

The Pointer

2025 QTR 2 (April) Newsletter

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Euchre Night – Thursdays

Clubhouse 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

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We had a great turnout on April 10 as we welcomed home our snowbirds from Florida. Six tables of 4 playing to win it big....Relatively speaking. Play is only \$1 to enter for the evening and if you don't get 3 tricks, when you've declared trump, its \$.10 for getting euchred. The money gets divided up at the end of the evening for Highest score, 2nd highest, 3rd highest and the Most loaners wins the dimes from all the euchres.





Coyote seen at Collingwood Pointe community



Example Photos
from internet



If you see a coyote during the daytime, you should exhibit caution, as that coyote may have become habituated to humans (and may be more likely to attack).

- If a coyote approaches, you should face the animal, move slowly to another person or dwelling entrance, raise your arms over your head, clap their hands, stomp your feet, blow a whistle, & call out in a stern loud voice “There is a coyote here.” The best thing to do is avoid leaving children or pets unattended. ([Collingwood Pointe requires pets to be on a leash](#)).
- **Be aware of your surroundings:**

Pay attention to sounds, smells, and visual cues when walking in areas where coyotes may be present.

- **Avoid feeding wildlife:**

Feeding coyotes can make them habituated to humans and increase the risk of conflict.

- **Secure your yard:**

Ensure that your yard (condo area) is free of food sources and that pets are kept safe and supervised.

- **Report unusual coyote behavior:**

If you observe unusual coyote behavior, such as a coyote approaching people or pets, report it to your local wildlife authority.

Collingwood Pointe at The Preserve presents

KENTUCKY DERBY

DINNER PARTY



Experience the thrill of the race!
Join us for dinner and an evening of horse racing excitement.

Menu



Details

City BBQ Catering:

*Hand Pulled Pork
18 Hour Brisket
Baked Beans w/ brisket
Potato Salad
Creamy Coleslaw
Buns
Chocolate cake
Peach Cobbler*

- *Social Committee will be at the Clubhouse on April 26th from 10am-2pm to collect \$20 fee.*
- *Please make checks or money order to Collingwood Pointe at The Preserve.*

Be ready to bet on your favorite horse (cash only) wearing your fanciest derby hat.

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 jmpoeppelman4@gmail.com and cell phone is (937) 657-6494.

- April 16 (pending update) – Geri Schoemaker is currently in Riverside hospital and is expected to have surgery. Date TBD. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. Flowers will be sent to her hospital room.

Things sent this past quarter:

- March 7 – Get-well card sent to Eileen Godin. She is 93 and had a bad case of the flu.
- March 11 – Get-well card sent to Marlene Anthony at her home. She hurt her back and was in a rehab facility.
- March 11 – Get-well card sent to Diane Smith at her home. She was in the hospital for about 2 weeks.

Next Bingo Night

April 25 @ 6:30 pm

Linda and Dave Elko are hosts for the evening.

5 Cards for \$1 per bingo game or \$.25 each card. Winnings from the number of cards purchased per game are awarded to the winner.



POOL Time!

The clubhouse pool will open Memorial Day Weekend. Watch your email for more details.

Gahanna Municipal Golf Leagues starting soon – for Men & Women & Coed



Several residents in our condo community play in the leagues offered at the Gahanna Municipal Golf Course off 220 Olde Ridenour Road. This is a 9-hole course with a mix of Par 3, Par 5 and Par 4 options. Leagues are held in the mornings and will start soon. They cost for the whole season for golfing at this city sponsored course are very reasonable for Seniors at the Non-Gahanna Resident rates. They offer riding carts and pull carts. Call for more information.

<https://www.gahanna.gov/484/Golf-Course>

1. Parks & Recreation -- Phone: [614-342-4250](tel:6143424250)
2. Golf Course -- [Email Recreation](#) -- Phone: [614-342-4270](tel:6143424270)

Beautiful Collingwood Pointe at the Preserve 2025



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Let's hope the "3 snows after the forsythia blooms" are done!



BMV Office in Gahanna to Close on Friday, April 18

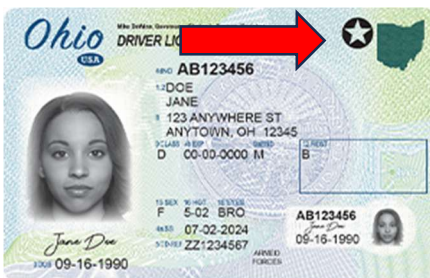


The Ohio Department of Public Safety announced that the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) office in Gahanna will close its doors at the end of the day on Friday, April 18, following the retirement of the Gahanna Deputy Registrar, its current operator. The BMV has a Request for Proposal (RFP) out to find a replacement to operate this location, which it fully intends to reopen. They expect that this closure will be relatively short as the BMV works to select a replacement.

In the meantime, Gahanna residents are encouraged to visit one of several nearby Deputy Registrar locations:

- 3481 East Broad St., Whitehall, OH 43213
- 562 West Schrock Rd., Westerville, OH 43081
- 701 West Coshocton Rd., Johnstown, OH 43031
- 316 South Township Rd., Pataskala, OH 43062
- For those only needing to renew vehicle registration, a BMV Express Kiosk is available at the Meijer, located at 5050 North Hamilton Rd. Please note that this method only accepts a credit or debit card. Many services can also be accomplished online at [BMV.Ohio.gov](https://www.bmv.ohio.gov).
- Additional information on the future of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles office, located in Gahanna, will be shared on [Gahanna.gov](https://gahanna.gov) and the City's social media pages as soon as it is available.

Traveling or Voting Documentation after May 3, 2025



Ohio now requires a Real ID version of the Ohio Driver's license (NOT EXPIRED) for voting. It has a **STAR** in the top right corner beside the Ohio icon. No other state driver's license is accepted for voting. You may also use a passport for voting identification or a military ID.

A REAL ID or Passport is also required for flying on a plane, and entering federal buildings, e.g. a Social Security office.

There has been a good amount of news (on TV and on social media) about women voters whose current name **does not** match her Ohio driver's license or US passport. This takes additional documentation when you go to vote and when you go to upgrade to the Real ID driver's license. You will need your marriage license, divorce decree, birth certificate, and two forms of ID showing your current address. The article above about Gahanna's BMV closing April 7, is especially important as you will now need to go to an alternative location BMV as that article describes. The kiosk at Meijers or online BMV website cannot handle the name change process as the documents have to be reviewed in person by a BMV worker.

Ladies, if your name on your Ohio ID on your matches your voter registration name, you are good to go. If not, you should prepare for your BMV visit by gathering important documents like Marriage Certificate, Divorce Certificate, Birth Certificate, US passport (if you have one), and two forms of ID showing your current address (e.g. Utility bill, Bank Statement, etc.). Verify on the BMV website the specific documents needed to avoid a delay if you arrive at the BMV without a document needed.

Don't know where your Birth certificate is? Marriage certificate? Divorce certificate?

Need to get a new copy? If it occurred in Ohio, follow this link:

https://www.vitalrecordsonline.com/ohio?keyword=&loc_interest_ms=9197946&loc_physical_ms=1015259&gad_source=1&gclid=EAlaIQobChMI1dPg-JvYjAMVchFECB16jxEfEAAYASAAEgJJF_D_BwE

Request a Certified (notarized) copy of your certificate because a copy (labeled Statistical Use copy) is not the same for validating your birth date and name at the BMV or for passports.

If the event occurred in a different state, you will need to contact the equivalent agency in that state.

Is there an additional cost for the Real ID - Compliant Card?

No. The Compliant and Standard cards cost the same.

Special Conditions on REAL ID if you are not a US Citizen

Some residents in our community may have permanent residence status (via a Green Card) or may have temporary residence status (e.g. a defined period for living legally in the US). Please consult the information online for these special conditions. The REAL ID is issued to non-citizens but has "NON-US CITIZEN" printed on the back of the license. This is now checked if you would go to a polling location. If this appears on your license and you have completed your US citizenship naturalization process, bring that document to vote and visit the BMV to further update your REAL ID with this information to remove the Non-Citizen notation.

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SPRING HAS SPRUNG! AND OUTDOOR EVENTS ARE STARTING 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.**

Clue: A Walking Mystery - The case of who murdered Mr. Boddy has gone cold, with the murderer still at large. This is an interactive Walking Mystery taking place at various locations within the Short North neighborhood. Bring your own team or join another. This runs Thursday – Sunday for 5 weeks starting May 15. Tickets are \$48.19

Columbus Commons - 769 E. Long St., Columbus

Picnic with the Pops – From Boy Bands to the music of Dolly Parton, the Columbus Symphony has something for everyone. – Starting June 14; Adult tickets are \$43.35 and 10.50 for children under 12.

Columbus Commons Entertainment – Free concerts, fitness and sunset movies. They have it all

Lincoln Theater - 769 E. Long St., Columbus

[My Regards to Broadway](#) – From the jazzy rhythms of the Roaring Twenties to the soaring ballads of modern-day showstoppers, this performance celebrates the evolution of musical theater. – April 24-27; Tickets start at \$27.62

[Girls Night: The Musical](#) This touching and hilarious ‘tell-it-like-it-is’ musical takes audiences on a journey into the lives of a group of female friends. Audience members can’t help but laugh, cry and sing and dance in the aisles! May 18; Tickets are \$57.87

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

[Little Women](#) – A New Albany High School Production. April 24 – May 3. Tickets start at \$16.24

[Environmental Sustainability](#) – Chris Walker, Director of Amazon Web Services’ (AWS) Sustainability Organization shares best environment practices and trends to reduce environmental impact. Mr. Walker will be interviewed by Sara Fischer, Senior Reporter, Axios., April 30. Senior tickets start at \$10

Ohio Theater - 39 E. State St., Columbus

[Sleeping Beauty](#) – Enter the enchanting world of *Sleeping Beauty* as it takes center stage at the Ohio Theatre featuring BalletMet. May 2 – 4; Tickets start at \$42.18

[Tchaikovsky Spectacular](#) – A master of drama and romance, Tchaikovsky’s music transports us to his distinctive musical landscape. On this program are some of his most beloved works.. May 16-17; Tickets start at \$10 for kids; Senior Dress rehearsal is \$21.74 including donuts and coffee

[Summer Movie Series](#) – June 13 – August 24. Schedule to be announced May 12. [Ticket includes theater tour](#)

Palace Theater – 34 W. Broad St., Columbus

[The 5th Annual Mother’s Day Pop & Country Concert](#) – Featuring Vegas McGraw, The # 1 Tim McGraw Tribute Show In The US. May 4; Tickets start at \$43.93

[STOMP](#) – The international percussion sensation has garnered an armful of awards and rave reviews, and has appeared on numerous national television shows. May 16-18; Tickets start at \$34.00 (SKIP THE TICKETMASTER FEES!!!)

Riffe Center – 77 S. High St., Columbus

[The Last Five Years](#) – The Contemporary Theater performs in Studio 2. With an incredible score by Tony Award-winner Jason Robert Brown, *The Last Five Years* winds its way through the joyful, sad, and bittersweet moments of a couple over the course of their five-year relationship. April 24 – May 11; Tickets start at \$65.38

[The Music of Frank Sinatra & Beyond](#) – Join the Columbus Symphony and triple-threat singer/pianist/songwriter Tony DeSare as he takes on the legend of “Ol’ BlueEyes” himself. May 9 - 10; Tickets start at \$33.67 (tables are available)

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

[The Drowsy Chaperone](#) - Winner of five Tony Awards, including Best Book and Best Original Score, *The Drowsy Chaperone* is a loving send-up of the Golden Age musical, featuring one show-stopping song and dance number after another. May 8 – June 1; Tickets start at \$45.37

Southern Theater – 21 E. Main St., Columbus

No new shows scheduled Coming soon – [Kimberly Akimbo](#) (June 3-8); [Summer of Musicals](#) (June 6-15); Hamilton

Book Club – 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm – Clubhouse

We welcome both men and women readers to our group. One person facilitates the group discussion and all perspectives on the book of the month are appreciated. The group nominated the 2025 book list at the end of 2024 and different members signed up to host the discussion and simple snacks and wine or bottled water. Contact Tina Edwards at 614-205-0740 or tinaedwards1227@gmail.com for any questions.

Month 2025	Host	Book Title	Book Author
January	Kay Mullins	The Secret Life of Sunflowers	Marta Molnar
February	Sue Ferris	Remarkably Bright Creatures	Shelby Van Pelt
March 18	Kathy Stroh	Women We Buried, Women We Burned	Rachel Louise Snyder
April 15	Bev Stern	Lady in the Lake	Laura Lippman
May 20	Tina Edwards	Look Again	Lisa Scottoline
June 17	Edye Buchanan	Desert Heat	J.A. Jance
July 15	Carol Kline	The Women	Kristin Hannah
August 19	Tbd	For the Love of Summer	Susan Mallery
September 16	Dottie Harmon	The Art of Racing in the Rain	Garth Stein
October 21	Phyllis Davis	Summer at the Saint	Mary Kay Andrews
November 18	Geri Shoemaker	Someone Else's Shoes	JoJo Moyes
December – no meeting			

Staying Healthy – Did You Know?

By Kathy Stroh

I was recently given additional information about the safe way to **Reheat Leftovers** we bring home from various local restaurants, leftovers from family meals, and the homemade soup I freeze into plastic containers. I've received Styrofoam containers from a local Chinese establishment, Black Plastic containers from Longhorn Steakhouse and Olive Garden, and various plastic containers of all shapes.

Quiz: Which ones are safe to reheat food in?

1. Styrofoam Yes? No?
2. Plastic Yes? No?
3. Glass Yes? No? (Pyrex type- e.g. oven or microwave safe)
4. Metal Yes? No?

Answers will be in the next Pointer Newsletter!!