

Churchill Downs Newsletter

Churchill Downs Community Association

August/September 2023

Upcoming Events

Churchill Downs

Community Meeting

3rd Tuesday of the month,
6:30-8pm, Alfreda Schmidt
Community Center.

Neighborhood Cleanup

Saturday, August 19
8am-12pm, or until the truck
is full. Bring your bulk trash
to the Wainwright School
parking lot to dispose of for
free.

Summer Park Hangouts

Thursdays, 6-8pm at
Wainwright Park. Bring your
family, friends, or just
yourself to enjoy summer
evenings at the park. A
variety of sport equipment
and games will be available
to use.

3rd Ward Constituent

Contact Meeting

Meet on the 2nd Saturday of
the month at 10am at the
Alfreda Schmidt Community
Center to converse with City
Council member Adam
Hussain.

In Churchill Downs, we get together as neighbors to support and initiate activities that benefit our community, work cooperatively to solve problems, and establish communication links between neighbors and local government/other organizations. Everyone has a part to play in making our neighborhood an enjoyable place to live, and we are glad to have you with us.

Thanks for the Picnic



We had so much fun at the Churchill Downs Community Association picnic this June. Thanks to the police for their displays, Southside Smitty for their delicious donation of hotdogs, Adam Hussain, Carol Wood, and the Department of Neighborhoods, Arts, and Citizen Engagement, and all the volunteers who put in their time to make the picnic successful. We look forward to seeing you again next year.

Upcoming Elections

In September we will have elections for our Treasurer, Secretary, and a few at-large members. Please consider committing one year to serving your neighbors in this capacity.

Volunteer Needs

This year we were given a grant by the Department for Neighborhoods, Arts, and Citizen Engagement for various signs that help get the word out about CDCA and what is going on in the neighborhood. Part of the grant was used to buy more signs to remind people of our monthly meetings. We will now have a sign at each of the 14 entrances to the neighborhood. **If you live near one of these entrances, could you "adopt" a sign by putting it out the Sunday night before our meetings and taking it back in on the Tuesday night of the meetings?** Additionally, we purchased more door hangers with CDCA information to give to each house in the neighborhood. We have about 1/4 of the houses covered so far - would you be able to claim a street and hand out a few door hangers? If you are able to help with either of these things, please call or text Elizabeth at 517-290-6955.

Crosswalk Painting

This fun trial-run of public art in the neighborhood is coming up soon. September 2, from 10am to 2ish, we will paint the crosswalks at the intersection of Jerree St. and Stillwell Ave. And we still need more hands to help make it happen! No artistic skill is necessary. Come out and be a part of beautifying the neighborhood. Fill out [this form](#) to let us know you want to volunteer.

If you have any events or activities you would like to share with your neighbors, email that information to Elizabeth for it to be posted in the next newsletter. We also encourage you to use our Facebook group to invite neighbors to activities.





Neighborhood Cleanup

This is our annual event for neighbors to easily dispose of bulky items that don't fit in their weekly trash carts. It will happen Saturday, August 19, from 8am until 12pm, or until the truck is full. Bring your bulky trash items to the trash compactor at the Wainwright school parking lot. **This event is only for residents of Churchill Downs.** We also need volunteers to help load the compactor and volunteers who own trucks who are willing to help pick up items from neighbors who are unable to bring the items themselves.

Get Involved!

We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Alfreda Schmidt Community Center from 6:30-8pm. Our next meeting will be August 15. This is a time to meet neighbors and talk about what is happening in the neighborhood. If you would like to be involved in some way other than the monthly meeting, consider any of these options:

- Attending or volunteering at neighborhood events
- Helping with communication like writing/distributing newsletters, putting up and taking down signs, making Facebook posts, etc
- Distributing welcome packets to new neighbors
- Helping to write or implement grants for neighborhood projects

To get involved or if you have questions, contact Jay West.

Good Neighbor Awards

Do you appreciate your neighbors and want to thank them for the ways they are a good neighbor? Fill out our Good Neighbor Award form in person at our monthly meetings or online at our website, and we will drop off a small yard sign to the neighbor you would like to thank. The more of these signs we see throughout the neighborhood, the more encouraged we will all be to take care of each other. So let's look out for one another and make this neighborhood a great place to live. Be thinking as well of neighbors who consistently go above and beyond to nominate them for our annual Shining Light Award, which will be decided in December.

Welcome Packets

If you see that someone has recently moved in near you, contact Elizabeth at (517) 290-6955 and she will get you a packet that you can bring to your new neighbor. Thanks for being such a welcoming community!

Share this newsletter with your neighbors!

Currently our email newsletter is only reaching about 12% of the households in the neighborhood. We want to make sure everyone has the opportunity to hear about what is going on. **If you are willing to help pass out physical newsletters to your street or block, please let Elizabeth know!** And please encourage neighbors to sign up to receive this via email (sign up on our website), as that is the only way we can assure they will receive it every time.

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