

"DISTANCED BUT NOT ISOLATED"



### WHAT IS A COMMUNITY?

For the past several issues your Fox Chapel Connection has been exploring what makes a community and winds up brain-storming ways we might enhance ours.

Getting involved is a great way to increase community. In this issue we'd like to thank Wade Doss for an incredible 22 years of service to our neighborhood as Treasurer of our HOA. That might set a record in HOA history books.

Wade could be playing golf, traveling with Beth, at work or tending his extensive garden, but he has seen fit to use his time to oversee the finances of our HOA. For most folks, our homes are our greatest investments, and an HOA helps maintain values and protect these investments for us.

Wade, your neighbors would like to express their appreciation for what you have done and are doing for our community.

Communities benefit from involvement, and we can benefit from being involved as well.

In the book "Bowling Alone: the Collapse and Revival of American Community" author Robert D. Putnam of Harvard describes how social bonds are the most powerful predictors of life satisfaction. He states that, "Joining one group cuts in half your odds of dying next year." Might be good medicine these days.

### Ways to get involved:

**Socially:** Help plan our annual neighborhood party - or several events outdoors with masks and distance if need be.

**Welcoming:** Want to be part of a Welcome Wagon team for new neighbors?

**Beautification:** Any runners, walkers, gardeners interested in caring for the areas along the Cumberland Connector to the Silver Comet Trail? Working to get the sidewalk repaired and better care for the shrubs and trees along the path?

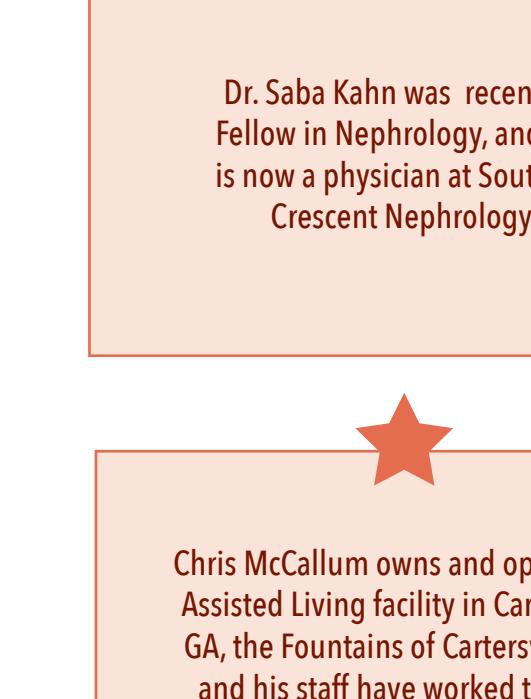
**Creatively:** Help with the Fox Chapel Connection, form groups for music, books, bridge, other interests.

Think about where you see yourself and how you can shape your community.

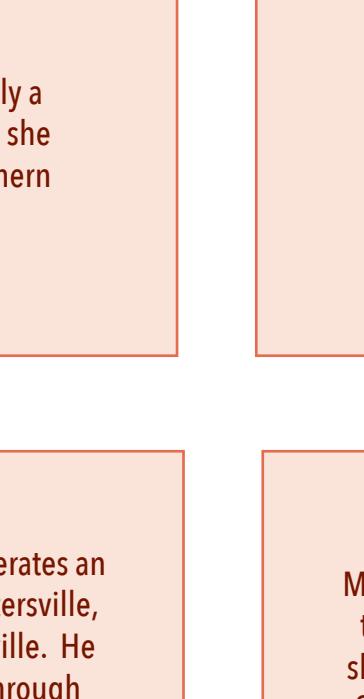
Reach out to the HOA or Fox Chapel Connection editors if you have a way to help out the community.

### Pet Pause

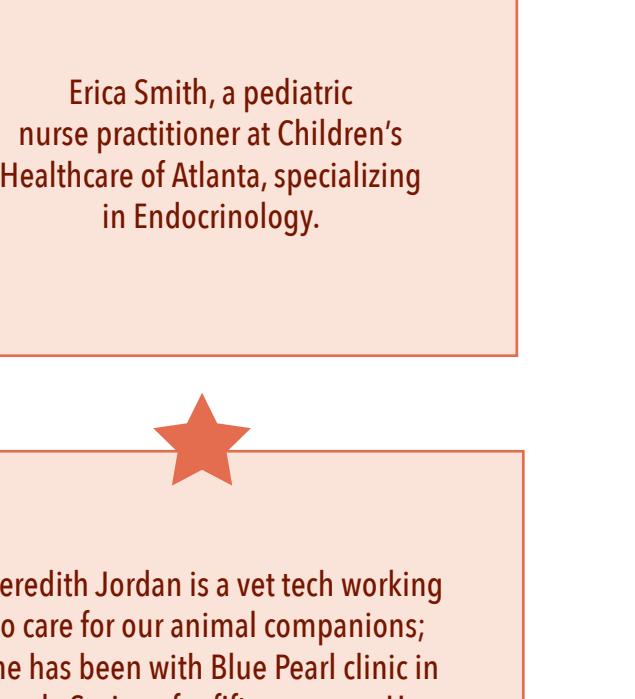
LAST ISSUE WE MET THE DOGS OF FOX CHAPEL. NOW WE'LL MEET THE REST OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD'S FURRY FRIENDS.



OLIVER, 1888



MOUSE, 1859

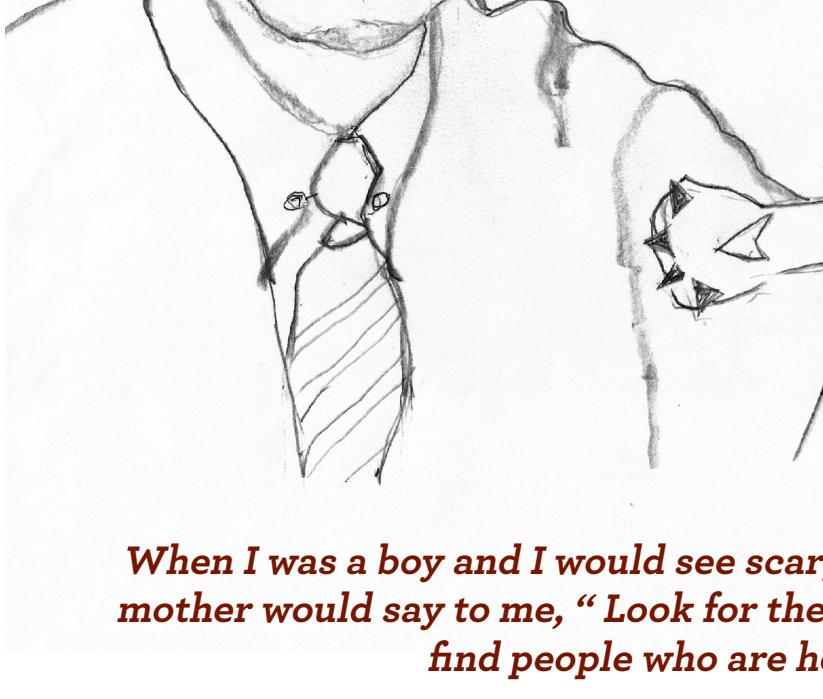


BISCUIT & PIXEL, 1861

### Decorate the Entrance

On a Sunday afternoon in every December a few stalwarts gather to Deck the Entrance Sign to our neighborhood.

All are invited, however. Be watching for a notice from Secretary Jenny Seeley.



### Well Done!

Congratulations to Riley Mackinson and Lovett's Softball Team for 2nd Place finish in the State on October 31st. The winner was Heard County, but Lovett had a great season!

Riley is in the first row standing on the left next to her coaches.

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*When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping."*

- Mr. Rogers

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