

The Pointer



2024 April/May Newsletter

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Mulching Began April 8



Condo Eclipse Watching Fun April 8, 2024



Photo courtesy of Tina Edwards



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Variance Form Needed

REMEMBER: No alterations or additions may be made to the exterior of the building, or patio, nor may any trees or shrubs be planted, transplanted or removed **without written approval from the Board**. Failure to complete a variance form will result in a fine. See the Handbook Of Policies And Guidelines (May 12, 2023) for additional information.

Calendar of Events/Activities

We will have a Calendar of Events printed and sent out via email by our new volunteer, [Linda Wilson](#). Thank you for stepping up to help in this area. Thank you also to [Carol Hamilton](#) for her creative information on our Community entrance board. The event calendar is also available on the website under the "About" button on the home page. <https://www.collingwoodpointe.com/calendar>

Bingo

Our next event will be hosted by Dave & Linda Elko on **May 17 at 6:30 pm** at the clubhouse. We had a great turnout for our April 12 evening, about 28 residents & friends. Thanks to those who brought snacks.

Collingwood Pointe at The Preserve presents

KENTUCKY DERBY

DINNER PARTY



DERBY HAT CONTEST 1

SAVE THE DATE
May 4th
5:30PM

\$20

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

Menu	Details
<p>oven fried chicken glazed ham au gratin potatoes green beans w/bacon tossed salad rolls and butter dessert</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social Committee will be at the Clubhouse on April 27th from 10am-2pm to collect \$20 fee.• Please make checks or money order to Collingwood Pointe at The Preserve. <p>Be ready to bet on your favorite horse (cash only) wearing your fanciest derby hat.</p>

Book Club is at the Clubhouse 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm

This list shown here are all the books the club is reading in 2024. The host leading the book discussion usually brings some snacks (and often wine & water). Most books are available FREE at the local libraries by ordering a copy of the book, including getting electronic copies and Large Print copies. Libbey is an app that also has books available electronically or as audiobooks.

Host	Month	TITLE OF BOOK	AUTHOR
Sue Ferris Alice Hoover	May 21	Lessons in Chemistry	Bonnie Garmus
Carol Kline	June 18	The Vineyard at Painted Moon	Susan Mallery
Kathy Strohm	July 16	Beach Trip	Cathy Holton
Nancy Starkloff	Aug 20	Two for the Dough	Janet Evanovich
Dottie Harmon	Sep 17	Hotel at Corner of Bitter and Sweet	Jamie Ford
Donna Welcome	Oct 15	The Mother-In-Law	Sally Helpworth
Geri Shoemaker	Nov 19	Dear Edward	Ann Napolitano

Volunteers Needed –The Board is still looking for a person to serve as a “Board Intern,” attending the once-a-month Board meeting to become familiar with what the Board does, and hopefully be willing to serve on the Board after our June election. We have two current Board members whose terms will be over at the end of June. If interested in learning about condominium management, please volunteer by contacting **John Welcome** at john.welcome@ymail.com

Greg Talbott and Rick Calhoun can always use volunteers in the Spring to do cleanup of our clubhouse areas. These are little projects that we can do for ourselves and save the association money for hiring other workers. Email the condo email address **CWP4528@gmail.com** and they will contact you. If we hire Vaughan to do some of the projects, their rates went up, where the new labor rate is \$85/hr. with a \$50 trip charge.

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.



- **Liz Meyer** is now living at Sunrise Senior Living at 775 E Johnstown Rd, Gahanna OH 43230. Joan spoke with her son Joe and he said Liz likes the facility and the people there. She would like to have visitors too. A Thinking of You card has been mailed. Flowers were sent to Liz from Oberers.
- **Ruth List** fell in March. She was at the New Albany Health & Rehabilitation Center. She is now at home recuperating. A Get-Well card was mailed to her. And flowers were sent to Ruth from Oberers.
- **Beverly Oddi** is recuperating from knee surgery and a Get-Well card was sent to her.
- **Mary Jane Magee** had gallbladder surgery on April 8th. She is now home. A Get-Well card was mailed to her.

Collingwood Pointe at the Preserve

Condo Association Board Members and Committee Chairs

BOARD POSITION TRUSTEE

President	John Welcome
Secretary	Edye Buchanan
Treasurer	Harold Fisher
Board Members	Kay Fenn, Jeri Figliola, Greg Talbott

BOARD ASSISTANTS AND COMMITTEES

Activities Committee – Linda Elko

Area Development – Dave Poeppelman

Bulletin Board – Carol Hamilton

Buildings - Rick Calhoun - On Site Manager, John Welcome, Greg Talbott, Jim Calhoun

Clubhouse Rentals - Dottie Harmon, Lynne Talbott

Communications - Marianne Beck

Finance Committee - Rick Calhoun, Paul Hayes, Gayle Hayes, Bob Zerman, John Welcome, Harold Fisher

Grounds - Rick Calhoun – On-Site Manager, John Welcome, Greg Talbott, Jim Calhoun

Joys and Concerns – Joan Poeppelman

Library - Lynne Talbott

Landscape - Rick Calhoun/ On Site Manager, Valerie McKee, John Welcome, Jim Calhoun

Monthly Activity Calendar – Linda Wilson

Pointer Newsletter - Kathy Strohm

Pool – Carol and Dennis Kline

Preserve Communities Master Association – Jean Williamson

Social Committee – Kathy Gilkey

Volunteers – Greg Talbott

Web Master - Harold Fisher, Rick Calhoun/ On Site Manager

Welcome - Dottie Harmon, Gayle Hayes

Board Member, Committee Chair, All contact information in Resident Directory, [Revised: 3/25/2024 by ESB]

Is your Water (bill) running out of control?

By Edye Buchanan

In February 2024, the amount of water used by our community was higher than it typically is in June or July. All together, we used 511 CCF (1 CCF = 100 cubic feet) of water. This is equal to 39,858 gallons! Individually, we don't pay for our own water, but collectively, higher utility costs have resulted in increased monthly fees. If someone runs their shower for 5 minutes while they're brushing their teeth, we all share that cost. Below are examples of how much water is used for everyday tasks.



Shower – An 8-minute shower is 17-20 gallons.

Energy Star clothes washer – 19 gallons per average load

High-efficiency dishwashers – 4-5 gallons of water

Hand washing dishes – 2 gallons per minute, an average of 13 gallons per day

Toilet flush – 1.6 gallons (1.3 for low-flow models)

Lawn sprinkler – up to 1,020 gallons per hour!

YES, single people like me think it's more efficient for me to wash my dishes by hand, but this shows I should be using my dishwasher instead! (And they get sanitized!)

Here are other ways we can reduce water consumption:

1. Do you hear water running in your bathroom? It could be the flapper or flushing valve that needs to be replaced. It's simple to do yourself or you can hire a handyman. Dripping faucets should also receive immediate attention. If you hear running water and can't find the source, call a Board member to check out the problem.
2. Speaking of commodes, when you remodel your bathroom, consider a low-flow tank.
3. Look for high efficiency clothes washers that use less water. And consider only washing full loads.
4. If you have an electronic faucet that is touch-activated or touch-less, be sure to shut it off when you go away. (Cats walking around countertops can activate the flow!)
5. Reduce water flow for washing or rinsing dishes.
6. Don't run water for cooking, waiting for it to come out hot. Covering the pot with a lid or adding a little salt to the water will get it boiling faster. If you like cold drinking water in the summer, put some in the refrigerator so cold water is always available.
7. When watering flowers make sure the hose connections are watertight, so that water is not leaking out onto the driveway or sidewalk.

Anyone that has camped or cruised on a boat knows water is limited. This means not running water while soaping up or washing your hair. You also wait to rinse dishes only after everything is scrubbed. Too extreme to do at home? Perhaps, but conserving water is everyone's responsibility.

Columbus Performing Arts Scene – Edye Buchanan



Flowers are blooming and so are your opportunities to enjoy the arts. 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.

Disney's The Hunchback of Notre Dame – April 26- May 5 – Lincoln Theater – The Columbus Children's Theater is producing this musical at the historic location guaranteed to entertain adults and children. Tickets start at \$19.

3rd Annual Motown Mother's Day Concert with The Spinners – May 5 – Palace Theater – The Spinners headline this concert with special guest Bobby Brooks Wilson, son of Soul Legend Jackie Wilson. Tickets start at \$63.

Tina – May 7-12 – Ohio Theater – The Tina Turner story will have you laughing, crying and singing. This show will sell out as it is fabulous. Don't leave early as there is an encore! Tickets start at \$50.

Beethoven Symphony #2 – May 17-18 – Ohio Theater – The Columbus Symphony will be led by guest conductor Kenneth Bean and feature cellist Tommy Mesa. Also on the program are Mendelssohn's "The Hebrides Overture" and Tchaikovsky's "Variations on a Rococo Theme" Tickets start at \$10.

Go Wild – May 19 – Ohio Theater – The Columbus Symphony partners with the Ohio Wildlife Center to bring music, kids and backyard animals together for an afternoon of fun. Featured music includes Flight of the Bumble Bee (of course). Come early for crafts. Tickets start at \$12 for adults, \$8 for kids.

Mozart's Mass in C Minor – May 24-25 – Ohio Theater – The Columbus Symphony will be led by Rossen Milanov and feature the Columbus Symphony Choir. Tickets start at \$10.

Mr. Joe Jackson – May 26 – The Riffe Center –The Two Rounds of Racket Tour. This performance features the music of Max Champion. Tickets start at \$42.

The Temptations and The Four Tops – June 11 – McCoy Center –These two classic R&B groups have a total of 17 #1 Billboard hits. Both groups have been inducted in the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Limited tickets are still available. Tickets start at \$62.

Disney's The Lion King – June 12 – July 7 – Ohio Theater – The entire Serengeti comes to life in a show for the entire family! Tickets start at \$30.

Other shows coming in June – Gahanna Blues and Jazz Festival starts June 13; Picnic with the Pops starts June 15; Columbus Summer Movies.

Use these addresses in Google Maps for directions.

Creekside Plaza - 151 Mill St, Gahanna, Oh 43230
Genoa Park - 303 W. Broad St. Columbus, OH 43215
Hinson Amphitheatre - 170 E. Dublin Granville Rd., New Albany, OH 43054

Lincoln Theater - 769 E. Long St., Columbus
McCoy Center - 100 E Dublin Granville Rd., New Albany, OH
Ohio Theater - 39 E. State St., Columbus
Palace Theater - 34 W. Broad St., Columbus
Riffe Center Theater – 77 S High St., Columbus
Short North Stage, Garden Theater – 1187 N. High St., Columbus

Southern Theater – 21 E Main St., Columbus
Westerville Amphitheatre – at Alum Creek North Park -
221 W Main St, Westerville, OH 43081

The Yard @ Easton Town Center (east of
Nordstrom's & True Food Kitchen at 4052 Worth
Ave, Columbus, OH 43219



Projected Pool Opening Date around Memorial Weekend (should be May 25th), but will be shared as soon as the Board finalizes the preparations needed. We will have the pool deck power washed, chairs and tables removed from storage and cleaned. **Carol and Dennis Kline** lead our Pool Committee and they will need volunteers to assist with these tasks.

Simba and Me - Carolyn Johnson (4692 Collingville Way)

Carolyn has been living in Collingwood Pointe at the Preserve since 2001. She is an “accidental” dog owner, and she had no intention of having another dog. However, her granddaughter, Kiara, who lived with her for several months after Michael died, moved to Houston, Texas and left her dog, Simba here for care. Care turned into ownership, and Carolyn fell in love with Simba, who is now her dog.

Simba is such good company and provides her with “forced” exercise at least twice a day. Simba loves Carolyn in return and really likes **Ruth List** and her dog Parker. Simba has gotten to know Ron & Darlene Marks and their little dog – however, he is not very friendly with others – it takes Simba a long, long, long time to become comfortable around others, so we usually keep to ourselves on our walks.

Carolyn and Michael had an 18-year-old Cocker Spaniel, “Alex” and a 21-year-old cat, “Lucky”, when they moved into the community in 2001. After they died, Michael adopted a 4-year-old Cocker, “Buddy”, who lived into old age and after Buddy died, we didn’t get another pet – until I inherited Simba. We will see you on the street and please understand when Simba barks at you that he’s saying “hello” in his own way.



Every year I need to be reminded again and again...



Did You Know - Healthy Living Tips

A good annual refresher on what plants are poisonous so be careful when out in wooded areas or if you are weeding flower beds.

Stock up on your Anti-Itch supplies – Mosquitos season is here too!

90 Days of Laughs and Challenges as a Dog Mom

By Kathy Strohm

Your newsletter editor, Kathy Strohm, got a Puppy for Christmas! I became a **“Dog Mom”** of a now 9-month-old female Rat Terrier dog adopted from the Humane Society of Madison County. She is named Minnie “Mouse” because of her prominent ears that everyone immediately comments on. I have been a “Cat Mom” for the past 24+ years while I worked in my career field which required working long hours and traveling for work. I lost my beloved cat Pearl (age 18.5 years) just after Thanksgiving 2023, which made me want to get a new fur baby to love.

Bottom line, I have learned that having a puppy is a 24-hour job and it is like having a 2-year-old toddler that isn’t potty trained, is very curious, and gets into things unexpectedly, including chewing on them. I thought I had “puppy-proofed” my condo before she was brought home but I quickly realized there were many things within her reach, even if I only set it down for 30 seconds. She is an expert at shredding paper and blankets. She can stand on her hind legs, snag things, and then run away with it faster than a speeding bullet. I bought her several cute stuffed toys and Nylabones and NONE of these survived for more than a few days, and some were destroyed by her chewing on it in less than an hour! I have finally found the right chew toys for aggressive chewers. She is potty trained now and that is a big accomplishment. Minnie has a kitty sister, Penelope, and she chases her, so that adds a bit of craziness too.

I am getting a good amount of walking exercise around our condo community which is good for her and me. She tries to catch bunnies, squirrels, and birds she sees on our walks, which means I must keep a strong hold on her leash. I am now taking her to Dog Parks where she can run free to her heart’s content in a fenced area.

Minnie is very friendly to all the people she meets and all dogs too. She would love to give dog kisses and meet you if you see us out walking. These different stories of funny and challenging “dog days” have made many people laugh as I have shared them at our Ladies Coffee, Bingo, and Euchre activities here. I hope they put a smile on your face, or you chuckled while reading this.





The **Building and Grounds Committee** have plans in the works to update the clubhouse restrooms. Quotes have been received and will be reviewed by the Board. Some items included in the updates are removal of the wallcoverings, painting the walls and trim, installing new faucets, sinks, countertops, new updated lighting and replacing the exterior restroom doors.

The Building and Grounds Committee is planning to repair the entrance post lights on the west side of the entrance driveway. In 2022 the lights went out and the quote to repair the lights was expensive and not in our budget. The Board opted to defer the work as the lights were deemed not a critical repair. Plus, there will be additional repairs to clean up the conduit feeds at the base of the poles and installing inground outlets. The post light repair is budgeted this year and bids have been received and we are just waiting for Board approval to proceed.

Also, in the works are planned repairs to drainage issues along the property's northwest boundary. The area is always wet and soggy, and the Building and Ground Committee wants to eliminate the issue by installing drain tiles to remove the water and create a dry environment.

Quilts of Valor group – Ending Meetings

– Will start again after Labor Day

They have cut and sewn 7 quilts and will work to get these quilted over the summer months so they can be finished and given away in the Fall.

Thanks to **Karen Shapiro, Donna Welcome, Lynne Talbott, Laurie Emswiler, Alice Hoover, and Kathy Strohm.**



Lawn Chemicals Applications

Our lawn service applied liquid weed killer on our community grass this week. They placed white signs with a warning to avoid contact walking on it, especially for pets and children for 24 hours. It is good practice to clean the paws of pets that walked on this and clean our shoe bottoms also. We can remove the white signs 24 hours after the chemical treatment. When you are out walking, please take the initiative to remove the little white signs and throw them away.

Our Community This Spring



Election Day March 19 Recap

The Primary Election in Ohio was completed early on March 19 instead of the May Primary in past years. Thank You to the Collingwood Pointe ladies who worked March 19, 2024, from 5:30 am – 8:00 pm at Temple Beth Shalom where these beautiful daffodils were blooming. *Later that afternoon we had snow flurries.* The voter turnout that day was only about 8% across Franklin County Ohio but the Collingwood Pointe at the Preserve condominium residents had a near record turnout, where it seemed that every other voter that came to the Temple Beth Shalom was from our community. Great job for the voter turnout!

Edye Buchanan also stepped up to a leadership level to be a (Voting Location Deputy) VLD which is the second highest position in charge of a voting location. Her precincts' location was at the Beth Messiah Congregation on the north side of Morse Rd before you get to Hamilton Road. The November election for President is expected to have a very high voter turnout. The Franklin County Board of Elections really needs additional poll workers. Pay for training time and working the election is included.

Check out this link to get more information.

[Franklin County Board of Elections - Poll Worker \(franklincountyohio.gov\)](https://franklincountyohio.gov)



Want to Try Something New for Mothers' Day (May 12th) Brunch?



BLUEBERRY GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1/4 cup fresh blueberries
- 2 slices provolone cheese

