



Dear Family and Friends,

August, 2023

Our neighbors Ken Hunger and Tim Moore had us over in a dinner group this month and we just love their new puppy, Olley. He's a mix of Yorkie and Maltese, and so laid back, soft and cuddly! (We have good neighbors!)

We were sorry that another neighbor, Vonnie Sanford, has been hospitalized, then in rehab, and now in assisted living for more than a month. She lives behind us on Concord Place and earlier this summer we learned that the city arborist ruled that two big trees on her lot are going to have to come down, likely this month. The picture to the right was taken while we were out on our walk one day. (That's Ruth in the shot, too.) It will leave a huge gap on that corner, but it's a loss that has to be borne for safety's sake.



The two trees in the left half of this shot are the ones that will come down.

Another sorry change was the loss of nearby Callander's Dry Cleaners, going out of business after 117 years, caused, we fear, because the new apartment complex going up this year has forced a construction-area closure of Jaeger Street there, their only loading-area parking. Pamela and her dog, Prince, have been there ever since we moved to German Village. She's taking a break before looking for her next job.

We hosted a brunch the morning after the National Amateur Press Association convention, and had it catered by Freedom a la Carte, a cafe and catering business downtown that also is a safe training site for women who have gotten out of being trafficked, now building skills that will help them keep their freedom. The food was outstanding, and it was delivered on time on a Sunday morning. We give them a solid endorsement if any of you in the Columbus area could use a catered brunch! We're grateful to Gayle Rosen, our geriatric case manager, who recommended Carole Beal, a lady who came and acted as server so we could mingle with our guests. A splendid helper!



Callander's Dry Cleaning; Prince, and Pamela.

Shortly after the NAPA convention, thanks to a cancellation, I got to have my mitral valve clip procedure on August 2nd. I was in Ohio State's Ross Heart Hospital on full bed rest for a little over a day, then home with some restrictions, but by now they're all expired and I am driving and lifting more than 10 pounds again. I find my increased heart function seems to have cut down somewhat on the brain fog I sometimes felt. I'm also resuming my interrupted physical therapy sessions, too, which help with balance and gait. Wonderful to have access to such great care!

As summer winds down,
Love to you all.
Bill and Ruth

