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Spring 2019

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The publication is printed, in part, with support from South Side Hope CDC, Inc.

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PROMOTING PRIDE ON THE SOUTH SIDE



Barbara Sinkler-Williams (1954-2018)

For 19 years, former and current residents have come home to Southfield to reunite with family and friends. It began as an idea at a family celebration in the backyard of Barbara Sinkler-Williams. While reminiscing about their childhood and the neighborhood, Barbara suggested the group should organize a much larger Southfield reunion. Everyone agreed it sounded like a good idea.

Barbara quickly got to work planning the first event. She delegated tasks to family and friends to tell people, call people, make flyers, and even get the information on the radio. More than 500 people attended the first Southfield Reunion launched on July 15, 2000. Some brought food, but most people stood around and just talked to each other. They took pictures and stayed in the park until dark. It was such a success that before it was over, Barbara and the team were already planning for the next year.

Support from the local community, area businesses, and community grants have allowed the annual event to continue. The Southfield Reunion has evolved over the years to include vendors, entertainment for children,

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Southfield Reunion

July 12-13, 2019

private security, portable restrooms, and a mobile entertainment stage. The event continues to bridge the gap between generations by providing residents of all ages with an opportunity to learn and share the history of Southfield.

This year, nearly 3,500 current and former residents are expected to attend. The festivities begin at 3pm until dark on Friday, July 12th and 9am until dark on Saturday, July 13th.

The Southfield Reunion will again feature a Kids' Zone, live entertainment on the mobile stage, and all the amenities that have been added over the years.

Of course, there will be lots of laughs and a few tears. Barbara Sinkler-Williams passed away on October 6, 2018 after a short illness. She will be greatly missed, but her spirit of giving lives on. Barbara insisted that her favorite red tent, cooler and chairs be kept for use at the Reunion. They will be used to host the Veterans Memorial displayed this year.



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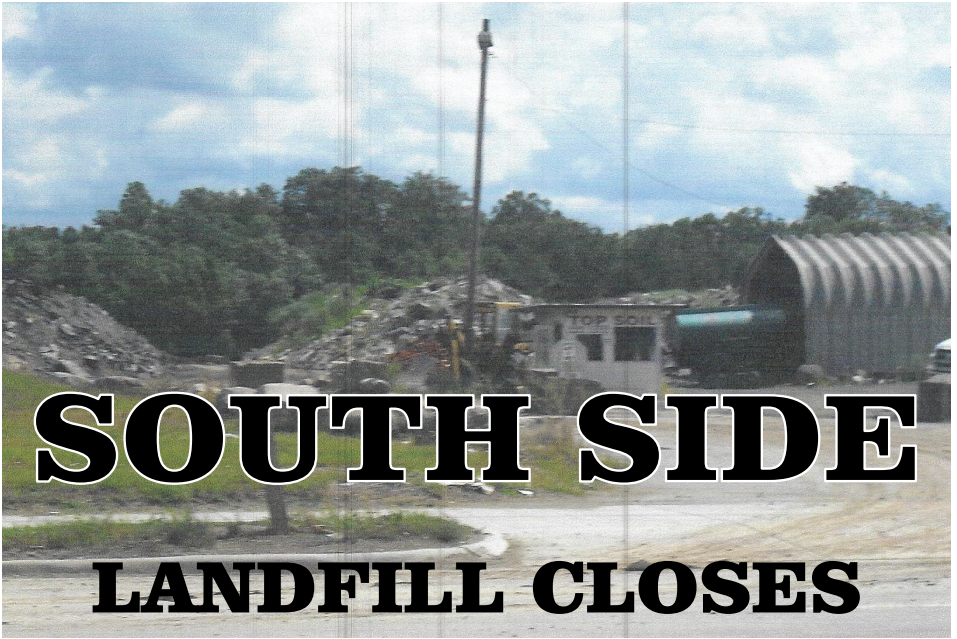
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For 25 years, the residents of Alum Crest Acres have lived across from a landfill on Alum Creek Drive. The vacant property was originally zoned for rural residential housing, but a zoning clearance granted by the City of Columbus in 1994 allowed the landfill to open and operate.

Over the years, the residents began to see the negative impact of the landfill on their community. The site became an eyesore with excessively tall piles of debris. The high volume of trucks entering and exiting the facility onto Alum Creek Drive created extremely muddy road surfaces, and the volume of noise and dust increased.

The site has been operating since 1994 without any special permits for a junk or salvage business. The landfill received no annual inspections to determine code violations until the civic association acted.

In April 2016, the residents took on the lack of consistent code enforcement or city governance at the landfill. Alum Crest Acres residents prepared and presented a petition with 100 signatures requesting the closing of the site. The community worked closely with Steve Dunbar and his staff in the City Prosecutor's Office to bring their case to a successful conclusion. After three years, the Environmental Court approved the request for action on

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Replace It

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Rebuilding Together Central Ohio also offers a safe home program for seniors and a tool library to assist homeowners.

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This program focuses on the areas of heating, plumbing, electrical, falls prevention, fire prevention, indoor air quality, and energy efficiency. For more information on assistance and qualification call (614) 258.6392, Monday – Thursday from 7am – 4pm.

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Don't Forsake Your Connection

By Dr. Charles W. Ferguson

"We can all do better in expressing our love for family, friends, and other associates."

The past several weeks have reminded me of the importance of being connected with one another. Relationship is the simplest way to make certain that we are not losing our human touch. It is also paramount in improving our social, familial, and business interactions. Most people that you want to associate with must have a foundation with your values and view of life.

I will admit. The death of many influential people in my world have aided in my arrival to this concept. I am convinced that many people have not taken sufficient time to actively explore how we have allowed disconnections to occur and persist. The expiration of one's journey on this side of life brings a balance and unexpected perspective to how we interact with one another while time is yet on our side.

We must arrive at the point where we have not always done our best in maintaining important relationships in the best way possible. We must con-

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fess that we can all do better in expressing our love for family, friends, and other associates. We should not have to wait until the lid of a casket robs us of our ability to say what we feel. We should not live with regrets about rectifying a situation. We should not forsake our connection with one another.

So, what can we do about this problem...?

1. **Be intentional in our interactions**—If someone is on your mind, do not delay in reaching out to him or her. Make certain that you let them know what they mean to you. Even if they think you are losing your mind, never let the day pass without making certain they know that they are in your immediate thoughts.
2. **Connect with your humanity daily**—Do not allow social media, other platforms, or opinions to dictate how you connect with people. Your experience may be totally different than what others have projected. Furthermore, you might be in a position to partner with someone designed to elevate your purpose and destiny to another level. Do not let outside prejudice influence your potential blessing. Get to know people where they are and see where they will be.
3. **Take ownership of your own part**—If you have caused a rift or problem in a relationship, own the responsibility and fix it. Fixing it does not mean find a way to make it benefit you. Fixing it may not mean restoring it to what it once was. Fixing it means finding a way to move forward in peace; restoring one another based on respecting each party's humanity; and growing into a new realm of maturity.

We must endeavor to consider one another every day. We never know when we might find ourselves in need of help, love, or support. As we strive to be better people in this world, we must continue to stay connected no matter what it takes.

NEW APP CONNECTS VOLUNTEERS IN COLUMBUS

VOLUNTEER!

WANT TO DO GOOD, BUT DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START?

POINT believes opportunities to volunteer should be app-friendly. You can book a room in Spain, order food from bed, catch a ride, invest in stock, but you can't sign up to volunteer in our community...until now. POINT, a volunteering app, is now available for free download in Columbus, OH in the iTunes App Store or Google Play Store.

POINT is an app that matches volunteers with charity events in their city. Developed by a team here in Columbus, Ohio, and in San Francisco, POINT has been built upon years of experience and development to create the easiest way to volunteer, ever.

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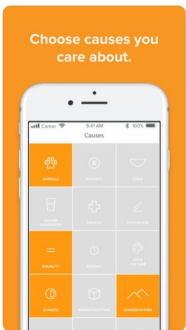
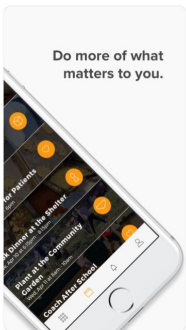
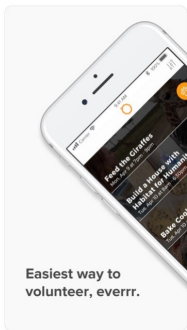
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February 7, 2019 in a formal proceeding. Effective June 30, 2019, the site will no longer operate as a landfill. The owners have been given until December 2020 to restore and level the ground to even grade. The property will be restored to “rural residential” zoning status after the landfill closure.

“We consider the closing of this site a major victory for us and all the communities on the South Side,” declares Eileen Neale, President of the Alum Crest Acres Civic Association.



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GETTING CONNECTED IN *YOUR* COMMUNITY

As South Side residents, we have many opportunities to shape where we live, work and play.

AREA COMMISSIONS

The purpose of an area commission is to act as a liaison between neighborhood groups, property owners, residents, developers and city officials. There are two area commissions on the South Side:

COLUMBUS SOUTH SIDE AREA COMMISSION

Commission meetings take place on the **Fourth Tuesday** of the month at **6:30 pm** at the Parsons Avenue Library located at 1113 Parsons Avenue.

FAR SOUTH COLUMBUS AREA COMMISSION

Commission meetings take place on the **First Thursday** of each month at **6:30 pm** at the Fire Training Academy located at 3639 Parsons Avenue.

The Far South Columbus Area Commission covers 25 square miles on the southern edge of the city.

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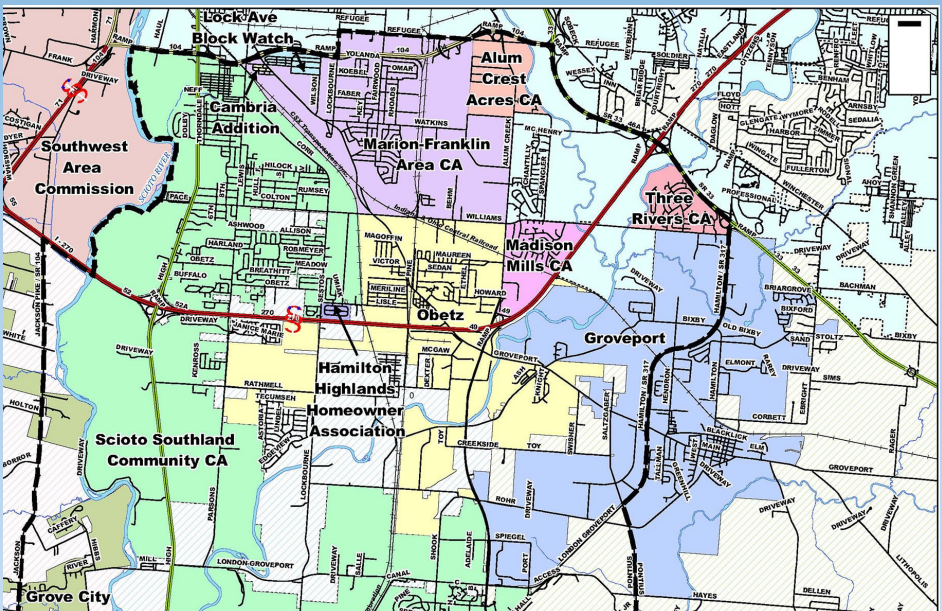
Get connected in your community by engaging with neighbors and area civic associations. Check out the list of local civic associations and get involved. Share your ideas, voice your concerns and connect with your neighbors. Together, we can **build a stronger community**.

GETTING CONNECTED IN *YOUR* COMMUNITY

NEIGHBORHOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS

Attending monthly civic association meetings allows residents to voice local concerns, share ideas that benefit the community and bring neighbors together. Here are some of the area neighborhood civic groups on the South Side:

- **MARION-FRANKLIN AREA CIVIC ASSOCIATION**
Civic association meetings take place on the **Second Tuesday** of each month at **6:00 pm** at the Marion-Franklin High School.
- **ALUM CREST ACRES CIVIC ASSOCIATION**
- **CAMBRIA ADDITION**
- **HAMILTON HIGHLANDS HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION**
- **LOCK AVENUE BLOCK WATCH**
- **MADISON MILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION**
- **SCIOTO SOUTHLAND COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION**
- **THREE RIVERS CIVIC ASSOCIATION**



Tool Library

RTCO has loaned thousands of tools through the tool library. The Tool Library, founded in 1976, is one of the oldest and most established in the country.



Nearly 4,500 individual hand and power tools are available, providing members with the equipment they need for home repairs and community revitalization. The Tool Library not only provides the community with tools, but also access to a collection of “How To” guides, videos and tutorials.

The tool library is open to Franklin County homeowners, tenants, and non-profit partners.

Lend A Helping Hand to A Neighbor in Need

Well-kept homes strengthen neighborhoods, sustain home values, and restore pride. Illness, age, or other hardship can force people to forego repairs. Because RTCO helps low-income homeowners at no charge, volunteers are the backbone of their services. Whether you are a

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skilled tradesperson or weekend warrior, an amateur mechanic or graphic designer, there are many ways to make a difference with Rebuilding Together Central Ohio.

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Volunteers read aloud from print material including The Columbus Dispatch, local area newspapers, magazines and books of all kinds at the VOICEcorps studios. Regularly scheduled programs are streamed online on select cable systems and broadcast 24 hours a day on special radios.

For more information about VOICEcorps, call (614) 274-7650, e-mail info@voicecorps.org or visit www.voicecorps.org.

VOICEcorps is located at 2955 West Broad St, Columbus, OH 43204.
VOICEcorps is a member of Community Shares of Mid Ohio.



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July 19-21

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July 12-13

Southfield Reunion

Marion-Franklin Recreation Park

Description of Southfield Reunion goes here with an emphasis on more

AUGUST

August 7

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August 16-17

Columbus Food Truck Festival

Columbus Riverfront

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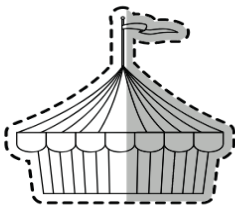
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September 14

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