

# The Pointer

2023 November Newsletter

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## Collingwood Community Meeting October 25, 2023

Board President John Welcome called the meeting to order and introduced the Board members and various activities leaders and thanked each of them for their work. Greg Talbott gave an update on the value that our volunteers have provided in the past year, saving us a great deal of money if we had to pay to get those things done. Harold Fisher, Board Treasurer, reviewed our Financials and presented the facts and figures behind our 2024 dues increase. Next Community Meeting will be February 28, 2024.



## 2024 Dues Increase Effective January 1, 2024

Monthly condo fees increase effective January 1, 2024, by \$15/per month/per unit. **Harold Fisher, Board Treasurer** reviewed our financials and explained what was driving the cost of raising monthly dues. Our Landscaping contract costs alone for 2024 will be going up by \$22,000 and our Rumpke Trash removal will be going up \$3,000. Reminder: There will be no coupon books sent out by Vaughn for 2024. Mark your calendars a few days in advance if you are mailing your check to be sure it arrives at **ALLIANCE ASSOCIATION BANK'S** Las Vegas, Nevada office by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month to avoid late fees of \$25. Once the December 1 dues payment has processed, go, and update online to add \$15 to your existing monthly payment total. Call the Vaughn office for assistance getting your autopayment updated for this additional \$15 in time for your January 1 payment.

## Volunteers Recognition Cookout – October 28

**Greg Talbott** invited close to 40 volunteers, and we had 33+ attend. For the 6 years we have tracked volunteers' hours, we have totaled over \$270,000 in savings. Dinner was hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, desserts, and a relish/fruit platter. Guests ate and socialized and enjoyed the event. Greg and John Welcome were busy on the grill outside and then Greg came in and visited people at each table. The group then stayed after dinner and enjoyed watching the Ohio State vs Wisconsin football game for the first half.







Fall Color in our Community!!







## Euchre Group Celebrates a 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

The Thursday night group that plays euchre at the clubhouse had a fun time celebrating October 24 with **John Zaccaro** turning 90! Stop by and enjoy playing some cards with friends.



*Sally Zaccaro, John Zaccaro, daughter*

## New Activity – Bingo! November 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm at clubhouse

Linda Elko, Sally Zuccaro, Dottie Harmon, and Nancy Starkloff are organizing a new Collingwood activity. The cost is minimal \$.25/ per bingo card, or 5 cards/\$1 and all money collected that same evening will be disbursed among all those winners attending. BYO on drinks and snacks. This will be tried this first night and if it is well received, the organizers will check into future options for this.

B I N G O				
1	27	33	48	75
8	19	45	56	61
3	18	FREE SPACE	49	69
15	26	41	53	66
2	21	37	46	65

## Read a Good Book – From our Clubhouse Library

If you haven't checked out the excellent selection of books by popular authors that we have on the clubhouse library bookshelves, give it a try. There is no sign-out procedure, no limit on how long you can have it checked out and no limit to the number of books you can borrow at one time. What a deal! When you bring books back, leave them in the Basket provided by **Lynne Talbott**. She handles the reshelving of books to ensure they get placed in the right spot.

We still could use more LARGE PRINT books. If you have any books you're willing to donate, leave them in the basket by the bookshelves and Lynne will take care of the donations. No other book donations are being accepted for the present time as we manage what capacity we have on our shelves. Approximately two years ago, Lynn led the effort to review all the books we had at that time. We downsized and offered many books from the library free to residents to take and keep then the library was organized as you see it now.

## Winterizing Your Condo! Things you should know

by Edye Buchanan

Winterizing your condo is a smart way to protect it from the cold weather and save on energy costs. For those taking extended winter vacations, there are additional things you can do to save money for you and for the Condo Association. Here are some tips that you can follow to prepare your condo for the winter season:

- Store outdoor furniture, hoses, planters, and lawn decorations in garages. If furniture is in an enclosed veranda, it should be covered to prevent snow and ice damage. Outdoor solar lighting to be left out during the winter should be far enough from pavement to reduce risk of damage during snow removal.
- Carefully knock down icicles from gutters while they are small to prevent damage. Be sure to sprinkle with ice melt or remove it from walkways to prevent slip and fall hazards.
- Insulate your attic, windows, doors, and pipes to keep the heat in and the cold out. All windows have had caulk repaired/replaced by the association; however, window film, door sweeps, and faucet covers can be used seal any gaps or cracks. Remember to close the valve and drain the piping for your garage or outside faucet.
- Check your furnace and fireplace for any issues and make sure they are working properly. You can hire a professional to clean your chimney and change your furnace filter. If you use your fireplace, it should be checked annually.
- Change the direction of your ceiling fan. In the winter, your fan should rotate clockwise to circulate warm air, and counterclockwise in the summer to provide a cooling breeze.
- Change batteries in smoke alarms.
- Install a smart thermostat that can reduce energy consumption while you're away for an extended period. These can also be programmed to increase or decrease temperatures during the night. A smart thermostat can also alert you to problems with your furnace.

Additional tips for those leaving their condos unoccupied for an extended period:

- Unplug all appliances and electronics that you don't need to prevent fire hazards and save energy. This also reduces the risk of damage from lightning or power spikes. If you leave your refrigerator plugged in, turn off the ice maker.
- Remove any perishable food items and clean your refrigerator and freezer. This will prevent spoilage and pests.
- Turn off or reduce the temperature of your water heater if you are leaving your condo for a long time.

- If you turn off water, be sure to turn off your hot water tank (close the gas valve, too). Otherwise, the tank will continue to run without additional water, which can damage the unit after an extended period.
- Thermostats can be set to 50 – 55°F without risk of freezing pipes.
- Use a timer or smart device to control your lighting. This will create the illusion that someone is home and deter theft.
- If you will be gone for 2 months or longer, inform Greg Talbott so the association will not be charged for trash removal services.

Snow will be removed from main roadways and driveways **only after two (2) or more inches accumulate**. Due to blowing, some residents may have more than 2 inches against their garage or front doors while the overall average is below 2 inches. If you are able to shovel this yourselves, clearing this snow will assist the contractor with removal. You can also apply ice-melt to areas near downspouts and gutters where ice is likely to accumulate. Be a good neighbor and assist others that may need a little help.

*These are some of the basic steps that you can take to winterize your condo. Stay warm and safe!*

## Don't forget to Winterize Your Car too ~ Check that Battery!

One of our neighbors just experienced that dreaded car problem where suddenly, their 5-year-old car battery was “dead” on a cold morning this week. **HOW OFTEN DO CAR BATTERIES NEED TO BE REPLACED?** No battery can last forever. General wisdom says you should replace your car battery *about every three years*, but you could end up needing a replacement sooner. Factors like your climate and driving habits can affect your battery's lifespan and leave you needing a new one before the three-year mark. To ensure you're replacing your battery in a timely fashion, consult your manufacturer's recommended service intervals. (from Firestone web site).

## Are You a “Snowbird?” – Flying South for a Warmer Winter? Notify Greg Talbott



Greg Talbott manages our trash collection service with Rumpke, and we can notify them if you are not going to be here and won't need this service for an extended period, so we save that money.

It also helps the Board to know if there are units that are not occupied so that should the need arise, we can quickly contact you.



## Election Day is Tuesday - November 7, 2023

Our polling location for Collingwood Pointe at the Preserve condos is the Temple Beth Shalom at **5089 Johnstown Rd**, New Albany, OH 43054, just north of the roundabout at Morse Rd & Rt 62/Johnstown Rd. Election officials are expecting a heavy voter turnout so if you'd

prefer to vote in advance, you can do that at the [Franklin County Board of Elections](#) at **1700 Morse Rd**, Columbus, Ohio - just EAST of the intersection of Morse Rd & Karl Rd. **See days and hours below**. If you put either of these addresses into your cell phone mapping app it will show you the directions. Both are easy to find! If you requested an Absentee Ballot to vote in advance, mail it on time to be postmarked as the instructions call for. You CANNOT turn in an Absentee Ballot on the day of the election at our polling location, but you CAN turn it in at the 1700 Morse Rd Elections Center before the polls close.

**EARLY VOTE CENTER HOURS**  
NOW OPEN FOR  
2023 GENERAL ELECTION

**1700 MORSE ROAD**

Weekdays† | Oct 11-13 | 8AM to 5PM  
Weekdays\* | Oct 16-20 | 8AM to 5PM  
Weekdays\* | Oct 23-27 | 8AM to 5PM  
Monday | Oct 30 | 7:30AM to 7:30PM  
Tuesday | Oct 31 | 7:30AM to 8:30PM  
Weekdays | Nov 1-2-3 | 7:30AM to 7:30PM  
Saturday | Nov 4 | 8AM to 4PM  
Sunday | Nov 5 | 1PM to 5PM

†DENOTES WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY.  
\*DENOTES MONDAY-FRIDAY.



## Collingwood Holiday Party – Save the Date!! December 16, 2023 – 5:30 pm

The purchase of tickets will be the week prior at the Clubhouse so the Social Committee can get an accurate headcount for ordering the foods and setting up seating in the clubhouse.



## Look Who Lives Next Door! – Lisa Peters

Lisa Peters has lived at **4603 Wenham Park corner or Collingwood Pointe & Wenham Park** (beside Dottie Harmon for about 6 years. Lisa Peters is a Finance Director for WellNow Urgent Care. She completed her degree in Accounting/Finance at Indiana University. She grew up in Massachusetts and her family moved to Ohio for a job transfer. Following college in Indiana she returned to Columbus and has worked here for 30 years. She has her CPA credentials. She works from home and occasionally has to make trips to her company headquarters in Chicago for meetings. She had been working for Hometown Care that was local to Columbus when WellNow acquired it.

Lisa has a son named Max and he lives nearby. She completed a trip to Scotland with him this past year and hopes to complete a trip to Japan with Max in 2024 that was delayed from 2020 when Covid happened.

We asked her how did you get involved with making cakes? She thought it would be cool to try and she took class at Joann's with a friend. She has now been making cakes for 8+ years. Up until recently she made cakes for family and friends and she is expanding slowly as a home business she can enjoy after retiring from her professional job. Lisa has taken classes online and attends cake decorating conventions to get new ideas and tools to make her cakes.

She has volunteered at GRIN, Gahanna's food bank but her real love is helping the Icing Smiles organization. They rely on volunteers spread throughout the U.S. to fulfill their mission. If you are interested in receiving a cake for a medical child or if you would like to donate a cake or



cookies, please click the link below to find out more! They believe that memories have magical powers. Long after the cake is gone, the memories linger – memories of the kindness of a stranger, of the art of the design, of the sweet smells of a special treat, of the smiles and laughs, of a normal childhood experience so often stolen from these children. These memories are why we say, “It is so



*Lisa's donated cakes for Icing Smiles*

much more than a cake.”



Contact Lisa if you'd like to know more about her cakes.  
(937) 594-0208 / LISA0668@gmail.com

## 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 cards and flowers for hospitalization, serious illness and/or a death.



- **Doris Rosetti passed away** (she lived with her daughter **Olivia** at 4602 Collingville Way\_. A card and flowers were sent to the family.
- **Norma Silcott's** sister passed away and a card was sent to her in September.
- Carol and Dennis Kline are celebrating a new grandson Nash Spohn was born in October.
- **Gayle and Paul Hayes** are celebrating a new granddaughter named **Esme Joy**, born in September.
- **Liz Meyer** recently was injured in a fall at her Wenham Park condo. We will miss seeing her smiling face walking around our community until she is up and around from injury to her hip. Jeri F. provided an update that Liz arrived home to her condo today (Oct. 29) with her daughter.
- **Correction-Jim & Marty Esselstein's address is: StoryPoint** Gahanna, 5435 Morse Rd, Gahanna, OH 43230.



## Columbus Performing Arts Scene – Edye Buchanan

**It's sweater weather! Oktoberfest is just a memory as stores are already vying for your holiday gift-giving dollars! For more information and other shows, see [www.capa.com](http://www.capa.com) or [www.cbusarts.com](http://www.cbusarts.com) Don't forget, skip the TicketMaster fees when buying your CAPA tickets at the box office.**

Mrs. Doubtfire – October 31- November 5 – Ohio Theater – Helloooo Dears, it's everyone's favorite housekeeper coming to Columbus. Tickets start at \$39.

Good Grief – November 2-19 – Riffe Center Theater – The Contemporary Theater of Ohio presentation. A young woman searches for answers in the stars, her family, and the boy next-door. Nkechi, a first-generation Nigerian-American and a med-school dropout, is looking for identity and healing in the aftermath of the devastating loss of her best friend. Tickets start at \$48, but discounts are available.

The Benny Benack Quartet – November 9– Lincoln Theater – Get ready to swing with the Benny Benack III Quartet, as they bring their electrifying energy to the Lincoln Theatre for an unforgettable night of jazz! One of our Columbus Youth Jazz Combos, under the direction of Bryan Olsheski performs an opening concert for Benny Benack. Tickets start at \$30.

John Mulaney in Concert – November 12 – Palace Theater - John Mulaney is a two-time Emmy and WGA award-winning writer, actor, and comedian. Mulaney can be seen in his latest Netflix stand up special, BABY J. Released in April 2023, Mulaney converts his personal turmoil into comedic brilliance, which earned him 2023 Emmy nominations in Outstanding Variety Special (Pre-Recorded) and Outstanding Writing for A Variety Special. Tickets start at \$73.

Mean Girls – November 16-18 – The McCoy Center – Growing up on the African Savannah has not prepared teenage Cady Heron for the wild and vicious ways of the school in her new suburban Illinois home. Support the New Albany High School Theater Department. Tickets start at \$15.

Beethoven Pastoral Symphony – November 17-18 – Ohio Theater – The Columbus Symphony Masterworks Series musically depicts an idyllic landscape. Tickets start at \$30.50 with children ages 6-16 free with paid adult ticket.

Conservatory Aglow – November 18 - January 7 – The Franklin Conservatory - 1777 E. Broad St. - Join us as the gardens and interior biomes transform into a wonderland of lights and experiences. Explore captivating new displays, including mesmerizing lights synchronized with holiday melodies, immersive light installations, outdoor illuminated games, a lively dance celebration, and a retreat to festive igloos for an assortment of tabletop games. This is a special ticket for 5:00 to 9:00 pm. Reservations recommended.

Joe Bonamassa – November 19 – The Palace Theater - Joe Bonamassa is one of today's top live performers. His enthusiastic shows are one of the biggest parts of his career, and a favorite for music lovers worldwide. Hailed

internationally as one of the greatest guitar players of his generation and cited by Guitar World Magazine as “the world's biggest blues guitarist,” Bonamassa has almost single-handedly redefined the blues-rock genre and brought it into the mainstream. Tickets start at \$53.

Home Alone – November 21 – The McCoy Center – Free screening of this holiday classic.

A Christmas Carol – November 24-26 – Ohio Theater - This brand-new production of the holiday classic will be made from the ground-up right here in Columbus and will feel at once both traditional and contemporary. The creative team and cast will feature both local and national talent. A great way to kick off your holiday season, shows will be held on Thanksgiving weekend! Tickets start at \$26.

The Nutcracker – December 1-10 – The McCoy Center – Support the New Albany Children’s Ballet Theater by attending this holiday classic. Tickets start at \$33.

Holiday Pops – December 1-3 – Ohio Theater – Join the Columbus Symphony, Columbus Symphony Choir, and the Children’s Choir for some season’s cheer. Tickets start at \$18.70.

**Also coming in December** – The Nutcracker presented by BalletMet; Elf in Concert with the Columbus Symphony; A Christmas Carol presented by Contemporary Theater of Ohio; An Evening with Judy Collins; Holiday Spectacular with the New Albany Symphony Orchestra; Holiday presented by the Columbus Gay Men’s Choir; and Cirque Dreams Holidaz.

**Use these addresses if needed 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



## *Celebrate Veterans Day 2023*

National Veterans Memorial & Museum –  
Right here in Columbus!

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VETERANS  
MEMORIAL  
AND MUSEUM

[National Veterans Memorial and Museum | Columbus, OH \(nationalvmm.org\)](https://nationalvmm.org)

Check out this link to see the full scope of the excellent museum that documents how our veterans have served our country and the world over the years. The National Veterans Memorial and Museum is committed to making its programs, exhibitions, and facilities available and accessible to all guests by removing barriers, providing access to opportunities that will provide an engaging and memorable experience, and ensuring a welcoming and friendly environment. By doing this, they strive to uphold their mission to honor, connect, inspire, and educate every guest who comes into the museum. Elevators and ramps, accommodations for blind and hearing-impaired guests were all considered as this facility was constructed.

Check it out at **300 West Broad Street** - Columbus, Ohio 43215 -- (614) 362-2800.

## Honor Flights at Columbus Ohio – John Glenn International Airport



*Welcome Home Celebrations:*

*Ticketing level of John Glenn International - 9:00 PM*

**Mission 127**

November 2, 2023

The **Quilts of Valor ladies** from our condos are planning a trip out to the airport Nov 2. We will leave the clubhouse by 8:00 p.m. Thursday to present the quilts to the veterans at the airport. If you would be interested to go, email to [kmstrohm@twc.com](mailto:kmstrohm@twc.com) Kathy will work things out with you on transportation if you cannot drive at night.

## Some Fall Sweet Treats – Salted Caramel Apple Cookies

<https://www.bettycrocker.com/recipes/chewy-caramel-apple-cookies/e639364c-6cc9-4e41-b747-0aa1b94edc6a>

### Ingredients

- **1 ½** cups all-purpose flour
- **¾** teaspoon baking soda
- **¼** teaspoon salt
- **1 ½** cups old-fashioned oats
- **½** cup **plus** 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened
- **1** cup **plus** 2 tablespoons packed brown sugar.
- **1 egg**
- **2 tablespoons** milk
- **¾** teaspoon vanilla
- **2** baking apples, peeled, chopped.
- **20** caramels, unwrapped.
- **2** tablespoons water

### Steps

1. Heat oven to 325°F. Line cookie sheets with cooking parchment paper.
2. In medium bowl, mix flour, baking soda and salt with whisk; stir in oats. In large bowl, beat butter and brown sugar with electric mixer on medium speed until creamy. Add egg, milk, and vanilla; beat for 2 minutes or until light and fluffy.

3. On low speed, beat in flour mixture until blended. Stir in apples.
4. Onto cookie sheets, drop dough by rounded tablespoonfuls 2 inches apart.
5. Bake 14 minutes or until golden. Remove from cookie sheets to cooling racks; cool completely.
6. In a 1-quart saucepan, cook caramels and water over low heat for 7 minutes, stirring until smooth. Drizzle warm glaze over cookies. Let stand 15 minutes or until set. Store tightly covered for up to 5 d

