



CIVIC ASSOCIATION



Annual Report 2025

Overview

The Short North Civic Association (SNCA) continues to serve as a vital connector, advocate, and resource for residents of the Short North neighborhood. Rooted in a long tradition of community involvement, SNCA works to strengthen the civic fabric of the neighborhood by fostering collaboration, supporting resident-driven initiatives, and promoting a vibrant, safe, and welcoming community for all who live, work, and visit the area.

Over the past year, SNCA focused on deepening resident engagement and advancing projects that reflect neighborhood priorities. Through regular public meetings, community forums, and partnerships with local organizations — the association provided opportunities for residents to stay informed, raise concerns, and participate in shaping the future of the neighborhood. SNCA also continued its role in organizing and supporting community-building events that celebrate the unique character and history of the Short North.

The SNCA is deeply grateful for the ongoing support and engagement of community members, partners, and volunteers who make this work possible! A special thanks to Gina Cronley and Kris Harrison for their work as Orbit Design by going above and beyond to support the area.

As we wrap up 2025, we will be sad to see Jack Decker and Bob Stern conclude their terms on the SNCA Board as our president and treasurer respectively. Jack has been instrumental in bringing together community organizations to advocate on issues such as safe and slow streets. His passion and enthusiasm to oversee projects such as repair of the benches along Neil Ave has been greatly appreciated. Bob has been a fantastic steward of the SNCA finances. He worked with the Friends of Goodale Park to finalize a grant agreement of \$25,000 to support art in the park. Bob and Jack have both been gracious to have showcased their homes on the Short North Tour of Homes and Gardens. We're looking forward to their continued involvement in the community.

Board Members

President:	Jack Decker
Vice-president:	Chuck Fairbanks
Treasurer:	Bob Stern
Secretary:	Jared Cape
Board Member:	Caroline Stinziano
Board Member:	Marc Conte
Board Member:	Heather Rice

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Neighborhood Pride

Our wonderful volunteers made Neil Avenue beautiful by planting and maintaining three islands! A big thank you to Elliot Neufeld, Peter Anderson, Bob Stern, and Georgia Papakirk for their efforts! These islands and 17 planters along the corridor add a much welcome splash of color. Additionally, thank you to the Friends of Goodale Park for maintaining a fourth island on Park Street on top of all of their fantastic stewardship of the park! Please reach out if you'd like to get involved with these efforts!

We also owe a big thank you to Scott Musuraca for rehabilitating seven benches along Neil Avenue! Countless residents use these beautifully restored benches when waiting for the bus.

In June, we had our annual Short North Yardsale which had a lot of people out and about in the neighborhood looking to give a second home to furniture, kitchen gadgets, and more. This is always a great event for folks looking to discover hidden gems. A major thanks to Chuck Fairbanks for coordinating the event and donation of items to the Volunteers of America!

The SNCA performed our annual streetlight survey where volunteers identify streetlights issues to be shared with the City of Columbus using the 311 reporting system. This year we identified ~80 streetlights in need of maintenance. Thank you to our volunteers for going out at night and tackling each block. Give a round of applause to Heather Rice, Chet Ridenour, Randy Knutti, Chuck Fairbanks, Mary MacDonald, Michael Metz, Harvey Miller, Bob Mangia, Bob Stern, Rachel Stern, Amanda Durkin, Erik McGuinness, Angie Tabor, Mary McCarroll, Caleb Gruenbaum, Anne Marie Dennison, Andy Plunkett, Alex Pappa, Liz Plotnick-Snay, Mark Ridenour, Jackie Gleason, Ron Bowers, Ross Rhinehart, Kathy Rhinehart, Eric Anderson, Rob Vogt, Marc Conte, Jason Henry, Gina Cronley, and Kris Harrison.

Community is about bringing people together and we'd like to thank Heather Rice for her work leading our membership committee. In addition to all the tabling she and her team did, she organized a Pic with Your Pup event and self-defense class.

Thank you to our ~130 members for financially contributing towards our programing and events! If you'd like to support our work, become a member today.



Short North Tour of Homes & Gardens

The Short North Tour of Homes & Gardens does more than just open doors — it celebrates the neighborhood's history, architectural heritage, and ongoing evolution. It showcases the balance between restoration and modern living, illustrating how historic homes can remain vibrant and livable in the present day. Beyond interiors, the tour emphasizes outdoor living too: lush gardens, pergolas, water features, art displays, and serene patios. What started decades ago as a modest neighborhood showcase has blossomed into a much-anticipated cultural and community event. This year we celebrated 50 years of neighbors welcoming each other into their homes — with a focus on neighborhood pioneers. For this tour, we sold-out the preview party and had more than 1,100 attendees!

Thank you to our homeowners: Jason & Paige Henry, Matt & Megan Flanigan, Jeff Smith, Tracy & David Harrison, Dr. Trevor Miller & family, Karla Rothan, Rob Ricer & John Wilson, Keith Benham, Mauro Segabinazzi, Sarah Gormley, and David Cooke.

Additionally, thank you to our house captains, house guides, and all the other volunteers who make this event happen!

Our tour committee does a fantastic job! We owe a special thanks for all of the hours they put into making such a spectacular event. If you see them, please share your gratitude with: Caroline Stinziano, Gina Cronley, Kris Harrison, Steve Hurtt, Libby Koetz, John Koetz, Heather Rice, Jessica Seckel, Jeff Smith, and Ashley Wood. Without them and this event, we wouldn't be able to do nearly as much for the neighborhood.

If you'd like to put your home on the tour or would like to join the committee, please reach out!

Goodale Park Music Series

The 2025 Goodale Park Music Series (GPMS) celebrated its 15th year with a series of five free Sunday-afternoon concerts (one show was canceled due to thunder storm) at the gazebo in Goodale Park this summer. The series enjoyed strong attendance. In total, we welcomed approximately 1,475 attendees across the four shows. Our canceled show was on track to be our largest turn out based on the RSVPs on Eventbrite. We hope to book that band for the 2026 season! Most shows drew roughly 400 folks.

The committee is already looking to make for an even better 16th year! If you are looking to get involved, we need more day-of volunteers. Please reach out to Beth Brickweg at: beth.brickweg@gmail.com.

The 2025 Goodale Park Music Series Committee was comprised of the following outstanding local volunteers: Beth Brickweg, Liz Martin, Erin McCalla, Charlotte Chang, Andy Durczynski, Kirstie Ernst, Doug Hermanson, and Wehseh Juty. Numerous dedicated community volunteers guaranteed the smooth execution of every concert.



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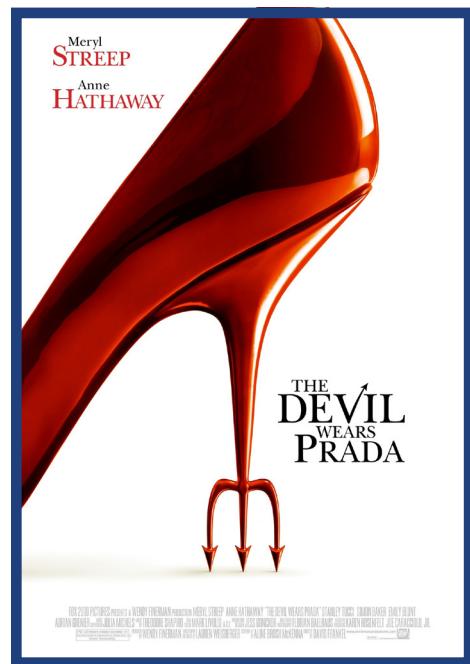
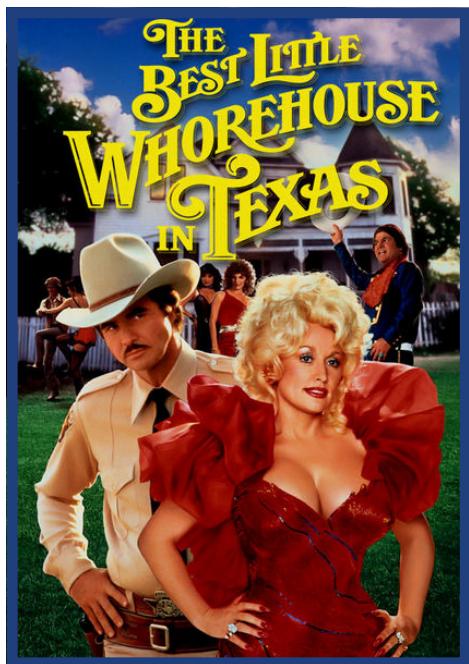
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Screen On The Green Outdoor Movie Series

This summer marked the 17th year of the beloved Screen on the Green outdoor movie series, a tradition that continues to bring neighbors together for relaxed evenings under the stars. Coordinated once again by Melissa Starker and Jeff Smith, the series featured another fantastic lineup of films that offered something for everyone. Across the three screenings, approximately 260 community members joined us with blankets, lawn chairs, snacks, and friends.

As we look ahead, we're already excited for another season of laughter, shared moments, and films enjoyed in the open air of Goodale Park. Follow SNCA on social media and subscribe to our newsletter to stay updated on next summer's schedule and opportunities to vote on future film selections. It's never too early to start dreaming of the next movie night under the night sky!



Advocacy & Speakers

This year we had a number of fantastic speakers at our meetings! We appreciated them coming out on Thursday nights and engaging with the community.

In April, Kristian Sims and Kane Murray discussed the City's new approach to managing shared micro-mobility devices such as bikes and scooters. Veo and Spin entered into a contract with the City. This model should provide the City with more control to prevent improper parking or riding of these devices while also providing a dedicated revenue source to promote better transportation infrastructure. We had a great dialogue which has continued and led to on-street scooter parking along the side streets of High Street. Additional improvements are anticipated in the next year to better address resident concerns of these devices. If you have a concern, please submit a 311 request to notify the companies and City for swift resolution.

In May, Councilmember Lourdes Barroso de Padilla, Charles Newman, and Jessica Cáceres came out to chat transportation and slow streets in the Short North. During the conversation, ~30 residents brought up their desire to make streets safer by slowing down traffic along a number of corridors. Folks discussed additional improvements when walking or biking such as marking crosswalks along Neil Avenue. Councilmember Lourdes Barroso de Padilla highlighted upcoming projects such as a road diet on 5th Avenue. The SNCA has continued to constructively engage with her office and the Department of Public Service for safer streets.

In June, Short North Alliance (SNA) Executive Director Betsy Pandora briefed the community on an initiative to establish a new community authority (NCA). Essentially, businesses would voluntarily add a fee on their transactions to fund community improvements, services, and programming within the district. The NCA was established and we look forward to being a partner.

In October, Councilmember Pro Temp Dorans and Andrea McDonald held a community forum for folks to share their perspectives. The Councilmember highlighted upcoming initiatives from the Columbus City Council dubbed "Columbus Forward" and provided updates from Zone In Columbus, an initiative which he chairs which will rezone the city to allow for additional housing and economic development. The conversation was highly productive and informative!



Financial Overview

The SNCA maintains a strong financial position under careful fiscal stewardship. Over the past fiscal year, the civic association ended with a net income of \$5,642.85 and final balance of \$92,624.93. Partnering with the Friends of Goodale Park, the Short North Civic Association has pledged \$25,000.00 to support their art in the park initiative in the next year. We are deeply grateful for the contributions of our neighbors and local partners which allows us to invest in the community.

Revenue	Amount
Membership Dues	\$4,820.00
Donations Received	\$420.00
Goodale Park Music Series Grants	\$10,955.00
Short North Tour of Homes & Gardens	\$63,610.00
Other Income	\$73.97
Interest Earned	\$1,539.59
TOTAL	\$81,418.56

Expenses	Amount
Bank Charges	\$413.20
Communications & Donor Management	\$8,616.45
Special Events & Projects	\$2,192.72
Goodale Park Music Series	\$7,775.90
Screen on the Green Outdoor Movies	\$5,830.40
Neil Avenue Beautification	\$4,610.55
Short North Yardsale	\$857.07
Donations & Grants	\$1,750.00
Insurance	\$3,057.00
Legal & Professional Fees	\$1,126.35
Meetings	\$1,612.69
Misc.	-\$2.10
Short North Tour of Homes & Gardens	\$37,935.48
TOTAL	\$75,775.71

