



# The Pointer

October 2021 Newsletter

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The Board has regrettably cancelled the October Community meeting. The highly contagious COVID Delta variant puts us too much at risk for spreading infection when a large group gathers indoors.

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## **MASKING REQUIRED FOR CLUBHOUSE ACTIVITIES**

Effective immediately and until further notice, masks covering your mouth and nose are required for participation in all activities at the clubhouse. This policy applies to COVID-19 vaccinated individuals as well as those who are not vaccinated. While vaccines reduce the severity of this virus to us, we may pass it on to others who are not vaccinated. Not applicable to private party activities in clubhouse.

## **SUCCESSFUL 'MEET AND GREET'**

What a delightful two hours with neighbors! The poolside September 12 'Meet and Greet' had nearly 50 residents enjoying refreshments and socializing on a sunny day. This was the first event of its kind scheduled by the Welcome Committee. Committee members Dottie Harmon and Gayle Hayes wanted our many new residents to have a venue for getting to know the rest of us. Gayle said, "We've been unable to gather in the clubhouse as we would normally these past 18 months due to pandemic restrictions." Dottie added, "Many residents miss the monthly Ladies Coffees and we thought this would be a good way to welcome new neighbors." And that's exactly what happened. Attendees have lived at Collingwood Pointe from as little as 3 weeks to as long as 18 years. Some long-time residents met each other for the first time, too. Many thanks to Dottie and Gayle for organizing the event, and for the work they do on a continuing basis to help orient new residents and make them feel welcome.





## Sue's Musings

*By Sue Ferris*

As fall approaches and trees surprise us with their October beauty, we have a chance to be outside in the midst of their golden glow right here at Collingwood Pointe. I don't think there's a prettier view in any other condo community. But there are some metro parks I'd like to suggest.

**Blendon Woods** at 4265 E. Dublin-Granville Rd is a wonderful place to explore. You can read about the park on-line and when you visit, make sure to spend some time at Walden Waterfowl Refuge. Ducks and geese usually start their migrations in October and continue on until late fall. You should take your binoculars. Watch for turkeys on the walk through the woods.

You'll find **Rocky Fork Metro Park** if you drive up RT 62 to New Albany (continue through the 3 circles until you get to Rt 605). That's actually Olde New Albany with Eagles Pizza at the traffic light. Turn left on Rt. 605, then after a few miles, RIGHT on Walnut. If you have a dog with you, you can use the dog park. The trails are easy to walk. At the back of the park is a lovely BIG shelter with a fireplace in the middle of it. It's a great place for a coffee break and maybe a crumpet which you can pick up at Fox in the Snow on the way through New Albany.

**Lynn's Fruit Farm** at the corner of 310 and Morse Rd is not far east from us. It's always fun to see what apples they've picked for the day. Lots more produce is available, including pumpkins galore. If there's a detour on Morse, take the 161 Freeway east and turn right (south) on Rt. 310.

And my last suggestion is my favorite. **Dawes Arboretum** on StRt 13 south of Newark. They often have displays and special programs so make sure to check out their website. The address is 7770 Jacksontown Rd SE Newark Ohio 43056. There is a charge to get in but The Japanese Garden is worth the cost of admission. I promise it will take your breath away. You'll want to sit in the tea house and enjoy a completely Zen moment. Namaste.

## 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. In response, a new committee has been formed TO FACILITATE, SUPPORT, and CENTRALLY COORDINATE COMMUNITY GAMES AND ACTIVITIES. The committee consists of **Linda Elko, Dottie Harmon, and Nancy Starkloff.**

All current activities are ongoing with no changes. **(Except as adjusted due to the Covid19 constraints)**

If you want to schedule an activity at the clubhouse or pool area, 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](mailto: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.

# October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Men's Romeo Lunch – meet at pool parking by 11:30	5 Bridge 12:30- * is held at Arlene Secrist condo not clubhouse	6 Ladies Juliet Lunch – meet - pool parking by 11:45 am	7 Mahjong – 1 pm	8	9
10	11 NO Ladies Coffee Mahjong – 6:30 pm	22 Bridge 12:30 *	13	9 Mahjong – 1 pm	15	16
17	20 Mahjong – 6:30 pm	19 Bridge 12:30 *	20	21 Mahjong – 1 pm	22	23
24	27 Mahjong – 6:30 pm	26 Bridge 12:30 *	27	9 Mahjong – 1 pm	29	30
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Event/Recurring Date	Contact Person	Contact Information
CP Mens "Romeo" Lunch	Ray Starkloff	Cell(R) 614-302-8685 Email: rbstar12@yahoo.com
CP Ladies "Juliet" Lunch	Linda Elko	Cell(L) 954-993-5459 Email: davlaelko@aol.com
CP Ladies Coffee	Kay Fenn	Email: rexykaygolf@aol.com
CP Book Club	Tina Edwards	Cell(T) 614-205-0740 Email: tinaedwards1227@gmail.com
Mahjong	Kay Fenn	Email: rexykaygolf@aol.com
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CP Community Meetings	Kay Mullins	Cell(K) 330-231-4040 Email: kayzword@gmail.com
Bridge Club	Dottie Harmon	Cell(D) 614-600-8670 Email: dottieharmon35@gmail.com

## Joys & Concerns

by Nancy Starkloff

We have been sending cards and extending get well wishes and condolences to several in our community when we get info of their needs. Please call Nancy at 614-216-3865 if you know of concerns or joys that our community leadership should be recognizing.

Anna & Gennadiy have a new granddaughter Sabrina born on 9/18/2021. It's their first grandchild!! Congratulations to the entire family.



### In Memoriam

Long-time community member **Rex Fenn** unexpectedly passed away on September 20. Rex was an active member of our community who shared responsibility for clubhouse reservations, maintained the entrance signboard, acted as MC for special events/parties, and organized ROMEO men's lunches. We offer deep sympathy and condolences to his wife Kay and their family. He will be sincerely missed.

- Cards may be forwarded to Kay at 4565 Collingwood Pointe Pl, Columbus, OH 43230.





- There is nothing more important than knowing that your contributions and time volunteering are valued. We want to ensure all of you that your time and effort is recognized and appreciated. Without all of your hard work and dedication, the success of our wonderful Community would not be possible.
- We want to thank each and every one of you who gave your valuable time on the board, on all committees and time assisting with the many projects this year. You and your spouse/significant other are invited to:

- **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY**

- **OCTOBER 16TH AT 1:00 PM / CLUBHOUSE**

- Please join us in giving thanks to all who gave their time this past year.
- We'll provide pizza, subs, chips and water. You are welcome to bring your favorite beverages.
- In the past some residents wanted to help but were not able. We welcome contributions to this function if you want to show your appreciation.
- SO WE CAN ORDER THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF FOOD, PLEASE RSVP BY OCTOBER 7 TO:

- RICK CALHOUN 614-554-1573 /
- GREG TALBOTT 614-794-1979
- COMMUNITY EMAIL: CWP4528@GMAIL.COM

# Book Club

By Tina Edwards

<b>October Book</b> <b>BROOKLYN</b> <b>BY COLM TOIBIN</b>	<b>Book Hostess:</b> <b>Anna Brandina</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month 7pm</b> <b>October 19</b>
<b>November Book</b> <b><u>SECRETS OF THE</u></b> <b><u>SAVANNA</u></b> <b>BY DELIA OWENS</b>	<b>Book Hostess:</b> <b>Geri Shoemaker</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month 7pm</b> <b>November 16</b>

## REMINDER FOR RESIDENTS LEAVING FOR TWO MONTHS OR MORE



"Snow Birds"

IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON LEAVING YOUR HOME FOR TWO MONTHS OR MORE AT ANY TIME OF THE YEAR, PLEASE REMEMBER TO CONTACT A BOARD MEMBER, USE THE COMMUNITY EMAIL [CWP4528@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CWP4528@GMAIL.COM) OR CONTACT [GREG TALBOTT](#).

BY DOING THIS WE CAN LET RUMPKE KNOW THAT YOUR TRASH SERVICE WILL NOT BE NEEDED DURING THE TIME YOU ARE GONE AND WILL SAVE THE MONTHLY CHARGES BACK TO THE COMMUNITY.

WE WILL NEED: ADDRESS, LAST SERVICE DATE AND THE DATE OF YOUR RETURN.

## Who IS That Gardener?

By Kay Mullins

If you've ever passed by our clubhouse and admired the landscape, bursting with color in Spring and Summer months, you can thank our long-time resident and volunteer, **Jim Antonio**. For the last three years, Jim has designed, planted and maintained the flowers and shrubs surrounding the clubhouse. The only cost to the Association is the materials used.

Jim moved into his newly built condo on Collingville Way in 2002. He chose his unit for the Eastern exposure, as well as the design. He speaks about Collingwood Pointe as if the community drew him to it. "I wasn't actively in the market at the time. I'd just decided to look at condos near here, which I didn't like. On my way home, I noticed Collingwood Pointe, so I stopped by the Epcoc office to check it out." We are fortunate Jim liked what he saw.

Once settling in, it wasn't long before Jim joined other residents who volunteered to plant flowers that were provided by the Association. Jim said, "At that time, there was no coordinated plan regarding placement of the flowers. I was working full-time, and after planting, I sometimes spent two hours after work watering, before the sprinkler system was installed."

When changes in the Board occurred a few years ago, Greg Talbott, our Volunteer Coordinator, had noticed Jim's talent and the volunteer time he put into gardening, so he asked Jim if he'd oversee the clubhouse plantings. Jim was hesitant at first to take on this role. "I thought about how the clubhouse grounds needed some love, and I knew I could provide it. The clubhouse area gives the first impression of our community. The grounds needed love and attention to structure, color, softness and textures." Fortunately, Jim had retired by that time and agreed to take on this effort. He emphasized how much he appreciates the trust and autonomy that the Board allows him.

Jim's love of gardening began as a young child, when his grandparents lived across from his family in Northeast Pennsylvania. He spent time with his grandfather who enjoyed gardening and taught him how to plant. "Watching a plant grow from cuttings or seed is so rewarding, and I especially enjoy seeing the flowers bloom." His ability to look at a space and create a design comes naturally to him, and he calls it a "God-given talent." When he is planting, he wants "to be on an island," alone with his thoughts, because he is still designing as he plants.



Some of Jim’s gardening wisdom follows:

- Plant for color as well as texture and keep nature in mind. Jim includes plants that attract birds, bees, and butterflies.
- When determining what to plant, consider the amount of sunlight the area will get, as well as whether the location is very dry or holds water longer than other areas.
- Scrape away old mulch if it is too thick or more than 3-4 years old to get rid of unwanted bacteria.
- Prepare the soil by adding compost, peat moss, sand and topsoil as needed.
- Nurture the flowers by watering and weeding. Don’t depend upon irrigation systems alone. In very hot weather, plants may need extra water twice a day.
- Plant marigolds to repel insects.
- Use a mix of perennials and annuals. (Jim uses more annuals for variety each year.)
- Pull annuals before the first frost. If you wait until they die, getting roots out of the soil is harder and you may need to dig them, rather than just pull them out.

Jim invites suggestions and will integrate resident preferences into the landscape if he can. He is glad to contribute and to see residents and visitors enjoy the beauty of our community. He also wants residents to know that his efforts are a “labor of love,” and they bring self-satisfaction.



*CP Clubhouse September 2021*



**Collingwood Pointe at the Preserve  
BALANCE SHEET  
As of August 31, 2021**

**ASSETS**

**CURRENT ASSETS**

1106-Alliance-RES xx1198	\$ 44,755.65
1107-Popular Bank xx5691	25,166.31
1110-Alliance-OP xx3960	9,213.88
1113-CF Bank CD xx0628 12/21/22	52,593.64
1115-CF Bank CD xx0636 03/23/21	53,890.35
1180-Alliance-Debit Card xx3578	224.60
1185-A/R DUE TO OP FROM RES	<u>45,280.21</u>

**Total Current Assets** \$ 231,124.62

**FIXED ASSETS**

**TOTAL ASSETS** \$ 231,124.62

**LIABILITIES AND OWNERS' EQUITY**

**CURRENT LIABILITIES**

2070-A/P DUE TO OP FROM RES	\$ 45,280.21
2075-Popular Bank-Loan #19101	991,082.28
2085-FLAG FUND	<u>(99.06)</u>

**Total Current Liabilities** \$ 1,036,263.43

**LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

**Total Liabilities** \$ 1,036,263.43

**ASSOCIATION EQUITY**

YEAR-TO-DATE NET INCOME	23,601.03
RESERVES RET'D EARNING	(97,547.25)
RETAINED EARNINGS	<u>(731,192.59)</u>

**Total Equity** \$ (805,138.81)

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY** \$ 231,124.62

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