

Clinton Estates Newsletter

August 2009 Issue XIII

National Night Out

August 4, 7 – 9 p.m. Residents in neighborhoods throughout Columbus and across the country are asked to turn on their outside lights and spend the evening getting to know their neighbors. Our plan is to meet at the Trinity United Church of Christ and then walk the neighborhood and “Give Neighborhood Crime and Drugs A Going Away Party”. Come support your local Blockwatch and show criminals that we care. We will have glow sticks for those who want them to help light the night. If you do not want to walk with us please show your support by turning on the porch light and sitting out front. Also some residents will have refreshments at their houses so as you walk, please stop by and say hello and have some refreshments!

National Night Out is designed to (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

This is a night for us to stand together to promote awareness, safety, and neighborhood unity.

Neighborhood Pride is Coming!

Neighborhood Pride is a team effort by City departments, neighborhood groups and individual citizens, businesses and other partners to make our neighborhoods safer and cleaner, keys to a more vibrant and exciting future for Columbus. For one week, an intense delivery of City services, including the painting of fire hydrants, replacing burned out street light bulbs, offering block watch and fire prevention outreach and evaluating exterior housing for code compliance. There is also a limited amount of resources available to help financially strapped home owners get home repairs. Paint and painters may be provided.

Before Pride week, which for Clinton Estates is September 14 – 18, 2009, the city reaches out to leaders in the communities to learn what is a concern in their area.

Bruce Black attends as many association meetings as possible. We can expect him August 18th at the regular meeting. During the first week of August, key City staff will board a city vehicle with community leaders to ride every street in the Pride Neighborhood to learn about specific concerns of the residents to be addressed during Pride Week. Each neighborhood is unique, thus resident participation is most important. This is key to success of the program. Notify your Street Representative of your concerns if you cannot attend the association meetings.

Clinton Estates will be advocating for curb repair when the Mayor visits on Thursday evening of Pride Week. Come every day during Pride week for lunch and conversation. Safety presentations will probably be on Tuesday evening. You are asked to clear the 'chunks' of debris out of the street gutters so that the city can sweep the street clean. This is our neighborhood and we want to have pride in it.

Citizen participation in Pride is necessary before, during and after Pride Week. Neighborhood Pride is the beginning of a long-term process for changing the way the City does business with its customers to the benefit of residents. Citizens' concerns change with time, as neighborhoods are living, evolving communities. A strong, ongoing partnership between a neighborhood and the City enhances the effort to deliver services in a more timely, efficient and responsive manner to a neighborhood.

A specific Pride Week schedule will be distributed before the 5 day event.

Mariellen Miller

Mark Your Calendar

National Nite Out	Aug 4
NCC Picnic Blendon Woods	Aug 11
CECA MTG Trinity Church	Aug 18
NCC Development Minerva Pk	Aug 26
NCC Friendship Village	Sept 01
Neighborhood Pride	Sept 14 - 18
Trinity Church 1180 Shanley Dr.	
[No CECA regular meeting for Sept]	
NCC Development Minerva Pk	Sept 30
NCC Friendship Village	Oct 06
CECA Block Watch MTG	Oct 13
CECA MTG Trinity Church	Oct 20

Blockwatch Notes:

Citizen Alert – allows the Columbus Division of Police to instantly update you about crimes, emergencies, and other important information. Sign up today at www.citizenobserver.com/registration.

I attended the recent Northland meeting with the new Police Chief and his staff to discuss what the police department will do in these tough economic times. The chief said he heard us loud and clear on the need to continue community policing. He also said his focus is on the cruiser patrols and if need be he will cut other staff to keep the patrol cars going. Until we have a chance to vote on the tax increase Nov 4 the department will not know its budget so the police chief would not make any firm commitments to the Blockwatch program.

COPLOGIC, the citizen's online reporting system, is up and running and available to the public. Citizens may be directed to the Division's website, www.columbuspolice.org, and click on the COPLOGIC icon and follow the prompts to file the Police Report. COPLOGIC is the Columbus Division of Police Online Citizen reporting system that is designed to take non-suspect reports from citizens anytime, anywhere without having to wait for an officer to be dispatched.

Incident reports taken by COPLOGIC are as follows:

Theft and attempted thefts of \$3,000 or less, Identity Theft, Lost property, Property damage, Telephone harassment, Theft from a motor vehicle, and Vandalism.

Recent crimes in our area from <http://www.columbuspolice.org/Reports/PubDefault.aspx>

June 10, 2009 The facts are: 3 guys with one gun were just shooting. That took place in the school yard of the Maize Elementary school. The gun was found in one of the yards next door to my place! I live on Blythe north of Shanley.

Several of the neighbors have been helpful in reporting what they witnessed and the officers said this will be great help in the prosecution. Having talked with the police, the offenders were caught and are on their way to jail. WE CAN WORK TOGETHER & KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE. M. Miller

Fraud 07/07/2009 Carbone Dr. Reporting person stated unknown suspect/s obtained his information from his credit card and was used in numerous locations.

Robbery 07/09/2009 Shanley Dr

Robbery JUVENILE VICTIM 07/09/2009 Shanley Dr.

Preliminary investigation of an Aggravated Robbery which occurred at listed location, a single family home, at listed date, time frame. Victim stated that her home was invaded by suspects 1 and 2 while her 15 year old step son and 3 year old daughter were home.

Blockwatch Notes continued...

Victim stated that suspect 1, armed with a firearm who was assisted by suspect 2 approached her son while he stepped outside to take out the trash at which time suspect 1 pointed a firearm at him and demanded money from inside the residence. Victim stated that her son was walked back inside their residence and was accompanied by suspects 1 and 2 at which time suspect 1 rummaged through 2 downstairs bedrooms taking listed property before leaving out the front door with suspect 2. Suspects 1 and 2 walked w/b then ran n/b on Kenfield Dr. Det. M. Longworth was advised and responded to scene.
Robbery 07/09/2009 Shanley Dr

Our block watch is working to protect your neighborhood. We can't do it alone. You can help by joining with your neighbors and becoming a block watch member. Working together we can keep crime away from our community. If interested contact me, Dave Schutz, at 447-9987; or **come out, 7 p.m. Tuesday, August 4 for National Night Out** at Trinity United Church of Christ, corner of Shanley Dr and Maize Rd. When driving or walking through the neighborhood please keep an eye out for crime. Report anything suspicious to the police and your neighbors. Police emergencies should be reported by calling 911. Suspicious activity can be called in to the police non-emergency line at 645-4545.

4th of July Parade a Big Success



Oh what a beautiful Saturday it was. The sun was out and shining bright. The temperature was warm but not too hot. And one of the biggest and best parades Northland has seen in years traveled the parade route without a hitch. At times the crowds were 3, 4, even 5 deep. Admittedly, there were some small gaps near the middle of the route, but that was the exception.

The CECA entry centerpiece was a replica 1928 Ford Model A, being driven by the parents of one of our member households. The replica was built in 1981 to look like the original, but to be as safe to drive as a common 1980's era car. Furthermore, we had a whole bunch of neighborhood kids and adults walking the parade route, handing out candy and fliers for the neighborhood blast. We also had a banner advertising the blast, as well as 4 individual letters on sticks. C-E-C-A.

Here is hoping next year the weather cooperates again, and we get an even bigger group representing our neighborhood. For those who came out, we had a very good time.

A Simpler Life

Pet and Personal Services

Bonded and Insured

My name is Billie-Jo. I am your neighbor on Matthias Drive & I provide a variety of pet and personal services including but not limited to:

1. Dog Walking*
2. Dog-poo yard pick up*
3. Pet sitting*
4. Dog & cat services
5. House sitting*
6. Pet transport*
7. Potty breaks for pets*
8. Dog Grooming Special Education consulting
9. Personal coaching*
10. Help with almost any project
11. Teach children how to care for their pets
12. Home organization / errand running*

I am a former special education teacher and principal with over 13 years experience in public education!

Don't hesitate to call me to help you with any of your pet or personal needs!

*** Great discounts for Clinton Estates Residents!!!!**

<http://asimplerlife.org>

614.582.8250 – call Billie-Jo

THE Blast 4

We've heard it mentioned that "if" it had not been for the rain, this would have been the BEST ever & we agree! We had OVER 50 homes involved plus 3 mascots, prize patrol & many other events! Mother Nature must not be a bargain shopper! We'd like to thank EVERYONE who had sales & events as well as those who helped make it a success! It was teamwork at it's best!

We had die-hard hunters out in the rain! They didn't care about getting wet as long as they got a bargain & I believe they got them...at least at our home! It was also nice to see some homes back open on Sunday & those we talked to said they did well!

We've already 'reserved' nice weather for next year!

We'd like to Thank a few of our Sponsors:

97.1 The Fan Krash & The Columbus Clippers!

Cooper State Bank CW 53 & "Eco" the Turtle

Fire Station #24 Hot Head Salon (in Graceland)

Lend-A-Hand Thrift Store Mascot Organization

The Open Shelter (www.twitter.com/theopenshelter)

This Week Newspapers

Trinity United Church of Christ

The Residents of Clinton Estates

Phone Numbers to Keep Nearby

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Mariellen Miller 267-7844
President / emergency contact

Jeff Pharion 645-4571
PMI supervisor (code inspection)

Police Non-Emergency 645-4545

Richard Graham 645-7371
Neighborhood Liaison to city services (when we have difficulty through regular channels)

Columbus City Services 311

Reporting or seeking service

i.e. Bulk Pick-Up

Our trash pick-up day is: **RUBY**

Public Transportation, the Good & the Bad News

taken from *The Ohio Sierran* article by Tony Szilagye

Ohio Bill HB 2 passed in April, 2009. It advocates for funding rail between Dayton, Cincinnati, Columbus and Cleveland. The bill was passed to compete for federal dollars in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Not only would this project add jobs, it is focused on transportation alternatives. Evidence shows that Ohioans are driving less. Ohioans drove 10.2% fewer miles this past January than the previous Jan., leading the country in decline of vehicle miles.

Sadly, bus transit does not have such good news. In 2008, Ohio spent 16 mil on mass transit, which is a decline from \$43.3 mil in 2001. Contrast this with Illinois spending almost \$500 mil and Pennsylvania spending over \$800 mil. What does not come from the state comes from the bus rider and local taxes. Currently the bulk of riders are low income residents.

With Ohioans driving less and decreased funding, the problem of funding public transportation will not go away. Short term fixes will not solve the long term needs of Ohio. Stimulus monies are not spent on operational costs. This issue goes to the heart of Ohio's constitution and the heart of how mass transit is funded. 18% of federal gasoline tax dollars go to mass transit, and most states follow a similar funding structure. **Ohio's gas tax contributes nothing to mass transit.**

You may or may not utilize the COTA bus system. Yet its use reduces congestion for you and also reduces wear and tear on the roads that are paid for from taxes. The more people that use the bus, the less new roads and added lanes are needed. Do you care enough to contact your State Senator, Jim Hughes, or State Representative, John Patrick Carney? Yes, it is too late for this year's budget, yet this is a long term concern.

article edited by: Mariellen Miller

Street Cleaning

Invite a neighbor or two any Saturday in August and spend what ever time you can give to get the debris out of the street gutters!! You will benefit by having a thorough street sweeping done by the city in September!!! Need yard waste bags? Call Mariellen @ 267-7844

Meeting Speakers

It would be great to hear what topics you would like to have addressed by a guest speaker at the monthly association meeting. So far, I have chosen the speakers, yet your input would be so helpful. We had a good turnout for Mo Dioun, the Developer of Northland Village a couple months ago. What else are you interested in?? Mariellen Miller, Pres.

Planning for Halloween!!



We need to know what your interest is. This can be part of the conversation in September during Pride Week. Two years ago, we had a parade on Trick or Treat night. Last year, a party was held at Trinity Church for young and old.

There will be another newsletter in October to give specific information. What we need before that is to know what the children young and not so young want to have. If you have ideas or suggestions, contact your street representative or come to an the August Association meeting or Pride Week.

2010 Elections

It is not too early to consider if you want to run for office or nominate another resident for CECA office for the April 2010 elections. Think about your strengths and where they could best be applied. We are in the 4th year of the renewed Association. Let's keep it going!!



Children's Bike Helmet Ordinance

The Columbus juvenile helmet ordinance, legislated last year, goes into enforcement effective July 2009. It requires all under the age of 18 while riding a bicycle, skateboard, skates/rollerblade, &/or scooter, etc. - within city of Columbus (on a street, sidewalk, trail, etc.) - to wear an approved helmet. Details can be found within Columbus [Title 21 TRAFFIC CODE](#), Chapter 2173 BICYCLES, MOTORCYCLES, AND CHILDREN'S NON-MOTORIZED VEHICLES

[2173.02 Rules for bicycles, motorcycles, snowmobiles, and children's non-motorized vehicles.](#)

The ordinance also creates the child bicycle helmet law, which is reprinted below. Note that Section (B)(1) creates culpability for a child not wearing a helmet, and section (B)(2) creates culpability for a parent, guardian or custodian who knowingly permits a child to ride a bicycle without a helmet. Violations of this section are an MM on the first offense, an M4 on the second offense within one year, and an M3 on the third offense within one year. **Pursuant to the ordinance, the child bicycle helmet law cannot be enforced until 7/14/09.**

2173.02 (B)(1) *No person under the age of eighteen (18) shall operate a bicycle or children's non-motorized vehicle within the City without wearing a protective helmet on the person's head, with the chin strap fastened under the person's chin. Such helmet shall be fitted to the size of the operator's head and shall meet or exceed the standards set forth by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).*

No person the age of one (1) or older but under the age of eighteen (18) shall ride as a passenger on a bicycle or non-motorized vehicle equipped with a firmly attached passenger seat or astride a regular seat on a tandem bicycle, within the City without wearing a protective helmet on the person's head, with the chin strap fastened under the person's chin. Such helmet shall be fitted to the size of the operator's head and shall meet or exceed the standards set forth by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

(B)(2) *No person, who is the parent, guardian, custodian, person having custody or control, or person in loco parentis of a child under eighteen (18) years of age shall authorize or knowingly permit such child to violate any provision of this division.*

These paragraphs are excerpts taken from the full ordinance. To read the full law, go to the above mentioned Title 21 Traffic Code, Chapter 2173.

Information excerpts provided by Mariellen Miller

Dog Owners Guide



Ohio law requires dogs to be licensed in the county of residence and to be under the control of the owner at all times. License renewals are due between December 1-January 20; new licenses must be obtained within 30 days of arrival in the county or when a puppy reaches the age of three months. License programs are administered by county auditors; license fees are set by the commissioners according to a formula set by the state. Franklin County's fee is \$8.

The law also requires dog to be under the control of their owners at all times. Loose dogs can be impounded and the owners cited for violation. About 2.2 million stray dogs enter animal shelters each year, and only about 600 thousand are returned to their owners. Many dogs never find their way home because they lack identification, and the best bargain in town for identification is the state-mandated dog license.

Keep Sparky legal and safe. Thanks to all dog owners in Clinton Estates for respecting your neighbors while enjoying your pets.

Excerpts taken from Ohio Law by: Mariellen Miller

NCC Annual Picnic

YOU are INVITED! The annual picnic is open to all members of all area civic associations. It is held in the Sycamore Shelter house at Blendon Woods. After entering the Blendon Woods Metro Park, follow the road on the left to back of the park and you will see signs pointing toward the NCC picnic area/ Sycamore Shelter. Dinner at 6:00 PM with a very short business meeting following. Meat, bread and drinks are provided as well as table service. Bring a side dish if your last name starts with A-M and a dessert if it starts from N-Z. Come and meet people from other civic associations, other parts of Northland. Discover what happens in their Neighborhoods, how Neighborhood Pride helped them. Contact Mariellen Miller with any questions: 267-7844.

Karol Johnson, a Fulfilled Life

We will not soon forget the energy of Karol; she found meaning to life. When she took on a cause, it was held in a firm grip. After she was no longer able to attend Civic Association meetings, she offered that she and her husband, Bill, could easily count out the newsletters for the distributors on each street. It was done faithfully and correctly. In fact, Bill insists that he still do the job.

When I visited Karol after she had learned that her time here on earth was very limited, she described how she had insisted on coming "home" and was ready for her end of time here on earth. She spoke with clean assurance. Karol left this life in May and her life was celebrated on her birthday. Wow, what a life!

Mariellen Miller

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Advertising rates for each issue of the Clinton Estates Civic Association newsletter are as follows:

Full page	\$59.00
Half page	37.00
Third page	26.00
Quarter page	21.00
Business card	11.00

Anyone wanting to place an advertisement in the newsletter, please call Mariellen @ 267-7844 or e-mail hiMariel@sbcglobal.net. Always use CECA Newsletter in the Subject line.

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