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## Prostitution Better Met With Compassion

By V. R. Bryant

They call it the world's oldest profession. The image of a lone woman, scantily clad, swaying provocatively on a street corner – people react in all sorts of ways: a fleeting pang of misplaced regret or contempt. But prostitutes too often are the victims of a far worse crime, searching desperately for a way out.

Prostitution often exists in the media and public consciousness as something only casually unlawful, frequently satirized and at times even glamorized.

Human trafficking, by contrast, still exists largely outside

of our normal, everyday conversation. Its relative mystery may well be part of why it remains such a prevalent issue. People in the sex trade may be perceived as morally wayward or even despicable human beings. The facts show, however, that the vast majority of women (around 90 percent) engaged in prostitution are considered victims of trafficking.

The Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force, formed in 2012 by Governor Kasich, defines the practice as “a form of modern-day slavery” by which victims are exploited for either manual labor or commercial sex. The organization’s research estimates that each year, more than a thousand children are victimized in this way in the state of Ohio alone.

“The trafficking process usually begins for these women between the ages of 12 and 14,” said Julie Clark, founder and former director of Freedom A la Cart and Doma, a local organization that provides aid and resources to the people affected by this ever-developing criminal enterprise. “These children get targeted by pimps, both men and women. They’ve been chosen for specific reasons, and they are either forced or coerced psychologically into this life.”

The depth of the mental and emotional onslaught may be difficult for many to understand. Clark referenced the recent case of Jaycee Lee Dugard, the California woman who, after being held in captivity for 18 years, developed an emotional bond with her captor. While extreme, it represents a sort of blueprint to which the criminals behind human trafficking adhere.

“The lines are so blurred now,” Clark said, in reference to the type of individuals targeted by traffickers. “But out of, say, 300 prostitutes I’ve met, 299 were coerced or otherwise tricked into it. Even the ones that appear or claim to be doing it voluntarily, just for money, or to support a drug habit, they were at one point forced into it.”

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Not unexpectedly, drugs are very much at the heart of the issue. Clark indicated that the women who reach her program vary wildly in age, anywhere from 18-45 on average, and are by no means classifiable in any specific way – other than substance abuse.

“People assume a lot about the victims. These women...it’s not just an international issue. It’s not strictly a socioeconomic issue. They do come from different backgrounds. But they’ve all been brainwashed.”

Enter CATCH Court. Established in 2009 by Franklin County Judge Paul Herbert, the program (which stands for Changing Actions To Change Habits) is an alternative to jail time for women charged with solicitation or prostitution. The two-year program is dedicated to rehabilitation over incarceration, an agenda that looks not only to be more promising for enrollees but also less costly to Franklin County taxpayers, who reportedly pay over \$5 million annually to arrest and jail those charged.

Statistics from CATCH indicate that the average entrant into the program has been arrested over a dozen times and has suffered multiple rapes. One hundred percent of entrants have been subject to chemical dependency.

Clark’s organization, Doma, works hand-in-hand with CATCH to counsel women through the program and into professional opportunities, the most direct of which is Freedom a la Cart, a catering company that prepares local survivors for life after prostitution.

So what can the community do to help? Citizens who witness potential acts of solicitation are advised to report tips. Clark says to “trust your gut,” when it comes to calling in a lead. But in general, it is a compassionate approach that those leading the fight—from Judge Herbert to Clark herself—most encourage.

“The best thing you can do for them is be kind. Don’t blame them, don’t shame them.

“What we need is for people to get educated. Do some research and learn about this issue, and define your role in the movement. People need to take steps, put time into it. Roll up your sleeves and get in the trenches,” she said. “We’ve made a huge dent, but we still need help.” ♦

Trafficking tips can be reported through the National Human Trafficking Hotline Resource Center at 1-888-373-7888, from anywhere in the country, any hour of the day, any day of the year. For more information on how to help in our hometown, Central Ohio Rescue and Restore operates a hotline at 614-285-4357, or visit [www.domaconnection.org](http://www.domaconnection.org).

## FROM THE EDITOR

### *Compassion, not condemnation, key to reducing prostitution*

Crackhead. Hooker. Whore.

These labels carry a sting few other words in the English language possess. There’s something biting in the very sound of them. I imagine that non-English speakers hearing those words would somehow understand that they were cruel and dehumanizing.

Yet many of us have been guilty of using them. We’ve become desensitized to the horrible situation of our least fortunate neighbors, and have turned our gaze from them as though they weren’t even human...or, worse, actively taken part in their persecution.

While it’s true that prostitution is a crime and not a very attractive element of our neighborhood, it’s also true that it’s gone on down here for quite some time now, which is a good enough clue that cursing at them and chasing them away hasn’t done much to solve the problem.

But compassion can. These women are suffering not only from terrible drug addictions, but also a social complex that keeps them from breaking the cycle of their captivity as effectively as a set of chains. Pimps use violence and psychological conditioning to maintain their control, and they are very good at that. Continuing that cycle of abuse and putting these women down doesn’t lower us to the level of their pimps, but it takes us in that same direction.

Instead, I encourage you to see these women for what they are: broken humans. Most of us have been some kind of broken at some point or another in our lives. Imagine yourself in their shoes for a day – doesn’t seem like a very good day, does it? However, breaking that pattern and treating them as humans – as OUR humans – can allow them to see that the world isn’t altogether against them.

So take a stand against violence and human enslavement (for that is what it boils down to), and for the women that are our neighbors. If you hear your friends or family members using rough language when they talk about them, you don’t have to preach at them, but perhaps mention that much of what goes on for them is quite out of their control. If they ask more questions, give them more answers, and be courageous: many people don’t realize how hard it is for a woman who’s in that situation. Change your own vocabulary, if necessary.

And if you’re given the opportunity to treat a trafficking victim with kindness, *take that opportunity*.

I’m not personally a religious man, but I always found a lot of wisdom in these words, “*Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.*”

Please pardon the paraphrasing. But the meaning is clear enough. And so those of you that are able to look at a prostitute working her corner – perhaps even soliciting *you* – and to see compassion are extraordinarily blessed.

Regards,

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The South Side Voice is dedicated to providing the South Side of Columbus with a high quality community newspaper, which recognizes and celebrates the achievements of community members; shares pertinent news and information of interest to the community; and promotes neighborhood cohesion, community engagement and good citizenship.

For purposes of this newspaper, the “South Side” refers to the area including the ten civic associations in the Columbus South Side Area Commission and the six civic associations in the Far South Columbus Area Commission. This may be modified in the future as this newspaper grows. This newspaper is currently managed by the Southern Gateway Project Team on behalf of the City of Columbus and the United Way of Central Ohio, which is the presenting organization.

While presented by the UWCO, this newspaper shall be made available at no charge to any South Side resident or person with a substantial interest in the South Side. The availability of this newspaper in electronic format on the All Things South website is considered adequate availability for all residents outside the Southern Gateway Planning Area (approximately 3,100 households in Reeb-Hosack/Steeltown Village, Hungarian Village, South Merion Village, Stambaugh-Elwood and that portion of Innis Gardens Village situated between Parsons Avenue and Lockbourne Road). Residents within the planning area shall also be provided one printed copy mailed or delivered to each residence. If needed, additional copies may be purchased at a per copy fee in effect at that time.

The South Side Voice’s Editorial Committee, however, wishes to make hard copies available to as many residents, businesses and visitors as possible and will therefore consider expanding the distribution of hard copies by mail to additional households and through making copies available at area businesses and organizations. The use of story ideas and event listings submitted by the public and the number of copies to be printed, mailed or otherwise distributed is at the discretion of the Editorial Committee within the limits of available resources.



## NEW MANAGER AT THE JOHN R. MALONEY FAMILY HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER.

By Mandy Fowler

The John R. Maloney Family Health & Wellness Center, located at 1905 Parsons Ave, welcomes its new manager, Amy Russell.

“My goal is to let the neighborhood know that their health is important, as individuals and as families,” said Russell. “The Maloney Health and Wellness center is a full-service patient-centered medical home that is focused on the overall well-being of the entire community by providing high-quality health care.”

Russell’s mission is to help area residents receive the kind of quality care they deserve, regardless of their background.

“The patient’s care begins the moment that they pick up the phone or walk through the door, a full medical office staff begins to know the patient and their level of care needed,” she said. “We are focused on bringing solutions to their health care problems.”

The John R. Maloney Family Health & Wellness Center does not turn anyone away due to an inability to pay, or inability to keep an appointment. Transportation obstacles, common in the South Side, are not an issue at Maloney, as

the physician’s office offers flexible appointment scheduling. Communication with the office during transportation issues will secure the patient’s appointment, allowing for the valuable one-on-one physician-patient time so critical to quality care.

A primary care physician and specialist from OSU Wexner Medical Center is available for immunizations, child

*“ My goal is to let the neighborhood know that their health is important, as individuals and as families.”*

checkups, physicals and routine care for all ages. In addition, an OB/GYN, cardiology and pulmonary specialist, podiatrist, an endocrinologist and an ear nose and throat physician are all scheduled to arrive at the center as well, making it a one-stop shop for the kinds of critical care that has been difficult for many in the community to come by.

The office of the Women, Infant and Children (WIC) and Moms2Be programs have joined the Maloney Health Center to promote infant health and prevent infant deaths on the South Side and mental health services are also available on-site. A variety of behavioral health services will work in conjunction to bring overall stability and positivity to an individual and family health and wellness.

Rounding out the team, health insurance counselors are also on staff to help residents choose a health insurance plan geared towards the positive development of healthy families. And a physical therapy area complete with exercise and therapy equipment helps patients build physical strength to help support the mental clarity and focus for a fit lifestyle. The state-of-the-art demonstration kitchen has also been busy as the site of cooking classes where individuals and families learn the value of a wholesome, nutritional and well-balanced diet and the role it plays in maintaining a healthy lifestyle. ♦

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The **JOHN R. MALONEY FAMILY HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER** is located at 1905 Parsons Ave. To make an appointment or for more information, call them at (614) 586-4159. The on-premise WIC office may be reached at (614) 645-3131.

# BROWSING YOUR WAY TO HEALTH

*Your own backyard has more tasty and delicious greens than you probably realize*

By Mandy Fowler

**W**ith food cost rising almost as fast as interest in healthier diets, free, wild food is abundant and easily found all over the South Side area. Many plants that grow wild in Central Ohio can be used in everyday recipes to increase vitamin intake and boost immune systems. Take a look at the photos; chances are, you've seen these wholesome treats your whole life! Along with wild onions and garlic, try these wild edible foods:



## BROADLEAF

Eaten in conjunction with salad greens to aid in overall health. The entire plant is edible raw or cooked.



Commonly found in residential yards and park fields.



Chewed leaves applied to insect bites, small wounds and burns can aid in healing until medical attention.



## CREEPING CHARLIE

Considered invasive to flower beds and gardens.



The best way to get rid of this wild plant is to eat it!



Try boosting your Vitamin C intake by using the leaves raw in salads, or cooked like spinach and added to a soup or omelet.



## CLOVER

Used in a tea aids in the care of colds and whooping cough.



Found in fields, parks and weeded areas in late spring to October.



The sweet taste of the petals consumed raw will aid in outdoor pollen allergies.

**NOT TO BE CONSUMED BY PREGNANT OR NURSING WOMEN.**

As always be careful when foraging for wild edible foods; do not gather near waste areas or areas treated with pesticides.



## BEYOND "An Apple A Day"

Apple Cider Vinegar isn't just for soups *By Mandy Fowler*

The old adage "An apple a day keeps the doctor away" is not limited to only eating apples. Incorporating common apple cider vinegar into your daily diet will not only help you reach your daily recommended fruit intake, but also boost your health. Apple Cider Vinegar (ACV) has a multitude of benefits – not to mention it is also one of the most inexpensive and easy items to find. The most affordable organic ACV is made by Braggs\*, retailing at \$6.00, although purchasing another ACV such as Heinz for only \$3.00 is still effective.

**DRINK IT:** ACV tonic aids in the following; lowering glucose levels, weight loss and digestive health, heartburn/indigestion. Mix 2-3 tsp of ACV in 8 oz of water or tea and drink once a day. Adding honey and serving over ice makes for a refreshing summer beverage that, drunk in the mornings, provides for a caffeine-free pick-me-up.

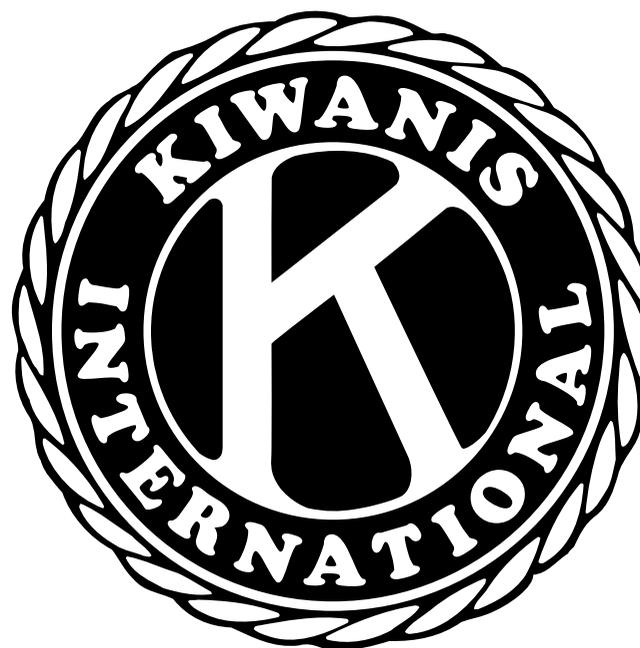
**ARTHRITIS INFLAMMATION:** Massage achy joints with a mix of 2 egg whites, ¼ cup ACV, and ¼ cup olive oil. Do this two to three times a day to help relieve inflammation.

**ASTHMA:** Using ACV tonic listed above on a regular basis in conjunction with using an ACV soaked cloth as a compress on the inside of the wrist; this is widely believed in natural healing circles to help calm mild attacks.

**LOWERING BLOOD PRESSURE:** By using 1 tsp ACV and 1 tsp of honey in a glass of water or tea on a regular basis may aid in the lowering of blood pressure.

**BRUISES:** Use ACV to relieve uncomfortable swelling and pain from bruises (especially on children). Dissolve 1 tsp of salt in 1 ¼ cup of warm ACV, soak a cloth in the warm mix and use as a compress; wringing out and re-soaking the cloth as needed.

\*Unfiltered ACV like Bragg's often contains a fuzzy growth called the "mother"; this is harmless and just a product of the microorganisms that make the vinegar.



## New Kiwanis Club to Organize on South Side

International group works to improve world for children

*By SSV Staff, from Kiwanis organizers*

A new Kiwanis Club is organizing on the south side of Columbus, and is actively seeking men and women to become a part of the global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world "one child, one community at a time."

The club plans to further the Kiwanis International mission of responding to global issues while serving the needs of the local communities, performing valuable service projects in the area.

A relatively recent member of the South Side community, Greg Halbe, the Club counselor and one of the main organizers of the new club, hopes to make inroads establishing a Key Club at South High. Key Club is the service-oriented high-school wing of Kiwanis, which currently does not exist at the high school.

"The previous Kiwanis Club was never able to make that happen, but I'm seeing some really optimistic things at South High and think we can make it happen," he said, adding that he plans for the club to work with other groups in the area, such as the new Moms2Be program at the Maloney Health Center, to focus on welfare for infants and toddlers.

"We're hoping this club can be of service there, as well," he said.

The previous Kiwanis Club of German Village was chartered in 1957, initially as the South Columbus Club. That club met upstairs at Plank's Café. Although the sign still hangs at the Plank's entrance, that club closed and ceased operations after celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2007. With the recent resurgence of the south side, however, and new models for club organization available through Kiwanis, many in the

community believe the time is right for a new charter.

Founded in 1915, the Kiwanis International organization boasts over 600,00 members with 8,600 clubs working for children in over 90 countries. Globally, KI has focused on humanitarian efforts such as eliminating iodine deficiency disorders and partnering with UNICEF to eliminate maternal neo-natal tetanus disorders.

This new Kiwanis Club aims to focus on service projects addressing a variety of community needs, including establishing a Key Club at South High, as well as participating in activities such as revitalizing neighborhoods, organizing youth sports programs, environmental projects and erecting playgrounds.

Organizers will meet with community members in August to begin the process of starting the chapter.

"We're hoping to do two things at this meeting: we want to hear from folks about that community and how this club can be of service. And Kiwanis has new models of organizations that will allow people to fit Kiwanis into their busy lives," said Halbe, noting that one new model allows for most monthly meetings to be service oriented. "Whatever folks who are attracted to this idea would like to do, we're ready to make this club work for the folks here in this community." ♦

*The organizers of the club will meet Thursday, August 14, at 6 p.m., although the location was not determined at press time. Members of the community ARE encouraged to attend, however, and so are welcome to contact Greg Halbe, at (262) 902-4848 or e-mail him at greghalbe@gmail.com.*

## IN MEMORIAM



### Mrs. Carrie Garnes

— June 1, 1923 – July 4, 2014 —

**M**rs. Carrie Garnes relocated to the South Side community when her uncle brought her, her mother and her aunt from North Carolina. She and her mother lived close to the family of her uncle; it was a time when family mattered. Mrs. Garnes attended school at Reeb Avenue Elementary, Barrett Junior High School and graduated from South High School. She became an active community member in the 1940s, when her mother lobbied for a four-way stop sign at the corner of Barthman Avenue and Bruck Street.

For more than fifty years, Mrs. Garnes and her husband, Harold, lived in Reeb-Hosack/Steelton Village. She co-founded the Reeb-Hosack/Steelton Village Planning Committee and, over the years, served as a leader and mentor to many community members. She served on the Boards of Directors of the South Side Settlement House, and CMACO, and was very active in the Resurrection Missionary Baptist Church. Mrs. Garnes received many honors for her community work such as the Spirit of Volunteerism award from the South Side Settlement House, the Ohio Citizen Action Leader Award, and the Roberta J. Booth Lifetime Achievement Award. Earlier this year, when asked about the awards, Mrs. Garnes stated "I have lived here practically all my life and I don't feel like I am doing any particular job, I am just looking out for my neighborhood."

Mrs. Garnes' memory carries on. Mention her name to anyone who knew her and a smile appears quickly followed by a comment about her leadership and, typically, a personal story about how Mrs. Garnes helped them. Mrs. Garnes has left a lasting impression that will continue to inspire greatness in the South Side. ♦

## PARENT CORNER

# SUMMER FUN & LEARNING IN THE KITCHEN!

By Heather Bishop

If you're looking for fun summer activities to enjoy with your kids, don't underestimate the power of your kitchen. Kids are curious and the kitchen offers a lot of possibilities. The kitchen can be a great place for you and your kids to make memories together and get those creative juices flowing. The kitchen can all at once be a giant chemistry set, a trip around the world, a play-dough adventure, and a journey to the garden and back. There's no end to the things you and your kids can create together and what better gratification is there than to share a tasty and healthy meal, snack, beverage or dessert afterwards?

Getting kids in the kitchen doesn't only satisfy the need for summer fun, but the desire for our kids to be in good

health. I recently took a poll of parent interests at Lincoln Park Elementary School, where Community Development for All People is hosting a Children's Defense Fund Freedom School. The parents are really interested in their kids trying new foods and are concerned about them getting proper nutrition. This is no surprise since we live in an age of picky-eaters, processed foods, junk food overflow, fast-food breakfasts (and lunch, and dinner) and fad diets. When we invite kids into the kitchen to cook, they are more likely to try new things and eat differently because they are proud of their efforts. The benefits will extend past the summer break and into a life-long journey of our kids learning to take good care of themselves. Enjoy these recipes and ideas!



### FOOD FUN #1

Make veggies fun by creating a picture!

Heather Bishop is the Healthy Eating And Living (H.E.A.L.) Director at Community Development for All People. For more information, give her a call at (614) 900-2352



### FOOD FUN #2 Make ZUC-Canoes

Cut Zucchini in half, length-wise and core out the seeds, but leave the delicious veggie flesh behind! Stuff your ZUC-Canoes with your favorite lean protein and veggies and bake at 350 degrees for 30 mins. Take the ZUC-Canoes out and top with your favorite cheese and herbs. Return to the oven and heat up until golden and bubbling on the broiler setting. Let it cool a little and enjoy!



### FOOD FUN #3

#### Popsicles!

Make popsicles by filling your ice cube tray with yogurt or 100% juice. If you want to get wild, throw your favorite berries into the mix! Insert popsicle sticks and freeze until solid. Serve and enjoy!



## WEEDING OUT THE VANDALS

“Senseless Vandalism” won’t thwart efforts to beautify community

By Judy Czarnecki

The Plant Pride on Parsons Team spent a Saturday morning last month working hard to beautify the Avenue, but vandals ruined their hard work.

By Monday morning, all containers on the west side of Parsons from Kian to Barthman had the cannas lilies stolen and in subsequent days, plants and flags from additional planters farther up Parsons Avenue had been ripped from the planters and were either missing or thrown aside to die.

“It was senseless vandalism,” said Lynne Holmes, Hungarian Village Volunteer. “It made me feel just flaming mad, and like all our efforts were unappreciated.”

Neighborhood pride is the result of many people working together and is shown in a lot of ways. Working together since 2010, the businesses, community residents, the Parsons Avenue Merchants Association, Keep Columbus Beautiful, the South Side Neighborhood Pride Center, and hundreds of other volunteers have worked to restore pride all along Parsons Avenue. Individuals and businesses sponsored planters. Grants and volunteers from various sources have helped provide new plants and maintenance throughout the years. And, recently, a community-wide shoe drive

raised funds so everyone could benefit from the beauty provided by the themed planters and flower arrangements. This is only one symbol of positive changes underway in the community.

“We will not let the senseless actions of a few deter us from keeping Parsons Avenue clean and green,” said Jo Anne St. Clair of the South Side Neighborhood Pride Center, an advocate for the South Side.

If you see vandalism occurring, report it to Columbus Police by calling (614) 645-4545 and provide as much information as possible (where, when, and a detailed description of the person(s) committing the vandalism).

Illegal dumping (furniture, tires, large amounts of trash) and littering (throwing trash and cigarette butts on the street, sidewalk or other property) should be reported by calling (614) 871-5322, or

reported online at [www.itsacrime.org](http://www.itsacrime.org). Include as much information about the offender as possible, especially identifying information such as a license plate number, vehicle make, color and model, the date and time of the incident and where it occurred. However, DO NOT attempt to confront the offenders yourself. ♦

**“We will not let the senseless actions of a few deter us from keeping Parsons Avenue clean and green.”**

Bulk trash left next to trash containers or recycling bins and shopping carts that are misused or left on the street can be reported to the City’s 311 Service Center Monday-Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. by calling (614) 645-3111 or reported online at [www.311.columbus.gov](http://www.311.columbus.gov). When reporting a recycling bin, include the number found on the front of the bin. When you report, it is helpful to also notify your local Civic Association.

## CIVIC ASSOCIATION LEADERS & MEETING TIMES

*Editor’s Note: Many of the civics are canceling their meeting this month due to National Night Out; if you plan to go to your civic’s meeting, check with them to make sure there will be one.*

### Schumacher Place

Kathy Green, *President*  
[Kathryngreen@yahoo.com](mailto:Kathryngreen@yahoo.com)  
Meetings held 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at Planks Cafe on Parsons

### Hungarian Village

Paula Copeland, *President*  
[hvsociety@yahoo.com](mailto:hvsociety@yahoo.com)  
614-222-2145, Meetings held 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m., Hungarian Reform Church, 365 Woodrow Ave.

### SouthSide C.A.N.

Debera Diggs, *President*  
614-598-2237. Meeting is Mon, August 11, 7:00pm - 8:30pm at South High School, Ann St. - meet in the library. For more information contact President Debera Diggs.

### Merion Village

Tony Roell, *President*  
[anthonyroell@gmail.com](mailto:anthonyroell@gmail.com)  
Meetings held 1st Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Merion Village Association, 1300 S. Fourth St.

### Vassor Village

Beau Bayliss, *Vice President*  
[bayliss.1456@gmail.com](mailto:bayliss.1456@gmail.com)  
1st Wednesday of each month at Barack Recreation Center 580 Woodrow Ave., Block Watch at 6:30 p.m. Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.  
[www.vassorvillage.webs.com](http://www.vassorvillage.webs.com)

### Innis Gardens Village

Brenda Cummings, *President*  
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Meetings held 3rd Thursday of the month from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. Block Watch 6 - 6:30 p.m., Barack Recreation Center, 580 Woodrow Ave.

### Reeb-Hosack/ Steelton Village

Linda Henry, *Co-chair*  
[ishenry4@gmail.com](mailto:ishenry4@gmail.com)  
Lillie Banner, *Co-chair*  
Meetings held 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Resurrection Missionary Baptist Church, 280 Hosack, Social/food 6:30 - 7 p.m.

### Deshler Park

Earl Littlefield, *President*  
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614-329-5294  
Meetings held 3rd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. Alvis House, 1755 Alum Creek Dr.

### Southern Orchards Southside United Neighbors

Richard Shaffer, *President*  
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### Stambaugh-Elwood

William Bibb,  
*Area Commissioner*  
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Meetings on 4th Saturday of every month at 11 a.m. Location varies, contact William Bibb for current location

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### SATURDAYS (Through AUGUST 23)

#### MERION VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET

9 a.m. - 12 p.m., 106 E Moler St.

The Merion Village Farmers Market is for fresh food, great music and good friends. Vendors have included Gringo Loco Taco, Martins Garden Center, Luna Kombucha's probiotic tea, maple syrup and home made jellies and jams - there's something fresh and fun for everyone! The Mobile Cupcakery, Folck Family Farm, Wishwell Farm, That's My Farmer. If you are interested in becoming a vendor, email gvmvmarket@gmail.com

### SATURDAY AUGUST 2

#### WALK WITH A DOC

8:30 a.m., Indian Mound Park, 3901 Parsons Ave.

This is a great opportunity to meet new friends and walk for you health, with a doctor leading the program! You can walk as far as you like, and enjoy refreshments on the way. Meet at shelter houses (in the gym if weather is bad)

### MONDAY AUGUST 4

#### PARSONS AVENUE CORRIDOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Open House 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Barack Recreation Center, 580 Woodrow.

This project will include improvements on Parsons Avenue between East Livingston Avenue and Hosack Street. The project will: Resurface Parsons Avenue between Livingston Avenue and Hosack Street; Construct bump outs and ADA compliant curb ramps; Reconfigure travel lanes and parking to remove restrictions and provide shared lane markings for bicycles; Five signals will be removed and replaced with two-way stop signs to be placed at five cross streets where they intersect with Parsons Avenue; and other changes. Construction is tentatively scheduled to start in 2016. Questions may be directed to: City of Columbus, Department of Public Service Project Manager, Carl Walters, P.E., 645-7858, clwalters@columbus.gov

### TUESDAY AUGUST 5

#### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Most events start at 5 p.m., though times are subject to change and end times may vary; as of press time: *Southern Orchards' event will be at Kobacker Park (at Kossuth & Parsons); Deshler Park's event will a cookout at Fairwood Park Innis Gardens Village's event will be at the site of the Old Smith Road Elementary (Smith Rd & Kelton) Reeb-Hosack / Steelton Village will celebrate with the Southeast Lions Park Festival, Marion Franklin will have a cookout at Koeble Elementary School*

Organized in 1984, National Night Out is about reclaiming the night and watching out for your neighbors, standing against criminals that would threaten your peace of mind. Look out for neighbors having block parties, cookouts, safety demonstrations and more. Make your neighborhood a little safer and have fun doing it! The entire South Side is invited to participate.

### SATURDAY AUGUST 9

#### CLASSIC CRUISE-IN AUTO SHOW

Dan's Drive-In, 1881 S. High St.

Registration for vehicle judging (\$8) starts at 4:30 p.m. - viewing the cars is FREE! For more information, call the Cruise-In at (614) 315-6964

### SATURDAY AUGUST 16

#### WALK WITH A DOC

Indian Mound Park, 3901 Parsons Ave. 8:30 a.m.

Meet at shelter houses (in the gym if weather is bad).

### SATURDAY AUGUST 16

#### FREE HEALTHY BAR-B-QUE

NOON-4:00 pm Maloney Health Center, 1905 Parsons Ave.

Delicious & Healthy Food • Information On Maloney Health Services & Medicaid /Insurance • Healthcare Advice; Live

106.3 Radio Broadcast & Music With Nia Noelle; fun for all family members

### SUNDAY AUGUST 17

#### MERION VILLAGE FESTIVAL

Moeller Park, 12 p.m. - 5:00 p.m..

The Merion Village Festival is an annual event celebrating our historic community with our neighbors, crafters, artists, local businesses and groups and more. Join us, rain or shine, for another fantastic event! VENDORS: Please submit your application for booth space no later than Sunday, August 3rd. E-mail Tony Roell with questions about the event. Find complete details at www.merionvillage.org

### MONDAY AUGUST 18

#### COLUMBUS ART WALK AND LANDMARK TOUR

6:30 p.m.

Meet at the Schiller Statue at Schiller Park.

Join in conversations during these free, hour-long guided tours led by expert historians and guides. These unique tours offer a great way to explore the art, history, and architecture of our Columbus neighborhoods. Tours will begin promptly at the time and location listed. No need to register in advance - just show up. Visit columbuslandmarks.org for complete tour information. In case of inclement weather, please call 614-221-0227 for tour status. A recorded message will be left by 6 p.m. on tour days.

### AUGUST 19

#### FAT TUESDAY

Southeast Lions Park (Barthman & 6th)

6:30 p.m.

Bring your own chairs, food and non-alcoholic beverages, join the fun and listen as the sounds of jazz fill the air.

### SAT, AUGUST 23

#### JAZZ & ART AND TOMATO & HARVEST FESTIVAL

2pm - 5pm, Green & Things Park, 573

Whittier St., Columbus OH

Please contact ganthersplace@gmail.com for information on these events.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

#### REEB AVENUE FLEA MARKET AND FREE FRESH PRODUCE

8:00 a.m., Unity Temple Church Of God In Christ, 52 Reeb Ave.

Flea Market with Clothes, Household Items and Jewelry. Produce giveaway begins at 11:00 a.m. Bring your own containers to carry produce home. For more information call (614) 444-7808, or visit www.facebook.com/UnityTempleCols

### SUNDAY AUGUST 24,

#### OPEN HOUSE AT DOMINICAN LEARNING CENTER

1111 E. Stewart Ave, from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

DLC is celebrating 20 years of service to the community through offering GED, Adult Basic Education, ESL, Citizenship and Conversation Groups. Free tour with light refreshments.

### SATURDAY AUGUST 30

#### WALK WITH A DOC

8:30 a.m., Indian Mound Park, 3901 Parsons Ave.

Meet at shelter houses (in the gym if weather is bad)

## PLAN AHEAD:

### THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 4

#### GREATER COLUMBUS GROWING COALITION

6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Hope Lutheran Church 820 Lilly Avenue (just north of Livingston)

Bring a vegetable dish or dessert to share and ideas on growing more community gardens and beautification programs for 2014.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

#### FREE SOUTH SIDE COMMUNITY CONCERT & CELEBRATION

Noon - 4:00 p.m. Parking Lot of the John R. Maloney Health Center

Join in for an afternoon of music, fun, and family-friendly activities. Area non-profits and community groups will be on hand to share resources and information. Tours of the Health Center will also be available. For more information contact Dave Cofer at Community Development for All People 614-445-7342

## BE FEATURED ON THIS PAGE

To have your meeting or event listed, send us a short description, date, time, location and web link (if any). [paper@southsidevoice.org](mailto:paper@southsidevoice.org)