

Character lives on.

Dear German Village Resident:

In our village, no two of the bricks on our streets are exactly the same. And not one of our residents is quite like another. We're an eclectic mix, we like to say. Still, there's a close-knit something about our village that draws us together, season after season. I'm writing to invite you to become more engaged in the mix by joining the German Village Society.

That something that holds us together is our sense of tradition. Some of our traditions are as old and as classic as the 19th-century structures we live in; others are still building character. But to keep our traditions alive, and at the same time grow our community to fit our ever-evolving lifestyle, we must first have a solid ground to start from – a village protected with diligence and heart. That's why, for the past 47 years, we've been preserving the history we share, carrying it with us and allowing it to shape the way we experience our community as we move forward.

Protecting community, and the unique way we experience it, is the central purpose of the German Village Society. Sure, you see us sprucing up gardens and producing the annual Haus und Garten Tour on the last Sunday in June. We are pretty good at all of that. And we have fun doing it, too. But a lot of what we do, you can't see.

In the past year, we've used this purpose to guide some pretty momentous advocacy efforts. We prevented the state from redirecting Interstate 70/71 traffic up on to our charming, history-laden streets. We made a compelling case for why a new city rail line must also serve those who frequent our village, whether they're here to see our old buildings or drop by our quaint shops. We gave thoughtful consideration to how we can help revitalize the urban areas at our fringes so our village remains vibrant. And we successfully lobbied the Columbus Division of Police for bike officers and directed patrols.

For more than 47 years, we've been a clear voice for our village and the distinctive character it brings to our city. Today I invite you to join your unique voice with ours by participating as a member of the German Village Society. In speaking together, we can preserve the history our village was built upon, and continue to celebrate the character we're still building.

Because character lives on.

Sincerely,

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