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A Letter to the Community
from Jack Kessler

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Dear Neighbors and Friends:

This is my first New Albany community update in a long while, and I wanted to begin by saying I sincerely hope you and your family are healthy and doing well.

It's been truly inspiring to watch our community come together, and to see so many individuals, organizations and businesses reach out to connect with and help others during the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. The efforts of individuals, businesses and student organizations to produce and distribute personal protective equipment (PPE), and the scaling up of the New Albany Food Pantry to help families in need was a reminder of why this is such a special place to live and work.

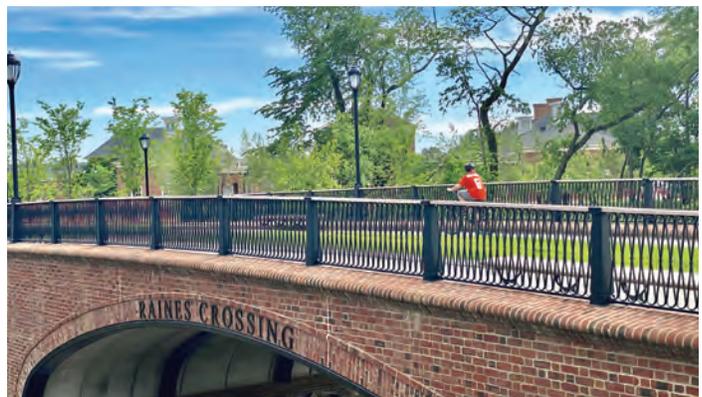
Despite the challenges of the past year-and-a-half, great progress has been made in our community as we continue to evolve and grow. I'd like to fill you in on some of the highlights and invite you to visit and enjoy our new amenities.

New Albany's evolving town center – Rose Run Park

The development of Rose Run Park, for which the land was donated by New Albany Company, is a great example of the collaborative civic leadership that takes place here and impacts our daily lives. Our city leaders understand the importance of preserving green space in the heart of town, providing a place to enjoy nature, and creating a safe connection between the school campus and our town's commercial district. The critical importance of this natural asset became even more apparent during the pandemic, as community members frequented the trails, overlooks and waterways of the park. It already seems as though Rose Run has always been a treasured part of our community.

The weekend of August 28th will be full of celebration as the City dedicates Rose Run Park and the Healthy New Albany Inaugural Rose Run 5K and Founders Day festivities occur. More information can be found at newalbanyohio.org.

The Raines Crossing and Marx Library Garden of the New Albany Branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library are two important additions to Rose Run made possible by the philanthropic generosity of the Raines and Marx families. The families provided gifts through the New Albany Community Foundation that will have a lasting impact on the quality of life here in New Albany. Raines Crossing is a picturesque connector and promenade between the Town Center and school campus. Nearby, the beautiful terrace and green of the Marx Library Garden is a contemplative, quiet location accentuated by the lovely gardens of Rose Run Park.





The Charleen & Charles Hinson Amphitheater

Coming soon to New Albany's emerging cultural district

I want to congratulate the Hinson family and the entire community for coming together to develop the Charleen & Charles Hinson Amphitheater. The dedication of the amphitheater, the Amp Up the Arts celebration, will be held on August 31st. The festivities begin at 4:30 p.m., with a brief program, followed by musical performances from professional, community and student groups, and runs through 7 p.m.

This will be the first of what promises to be an endless variety of exciting music, dance, theater and other performing arts and educational programs that will enrich the lives of our residents and neighboring communities. The Hinson Amphitheater is a real game changer. Whether you stay for 20 minutes or for two hours, Amp Up the Arts is a wonderful opportunity to explore this exciting new venue. Guests are encouraged to walk to the amphitheater, if possible, or park in the school lots north of the campus, which can be accessed via Kardules Field Way at route 605. Food trucks will be on site with festive offerings for purchase. Additional details on Amp Up the Arts can be found at newalbanyfoundation.org.

The New Albany Community Foundation will welcome Tony Award-winning actor and singer Leslie Odom Jr. to New Albany on September 23rd for a performance that will benefit the Hinson Amphitheater. The event quickly sold out, making the first fundraiser in this new venue a resounding success. Thank you to the families, companies and foundations for supporting the amphitheater.

BrewDog – one of the leading craft brewers – will open its newest location at E. Main Street and E. Dublin Granville Road, a site overlooking Rose Run Park. In addition to ample indoor and outdoor patio space, BrewDog will feature outdoor firepits, super-sized games, an interactive beer school, indoor firepits and more. There will be 24 taps of craft beer sourced from Scotland-based BrewDog, as well as additional craft brews from breweries across Ohio and around the world. A full menu will be available.



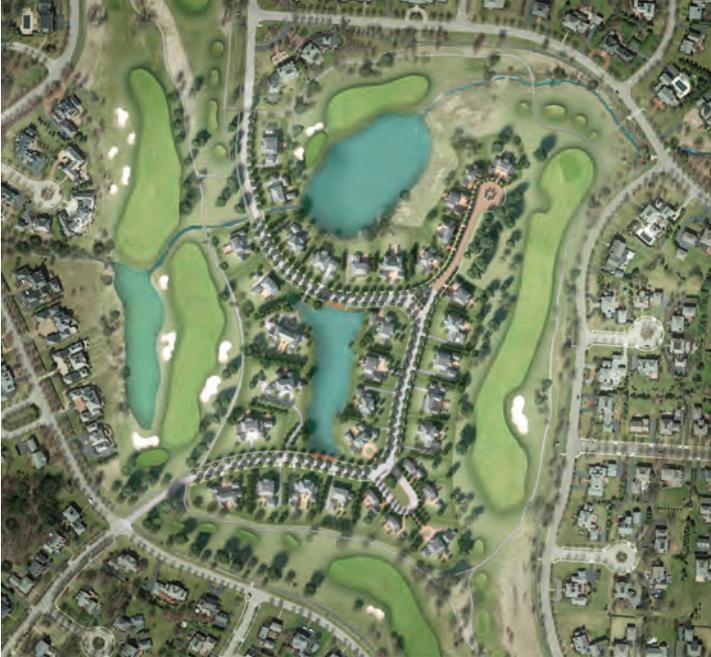
Actor and singer Leslie Odom, Jr.



We can all look forward to gathering at BrewDog beginning August 25.

The next great New Albany Country Club neighborhood: The East Nine

The New Albany Company has been working with Robert A.M. Stern Architects of New York for some time now to develop the next premier neighborhood near holes three through six of the New Albany Country Club's East Nine Course.



This property has been zoned for up to 88 homes since 1998. However, I'm pleased to share that the New Albany Company has elected to reduce the number of homes to just 37. This is one of the few remaining neighborhoods still to be developed in the New Albany Country Club Community, and the building and materials standards have been established at the highest level. Building sites will range from a half acre to over an acre, with home values expected to range from \$1 million to \$3 million.

In consultation with local legend Jack Nicklaus, modifications are underway on the East Nine Course, and golfers can expect a new and improved hole five.

As demand for homesites remains strong, we encourage you to inquire with New Albany Realty immediately if you are interested in this neighborhood.

New Albany Country Club is your resource for catering, meetings and outings

As one of the anchors for dining and leisure activities in the community, the New Albany Country Club approached the pandemic with creativity and a resolve to keep members and staff safe. We are so proud of the way the club adapted to a situation that seemed to change on a daily basis.

Should you need assistance, the NACC staff is at your service for bookings and to help you create and plan your gathering. Please contact the Clubhouse Concierge at 614-939-8500 for more information. Reserving early for holiday gatherings is highly encouraged.



New Albany International Business Park: Carefully planned growth that fuels city services, quality schools, parks and employment

The New Albany International Business Park continues to be an important driver of the economic success of our community. With more than 12 million square feet of development, 20,000 jobs (includes jobs located in the City of Columbus but within the New Albany International Business Park) and \$6 billion in private investment, the approximately 6,000-acre park provides a large portion of the tax base that funds New Albany’s schools, parks and public services, and minimizes the tax burden of residents.

With leading innovators such as Google, Facebook, Amazon Web Services, Lower, Abercrombie & Fitch and many more, the New Albany International Business Park has received national attention and is the home of companies looking to locate in a master-planned district that meets a variety of critical needs. These needs include responsive local government that helps expedite the permitting and building process, affordable and renewable energy, and numerous shovel-ready sites with the infrastructure already in place. These factors combine to provide prospective companies with confidence that New Albany is the place to invest and grow their businesses.



Bill Ebbing President and CEO of the New Albany Company





Collaboration is a primary differentiator for the New Albany International Business Park. The New Albany Company and the City of New Albany work together to attract new companies and to support companies already here ready to expand. AEP, with its significant mission-critical transmission control facility located in the business park, is a key player in the success of the park. These efforts have been further bolstered by JobsOhio and One Columbus.

Amgen is coming to the business park

In another exciting development, Amgen, a leading biotech company, recently announced it will invest \$365 million and create 400 new jobs in the New Albany International Business Park. Construction is underway this fall and, once complete, the development is expected to generate close to \$1 million per year in tax revenue, and an annual payroll of \$41 million.

Attracting Amgen was a collaborative effort between JobsOhio, One Columbus, the City of New Albany and the New Albany Company. The opportunity to welcome a \$25 billion company doesn't happen every day, and we are confident Amgen and its employees will soon become active members of the community. This is a terrific win for the region, the state and New Albany.

Amgen will further diversify the employment base in the business park, which currently includes:

- Technology
 - Healthcare and Medical
 - Advanced Manufacturing and Pharmaceuticals
 - Corporate Headquarters and Operations
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The New Albany Lecture Series

As always, the New Albany Community Foundation will present compelling conversations during the ninth season of the New Albany Lecture Series. The season launches virtually on October 5th with the Pulitzer prize-winning author of the “Warmth of Other Sons” and “Caste”, Isabel Wilkerson. This lecture is free and open to all by signing up at newalbanyfoundation.org.

The New Albany Lecture Series is expected to convene in person again in 2022 at the Jeanne B. McCoy Community Center for the Arts with this lineup.

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is pleased to present the 2021-2022 season of

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Isabel Wilkerson Pulitzer Prize Winner and Bestselling Author	Abby Wambach World Cup Champion, Bestselling Author and Advocate	H.R. McMaster National Security Advisor, Lieutenant General, U.S. Army, Retired, and Bestselling Author	Mary Louise Kelly Co-Host of NPR's "All Things Considered"	Robert Reich Former U.S. Secretary of Labor, Economist and Bestselling Author	Karl Rove Former Deputy Chief of Staff, Political Strategist and Bestselling Author
Social Justice	Health & Well-Being	National Security Program		Civil Discourse and Debate	
OCTOBER 5	FEBRUARY 10	MARCH 10		APRIL 6	

More information at newalbanyfoundation.org

The program featuring Isabel Wilkerson will be presented virtually. The remaining lectures are expected to be held in person at the Jeanne B. McCoy Community Center for the Arts in New Albany.

Congratulations to the New Albany Community foundation on celebrating its 25th anniversary. Thanks to the generosity of so many families, companies and organizations, the Foundation has been able to grant over \$18 million to community initiatives and school programs, both large and small. Thank you to all of you who support the work of the Foundation.

In closing, I wouldn't want to let the opportunity pass without recognizing the many accomplishments of our students in the New Albany School District. There's so much to celebrate and, while there's always a risk in singling out a few, I feel it is warranted given the many New Albany Country Club Community connections to the teams that achieved state championships in 2021. Our sincere congratulations to girls golf, girls swimming, boys baseball and boys tennis doubles. Your community is proud of you!

All the best,



Jack Kessler

P.S. New Albany is highlighted in the current issue of Columbus Monthly and you'll see a lot of familiar faces in it. Please enjoy the enclosed copy.
