

CHRISTOPHER AREA BETTERMENT ASSOCIATION "CABA"

The mission of the Christopher Area Betterment Association, Inc., CABA, is to coordinate the improvement of commercial, civic, industrial and general interest in the City of Christopher, Illinois and its surrounding area. We also aid in the advancement and encourage the development of this community and its surrounding communities.

Our regular meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. at City Hall located at 208 North Thomas Street in Christopher, Illinois with an Annual Meeting/Dinner held the last Monday in April.

Throughout the year we sponsor several activities for the community:

Easter in the Park: We hold an Easter Egg hunt for the children of our community with hundreds of eggs hidden, prizes given out, cake walk and a free lunch served. This is held in our City park.

Fishing Derby: In May we support the fishing derby held at Izaak Walton Lake. This derby helps children experience the fun and excitement of fishing. Bait and fishing poles are provided; prizes are given out and a free lunch is served.

Yard Sales: Twice a year we organize a City-Wide Yard Sale for our community. Maps with participating yard sale addresses are provided.

Movies on Market: Throughout the summer we show movies on an outdoor screen for the community. Approximately once a month a movie is shown on our main street for all to enjoy. Popcorn is provided and sometimes vendors set up.

Fall Festival: Our Lions Club hosts a parade each October and CABA participates in this festivity. We normally have a float in the parade and throw candy to the crowds. We also sponsor a Vendor Fair along with activities for the children in the afternoon.

Breakfast with Santa: The first Saturday of December we host a Breakfast With Santa for the children of our community. We have craft tables set up for the children to make ornaments, reindeer food etc. We supply breakfast to each child. When Santa arrives, each child gets to sit on his lap and tell him what they want for Christmas. Prizes are given out to children who have the "lucky ticket".

Murder Mystery Dinner: We hold Murder Mystery Dinners for the community. Guests are encouraged to dress up according to the theme of the dinner. A dinner and show are provided. Proceeds earned are used to provide scholarships for graduating seniors.

Mini Park/Downtown Flower Pots: Our organization has worked to make our downtown better by planting flowers in the Mini Park, selling bricks to line the edges of the park and to keep the lawn looking nice. We also have provided flower pots for businesses and individuals to plant their favorite flowers in making our main street beautiful.

Angel Tree: We work with our Baptist Church to provide gifts for children in our community who would not have a Christmas without this project.

To fund our activities, we hold a silent auction at our Annual Dinner and sold bricks for the Mini Park. We are always looking for new and better ways to improve our community especially for the children.
