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Thank you.

If you are reading this publication, it is likely because you are in it somewhere. You donate. You volunteer. You attend events. You are a member.

This Impact Report is for you. I owe you a six-month update on the progress of the five-year strategic plan, which trustees adopted in February 2015.

If you follow our work, you know that in 2014, a six-member task force of volunteers from across the Village undertook the strategic planning process. You can see their report, plus the final details of the plan under the German Village Society tab at our website.

The work plan that supports the strategic vision contains 110 action items. So far. This is a living document and we are checking back in on it regularly, updating and revising it as we go.

In order to get those 110 items underway, the task force identified two top priorities that needed to happen first in order to make the rest of the plan work: revising our organizational chart, and improving our communication.

Prior to this plan, the organization was entirely flat with 18 committees reporting directly to me. In response to the plan, the Organizational Development Committee, chaired by Dave Wible, created a plan to arrange the committees into the strategic pillars in the plan. Those include Preservation, Advocacy, Development, Quality of Life, Finance and Government. Each pillar has a trustee as a liaison, and that pillar liaison and I work together. The pillars serve as the organizing tool of this report.

On the communication side, we have three websites, a mobile site, two newsletters, three social media pages and a weekly column in the Gazette. There’s no shortage of ways to find out what we’re doing, but we recognized that people are still having trouble finding what they need. Staff member Mark Weiss convened seven volunteers – all with professional lives in different aspects of communications – to take a complete look at our platforms and make recommendations. They completed the work in early summer and we are working now to implement their ideas.

This report celebrates the work of all of you who are on the team.

This is the place once a year I get to thank my 12 dedicated and active board members. They deserve your thanks as well.

We count now well over 400 regular volunteers – the yous, and hers and wes that have gotten the work done for 55 years together.

And I can’t tell you how bright, hard-working and innovative your German Village Society staff is. Mark, Sarah and Russ are the projects and programs of GVS; and we are in your debt for investing in us and helping to make this some of the most rewarding work in town.

Please sit back and let us update you on what we’ve been up to.

Sincerely,

Shiloh Todorov
Executive Director
President’s Report

BY JEANNE LIKINS

I am so proud of the strategic plan we report about in this annual impact report. As president of German Village Society, I’ve been able to play both a strategy role in the plan and a coaching role for my fellow trustees as we make the changes indicated by the plan.

The officers, defined in the Society’s bylaws as the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, have taken the lead on a host of policy-related imperatives defined in the plan.

While the officers don’t fit into one of the new “pillars,” my colleagues and I are tackling several dozen activities on this to-do list in areas such as ensuring the financial sustainability of the GVS, overseeing human resources, and strengthening general administrative functioning.

Examples of tasks recently completed:

- New staff handbook to ensure updated policies and compliance with labor laws;
- Evaluation and rewrite of staff position descriptions to support the strategic plan;
- New tools to support committees that raise funds for specific projects, such as a uniform budget template, and expectations for event ROI, ensuring that dollars raised support the specific project and not just underwrite the event itself.
- Review all financial processes with the “fresh eyes” of a CPA to ensure efficiency and accountability with best practices.
- Creation of a procedures manual to make succession easy.

On behalf of the trustees, thank you for your support of GVS. We hope you are as pleased as we are with our efforts to “move the needle” in service of our mission. We look forward to 2016 and beyond.
The No. 1 strategic plan priority according to stakeholders polled was preservation of historic sidewalks.

One of the strategies is to enhance property owner knowledge of - and participation in - the preservation and upkeep of our neighborhood. The Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) has been working in support of this goal in two significant ways; 1) developing a sidewalk strategy to make our sidewalks safe and accessible while preserving this character-defining feature of our community, and 2) documenting the current state of sidewalks and curbs to facilitate and prioritize repairs.

Through the survey that was conducted as part of the strategic planning process, members resoundingly ranked “safe brick walkways” as their number 1 priority for improving our neighborhood. Our brick sidewalks and streets are the strongest identifying physical feature of German Village, yet they can pose a serious impediment to enjoying the Village. While owners are responsible for their sidewalks, that responsibility is complicated by the fact that the City is responsible for the curbs and the trees between the sidewalk and curb. While the HPC, led by GVS Preservation Advocate Sarah Marsom, is looking at a broad and long-range strategy that includes education, communication and identifying funding sources, we began our efforts to improve walkability by starting at the bottom – learning how to relay a brick sidewalk.

This June, contractor (Bello Giardino Landscaping) and guinea pig sidewalk owner Ned Thiell allowed all interested neighbors to participate in our inaugural Brick Sidewalk Workshop. Over a dozen students learned the right way to lay down a sidewalk that will last for 10-15 years, ways to save money when paying a landscaper to lay a brick patio or sidewalk, the costs associated with laying brick pavers yourself and other industry secrets.

Fortuitously, the workshop was completed just in time for Haus und Garten Tour. With the help of some effective signage, thousands of tour-goers saw how old and new bricks were blended to ensure the freshly restored sidewalk maintained its historic integrity while still providing a smooth surface. In addition to raising “sidewalk awareness,” the Workshop was a successful prototype for engaging property owners in addressing this number one priority. The next workshop is already being scheduled.

While working on the long-term sidewalk strategy, it became clear to the HPC that understanding the existing condition of curbs and sidewalks throughout the Village was going to be crucial to quantifying and prioritizing needs and determining appropriate solutions. Building on Sarah’s initial survey of the composition (brick, concrete, etc.) of all the sidewalks in the Village, volunteers have been collecting data on the condition of the sidewalks and curbs. The extent and level of missing, cracked, and settled sidewalks, and missing, broken, and leaning curbs are being collected as well as any problems caused by trees or other plantings. This data collection effort will be completed in September and the data will be added to the map-supported database Sarah has created. Not only will the data inform the sidewalk strategy efforts, it will support the Third Street improvement and other street repair projects.
Project Allows House Search From Anywhere On Globe

BY RUSS ARLEDGE

The German Village Society hit a milestone in February – our house files are now searchable online.

While we have long maintained hard-copy property file records of every property located within the geographic boundaries of the German Village Historic District, these property file records consist of photos and historic architectural surveys dating back to 1991 and 1984. Many records also include a written history or abstract of the property. To make these records more accessible, the idea to scan and digitize the records was raised in 2012 so it would be possible to share these records online for the property owners and the general public to see.

The project ran between June 2012 and January 2015, and was intended to identify, catalog, and digitize our property files collection. Records were created using the PastPerfect Museum Software database program, which was purchased by the fundraising effort of TEA 43206. These records were then uploaded to PastPerfect Online, which is a web publishing tool common to our industry that gives the visitor the ability to search by street, address or keyword for any property located within the boundaries of German Village. The project produced over 1,500 records, and over 8,000 images, all available online at germanvillage.com, then click on “Archives.

To showcase the efforts of the staff and volunteers on this project and in partnership with the Columbus Metropolitan Library, a “House History” workshop was presented in February 2015 to share all the possibilities of how one could research a property’s history.

Thank you to the volunteers who made the project happen – pictured above with me and President Jeanne Likins: Effy Yin, Agnes Krvicich, Sylvia Rodriguez and Bob Furbee. Not pictured: Lisa Brownell and Mark Spigos.

Grote Gift Advances Gay Pioneers Tour Development

In 2014, the German Village Society developed and tested a Gay Pioneers of German Village tour. This tour details the LGBTQ history of German Village and how individuals in the neighborhood preserved homes, were integral in Columbus’s development, and how German Village’s contemporary history connects to national themes (discrimination, community revitalization, LGBTQ culture).

Tom Grote joined last year’s Gay Pioneers of German Village panel discussion during Historic Preservation Weekend, along with Steve Schellabarger, Scot Dewhirst and moderator Sarah Marsom.

Through a donation from Villager Tom Grote, the German Village Society has been able to invest in oral history interviews specifically about LGBTQ history in German Village and Columbus to develop a 10-15 minute short documentary, which will be released early 2016. The funding also supports the development of tour improvements, such as purchasing a microphone and speaker for guided tours, and an iPad to incorporate oral history soundbites and visuals into walking tours.

German Village’s LGBTQ initiative leads minority representation for historic sites and continues the neighborhood’s reputation of being leaders in preservation.
TEA 43206 Nets Record-Setting Support
BY DARCI CONGROVE

This year marked the fifth annual TEA 43206 garden party event presented by German Village Guest House. With more than 225 guests in attendance, the event produced record-breaking sponsorship and net income figures. Established to fund robust historic preservation projects for the German Village Society, the community has responded with generous support of the event, netting more than $104,000 to date.

The signature project of TEA 43206 is a comprehensive signage program for German Village, with the goal of creating a common design aesthetic for historic markers, house plaques, wayfinding and story-telling signs. The signage program involves an iterative, phased approach to its creation and implementation, which will allow for adequate prototyping and user feedback.

BHDP, an architecture and design firm, was engaged in 2014 to complete phase one of the program, which included the research, findings and recommendations for implementation of a comprehensive signage program. The research included stakeholder input and facilitated focus group discussions. This phase was completed and presented to the GVS Board and to the community in August 2015. The full report is available to the public on the German Village Society’s website.

The big idea of the signage program is aligned with the contemporary idea of “placemaking” – enhancing the special sense of place that already exists in German Village by creating relationships with the characters and narratives of the past. The stories that are important include the German immigration experience, settling the neighborhood, and the unique bricks and architecture; but also the stories of Frank Fetch, Fred & Howard, Schmidt’s, Schiller Park and all the others who collectively comprise the fabric of today’s German Village. By creating bonds to the area with residents and visitors through a deeper understanding of the place, and not just the location, historic preservation will be experiential, unique and memorable.

While the signage program will likely take years to fully implement, phases two and three – the design of the signs and research to support accurate content on the signs – are on the agenda for later this year and in 2016. Grant applications to supplement funding for execution of the program are in process. In addition, TEA 43206 funds will be used to support the organization and digitization of the Society’s extensive historical archives. This project is fundamental to the historic preservation goals of the GVS strategic plan, and will support a number of discreet initiatives beyond signage content, including the modernization of the GVS Visitor Center and online accessibility of GVS archive documents to the public.

Norm Hall won best hat for his head to toe Cuban-themed wardrobe, which celebrated the country’s reopening to the world. The competition was stiff with competitors wearing homemade chapeaus, fascinators, and flowers!
Investing in preservation is a smart decision for not only big-time developers, but also for small property owners. In German Village, property values have risen exponentially since the 1960s, when the neighborhood’s preservation movement catapulted the neighborhood forward.

German Village Society published a piece local real estate experts have been clamoring for years. Through the assistance of a presenting sponsorship by Alarm One Security, the first German Village real estate value brochure was published in May. It uses data from the Franklin County Auditor to provide a case study of how the values of 40+ properties in the neighborhood saw exponential value growth over 30+ years compared to the past decade for the City of Columbus.

Incorporating a study by Jonathan Mabry, PhD, his data shows that German Village’s home values are directly reflective of it being a historic district. Mabry’s study showed that property values in historic districts rose 5-35% per decade compared to undesignated districts.

The real estate value brochure not only documents the home values in the area, but details the history of the neighborhood’s revitalization and discusses the German Village Commission and the German Village Society’s resources. Real estate brokerages and individual agents who sell properties in the German Village historic district use it for prospective buyers at open houses and home showings to ensure home buyers see the value in investing in a neighborhood like German Village.

Historic Preservation professors have also begun to show interest in utilizing the brochure as an economic impact study. The Ohio State University and Eastern Michigan University instructors have both incorporated the brochure into their historic preservation curriculum.

German Village residents have worked to improve community through park and street improvements in addition to preserving the historic architecture. The impact of individuals in a community has a profound economic impact and the real estate brochure ensures these efforts are recognized by various audiences and invites new comers to be a part of the movement.

City, Society Sharing Info As Projects Move Forward

The German Village Commission and the German Village Society are separate entities, but are intertwined because we both work toward the preservation of the historic district. To support continuity between the two organizations, Shiloh Todorov and Sarah Marsom have held monthly meetings with City of Columbus Historic Preservation Officer Randy Black and Assistant HPO Cristin Moody from the City’s Historic Preservation Office to discuss issues important to both. The idea is to work as a team toward neighborhood improvements.

Fostering city relationships with the Historic Preservation Office is imperative to keeping the neighborhood’s voice at the forefront of city decisions. Both the Historic Preservation Office and the German Village Commissioners have assisted in providing topics for preservation education in Neighbors4Neighbors articles and other GVS resources.

German Village Society’s two recommended appointees for the German Village Commission are Ned Thiell and Anthony Hartke; Thiell renewed his commissioner appointment in summer 2015 to represent the neighborhood for three years and Hartke continued his 2014 appointment. Both Hartke and Thiell regularly attend the Historic Preservation Committee meeting to discuss application results, interesting applications, and trends in home improvement.

The German Village Commission is receptive to hearing the Society’s opinion at the commission meeting, due to the Society’s ability to provide additional history to individual structures and their broader context in the neighborhood. Marsom has continued to digitize and publish the German Village Commission applications to try to promote additional input from the neighborhood and to ensure neighbors are aware of projects within their proximity. This year, Marsom instituted the service of text messaging property owners when their item is about to come up during meetings, and added an iPad with access to the digitized applications to be passed around to curious neighbors during the meeting to allow a closer look at the drawings under consideration.
Preservation Education Helps Newcomers, Long-Time Neighbors

BY SARAH MARSOM

Historic home repair, the German Village guidelines, and sidewalk safety concerns are all explained through the Society’s multiple communication platforms.

Educating individuals on the broad aspects of historic building ownership - the center of our nonprofit mission - requires a variety of learning techniques from oral to visual to tactile.

Through weekly articles in Neighbors4Neighbors, homeowners can passively learn about the German Village Commission, home repairs, or discover properties that have done an exemplary repair project. It is common for homeowners to reach out to the German Village Society following the release of a new Neighbors4Neighbors with their home repair questions and to request a one-on-one consultation or additional advice.

That allows me to guide individuals through the Certificate of Appropriateness process. The how-to communications allow for greater understanding of the German Village guidelines, proper repairs for historic structures, and the COA application. These interactions also allow homeowners to learn the history of their property by exploring the house folders and Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps; the property’s history may affect potential home modifications.

Based on feedback from the 2015 strategic plan and public commentary, it was concluded that workshops should occasionally be offered to tackle questions and concerns that affect many people in the neighborhood. In March 2015, Durable Slate Company, Centennial Preservation Group, and A 2nd Estimate helped homeowners understand how slate roofs are installed and how tiles are cut. Participants were able to walk away with slate trivets or coasters. In June 2015, Bello Giardino taught workshop participants how to properly relay a brick walkway.
### Council of Historic Neighborhoods
I’ve had the privilege of working with 15 other historic neighborhoods, who have been meeting for the past year with the idea of reviving the Council of Historic Neighborhoods. That group was originated by GVS’s own David Boothby, who passed away earlier this year. The idea was to get urban neighborhoods who share interests and problems to collaborate and combine their political power.

My wish in reviving the Council was the same. What have other neighborhoods had success with when they talk with the city? How have they improved safety? Could more than just German Village agree on sandstone curb replacement and brick street repairs, then ask the city to adopt new policies for old infrastructure? These are items prioritized in our strategic plan.

City officials with whom German Village regularly interacts have welcomed the group’s revival and we hope to continue to work together to make all of our neighborhoods better.

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### Collaborative 5
Leaders of the German Village Garten Club, Actors’ Theatre, Village Connections and Southside STAY have taken the time to meet with me this year to think about how we can amplify our collaborations. Each group is its own 501©3, but during the research for the strategic plan I discovered two clear messages: many engaged Villagers don’t know which group does what project; and many Villagers are experiencing donor fatigue as five different, worthy nonprofits ask the same 233-acres of neighbors for support. I’m so pleased that my colleagues are enthusiastically engaged with me in trying to help willing volunteers, donors and others to easily navigate all of the groups.

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### OSU’s Barnett Symposium
The success of September 2014’s Great Placemakers Laboratory (GPL) has led to a major partnership with the Ohio State University’s Arts & Sciences College.

The first GPL, a three-day workshop series at The Westin, was a HUGE mission success for German Village Society, once again placing us at the forefront of preservation leadership. We made a lot of important new friends around town (lead sponsor NBBJ and other companies, neighborhood leaders, volunteers), and deepened relationships with others (Nationwide Children’s, Columbus Foundation, OHM). Our participants were also over the moon.

OSU Assistant Professor Shoshanah Goldberg-Miller attended the conference. She and her husband, John, live in German Village. Goldberg-Miller was so impressed with the quality of our conference she contacted me shortly after the event. OSU Arts & Sciences has an ongoing series focused on art subjects called the Barnett Symposium, funded by an endowment.

Mark your calendar for the Barnett Symposium-Great Placemakers Lab II May 11-12, 2016, when we add to the planner-activist mix working artists to further explore what policies, people and projects combine to create great places.
ADVOCAcY

Champions Lead No. 2 Strategic Priority: Safety

After more than a decade of police luncheons that make our neighborhood the envy or the city, there was a lot of new momentum around safety in 2015 in German Village.

For the first time, a sponsor - German Village Insurance – came forward to pay for the police officers’ lunches. Owner and neighbor Dan Glasener had the idea to get more involved with supporting police after the theft of his bicycle in summer of 2014. He committed to a two-year sponsorship of the lunches, which takes an expense off the Society’s operation budget.

Additionally, a new safety committee began meeting in the spring after safety improvements emerged as the No. 2 priority identified by stakeholders in the German Village Society’s new strategic plan. Of 268 responses to the strategic planning survey question “What would you like to improve about German Village?” there were 43 responses citing safety. One survey-taker said: “Nuisance crimes are out of control. Garage and car break-ins are beyond an annoyance.”

The committee put together the neighborhood’s first participation in National Night Out on

Parking Committee Wins Back Spots

One of the goals of the Parking Committee is to increase the number of street parking spaces and this year there is good news to report regarding this goal. Where there was no parking allowed on the west side of Jaeger Street along Schiller Park, now street parking is allowed.

Also, the City is reviewing the placement of “No Parking” signs near intersections in an effort to identify signage that could be better placed with the objective of creating more street parking. To date the City has identified changes that will add parking to City Park Avenue.
Sometimes PPP Goes Beyond $$$

BY SHILOH TODOROV

Public-private partnerships often are defined by who is paying for what, but our relationship with the City of Columbus has gone beyond that narrow definition. I accompanied a set of City of Columbus decision-makers to Cleveland Quarries in Vermillion, OH, on September 24.

As the Society works to improve sidewalks, and on finalizing our plans for Third Street, we wanted to know what it would take to find more sandstone. Several city officials had told us they weren’t aware of quarries that would match the color or quality of the type you see at our curbsides now. This felt like an opportunity for us to demonstrate our true partnership with the City. We offered to see if we could research a suitable sandstone vendor.

Sarah Marsom found Cleveland Quarries by deploying her preservation connections, and we were soon giving its Director of Sales, Dave Dunn, a tour of German Village. Dave said the unique qualities of sandstone allowed him to identify the sandstone in our neighborhood with what he has in Vermillion. Additionally, he was able to find sales records from Cleveland Quarries to the City of Columbus dating back to at least 1905. Eureka! Not only is the same sandstone still available, its right down the road!

In July, two City of Columbus engineers went on a tour of German Village’s sandstone curbs with Dave Dunn and to gather samples for testing. We all peppered Dave with a lot of questions: Is the current sandstone the same quality as the original? How much supply do you have and how quickly could you respond to orders? Do you have the capability to cut the radii that are each unique in German Village? What’s it going to cost? How long will it take to go from bright gray to looking more like what you see out there now?

We want to maintain the historic fabric of our curbs, and we may have found the vendor that can help us. We can tell just by walking our dogs that sandstone has a 100-year longevity and concrete is less than 20. It’s our job as advocates to help the city see that the early investment pays off over the years.

Third Street Closer Than Ever To Fruition

BY CIVIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR NELSON GENSCHAFT

German Village is entering a new phase of its development with plans for the total remake of Third Street. Civic Relations has been the committee working with the City, its engineering consultants and others to push this project from concept to completion. The City has completed an engineering study of the corridor, and our rough estimate of the cost is $8- $10 million. The City has indicated it is prepared to move forward with a more detailed engineering study that will lead to contractor proposals.

However, the City also expects the German Village community to fund a portion of the total cost of the project. We estimate the portion coming from the community to be up to $2 million. The City will advance all costs, and the community’s portion will be paid over time, and will come from various sources, including grants, donations, UIRF funds and assessments to property owners on Third St.

Just to recap the changes to be made to Third Street:

- Total reconstruction of the street in asphalt, not brick, and the addition of bike lanes.
- New brick sidewalks and sandstone curbs, with proper drainage.
- Pedestrian lighting.
- Street amenities like landscaping, trees, bike racks and benches.
- Unclutter utility lines by eliminating some and raising others, but retaining poles on both sides of the street.
- New signage.
On May 4, neighbors, GVS staff, board members, City Councilman Zach Klein, and Stewart Elementary students joined Friends of Schiller Park to celebrate the completion of a several-year project to improve the iconic Schiller Monument. The project, which included designing and planting the circle garden, lighting the statue for the first time with handsome fixtures, repairing the bronze statue, and installing four new signs took a fundraising effort of $14,000 by Friends of Schiller with investment from the Fund for Historic Preservation, and a matching investment of $16,000 from the City of Columbus to enhance one of the Village's most famous landmarks. Visitors and locals alike report having a new appreciation for the man and his monument!

Schiller Signage Dedicated

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Schiller Pond bridge gets restoration and a visit from Billy Goat Gruff, thanks to Friends of Schiller Park.

Stewart third-graders were invited to the Schiller dedication, when they're fifth-graders it will be the 150th Anniversary of the park they've grown to love.
Parkside Residents Reach Comity On ‘Pork Chop’

Schiller Park neighbors and the City of Columbus this spring settled on a “pork chop” strategy to update mobility ramps in and out of the park’s Rec Center.

Repaving of Deshler Avenue during the summer of 2014 prompted federal requirements to update ramps to come into accord with the Americans with Disability Act. The effect at the Rec Center parking lot entrance was the need to square the pedestrian ramps. Current ramps encroach on the half-moon-shaped entrance apron.

In November 2014, city contractors showed neighbors five ideas to revise the entrance and meet the ADA requirements. They included moving the entrance entirely, straightening the entrance or making the parking lot a one-way path with an exit to 4th and Deshler. Several of the solutions presented would have forced tree removal or repositioning of the entrance pillars. Others would have removed parking spaces from Deshler.

Neighbors at the meeting provided additional ideas, which the city took back for consideration. In March, OHM Advisors provided three more solutions to bring the entry into compliance. The final agreement at the second meeting of neighbors was addition of a traffic “pork chop” – or island – where pedestrians can stand and assess traffic before entering the roadway. The pork chop requires no tree removal, no need to touch the pillars and no loss of parking spaces. The island will require a right-turn only exit onto Deshler from the Rec Center.

The city is now studying cost and timeline.

Brick Repairs Underway

German Village Society Civic Relations Committee Chair Nelson Genshaft was notified by the City of Columbus in January that German Village had been awarded $1M in Urban Infrastructure Renewal Funding to be used between 2015-19.

Genshaft’s committee had spent the previous year compiling possible projects eligible for the funding. The policy adopted calls for UIRF funds to be used to improve brick streets and curbs.

The January notification showed that the price of repairs to the first 15 brick streets submitted by the committee would cost about $400,000. Genshaft was invited by the city to submit a second round to earmark the remaining $600,000. The committee has submitted that second list and at press time is awaiting the cost estimate from the city.
Tiny Castles Dot Park
A follow up to last year’s Tiny Doors project, this summer Friends of Schiller Park sponsored a Schiller installation of the Columbus Recreation & Parks Department’s TREEmendous public art project. Artist Kenny Cramer installed “Enchanted Castle” as a way to spark imagination in kids and adults alike. The TREEmendous project invited urban explorers to use a map and discover five different park installments across Columbus.

Blooming Fund Invests $11,500 In Flowers
Inaugurated in 2013 to keep the neighborhood beautiful and the fundraising streamlined, this joint campaign of Friends of Schiller and the German Village Garten Club has raised $11,500 in three years through a one-time mailing. The strategy of teasing residents with thoughts of summer gardens in the last few bitter days of early spring seems to work like a charm.

Foundation Underwrites Foundation Repair
The Friends of Schiller Park secured funding for the replacement of the stone around the Umbrella Girl fountain! $8,000 from the Wobst Family Foundation and $2,000 from the Little Garden Club of Columbus. A shipment of Cleveland Buff sandstone is on its way!
Monograms & Martinis, Kindred Spirits
Turn Laughter Into Leaves

The Friends of Schiller Park host two fundraising bashes each fall - one for women and one for men. The dual host committees share a like-minded approach to event planning: they are unanimous in the belief that the best background music for a fundraiser is laughter.

The October 2014 fundraisers Monograms & Martinis and Kindred Spirits provide much-needed resources for the maintenance of the most beloved 23 acres in Ohio.
Beloved Burl Turned To Bowls

A magnificent Chinkapin Oak with a large burl that stood in Schiller Park for over 200 years had become unstable and diseased and had to be cut down in January 2015. The Recreation and Parks Department contributed the burl to the Friends of Schiller Park and, with the help of craftsman Mike Trucco, the wood was transformed into one-of-a-kind bowls to benefit the Schiller Park Arboretum Fund. At press time the Friends were optimistic they would realize the $5,000 goal for this once-in-a-generation project.

Arboretum Volunteers, City Keep Schiller Leafy

BY LINDY MICHAEL

On November 13 and 14, 2014, City crews planted eight beautiful young trees around Schiller Park. They were two scarlet oaks, one black oak, one Briotti horse chestnut, one shellbark hickory, two Jefferson Elms, and a Tulip Tree. Many of these young trees are new species to the park, and most of them were provided by our wonderful tree donors!

Later in May, City crews led by Jim Gates treated our 25 ash trees to get rid of the Emerald Ash Borers that would have otherwise killed them all. Now we need to convince City Council to allocate funds to retreat them in 2017 and every two years after that for a few more years.

Also in May, City crews planted another tree new to the park, also donor provided, a snow dance tree lilac. The City pruning crews later removed the dying pin oaks north of the Rec Center.

Our diligent watering volunteers began their duties in late May. Even though it has rained a lot, the young trees still need watering twice a week the first year to allow them to establish a good root system. Finally, we were contacted by Kimberly Gibbs who lives on Sycamore about her gigantic, old White Mulberry that lives in her backyard. Official measurements of its girth, height, and spread were taken by Alistair Reynolds, the head of Ohio Big Trees Program. He proclaimed her tree a champion, the fourth largest of its kind in Ohio!
**QUALITY OF LIFE**

**Strategic Need Is Clear: Communications Overhaul**

**BY MARK WEISS**

The Strategic Plan revealed that our neighbors were struggling to find information, whether that was how to volunteer or attend an event, to something as eternally baffling as the difference between the Society and the Commission.

From February to May, a Communications Task Force of neighborhood professionals with expertise in digital communications was coordinated by Mark Weiss with leadership and guidance from Heather Whaling, Joshua Miller, Brittany Gibson, Jeanne Tranter, Sarah Irvin Clark and Megumi Robinson.

They were tasked with identifying how we could maximize our messaging to German Village Society stakeholders across all our digital platforms – our mobile presence, Neighbors4Neighbors newsletter, germanvillage.com and social media. A deep assessment of these channels along with direct survey feedback from neighbors, Google Analytics research and meetings with tech firms found that we needed to improve in the following areas:

- Navigation through germanvillage.com
- Optimization for mobile devices
- Consolidation of platforms under one germanvillage.com site (bringing gvbusinesscommunity.com and germanvillagetour.com under that one umbrella)
- Redesign of our Neighbors4Neighbors newsletter
- Addition of a mailed newsletter
- Social media integration

A redesign of our Neighbors4Neighbors e-newsletter was one outcome you can already see, giving the weekly chronicling of current events more appeal to neighbors. Readers asked for a quick, more efficient way to receive news and we now deliver editions with a uniform length that are image- and headline-driven so that readers can choose the news they want to read.

Phase II of this solution is a long-term investment into the design and navigation of our website: germanvillage.com. Expect to see those changes next spring.

**Outreach Forms First Priority Of Long-Range Planning**

**BY LONG-RANGE PLANNING CHAIR JOSH MILLER**

The Strategic Plan defined the Long Range Planning committee’s role in 2015 through the common foundational theme of building visibility and awareness of the German Village Society, resonating within the more specific areas of the engagement of young professionals, diversity, programming, and inclusion. Through social outreach, it became apparent that questions like “What’s the Meeting Haus?” indicate that significant awareness and value-building efforts are needed. The committee focused on improving this through a realignment and reprioritization of goals, resulting in an incredibly successful year of programming and outreach to date.
PROGRAMMING

Monster Bash 2015
The Long Range Planning committee is now overseeing this annual Halloween event, which is heavily attended by young professionals and, we think, can be part of our forward-thinking process. This event has grown to be the third-largest fundraising event for the Society. The committee first held a July kickoff event that resulted in 35+ attendees, including: 13+ interested in volunteering for the event (Planning Committee), five interested in hosting a stop, three+ interested in general volunteer opportunities. It bridged the demographic divide (young/old, owners/renters, long-time/new residents) and fostered a new relationship for future opportunities with event location, El Arepazo.

Neighborhood Tailgate
A first-of-its-kind Neighborhood Tailgate on October 3 opened many new doors for the LRPC. After reviewing survey and interview feedback from the Strategic Plan, the demand for lower cost and inclusive programming became apparent and the tailgate concept was born. The event allows us to accomplish the following objectives:

• Introduce the Meeting Haus to the neighborhood.
• Create sense of neighborhood and value to new and non-members.
• Instill a sense of inclusivity, as this event is free and open to all.
• Share more about the GVS and volunteer opportunities.
• Build the foundation for future programming at the Meeting Haus and platz through new and innovative use of the facility:
  • Indoor and outdoor broadcast of the game.
  • Multiple food trucks on the platz.

FUTURE PROJECT
Meeting Haus
The strategic plan also puts LRP in charge of revisions to the Visitors Center, but not until 2017-18. The plan set priorities for this year to accommodate new engagement and programming, ultimately leading to a stronger foundation for future fundraising and capital campaigns to make a Visitors Center overhaul more attainable.

Support & Collaboration
LRP continues to support and collaborate with the following:

• Southside STAY
• Go Green
• Alternative transportation
• Art Committee
• Bricklaying Workshops
Stewart Tutors Bring Wealth Of Experience To Neighborhood School

BY KATHY WIGHTMAN

Stewart Elementary School enrolls approximately 300 students yearly, in grades K-5. It has been German Village’s “adopted” school for over 15 years and as such has enrolled many tutors over the years working with students to enhance and advance their learning. There have been many tutors over the years - as the school is a top pick among neighbors looking to the Society for volunteer opportunities. There is a core group of 20-30 signed up each fall and active throughout the school year.

This year, the range in age of tutors is 20s through 70s; the tutors are primarily retired, or work in fields that allow them the flexibility to engage in a daytime program. They possess a wide breadth of experience both professional and personal: current tutors include retired teachers, professors and counsellors; a retired attorney; a real estate and PR company owner; and a retired social worker and mental health professional. Many of the tutors hold advanced degrees and most have or have had additional involvement in other service organizations and/or community boards. This has been consistent over the years. One volunteer stated that she feels personally rewarded by her connection with other tutors “whose skills and dedication I so admire.”

In common with all volunteers, GV tutors work to promote and improve their community. And the GV tutors offer many examples in support of this. They are great supporters of public education. Often stated is that they want to “support” the younger generation and they want to “encourage families to stay within the neighborhood and the community” that is German Village. They love education and they love children. They find satisfaction in being a “mentor” to a younger person and they feel they provide resources that some children may not have at home.

In keeping with the mission of the German Village Society to preserve the past and promote the future, many point to the new, award-winning design of the expanded Stewart School that, along with dedicated school and community personnel, provide a positive learning environment for our Columbus Public students.

Pin Back Tracks New Faces

BY MARK WEISS

Another element to come out of the GVBC marketing budget was the “Pin Back, Give Back” button program. The business community collectively wanted to maximize exposure at the Visitors Center.

Since June 1, any guest of the Meeting Haus Visitor Center that is new to the area is welcomed to a free souvenir button with the German Village Society logo. This 1-inch, pinback button is accompanied with a bookmark that lists 23 different GVBC members who are participating in the program. Together, they serve as a passport to samples and discounts throughout the neighborhood. Each participating GVBC member chooses how they participate – either by providing a free sample outright, a discount on purchase or a free item with purchase. When a visiting guest actually follows the referral of our Visitor Center volunteers and physically steps into a business on the bookmark the interaction is recorded by the participating business member.

The pilot program has received positive reports from some participants as many visitors wearing the button into businesses are actually converted to consumers and not just chasing something free. Additionally, Experience Columbus has recently featured the program in its “Columbus Insider’s Club” newsletter, which goes out to travel group and convention planners to the area.
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German Village Business Community Logs Successes

BY GVBC CHAIR MARIE TRUDEAU

GVBC held our standard bi-monthly membership meetings at the Meeting Haus, published 12 Member2Member email newsletters, added a Finance and a Marketing Committee and supported many co-efforts with GVS.

Via Vecchia Winery hosted a fun members networking social in February. We also held a well-attended member event where Experience Columbus helped us understand social media in more depth.

In an effort to welcome Stewart Elementary back to its new/old building, we collected items that Principal Ebone Johnson told us were needed. Specifically, undies and socks, and USB flash drives. They were much appreciative.
Social Media Efforts Gets Scientific
BY MARK WEISS

After a boom in followers and engagement in 2014, staff and volunteers doubled down to better understand German Village Society’s presence on social media.

A strategy hatched among the pros on our Communications Task Force was to dive deeper into understanding our social audiences. Beginning in June and continuing through August, data was collected through A/B testing of different variables that included the time of day in which we posted content, scheduled posts, organic posts and boosted posts.

We wanted to move away from the mentality of “we think we know” to just “we know” when it came to social media best practices. Those familiar with Facebook and Twitter understand there are a multitude of factors that go into the algorithms that decide what content actually pops up on any given user’s social feeds. So while there’s never a perfect science to assure our content shows in every neighbor’s Facebook or Twitter feed, we wanted to experiment with different factors to at least move further away from “we think we know” and closer to “we know” our information is reaching our intended audiences.

With the help of Butler University intern Erin O’Neil and Ohio State University intern Michael Martinelli we compiled information on impressions and engagement over the course of 10 weeks to better understand when our followers were online with us. Posting content between 1-4 p.m., regardless of the social channel, has emerged as the best time to share information.

Growth Noted In Use Of Historic German Village Map

There are 100,000 Historic German Village tourist maps distributed across Ohio – up from 50,000 just four years ago. Distributed in Central Ohio hotels, throughout Amish Country and Hocking Hills, and available at Ohio Welcome Centers, the maps invite visitors to stop and shop, dine, stroll the Village.
FUN Is Back, Better Than Ever
FUN Committee became the FUN Bunch om 2015 because, according to non-chair Mike Cornelis: “It seemed like the fun thing to do.”

Our winter bowling party sponsored by the Athletic Club of Columbus at their new Booth bowling lanes was a big hit. It definitely got our group off to a FUN start for 2015 and helped shake off some winter blues.

A huge highlight of our year was our first ever Meatball Madness event in April at the Meeting Haus. The event also had Go Green and Prost participating in a best meatball contest in six categories. Prizes were sponsored by USA Pan and Two Caterers. The evening concluded with a “Grease” movie sing-along and disco dance party.

Our midsummer highlight was the annual GV Cupcakes versus the Ohio Muffins game in Schiller Park. For the second time in seven years, the Cupcakes batters whipped the Muffins by a score of 32 to 20. Our FUN Bunch then took over Rooster’s Pub for a rousing post-game celebration with our fans. The FUN Bunch then hit the road in August to cheer on the Cupcakes at the Ohio historical center for another match against the Muffins. Over 40 fans enjoyed a fun day of baseball and a post-game dinner provided by Ohio History Connection.

FUN teamed up Germania for Summerfest event in June. The weather was not cooperating at the beginning. But then the sun came out at both the men’s and women’s FUN bunch teams prevailed in the shot-ski competitions.

The March Madness party was hosted by Gresso’s. We eventually walked a block over and joined up with the Prost groups MM party for extra FUN times.
Established in 2013, the designated fund for Village Singers, managed by the Columbus Jewish Foundation, has a current balance is $5,600 after awarding three scholarships to the McConnell Arts Summer Camp Program. This year’s scholarships were awarded to members of The Columbus Kinderchor.

Students attended workshops and classes in Improvisation, music, art and dance.

A scheduled Holiday Concert performance featuring Christmas, Hanukah and Kwanzaa music at The McConnell Arts Center with members of The Village Singers, Fort Hayes High School and the Jewish Children’s Chorale to be held Tuesday, December 15, 2015, as a fundraiser for our Endowment.
I head the Development Pillar, which includes all of the committees with an income-producing focus. That’s Membership, events and traditional Development Committee members focused on corporate and individual outreach.

When you look at the results of the other pillars celebrated here, you can directly connect much of it to our pillar. Together, we connect donors to projects about which they are passionate.

It is agreed within the present Board that while there continue to be opportunities for improving the financial impact of our events, they are very labor intensive and often subject to the vagaries of the weather. Our membership dues have remained relatively stable in terms of number of members and income received. We agree there is value in further outreach to segments of the resident and business community. The outreach could both enhance our finances and also make the Society a more representative body. The third leg, direct contributions, represents the least-developed source of income and perhaps one with significant potential. Sources are both personal and business-based. The means of giving can span from single gifts to multi-year sustaining commitments and can come in the form of cash, pledges and bequests.

Development Plan Action Items:
1. Identify pertinent aspects of the current strategic plan as it relates to the Development Pillar and share with chairs and leadership with the intent of assisting in their continued focus on the “why” their events are of benefit to every participant.
2. Seek to identify synergy between activities, events and direct financial contributions to avoid duplication and more importantly discover ways to leverage one another.
3. Put in place a three-pronged direct solicitation campaign built around: direct corporate giving/sponsorship, led by Trustee Joe Kurzer; a quiet approach to residents to make a bequest in the form of an insurance policy, led by former Trustee Jim Nichols; and a leadership donor group – tentatively called “The 1960 Club” – for a select group of individuals who will commit to a minimum of three years of $5,000 per year, led by me and volunteer Jay Smith.
4. The Development Committee membership will also undergo fresh recruiting after work with the development consultant to solidify our case for support and do some training.

Grants
L Brands Foundation invested twice in German Village in 2015, first with an unrestricted grant in May to support the aims of our strategic plan and then again in September to support the Third Street revitalization project. The successful grant requests noted that Columbus’ leading companies rely on businesses in German Village to recruit and retain top employees. L Brands looks also to invest in nonprofits where their associates are active, and the GVS Board of Trustees includes Joe Kurzer and Brittany Gibson who both work for the company and advocated for the grant awards.

Bequests
Longtime German Village resident and Society member Tica Mitchell left a significant, unrestricted bequest in her will. The Board has set her bequest aside from general operations and is looking for a way to invest it so that it honors Tica and invests her money wisely for the good of the neighborhood.

New Projects
The strategic plan identified 22 projects for which new funding will be needed to complete them. Our traditional funding sources, membership and events, cover salaries and Meeting Haus expenses, but leave little room to expand our vision with the strategic plan. Events are heavily dependent on the finicky weather in Central Ohio, so we have to expand the definition of our fundraising to a three-legged stool. It’s the third leg – individual gifts – that has never been completely built for GVS.

In September, we began a series of interviews with development professionals to help guide that process. A professional contractor will help teach board and staff the tools to effectively connect donors’ and grant-makers’ passions with the items on that list, which the community asked for during the strategic planning process.
For those we ARE currently working on, here is a range of likely costs:

- Third Street: $1M-$2.5M
- Sidewalk bank: $25,000 to offer low- or no-interest loans to those wishing to improve brick sidewalks
- Archive and digitize the collection in the Scheurer Room: $100,000
- Comprehensive signage program: $100,000-$500,000
- Traveling exhibit: $3,500

Completing our development “three-legged stool” is exactly what GVS studied a decade ago in the New Business Model Task Force Report.

**Sponsors, Members, Donors, Partners**

There were more than 245 people and companies who donated goods or non-ticket-related cash to German Village Society events in 2015 (at publication, Monster Bash, Kindred Spirits and Village Lights had not yet occurred). These are the partners who make our projects and programs possible, and together they account 65% of our annual operating income.

You will likely note YOUR name, and we thank you!

Here are just a few examples of the way our partners give:

- Vutech-Ruff sponsored the golf carts at Haus und Garten Tour, and went beyond that to share their team to drive the carts.
- Giant Eagle sold $28,500 worth of tickets through Central Ohio stores, a new record in the three-year partnership.
- Schmidt’s signed a five-year sponsorship package that includes presenting sponsor of Village Lights, joining the Book Loft to make a multi-year agreement to support German Village Society.
- Helen Winnemore’s became the first presenting sponsor of the mobile site.
- GV House Histories owner David Randall donated his house history plaques as thank-you gifts to Tour homeowners.

Please read the complete list and thank each other for being on Team GVS!

**New YP Level Adds New Faces**

German Village Society has added 50+ Young Professional members since the inception of the $35 membership for people 35 and under in July 2014. With an overall roster of about 750 members at all levels total, that’s an impressive 6% of fresh faces engaging in our neighborhood!

Membership makes up 25% of our operating income and has remained stable in terms of the number of memberships over the past several years. In 2015 to date (9-4-15) we have 33 people who raised the level of their membership and 74 brand-new members. That’s a vote of confidence!

Executive Director Shiloh Todorov analyzed the membership “churn” as part of the strategic planning process. She found that about 58% of GVBC members kept their memberships from 2013 to 2014. GVS retains $75 of each business membership and the balance goes into the GVBC designated fund.

On the individual side, most of the turnover occurs in the $50 and $75 members where just 38% renewed between those two years. The 250 memberships at the $125 and above categories had an 82% retention rate.
Tom Dailey

It was during his childhood journeys from Chillicothe to shop at Lazarus that Tom Dailey first fell in love with German Village.

“My parents made sure every time we came to Columbus, we got to stop and run off our energy in Schiller Park and I always looked forward to that,” Tom said.

So when he bought his house on Mohawk Street in 1995, “I think you could say it was fulfilling a lifelong wish to be in German Village.”

Tom was moving back from Chicago at that time, and just two years later, his employer wanted him back in the Windy City. “But I just couldn’t bring myself to sell my place - I was too attached to the idea of living German Village.”

So he kept the Mohawk house and used it as his getaway from city life and work.

Maybe it’s that sense of visitor wonder combined with the passion for community, cohesion and his neighbors that prompted Tom to become the first multi-year pledge investor in the Fund for Historic Preservation. He committed gifts over three years to, in part, help bring to life the comprehensive signage project fueled by the Fund.

“German Village is about people. For me, growing up in Chillicothe and living in Chicago – German Village offers the best of both: an urban setting with small town feel, said Tom. We look out for each other, we come together through the German Village Society to exchange ideas, strengthen the community, solve problems and participate in some great events.

“But German Village isn’t just for German Villagers. It’s a jewel for the city. It has to be protected even if you don’t live here,” Tom said.

Tom said he read every word of the Phase I report on signs produced by BHDP and paid for with Fund for Historic Preservation dollars, the bulk of which are raised during Tea 43206 each August. He can’t wait to see the resulting storytelling, wayfinding and border markers at our curbsides. It’s rare to have this kind of personal connection between a neighborhood and its residents, Tom said. Bringing those stories to neighbors and visitors will help us continue to reclaim our heritage.

Block Ambassadors Back In Action

BY TRUSTEE, MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR SUSAN SUTHERLAND

The Membership Committee in 2015 re-launched the Neighborhood Welcome Block Captains. The program had been initiated a few years back but needed a fresh infusion of volunteer block captains. Early in March, recruiting began with committee members, GV Society Board members and numerous residents in the community signing up to be Membership block captains. Of the 32 distinct “blocks” sketched out on the map, 26 captains have been assigned. The GVBC joined in by donating items and coupons for the Welcome Bags that block captains deliver to new residents in their assigned area. Included in the bag in addition to the items from the business community is information regarding joining the GV Society, it’s benefits and how to get involved. A GV Society Directory is included.

Trustee and Membership Committee Chair Susan Sutherland and committee member Lisa Godfrey stuff welcome bags for new residents.
Haus Und Garten Tour 2015 Sets New Record
BY TRUSTEE BRITTANY GIBSON

Team Tour 2015 was triumphantly led by an eager mix of returning faces, as well as plenty of new ones, and enjoyed lots of sponsor support.

The PreTour gang powered through a cold and drizzly night (“how is this JUNE?”) to enjoy a taste of celebrations - inspired by everything from New Orleans’s Beale Street to a Madonna album launch party – all over the neighborhood.

Weekend ticket sales were strong this year – and even stronger than usual given a boost from Giant Eagle, which sold tickets on Tour day this year – 308, to be exact.

After expenses and thanks very much to the kindness of sponsors, the weekend netted $142,367. That greatly exceeds the budgeted net profit of $117,903 and beats last year’s bottom line by about $2,000.

In total, almost 4,000 people held tickets to one (or all) of the weekend’s events.
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The GVBC’s revenue after expenses for this year was $20,052.12 which is $10,487.60 over last year and $12,000 over budgeted projection this year.

More artists than ever applied, with 52 applicants interested in 30 garage spaces. Partnerships with Wolf’s Ridge Brewery and Zauber Brewing Company ensured plenty of beverages were provided throughout the event.

Monster Bash netted twice as much as budgeted ($13,490 v. $6,575) in 2014, after some creative committee members created ways for us to sell more tickets. The committee used the Platz and the first floor of the Meeting Haus to overcome Brent Warner Fest Hall’s capacity limits - 350 tickets were sold in 2014.

The event operated at 80 percent income over expenses. This sets the bar for other society events and is thanks to sponsors and trick-or-treat hosts underwriting many of our costs and limited spending on entertainment and decorations.

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New Partners Amplify Village Lights Experience

BY MARK WEISS

Every year, GVBC members coordinate a world of luminary and holiday magic that attracts thousands of neighbors, families and young couples alike to our historic streets to kickoff Christmas season. Presented by Schmidt’s, it’s a real community effort that keeps Village Lights free and a must-attend Columbus event.

Co-chairmen Jeff Lowe and Greg Gamier of Village Pet Supply provide leadership. Stewart Elementary students dedicate an entire day to stuffing luminaries with sand and votive candles to light up the neighborhood. Village Singers carolers and a horse-drawn carriage continue to be festive staples during this iconic evening. And dozens of neighbors decorate their homes to create quite the holiday spectacle.

New in 2014, Gresso’s and Livingston United Methodist Church shuttled attendees from donated parking lots by Africentric School and Big Red Rooster at each end of the neighborhood. Along the ride, Sarah Marsom and Elise Wyant gave a miniature tour and history of the Village to guests while on their way to Striezelmarkt – a Christmas market at the Meeting Haus plaza that welcomes guests with free hot beverages and holiday sweets. Even the Columbus Saints were waiting with a brass band that played holiday music all night.

In 2014, neighbor Tom Dailey transformed his home into a Winter Wonderland that saw children visiting Santa in a pop-up workshop while a live pipe organist and singers provided the entertainment!
Long-time German Village resident Jeff McNealey concluded his second round of stewardship as a GVS Trustee at the board’s September 14 meeting.

Jeff first served on the GVS Board of Trustees in the late 1980s and 1990s. Jeff was the board attorney and gave direction to a variety of legal questions. In 1990 (twenty-five years ago!), Jeff led the GVS Board as our President.

An attorney with Porter, Wright for many years, Jeff’s legal career focused on zoning and land use planning, annexation, environmental licensing, etc.

As board attorney recently, Jeff shared his legal expertise. Jeff also frequently provided organizational institutional memory that gave helpful historical context for current issues.

For many years Jeff has served on the Society’s Finance Committee. His particular interest has been to help ensure the prudent investment of GVS funds.

Jeff’s experiences, with the Society and other organizations, equipped him to ask thought-provoking questions, an essential trustee role.

Such helpful contributions were most recently evidenced as the trustees worked on developing, and now, implementing the comprehensive GVS Strategic Plan.

Jeff also offered helpful insights that enhanced the discussion of this important and far-reaching endeavor. Jeff has promised to continue to serve our beloved community in the years ahead.

On behalf of German Village Society, we thank Jeff for his many contributions over the last 40 years.
Addition of staff, a change in bookkeeping company and a new auditor at German Village Society during the last four years prompted the Finance Committee to perform a regular review of the Society’s financial processes. This includes reviewing and assessing the efficiency of the German Village Society’s financial processes, documenting the German Village Society’s financial processes, reviewing and assessment of the current financial reports and standardizing committee budgeting and accounting.

A special thank you goes to Trustee John Barr CPA for his work in reviewing the overall financial processes. Also, a special thank you goes to John Miller CPA and Katharine Moore for their work on designated fund budgets.

**COMPLETED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR 2013 & 2014:**

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**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**

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**Net operating income** 18 16
AWARDS

FRANK FETCH AWARD
Darci Congrove

The Frank Fetch Award is German Village Society’s highest honor. It recognizes the exemplary service and contributions of an individual who embodies the dedication and commitment demonstrated by German Village pioneer Frank Fetch.

Darci Congrove is such a person. Darci is multitalented, with endless enthusiasm and energy and she devotes many of her considerable resources to our community, for the good of German Village.

Darci served six years as a Trustee. She engages with committees such as Historic Preservation, Finance, Development, Haus und Garten Tour/PreTour and more. She is a devoted volunteer in our Visitors Center and at many events. She has hosted numerous GVS gatherings in her home. Darci, her husband, John and her friend Patti Orzano have hosted ten large PreTour dinners, a substantial in-kind contribution to the GVS. In 2010, Darci served as our president. This was a challenging time when resources were few and staff lacking to ensure the sustainability of the Society we all love.

There’s more: Darci and John created TEA 43206 in 2011. The entire proceeds benefit historic preservation endeavors. This garden party gala is much anticipated and is always sold out with 200 happy guests. Over the last four years, TEA 43206 has netted $75,000 for activities supporting our historic preservation mission.

VILLAGE VALUABLES AWARD
Pam Bergeron

The Village Valuables Award is presented annually to those individuals who keep our neighborhood vibrant through their willingness to get involved and be of service in a variety of ways.

This year’s recipient has left an indelible mark on German Village, although she no longer resides here. Pam Bergeron, along with her husband, Dennis, answered the siren call of warmer climates and moved to Florida in April. She intends to remain active, however, continuing her longtime involvement, albeit remotely, in the Society’s Membership and Organizational Development committees.

During the seven years she lived in German Village, Pam served as a Deadheader, grooming the gardens of Schiller Park; hosted a Haus und Garten Tour PreTour dinner; acted as a Tour house captain on several occasions; greeted guests in the Visitors Center and coordinated the Center’s volunteer schedule; and generally served the German Village Society “whenever I was tapped on the shoulder.”

Initially attracted to the Village because of its diversity, quaintness and friendliness, Pam will miss those qualities in her new home, which she says she enjoys, even though it’s different. “You can’t walk to Giant Eagle,” she says with a laugh.
FRED & HOWARD AWARD
Madeline Hicks

Each year, the Fred & Howard Award honors those individuals who have served German Village by carrying its message to audiences near and far. The recipient this year is Madeline Hicks, who has lived in the Village for nearly 50 years! The Columbus native and her late husband settled in the Village after he retired from the U. S. Air Force.

Madeline has been greeting guests at the German Village Visitors Center since the early 1970s, when the Center was in a small cottage on Third Street. As a regular volunteer on Monday and Wednesday, Madeline has frequently been called upon to train new volunteers as German Village ambassadors.

A firm believer in staying busy, the retiree has also been a hostess at countless Haus und Garten Tour homes and is a longtime member of the Garten Club. Given the fact that 12,000 to 15,000 visitors trek through the Visitors Center, and another several thousand attend our events, that’s just a lot of welcoming people to German Village.

And she’s an ambassador to staff and other volunteers, too. She’s a constant source of pick-me-up. She enjoys the camaraderie that comes with volunteering at the Visitor’s Center and showing off her neighborhood to visitors from around the world, saying, “The Village has done more for me than I’ve done for it! It’s a wonderful place.”

HAUS UND GARTEN HONORARY TOUR CHAIR
Mary Drudi

The German Village Society was delighted in June to recognize Mary Drudi as the honorary chair of the 2015 Haus und Garten Tour. Since moving to German Village from Brooklyn in 1973, Mary has been somewhat of a human whirlwind until rotator cuff surgery caused a recent slowdown - a “real bummer,” she admits.

Despite a busy professional life — Mary’s been a teacher, worked in retail, painted and cleaned houses and served as a museum receptionist — Mary has volunteered countless hours toward Village projects. She spent ten “glamorous” years as head of trash pick-up for Oktoberfest, which many consider the most-fun committee.

She and her ex-husband, Frank, chaired the Haus und Garten Tour one year. She has chaired Village Valuables; served on the German Village Board of Trustees; shared her home on Whittier as a Tour stop; was active in the Fun Bunch, founded by Fred Holdridge; chaired many a benefit for St. Mary Church and School; and generally stepped forward to help the Village whenever asked.

“I never considered living anywhere else,” she says, offering special praise to Village Connections volunteers, who are enabling her to stay in touch with her beloved neighborhood while she’s in recovery.
The German Village Commission and German Village Society presented six awards Wednesday, May 13, during the annual Caretakers of a Legacy Awards program.

The awards are our most mission-centric ceremony of the year, reflect the partnership between the Commission and Society, and are scheduled during national Preservation Month to best help us embrace our tagline: Caretakers of a Legacy.

Commissioners recognized three awardees:

**The Preservation Award | 747 Jaeger Ave**
Sally & Jeff Jaynes
Awarded to a property owner in recognition of an outstanding example of restoration, preservation or maintenance of a property or architectural element in German Village.

Gutters are a commonly overlooked aspect of buildings even though they’re critically important. Gutter styles, which were popular in the past, may not be common today.

This is the case with the stop gutters at 747 Jaeger. Stop gutters are integrated into the edge of a roof and many in German Village have been removed and the area covered with shingles. The gutters were covered in part due to the neglect of the neighborhood pre-1960s community revitalization. Through the proper restoration of the gutters at 747 Jaeger, Sally and Jeff Jaynes have restored the original rooflines of their historic cottage and enhanced their well-preserved slate roof.

**The Commissioners Award | 704 South Fifth Street Ronald Marshall**
Awarded each year to a property owner in recognition of a recently completed project that contributes to the architectural, historic, and aesthetic character of German Village and that shows sensitivity to the streetscape and surrounding properties.

New construction in a historic district can be fraught with issues, such as massing, height, and detailing. Garages are not always perceived as structures with design due to their utilitarian function, but a well-designed garage cannot be overlooked. The new garage belonging to Ronald Marshall exemplifies what it means to be contemporary, but compatible. This one-car garage on Purdy Alley is unobtrusive, allowing it to fit seamlessly into the flow of the alleyscape. The garage is set near an historic residence, concrete block garages, and newer garages, but there is no misconception that it is historic. Instead, the garage tastefully adds to the alley with its minimal design.

**The Chairman's Award Stewart Elementary School**
Awarded to a property owner, an individual, an organization, or a business entity in recognition of an outstanding contribution to the historic, architectural, or aesthetic character of German Village and to the community’s quality of life.

The re-opening of Stewart Alternative Elementary School is another step in German Village’s return to the historic way of life that integrates shops, restaurants, residences and schools. Like many structures in the neighborhood, it has done so while taking on a decidedly 21st century flavor. Restoration of its historic sections has been first rate, while additions have met that most difficult challenge of being compatible but contemporary. Most importantly, Columbus Public Schools partnership with Southside STAY ensures that German Village residents have a neighborhood school once more.
PRESIDENT’S AWARD

Paul Schrader

Every year the German Village Society awards the President’s Award to the individual, organization, or business entity who has made an outstanding contribution to the historic, architectural, or aesthetic character of German Village and to the community’s way of life. Anyone who has walked up Willow Street will instantly recognize the unmistakable contribution of this year’s recipient, Paul Schrader.

When Paul purchased his home on the corner of Willow and City Park in 1980 after moving to Columbus from Washington D.C. in 1976, it offered him the opportunity to devote more time to gardening, something that had been a passion since childhood. Bucking conventional wisdom, Paul envisioned creating a tropical garden (appropriately protected during the winter months of course!), and that is precisely what he went on to do. He became a Master Gardener through a program at Ohio State, volunteering at the Governor’s residence in Bexley.

All of this allows the continued vibrancy of the garden, which continues to delight German Village residents and visitors alike.

Three years ago Paul retired, and joked that he was retiring from his hobby in order to devote more time to his real job in the garden.

SPECIAL AMBASSADOR’S AWARD

Bert Stevens

Created in 2012, the Special Ambassador’s Award is an honor bestowed from time to time by the German Village Society on those individuals whose efforts have been exemplary in furthering the goals, interests and aspirations of German Village to a broader audience through activities such as advocacy, liaison work, promotion, and fundraising.

Alberta Stevens is this year’s recipient of a Special Ambassador’s Award. Bert’s indefatigable energy is legendary. She has been active in many arenas in our community since her arrival in German Village in 1991. As a past President of the German Village Garden Club, a co-host of numerous PreTour dinners, an Oktoberfest volunteer, and the recruiter of gardens for the annual Haus und Garten Tour, Bert’s contributions to German Village life underscore how eminently deserving she is of this special honor.

One of the major results of Bert’s leadership has been replacing the historic, long missing Umbrella Girl statue in Schiller Park. Bert spearheaded raising the money and worked with the artist, Joan Wobst, in the creation of this wonderful addition to the neighborhood.

Bert is perhaps best known, however, as German Village’s “garden guru.” For most residents, Bert is inextricably linked with the Huntington Garden in Schiller Park. She helped to lead the team that secured city and corporate financing for what would eventually become Huntington Garden, and she was intimately involved in bringing the project to fruition.

As the coordinator of the volunteer team of “deadheaders” who maintain this German Village landmark, Bert’s devotion to the Huntington Garden continues unabated to this day.

To demonstrate our community’s appreciation, the GVS Trustees have named the Huntington Garden Fund, a designated fund, in Alberta’s honor.
SPECIAL AMBASSADOR’S AWARD
Alan McKnight

The Columbus Recreation and Parks Department is comprised of more than 240 parks, 55 miles of multi-purpose trails, 30 recreation centers, a creative arts facility, an outdoor education program, activities for those with special needs, 10 rental facilities, five athletic complexes, seven golf courses, one indoor and several outdoor swimming pools, special events throughout the year, numerous sports leagues, tens of thousands of trees along city streets and in our parks, the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging that provides health and social services to senior adults, the largest outdoor fountain in the state, and much, much more. Needless to say that the Recreation and Parks Department team, from its director to its planning department to its forestry division to its events professionals to its maintenance crews, has its hands full day in and day out.

Alan McKnight has been part of the department for 38 years, and will retire at the end of May. His efforts, and the efforts of the Rec & Park Department he runs, have been critical to the development of German Village.

It is the staff of this department that strings lights on our neighborhood Christmas Tree in Frank Fetch Park each year, that developed the Schiller Park Master Plan that we have so diligently seen through, that has nurtured Schiller Park’s historic trees, and that has kept our neighborhoods’ open space so beautifully maintained and smoothly operated.

On behalf of Commissioners and Trustees, thank you to all of our awardees and all of those who work to truly caretake our neighborhood for current future generations to enjoy.
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Darci Congrove & John Pribble
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Frontgate
German Village Guesthouse
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CASTO Inc
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