

Southside

COLUMBUS

Guide

Fall 2018



HOME

**Living, Building &
Remodeling Our Lives**

- The MOD Squad
- Preparing Your Home for Winter
- Housing and Utility Assistance
- Birthday Freebies & Discounts

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SUPPORTIVE
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To Talk to Someone...



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PRESENCE
IS A
PRESENT

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#BePresentOhio



For suicidal or in crisis, immediate help, or if you are having the presence but present, call 911 immediately.



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PROMOTING PRIDE ON THE SOUTH SIDE



HOUSING AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE

RISING HOUSING AND UTILITY BILLS

Many individuals and families struggle to cover their basic needs for living. The rising cost of utilities and living expenses is particularly hard on seniors living on a fixed income. Fortunately, there are resources to help individuals and families with basic needs:

- Affordable Housing
- Rent Payment Assistance
- Utility Payment Assistance

MAKING ENDS MEET

Making your dollars stretch farther is becoming harder. During the winter months, as the cost of heating a home increases, many families and individuals will struggle to pay their utility bills and rent. Housing and utility payment assistance is available in our community for those who qualify.

If you need help with paying your rent or for a security deposit, there

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are agencies that may assist you. A number of charities, government programs, and agencies offer rental assistance to Columbus renters and tenants. These resources can provide referrals for affordable and low income housing as well.

Financial hardship can affect anyone. Utility budget payment plans or programs such as HEAP may provide assistance to those that qualify.

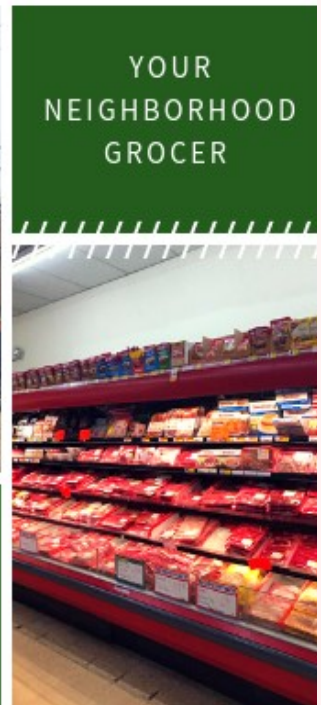
In addition to emergency rent and utility assistance, individuals and families may also qualify for free legal advice and eviction prevention programs.

The number of services and resources that are available to residents in Columbus is extensive. There are a variety of organizations and resources that can help.

Do you know where to go for help when situations arise?

HandsOn Central Ohio helps people find what they are looking for,

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STRONGER TOGETHER

Voting is one of the most important ways that citizens can let their voices be heard on major issues that impact our community. Our elected government officials make decisions that impact all residents of Columbus. Their decisions on laws, ordinances and rules impact our daily lives in many ways. As South Side residents, we have many other opportunities to shape where we live, work and play. By engaging with neighbors and area civic associations, we can **build a community that is stronger together.**

NEIGHBORHOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS

Attending monthly civic association meetings allows residents to voice local concerns, share stories of pride, and participate in community events that bring neighbors together. Here are just a few of the area neighborhood civic groups on the South Side:

- [**MARION-FRANKLIN AREA CIVIC ASSOCIATION**](#)
Civic association meetings take place on the **Second Tuesday** of each month at **7:00 pm** at the Marion-Franklin High School.
- **ALUM CREST ACRES CIVIC ASSOCIATION**
- **CAMBRIA ADDITION**
- **HAMILTON HIGHLANDS HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION**

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- **LOCK AVENUE BLOCK WATCH**
- **MADISON MILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION**
- **SCIOTO SOUTHLAND COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION**

AREA COMMISSIONS

The purpose of an area commission is to act as a liaison between neighborhood groups, property owners, residents, developers and city officials. There are two area commissions on the South Side:

COLUMBUS SOUTH SIDE AREA COMMISSION

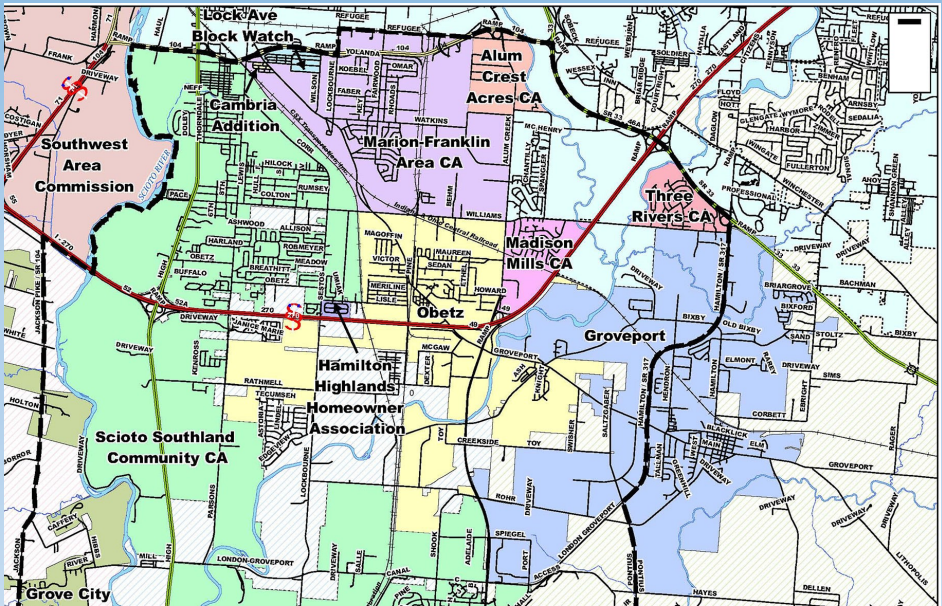
Commission meetings take place on the **Fourth Tuesday** of the month at **6:30 pm** at the Parsons Avenue Library located at 1113 Parsons Avenue.

FAR SOUTH COLUMBUS AREA COMMISSION

Commission meetings take place on the **First Thursday** of each month at **6:30 pm** at the Fire Training Academy located at 3639 Parsons Avenue.

Neighborhood Liaison

Beth Fairman Kinney
280 Reeb Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43207
614-645-5220



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A photograph of a smiling man and two young girls, all wearing blue shirts, set against a background of green foliage. The man is in the center, looking directly at the camera. Two girls are in the foreground, partially obscured by a blue banner.

**ATTENTION
RESIDENTS!**

JOIN US
**SHARE YOUR
VOICE & IDEAS**

WE WANT YOU!

JOIN THE MARION-FRANKLIN CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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Share the Harvest

There's plenty of fun to be found around town this Fall. Here are some ideas:

- Check out community garden harvest events and Fall festivals.
- Pick apples at local Fruit Farms
- Circleville Pumpkin Festival
- National Veterans Memorial (opens October 27, 2018)
- Free Sundays at the Columbus Museum of Art

Check out the website, Columbusonthecheap.com for things to do for free, and to purchase half-price tickets.



Recommended Reading

Public Libraries

Visit a branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library to discover great genres for all ages and interests.



Marion-Franklin Branch

2740 Lockbourne Rd,
Columbus, OH 43207

S. High Street Branch

3540 S High St,
Columbus, OH 43207



Parsons Avenue Branch

1113 Parsons Ave,
Columbus, OH 43206

Driving Park Branch

1422 E Livingston Ave,
Columbus, OH 43205

CALL
(614) 645-2275

FICTION

NON-FICTION

JUVENILE FICTION

ADVENTURE STORIES

HUMOROUS STORIES

LOVE STORIES

LARGE TYPE BOOKS

Visit <https://www.columbuslibrary.org>

READING FOR ALL AGES



COLUMBUS METROPOLITAN LIBRARY



For more than 20 years Rebuilding Together Central Ohio (RTCO) has helped preserve affordable homeownership. RTCO believes every person deserves a safe and healthy home. They bring volunteers and the community together to improve the homes and lives of our neighbors in need.

MOD SQUAD

Fix it. Modify it. Replace it.

Fix It

- Leaky Faucet
- Running Toilet
- Faulty Switch
- Loose Handrail
- Broken Doorbell
- Weather Caulking
- Creaky Door
- Damaged Seal

Modify It

- Curtain Rods
- Closet
- Organizers
- Light Fixtures
- Shower Fixtures
- Ramps & Runners
- Furniture Assembly
- Grab Bars
- Shelving

Replace It

- Ceiling Fans
- Microwaves
- Faucets & Vanities
- Toilets & Hardware
- Doors & Hardware
- Sump Pumps
- Disposals
- Doorbells

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THE MOD SQUAD

Make your home more comfortable, more beautiful, and more functional with help from the Mod Squad. The Mod Squad is a trusted team of experienced home maintenance pros. They have more than 100 years of combined experience and are bonded and insured. **The Mod Squad can fix it, modify it or replace it.**

The Mod Squad can help you customize a menu of home maintenance services to meet your unique needs, style and budget. And, every project helps fund a similar project for a local family in need.

Call Julie Smith at 614-258-6392 today to discuss your next project.



Rebuilding Together Central Ohio also offers a safe home program for seniors and a tool library to assist homeowners.

SAFE AT HOME

Safe at Home offers quality emergency repairs and home modifications, helping low-income senior and disabled homeowners age in place. Services are provided by dedicated volunteers and professional contractors to qualified homeowners.

This program focuses on the areas of heating, plumbing, electrical, falls prevention, fire prevention, indoor air quality, and energy efficiency. For more information on assistance and qualification call (614) 258.6392, Monday – Thursday from 7am – 4pm.

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Tool Library

RTCO has loaned thousands of tools through the tool library. The Tool Library, founded in 1976, is one of the oldest and most established in the country.



Nearly 4,500 individual hand and power tools are available, providing members with the equipment they need for home repairs and community revitalization. The Tool Library not only provides the community with tools, but also access to a collection of “How To” guides, videos and tutorials.

The tool library is open to Franklin County homeowners, tenants, and non-profit partners.

Lend A Helping Hand to A Neighbor in Need

Well-kept homes strengthen neighborhoods, sustain home values, and restore pride. Illness, age, or other hardship can force people to forego repairs. Because RTCO helps low-income homeowners at no charge, volunteers are the backbone of their services. Whether you are a

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skilled tradesperson or weekend warrior, an amateur mechanic or graphic designer, there are many ways to make a difference with Rebuilding Together Central Ohio.

To find out how or for more information, call (614) 258-6392 or email caroline@rtcentralohio.org.



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SEASONS of Change

By Dr. Charles W. Ferguson

Never take for granted the time that you have with family, loved one, and community. You never know when time will arrive for a shift to happen. Much like the seasons, our lives are in ever constant motion. We flow with the activity of life not always taking the moment to stop and consider where we have been, and where we are going. It is important to have moments of reflection so that we can appreciate previous seasons and prepare for new opportunities. As the autumn season arrives, let us take a moment to examine the tools necessary changing seasons.

Connection—The summer was a reminder to enjoy the sun and fun.

We planned vacations, barbeques, family reunions, and other activities to reconnect our relationships. Don't let up on connection due to seasonal moments. Take intentional time every day to connect with those around. It ultimately enhances your environment.

Anticipation—With the fall, we witness colorful leaves, bonfires, school and football. We are lifted by the signs of newness. Our

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Seasons of Change

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anticipation of new moments gives us a focal point for directing our energy. Giving your gifts, talents, skills, mind, and soul healthy outlets aid in avoid the blues of monotony.

Reflection—Every move made in a previous season had a purpose. Every person you met was necessary (good or bad). Take the time to process the worth of each moment. Recognize what can go with you. Recognize what must be left behind. Acknowledge what can stand the test of time. Understand that some people, issues, and things will be casualties seasonal shifting.



No matter where you find yourself on the continuum time, it is important to give yourself the chance to experience something new. It is important to witness the fulfillment of promise, destiny, and anticipation. Welcome to your new season. Your change awaits.

wherever they are, when they need it most. Help and resources are available in the following areas:

- **Emergency Housing, Shelters and Drop-In Centers**
- **General Housing Resources**
- **Home Rehabilitation and Repair**
- **Housing Payment Assistance**
- **Nursing Homes and Assisted Living**
- **Utility Assistance**



HandsOn Central Ohio provides easy, immediate access to thousands of available programs and services. Their certified referral specialists can connect you to a range of nonprofit, government, and healthcare organizations across Central Ohio.

Contact HandsOn Central Ohio by **calling 211**
or visit **211centralohio.org**.



PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR WINTER

It's not too early to think about preparing for winter. Here are some tips to winterize your home and car for the cold months.

Winterize Your Home

Prepare your home for the fast approaching cold months.

- **Clean your gutters** - Clear debris from gutters and test downspouts for drainage to protect against water damage.
- **Trim overgrown trees** - Cut back dead or dying limbs and any branches that can touch the roof or siding. Branches can rub or scratch the surfaces of your home and cause damage. They also could fall during a storm or break under heavy snow and ice.
- **Stop air leaks** - Eliminating air leaks will improve your home's comfort and efficiency. Your first stops should be the basement and the attic. Attic leaks allow warmed air to escape, and have the effect of drawing cold air in through basement leaks. Use a can of spray foam insulation to plug up the offenders in both areas.
- **Schedule a heating system inspection** - Have your furnace professionally inspected and cleaned to reduce the risk of a breakdown and to keep the system running efficiently. If you have a fireplace, have your chimney professionally cleaned and inspected and ensure that your damper opens, closes, and seals tightly.
- **Winterize your outdoor faucets** - Remove all hoses or devices attached to your outdoor spigots and turn off water to outdoor spigots. Be sure to drain any water left behind in the pipes.

So what about your car? Now is a good time for that too.



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Winterize Your Vehicle

- **Have your vehicle serviced** - Ask your mechanic to perform an inspection: test the battery and brakes, inspect the exhaust, check the cooling system, check fluids, change the oil, and make sure all components are working properly. Check the vehicle's owner's manual for information on the correct fluid types and recommended service intervals.
- **Check your wiper blades** - Inspect your wiper blades to make sure they're functional and in good condition. Store an ice scraper in the car, and stock up on windshield washer fluid rated to withstand -30 degrees or lower temperatures.
- **Monitor the fuel line** - Today's ethanol fuels remove small amounts of water from your fuel system to help prevent freezing. In addition, you can help avoid freeze-ups by keeping your vehicle in a heated garage, avoiding refueling while the tanker truck is at the gas station (water and deposits from the tanker could end up in your fuel line), and by keeping your gas cap secured. Another solution: Always keep the tank at least half-full.
- **Inspect your tires** - Check for uneven wear, cupping, sidewall cracking, and other damage or deterioration. Also examine tire treads to make sure the grooves are deep enough to grip slick surfaces.
- **Wonder if your tires have enough tread?** Try the penny test: Stick a penny (Lincoln head first) into one of the grooves that goes completely around the tire. If you can see the top of Lincoln's head, your tread is worn down below 2/32 of an inch and **should** be replaced.
- **Stock your trunk with emergency equipment** - Essentials include: Flares, jumper cables, a shovel, a first-aid kit, a flashlight, salt, blanket, non-perishable snacks, and cold-weather gear.

Excerpt from State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, 2018



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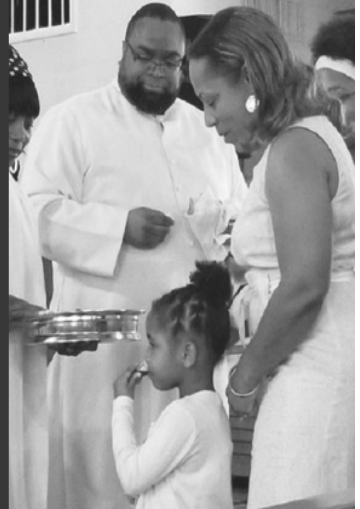
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DR. CHARLES W. FERGUSON, PASTOR





Birthday Freebies & Discounts

Over 160 Columbus Birthday Freebies & Discounts

This list is sure to gain you some great stuff each year for your birthday. Most require sign up for an email or text club, but you'll also receive a bonus freebie when you join the club. Sign up for email and rewards clubs a few months before your birthday to use your rewards before they expire.

Discover over 160 Columbus birthday freebies at columbusonthecheap.com.

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