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ABOUT BONNIE DRAUDT

I was born and raised in Whitehall, Ohio and graduated from Whitehall Yearling High School. My husband and I moved to Columbus in 1972. After having our two sons, our family moved to Three Rivers sub-division in March 1978. Although I am retired, my work experience as a Materials Manager, Office Manager and IBS Manager in the south end of Columbus, has made me very familiar with the area. I volunteer for my community to make Three Rivers a desirable place to live and raise a family. I am a grandmother of three, a pastor's wife, I love to garden, and I became an Ordained Minister in 2017.

In 2002, I became the Vice President of the Three Rivers Civic Association (TRCA). With my participation, in 2004, TRCA was involved in Mayor's Pride Week. In 2010, I became the President of TRCA and began writing grants. In 2011, TRCA was awarded a Neighborhood Partnership Grant (NPG). The NPG provided TRCA to purchase flowers and soil for new beds at the Three Rivers and Elk Run Park entrances, neighborhood signage, and American Flags to fly from 60 streetlight poles. Due to all that TRCA was able to accomplish with the 2011 NPG, TRCA applied and received additional grants each year from 2012-2015 and 2017. These grants helped TRCA with community functions, new American flags and brackets to finish the last 60 streetlight poles to total to 120, fighting crime, stop bullying and human trafficking. TRCA was able to receive a total of ten grants for the civic association and block watch from 2011-2017.

During a Far East Side Pride Center block watch coordinators' meeting, TRCA felt the need to apply for the Coalition for a Nonviolent Columbus (CNC) Grant, in 2012, for National Night Out. TRCA was awarded that grant and received the same grant from 2013-2015. The funds TRCA was awarded were used for NNO t-shirts and community functions.

Other than being awarded an NPG, TRCA applied and was awarded a private grant from Scotts Miracle-Gro in 2012-2017, for free mulch and money to purchase flowers.

In 2012, I worked with Recreation and Parks planner Brad Westall to upgrade Elk Run Park. With Brad's help, he and I added signs throughout the park, solar lighting in parking lot, shelter house with picnic tables, children's play equipment, resurface basketball court, parking lot and access road, and remove walking path and replace with bicycle/walking path. After all we accomplished, I continue to work Brad Westall to finish the connection of the bicycle/walking path to Three Creeks and Helsel Parks, and the flooding problem at Elk Run Park.

TRCA created and maintains a Website (<http://www.3riverscivicasociation.com/trca>) and also delivers Newsletters to 510 homes and 40 apartments, three times a year. To notify residents of crime in the area, we post information on Nextdoor Three Rivers.