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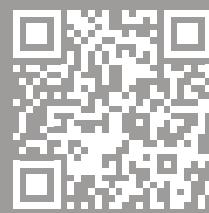
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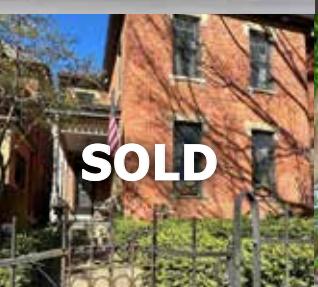
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# WELCOME TO THE 63<sup>RD</sup> GERMAN VILLAGE SOCIETY HAUS UND GARTEN TOUR

## FROM THE CHAIRS

Dear neighbors and friends of German Village, it is our honor to present to you the 2024 Haus und Garten Tour. We extend a warm welcome and heartfelt thanks to all PreTour and Tour guests joining us in celebrating the 63rd iteration of this event.

This year, there are 10 stellar homes and gardens on the Tour, each with their own personality and remarkable history. We are most grateful to our Tour homeowners - without their participation, this event would not be possible.

Our PreTour dinner hosts have created 20 curated dinners that offer a modern twist on classic flavors. Their presence and support make the cherished PreTour tradition possible. If you've never attended a PreTour evening in the past, we encourage you to consider it next year.

As the Columbus metro area experiences continued growth and sees many options for summer weekends, the German Village community greatly appreciates the interest in our neighborhood and the visitors during Tour weekend.

In addition to the Tour homeowners and PreTour dinner hosts, the Tour this year is a constellation of engagement by the numerous small-business owners within our neighborhood; please support them during your visit!

In between stops at the exceptional homes and gardens featured this year, we recommend getting a behind-the-scenes tour at Franklin Art



Glass Studios and the newly renovated Saint Mary Elementary School, which will both be open on Sunday for tours.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the year-round support of the German Village Society professionals and an army of community volunteers. We are most appreciative for the support, guidance and tireless efforts from everyone involved since we started this journey last June.

Let's make 2024 a great German Village Haus und Garten Tour!

All the best,

Carmen & Michael Wood  
*Haus und Garden Chairs*

Lindsey Turner & Benjamin Chapman  
*PreTour Chairs*

## HOST COMMITTEE



Front Row (L-R): Chris Hune, Beth Burson, Darci Congrove, Carmen Wood, Michael Wood, Lindsey Turner, Benjamin Chapman, Brittany Gibson. Back Row (L-R): Tyler Mason, Anthony Meyer, Anthony Hartke, John Clark. Not pictured: Kevin Buckland, Jan Clark, Sarah Irvin Clark, Marie Logothetis and Andrea Schmitt.

# FROM THE GERMAN VILLAGE SOCIETY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It has been an amazing 18 months for me at the German Village Society. The second Haus und Garten Tour with me at the helm got off to a quick start immediately after last year's event. There are so many people to thank for making this year's Tour amazing. Special thanks to this year's chairs, Carmen and Michael Wood, and PreTour chairs, Lindsey Turner and Ben Chapman, who worked so hard to give us a great event. Our Board of Trustees, coordinating committee and volunteers gave so much to get us here – it's been truly inspirational to work with each member of this team. Thank you to all of our sponsors and community partners, who have been instrumental in putting the weekend together and giving each guest a wonderful experience.

This year, I especially want to call attention to the staff at the German Village Society. Rachel Lewellen, Crystal Coon and Susan Carmichael do so much – not only for the Haus und Garten Tour but every day – to make this neighborhood special for all of its residents, businesses and visitors. Without them, I don't know how I could function in my role. If you haven't had the opportunity to meet this great team, please stop by the Meeting Haus to introduce yourself and thank them!

Finally, our Tour homeowners. Without you, there is no Haus und Garten Tour. Thank you for sharing



your homes with us. I realize that it is a lot to ask of you to allow thousands of people to walk through your sanctuaries and show us where you unwind, entertain and let loose. It is not lost on me the enormous gift that you have given us this year by letting us inside your doors.

From all of us here at the German Village Society, we hope that you enjoy this year's Tour and think about participating in the years to come. We can always use more volunteers, sponsors and homes! Of course, I would be remiss if I didn't mention that if you are not a member of the German Village Society, please consider joining. I can't say it enough: you don't have to be a resident to be a member!

Sean Kessler  
*Executive Director*



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# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2024 HONOREE

## David Gaumer

### HAUS UND GARTEN HONORARY TOUR CHAIR

To say David Gaumer shows up seems like an understatement. He's been a fixture in the neighborhood – a neighbor, a small-business owner, a hands-on volunteer, a coffee shop regular – for most of the past 30 years. It's about time he's recognized as the Honorary Tour Chair (and gets to sit down, for once!).

As a longtime gardener and owner of the Garden Bouquet landscaping services, his work is featured at many German Village properties and always admired – whether you know it's his work or not – during Haus und Garten Tour. It's the time when gardens shine! And it means David is spending six to seven hours gardening outside most days (that's down from his peak of 10 or more... "I'm trying to slow down, but it's not working," says David).

It all started in 1987, when David moved into a house on Mohawk Street. He'd gardened before moving there and started his landscaping company in 1993 (he's worked on some houses' outdoor spaces for close to 20 years now!). That same year, he started volunteering with the Huntington Garden in Schiller Park - helping



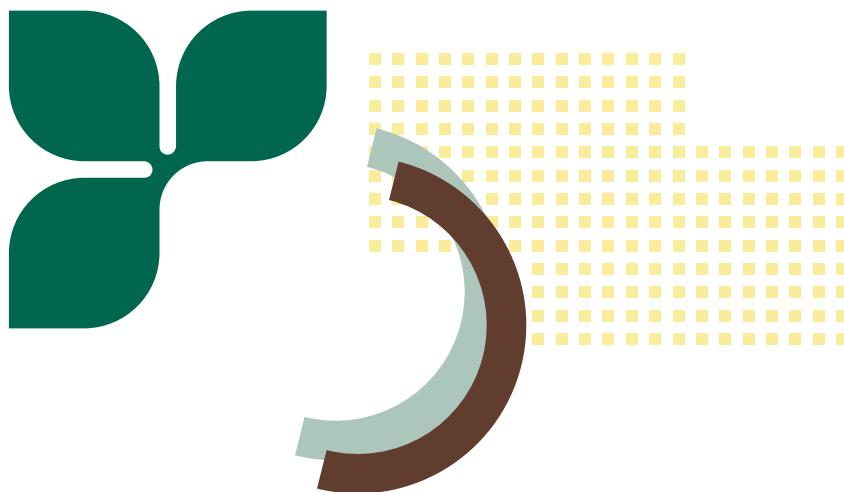
maintain the pristine garden beds that stretch between the Friedrich von Schiller statue and the park entrance at Stewart Street. (David currently organizes the volunteers helping maintain the gardens – and they always need more volunteers, by the way!)

Over the years, he served on the Friends of Schiller Park

committee that helped establish the "Umbrella Girl" statue and Grace Highfield Garden and volunteered to help with the German Village Society's onetime Oktoberfest celebrations. He's of course never met a park he doesn't love, so he also volunteers with the German Village Garten Club, which maintains Frank Fetch Park as well as the massive planters all along Third Street (he helps with those).

You really can't walk much of this neighborhood without witnessing something he's touched. We're glad to honor him this weekend.

"It's a wonderful place to live," David says of life in the neighborhood. "I wouldn't live anywhere else."





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Tour weekend events kick off on Saturday night with PreTour, which includes preview tour, cocktail party and private dinners. We're biased, but it's probably the single best way to experience Tour. Mark your calendar for next year!

All proceeds from the Haus und Garten Tour support the historic preservation and education programs of the German Village Society (more on that next). Thank you!

Whether you can put your finger on it or not, you can bet the things you love about the neighborhood are a direct result of the work of the non-profit German Village Society.

At the German Village Society, our mission is simple: preservation, advocacy, and promoting community in the Village.

Anyone can be a member of or give to the German Village Society—you don't have to live here, you just have to love it.

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## CENTRAL OHIO WATERCOLOR SOCIETY WET PAINT CONTEST

The Annual Wet Paint contest held by the Central Ohio Watercolor Society (COWS) is a traditional feature of Tour Day. Each house or garden on the Tour will be painted by a COWS artist.

A jury will award prizes to winning pieces at 4:30 p.m. at the Meeting Haus, 588 S. 3rd St.

Feel free to stop and talk with the artists during the Tour. Many artists will paint house portraits or other works on commission.



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# 2024 HAUS UND GARTEN TOUR STOPS

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**SALLY MCDONALD**  
205 Jackson St.



Many, many of the stone lintels and steps you see in German Village have ties to this home, which used to be a warehouse. In more modern times, it's been Sally McDonald's – she and her late husband, John, bought it in 1996 and converted it to the residence you see today.

George Parson sold the property to Matthias Lang in 1870, who used it as a warehouse for cutting and storing stone for his company, which is still in operation in Columbus. The Lang family would continue to own the property until 1990, which meant it stayed in the Lang family for 120 years! In the mid-20th century, a frame shop as well as a pet food supplier called the building home.

The home got a well-needed renovation when Sally and her husband took ownership of the property. With leaky windows, dirt floors and asbestos, the work was cut out for the McDonalds and their architect, John Behal. In addition to all that, converting an industrial space into living quarters requires creativity, and the McDonalds used that in spades to create a unique residence.

Over four meetings, the couple and architect had their plans set for the home: inside, an open concept with a sitting area (today, French

antiques and paintings in this zone help set the home apart); outside, a courtyard features large gates where wagons originally brought in stone. The home's large windows have allowed Sally to enjoy seeing the dogs and strollers passing by over the years. "People always wonder how I can stand the big windows and everyone looking in," she says. "I want to look out... so they can look in."

The McDonalds first had the house on Tour in 1998. As an interior designer with her own business – Interiorworks by Sally McDonald – this house has gone from challenge to canvas to source of inspiration to crown jewel (and around again). She's updated the kitchen and master bathroom more recently and feels like its European style is reflective of her travels and suits the unique space.

Sally and John were both living in the Village when they first met, and they continued to live in several places together before 205 Jackson. "I loved the feel of the brick houses and streets, and the way it felt so aesthetically pleasing," Sally said, thinking back on her sense of the neighborhood decades ago. These days, having lost John, she's felt the community evolve to suit her again, "met an entire new set of friends" and considers her neighbors to be the most supportive and friendliest.

## NOTES FROM THE OWNER

**YEAR BUILT:** Early 1900s

**ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:** Industrial

**EXTERIOR HIGHLIGHT:** The courtyard

**INTERIOR HIGHLIGHT:** The high ceilings that give a sense of volume

**FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT LIVING IN THE VILLAGE:** Lindey's Restaurant and its great patio; the wonderful neighbors; sense of community

## MICHELE MCFADDEN & MAURICE MANRING

### 322 E. Beck St. (garten only)

Many of Michele McFadden's stories about life in German Village (and life in general) come back to two things: dogs and the outdoors.

The moment she first laid eyes on the Village says a lot: It was a blustery, ice-covered 10-15 degrees outside when Michele and her husband Maurice Manring visited Columbus to look for a house, and "my husband's former boss asked us to come later in the spring, but we needed to see Columbus at its most challenging," Michele says. "We were initially attracted to German Village because of the number of people we saw walking their dogs in those frigid temps and blustery conditions. I did not see that in the suburbs."

That "lucky" visit (and subsequent home purchase of 322 E. Beck St.) happened in 2009. In addition to Villagers' hardiness, Michele and Maurice were also attracted to the neighborhood's architecture, history, density and its proximity to downtown & the airport.



Nowadays, they still live at the cottage and walk the streets of German Village with their beloved French Bulldogs, Phelix and Coco Chanel.

That is, when Michele steps away from the garden.

Leveraging a remarkably large outdoor space that mostly faces south, Michele (with the help of David Gaumer of Garden Bouquet) created a flow that goes from the front lawn and flower beds to a garden wall followed by a large, open courtyard with three flower beds and a greenhouse. The couple recently acquired the property that stands behind the greenhouse, adding two additional garden spaces; there's also a large, narrow bed that runs the length of the garage.

"From March to October, I spend at least six hours a day fretting over or in the garden. The other months are spent fretting over what's in the greenhouse," Michele jokes. "There is a lot of fretting at 322 E. Beck St." Like any dedicated gardener, she spends January and February reflecting on what's worked and what hasn't; by late January, she's started growing seeds to be ready to plant in the spring.

With her regular tweaks to the garden, she's always trying something new. However, she's dabbled in bonsai since 2005 and – very sadly – lost all of her tropical plants after a thermostat failure in her greenhouse went undetected for two incredibly cold days this January. She's working to reestablish a tropical-plant collection this summer, so keep an eye out as you tour.

#### NOTES FROM THE GARDENER

**YEAR HOME WAS BUILT:** 1860

**ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:**

Story-and-a-half cottage with addition

**EXTERIOR HIGHLIGHT:** The sun

**INTERIOR HIGHLIGHT:** The small, quirky rooms in the original part of the cottage

**FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT LIVING IN THE VILLAGE:** Walkability, dog-friendly community and the people!

## DREW NESYPOUR & ANDY WALTERSDORF

### 316 E. Beck St.

A home with its own very popular local lore, 316 E. Beck St. is a truly unique building that's always stood out on the street for its differing style from its neighbor, 318. Inside, "the Andrews" have renovated every inch of their home since moving in 2021.

Known throughout German Village as the "Brother's House," local stories have often told the tale of two brothers building adjoining houses while being at odds during the Civil War. As legend has it, a falling out between them caused each to finish their half of the home in their own style.

However, after the great-great-grandson of 316's original owner and builder knocked on the door one day, the Andrews feel confident in saying that the myth of the "Brother's House" is just that: a myth. The house was built by Hartman Debus in 1865, and the home remained in the Debus family until 1941. (The reason it looks different from its adjoining neighbor remains a mystery!)

In more recent times, Drew and Andy were looking for a walkable and friendly community in Columbus after moving to the state a few years ago. When 316 Beck came on the market, they jumped at the opportunity to call German Village home.

#### NOTES FROM THE OWNERS

**YEAR BUILT:** 1865

**ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:** Italianate

**EXTERIOR HIGHLIGHT:** The attached home with its completely different style and roofline

**INTERIOR HIGHLIGHT:** The recently remodeled kitchen

**FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT LIVING IN THE VILLAGE:** Taking Cooper on walks to Stauf's; numerous neighborhood events throughout the year; entertaining friends and family in the backyard

Outside of their day jobs, the duo found a lot to sink their teeth into with their new house, which hadn't been updated in decades.

While protecting the historic elements of the home, Drew and Andrew gave the space a fresh look with a minimal and neutral aesthetic. With backgrounds in interior design and real estate, they teamed up with various local craftsmen to add modernity to the authenticity of the brickwork and historic charm.

Worth checking out: they documented their work via the Instagram account [@projectbeck\\_](https://www.instagram.com/projectbeck_)

316 Beck is a beautifully unique place in German Village to call home - as does with their dachshund, Cooper, who takes his unofficial duties as "German Village Neighborhood Watch Captain" (a.k.a. watching passersby at the front door) very seriously.



## GUY RUB & BRIAN BARKHURST 312 E. Beck St. (garten only)



German Village houses are known for being tightly spaced, often with as much or more of a front yard than a backyard. Narrow side yards, wrought-iron fences and variable stretches of sunlight because of nearby buildings are all consistent features of German Village gardens. Often, you can take in the entirety of someone's garden space just by looking over the fence from the sidewalk.

312 E. Beck fits this description in a lot of ways (although there's much more than meets the eye streetside). And it's here that Guy Rub's gardening passion first took root

When he was searching for homes in 2011, Guy was drawn to the beauty of the neighborhood and "how insanely nice the people were," Guy said, adding, "My Realtor took me to a 'Spot dinner' (a neighborhood pop-up potluck) across the street; within an hour, I had spoken with and got to know more neighbors than I spoke with in my three years in LA."

The surroundings at 312 E. Beck motivated Guy's focus on gardening; he didn't have experience with it, but he knew he wanted more for his decent-sized outside space than "a mix of weed, grass, and thyme and mint plants taking over everything."

Today, Japanese maple trees dot the property. Other plants on display throughout the spaces

include balloon flowers, several types of coneflowers and daisies, hydrangeas, roses, irises, Japanese anemone and more.

Outside, their front yard has evolved to a colorful showcase of rose bushes and annuals (along with a big pine tree), the side yard is full of shade-loving perennials, and the backyard is styled like a Japanese garden.

Guy finds time to plan and maintain the gardens along with his role as a professor at Ohio State University, which is what brought him to Columbus in the first place (he grew up in Israel and later lived in Ann Arbor and Los Angeles). He shares the house with his partner, Brian Barkhurst (a Columbus native), and the "true homeowners" - Johnny the dog and Diego the cat.

This garden is a true cross-family combination of effort and ideas, all driven by principles of a Japanese garden and its standard plants. Japanese gardens typically feature elements of plants, water, stone and man-made features; both Brian and Guy loved seeing those gardens during their time living in (Brian) and visiting (Guy) Japan. The blooming bushes, pond, Japanese maple tree and more you'll see today are all part of a grand plan paying tribute to a great love - Guy's family even contributed ideas from his native Israel after they met in Japan for a family trip.

Inspiration awaits...

### NOTES FROM THE GARDENERS

**YEAR HOME WAS BUILT:** 1913

**ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:**  
American foursquare

**EXTERIOR HIGHLIGHT:**  
The Japanese-themed garden in the back

**INTERIOR HIGHLIGHT:**  
Guy's office - a man cave

**FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT LIVING IN THE VILLAGE:** The community; how beautiful the Village is in all seasons; how quiet and walkable the Village is while also being close to downtown

## FRANKLIN ART GLASS STUDIOS, INC.

222 E. Sycamore St.

Franklin Art Glass Studios is celebrating 100 years in operation this year and has been a staple in the German Village community since 1966 after two previous locations in downtown Columbus.

Founded by three German stained-glass artists, Franklin Art Glass is still family owned and operated. The studio is owned by the third and fourth generation of the Helf family – descendants of Henry Helf, foreman for the Von Gerichten Art Glass Company until its close in 1931.

Originally, Franklin Art Glass shared the building at 222 E. Sycamore St. with Morehouse Supply, but by the 1970s, business had grown enough that they expanded to the whole building. In the 1980s, the studio expanded yet again and bought the building behind it on Lear St.. Prior to Franklin Art Glass's move into the building, it had served as a gear manufacturing company, an armory and a pharmaceuticals manufacturer, among others.

Today, the retail showroom of Franklin Art Glass sees a varied customer base. From renovators to hobbyists to wholesale purchasers, an average day at the studio is a unique experience. Artisans and craftsmen spend their time working in the studio on custom panels or restoring vintage windows to be shipped across the country.

For the team there today, though – local is top of mind. “Whether it is our ability to walk to local stores and restaurants or our being able to send our customers out to walk and explore



the neighborhood, you can't beat exploring and enjoying German Village on foot,” says Andrea Reid, vice president and part of the fourth generation of the Helf family.

Their location stands out to customers both longtime and new, Andrea says. “As a business, it is so important for customers to know you and remember you. We find that even if customers can't remember our studio name, they always

remember that we are the ‘glass shop’ in German Village.”

The Franklin Art Glass studio space is as unique as the beautiful pieces they create. Stop in and experience a window into the heart of German Village.

### NOTES FROM THE OWNERS

**YEAR BUILT:** Early 1900s

**ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:** Industrial

**EXTERIOR HIGHLIGHT:** Big windows that let plenty of light in — especially the one big enough to show off the “Angel window”

**INTERIOR HIGHLIGHT:** Expansive open spaces, which aren't common in most original German Village architecture

**FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT LIVING IN THE VILLAGE:** The community; the walkability; the memorability

## LISA STEIN & CRAIG COLVIN

### 847 Mohawk St.



There's more than meets the eye with Lisa Stein and Craig Colvin's house – much more than you can tell just walking by on the sidewalk. So maybe it's no surprise that there's more than meets the eye with the couple themselves, as well.

First, the house: the Dutch single and Dutch double combined here were originally built in 1879 by the Leukart family, who purchased the original plots in 1866. They initially lived in at least two of the units, then rented out all three and ultimately owned the properties until 1955 – 89 years total! The buildings have always been owned together, and only by a small handful of families.

Today, the collection of houses has been combined into one that still appears from the front and back as separate houses, all connected across the beautifully outfitted backyard. "We were empty nesters, but not interested in downsizing since we love to entertain and knew we wanted space for our kids to be able to visit home in the future," Lisa says. They bought property in 2015 and finished construction in late 2019.

Perhaps their feel for the ideal use of the space comes from having first moved to the neighborhood in 1985. Yes, you read that correctly! They've lived in five houses in the Village in total and made a brief detour to Bexley for a period of time.

What always attracted them to the Village brought them back to the now-reimagined 847 Mohawk St. – the ability to walk to excellent

restaurants, the community spirit and... well, maybe one thing that was true in 1985 is no longer true today: "We paid \$62,500 for our first house on S. 5th St.." Lisa looks back wistfully on this number with a smile.

Craig's professional ties to the neighborhood run deep, too – he's a developer who served on the German Village Commission for nearly 11 years, and the number of houses he's touched in the Village numbers in the 50s (including all of theirs). They are both currently focused on Society fundraising efforts to support brick sidewalk repair and replacement, and hope their relaid brick sidewalk serves as an example of what the entire Village will eventually achieve.

Here, the combination of different spaces and plenty of elbow room has given Lisa and Craig flexibility that they love – and even accommodated well their two grown sons who came to stay when the pandemic began a few months after construction wrapped.

In many ways, the outside space was the star of the show then – and continues to be. A pool, outdoor ping-pong table, kitchen garden and more outside-space stars were coordinated with the help of Sue Grant of Jacob Grant Design.

Inside, you'll find eclectic furniture, lighting and artwork, including many pieces they've collected over the years. "Our favorite house shopping is for art, and it's been a joy to have more wall space to enjoy works from both local and other artists," Lisa says. Among the collection, she lists local artists Laura Anderson, Christian Faur and Ann Hamilton and sculptures and prints from South African artist Claudette Schreuders and NYC-based artist Kira Nam Greene.

There's simply so much to take in at 847 Mohawk.

### NOTES FROM THE OWNERS

**YEAR BUILT:** Approximately 1879

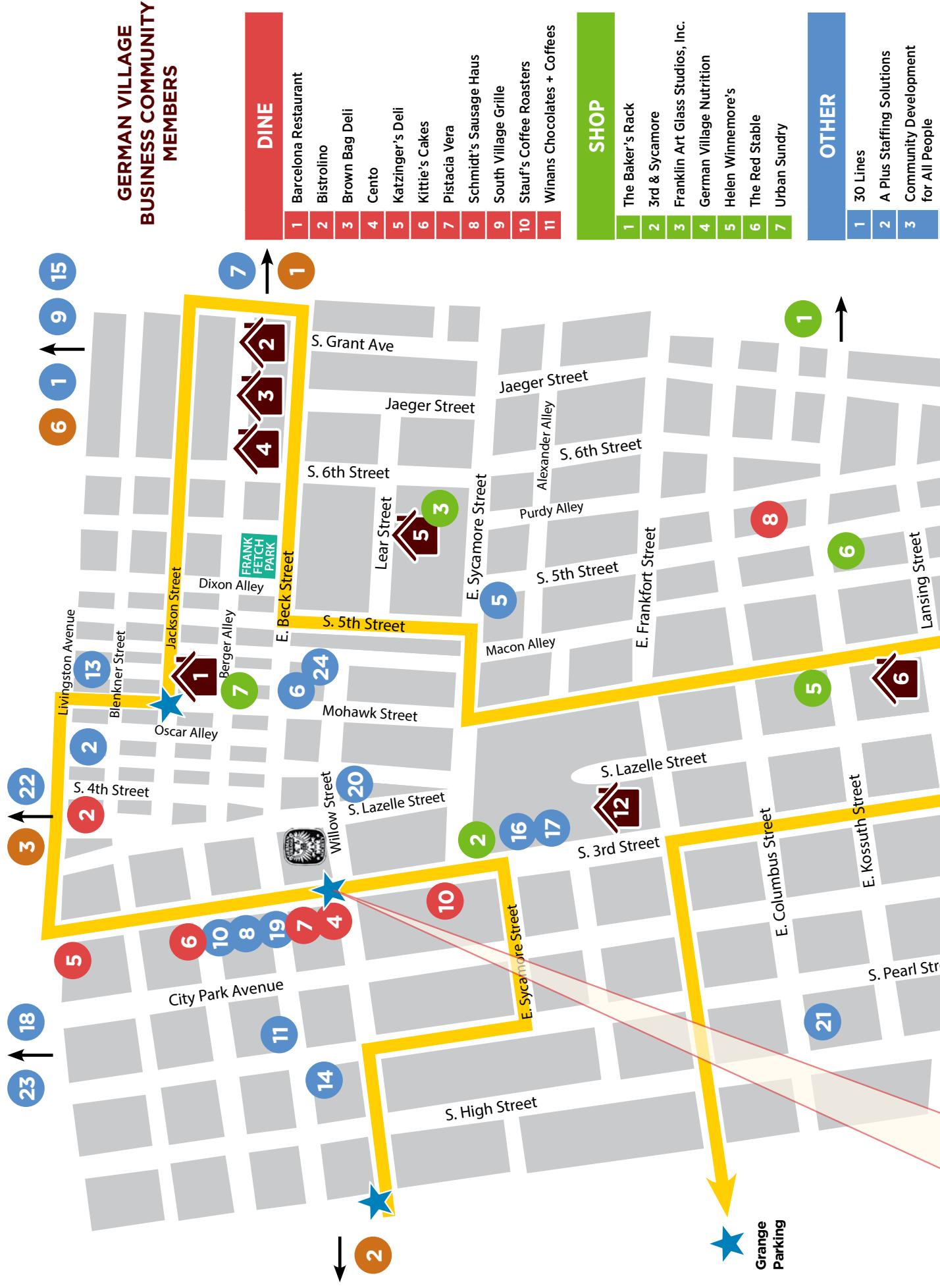
**ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:** Dutch double + Dutch single

**EXTERIOR HIGHLIGHT:** "Compound" structure... "and I love the backyard!"

**INTERIOR HIGHLIGHT:** Sitting room/ kitchen area surrounded by great art

**FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT LIVING IN THE VILLAGE:** Community; charm; walkability

# 2024 TOUR MAP



# TOUR PATH STARTS HERE



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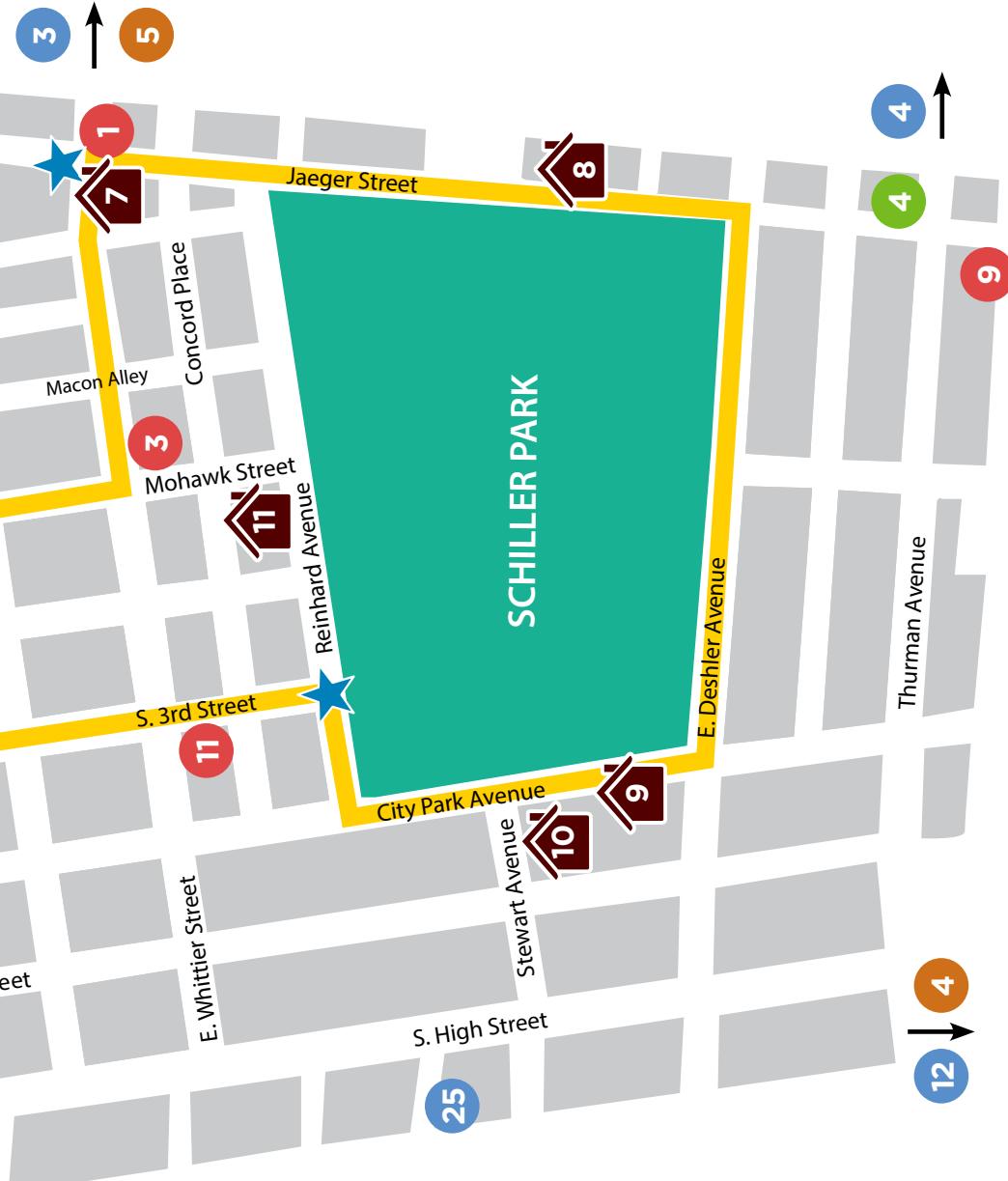


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**JEREMY BALL**  
**249 E. Whittier St.**



Built in the early 1900s, Jeremy Ball's home at 249 E. Whittier St. is making a return to the Haus und Garten Tour after being featured in 1961, the second-ever Tour organized by the German Village Society.

Originally, the property was owned by the Baumann family, who worked together in the lumber industry. It changed hands a few times, ending up in the ownership of a few different doctors – including Dr. Jewel VanDeWater, who used the lower level of the home as a part of his medical practice.

With a move to working from home and the addition of his first puppy Annabelle (“Annie” to her friends!), Jeremy was ready for some more space in Columbus’ core and bought the house in 2021. German Village checked all the boxes for him: “diversity, food, art, walkability, volunteerism, city parks and quick access to all things Central Ohio and beyond.” A nearby Fox in the Snow bakery didn’t hurt either!

Before moving in, Jeremy completed a full-house renovation. His love of entertaining motivated him to remove the wing walls between the living and dining rooms downstairs. A primary suite was carved out on the second story, complete with a new home office. The third story was finished for the first time ever, now connected by an open staircase instead of the dark, “creepy” original stairway.

Jeremy’s love of entertaining also drove his choices in enhancing the backyard, which now features an outdoor kitchen and hot tub atop a new patio.

The lower level – used for decades as a doctor’s office – is a full apartment that was remodeled by the previous owners, complete with a kitchen, living room, bedroom and bathroom.

Although the interior has seen significant changes, the charm of the old home is still intact – including original stained glass and first-story hardwood floors. In meeting with the previous owners twice during the buying process, Jeremy came to understand that they didn’t want a new resident’s upgrades to come at the cost of the home’s history and allure, and Jeremy talked them through his plans.

All that said – Jeremy admits he didn’t anticipate this undertaking being possible (“a home renovation this size was not on my BINGO card”), but he was hooked on the house from the first time he saw it and found a way to make it happen. This weekend, that work is ours to admire.

As you walk through, take special note of the artwork throughout – it’s what Jeremy says really sets his place apart by adding a welcoming feeling and creating conversation.

“Art has a powerful way of telling a story and evoking emotions. I feel the space is welcoming and warm and has a unique gallery-like feel.”

#### **NOTES FROM THE OWNER**

**YEAR BUILT:** Early 1900s

**ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:** American foursquare

**EXTERIOR HIGHLIGHT:** Outdoor patio with kitchen

**INTERIOR HIGHLIGHT:** Imperial/double staircase

**FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT LIVING IN THE VILLAGE:** The urban environment; Schiller Park; the proximity to downtown and airport

## JOHN KUIJPER & EDWAARD LIANG

### 1034 Jaeger St.

This home at 1034 Jaeger St. was built in 1887 and owned by John Eichenberger, a German blacksmith. Set facing westward to the then-named “City Park” (now Schiller Park), residents enjoyed a covered front porch looking out over the open space. A wood-frame addition including a kitchen, bathroom, laundry and mother-in-law suite was added to the back in 1969.

John Kuijper and Edwaard Liang moved into the home in late 2017 after being attracted to the 9.5-foot ceilings and the open feeling of the living and dining rooms with the cozy appeal of an antique gas fireplace. They were especially jazzed for the backyard space, which was a blank slate ready for a new vision – it now includes a covered back porch, gas grill and expansive brick patio for entertaining guests (Edwaard has been BalletMet’s artistic director since 2013).

This is the couple’s second home in the neighborhood, and they continue to choose German Village for its historic integrity, charm and central location, minutes away from downtown theaters. “1034 has provided us more elbow room, space to reimagine a landscape and outdoor space and an opportunity to preserve a beautiful historic home with modern touches,” John says.

Since they moved in, they’ve created a new kitchen with custom Amish cabinetry, a bar/laundry space, upgraded bathrooms and updated the mother-in-law suite to become the master bedroom, complete with a sitting area overlooking



the backyard. Cindy Lynch Kitchen and Bath Design “made it all happen,” John says. A 44-inch Restoration Hardware chandelier brings life to the dining area, and a blend of other fixtures (vintage and modern) complement each space.

Outside, spacious seating areas abound, along with vignettes of colorful containers and water features. “We were inspired by the Chinese garden design principle of ‘borrowed scenery’ and aimed a diagonal vantage point toward the east-southeast, over the garage rooftops and with the neighbor’s tulip poplar as the focal point,” John says. A curving limestone patio border extends the line of sight and creates multiple ‘places’ to enjoy the outdoors. Close by are abundant dwarf conifers and specimen trees and shrubs (Japanese maples, dogwood, blue spruce, false cypress and hydrangeas among them).

The organic curves blended with the rectangular architecture all creates contrast and harmony and is certainly a highlight of this highlight-studded tour stop.

#### NOTES FROM THE OWNERS

**YEAR BUILT:** 1887

**ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:** Vernacular

**EXTERIOR HIGHLIGHT:** Spacious front porch overlooking Schiller Park

**INTERIOR HIGHLIGHT:** Kitchen looking out over the large brick patio

**FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT LIVING**

**IN THE VILLAGE:** Historic character and preservation ethos; proximity to downtown core of Columbus; friendly neighborhood vibes.

## CITY PARK INTERIORS

### 1017 City Park Ave.

Returning to the Haus und Garten Tour for the fourth time, 1017 City Park is a beautiful combination of rich history and modern feel. Featured on the Haus und Garten Tour in 1973, 1998, and 2003, this impressive brick home was built sometime between 1882-1884. It has seen many owners who have brought renovations of all kinds, including Meghan Conrad Carey of City Park Interiors.

The property was historically part of Lot 34 – one of the subdivisions created by William and David Deshler and Allen Thurman in the 1860s. These men controlled many parts of what would become German Village, and their names appear prominently in Village street names (Deshler and Thurman avenues).

The Deibel family built the house and owned it for four generations – until 1946. The Battles family owned the property in the 1970s and contributed its history with significant renovations and landscaping.

The current homeowners purchased the property in 2017, with renovations completed in late 2019. During this renovation, the home was taken down to studs and redone from top to bottom, with only a brick interior wall untouched. Meghan's 20-plus years of interior design experience were put to work with this one, as she chose to relocate even the stairs to open things up. "It was important to pay tribute to the exterior



of the home and to combine many traditional elements in a modernized way," she says. "It was important to make the home feel elegant inside, as well as comfortable and functional."

An addition was built on the back of the home to create a great room and mudroom. The garage was also torn down and a new one built closer to the alley to make space for a larger, enclosed backyard.

The beauty of the home, its close proximity to Schiller Park, and its far reaching history as a part of German Village make 1017 City Park a wonderful example of the neighborhood look, feel and lifestyle.

#### NOTES FROM THE OWNER

**YEAR BUILT:** Between 1882-1884

**ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:** Italianate vernacular

**EXTERIOR HIGHLIGHT:** Schiller Park views and easy access across the street; the enclosed backyard

**INTERIOR HIGHLIGHT:** The openness of a modern home that still honors the character of its past

**FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT LIVING IN THE VILLAGE:** Walkability; being surrounded by history; the diversity of the community

**TODD RENSI**  
**1011 City Park Ave.**



When you have a front-row view of one of Columbus' (dare we say even the region's) most highly regarded parks, you put down roots and make your place the best it can be.

That's what Todd Rensi has done since relocating to this 1875-built house in 2004. Todd moved to the Village in 2002 and bought the property from his parents after renting for a few years and lived next door to his brother, who was in the attached double.

A lifelong resident of the Columbus area, he grew up in the country, but his family visited German Village frequently when he was a child. "I always knew I wanted to live here," he says. "It's a special place, and I've always felt at home."

Todd has completely renovated and updated the kitchen, landscaping and garden, which he now calls the showstopper of the exterior. Don't hurry past the front door without taking it in, either - it's a new, custom door made of solid mahogany. The front also boasts a new gas lamp and a custom window box.

Next up, Todd plans to take on a second-floor renovation beginning this fall. (We'll have to bring the Tour back to take in the results!)

This house will celebrate its (approximate) 150-year birthday next year! Research Todd had done on the property shows two different machinists lived at 1011 City Park across about 10 of its "early" years - 1898-1908. A coal and ice dealer named Russell Gordon and his wife, Irma, lived at the house around 1944. We might not have ice dealers anymore, but we can still imagine them traversing the cobblestones and making deliveries around the Village.

It's also easy to imagine the view and proximity of Schiller Park right across the street was a favorite feature of previous residents of the house - although the park hasn't always looked like its super inviting, modern self - it's also one of Todd's favorite things. He also volunteers on the board of trustees for the Friends of Schiller Park.

For a guy who grew up in the country, having that green space while also living in a densely packed urban neighborhood feels like the best of both worlds. From Todd's front stoop, he can take in all of Schiller Park, including the Caretaker's House and the famous "Umbrella Girl," sculpted of his dear friend by her mother.

Todd works in politics, and one of the park's highlights for him happened on a single day in fall 2012: "I was thrilled to watch (from my front steps!) then President Barack Obama speak on the Schiller Park stage.

"To have the splendor of Schiller Park out my front door, and the oasis of my little garden out the back - it reminds me of my childhood," Todd says. "I have the perfect balance of nature in an urban environment. And I'm so lucky to call this little green corner of German Village home."

#### NOTES FROM THE OWNER

**YEAR BUILT:** Approximately 1875

**ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:** Italianate  
 Vernacular

**EXTERIOR HIGHLIGHT:** Garden

**INTERIOR HIGHLIGHT:** The light fixtures in the kitchen are refurbished, solid brass pendants from around the 1920s that were used in a shipping warehouse in Ghent, Belgium.

**FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT LIVING IN THE VILLAGE:** Walkability; community; Schiller Park



A lifelong New Yorker, Anne McMillen found a home in German Village after visiting Columbus to meet her first grandson a few years ago. After staying in a short-term rental in the Village, a walk around the neighborhood led her to falling in love with the potential at 120 Reinhard.

Originally part of C.F. Jaeger's addition to the City of Columbus, the property was owned for 30 years by Andrew Bisch, a musician, painter and laborer at different times. This home was constructed in the early 1900s with its view of Schiller Park and is returning to the Haus und Garten Tour after first appearing in 1969.

Anne likes nothing more than construction, especially at a historic site, and was deeply involved in the two-year renovation and restoration of the home before moving in in 2023 — choosing fixtures, finishes and bringing in unique pieces from across the country.

Enlarging the living space and removing a chimney that couldn't be salvaged gave the first floor a front-to-back line of sight. An exceptional chef's kitchen and mudroom are just a few of the interior additions made to the house that add to its modern comforts. A back porch and redesigned landscaping add to its exterior appeal.

Anne's goal with renovating and restoring the property was to add a level of modernity and elegance while maintaining its historic charm and detail.

Anne is not alone in her love of German Village and all that it offers. She lives with her Australian Shepherd, who gleefully shares his devotion to Schiller Park with tennis and basketball players there.

#### NOTES FROM THE OWNER

**YEAR BUILT:** Between 1902-1922

**ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:** Victorian

**EXTERIOR HIGHLIGHT:** Rear of the house

**INTERIOR HIGHLIGHT:** Stained glass salvaged from a built-in cupboard

**FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT LIVING IN THE VILLAGE:** Walking to high-end restaurants; walking in Schiller Park; the fact that everyone is "house proud!"

## SAINT MARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

700 S. Third St. (open Sunday only)

Saint Mary School has been part of the German Village community since 1865. It's expanded multiple times over the past 150 years, with three buildings now making up the campus.

The main building currently houses preschool through third-grade classes and was built in 1955. Renovations under the guidance of Principal Gina Stull (pictured) and Saint Mary Church Father Vince Nguyen added 10,000 square feet of learning space when they were completed earlier this year.

This weekend is one of the public's first chances to view the renovations. In addition to the additional classroom space and second-floor "Hub" with computers and study spaces, a new cafeteria and sensory rooms were added, staff offices were updated – and the playground in the front yard is a serious upgrade from having outdoor recess on the blacktop parking lot (and an adjoining swing set).

In addition to the main building on view this weekend, the campus also includes the Specht Center (home to fourth- and fifth-grade classrooms and built in 1865; it will be undergoing renovations this summer) and the building at 630 S. Third St. (where sixth- through eighth-grade students have had class since 2021; it was built in 1866 and before serving as the middle school, the City of Columbus owned the building and operated it as the Golden Hobby Shop).

### NOTES FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

**YEAR BUILT:** 1955, renovated in 2024 (main building)

**ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:** Mid-century modern with contemporary additions

**EXTERIOR HIGHLIGHT:** New main building front-yard turf and preschool playground

**INTERIOR HIGHLIGHT:** The second-floor Hub features computers for doing research, books for reading and plenty of chairs and tables to do schoolwork

**FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT LIVING IN THE VILLAGE:** The community; the walkability



The Catholic educational experience is at the core of what Saint Mary School staff are doing for students every day. Hannah Lewis, marketing director, adds that the school benefits from "strong support of alumni, students, families and general well-wishers." In return, the staff shows love to the neighborhood to the community regularly. "We will take our kids down to Schiller Park for nature walks, science projects and sometimes just as a breath of fresh air," Hannah says. "We've also frequented The Book Loft to reward our students with brand-new books when they reach literacy achievements."

The school also participates in many German Village Society-sponsored and other neighborhood events, as well as putting on several of its own throughout the year.

With renovations, expansions and an increasing presence in German Village, Saint Mary School embraces the history of the Village while meeting the needs of modern learners and its community.

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Some signs are on porches, some on fences — some locations will surprise you! Learn about our German cultural influences, the early preservation movement and the community that continues to gather and celebrate on our well-worn bricks.

The Brickline debuted its first route several years ago and then took a pandemic-induced hiatus. As of this year, additional stories have been researched and written, with new routes scheduled to be installed in the coming months. The Brickline was recognized by the City of Columbus’ German Village Commission for its innovative contributions to the neighborhood. Donating to the German Village Society or attending one of our events helps make this project possible!

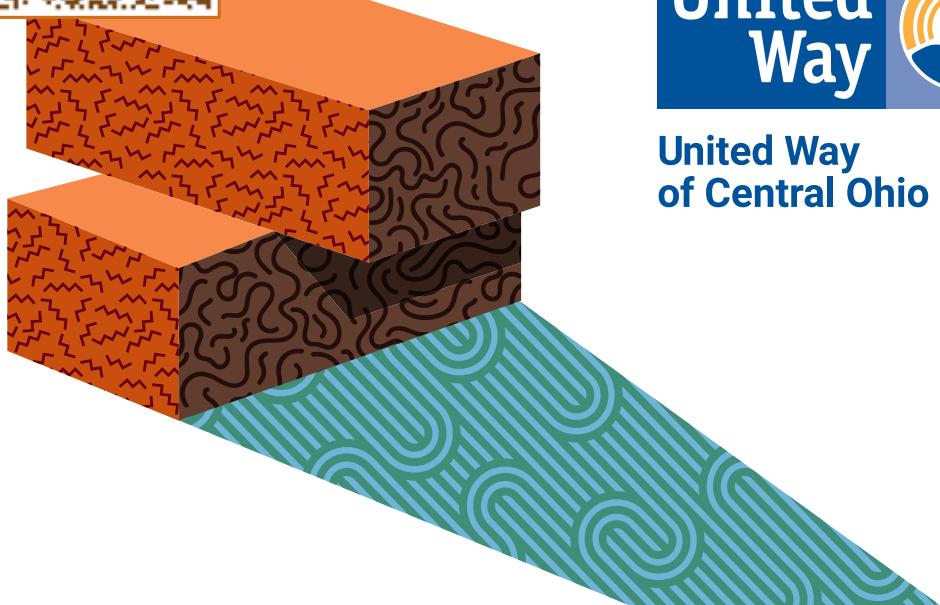
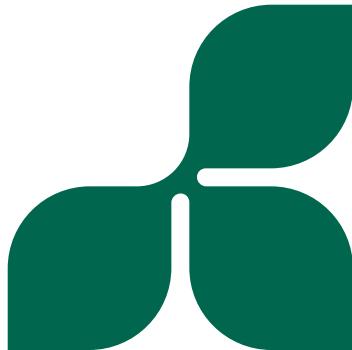
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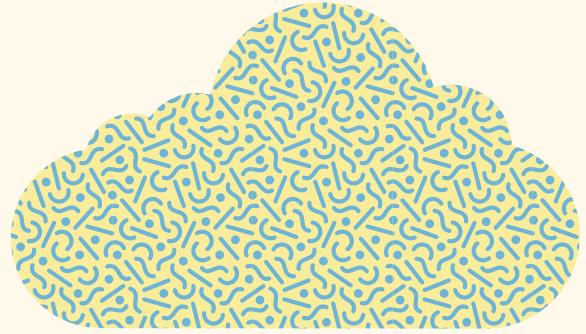


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From the late 1800s through 1950s, this was the site of four small saltbox homes and a small icehouse. In the 1960s, the site became a “pocket park” meant to reflect a German bier garden and was renamed Frank Fetch Memorial Garten to honor Frank Fetch, the founder of the German Village Society.

The German Village Garten Club has maintained the park since 1996. Through plant sales, fundraisers and many volunteer hours, the Garten Club has transformed the neglected park into a beautiful green destination.

You may learn more about the German Village Garten Club at [www.germanvillagegartenclub.com](http://www.germanvillagegartenclub.com).



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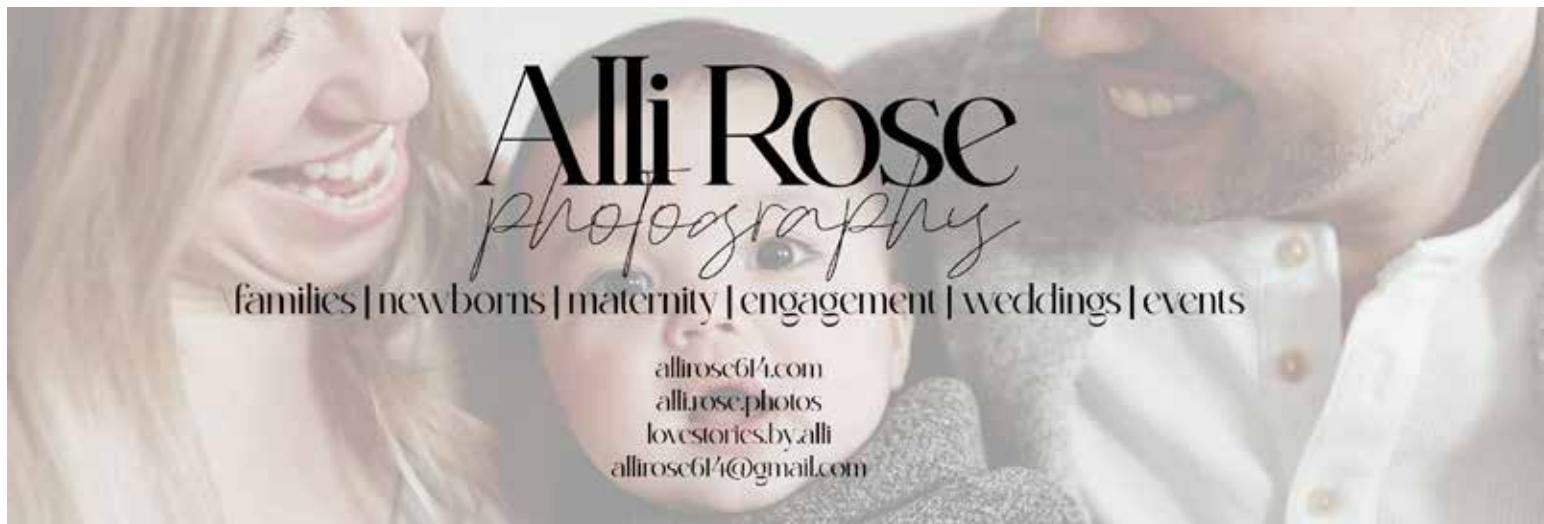


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