



Peggy Williams - Franklin County

Peggy “Ms. Peg” Williams is a pillar in Columbus’ Linden community. She is an advocate, a voice for the voiceless, and is dedicated to bettering the lives of local residents.

Ms. Peg is currently the secretary and former zoning chair for the South Linden Area Commission (SLAC). Ms. Peg tirelessly serves the Commission, often attending extra meetings and contributing new ideas with great enthusiasm on how to make her community a safer place. She is also sensitive to the needs of surrounding neighborhoods and can be found attending other area commission meetings and block watches.

Ms. Peg is involved in almost every facet of the Linden community through her work with the Our Linden Plan, a community-driven master plan to address transportation, housing, retail, small business, education, workforce, and health and safety. She was instrumental in the promotion of an innovative transportation

option for Linden called the Linden Empowers All People (LEAP). LEAP is a free shuttle service with two buses that can transport 12 passengers each to appointments, services, and events. Ms. Peg was an early adopter of LEAP, riding the vehicle to fully understand how it worked. She even did television interviews to promote the service.

A supporter of many community initiatives, Ms. Peg serves on the Linden Community Festival planning committee – an event celebrating the rich history and heritage of Linden – and helps plan activities for the festival that range from a 5k run, Linden cycling tour, Buckeye Prep All Star basketball showcase, and a community resource expo. She participates in numerous Linden community events, as well as events sponsored by the city. Ms. Peg takes great pride in her community, often advocating for residents to clean up the neighborhood and to call 311 to report code violations and criminal activity.

Her community involvement has not gone unnoticed. She won the Stella Stewart Award for exceptional community leadership at the 2018 Regional Neighborhood Network Conference, a conference with the goal to strengthen neighborhood associations and to promote collaboration

among neighborhood associations and public and private sectors.

Ms. Peg walks in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, a fundraising and educational event for breast cancer. Ms. Peg is an eight-year breast cancer survivor. Many improvements in the Linden community can be attributed to Ms. Peg’s integral work. Those who know her will say Ms. Peg doesn’t know a stranger; she greets everyone with a hug and smile.