



"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." -Margaret Mead

## Reminders

- \* Community Grounds Pop-Up Brunch, January 24th 11:00am-2:00pm, 1297 Parsons Avenue
- \* Block Watch/Civic Association, January 28th 6:00pm, 600 Siebert Street
- \* House Sweet It Is, February 6th 1:00-4:00pm, 1297 Parsons Avenue

# Ganthers Place Block Watch and Civic Association

We put the *neighbor* in neighborhood.

January 2016

Happy New Year! We're still smiling from our great December events. Thanks to all who volunteered and participated in our Lighting of the Luminaries and helped make it a great success. Thanks also to all who helped with Santa's Silent Helpers as well as our Holiday Volunteer Recognition events. We were so happy to provide for your families as a way to show our appreciation. Those interested in the 2016 event- Please keep in mind that you must have one hour of volunteer time in before the event to shop. This hour could include helping with one of our many annual events, attending a monthly block watch meeting, helping to distribute out monthly newsletter, or a litter pick-up. Please contact [ganthersplace@gmail.com](mailto:ganthersplace@gmail.com) to sign up!

Now 2016 is here and we've hit the ground running. We look forward to seeing you at the Community Grounds: Coffee & Meeting House Pop-up Brunch, on January 24th from 11:00am-2:00pm at Tatoheads Public House, 1297 Parsons Avenue. This will be the first opportunity the public has to experience the first coffee shop on the east side of Parsons, as their permanent space is still under renovation. Come out and support this great event at the same location as our 6th Annual House Sweet It Is, Community Tour and Dessert Tasting, which you will find more information about in this newsletter. We are Ganthers Place.



# COMMUNITY GROUNDS

COFFEE & MEETING HOUSE



## Ganthers Place Civic Association,

in partnership with Nationwide Children's Hospital, cordially invites you to our sixth annual...

# House Sweet It Is

## Community Tour and Dessert Tasting

Visitors will peruse the tables of local businesses, causes, and organizations while enjoying sweet treats at no cost.

A **Tatoheads** food menu and full bar will be available as well as coffee and tea from **Community Grounds: Coffee & Meeting House** for those wishing to purchase. Be sure to check out the silent auction, benefiting **Plant Pride on Parsons**. A shuttle will also be available for those wishing to tour homes currently on the market through **Healthy Neighborhoods, Healthy Families Realty Collaborative**.

Thank you to...



Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>  
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tatoheads Public House  
1297 Parsons Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio

Interested in having a table at this great event? A suggested \$20 donation reserves a table at our event in which you are free to promote your business, cause, or organization in any way that you see fit. You may also send literature to be displayed if you do not have a representative available the day of the event. Please let us know by January 31st by contacting [ganthersplace@gmail.com](mailto:ganthersplace@gmail.com) or (614) 670-3657. All proceeds will benefit our annual egg hunt, now in its 7<sup>th</sup> year! With your help, "We are Ganthers Place".





Holiday Caregiver Recognition 2015

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### Graffiti and Tagging

**Decreasing Graffiti:** The most effective way for residents to decrease and even eliminate Graffiti in their neighborhoods is to **PAINT IT OUT IMMEDIATELY!** Graffiti writers put up their writings for one reason only: TO BE SEEN. If you remove the graffiti as soon as possible and keep removing it as soon as it re-appears, the writers will give up. Don't allow your neighborhood to be an attractive target for graffiti.

GANG GRAFFITI conveys messages of one gang's superiority over another, marks gang territory with names, symbols, celebrates the killing of a rival gang member, and so on.

TAGGER GRAFFITI is usually more ornate and colorful than gang graffiti, and in big, balloon-like or swirling letters it depicts the tagger's (writer's) nickname or other tagger names or slogans. Cartoon-like figures are often depicted smoking dope or holding spray-paint cans. Tagger Graffiti should be painted over immediately.

The Columbus, Ohio Division of Police recommends utilizing the three R's; Read, Record and Remove when **Gang Graffiti** is observed:



**READ:** After graffiti is observed on your property and if you believe it is gang related, contact the Gang Unit (645-4978) or your liaison officer as soon possible. A Gang Unit Detective will respond to read the graffiti. If there is doubt as to whether it is a tagger or gang graffiti, call and have someone come out. Please leave your information so you can be contacted when the graffiti has been read.



**RECORD:** The Gang Unit Detective will take pictures of the graffiti if it is gang related.



**REMOVE:** After you have been notified that the graffiti has been read and recorded, make plans to have the graffiti painted over immediately. There are agencies that may be able to help in this endeavor. Please contact your Community Liaison Officer for additional information.

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