



# Strawberry Farms

## Civic Chatter

Strawberry Farms Community Association

December 2019

### Important Numbers

### Looking Back at 2019

**We can- and are- making a difference in our neighborhood!**

The Strawberry Farms Community Association has worked hard this past year to make Strawberry Farms a wonderful place to live. We've partnered with individual neighbors, as well as organizations, to

adopt and beautify our traffic islands. Neighbors have donated time, money, and resources to construct brand-new entrance signs, we've had excellent participation in our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Fall Fest, and we've continued to build strong partnerships with neighborhood businesses, churches, and the local elementary school.



Research shows that neighborhood associations, like ours, are more likely to mobilize and interact with municipal government on behalf of the neighborhood, helping to reduce crime, create stronger partnerships, and build connection with neighbors and the surrounding communities.

If you aren't currently a member- or attending our monthly meetings- sign up today and make a difference!

- Alice Foeller, Strawberry Farms Board President



Alice Foeller, with Mayor Ginther

### Trash, Yard Waste, and Recycling Schedule

Visit the City of Columbus website section about refuse collection and enter your address. You'll see the schedule, plus you can sign up for email and/or phone alerts to remind you!

[Columbus.gov/publicservice/Refuse-Collection](http://Columbus.gov/publicservice/Refuse-Collection)



Strawberry Farms is a neighborhood within the City of Columbus. We rely on Columbus for water, sewer, trash & recycling pickup, police, fire, 911, code enforcement, and city planning.

**1. Police, Fire and Medics**

EMERGENCY: 911

Non-Emergency: 614-645-4545

Call right away if you see something suspicious!

**2. Nuisance and public items** such as water line breaks, people parking cars on lawns, high grass, etc.

Call 311 or visit [311.columbus.gov](http://311.columbus.gov)

**3. Bulk Pickup:** If you need to throw away items that don't fit in your trash can, you must call 311 or go to [311.columbus.gov](http://311.columbus.gov)

# Entrance Signs

You may have noticed some new signage in process at the corner of Sunbury and Watt. Our Community Board and volunteers are working to build new and improved entrances to our neighborhood. Several people and businesses have donated materials, time, and labor, including Slater Realty and Investments, Mount Vernon Barn Company, Plaskolite, Heritage Middle School, Ryan Waltz, Justin Price, Daniel Benway, Ron Southall, and Alice Foeller.

The sign at Sunbury and Watt is almost complete with another sign in the works for the entrance at Strawberry Farms Blvd and 161. If you would like to donate to this project (either financially or with your time/skills), please contact Ryan Waltz at [rмуw62379@gmail.com](mailto:rмуw62379@gmail.com).



# Hawthorne Cookout

Strawberry Farms Park- October 2019



The local school that serves Strawberry Farms- Hawthorne Elementary- recently hosted a community event in Strawberry Farms Park. This past October, Hawthorne's teachers and administrators put together a FREE cookout in the park open to all neighborhood families and residents. Attendees enjoyed food, treats, games, and beautiful weather. This event was part of Hawthorne's initiative to connect with and engage the community. We are so thankful for our hard-working teachers and administrators who invest in our children!

How to Advertise in this Newsletter

The more advertisements, the more frequently we can communicate! We have options from \$10 to \$100.

Contact Lindi Martsof

[lindiwellsmartsolf@gmail.com](mailto:lindiwellsmartsolf@gmail.com)

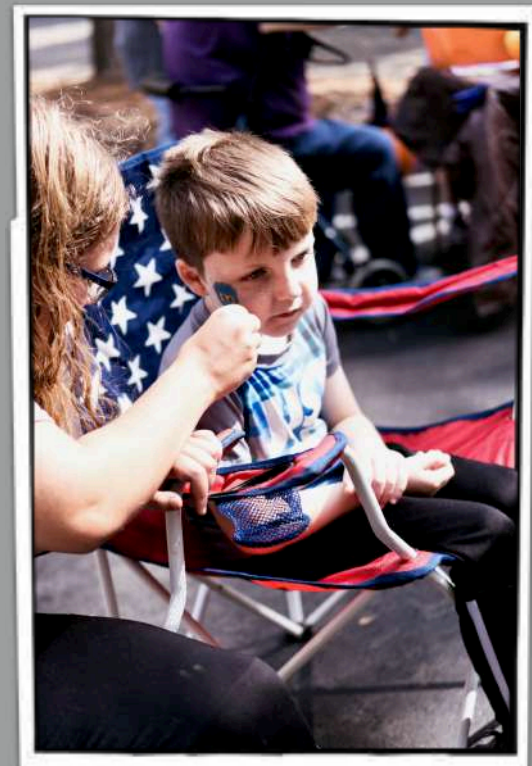
## Fall Fest 2019

Many of our neighborhood families came and brought children to the Annual Fall Festival in September.

This year saw the return of the petting zoo and pony rides!

We also had games, prizes, and food. The fire department brought a fire truck and allowed tours. Local firefighters were on hand to meet the neighbors.

A number of residents renewed their memberships or became members at the event! Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this event fun and festive.



## Upcoming Events

### **Holiday Lights Contest**

*Decorate your house with holiday lights. Prizes given to winners!*

Nominations due by December 22

### **Monthly Neighborhood Wine & Cheese**

*Discuss neighborhood issues, meet the board*

Fourth Tuesdays, 7-8 PM

### **Egg Hunt**

*Free and open to all neighborhood children 0-12*

Saturday, April 11, 2020 10 AM

## Holiday Lights Contest

It's time for our ANNUAL Holiday Lights Contest! Deck your halls with a fabulous light arrangement and you could be one of our lucky winners!

Prizes include gift cards to some local favorites. To nominate a winner, go to [strawberryfarms.org/holiday-lights-contest](http://strawberryfarms.org/holiday-lights-contest) and enter in your neighbor's information. Nominations due by **December 22**. Winners will be contacted directly and announced on the website in January.



**Officer Eric Jones**  
Community Liaison  
Officer

Community Liaison Officers respond to 311 calls, attend community meetings, and are often the "face" of the Columbus Police. Officer Jones is the Community Liaison Officer for Strawberry Farms and attends our monthly neighborhood meetings.

## Safety Corner

Car break-ins always are at the top of the list of crimes reported in Strawberry Farms. It is very difficult to catch the thieves in the act as they move through neighborhoods quickly, rarely spending more than a few seconds on any given car, and because the vast majority of these break-ins could've been avoided by taking three easy steps:

- 1. Park your car in a garage if available.** Thieves don't break into cars that are secured inside a garage with the door down. If you have a garage, use it!
- 2. Remove your valuables from the car.** If a thief is able to look in and see a purse, wallet, laptop, iPhone or other valuable items, they will obviously target your car.
- 3. Lock your car doors every time.** This is the most important step. Security cameras show thieves moving quickly through neighborhoods. They go from car to car trying door handles. When they find an unlocked car, they do their thief thing. If doors are locked, they move on to the next car.

## Stay Connected!

SUBSCRIBE

Sign up for **email updates!** Go to [strawberryfarms.org](http://strawberryfarms.org), enter your email address, and click "Subscribe."



Follow us on **Facebook** to get notices about events, see photos, and connect with neighbors: [facebook.com/Strawberry-Farms-111497548879047/](https://www.facebook.com/Strawberry-Farms-111497548879047/).



You can also know what's going on by going to [nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com), enter your address and click on "Find your neighborhood." You'll see posts and notifications from your Strawberry Farms neighbors.

# New Church on Corner of Sunbury and Watt

We have a new neighbor! The church on the corner of Sunbury and Watt (formerly Soh Mang Korean Church of the Nazarene) is now home to the New Jerusalem Progressive Church of God in Christ. They have been busy these past few months renovating and landscaping. They have also opened up their doors to our community by hosting our monthly neighborhood meetings. We are so thankful for their hospitality and all that they bring to our neighborhood!



## Our Board

Please attend one of our monthly meetings if you would like to speak to the board or become more involved.

### BOARD MEMBERS

President: Alice Foeller [alice@SiteInSight.com](mailto:alice@SiteInSight.com)  
Vice President: OPEN – Please Apply!  
Secretary: Brenda Bradford Weaver  
Treasurer: Monica Stigler [monicastigler@gmail.com](mailto:monicastigler@gmail.com)

Director of Neighborhood Safety: Mott Given  
NCC Representative: Alice Foeller  
Director of Membership: Monica Stigler  
Director of Landscaping: Ryan Waltz  
Director of Social Activities: Melinda Weiss  
Director of Newsletter and Ads: Lindi Martsolf

Email Alice to discuss open board positions.

## Next Neighborhood Meeting:

**Tuesday, January 28, 7-8pm**

*(No meeting in December since the fourth Tuesday is Christmas Eve.)*

**New Jerusalem Church of God in Christ**  
Corner of Sunbury and Watt





**Doug Grove, Owner**  
**614-572-6505**

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We are a house church located in Strawberry Farms. We meet at 4pm on Sundays followed by a community meal. We are compelled to connect with and serve our neighbors. If you have a need, please contact us at [breadoflif nazarene@gmail.com](mailto:breadoflif nazarene@gmail.com)

For more info go to: [breadoflif nazarene.org](http://breadoflif nazarene.org)

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# Membership Application



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Please complete and mail with \$20 check to:

Strawberry Farms Civic Association

PO Box 1251

Westerville OH 43081

**OR** Join online with PayPal or credit card at [StrawberryFarms.org](http://StrawberryFarms.org)

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Household Members (optional)

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Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (for reminders, urgent notices): \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in helping with:

- Social Activities (Fall Fest, etc.)
- Neighborhood Meetings
- Landscaping Days
- Adopt a Traffic Island
- Community Clean Up
- Newsletters
- Website/Social Media
- Board Member
- Represent Strawberry Farms at City Meetings
- Other \_\_\_\_\_