



# The Pointer

November 2021 Newsletter

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New clubhouse walkway lighting.  
Thank you, **Dave Elko**, for your  
work coordinating this project.

## Our Volunteers Rock!

- On October 16, we held an appreciation event at the clubhouse for the many individuals in our community that have lovingly given their time and talents for the good of the Collingwood Pointe at the Preserve condo community in the past year. Our two primary volunteer coordinators, **Rick Calhoun and Greg Talbott** should also be especially acknowledged for tracking what all needs done throughout the community and ensuring those tasks get done with a high quality, timely, and FREE cost to our community budget.



- We want to ensure all of you that your time and effort is recognized and appreciated. Without all your hard work and dedication, the success of our wonderful Community would not be possible. We want to thank every one of you who gave your valuable time on the board, on all committees and time assisting with the many projects this year.
- ***Thank you to Greg Talbott and Rick Calhoun for arranging the party, Linda Elko for arranging the food, and Dottie Harmon as our greeter.***

***Photos by Kathy Strohm***







## 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.

- Our condolences to the family of **Louise Billups** formerly of 4710 Collingville Way. Louise Joann Billups, age 92, passed away October 13, 2021. She was born July 20, 1929, in Rio Grande, Ohio, one of ten children.

## Sue's Musings

By Sue Ferris

In this month of November, I think about all the gifts I have received from nature, from friends and family, from people who work for the good of this community and this world. I feel blessed. While I was driving out to Buckeye Lake and Dawes Arboretum recently, I thought about what I should muse on for this November newsletter and all of a sudden Louis Armstrong was on my radio singing WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD. The skies above me were blue; the sun was warm; there was a hawk lazily drifting up above. NOVEMBER IS A MONTH FOR GRATITUDE. Time to let people know what they mean to us.

### What a Wonderful World

I see trees of green...red roses too.

I see them bloom for me and you.

And I think to myself, What a Wonderful World.

I see skies of blue, clouds of white,

Bright blessed days, dark sacred nights.

And I think to myself, What a Wonderful World.

The colors of the rainbow, so pretty in the skies,

Are showin' in the faces of people going by.

I see friends shaking hands, saying, "How do you do?"

They're really saying, "I love you."

I hear babies cry, I watch them grow.

They'll learn much more than I'll ever know.

And I think to myself, **What a Wonderful World.**

## Do You Know Who is at your Door?

By Kathy Strohm

A situation involving security for those similar in age profile to many of us here at Collingwood Pointe at the Preserve came to light and I wanted to share this story and give some safety tips, especially for those who live alone.

My friend has known many of her Westerville condo neighbors for years, they've come by and visited, sat out on the front porch chatting, etc. Two different situations occurred recently.

**First**, for one couple, the wife passed away and the husband remained living at the condo, but he began to wander outside at night and knock-on neighbors' doors as late as 2:00 a.m. – not dressed to be outside, e.g. in pajamas, not with a coat, etc. Clearly, he shouldn't have been outside walking at this very late hour. She recognized that something was wrong, he was confused, and she knew him well enough that she brought him inside her home and proceeded to call the local police for a non-emergency (not 911 call) to report that she needed an officer to come to her condo to assist. Before the police arrived, my friend remembered that while the wife was still living, she had shared a daughter's phone number. My friend contacted the daughter, she thanked my friend and said she would come immediately, the daughter did live nearby. The daughter and police arrived about the same time, 3:15 a.m. and they discussed the seriousness of this situation, and the daughter accepted responsibility to immediately stay with the father and begin planning for a safer living situation for him.



**Lessons Learned** – it is good when a neighbor or trusted friend nearby to seniors has a phone number for an emergency contact --- if you feel you want to share that. Otherwise, here at the Collingwood Pointe at the Preserve community, **our Board has a private list of emergency contact numbers only available to the Board members**. This contact information is not printed on the community directory of our residents. If you become aware of someone in our community who is wandering out at a time or other circumstances that is not safe, **please notify a Board member –these phone numbers of the Board members are on the last page of the Pointer newsletter every month to be sure this information is easily found**.

If the person who appears at your door is someone you know but the circumstances make you uncomfortable opening your door, speak through the closed door, ask what they need, let them know emergency help is on its way, contact 911.

Please keep the CP Board informed if you should experience occurrences like this. We want to know if there is any pattern of unwanted visitors in our community or if a specific person/resident needs help from the emergency contact that the Board has. We work confidentially to ensure the person gets the help needed whenever we can and at the same time, promoting the safety of those in our community overall.

**Second**, someone unknown to my friend was knocking during the middle of the night and her RING doorbell captured a picture of the intruder attempt. Never open a door or take someone into your home that you do not know.

**Call the Police, 911**. Don't look out a window to see them, rather use a door peephole, make a written note of the description of the person, (male/female, approximate age, hair color, height, approximate build/size, clothing, etc.). If they walked away, what direction they were going when they left your door. Note the date and time they appeared at your door. This is information that will help the Police find them and get them to a safe location or this would help the police investigate for a potential criminal issue.

In **non-emergency** situations, contact the **Columbus** Division of **Police** Radio Room **at 614-645-4545** and an officer will be sent to your location as soon as possible.

## Book Club

By Tina Edwards

<b>November Book</b> <b>MY MOTHER'S SECRET</b> by J. L. Witterick	<b>Book Hostess:</b> Geri Shoemaker	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the</b> <b>month 7pm</b> <b>November 16</b>
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**Book Club takes time off from meeting in December!!**

## Postal Delivery Issue Recently

By Kathy Strohm



Some of us have had the USPS deliver packages that could have fit inside our mailbox but the mail carrier has put the package outside the mailboxes and left them later in evening and exposed to rain on three occasions for me. I verified that USPS delivery workers are not to be doing this. If it fits in our mailbox, as they always have, it should be secured there. For larger packages that cannot fit in the mailbox, they are to be delivered to the front door area of our condos. Phone number to call for complaints if you have this happen is:

**Gahanna Delivery Unit (USPS) 614-472-0696. (Call Monday-Friday 9am to 4:00 pm)**

## 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 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.

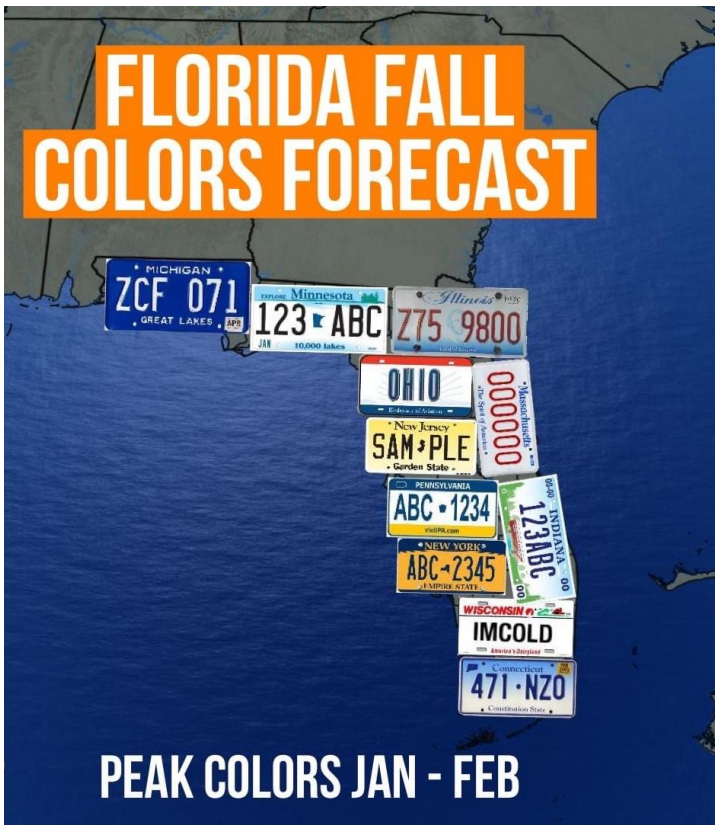
# November

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Men's Romeo Lunch – meet at pool parking by 11:30	2 Bridge 12:30- * is held at Arlene Secrist condo not clubhouse	3 Ladies Juliet Lunch – meet - pool parking by 11:45 am	4 Mahjong – 1 pm	5	6
7	8 NO Ladies Coffee at 10:00 am Mahjong – 6:30	9	10	11 Mahjong – 1 pm	12	13
14	15 Mahjong – 6:30	16 Book Club 7 pm	17	18 Mahjong – 1 pm	19	20
21	22 Mahjong – 6:30	23 Mexican Dominoes 1:00 pm	24	25 Thanksgiving	26	27
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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: rexpaygolf@aol.com
CP Book Club	Tina Edwards	Cell(T) 614-205-0740 Email: tinaedwards1227@gmail.com
Mahjong	Kay Fenn	Email: rexpaygolf@aol.com
Mexican Train Dominoes	Nancy Starkloff	Cell(N) 614-216-3865 Email: ncstar12@yahoo.com
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Bridge Club	Dottie Harmon	Cell(D) 614-600-8670 Email: dottieharmon35@gmail.com





## SNOWBIRDS REMINDER FOR RESIDENTS LEAVING FOR TWO MONTHS OR MORE

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.

## Holiday Celebration Ideas – Fruit Tray



**Ingredients:** Mandarin Oranges, Banana, Red Grapes, Cheddar Cheese wedges, Provolone/Swiss (white) Cheese wedges, Blueberries, 1 Pear, Skewer Wood Sticks

## Year End 2021 Presentation


Thank you to **Rick Calhoun** for his work in producing this excellent and colorful summary of the past year of activities and financial recap. This is stored on our condo website.

Collingwood Pointe  
at the Preserve

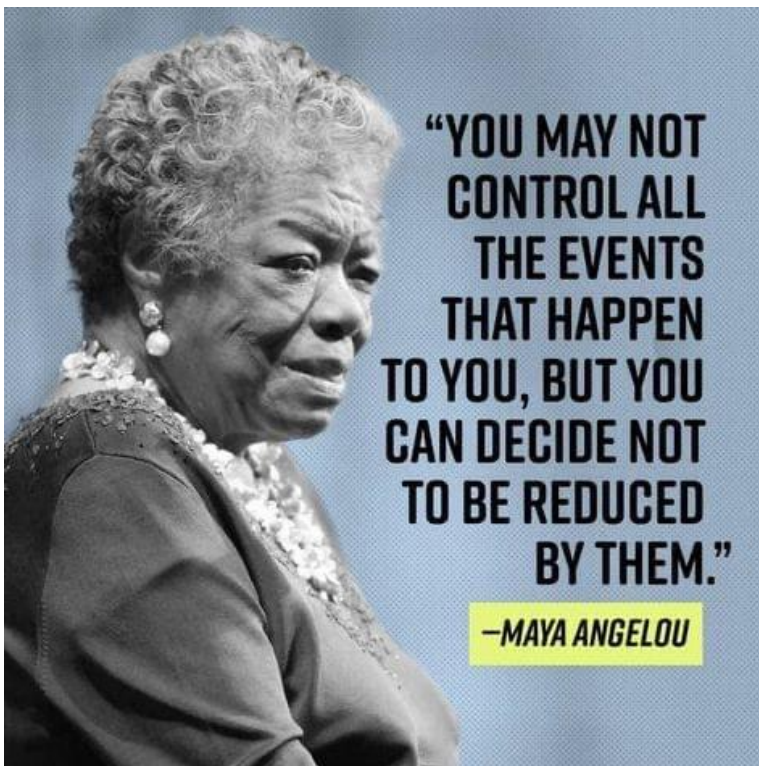
2021 Year Ending  
Summary

Purpose:

*We would like to summarize  
our projects and  
maintenance tasks  
performed throughout the  
year.*



## Inspiring Quote



Festive Fall Decorations at Norma Silcott's house

Photo by Gayle Hayes



## Helpful Information on Avoiding Spam

By Edye Buchanan

In 1991, Congress passed the Telephone Consumer Protection Act. As a result, the FCC created the **“Do Not Call Registry” designed to prevent telemarketers from contacting you**. There are certain stipulations that do not apply such as charities and companies you have purchased from in the past; however, it has been very effective in reducing telemarketing calls from legitimate telemarketing companies. Robo-calls for credit cards, car warranties, and more are, and have always been illegal. Unfortunately, they often appear as private numbers or numbers that are not from the actual caller. While these clearly violate the law, methods to stop these are not completely successful. Opinions differ as to the effectiveness of pushing a button to be removed from their list. If I don't know the number, I don't answer. Legitimate contacts will leave a message. For cell phone users, your phone should have the option to block individual phone numbers. In general, check with your carrier as some offer free or low-cost Spam Blockers that are very effective. The free blocker I have from Verizon identifies phone numbers as “Spam” on the first ring, allowing me the option to answer. The “Do Not Call Registry” has no expiration date. You can register cell, computer and landline phone numbers. For more information and to register, visit [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov)

If you are like me, you receive **text messages as often as twice a day from people offering to sell or buy your condo**. This, too, is illegal and there is a way to get back at them. The photos show the solution to reporting them to both the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and your wireless carrier. The number to remember is 7726 (SPAM). Photos show how to report violations. Take a screenshot of the unwanted text message and send it to 7726 (Photo 1). An automated message comes back requesting you report the specific phone number(s). This results in reporting their number as originating from a “spammer” to your phone carrier and the FCC. This information is passed on to other phone carriers and hopefully reduces the number of contacts. While it's not as much fun as telling them I would like \$400,000, I have the satisfaction of knowing their illegal and annoying business practices have been reported. If it gives the FCC grounds to fine them, all the better!

If you have any helpful consumer practices, feel free to share them with our Pointer newsletter editor, at [kmstrohm@twc.com](mailto:kmstrohm@twc.com) so we all can benefit from them!

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