e.g., our current \$4+ gasoline prices, money that previously went toward food is being diverted to covering gas, utilities, etc. Residents in our community might also know of family members or friends who need help. Feel free to share this information.

Here are some important links to use on your computer or phone to get better educated on your own time. Each web site has information about who is eligible and how to apply for help. GRIN is for Gahanna residents, WARM was originally serving Westerville, but it serves others now.

SNAP <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program>

US Federal government assistance. Please see their website for further details on who can get assistance and how to apply.

GRIN <https://grin4gahanna.org/>

GRIN serves the Gahanna-Jefferson School District and includes all those living in the 43230-zip code. This includes the Collingwood Pointe at the Preserve community. Please see the GRIN website for further details on who can get assistance and how often.

WARM <https://warmwesterville.org/>

WARM serves the Westerville School District including zip codes 43081 and 43082 and Columbus zip codes where residents attend the Westerville schools. Please see the WARM website for further detail on who can get assistance and how often.

Ohio Primary Election Address Reminder

If you are a new resident to Collingwood Pointe at the Preserve condos since your last opportunity to vote, and you would like to vote in the May Ohio Primary (currently scheduled for May 3), please see this helpful link on how to update your name and address information ONLINE with the Franklin County Board of Elections. <https://olvr.ohiosos.gov/>

Identification you present at the time of going to vote needs to match to your polling precinct on file with the Elections Board. For more information, please see <https://vote.franklincountyohio.gov/>

A Special announcement appears now on this website regarding the Ohio Districts maps and the impact on voting this May. Follow this issue on your local TV news and the above website link.

On March 16, 2022, the Supreme Court of Ohio invalidated the Ohio General Assembly district plan adopted on February 24, 2022. Therefore, the offices of Ohio House, Ohio Senate and State Central Committee will not appear on the May 3, 2022, Primary Election ballot. Voter district information for Ohio House, Ohio Senate, and State Central Committee will be updated as soon as that information is available.

Sue's Musings

I just went to the New Albany library with Bea-dog in the car and afterwards we took a walk in the lovely park behind it. The sun was out; we met another dog and owner; it felt good to walk another trail. And.... we came upon a lovely set of quotations carved into crescents of concrete along the walk back to the library. The whole adventure took 20 minutes, including a sit-down on a bench by the creek with bird song nearby.

LIFELONG LEARNING The more that you read, the more you will know; The more that you learn, the more places you'll go. + Dr. Seuss

HEALTH AND WELLNESS Health is the greatest possession. Contentment the greatest treasure. +Lao Tzu ART AND CULTURE Art is the signature of civilizations. + Beverly Sills

THE ENVIRONMENT Of all the paths you take in life, make sure a few of them are dirt. + John Muir

Students from New Albany Schools use that path constantly. What a good idea to give them some food for thought.