

# Olentangy

The Condominium

Winter 2024 - 2025

Newsletter



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## Calendar of Events

### December\*

Book Club 4th  
Hanukkah Begins 25th  
Christmas Day 25th  
Kwanzaa Begins 26th

### January

Kwanzaa Ends Jan 1  
Hanukkah Ends 2nd  
Book Club 8th  
Board Meeting 16th

### February

GroundHog Day 2nd  
Book Club 5th  
Valentines Day 14  
Presidents Day 17th  
Board Meeting 20th

### March

Book Club 5th  
Daylight Savings 9th  
St. Patrick's Day 17th  
Board Meeting 20th

**\*No board meeting in  
December.**

**Recommendations for the newsletter?**

**Send your ideas to the board at**

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**Attention: Newsletter.**

## **Good news for those who recycle in our community**

In the fall of 2023 we began our pilot recycling project with Rumpke Waste and Recycling. We are one of a few multi-family communities that have a weekly collection of recycled material. It is very important that we continue to follow the guidelines on the outside of the recycling dumpsters so that we can continue to have this service and that the program can expand to other complexes. Having a recycling symbol does not mean an item can be recycled everywhere. Always check Rumpke's list for acceptable items ([rumpke.com](http://rumpke.com)) in our area. As of November 1st residents may begin adding these items to their recycling bins; clear plastic carryout containers, fruit, berry, lettuce and egg containers. This new capability is made possible by advanced AI and optical technology at The Rumpke Recycling & Resource Center.

### **Rick's Buckeyes (no bake)**

1 ½ cups creamy peanut butter (356g)

3 or 4 ground up wafer cookies (optional, but it firms up the balls and gives them a nice texture)

½ cup salted butter (113g) softened, at room temperature

2 tablespoons brown sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

3 cups powdered sugar (360g)

2 cups semisweet chocolate

Cream the peanut butter and butter together with the vanilla extract. Add remaining ingredients except chocolate chips. Scoop out tablespoon sized amounts, roll into balls and put on parchment paper on a cookie sheet. Chill outside or in the refrigerator until firm for at least 20 minutes. In a small bowl melt the chocolate chips in the microwave (watch carefully). Allow to cool so it isn't too thin. Use toothpicks to dip the peanut butter balls into the melted chocolate. Do a dozen at a time so the remaining balls don't get warm - the colder the better to harden the chocolate quickly. Leave a bit of the peanut butter exposed for that signature buckeye pea look. Chill for several hours to allow the chocolate to firm up and enjoy. If you want to remove the holes left from the skewers, run a small knife or spatula over the tops. Note: adding one or two drops of water thins the chocolate, one or two drops of mild makes it thicken.

By Rick Blevins

## **Some things are meant to be broken**

Karate boards, glow sticks and eggs just to name a few. The rules and regulations in your OTC green handbook are not among them. Our rules and regulations are there to insure that our community is a safe and pleasant place for all to live. So the next time you decide to let your dog run off leash or disregard any other of our rules, consider how your actions will impact your neighbors and grab a box of spaghetti and break some noodles instead!

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## **My Special List - by Helen Steiner Rice**

I have a list of folks I know, all written in a book  
And every year at Christmas time I go and take a look.  
That is when I realize that these names are a part  
Not of the book they are written in, but of my very heart.

For each name stands for someone who has crossed my path sometime  
And in that meeting they've become the reason and the rhyme.  
Although it sounds fantastic of me to make this claim,  
I really feel that I am composed of each and every name.

Although you're not aware of any special link,  
Just meeting you has shaped my life much more than you could think.

So please don't think my greeting as just a mere routine.  
Your name was not forgotten in between.  
For when I send a greeting that is addressed to you,  
It's because you're on that list of folks I am indebted to.

Whether I have known you for many days or few,  
In some ways you have had a part in shaping things I do.  
I am but a total of the many folks I've met.  
And you are one of those folks that I would prefer never to forget.

**Happy Holidays from the OTC Board of Directors.**

## **Holiday Decorating**

Have fun with your holiday decorations but remember that what goes up, must come down. Holiday specific decorations must be taken down no later than fourteen (14) days, after that specific holiday.

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## In Case You Missed It

New equipment is now in the lodge exercise room and ready to be used. Free weights and a bench press. The exercise room is located in the basement of the lodge and you can gain access using your pool key. The exercise room is available to use between the hours of 6am and 9pm. If you need to replace your pool key, contact Patterson Merkle Management office. The cost to replace a key is \$100.



The end of the year is a great time to recognize and thank all the many volunteers who donated their time, energy and resources to improve our community this year.

**Thank you Volunteers!**



We are on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/OlentangytheCondominiumResidentPage>

**Cynophobia is the fear of dogs. Like all specific phobias, cynophobia is intense and persistent. According to recent numbers about 1 in 3 adults in the U.S. suffer from a fear of animals. Dogs can sense fear in humans. Just something to remember as you walk your best friend around our community.**

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Repairs to the tennis courts have been completed.