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**Wow! What a Week!**

Mariellen Miller, Association President

We had coffee and goodies, conversation, and once even oatmeal! Lunch was provided by Yogi's Hoagies, Noodles & Company, Max & Ermas, and Geno's. Conversations focused on what can we do for ourselves in this community. Residents said they want to help those who are unable to paint or fix up their properties themselves. We started a sign-up list for Volunteers interested in giving 1 – 4 hours a month, or maybe every other month. Others want to share plants.

Tuesday we were entertained and educated by Lt. David Spain, on Fire Safety in the Columbus Fire Department. We heard a presentation on gang behavior and motivations and how our city's finest are fighting gang crime. All questions were answered.

Thursday evening, Mayor Coleman spoke to us about what was accomplished during the week: trees trimmed and some removed, streets swept, fire hydrants painted, bulk pick up, street lights replaced, and street drains cleaned.

Coleman introduced the leaders of the major departments that can assist neighborhoods and accepted live questions and requests.

Many were on their feet to request attention to speeding problems, especially on Shanley Drive; storm sewer issues, the size of storm sewer drain openings (which some believe are too big); uneven sidewalks that cause tripping hazards; and problems with rental property maintenance. Lastly, a request was made for the city



to replace curbs and street gutters, which are the responsibility of the city.

On Friday, residents con-

tributed side dishes to a Pride Week celebration barbecue. I don't think anyone left hungry! Much was learned and accomplished, yet the important takeaway is that when we have concerns, there are city folks available to address most of the issues we have. It is up to you and me to initiate the contact. They cannot read our minds!

The other thing is that we are neighbors and there is so much we can do together that may not be possible otherwise.

A great big THANK YOU to Mayor Coleman for the Program, Bruce Black, Neighborhood Pride Coordinator, and his able volunteer assistant, Elizabeth Galli. They displayed super energy and organization. Richard Graham,

City Neighborhood Liaison, who worked on the sidelines also deserves appreciation. Without them, we would not have had this great week.

**National Nite Out**

Mariellen Miller

This year we had a very good turn out for National Nite Out. Several residents hosted "Open Yards" for walkers to gather and have a bite and or a drink while discussing the community. We met neighbors we did not know and renewed acquaint-

ances with old friends.

Some of you gathered at the church and then started your walk, while others just started from home. I heard of cookies, punch, pizza and s'mores being consumed. I do hope everyone had a good time.

## Block Watch Report

Dave Schutz

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](http://www.citizenobserver.com/registration).

Our Columbus Police Liaison Officer is Mark Browning and he can be reached at 614-645-1402 or [mbrowning@columbuspolice.org](mailto:mbrowning@columbuspolice.org)

### Citizen Alert - Thefts from Autos

Precinct/Cruiser District(s) affected: **18/182**

Summary: There have been at least 102 total thefts from autos/attempted thefts from autos reported in the target area since 8/18/09. (There may be more as several of the reports

list more than one victim).

The most frequently targeted locations are:

- Clarion Hotel, 900 E Dublin Granville Rd (29 reports)
- Hawthorne Suites, 6191 Zumstein Dr (17 reports)
- Best Western, 888 E Dublin Granville Rd (10 reports)

A Number of Incidents are also occurring at the surrounding hotels.

The primary method entry continues to be breaking out windows.

### National Crime Prevention Month

Safety Tip Topic: *Theft From Autos Prevention*

The Columbus Division of Police would like to take this

opportunity to remind citizens to get in the habit of taking opportunity away from criminals when it comes to your vehicles.

Criminals are opportunists and as such, look for opportunities to take what they need. Roaming area parking lots and streets often provides numerous opportunities to steal laptops, cell phones and even purses or wallets inadvertently left in cars.

Assuming that because car windows are completely closed or doors locked only provide a false sense of security. Criminals often utilize the "smash and grab" technique of smashing a window, grabbing the items of value from the car that are readily accessible and running. This process takes only minutes and is witnessed by no one.

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Get in the habit of taking opportunity away from criminals when it comes to your vehicles

### Mark Your Calendar

- Oct 31: Halloween Party
- Nov 03: NCC meeting
- Nov 17: CECA meeting
- Nov 25: NCC Development mtg
- Nov 26: Thanksgiving
- Dec 01: NCC Holiday party
- Dec 08: CECA Block Watch
- Dec 30: NCC Development mtg
- Jan 05: NCC meeting



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## Block Watch Report

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The owner returns to their car to find a broken window and their values gone.

Getting in the habit of securing valuables while away from your vehicle helps to take away the opportunity criminals need to target you.

When possible, take your valuables with you. Laptop computers, purses, briefcases, cell phones and other small electronics are easy and popular targets for thieves.

If you must leave your valuables in your car, secure them out of sight in a locked compartment or trunk. Doing this before you arrive at your parking space is the best practice.

Always roll up your windows and lock your vehicle.

Report any suspicious activity

to the police immediately.

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](http://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>

- Criminal Damaging 09/27/2009 1321 Bryson Rd - Victim stated between listed times, Suspect(s) unknown threw a beer bottle through the front window of his residence.

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Trinity United Church of Christ, at 1180 Shanley Drive, announces their annual Holiday Bazaar from 9 am to 3 pm on November 14. Lunch will be served from 11-1.

“Everyone is welcome! Please come visit with us and our vendor crafters.”

## Newsletter publishing

Mariellen Miller

We have a new Newsletter publisher, Amy Watson. Amy has been putting the newsletter on our website and is now taking over putting it together. We sincerely thank Traci Fletcher for her work for the past three years. If you wish to write an article, just send it to me: [hiMariel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hiMariel@sbcglobal.net) and after I look it over, I will send it on to

Amy. Our next newsletter will be January 2010. Currently we publish 5 times a year: January, March, May, late July and late October.



## Phone Numbers to Keep Nearby

Mariellen Miller 267-7844  
President / emergency contact

Police Non-Emergency  
645-4545

Columbus City Services 311  
Reporting or seeking service  
i.e. Bulk Pick-Up

Jeff Pharion 645-4571  
PMI supervisor (code inspection)

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

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

## Halloween Party 2009

Clinton Estates will be having their Halloween party on Saturday, October 31, from 10:30 a.m. until 12 p.m.

From 10:30 a.m. until 11:15, there will be games for both kids and adults. At 11:15 we will have lunch, and at 11:30 we will give out prizes to those who come in costume. The party is open to kids in our neighborhood, as well as residents' friends and family members. We want lots of people there, especially kids, so invite any kids



who might enjoy this party!

Julie Redd and Sarah Walton are organizing a bake sale as a part of the "Great American Bake Sale", the proceeds of which go to end child hunger. Baked goods will be for sale during the Halloween party, and if you want to donate any baked goods to the sale, contact Julie at 614-784-8363.

If you are interested and/or willing to make a dish for our lunch, please call Joe Redd at 614-784-8363 or email [joe@ccoobydoorules.com](mailto:joe@ccoobydoorules.com) and let us know what you would like to bring so we can plan accordingly.

Please come out and have good time with your neighbors!

**Garden plots are available at no cost to those who express interest — contact Wayne Shingler for details**

## Anne's Memorial Community Garden is a Hit!

Chuck Lynd <[chucklynd@gmail.com](mailto:chucklynd@gmail.com)>

If you drive Maize Road between Cooke and Shanley, you probably noticed our new community garden located on host Art Yoho's property at 4166 Maize. Our leader, urban farmer Wayne Shingler, reports that "we started out last spring with 15 gardeners, and in October we still have 9 gardeners reaping the fruits (and vegetables) of their labor."

Rain barrels were installed on Art's house this year to save and divert water to the garden plots. Wayne is already thinking about plans for next year. His goal is to put together some kind of pump so the people who garden on the west side of the creek that runs through Art's property can get water from the rain barrels without having to carry it.

A workshop on "The Magic



of Composting" was held at our community garden in September by the Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association. Neighborhood gardeners were joined by other gardeners in central Ohio, and together participants created a compost bin on site with grass clippings and other plant matter. The work-

shop was well attended, and everyone learned together, both newcomers and old hands with green thumbs. It was yet another example of the cooperative spirit that made our first year a successful experience for everyone involved.

Thanks to the generosity of both Wayne and Art, we have been able to offer garden plots to everyone who expressed an interest at no cost. If you would like to be involved next spring, send an email to Wayne <[wayneshingler@gmail.com](mailto:wayneshingler@gmail.com)> or check out his web site at [www.frijolitofarm.com](http://www.frijolitofarm.com).

The official name is "Anne's Memorial Community Garden," and we expect to install a new sign on Maize Road next year. Thanks to everyone who participated and helped make this memorial possible. ~

## Pride Week Sponsors

The Clinton Estates Civic Assoc. Board

If you enjoyed any or many of the meals provided for Clinton Estates during Pride Week, we want you to know who provided the food, drink, and supplies. Below is a list of companies who are Neighborhood Pride Supporters, and they now have signs in their windows stating the same. Please do your best to return their support by using their products and services. Without those freebies, our gatherings would have been not nearly as festive. Their support is part of how the city, in an economic downturn, was able to continue this program—the food did not cost the city!

- Geno's Pizza & Pasta
- MTS Complete Services and Consulting
- Fedco (A Full Service Commercial Flooring Company)
- Tuggle's Pizza & Subs
- Max & Erma's
- noodles & company
- revol wireless
- Captive Born Reptiles
- Columbus Humanities Art & Technology Academy
- Pepboy's Auto
- Integrated Touch & Body Work
- Columbus Music Academy
- Capital Choice
- Trinity United Church of Christ
- Lowe's
- Cadbury Schweppes Bottling Company
- Donatos Pizza
- Giant Eagle
- Kroger
- Yogi's Hoagies

Also, Nationwide Children's Hospital supplied Bike Helmets for all of the children at the Maize Elementary School. Thanks to those residents who helped to fit the helmets for the children. (see last page)

## Neighborhood Wildlife

Joe Redd, Staff Writer

At our August meeting, there was a discussion about rodentia in our neighborhood, and we learned that some people have bird feeders with nothing to keep the food from falling to the ground. One of our members thought it was code violation not to have a catch basin under your bird feeder, and I volunteered to look into this.

During the neighborhood pride week, I had a chance to sit

down with two of the city inspectors and discuss this issue.

While city code doesn't require any specific method of preventing food from bird feeders or any other types of feeders from falling to the ground, anyone with a feeder must make sure food does not lay on the ground or it is a code violation. You can use a catch basin, or you can clean up the ground beneath the feeder

daily, but if your feeder is putting food on the ground, it is a violation.

If you know of someone who has a feeder that leaves food on the ground, and no changes are made after you discuss it with them, you can call 311 to report the violation. Be sure to mention any rodent issues in your immediate area as a part of the report.

Take a walking tour  
of Clinton Estates'  
beautiful homes

## Beautiful Homes

Just before pride week, Bruce Black, asked community leaders to choose ten homes that would set the standard for the neighborhood; this includes the house and landscaping. Those who accepted this daunting task found it difficult, as it might have been easier to choose 25! Yet ten were eventually chosen and they are listed below.

During the evening with the mayor, each house was pictured on the screen and the

owners recognized. Congratulations to the winners who are to have received (hopefully by now) a memento sticker to display in a front window.

Carlos Gellor at 4534 Blythe Road  
Dale Smith at 1226 Carbone Drive  
Leo & Cora Hope at 1420 Evaline Drive  
Agnes Thompson at 4512 Danforth Road  
Jack Block at 1317 Fowler Drive

Von Erler at 1354 Fowler Drive  
Katherine Burley at 4375 Kenfield Drive

Andrew Scott at 1506 Pershing Drive  
Alice Mills at 1402 Pershing Drive  
and  
Shauna & Juan Grimaldo at 1406 Shanley Drive.

Congratulations to all!

## New Volunteer for Hartwell Road

Mariellen Miller

Scott Dowling of Hartwell Road has stopped to discuss the neighborhood a couple times with me when out walking. He stopped again on National Nite Out and spoke very positively about living in this neighborhood. Then he told Dave Schutz that he wants to play a part in improving our community safety.

So, Hartwell residents, you now have a Street Representative: Scott Dowling – 262-4852. Peggy Malory, who has been delivering your newsletters, has graciously consented to delivering the news to Maize Road residents.

Scott has also agreed to represent CECA by attending the North Side Health Advisory Committee. He will report progress at CECA meetings. You may have seen the articles in

the local papers about that group, which had its first meeting in September and will meet monthly at the City Police Division's Strategic Resource Bureau located at 1120 Morse Road.

The North Side is the last quadrant of Columbus to develop a Health Advisory Committee, and the initial focus will be the area covered by Northland Community Council (NCC). We are grateful to have a representative involved in this important endeavor. Others are welcome to attend if interested and have the time. At the October 22 meeting, the agenda will focus on the structure of the committee and the specific projects it might undertake.

Thank you, Scott

## Bike Safety Week



On the Tuesday following Pride Week, students at the Maize Elementary School received new Bike Helmets donated by Nation-wide Chil-

dren's Hospital. Several School volunteers joined Clinton Estates volunteers in fitting the helmets to each child. This gift was a part of Clinton Estates Neighborhood Pride Week program. Many of the children expressed gratitude for the helmets as they either did not have any or they had outgrown a previous one.

## Clinton Estates Health: Walking Maps & More

A few weeks before Pride Week, Christine Green of the Columbus Health Department walked with several residents around the neighborhood on a Saturday morning. She listened to concerns that people had about sidewalks, sewer drains, trees, and wildlife residents of the community. She also listened to comments about many beautiful homes and properties along the way. She took many pictures of the above-mentioned concerns.

She then developed a walking map for our community! It gives options for walking 1, 1 ½, 2, and 2 ½ miles. So if you are getting your exercise in the neighborhood, one of her maps

may be helpful. You may have seen the map printed in the local THIS WEEK newspaper. All of city walking maps are available in PDF format on the department's Web site at <http://publichealth.columbus.gov/columbus-walking-maps.aspx>, and the Clinton Estates Walking Map is linked to from our Neighborhood Link Web site at [http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Clinton\\_Estates/pages](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Clinton_Estates/pages).

The Health Department also sent a nurse to Pride Week every day at noon to take blood pressures. The nurse encouraged each person to return daily to build a five-day record for sharing with their personal MD.



## Block Watch

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- Burglary 09/29/2009 4447 Maize Rd - Victim called to report that his house was broken into again, previous damaged door was not repaired and suspects unknown entered thru the same door. Victim stated that there was no loss at the time of the report

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 Dave Schutz

at 447-9987 or come to the next Blockwatch meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec 8 at Trinity United Church of Christ on the corner of Shanley Drive and Maize Road.

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.