

Ganthers Place News

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Welcome to Fall!

Ganthers Place residents, welcome to our Special Edition Newsletter. In this special edition we will focus on the problems of our neighborhood. To all our advertisers, we will resume advertisements in our next newsletter. Our neighborhood has improved greatly compared to eight years ago, however, Ganthers Place can be better but some issues are holding this neighborhood hostage. Ganthers Place is still dealing WITH SOME OF THE SAME ABSTENTEE Landlords from eight years ago. Abandoned buildings, properties in disrepair, apathy of residents, lack of City help or indifference to the problems of Ganthers Place by City officials. Residents ask yourself when was the last time the mayor of this city ACTUALLY VISITED Ganthers Place? We are doing tremendous things in Ganthers Place yet the mayor has not been here. It has not been because of the lack of invitations to the mayor. GUESS HE IS TOO BUSY TO SEE WHAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED IN Ganthers Place.



Many in Ganthers Place have worked hard to make this a better neighborhood. We need help from the City and Police to help ACHIEVE OUR GOALS ON THE SOUTH SIDE. We are determined that the City pay attention to the residents of Ganthers Place. We are tired of the same old buildings, drug peddlers, absentee landlords, and neglected properties in Ganthers Place. Eight years is enough! Do we need to do another National Story to bring attention to our problems?

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Bark In the Park – Oct. 23rd
- ◆ Trunk or Treat – Oct. 30th
- ◆ Lighting of the Luminaries – TBA
- ◆ Toy Giveaway - TBA

A Question for All

My question to the Mayor and City Officials: Why are landlords in Ganthers Place allowed to neglect their properties? In contrast, just west of Ganthers Place, German Village does not seem to have the problems of abandoned buildings and absentee landlords in front of their elementary school. It seems to me that city officials would like to help residents that are trying to make a difference in their community. Ganthers Place residents are tired of being treated like second-class citizens. We should have the same type of code enforcement that our neighbors to the west have. It's time for the City, banks, and residents to stop treating the east side of Parsons like a dumping ground for poor citizens, criminals, and uneducated citizens. Ganthers Place is a diverse community which deserves and demands better treatment and attention from the City.

We have properties in our neighborhoods that have been abandoned for the eight years that I have lived here. How is this possible? Who is held accountable? Unfortunately, it seems no one is held accountable for these deplorable properties. Who is at fault for these properties? I THINK EVERYONE IS AT FAULT. The landlords, city officials, banks, and apathy by residents. We are all responsible for the colossal mess that we have in Ganthers Place. How is it possible that a small group of residents can put in two parks, put murals up, clean up trash, hold several well-attended events, plant trees, and put in a vegetable garden but somehow the vacant properties, disrespectful residents, and substandard housing still exist in Ganthers Place? I, for one, am tired of all the excuses from the City.



About Ganthers Place

Ganthers Place is the area located east of Parsons Avenue and consists of Whittier Street, Reinhard Avenue, and Seibert Street, ending at Heyl Avenue.

Ganthers Place is a group of residents that strives to make a difference in their neighborhood. Come join us and be a part of the neighborhood!

Block Watch meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Contact Allen Carrel at 614-975-7135, Ken Williams at 614-670-3657 for more details.

Ganthers Place Boundaries



Trash Talk

Congratulations to the residents on Stewart. Stewart is looking much better.

Everyone in Ganthers Place, please keep our neighborhood clean.

Take pride in your Neighborhood, your community and yourself.

We are still looking for volunteers to help combat litter!!!



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all our residents born in autumn months!

Get Well Wishes

Nancy



Police Beat

To illustrate a point about absentee Landlords: We have a landlord who is connected to a well-known restaurant on the south side and in the city. Residents, ask this landlord to clean up his property.

Residents who were picking up trash in the alley, were confronted by the landlord in question. The Landlord was upset and told the residents he didn't want to clean up his property or the

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neighborhood. These are the type of landlords that we deal with in Ganthers Place. The landlord eventually cleaned up his property after we told him we were reporting him to Code Enforcement.

On a positive note, we have a great Code Enforcement officer, but like residents of Ganthers Place, the code officer cannot solve every problem property in Ganthers Place without help.



We Deserve Better

We as residents demand better treatment in our neighborhood. We are doing our part to affect change in this community. We are frustrated with the lack of progress on our abandoned buildings and absentee landlords. A community cannot become a great neighborhood with the issues that we continue to deal with. Landlords and residents need to be held accountable for their homes, property, or businesses. The city must enforce the laws and stop babysitting landlords and residents. We have homes in Ganthers Place that have abandoned trucks in their backyards, and trash and couches on their front porches. Why is this allowed in Ganthers Place but not allowed in the neighborhood to the west of Ganthers Place?

It is my goal to bring attention to our plight in Ganthers Place. If I need to contact the national media, I will, however I would like city officials to actually listen to our concerns and help our neighborhood. We are a neighborhood that actually works to solve our problems. We do not complain and just expect things to happen. We actually do the work. City Officials, we need your help!!!!

Residents in Ganthers Place are tired and frustrated by the lack of progress on vacant and abandoned buildings in our neighborhood. If city officials want middle income residents to reside in the city core, then we demand services that will enable residents to live in the urban core. We want a safe, pleasant and walkable neighborhood.



Find us on the Internet

List of Ganthers Place Websites

<http://www.ganthersplace.com>
<http://ganthersplace.wordpress.com>
<http://myspace.com/ganthersplace>
<http://facebook.com/ganthersplace>
<http://twitter.com/ganthersplace>
<http://utterli.com/ganthersplace>
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Contact Numbers and Links

Columbus Police Radio Room	614-645-4545
Emergencies	911
CityofColumbus.org - 311 Link	
columbuspolice.org - Crime Reports Link - Citizen Observer Link	
Narcotics	614-645-4616
Detective Bureau (Crimes Against property/persons)	614-645-4624
Vice	614-645-4705
Strategic Response Bureau	614-645-4610
11th Pricinet Liaison	614-645-1411
Traffic Bureau	614-645-4661
Patrol Office	614-645-4580
Information Desk	614-645-4760

Our Voices Must Be Heard

Our voices must be heard by the mayor, the city council, and anyone else who cares about urban development. Police presence in Ganthers Place NEEDS TO IMPROVE, Absentee landlords need to be held accountable, and residents who have dealt drugs in our neighborhood for the past eight years must be dealt with.

Ganthers Place can become a great neighborhood or it can slide back into a neighborhood where residents do not care. The residents who actually care about this neighborhood need a lifeline to continue our work. If our concerns fall on deaf ears, I am afraid that the city will have another entire neighborhood where no one wants to live. Vacant buildings, crime, apathy by residents, and a lack of social control is like a cancer that will grow and affect other neighborhoods in the city. It is time for the city, the police department, and other officials to actually DO WORK TO HELP A GROUP OF RESIDENTS WHO HAVE DONE GREAT THINGS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE on the South Side. This is my challenge to the Mayor and city government--to work with the residents of Ganthers Place. We have done the leg work, give us the assistance we need to solve our concerns. This is an urgent plea from the concerned citizens of Ganthers Place.

On the following pages we have taken photos of properties that we have lived with for eight years. Some properties are owned by banks, owners who live in other states, and residents who sit on commission boards in the city. I could go on, but I think you get the picture. When you see these pictures, ask yourself: "Do these kind of properties exist in German Village, or Merion Village?" The answer is a big "NO". Why do we allow these buildings in Ganthers Place?















Commentary

What more can I say that I have not already stated above. We strive to have a better neighborhood in Ganthers Place. We are doing our part. We need the City, the Police and others residents to help us in our endeavors to MAKE Ganthers Place a good place to live.

Enough said. Join us, please!!!!

