

The Pointer

May 2023 Newsletter

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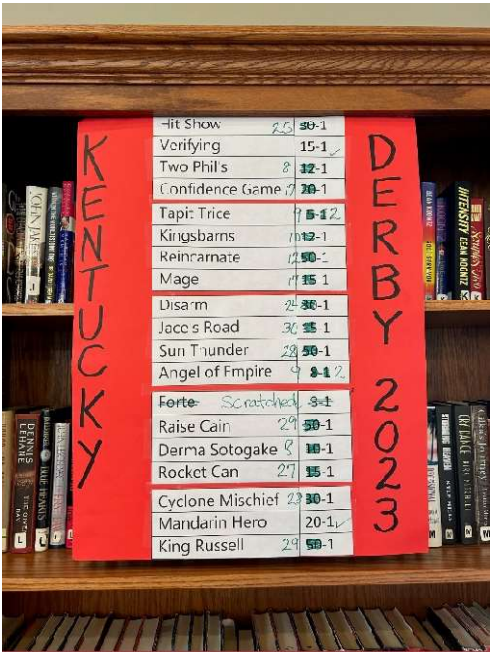
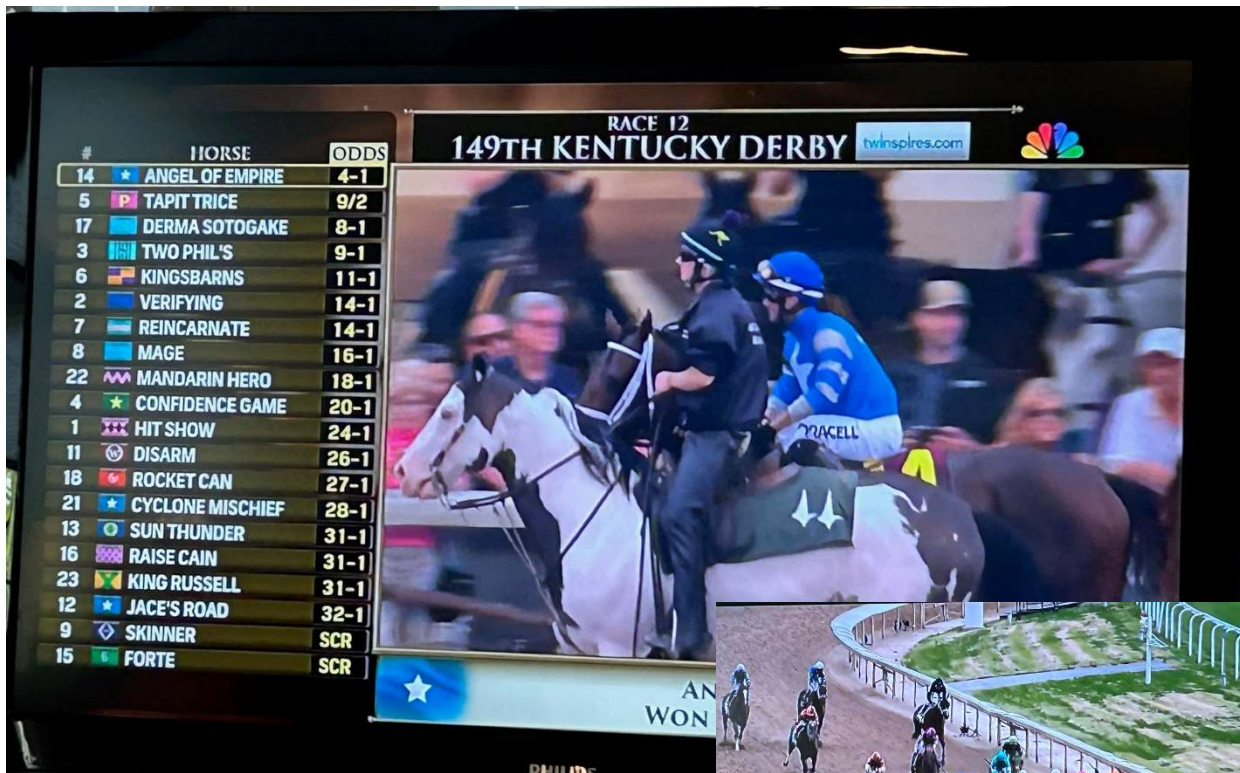


Kentucky Derby Social Event May 6

The Social Committee organized a Kentucky Derby themed dinner and party on May 6 at the clubhouse. Carfagna's catering did a great job. Residents brought their own wine & Mint Juleps with Kentucky bourbon, and our ladies were decked out in fancy hats.

There were games in which everyone participated. Greg Talbott tested our brains with a tough one!





After a close race, the horse MAGE won, and the **Mary Jane Magee** had picked this horse due to their Last Name MAGE/MAGE+E being a close spelling and nothing to do with the Odds of how good the horse was. MAGE was a very unexpected winner.

Party attendees could buy a betting ticket for \$1 to pick Win-Place-Show (1st,2nd,3rd) as one of our games.



Clyde & Mary Jane Magee



*Sally Zuccaro made her own fabulous hat and is with her husband John on left
with Linda & Dave Elko on the right*

FUN FACT: The Mint Julep is a Kentucky Derby staple. In a regular year as Churchill Downs hosts spectators at full capacity, over 100,000 Mint Julep drinks are sold on Kentucky Derby weekend.



CP Board President John Welcome and his wife Donna. John was the bartender for making Mint Juleps!



Kathy Strohm and her friend Teresa Cady were trying out John's Mint Julep drinks. Pretty tasty!

Pool Will Open Saturday May 27th

Board President John Welcome has met with **Dennis and Carol Kline**, and they have agreed to be our **Pool Chairpersons for 2023**. Thank you to them for stepping up to ensure we could open the pool on time. Their contact information is in our Resident Directory. Please email non-urgent issues over the summer.

Sandy Pool Service is contracted by the Board to get the pool cleaned and filled. Kathy Strohm is ordering new beige umbrellas to replace those that were broken or in poor condition after last season. Gregg and Kathy Gilkey have led the effort for many years to get our pool deck, chairs and tables cleaned and set up. If you want to help with this, please contact them directly. **Don't forget your sunscreen this season and stay well hydrated, preferably with water.**



Memorial Day (Monday May 29) Event Planned



Andy Godin - (614) 214-5965 usafvet56@gmail.com and Linda Elko are planning a Memorial Day event at 11:30 am in front of the flagpole.

The ladies from the Quilts of Valor group have made a patriotic quilt that will be given away in a drawing from all the names of the veterans currently living in our condo community. The names we have so far of veterans for this drawing include: **Ben Braun, Tom Beck, Tina Edwards, Dave Elko, Andre Godin, Keith Jones, Donna Kirkman, Mike Orr, Gary Page, Dick Ronckovsky, Dave Poeppelman, John Sanders, Ray Starkloff, Greg Talbott, Jean Williamson and Bob Zerman.** Contact Andy if you are a VETERAN as we want to be sure to acknowledge all veterans during the service and enter all eligible in the drawing.

New Air Conditioner for Clubhouse

The Board members were diligent in asking for multiple bids (Atlas Butler, Classic Air, CJS) and conducting interviews onsite to allow them to provide a quote to replace our original (23-year-old) air conditioner for the clubhouse. The bids ranged from \$5000-\$9000 for different options. The Board selected the vendor Classic Air to install a Tempstar 16 SEER Condenser & Evaporation Coil unit on April 21 at a cost of \$6,634. This comes with a 10-year parts & compressor warranty.



Fence Project Completed in April

The white fencing, which was our CP responsibility to maintain, including horizontal boards and 83 posts, was removed by our Collingwood Pointe volunteers which saved us over \$4500 for this removal effort. The white fencing on Morse Rd is maintained by the Preserve Master Community Association (PMCA). Several individuals helped in pulling off the horizontal boards and stacking those since they were still useable. The posts and vertical boards were rotten in many places. We stacked the posts up and Greg Talbott worked with the Rumpke driver to remove them.

The Board tried to find a contractor that would remove the fencing in exchange for taking the materials that were still useable then disposing of what was not good. All the quotes we received were very high. We switched to a volunteer removal effort, and we thank all the men and women who helped load the good boards that were donated. We were very thankful Rumpke hauled away the pile of posts for no additional cost. The 83 stumps were ground down below ground level and our volunteers filled in those areas.



STUMPBUSTERS grinding off 83 post stumps in 30 minutes!



CPP Volunteers filling in the holes



Two Board of Trustees positions opening in June

Kathy Strohm and Dave Elko are concluding their terms on the condo association Board of Trustees in June. We need two new people to step up and fill this critical role as soon as possible. **Contact Board President John Welcome** by email at john.welcome@ymail.com (614) 584-6939 to discuss what being on the Board involves in terms of time commitment and types of things the Board oversees. The Board positions are for a 3-year term and staggered so that only 2 people are up for election in any year. This allows us to transition new members onto the Board smoothly and the existing members mentor the new ones until they feel they are up to speed. If interested in joining the Board, please fill out the Nomination Form on our website under Forms and Information section. Submit the completed form to any Board member.

If you have any financial/accounting background, that would be helpful but do not let that stop you from applying to serve. Rick Calhoun will bring the new Board members up to speed on what is in the 2023 Budget. The Board will elect officers in July. All offices will be open unless re-elected.

Book Club

Please join us at 7:00 pm after your dinner at the clubhouse. We often have some type of snack and beverages, but it is best to BYOB! The list in the Pointer will be updated each month if things change. Our Book Club leader is Tinaedwards1227@gmail.com

MONTH	BOOK TITLE	AUTHOR	HOST
January	<i>Brilliant</i>	<i>Marne Davis Kellogg</i>	<i>Kay Mullins</i>
February	<i>A Man Called Ove</i>	<i>Frederick Beckham</i>	<i>Sue Ferris</i>
March	<i>The Dry</i>	<i>Jane Harper</i>	<i>Kathy Strohm</i>
April	<i>The Maid</i>	<i>Anita Prose</i>	<i>Donna Welcome</i>
May	Station Eleven	Emily St. John Mandel	Edye Buchanan
June			Dottie Harmon
July	The Great Alone	Kristin Hannah	Carol Kline
August			Phillis Davis
September			
October	Beautiful Country	Qian Julie Wang	Judy Braun
November			Geri Shoemaker
December	Happy Holidays-----No Meeting		

Storm Season – Stay Safe

Check out this link: [Alert Franklin County - Alert Franklin County](#) to get information on how you can register to get alerts to your cell phone for significant storm warnings (e.g., tornados) that Franklin County government sends out. Other weather specific apps (e.g., NBC4 Wx) for your cell phones also will send you alerts for the Columbus area. Our condos do not have basements, (normally the safest location) so determine the safest interior location for your condo in advance.

Joys & Concerns



Please continue to call or text **Nancy Starkloff** at **(614) 216-3865** if you have any Joys or Concerns that we need to be aware of. We send flowers for hospitalization, serious illness and/or a death.

We celebrated with **Liz Meyers** (4645 Wenham Park) on her 93rd birthday this past month. We celebrated with **Eileen Godin** on her 91st birthday too!

Our resident, **Walter Driscoll**, a WW2 veteran, passed away in Florida. His daughter is working with Nancy Starkloff to offer time at the clubhouse for his family to meet his many condo friends. Date and time to be determined.

We share our deepest sympathies to **Kathy Conway** (4642 Wenham Park) upon the death of her mother this past month.

Columbus Performing Arts Scene – Edye Buchanan

Broadway in Columbus shows for the upcoming season include **Jesus Christ Superstar**, **Mrs. Doubtfire**, **Moulin Rouge**, **Company**, **Clue** and **Tina**. Season options will be **Come From Away**, **Mamma Mia** and **The Lion King**. **New season ticket packages are on sale May 25**. The Summer Movie Series has yet to be announced, but these are always a good value. For more information and other shows, see www.capa.com or www.cbusarts.com

Bobby Floyd Trio – May 31 – Lincoln Theater – Part of the Wine Down Wednesday Jazz series, 2020 Grammy Award nominee Bobby Floyd performs on his classic Hammond B3 organ. Tickets start at \$32.00

Jackson Browne – June 3 – Palace Theater – A Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee in 2004, the set list includes hits such as *Doctor My Eyes*, *Rock Me on the Water*, and *Running on Empty*. Tickets start at \$53.00

To Kill a Mockingbird – June 6-11 – Ohio Theater – Richard Thomas (The Walton's) stars in this Pulitzer Prize winning adaptation of an American Classic. Tickets start at \$40.

Summer In Germany – June 10 – Hinson Amphitheater – The New Albany Symphony performs Brahms Double lead by guest conductor Olev Viro. They are joined by the chorus for St Matthew's Passion. The concert concludes with Beethoven's 9th. Tickets start at \$20

Creekside Blues and Jazz Festival – June 16-18 – Creekside District – The Creekside Blues & Jazz Festival, in Gahanna, gathers world famous groups and performers at a single place for you to enjoy the best Blues & Jazz in Ohio. The three-day cultural celebration for all ages, features world class musicians on 3 stages, mouthwatering cuisine, regional artisans, and more. Tickets are \$15 per day, 3-day pass for \$30, Veterans are FREE [Creekside Blues and Jazz Festival - Gahanna, Ohio](#)

Super Diamond – June 24 – Columbus Commons – The Columbus Symphony joins this Neil Diamond tribute band for a night of memorable music. This is part of the Picnic with the Pops series. Tickets are \$35 for adults, \$10 for kids 12 and under.

122nd Army Band – July 4 – New Albany Middle School – The band of the Ohio National Guard (Rickenbacker) “On Broadway” Tour. My nephew is one of the guitarists and I’m excited to see them performing so close to home! FREE

Beautiful: The Carole King Musical – July 6-30 – Short North Stage – Hear the story of how this young song writer became an iconic superstar performer. Tickets go on sale June 1

FREE MUSIC & Theater – Check out www.columbusonthecheap.com for additional listings

Actors’ Theater of Columbus – Thursday – Sunday nights through Sept 3 – Schiller Park – for the complete show schedule [2023 Season | Actors' Theatre of Columbus \(theactorstheatre.org\)](http://www.theactorstheatre.org) (donations appreciated)

Easton Unplugged at The Yard – Every Thursday evening starting May 4 at The Yard (Worth Ave, east of Nordstrom) for the complete schedule: [All events for Easton Unplugged – Easton Town Center](#)

Midweek at the Creek (side) - Every Wednesday evening starting June 7 at Creekside Plaza – for the complete schedule <https://www.columbusonthecheap.com/gahanna-creekside/>

Westerville Sounds of Summer – Every Sunday evening – Westerville Amphitheater – for the complete schedule <https://www.columbusonthecheap.com/event/westerville-sounds-of-summer-concert-series/>

Lincoln Theater - 769 E. Long St., Columbus

McCoy Center/Hinson Amphitheater - 100 E Dublin Granville Rd., New Albany

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

Virtual Tour of Auschwitz

Join your friends and neighbors for an educational program about the Auschwitz Concentration Camp. Auschwitz was a complex of over 40 concentration and extermination camps operated by Nazi Germany in occupied Poland during World War II and the Holocaust. Altogether, approximately 1.1 million souls perished in these camps.

The Center for Holocaust Education of the East Valley JCC has an exclusive partnership with Dr. Jerzy Wojcik, creator of the Auschwitz Virtual Tour Project, for a unique learning experience about the Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration Camp, using historical footage, Holocaust survivor testimonies, panorama pictures and modern animation combined with virtual reality tools to teach about the horrors that happened in the world’s most infamous concentration camp. This is the closest and most realistic opportunity that anyone will have to learn about the true tragedy of Auschwitz. Information about the program can be found at: <https://youtu.be/eO9v7ESDGal>

The Zoom presentation will start at 5:00 pm on Sunday, June 18th and last about 2 hours. A question and answer period will be included. There is no charge for this program which will be held in the clubhouse. Plan to arrive no later than 4:45 so that everyone can be seated prior to the program starting. This program is not suitable for children. No refreshments will be served; however, you are welcome to bring your own. Contact Edye Buchanan (440) 785-1375 if you have any questions. RSVP preferred edye515@gmail.com

SHEETZ – Suspends efforts

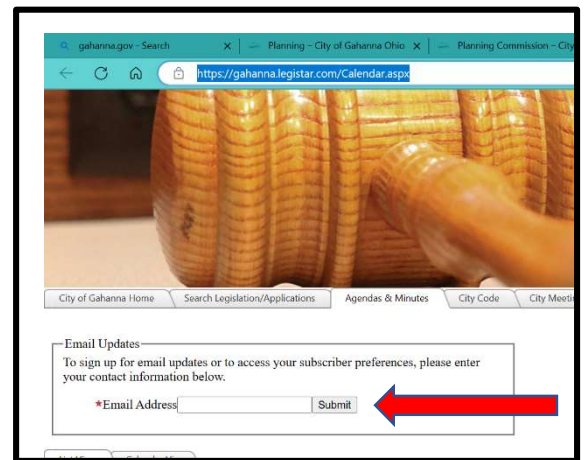
On March 31, the Mayor of Gahanna, Laurie Jadwin, posted a notice on the Gahanna.gov website that she was involved in the discussions that resulted in Sheetz executives withdrawing from purchasing the land across the street from us on Morse Road from the New Albany Realty company. She further clarified that suspending all efforts meant that they do not intend to proceed further with locating a gas station across from Collingwood Pointe at the Preserve. Click these links for further information. [Sheetz store canned after Gahanna; New Albany residents push back \(dispatch.com\)](#)

[Gahanna Sheetz project will not move forward, city says | NBC4 WCMH-TV \(nbc4i.com\)](#)

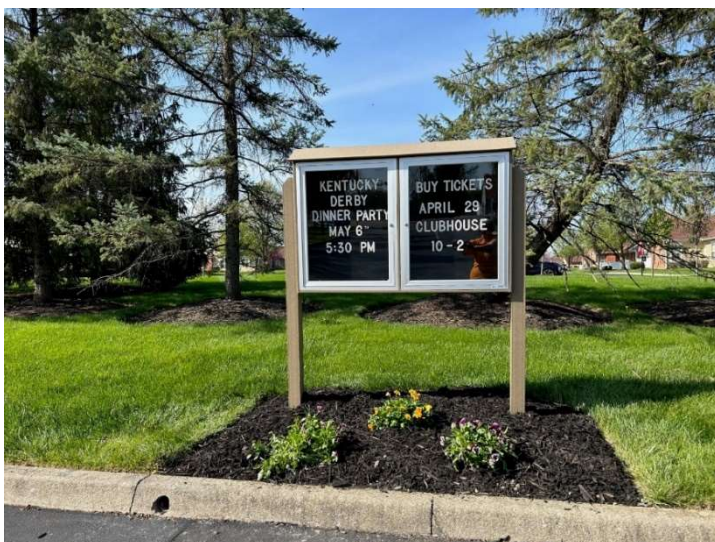
The Board has now discontinued all further efforts in this area. Multiple residents have now registered on the Gahanna.gov website at this link to get notice of all Planning Commission Meeting Notices and Agendas so that we can continue to keep an eye on what is happening with the land across from us until we know it is developed. While we will not be dealing with Sheetz, the New Albany Company still wants to push ahead to sell that land that has been vacant for many years and Gahanna city officials still are pushing to get the land developed because it will generate more property taxes to support the Gahanna-Jefferson Schools.

Sadly, Gahanna city officials are still showing signs of proceeding to approve development of land within its city limits that benefits it financially and is not favorable to homeowners nearby. Refer to this recent article appeared in the Columbus Dispatch highlighting a new “Surprise’ that just happened to other homeowners. [Gahanna residents file lawsuit over 'secret' settlement with developer \(msn.com\)](#) .

We need to keep an eye on those Gahanna officials and what they are approving of. Sign up for alerts on Gahanna Planning meeting notices: [City of Gahanna - Agendas & Minutes \(legistar.com\)](#)



Community Message Board Update



Our community message board has been updated to be better than ever with the addition of new replacement doors that will hold up better and be easier to open/lock for those who update the information on this. Thank you to **Rick Calhoun, John Welcome, Greg Talbott and Bob Zerman** for installing this upgrade. Thanks to Rick Calhoun for coordinating this effort and the excellent job he does posting new information like our Kentucky Derby event coming up soon. Kathy Strohm provided pansies and mulch to dress this entrance up so that all who enter our complex can enjoy this.

Nearby Construction – Many Trees Gone & Sidewalk Blocked



Yes, the construction for the apartment complex has begun and the first step was cutting down most of the trees that had stood for many years. The project called **Morse Road 14**, consisting of 251 apartments, is being proposed on 13.96 acres at 5503 Morse Road by applicant Scott Harper of Harper Architectural Studio, LLC.

The construction company has also now blocked the walkway on the south side of Morse Rd as inaccessible. If you go around their yellow tape warning, you will encounter a large chunky gravel drive. It cannot be walked over by most of us seniors, cannot bikes over it, and no pushing strollers -- so it is best to just stick to walking on the North side of Morse Rd until this construction ends.



In addition to the construction trucks, we have also had traffic delays and installation of many temporary **steel plates** being installed in the middle lane of Morse Rd from our community and going west to Hamilton Rd. Some CPP residents checked into this and were told they are installing more fiberoptic cable (used for internet transmission) which is needed to support the bandwidth growth, and it was triggered to be done now due to the apartments being built.

There are also numerous steel plates on Morse Rd between Hamilton Rd and the I-270 entrance. Slow down driving over these steel plates and change lanes to avoid them when you can. Some have been temporarily patched but they are still hard to drive over.



Who's That Living Next Door – Harold Fisher



Harold Fisher has lived at 4680 Collingville Way for a little over 11 years. He is single and in October 2022 was able to retire at age 63 after a very distinguished career working for American Electric Power (AEP) for 45 years and 8 months. He started working at AEP in his senior year of high school as a co-op in 1977. Other than a couple summer jobs during high school, this was his only job.

Harold is an Electrical Designer and created new drawings or revised existing drawings for projects at coal and gas generating (power) plants. Up until about 1986 or so, all the drawings were done manually. About that time, they started switching over to CAD (computer assisted design) software and drawings were worked using computers.

He attended Timken Senior Vocational High School in Canton, Ohio with drafting as his chosen vocation. He moved to Columbus in 1984 when AEP relocated their headquarters here from New York.

Harold has two sisters that still live in the Canton area. His parents and brother are both deceased. Growing up in Canton it was mandatory (ha-ha) to root for the Cleveland teams and Ohio State.

His main hobby is photography. Harold enjoys going to the Metro Parks to hike and take pictures of birds, other wildlife, and flowers. He has also enjoyed many trips to National Parks over the last 10 years with his friend Carol.

The last couple of years, Harold has been assisting Rick Calhoun in maintaining the Collingwood Pointe website. His main function has been updating the website with the latest financial reports, Pointer issues, upcoming social events, etc. He has also volunteered at CWP with building inspections, spraying shutters, spreading insect repellent, raking mulch, and assisted in the recent fence removal project.

We asked Harold if he would share a funny story or something of interest about himself. His favorite childhood memory during grade school years was when my parents owned a travel trailer and belonged to a trailer club in Canton. The club had an official camping weekend once a month during the summer, and they would go camping other weekends in between. A lot of the families that belonged to the club had kids his age, so they had a lot of fun roaming the campgrounds, swimming, wading in creeks, fishing, etc.

Please join us in congratulating Harold on his well-deserved retirement in the recent past. The Board thanks Harold for his website support for our community and his many volunteer efforts over the past years. Drop him a line at his email harold.fisher@att.net , especially if you share his hobby of photography or visiting parks.

Spring 2023 at Collingwood Pointe at the Preserve



PInk Redbud trees



White flowering Cherry trees



Clubhouse Magnolia tree



Collingville Way Flowering Crab tree