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**Southern GATEWAY**  
Rich in Heritage. Rich in Promise.



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: 2014 South HS Graduates Lexxus Robinson, Gabrielle Fehr, Rebecca St. Clair (Valedictorian), and Brandon Palmer



## ★ CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATING SENIORS! ★

By Mandy Fowler

***“Perseverance is the hard work you do after you get tired of doing the work you already did.”***

-Newt Gingrich

On May 29, South High School held its commencement for the 2014 graduating seniors. Among the student body are four students that have persevered despite the struggle of ever-changing environments of life, adolescence and socio-economic influences. They set out to attain their goals, proving that a person can come from any cultural and economic background and still accomplish what they set out to do. “It is the importance of family and a community that

comes together as a whole,” commented Brenda Scott, Impact Manager for City Year at South High School.

Gabrielle Fehr, 17, the oldest of three children, has her eyes set on Shawnee State University in Portsmouth. With a major in Communications and a secondary focus in Theatre, Gabrielle is sure to succeed in her field. Being able to overcome being bullied through role-playing in *Dear Bully* (a play to help conquer a bullying situation), and having a support network that includes family, friends and school staff, has helped Gabrielle stay in school, do well, and now be able to follow her dreams. “Without my parents and aunts teaching me how to get through high school and my teachers, Ms.

Akers, Mr. Baker, and Dr. M.K. boosting my self-confidence, I would not have been able to achieve the goals that I wanted to achieve,” said Gabrielle.

Lexxus Robinson, 18, is on her way to Wright State University in Dayton to explore possibilities in the field of Science. She stressed that she is fascinated with all aspects of the field, but mainly the thought of being in a lab and working in the biomedical area. When asked what graduating as one of South High School’s 2014 top graduating seniors meant to her she responded, “Growing up in the South Side has made me the person I am today. I could not have made it without my father, school, and staff support of Coach Fisher, Mr. Johnson, and Ms. Eddings.”

Brandon Palmer, 18, is a quiet student, but do not let that fool you. He is graduating with over \$300,000 in academic scholarship awards heading to Ohio University in Athens to pursue his dreams in Mathematics Education. The driving force behind Brandon’s achievements has been his mother, and the importance of math that she and school staff impressed upon him. “Watching her and the neighborhood struggle is the reason I am going to achieve my goals and make a difference,” Brandon said. Brandon has a special talent in the Mathematics field, allowing him to fit into almost any field after college.

Rebecca St. Clair, 17, is this year’s South High School Valedictorian. After graduation, Rebecca is concentrating on a degree in Pharmacology at the University of Toledo. When asked what her plans were after college, Rebecca stated she would like to return to Columbus and work at Nationwide Children’s Hospital. “Achieving my goals and becoming Valedictorian of South High School would not have been possible without the help and support of my grandmother. This has really made me feel accomplished.”

Congratulations to all of this year’s high school graduates and best wishes for a bright, successful future in your chosen endeavors! ♦

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# A SHOE-IN FOR SUCCESS

By Austin Owens



PICTURED: PAMA President Marc Borst helps sort shoes

In April, several South Side community organizations rallied for the Parsons Avenue Shoe Drive to raise money to purchase flowers and plants for the 126 hand-painted flower pots along Parsons Avenue from Livingston to Hosack.

Marc Borst, president of the Parsons Avenue Merchants Association Board of Trustees, took the collection of shoes as his “sole” mission. He challenged the Southeast Lions Club to a competition and they delivered.

Ted Welch and the Edgewood Civic Organization collected 374 small bags of shoes. Churches, hospitals, businesses, individuals and some centrally located collection boxes at recreation centers helped the shoe drive get closer to its goal.

The shoes were weighed and then put into larger bags, then into cartons and finally placed on pallets. One hundred and forty two bags of shoes weighing over 4,500 pounds were accumulated and raised over \$1,800 that

will be used to support planter maintenance.

According to Sherri Palmer, manager of Keep Columbus Beautiful, “The project resonated with people who normally would donate their clothing for re-use but not shoes. They loved the idea of recycling them and helping countries in need. It definitely raised awareness that funds are needed to support the beautification of Parsons Avenue.” Thanks to everyone who participated in this community event!

Now it’s time to put those funds to work. Recruit friends, neighbors and relatives and volunteer to help at the annual Plant Pride on Parsons cleanup event Saturday, June 7 starting at 8:30 a.m. at 1833 Parsons Ave. (empty lot north of Maloney Health Center). We hope to see you there! ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST PRE-REGISTER at [bit.ly/ppregistration](http://bit.ly/ppregistration) ♦

Photo courtesy of Community Kitchen, Inc.

## Summer Options for Healthy Eating

With school out for the summer, it is important to find ways to fuel children’s minds and bodies with nutritious food. There are many South Side summer food programs for youth, food pantries, meal programs and fresh produce distributions. *Listed are those we are aware of at this time.*

### COLUMBUS RECREATION & PARKS SUMMER FOOD SITES FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Listed are sites currently known to be open to all. Due to food availability, some sites provide food only for registered program participants (such as summer camps that provide food for those attending camp only). Food programs are generally open around June 9 and operate from about 11:30 a.m. to about 1:00 p.m. However, check with each site for specific hours and any other requirements.

- Barack Recreation Center, 580 Woodrow Ave. (Serving breakfast at 9:30 a.m. and lunch at 12:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, for youth under age 18 from June 9 – August 15)
- Boys & Girls Club – South Side, 1702 Parsons Ave.
- Central Community House, 1150 E Main St.

- Community Development For All People Freedom School, Lincoln Elementary School, 579 E. Markison Ave.
- Community For New Directions, 993 E. Main St.
- Karn’s Park, 1295 Champion Ave.
- Driving Park Recreation Center, 1100 Rhoads Ave.
- Full Gospel Church of Christ, 1759 E. Main St.
- Indian Mound Recreation Club, 3901 Parson Ave.
- Salvation Army, 505 S. Ohio Ave.
- Schiller Park Health Camp, 1069 Jaeger St.
- Siebert Elementary School, Summer Program, 385 Reinhard Ave.

### MEAL PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN

- Community Kitchen, 640 S. Ohio Ave.; BREAKFAST, Monday-Saturday, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.; LUNCH, Monday – Saturday, 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.; FAMILY DINNER, Wednesdays, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.; BOXED MEALS available from the Salvation Army truck parked at 640 S. Ohio, Saturdays and Sundays from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- Loaves & Fishes, 1702 Parsons Ave., 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Monday-Friday
- Clair United Methodist Church, 293 Barthman, Lunch 2nd and 4th Saturday
- Resurrection Missionary Baptist Church,



Photo courtesy of Community Kitchen, Inc.

- 258 Hosack, 3rd Saturday
- Stowe Mission, 888 Parsons Ave., 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

### SUMMER FRESH PRODUCE GIVEAWAYS

Best bet is to contact the location to be sure they have food on the stated days. Each giveaway usually has a start time and no posted end time as they will generally remain open until food is gone or for about two hours, whichever comes first.

- Community Development For All People: Year-round giveaways on Tuesdays from noon-4:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 8:00 a.m. – noon. MUST CALL AHEAD AND SCHEDULE A TIME. Contact Heather Bishop at 614-445-7342.
- Lighthouse Ministries, 2295 S. High St., THIRD FRIDAY of each month starting around 3:00 p.m.

- Native American Indian Center of Central Ohio, Tuesday, June 3 then back to 3rd Thursdays starting July 17, all start at 10:00 a.m.
- St. Paul’s United Church of Christ and Columbus Castings, 2nd Saturday of July, August & September starting at 9:00 a.m. at Columbus Castings, 2211 Parsons Ave.
- Other locations that have produce giveaways from time to time: Higher Ground Ministries, Barack Recreation Center and St. Ladislav. Contact each for more information.

### FOOD PANTRIES

There are several food pantries in the South Side that maintain various hours of service. Contact Hands On Central Ohio at 614-341-2282 Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for a referral to obtain up to a three day supply of food. ♦

## PARENT CORNER

### Jumpstart Your Child's Early Education

By Christina Graves, Parent Partner, SPARK Program at Nationwide Children's Hospital

**M**ore and more parents entrust their young children's preschool learning to early childhood education programs. Quality programs stress the importance of parent involvement in school readiness. If home and school do not stay in touch, the child is the one who suffers the most. Research shows that about one-third of children begin kindergarten 1.5 years behind their peers. So, there is still much to be done to ensure that our children are prepared for school, and parents can help.

Here's what you can do: add as many real learning experiences into the day as possible. Children can set the table for dinner to practice counting. Allow your child to help you write the grocery list and then encourage him or her to help find the items in the store. This sends a message to the child that learning is an everyday thing and not just for school.

Let your children know what you expect from them. With young children, this should include talking about what level of education you expect them to reach. Always aim high. When children know what their parents expect of them, they are more likely to meet those goals.

If your child is in an early childhood education program, talk with the teacher (via e-mail, phone, or in person) during the school year. Ask how your child is doing and what can be done at home to reinforce learning.

One of the most important things you can do is to read to your child daily. It provides a jumpstart for young children and is a great bonding time. Spending just 15 minutes each day reading aloud to your child will create a lasting, happy memory associated with books and you.

SPARK is a free home-based kindergarten readiness program. SPARK shows parents how to be their child's first and forever teacher. It is a creative way to get your child excited about school. Once a month Parent Partners visit the home or a place close to home. They work with parents on completing activities and reading books to their children that will prepare them for school. The child is given a book and educational supplies at every visit. The target audience of SPARK is children who are not in preschool. Sometimes, it can be a supplement preschool if your child attends a qualifying preschool.

Once your child is in the SPARK program, screenings and assessments are done to decide his or her strengths as well as areas that need work. Then the Parent Partner works with the parent to



PHOTO: Roger Miller and son, Anthony, enjoy helping at the Lincoln Park Elementary after-school program

create a Learning Plan for the child. The child's abilities and the skills that need to be mastered by the time kindergarten starts are considered. Throughout the program, parents have someone to listen and offer guidance concerning the child's development. If there are concerns about development, there is a Responsive Services Team who can make a referral to a community agency.

SPARK is offered in Columbus by several different agencies. At Nationwide Children's Hospital, it is offered in the zip codes 43205, 43206, and in the Southern Gateway. For the upcoming SPARK program year, children that will be eligible for kindergarten in 2015 (4 years old by September 30, 2014) are eligible to enroll. For more information or to sign up your child, call Christina at 614-355-9892 or Mickie at 614-355-0714. <http://www.nationwidechildrens.org/spark-program>

### What is Parent Involvement?

By Jim Joy, Americorps Vista/Parent Connection

In addition to including children in everyday activities and talking with them to enhance learning, there are many ways for parents to be involved in their children's education. Being in contact with the classroom teacher, attending parent-teacher conferences, sitting in the audience along with other relatives and friends when your child is performing in a play, concert, art exhibit, science fair or poetry reading or participating in a sports event, volunteering in the classroom or on field trips or attending PTA/PTO meetings are just a few examples. Not all parents have enough time to attend everything, but there are other ways busy parents can be involved.

Just ask South Side parent Roger Miller whose son, Anthony, attends the Lincoln Park Elementary Afterschool Program. Roger got involved by providing artwork for the Parent Connection information board. The information board will be used weekly to highlight free events, employment opportunities and other resources at the Community Development For All People Freedom School during the summer. Thanks, Roger!

If you are interested in becoming more involved in your child's education, contact one of the Parent Connection Team members, Jim Joy ([Jim.Joy@uwcentralohio.org](mailto:Jim.Joy@uwcentralohio.org)), Tiffany Harmon ([Tiffany.Harmon@uwcentralohio.org](mailto:Tiffany.Harmon@uwcentralohio.org)) or Erin West ([ewest@4allpeople.net](mailto:ewest@4allpeople.net)) at 614-445-7342. ♦

## Renowned Musicians to Entertain South Siders This Summer

By Mandy Fowler

Recent studies completed by students at the University of California Berkley show that parks and green spaces play an important role in society. They make neighborhoods more attractive, they contribute to the community spirit and actually further social interactions. In the 1940s, after World War II, 46 Columbus men desired a safe open place where children, friends and family could gather. Starting with a playground, developed through the help of the Southeast Lions Club and their donation of the land on the corner of Barthman Ave. and Bruck St. to the City of Columbus, the 1.2 acre lot became the Southeast Lions Community Park.

With the warm months upon us, it is time for the tradition of the First and Third Tuesday Concert Series (FAT Tuesdays) to resume. This is a tradition encouraged by former South Side Settlement House staff member (and current Columbus South Side Area Commissioner), Randelle Bowman, to provide a location where South Side musicians can share their music and inspire local residents to enjoy the arts.

Throughout the summer, enjoy performances of well known and highly regarded musicians featuring straight-ahead jazz, R&B, and funk styles by Bits and Pieces Jazz Band, Vernon Hairston & Company, the Ken Weaver Quartet, Dave Powers and Company, and The All People Band (who will perform on National Night Out on August 19). The last day of the concert series (September 2) will include South Side talent: people who grew up on the South Side and are now semi-professional performers.

Southeast Lions Park is newly renovated with playground equipment, fencing, enhancements to the shelter and other upgrades and was re-dedicated May 20. The concerts are no cost and a great way to see the "new" park, get out, meet new people, and share the fun with friends and neighbors. Bring your own blankets, lawn chairs, snacks and non-alcoholic beverages for an evening filled with talent. FAT Tuesday performances are from 6:30-8:00 p.m. June 17, July 1, July 15, August 5, August 19 and September 2. ♦



BITS AND PIECES JAZZ BAND

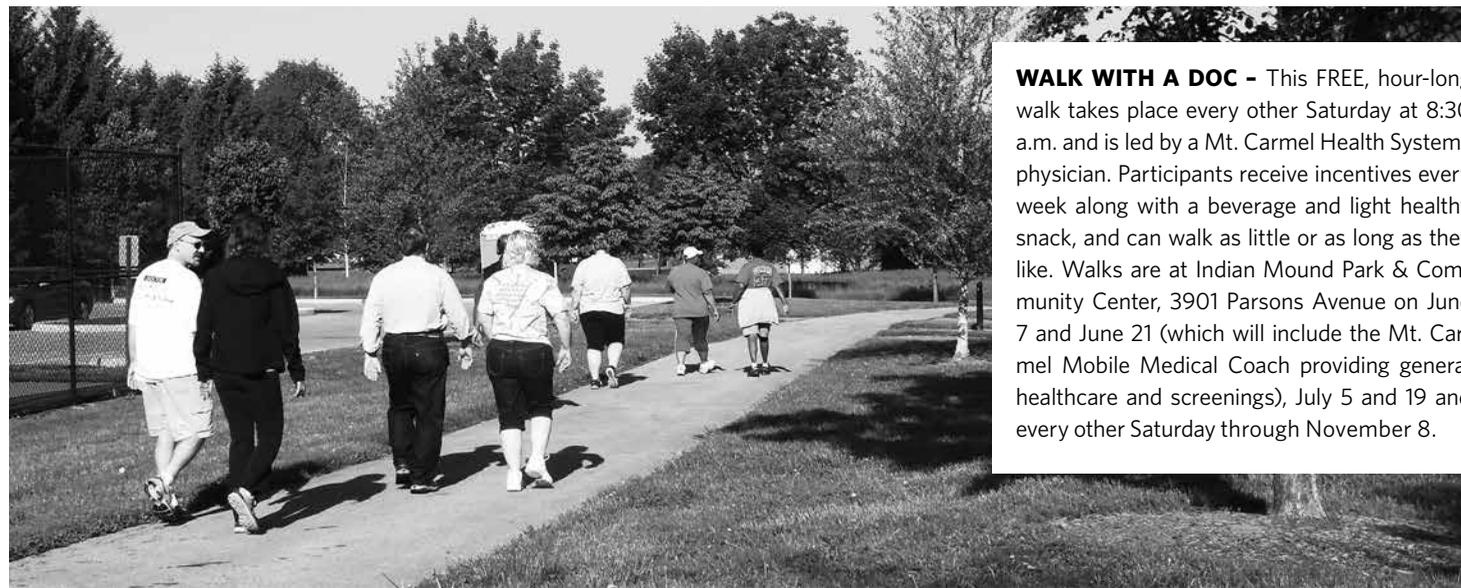
# BE FIT & HAVE FUN THIS SUMMER

By Mandy Fowler

With school being out and boredom setting in, make sure staying active is part of your everyday routine this summer. The US Surgeon General recommends that children be active for at least an hour a day and adults a half hour a day. When all members of the family participate, it sets a great example for living a healthy lifestyle for generations to come.

**WALKING** reduces health risk for all age groups. Children who walk and are active on a regular basis are less apt to develop high blood pressure and Type II Diabetes. Adults, pregnant women and seniors can benefit by reducing the risk for bone density loss while naturally boosting energy levels to maintain a healthy weight and lifestyle. Take advantage of community parks and paths to walk every day.

**ART/GREEN WALKS** - Self-guided audio tours are available with downloadable walking maps that point out specific community works of art and green space. These walks are educational and free. German Village and Merion Village are just a couple examples of available tours. For maps and tour informa-



tion visit [www.columbus.gov/artwalk](http://www.columbus.gov/artwalk) and [www.germanvillage.com](http://www.germanvillage.com). Large print maps or the audio tour text is available for individuals or groups upon request. Contact the Healthy Places Program at 614-645-1260.

**SWIMMING AND WATER SPORTS** are a great way to stay cool and fit. Studies show swimming reduces stress of the mind as well as the body. This is because water allows the body to feel lighter, making it easier to work the entire skeletal system without physical stress. This is an ideal way to work stiff arthritic muscles. Daily swimming rates for individuals without a membership/pass are 50 cents per day. One yearly membership covers entry to all seven Columbus Recreation & Parks pools (adults \$20, seniors \$8, youth up to age 17 \$15 or a family membership for four people \$65). Spray grounds (Indian Mound) and pools (Barack Recreation Center at 580 Woodrow and Marion-Franklin Recreation Center at 2699 Lockbourne Rd.) are open with summer hours starting June 8.

**BICYCLING** can reduce stress and depression and improve well being and self-esteem. It is also a good way to spend time with family and friends and reduce your carbon footprint. See bike path maps at [www.columbus.gov/trails](http://www.columbus.gov/trails). Children up to age 18 are required by law to wear a bike helmet when riding a bicycle and helmets are strongly recommended for adults. Helmets may be purchased at Meijer, Walmart and specialty sporting goods stores. Nationwide Children's Hospital helps you select a child's helmet at <http://www.nationwidechildrens.org/bicycle-safety>. If the ability to pay for a helmet is an issue, contact Erin West at Community Development For All People at [ewest@4allpeople.net](mailto:ewest@4allpeople.net) or 614-445-7342.

**OUTDOOR SPORTS** - Tennis, baseball, fishing, soccer, golf, softball and basketball keep the adrenaline pumping, help you meet new people and stay in shape. Adult and youth sessions are available through local recreation centers. Visit your local community center or go to <http://columbus.gov/RecreationandParks> for a copy of the 2014 Summer Fun catalog.

**PLAY** - Simple games such as nature I-Spy, tag and playing on a jungle gym can encourage outside play. For more information, learning tools and resources visit [www.getactivecolumbus.com](http://www.getactivecolumbus.com).

**SCHILLER RECREATION CENTER** - Schiller Recreation Center, 1069 Jaeger St. offers a variety of activities for children and adults to stay active this summer. Classes begin June 9 and run through August 1. Taking place Monday through Friday, the classes range from arts and crafts to kickboxing to tennis lessons. Some classes are free, while others have a fee. The Center also offers field trips and special events. Some include going to the Columbus Zoo and Zoombezi Bay, attending a Clipper's game and ice-skating at the Ice Haus. For more information, call 614-645-3156 or email center manager Terry Gee at [tagee@columbus.gov](mailto:tagee@columbus.gov).

**FESTIVALS** - Columbus is home to many free festivals that offer family activities, great food, cultural and educational experiences. For more information, visit your local community center or visit [www.columbus.gov](http://www.columbus.gov) or [www.columbusartsfestival.org](http://www.columbusartsfestival.org).

**WALK WITH A DOC** - This FREE, hour-long walk takes place every other Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and is led by a Mt. Carmel Health Systems physician. Participants receive incentives every week along with a beverage and light healthy snack, and can walk as little or as long as they like. Walks are at Indian Mound Park & Community Center, 3901 Parsons Avenue on June 7 and June 21 (which will include the Mt. Carmel Mobile Medical Coach providing general healthcare and screenings), July 5 and 19 and every other Saturday through November 8.

**JUNE 4, 11, 18, 25 - JOIN IN THE FUN FOUNTAIN SIDE AT THE SCIOTO MILE FOUNTAIN** (233 Civic Center Drive, downtown Columbus) on Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m., for an array of themed activities and water games. Enjoy free ice cream from the Meijer ice cream truck. Visit <http://www.sciotomile.com/explore/sciotomile-fountain/>.

**JUNE 8 - SWIMMING LESSON REGISTRATION** begins at your local pool. Classes for all age groups are available and free of charge. Contact Barack (614-645-3058) or Marion-Franklin (614-645-3161) Recreation Centers or visit <http://columbus.gov/RecreationandParks/>.

**JUNE 9 THRU AUGUST 1 - EIGHT WEEKS OF NEVER-ENDING FREE FUN AT SOUTHEAST LIONS PARK** located at 185 Barthman Ave., Monday - Friday, 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Children will stay active and have fun learning new games, art, drama, music and taking part and in special summer events.

**JUNE 9 THRU AUGUST 1 - FREE LATE NIGHT BASKETBALL** for ages 13-25 at Barack (580 Woodrow), Marion-Franklin (2801 Lockbourne) and Indian Mound (3901 Parsons Ave.) Community Centers this summer. Hours are 6 pm-11 pm with age group playing times as follows: 13-15, from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.; 16-18, from 8:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.; 19-25, 10:00 p.m.-midnight.

**JUNE 13-AUGUST 1 - FREE FISHING CLASSES** are available every Friday for children ages 6-14 at Schiller Park, 1069 Jaeger in German Village. Contact the park at 614-645-3156 to register. Space is limited and registration opens June 9. Equipment is provided for those who do not bring their own. ♦

# COLUMBUS SOUTH SIDE AREA COMMISSION (CSSAC) *By Austin Owens*

## COLUMBUS SOUTH SIDE AREA COMMISSION MEETING RECAP

The Columbus South Side Area Commission (CSSAC) is an organization that brings together the ten civic associations in South Columbus between Livingston and Rte. 104, along with representatives from business, education and social services to provide a link between these moving parts and organizations to the South Side.

The Commission is designed to provide a voice for those who may want to raise a complaint, make a suggestion or even volunteer to help.

CSSAC works to increase voluntary citizen participation in decision-making for city services and provide advice to the administration and council about community safety, zoning, housing, business and economic development, recreation and parks, education, planning, and health and human services.

### MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FROM TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2014, 7:00 PM

Katie Radford (Southern Orchards) and Erin Synk (Tenant/Homeowner Representative) were sworn in to begin their new Commission terms.

The Commission's City Liaison reported that the Commission sent out a letter of support for Habitat for Humanity. Also, a town hall meeting with Tavis Smiley discussing poverty issues was held at Barack Recreation Center at 7:00 p.m. on April 29.

The following demolition permits were approved:  
940-952 Whittier St.  
1803-1805 S 5th  
1850 S 5th St.  
79-81 Reeb Ave.  
1723-25 S Sixth St.

946-950 S Ohio Ave.  
785 Kossuth St.  
495 Hanford  
41-43 Reeb Ave.  
95-97 E Woodrow Ave.  
823 Wilson Ave.  
344 E Sycamore St.  
88 Barthman Ave.  
517 Markinson Ave.

The 2014 CSSAC budget was approved and accepted by the City of Columbus.

Susan Ashbrook from the City of Columbus presented three pilot projects on the South Side to introduce landscape features to help reduce storm water run-off, two in Reeb Hosack and one in Southern Orchards.

The CSSAC meets monthly at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month at Barack recreation Center, 580 Woodrow. Meetings are public and all are welcome. ♦

### WE ASKED COMMISSIONERS TO SHARE THEIR ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS:

1. Why are you part of your local commission?
2. What's the most important thing to helping the South Side move forward?
3. If you could change one thing about the South Side, what would it be?



### Randelle Bowman

**1** I am a member of the Columbus South Side Area Commission because I would like to see the South Side receive the recognition that it deserves.

This area has a strong legacy of being industrial pioneers and is an example of how cultural diversity does not label, but embraces and strives.

My grandmother and her family grew up on the South Side and I have attended church on Barthman Avenue all my life. This has always been home to working class people, who have pride in their hard work and community.

**2** I believe that the most important thing to help move the South Side forward is having the City on board and listening to the area commissions and civic groups who are conveying the needs of the community.

Focusing on the needs at hand and keeping a direct line of communication is pertinent to positive development.

**3** The South Side is known for its booming industry. Now that we are moving into using greener energy, let us see some of that come back by focusing on creating jobs that will help support local merchants and local industry.



### Charlie Loutzenhiser

**1** I have always been active in the neighborhood that I have lived in and now is no exception. I want to put to use my 30 years of experience working in government and the law to assist civic associations and block watch groups to navigate the complexity of various government entities, to help get things done, and to have open communication between government and the people in a timely and useful fashion.

**2** To move forward, communication is key. It is important that communication between the commission, the civic associations, the block watch groups, and community have continuity in keeping residents (and potential new residents) informed of the terrific opportunities such as entertainment and events, affordable housing, businesses opening and construction. Businesses, residents, organizations and government need to work and communicate with each other to achieve our common goal of an enhanced South Side.

**3** I would not change, but rather enhance the South Side. Civic associations, block watch groups and neighbors need to work together as a whole and not view themselves as separate enclaves. We are all in this together, share the same goals, and though we may disagree with each other at times, we need to remember that we all want the same thing: a safe and vibrant South Side.

# WANTED:



## OPINIONS ABOUT COLUMBUS POLICE

By Austin Owens

**H**ave you ever wanted to give the Columbus Police a piece of your mind? They're asking for it.

The Columbus Division of Police is conducting an online survey asking about citizens' interactions with police. Among the questions: "How responsive is the Columbus Police Department to the needs of your neighborhood?" and "If you had contact with a police officer in the last year was she or he professional, helpful and courteous?"

The 17-question survey can be completed anonymously online at [www.columbuspolice.org](http://www.columbuspolice.org) or [www.surveymonkey.com/s/2014CPDCommunitySurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2014CPDCommunitySurvey)

According to the Columbus Division of Police, "The survey is open to citizens and workers in the Columbus area and is an example of our commitment to the public. Keeping the public informed about crime in their area is another proactive approach to reducing crime in Columbus. The survey results will also allow the Division to gauge the level of service we are providing to our community members."

The survey and results are being compiled by Sgt. Steve Livingston of the Columbus Division of Police Strategic Response Bureau's Community Liaison Section. Sgt. Livingston can be contacted directly via email [slivingston@columbuspolice.org](mailto:slivingston@columbuspolice.org) to answer any questions.

Also listed on the CPD website is a link for RaidsOnline.com. Using this site, maps of listed crimes within identified distances from any point in the city can be viewed. Simply enter a street address, identify the size of area to be viewed, and a map will populate with crimes that have happened within that area. The user may also select which crimes to view by applying various filters and may identify specific time periods to be covered. It is helpful to select only certain crimes to view at a time and to select "show data within buffer only" to help keep the data easy to understand.

RaidsOnline.com is a valuable tool for future homebuyers and current residents alike. The site also allows users to supply local law enforcement with anonymous tips or to sign

up to receive updates about crimes that happen in specified areas.

RaidsOnline.com is powered by BAIR Analytics that, according to their website, "... has been used by law enforcement and defense for more than 20 years in controlling, reducing and preventing criminal activity including counter-narcotics, counter-IED and counter-insurgency related events." (<http://www.bairanalytics.com/company/>)

In addition to the free online crime mapping service, there are now dedicated mobile apps available for both Apple and Android smart phones and devices. These apps are free and can be downloaded at the following sites:

**FOR APPLE:** <http://itunes.apple.com/au/app/raids-online-mobile/id496011979?mt=8>

**FOR ANDROID:** <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.bairanalytics.android.raids-onlinemobile> ♦



State Representative Michael Stinziano

## WORKING FOR YOU!

As your state representative, providing high quality and responsive constituent services is my top priority. I'm your advocate at the Statehouse, and I want to hear from you.

Every day, my staff and I talk with constituents who call my office seeking help.

It could be providing assistance to someone affected by crime or helping a constituent with an insurance claim or getting someone the proper paperwork to apply for a work training program.

The problems and questions vary, but my staff and I are always ready to help you cut through the red tape, and to get you the assistance you need and deserve.

Since I first took office in 2011, I have participated in 29 Town Hall meetings to inform constituents about important issues impacting them at the Statehouse and to personally hear your concerns.

I also hold Community Hours every week and I am proud to say that I have held 158 in-district office meetings to talk personally with constituents and to hear their ideas about how to make our neighborhoods the best places to live, work, raise a family and start a business in Ohio.

I have also convened nine meetings of my Small Business Advisory Council, made up primarily of small business leaders, to listen to the concerns of the business community and to hear directly from small business owners about what I can do to enhance Ohio's business climate.

Please visit my official Statehouse Website to learn more about my work to improve our community: <http://www.ohiohouse.gov/michael-stinziano>.

Remember, when you have a problem, question, or concern, or anytime that I can be of service, call me at 614-466-1896 or e-mail me at [Rep18@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:Rep18@ohiohouse.gov) and I will do everything I can to help.

I'm at the Statehouse working for you.

State Representative Michael Stinziano: proudly serving the residents and businesses of central Ohio including German Village, Merion Village, and Schumacher Place.

## CIVIC ASSOCIATION LEADERS & MEETING TIMES

### 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*  
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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/Steelton 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 number of copies to be printed, mailed or otherwise distributed is at the discretion of the Editorial Committee within the available resources as is the use of story ideas submitted by the public.



**South Side Pepperoni Plant Plans Expansion**

*By Mandy Fowler*

**T**here were approximately 252 million pounds of pepperoni consumed on pizza in 2013 and 36 percent of all pizza orders in the United States are for pepperoni. So where does all that slow-cured sausage and pepperoni come from?

Ezzo Sausage (Ezzo Italian Meats) has been producing "Top Quality Dry Pepperoni, Fresh Sausage & Cured Meat" in Columbus, Ohio since 1978. The company was founded by Bill Ezzo, former Ohio State wide receiver under Woody Hayes. In 1984, the drying ovens were installed, and that true old world pepperoni practice remains in place today. Ezzo credits being a Buckeye as a portion of the company's success along with the warm, family-oriented atmosphere that they've maintained over the years. When people enjoy coming to work and the company functions as a whole unit, it is reflected in the quality of the product.

"I don't want to say I got special treatment or anything, but just being part of the Buckeye Nation is pretty impressive, it opened doors up," commented Ezzo. Today, Ezzo Sausage serves 13 states and an array of vendors to make sure everyone can experience traditional Italian taste. Producing 130,000 pounds of pepperoni a week, or 6,760,000 pounds a year, Ezzo Sausage holds about 80 percent of the pepperoni market.

That is why South Side neighborhood residents did not want to see the company leave when it experienced challenges due to its troubled neighbor, Lockwood Park Apartment building. With the crime, fires, dumping ground for trash and unwanted animals, rodents and vandalism that ensued, a new location for Ezzo Sausage became the next logical move. Searching in areas such as Lancaster, Canal Winchester and

Pataskala, none of them quite said "home" like the South Side. The City of Columbus purchased the Lockwood Park apartments and demolished them allowing Ezzo Sausage the opportunity to expand its facility. "We don't want to lose them," said Jim Griffin, Columbus South Side Area Commission leader. When asked how the community felt about Ezzo Sausage purchasing the property and staying in the South Side community, Cassandra Patterson, a member of the CSSAC who lives in the nearby Innis Gardens neighborhood, stated, "I don't know how we can express how important that was."

According to Eric Cherryholmes, the company's general manager, "Although the South Side Area Commission has approved rezoning of the property, it will not be complete until Columbus City Council approves it. The property will remain as green space until development begins." Mr. Cherryholmes said the large locust trees that once shaded the apartment's yard, will be preserved. "The trees add to the beautification of the property," he added. The company is also planning to incorporate naturescapes to create a welcoming yard-like atmosphere for the community and employees to enjoy. In the past, facilities have been block form and industrial in appearance. Ezzo Sausage is striving to change all of that, taking the time to nurture the grounds that will be the foundation of a greener community.

Although development of the property will not begin for some time, the community is pleased the abandoned apartments have been removed and that Ezzo Sausage is making such a large commitment to its South Side home. ♦

**OOPS - WE GOOFED!** Following are corrections from the May Issue:

German Village Garten Club is the correct spelling for this great group.

The Vassor Village garden tour was incorrectly listed for June 22. It will actually be JULY 13 so mark your calendars!

Apologies to anyone who showed up at Barack Recreation Center on May 23 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Community Festival! After the paper was printed, we received word the festival was moved to Saturday, May 24.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS



**JUNE 6, 7 & 8, FRIDAY & SATURDAY:  
11 AM TO 10:30 PM, SUNDAY: 11 AM  
UNTIL 5 PM**

### Columbus Arts Festival – Free

(Downtown Riverfront) Schumacher Place and Vassor Village will be staffing beverage tents to raise funds for neighborhoods; come out and help while enjoying art. The Schumacher booth is Friday only. Look for it on the west side of the river near the corner of West Main St. and Washington Blvd. The Vassor Village booth is all three days – look for them on the east side of the river at Main St. and Civic Center Dr. across from Bicentennial Stage.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 15, FATHER'S DAY:**

Washington Street United Methodist Church, Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m., 359 E. Markison Ave. at the corner of Washington and Markison. A gift will be given to all fathers in celebration of Father's Day!

**JUNE 16-20:** Washington Street United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School, every day from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Contact the church at 614-444-2522 for more information.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 17:** First & Third Tuesdays begin at Southeast Lions Park at 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. FREE event with FREE music. Families & children welcome. Bring chairs, your own food and beverages (no alcohol permitted) and plan to enjoy the evening.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 21:** 2:00 p.m.: Deshler Park Garden Club, 1368 E. Deshler, presents "I Saw Him," a spiritually motivating play by F. Ferguson. Free and suitable for all ages. Bring friends and neighbors and plan to have a great afternoon!

**SUNDAY, JUNE 22:** FREE Merion Village and Hungarian Village Garden Tour, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Start at the Merion Village Information Center, 1330 S. Fourth St., then spend the day strolling the streets and visiting the lovely patios and gardens developed by area residents.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 29:** Monthly Food Truck Rally at Hal & Al's, 1297 Parsons Ave. Noon-5:00 p.m. Sample different foods, meet new friends and relax!

**TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 6:30 - 8:30 PM:**

FREE Franklin County Street Smart at Heritage Freewill Baptist Church, 575 Obetz Rd. Street Smart is a collaborative effort between D.A.R.E. and the Special Investigations Unit (SIU), which is the Sheriff's Office undercover narcotics branch. The goal of Street Smart is to provide current and up-to-date narcotics information on trends, terminology, paraphernalia and physiological effects to those individuals who deal with today's youth on a daily basis. Good for parents, teachers, coaches, anyone interested in this topic.

**TUESDAYS, JUNE 3, 10, 17, 24, JULY 1 & 8, 5:00-7:30 PM:**

Healthy U Workshop Series at Maloney Health Center, 1905 Parsons Ave. This FREE workshop series is for people with chronic health conditions such as diabetes, asthma, arthritis and heart disease. Participants learn how to live a healthy life despite having chronic conditions. TO REGISTER, contact Shalini Madireddy at 614-645-2679 or smmadireddy@columbus.gov. Participants receive a free book, refreshments and the ability to earn gift cards.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 7:**

GRAND YARD SALE starts at 9:00 a.m. Arrive early for the best deals! Sponsored by Millbrook Block Watch at the former Moler Rd. School, 1560 Moler Road. From household to kids' items and more!

**SATURDAY, JUNE 7:**

Mt. Carmel Community Baptist Church will be hosting a Fried Fish Dinner Sale from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the church, 608 Stambaugh Avenue. Dinners, \$8.00 each, will include fish, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese and dessert. Delivery will be made for pre-paid orders of five or more dinners. To place an order or for more information, please call the church at 614-444-0701.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 7:**

Plant Pride on Parsons. This major cleanup effort will start at 8:30 a.m. at 1833 Parsons Ave. (empty lot north of Maloney Health Center). Flower pots will be cleaned and sealed, soil and weed control added, and flowers planted in all 126 containers. Event will also include litter pickup and graffiti removal. ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST PRE-REGISTER at [bit.ly/ppregistration](http://bit.ly/ppregistration)

**SATURDAYS, JUNE 7 & 21:**

FREE Walk with a Doc. The Mt. Carmel Mobile Medical Bus will be at the June 21 event, held at Indian Mound Park; 3901 Parsons Ave., starting at 8:30 a.m.

**WEDNESDAYS, JUNE 11, 18, 25 &**

**JULY 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30:** FREE Matter of Balance Workshop presented by Columbus Public Health, Marion-Franklin Recreation Center, 2801 Lockbourne Rd. Matter of Balance (MOB) is designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase the activity level of older adults who have this concern. During a series of eight 2-hour workshops, participants learn to view falls and fear of falling as controllable, set realistic goals for increasing activity, recognize fall risk factors and engage in range of motion exercises to increase strength and balance. Registration Deadline is June 6; required. To register, contact Gail Lowe at 614-645-5856 or [gllowe@columbus.gov](mailto:gllowe@columbus.gov).

**SATURDAY, JUNE 14:**

MOBILE'S (Mid-Ohio Board of Independent Living Environments) Community Open House & Equipment Drive in the Village, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., 690 S. High St. (adjacent to the new Panera). A fun event for all, there will be vendor booths, equipment displays and more. Donations of equipment in good condition that can be used by a person with a disability (wheelchairs, canes, crutches etc.) are welcome and encouraged.

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