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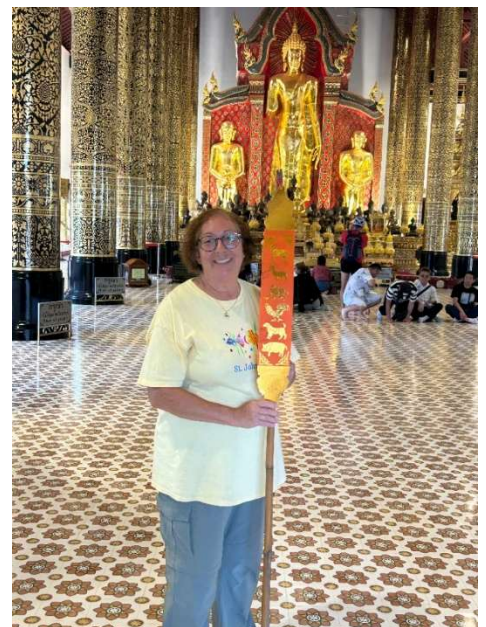
Community Meeting June 2025

Board President **John Welcome** and Board member **Greg Talbott** announced they had both completed the end of their terms on the Board and had elected not to continue serving. We needed to elect two new residents to step up to take positions on the Board. **Ray Starkloff** agreed to join the Board (he had previously served as Board President). The following week, at the meeting of the new Board, **Edye Buchanan** agreed to step up to the position of Board President. **Carol Kline** is now Board Secretary and **Harold Fisher** continues to serve as our Board Treasurer.

An Introduction

Edye Buchanan moved to Collingwood Pointe in September 2018 after living most of her life within ten miles of Lake Erie. She relocated to the Columbus area to be closer to her son Steve, daughter-in-law Heidi and grandson Zeke. She works full-time for BriskHeat Corporation in sales and marketing, in addition to product management of their composite curing product line. Edye also does most of BriskHeat's technical writing for product applications and has had seven articles published in industry journals.

For the past four years, she has been a volunteer for Columbus Association of Performing Arts, enjoying Broadway in Columbus, the Columbus Symphony Orchestra, and a variety of other performances.



Previously, she served 10 years as an International Director for the Society of Manufacturing Engineers and participates in the local chapter.

Edye has been a certified scuba diver since 1992, and has dived in Florida, Hawaii, Mexico, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Grand Cayman, the BVI's, Belize, and Australia. She's also an avid sailor, meeting up with friends from a sailing club in Cleveland to charter 40–50-foot boats in several of these places. This past winter, they sailed around Phuket, Thailand for 8 nights prior to touring more of Thailand and Cambodia.

"I really appreciate all that Collingwood Pointe has to offer its residents. I moved to Columbus to be closer to my family and have been overwhelmed with the friendliness of people I have met here."

NEXT HOA COMMUNITY MEETING WILL BE OCTOBER 22 6:30 pm at the Clubhouse. Please plan to attend.

Reminder from our President

Edye Buchanan sent out an email on September 15 to remind all residents and visitors to our clubhouse that no religious materials and no political materials are to be distributed or displayed anywhere in the clubhouse. We need to keep this facility open and welcoming for all.

Also, remember no sales brochures, business cards, and coupon distribution for businesses cannot be left anywhere in the clubhouse as well.

Road Construction Thank You's!!

Thank You to our Road Construction Volunteers and Rick Calhoun!!

Weather caused this to be an extended and disruptive time for our community, but it was road maintenance that had to be done. Thank you for your patience. Special thanks to **Rick Calhoun, Jim Calhoun, Dennis Kline, John Welcome, and Dave Poppelman**



Next Bingo Night – October 24 @ 6:30 pm

Charlotte Dandrea will be hosting.

Bingo is 5 cards for \$1 and \$2 for the coverall game.

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.

Joys & Concerns report July 3 - October 2, 2025

Joys

August 17 - **Dottie Harmon** - Turned "90" August 20. A Birthday card was mailed to her.

Sept 23 - **Ruth List & her dog Parker** - She was a long-time resident here at CWP. A Thinking of You card was mailed to her at her new home, Story Point.

Oct 2 - **Ellis Chalfant** - Turned "90" in September. A Birthday card was mailed to him.

Concerns

July 3 - Jean Williamson - She had shoulder replacement surgery in June. A Get-Well card, flowers and candy were presented to her.

July 6 - Diane Smith - She was in The New Albany Rehab Center due to back problems in July. A Get-Well card, flowers and candy were presented to her.

July 12 - Bobby (Robert) Beach - Has cancer and COPD, a Thinking of You card was mailed to him.

July 27 - Nancy Starkloff - Had shoulder replacement surgery in July. A Get-Well card, flowers & candy were presented to her.

July 27 - Deanne Sayre - She fell in July. A Get-Well card was mailed to her.

July 27 - Jonas Hoover - Was in the hospital due to vertigo. A Get-Well card was mailed to him.

August 10 - Vickie Rockel - She was in the hospital. A Get-Well card was mailed to her.

August 20 - Marlene Anthony - Her brother Jimmy died, he lived in Minnesota in a nursing home. A Sympathy card was mailed.

August 23 - Nancy Young - She had surgery. A Get-Well card was mailed to her.

Sept 3 Kay Fenn - She was in the hospital for a bleeding ulcer. A Get-Well card was mailed to her.

Sept 10 Carol Kline - She was in the hospital due to high blood pressure. A Get-Well card was mailed to her.

Enjoy our next Social Event



Quilts of Valor Group to distribute Veterans Quilts at Columbus Airport

The group leader Kathy Strohm has chosen **November 6, at 8:00 pm** for us to meet at the clubhouse to carpool together to go to the Columbus Airport to distribute 8 Quilts of Valor to veterans. We have again reserved one of our quilts to be given to a Collingwood Pointe veteran at our December Holiday Party. Text Kathy at 740-816-2870 once you know if you will be going to the airport and want to share a ride. You don't have to commit until closer to November 1, so we hope to see you go with us.

Quilts of Valor Group Leader Announcement

The group leader **Kathy Strohm** has notified our condo Board members of her decision to step down leading the Quilts of Valor Group here at Collingwood Pointe effective December 1. She has several other volunteer commitments including doing our condos' Pointer Newsletter. We are looking for a new leader to continue leading the group. If interested, please email Kathy at kmstrohm@icloud.com or text/call 740-816-2870. Kathy is willing to meet with the new leader to hand over the leftover fabric and to discuss how things have been done in the past 4 years. If no one steps forward, the group's remaining patriotic fabric will be given to another organization that makes veterans quilts.

Columbus Performing Arts Scene – Edye Buchanan

The leaves are falling, and fall brings the beginning of Broadway in Columbus as well as the Columbus Symphony indoor schedule. 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. Get your holiday tickets early for the best selection.

Lincoln Theater - 769 E. Long St., Columbus

DeMeesha Marshall – From the elegance of opera to the soulful sounds of jazz, gospel, and musical theatre, DeMeesha's versatile artistry creates a rich and dynamic musical journey. Oct 16; Tickets start at \$27.62.

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

Carmina Burana- From the thunderous "O Fortuna" to the playful and sensual movements, this work is a feast for the senses. Join the New Albany Symphony Orchestra and Chorus and guest soloists; Chelsea Melcher, Robert Kerr and Daniel Stein spin the *Wheel of Fortune*! Oct 12. Tickets start at \$20.24.

Ohio Theater - 39 E. State St., Columbus

Harry Potter and the Cursed Child – If you know what a Potterhead is, this show will leave you believing in Magic. This is the only performance scheduled in the state of Ohio! Oct 12-26 (best seats start 10/19); Tickets start at \$70 (at the box office) \$101 (from TicketMaster).

Jaws in Concert - Just when you thought it was safe to go back in the concert hall... The original summer movie blockbuster, with an Academy Award®-winning score by composer John Williams, JAWS is an unforgettable film-with-live-orchestra experience! Nov 7; Tickets start at \$23.63.

Messiah - Mozart's orchestration of Handel's Messiah offers a new way of presenting this masterpiece. Nov 14-16; Tickets start at \$10.33.

Palace Theater – 34 W. Broad St., Columbus

Elvis Costello – Costello is the composer and lyricist of over six hundred published titles, including fifteen songs co-written with Paul McCartney. Oct 10; Tickets start at \$78.23.

CAPA Haunts the Palace – Kids of all ages can walk through a Halloween-themed version of the Palace Theatre and collect goodies in this safe, weather-proof alternative to trick-or-treating. Oct 23; FREE

Joe Bonamassa – Known for his electrifying live performances and masterful guitar work, Bonamassa brings his signature sound to the stage for an evening you won't want to miss. Nov 3; Tickets start at \$68.13.

Champions of Magic – Celebrate the season with the *Champions of Magic: Holiday Spectacular* featuring dazzling illusions, breathtaking, grand-scale magic, and festive surprises for the whole family. Nov 12; Tickets start at \$40.93.

Riffe Center – 77 S. High St., Columbus

The Roommate – The Contemporary Theater performs in Studio 2. Sharp, witty, and unpredictable, Jen Silverman's fresh-from-Broadway comedy *The Roommate* hilariously navigates the twists and turns of change as it explores what happens when life doesn't go quite as planned. Oct 30 – Nov 16; Tickets start at \$65.38.

Swan Lake – Experience the world's most in-demand ballet, *Swan Lake*, presented by Classical Arts Entertainment and performed by International Ballet Stars. Nov 4; Tickets start at \$30.65.

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

Rocky Horror - When strait-laced couple Brad and Janet's car breaks down, they find themselves at the mercy of Dr. Frank-N-Furter, a mad scientist with a flair for the dramatic and a penchant for creating life. Oct 16-Nov 1; Tickets start at \$68.55

The Wiz - When strait-laced couple Brad and Janet's car breaks down, they find themselves at the mercy of Dr. Frank-N-Furter, a mad scientist with a flair for the dramatic and a penchant for creating life. Nov 20-Dec 28; Tickets start at \$68.55.

Southern Theater – 21 E. Main St., Columbus

Rhapsody in Blue - George Gershwin's kaleidoscope of American music will be performed by Bobby Floyd and the Columbus Jazz Orchestra, alongside more hits of the Tin Pan Alley era. Oct. 10-12. Tickets start at \$47.

Colin Hay - Born in Scotland, Hay moved with his family as a teenager to Australia, where he first came to international fame with seminal '80s hitmakers *Men at Work*. Nov 2. Tickets start at \$60.29.

Steve Hackett - To mark the 50th anniversary of *The Lamb Lies Down on Broadway*, Hackett includes a selection of highlights from this iconic Genesis album. Nov 3. Tickets start at \$63.29.

Coming soon – PostModern Jukebox (Nov 19); A Drag Queen Christmas (Nov 21); Straight No Chaser (Dec 2); Mr Scrooge (Dec 5-23)

Wasp Nest Warning – Check your attic.

This is a picture of the wasp nest that was completely blocking Gayle and Paul Hayes' air vent. This vent runs in the attic between the furnace and the roof and can be checked by your HVAC tech when servicing your furnace.

This is a great time of year to be sure you get your furnace checked before the winter cold arrives.



Toiletry bags for the homeless

For over 10 years, Carol Kline has been putting together toiletry bags for the homeless in Columbus Ohio. They are distributed to the homeless and through the homeless shelter. In the past she has asked for donations to help ease the cost. Many may have some of these items and would like to donate. All donations would be greatly appreciated.

Toiletries Needed: Travel/hotel size shampoo, conditioner, lotion, combs, deodorant, small packets of tissues, small sanitizers or sanitizer wipes. Call or Text her at 513-349-7200 or email her at cdkline50@yahoo.com if you have any donations now or in the future, and she will be glad to pick them up.

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
October 21	Phyllis Davis	Summer at the Saint	Mary Kay Andrews
November 18	Geri Shoemaker	Someone Else's Shoes	JoJo Moyes
December	No meeting		

Tina Edwards and her Fairy Garden

So, fairy gardens...Where did this charming gardening trend come from?

The current-day fairy theme has cultural ties to Germanic and Celtic (Irish) folklore. The underlying mythical belief is that fairies live in our gardens, and these fairies can either be mischievous or bring good luck, depending on how well they are respected and treated. According to popular belief, if you want to appeal to the fairies in your garden and get into their good graces, you must create an enticing world filled with flowers, comfortable places to live and shelter, and sparkly things. If you do this, fairies will move in, and your garden will thrive. There is also a tradition of placing fairy doors and tiny houses in the woods near trees. This attracts good fairies to the area and creates a sense of magic and wonders for the lucky person who happens to be passing by.



Tina had a fairy garden at her prior home and once again started to slowly build what she has for her enjoyment today. Call or email her in advance to stop by and visit her garden on Collingville Way. It's a fun magical thing to see.

It's an interesting hobby. Here are more details about it.

A fairy garden is a miniature, living landscape with small plants, decorative elements, and accessories like tiny houses or furniture, designed to resemble a magical world where fairies, elves, or gnomes could dwell. These imaginative gardens can be created in containers or small outdoor spaces, offering a fun, creative, and whimsical activity for people of all ages to connect with nature and inspire childlike wonder.

Key Characteristics

- **Miniature scale:** Fairy gardens feature small plants and accessories to create the illusion of a tiny, magical world.
- **Magical elements:** They are adorned with items like tiny benches, fences made of twigs, pebble paths, miniature cottages, or other charming figurines to enhance the fantasy.
- **Living components:** The use of small, low-growing, and often creeping plants, such as mosses, small-leafed plants, and succulents, creates a lush and natural environment for the fairy inhabitants.
- **Whimsical design:** The design allows for significant imagination and creativity, making each garden a unique and personal expression of magic and wonder.
- **Flexible location:** Fairy gardens can be created indoors for controlled environments or outdoors in various settings, from large pots to a corner of a flower bed.

Why People Create Them

- **Creativity and imagination:** It's a fun way to express creativity and bring a touch of magic into your home or garden.
- **Connecting with nature:** Fairy gardens allow people to engage with nature in a small-scale, accessible way.
- **Family activity:** They are a wonderful activity for grandparents and children to work on together, fostering imagination and shared experiences.
- **Conversation starter:** The unique nature of a fairy garden can spark conversations with neighbors and friends.

Critical Warning about Carbon Monoxide

By Kathy Strohm

Kathy Strohm at 4617 Collingville Ave. had a life-threatening experience where she could have died in her sleep overnight on July 25 due to gas leaking on her hot water heater. Carbon Monoxide (CO₂) has NO smell, the lead had NO sound like hissing, and it is colorless, NO fumes could be seen to give a warning if you don't have a CO₂ detector. Please buy a carbon monoxide detector at your nearest store and locate it near where you have a risk of a natural gas leak from a furnace, hot water heater or gas stove.

Here is Kathy's story so you know the importance of acting now to be sure you are safe.



"A lifesaving inexpensive device saved my life and my pets also."

My story: I had been home all day and sat down at my kitchen table at about 5:00 pm eating dinner when a loud alarm suddenly went off. I quickly eliminated the ceiling mounted smoke detectors and there was no smoke anywhere inside.

*I then looked in my kitchen at the carbon monoxide detector that sits on the kitchen counter just around the corner from the gas hot water heater closet. It was blaring a loud warning, and the front showed 48 ppm of carbon monoxide (very high level). Hit the Test/Reset button to see if that would stop the alarm sound. It didn't. Next, I got my dog on her leash and went outside and called 911 to request Fire Department confirmation. 911 connected me with a Fire Department lieutenant who asked me what the alarm indicated, and I said 48 ppm. He then asked me to open the back of the alarm, remove the batteries and tell him what the **manufactured date** was. Mine was May 2024, so the device was good.*

He told me to immediately leave my house and get outside in fresh air. A fire truck arrived in 5 minutes.

The firemen took just 3-4 steps inside my condo with their professional carbon monoxide detector, and it immediately started sounding a loud warning. As they walked inside toward my kitchen, it got louder and louder. Their device showed there was a life-threatening level of carbon monoxide in my condo!! The Lieutenant asked if I had a headache or if I felt nauseated, both symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning. I did have a slight headache, but I ignored it.

I told him my cat had scrambled under a bed, and I couldn't catch her. He said I had done the right thing getting out with the dog and not staying inside trying to catch my cat. The firemen went through every room, opening windows and turning ceiling fans on High to bring fresh air in.

First, they checked my gas furnace (in the attic over the garage), and it was fine. Next, they opened the closet door to the kitchen pantry and hot water heater. Their detector showed this was the source of the carbon monoxide and they turned the lever on that gas shut off immediately.

They kept me outside for 30 minutes while they monitored inside for CO2 with their equipment. The lieutenant came outside and explained that the inspection date sticker on my hot water heater from City of Columbus (when mine was installed) showed it was from 2012 - 13 years ago. This needed replacement but since I had no problem getting hot water for my shower and kitchen sink and no water was leaking, nothing alerted me the hot water heater was failing.

I'm safe, my dog and cat are safe, and none of us have any residual health issues, so I'm very lucky.

If I had gone to bed that night, the Fire Lieutenant said I would not have woke up the next morning - I would have died. I bought 2 new carbon monoxide detectors, and I have one inside each bedroom. They have a pre-installed 10-year battery and do not need ceiling mounted.

If you live in multifamily housing like condos or apartments that share walls and attic space with other units, pay attention. Your unit may have current/newer gas appliances, but an adjoining neighbor might not. Gas fumes can travel through walls and shared spaces like attics.

Our community was built in 2001, so check your hot water heater for a sticker to see how old it is. If you are getting your furnace serviced each year before winter, the HVAC technician would advise you if there was any concern on the gas connection to the furnace.

Your plumber will handle the city permit and inspection of your new unit. Digital photos are submitted to approve your newly installed hot water heater, so you don't have to be home for an appointment like you did in the past. That's a plus!

Another disturbing finding (see photo) was I found there was NO drip pan under the hot water heater. If it had suddenly failed and leaked, 40 gallons of water would have flooded the areas within 5-10 feet which includes my washer, dryer, refrigerator, stove, and food pantry!! Yikes, so glad that didn't happen. A drip pan at Home Depot is about \$20, which is a small preventative price to pay."

