



2019

Issue 3

The President's Message

Good day folks,

Labor Day has come and gone, the children are once again in school and the temperatures outside are cooling down. Autumn is on its way. For LVRA, this means Halloween in the Park. We are already working on the plans to organize this annual favorite, as well planning Santa in the Park and the Holiday Decorating Awards. We will also have a presence at the new Prairie Harvest Festival.

We are evaluating our summer events in order to make improvements. The Fourth of July Picnic went well, and we saw several candidates for Township offices attend, showing the importance of Lincoln Village to the Prairie Township. We elected three new board members at the Picnic; Brent Long, Ashley Long and Laura Leyshon, as well as confirming the earlier mid term appointment of Caroline Blais, who has been acting as our treasurer for most of the past year. Congratulations to each of these folks, and welcome to the LVRA Board. We once again presented the Music In Park concerts after last year's break. Both Mic Trainor and Second Story Acoustic presented great concerts. Those of you who did not attend these shows really missed out.

All of these events take a lot of work and planning. And in August, I had several neighbors suggest that we do Labor Day event. If we are to continue to present all these events as a service to the neighborhood, we need help beyond just our board members. I would like to see a committee for the Fourth of July Picnic, one for Music In The Park, and a committee encompassing the three children's events we have in the Park (Easter in the Park, Halloween in the Park and Santa in the Park). This would allow us to make these events even better. Please feel free to contact me if you are willing to help with any of these events. I would also encourage anybody who would like to work on the Railsplitter and other publicity for our events to contact Ryan Ladina. And finally, all of this takes money, and most of it is paid for by the voluntary dues we collect, so please remember to pay your dues if you have not already done so.

I hope everybody has a good fall, and remember, school has started, so be careful as you drive through the village.

Alan Dormire

Upcoming Events

*Monthly LVRA Meetings ~ First Monday of the Month, 7:00pm,
Westland Area Library. All are welcome!*

Halloween in the Park, October 19, 1:00pm

Santa in the Park, December 7, 1:00pm

*****Special Railsplitter Update, Page 4*****

Where We Live

HALLOWEEN IN THE PARK IS COMING SOON!

By Ryan Ladina

Hope you're ready for something Spooktacular! LVRA's annual tradition of celebrating Halloween at Carl Frye Park continues on Saturday, October 19 from 1:00-2:30pm. We will have apple cider, cookies and ghostly treats for all ages. We also have a number of games to enjoy, including wrapping life-sized mummies in a race and other games which will all have prizes for the top winners! Don't miss a scary afternoon right here in our community!



Donations Sought for LVRA

Did you know that LVRA is 100% supported by our residents? That's right—none of the events you love throughout the year are funded by businesses or the Township. We rely solely on your support to keep the wonderful community programming we enjoy going. We would like to encourage all residents to consider a donation this year of any size. Your support contributes toward our community's success.

You can send a check to the address listed below, or online from the comfort of your home at www.lincolnvillage.com. This helpful website also lists all of our upcoming events. We sincerely appreciate your support of our community!

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our annual membership drive is underway. You can mail the form below along with your annual dues of \$12.00 per household (\$10.00 for Golden Buckeye members). By joining the association you help support many activities in the Village. For example, it enables us to continue our Easter Egg Hunt, the July 4th celebration and several other events and contests throughout the year. Please mail your check to the address below, or pay online at www.lincolnvillage.com.

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Block Watch Mourns A Leader, Rebuilds with Effective Witness Program

By David Donofrio, Block Watch Co-Founder

Before moving into our quarterly update, I must share a moment to recognize Sandi Latimer, who passed away just after our National Night Out event. She was a true pillar of our organization, an accomplished author, and a true advocate for our little part of the world. She touched so many lives, and her absence is going to be deeply felt going forward.

National Night Out was a resounding success. In its third year, we had more businesses than ever, and also nearly every type of unit from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. People enjoyed food from El Barco and Joseppi's, met a number of community organizations, and got to know their local law enforcement leaders. We are excited for 2020 and our 4th year of National Night Out – you can already mark your calendar for Tuesday, August 4!

Still in 2019, we will have our next meeting on Wednesday, September 25 at 6:30pm at El Barco, the new Mexican restaurant in Lincoln Village Plaza, who donated food to National Night Out. We are also going to be planning our 4th Annual Effective Witness Program, which is set for Thursday, October 24. Keep watching our Facebook page and www.lincolnvillage.com for details on time and location once they are announced.

Finally, we are working with Prairie Township on a couple of opportunities to make us safer, including lighting in Carl Frye Park at night, and also installation of our block watch logo on existing Block Watch Area street signs. We think the unique logo will set us apart and show that the block watch is active, as well as alert our residents to use our resources to report suspicious activity.

Thanks for all your support! We are always seeking volunteers who want to make our community safer – just email lvblockwatch@gmail.com. There's no minimum amount of commitment, and you can even just email us if you want to be on the email chain.



Pictures from National Night Out 2019



IMPORTANT: The Future of *The Railsplitter*

By Ryan Ladina, Communications Committee Chairman

LVRA remains committed to getting the word out about events in our community using many different platforms. But in 2019, and knowing the needs of our residents, we have made a decision to improve the ways we share with you. After decades of delivered door-to-door paper copy service, the Board of LVRA voted to convert most of the Railsplitter activities to electronic beginning in 2020.

Here is an outline of the changes, so you know how they will benefit you and our community:

- **This is the final copy of The Railsplitter that will be printed in paper form and delivered to every household.** The Winter “Railsplitter” will debut a new LVRA Calendar. The LVRA wall calendar, in full color display, will feature all events and meetings in 2020, information about LVRA, important contact information for the community, and details about how to join. **Each household will automatically receive one free 2020 wall calendar as part of our annual membership drive.** Additional calendars will be made available for purchase. The calendar will be a beautiful gift for family, friends and other loved ones, including those who perhaps have moved away from the area but would like a nice memento of their home. Every fall, before the holiday season, we will continue to deliver to you your annual wall calendar, and talk about LVRA at your doorstep. So you can look forward to this new publication every year.
- Electronic copies of the “Railsplitter” will continue to be posted online at Neighborhood-Link, www.lincolnvillage.com, on Nextdoor, and the Lincoln Village Residents Association Facebook page. Funds freed up from not having quarterly printings will also go toward boosted posts about our events online, so our audience will be better reached.
- Families who wish to receive a paper copy of the Railsplitter can opt-in by calling 614-315-8817, or checking the “opt-in” box on the membership form, which will be included in your 2020 calendar. We will advertise the opt-in choice at our upcoming events.
- Major upcoming events will also be advertised with door-to-door fliers throughout the year.

We love our community, and each of our neighbors – and we make this decision as a result of our budget, and our changing world. We feel very confident that you will appreciate the beautiful new wall calendars each year. Please take this opportunity to ensure that you’re connected with us online, and that you are a member of our Facebook page, and Nextdoor.com. We promise you will receive plenty of updates, and that all of our classic community events will continue for years to come.

Finally, please take this opportunity to get involved! Send me an email at rladina19@gmail.com to join a committee, join our LVRA Board, or help volunteer at our events. LVRA is completely run by neighbors like you. We absolutely cannot do this without your involvement.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support. **And check Page 7 for a sneak preview of how you can help the new calendar!!**



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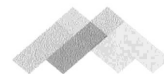
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Like us on Facebook! Facebook is the quickest way we have to communicate with our residents, and we have lots of great information about the community that you can receive at your fingertips each day. Go to Facebook and type in "Lincoln Village Residents Association" today!

WE HAVE A MEETING LOCATION CHANGE: Meetings will now be held at the **Westside Southwest Public Library (Westland)** on the first Mondays of each month at 7 pm. The meetings are open to the public. Please come and participate!

2019 Events Calendar

Monthly meetings will continue to be on the First Monday of each month at the Westland Public Library, at 7pm. All residents are welcome!

- October 19 – Halloween in the Park, 1:00-2:30pm
- December 7 – Santa in the Park, 1:00-2:30pm
- December—Holiday Decorating Contest! Watch us on Facebook as well as www.lincolnvillage.com for the date we judge—and you may even see Santa and his elves this year!



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Prairie Harvest Festival to Celebrate Township Bicentennial in October

By the Prairie Harvest Festival Board of Directors

You have probably begun to see the orange and white signs around town, and heard about a fall festival coming to Prairie Township—it's now almost here! The first ever Prairie Harvest Festival is coming on October 12th at the Fire Department, 123 Inah Ave., to celebrate our bicentennial. It will have tons of great features, so mark off your calendar on this bye-week Saturday right now!

The Festival kicks off at 8am with the Prairie Migration 5K. At 10am, the main festival will open. There are a bunch of fun contests, including Prairie's Got Talent, pumpkin painting and carving, a chili cookoff, pie bakeoff, cornhole, kickball, photography and more! **You can enter the 5K or any contest(s) (all ages welcome) at www.prairieharvest.org—it's not too late, but don't wait!** You may even take home a first edition trophy or ribbon!

The Festival also combines with the Prairie Township Fire Department's 3rd Annual Food Truck & Fire Prevention Festival. This year there are 8 trucks to choose from, and plenty of activities for the whole family to learn about fire safety.

There will also be dozens of craft and homemade vendors from around central Ohio, a Bud Light Beer Garden with seasonal favorites, live music and more until 11pm. It is an all-day celebration of all things Prairie. And in case that wasn't enough—50% of all proceeds go back to our community. First responders, schools, and other community groups will benefit from every dollar you spend.

Check out www.prairieharvest.org for all the details—can't wait to see you October 12th!

Prairie Township Reference Directory

Prairie Township Trustee Office:
614-878-3317

Prairie Township Fire Dept.:
614-878-4571

Franklin County Sheriff:
614-525-3333

Lincoln Village Block Watch:
~~614-500-9497~~

Prairie Township Community Center:
614-907-7990

Official Website:
www.LincolnVillage.com

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"Lincoln Village Residents Association & Greater LV Area Block Watch"

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Franklin County Dept. of Aging
614-525-5230

The First-Ever Lincoln Village Calendar is Coming—and you can be a part of it!

Courtesy of LVRA

So now that you've heard the big news (read page 4 of this edition first), we are extremely excited to offer the 2020 Lincoln Village Calendar! This new signature project of LVRA will be a beautiful 12 month, color wall calendar. But other than our annual events and LVRA content, we want this to celebrate everything that is us. And you are a part of that—this community belongs to all of us!

So... here are some ways to be involved!

- 1) We need pictures representing the 12 months of Lincoln Village! Take or draw a picture and submit it to us no later than October 15 to rladina19@gmail.com. All winning pictures will be featured as a full-color month display in the calendar, and we will of course give you credit in the calendar. You'll also get a second calendar free so you can frame it!
- 2) Advertisers in the 2019 Railsplitter will automatically be given a courtesy ad in the 2020 Calendar. But there's still room for new advertisers! If your business would like to be a part of the inaugural effort, please email rladina19@gmail.com for pricing and more details! Deadline is October 15.
- 3) If you are aware of any major community events, festivals or things that should go in the calendar, also email rladina19@gmail.com prior to October 15. We'll do our best to get all events included that reflect what is important to Lincoln Village and Prairie Township as a whole.

Please join us in being a part of this great new project that celebrates our neck of the woods. And if you'd like to help us put it together, LVRA is always looking for volunteers! We are an all-volunteer organization of neighbors just like you, so why not join us and put your stamp on our community's story?

Thanks in advance! We can't wait to hear from you.

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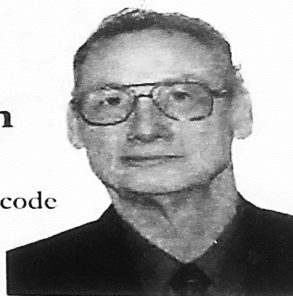
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