



# Sawmill Civic Association Newsletter

## 2011 Winter Edition

### Board Members

#### **President**

Ryan Bunner  
president@oldesawmill.org

#### **Dublin Vice President**

Jeremy Block  
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#### **Worthington Vice President**

TBD

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#### **Treasurer**

Ben Meehan  
treasurer@oldesawmill.org

#### **Secretary**

Allan Asbury  
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### Upcoming Events

4/23/11

*Easter Egg Hunt*

6/18/11

*Garage Sale*

7/2/11

*Parade and Cookout*

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Hello Neighbors!

2011 is flying by and the “new” Civic Assoc has a solid year under it's belt. OSCA accomplished a lot through the hard work of it's volunteers and the financial support of it's members.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> year of our Association is an important milestone in the growth of OSCA. We need to ride the momentum and solidify our committees, services and events going forward.

To that end, I believe the current board needs to stay together this year for continuity. I am introducing this years recommended slate of officers and calling for nominations for Vice President of Worthington.

Ryan Bunner - President, Jeremy Block - VP Dublin, Ben Meehan - Treasurer and Allan Asbury - Secretary.

Please email [info@oldesawmill.org](mailto:info@oldesawmill.org) to volunteer for Worthington Vice President or any other position of interest. If multiple nominations are received for any position an election will be held among our 2010 and new 2011 paid members.

I look forward to serving you all again with more quality events, a larger membership and a stronger network of neighbors in 2011 and beyond.

Ryan Bunner

### **OSCA Easter Egg Hunt**

Sponsored by  
The Vineyard Sawmill Campus  
**April 23, 2011**  
**Rain or Shine**



Calling all kids!!

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual OSCA Easter Egg Hunt is coming to Olde Sawmill Park and plans are in the works to make it bigger and better!!

After last year's great turnout, we are adding 4000 more eggs to the hunt. Check in on facebook and our website for additional info, updates and possible added activities.



## 2010 Letter from the Treasurer

2010 was my first full year as Treasurer of the Olde Sawmill Civic Association; in fact, it was the first full year for everyone on the Board. The new (and current) board of the Olde Sawmill Civic Association was established via a volunteer sign-up sheet during a meeting in the cafeteria at Olde Sawmill Elementary School back in 2009. Upon learning that I was named Treasurer, I made it my goal to provide full financial transparency to the best of my ability. To that end, I'd like to share with you some of the ways that the Olde Sawmill Civic Association was able to reduce costs, establish a cash reserve, and fund community events through organized volunteer efforts. I'll conclude with some thoughts on how important I believe these volunteer efforts will be to the continued success of our civic association and neighborhood.

The OSCA was able to reduce costs in three major ways. First, the OSCA established a Communications Committee to organize and coordinate deliveries of the SCAN newsletter. Volunteer delivery of the newsletter resulted in a postage savings of over \$300 per delivery. Additionally, the OSCA was able minimize printing costs by electronically mailing copies of the SCAN to residents who requested e-delivery of the newsletter while successful solicitation of sponsorship for the Summer Edition eliminated printing costs altogether. Second, the OSCA established a Landscaping Committee to landscape and maintain the entrances to the neighborhood. Volunteer landscaping enabled the Association to realize over \$2500 in savings in 2010 by eliminating the cost of paying a contractor to do the work. Third, a decision was made to discontinue paying a contractor to mow grass and prune trees in a section along Hard Rd. Cutting this cost resulted in a savings of approximately \$1000 over the course of the year.

The OSCA was able to establish a cash reserve and fund multiple community events despite facing a deficit heading into 2010. The OSCA established a Membership Committee to organize and coordinate membership drives. Quite simply, it was the income received from membership dues that enabled the OSCA to establish the reserve and fund events. Unlike in other neighborhoods, association dues are not built into the deed restrictions in Olde Sawmill; therefore, all membership dues are paid voluntarily. Some of the reserve built from these dues will most likely be allocated to the various committees to help fund future initiatives.

I not only believe that volunteerism is important to the continued success of our civic association and neighborhood; I believe it is critical. Without volunteer committees, the OSCA could be forced to consider again paying postage to have the SCAN newsletter delivered or again paying a contractor to landscape and maintain the entrances. Without membership dues, paying for postage or landscaping (or anything else for that matter) may not even be options. While I believe that the OSCA's mission to "foster community spirit and act as a unified voice to combat community deterioration, preserve property value, and promote the safety and long-term best interests of the neighborhood through organized volunteer efforts" got off to a strong start in 2010, the year's membership accounted for less than twenty percent of all Olde Sawmill residents. In order for our civic association and neighborhood to continue moving in a positive direction in 2011 increased volunteerism, both through membership dues and the committees, will be critical. To find out how you can volunteer or to request future e-delivery of the SCAN newsletter, please email [info@oldesawmill.org](mailto:info@oldesawmill.org) or send correspondence to OSCA, MSC 170, 7652 Sawmill Road, Dublin, OH 43016.

Respectfully,

Ben Meehan  
OSCA Treasurer - 2010

## Neighbor-Helping-Neighbor

The Service Committee is soliciting NEWservice projects from the neighborhood. If you have an idea for a service project, or know neighbors (senior citizens, disabled, veterans) who are in need of assistance (yard work, chores, small home improvement), please contact Allan Asbury at [service@oldesawmill.org](mailto:service@oldesawmill.org).

## All on facebook!

We have alerted neighbors and found lost pets.....  
Issued warnings on suspecting vehicles and slowed vandalism .....

We have discussed hot topics and had a little fun.....

Announced event details, pictures and RSVP'd ...  
Posted information and hounded city services.....

**So join us on facebook and connect to up to the minute alerts and issues in Olde Sawmill.**

Just a reminder, the community calendar featuring artwork from kids in the neighborhood has been published. In case you forgot, this summer at the Community Night Out we had an art contest where kids were asked to draw what it meant to be a good neighbor. 12 winners were chosen and their pictures are featured in a 2011 Calender. In addition to this each month that winners picture will featured on the website. Below is the link where the 2011 calender can be purchased. (this is not a fundraiser, was just an opportunity to publish artwork from our neighborhood's aspiring artists!)

Buy your calendar HERE <http://www.cafepress.com/OSCA>

Here are the winners and the months that they are featured on (Remember to look for them on the website)

January - Grace Darnier

March - Alexis Kistler

May - Lindsey Carver

July - Alyssa Whealdon

September - Samantha Higley

November - Amanda Rogers

February - Dylan Mathess

April - Dylan Walsh

June - Caleb Anderson

August - Sarah Maloney

October - Ashley Whealdon

December - Keagen Stefanko

## Are you looking to advertise something?

If you are under the age of 18 and living in the neighborhood you can advertise for FREE! Babysitting, Pet sitting, Lawn mowing, or any other service, just email [webmaster@oldesawmill.org](mailto:webmaster@oldesawmill.org) and we will get your ad out there to the neighborhood.

Not a kid? No problem! We are putting together some *VERY* competitive ad pricing on the website and the newsletter, just email [webmaster@oldesawmill.org](mailto:webmaster@oldesawmill.org) with your contact information and we can get in touch with you about the various methods of advertising.

Not interested in buying an ad? Or maybe you just have something for sale? Check out the Marketplace in the forum section of the website.



614-793-0085 [www.poshevent.com](http://www.poshevent.com)  
[posh@poshevent.com](mailto:posh@poshevent.com)

Theme Party Decor'  
Graduation Party Rentals  
Wedding Design



## [www.oldesawmill.org](http://www.oldesawmill.org)

This is our on-line home, it is the main hub of communication. From this location you can find everything relating to Olde Sawmill. Take a moment to bookmark it in your favorites on your browser. Check back periodically for current information.

OSCA will be applying for an Anti Violence Coalition grant but we need your help!  
Block watches can apply for up to \$1000 grant to use in the neighborhood.

**Goals of the Neighborhood Grants**

1. Encourage and support residents to work together to create community-based initiatives that are specific to their needs and that will directly impact their neighborhood;
2. Provide financial support for one-time costs (not on-going operating expenses) for neighborhood-led initiatives that address crime and safety within Columbus neighborhoods;
3. Improve safety, reduce criminal activity and improve the quality of life in Columbus.

**Grant applications must fall into one of the following categories:**

1. Public Safety (Examples: form a new block watch, create a community/faith-based intervention team, crime prevention activities)
2. Neighborhood Improvement (Examples: graffiti clean-up, neighborhood clean-up event, graffiti cameras)
3. Education and Outreach (Examples: community events focusing on violence, drug/gang education for parents, anti-violence programs)

Projects must demonstrate measurable outcomes (changes in the conditions of safety, visible neighborhood improvements and increased education and awareness) as a result of having completed the funded project/program. Please provide information according to the four key criteria: Severity of the Problem or Condition, Leverage of Resources, Measurable Outcomes and Partnership/Collaboration.

Anyone familiar with grants or interested in helping with this process, please email [info@oldesawmill.org](mailto:info@oldesawmill.org).

Please take a moment to fill out this membership form and return it. We can only make a difference with a strong membership base.

Make checks payable and mail to:

In an effort to reduce consumption of unnecessary resources such as printing and postage please strongly consider providing an email address and checking email as your preferred communication. We promise to never give your email address to any third parties or send you anything more than you sign up for

**Olde Sawmill Civic Association**

7652 Sawmill Rd #170  
Dublin, Ohio 43016

**2011 Membership Information**

*First Name*

*Last Name*

*Street Address (ex 2931 Sutter Pkwy)*

*Phone Number*

*Email address*

**Membership type**

- Family (\$40)
- Single/Senior (\$20)

**Communication Preference**

- Email
- Postal

**I am interested in helping the following committees:**

- Communications
- Parks
- Events
- Service
- Membership
- Safety
- Aesthetics

**I am interesting in receiving email updates for:**

- General Association Updates
- SCAN Newsletters
- Crime Alerts
- Event Notifications