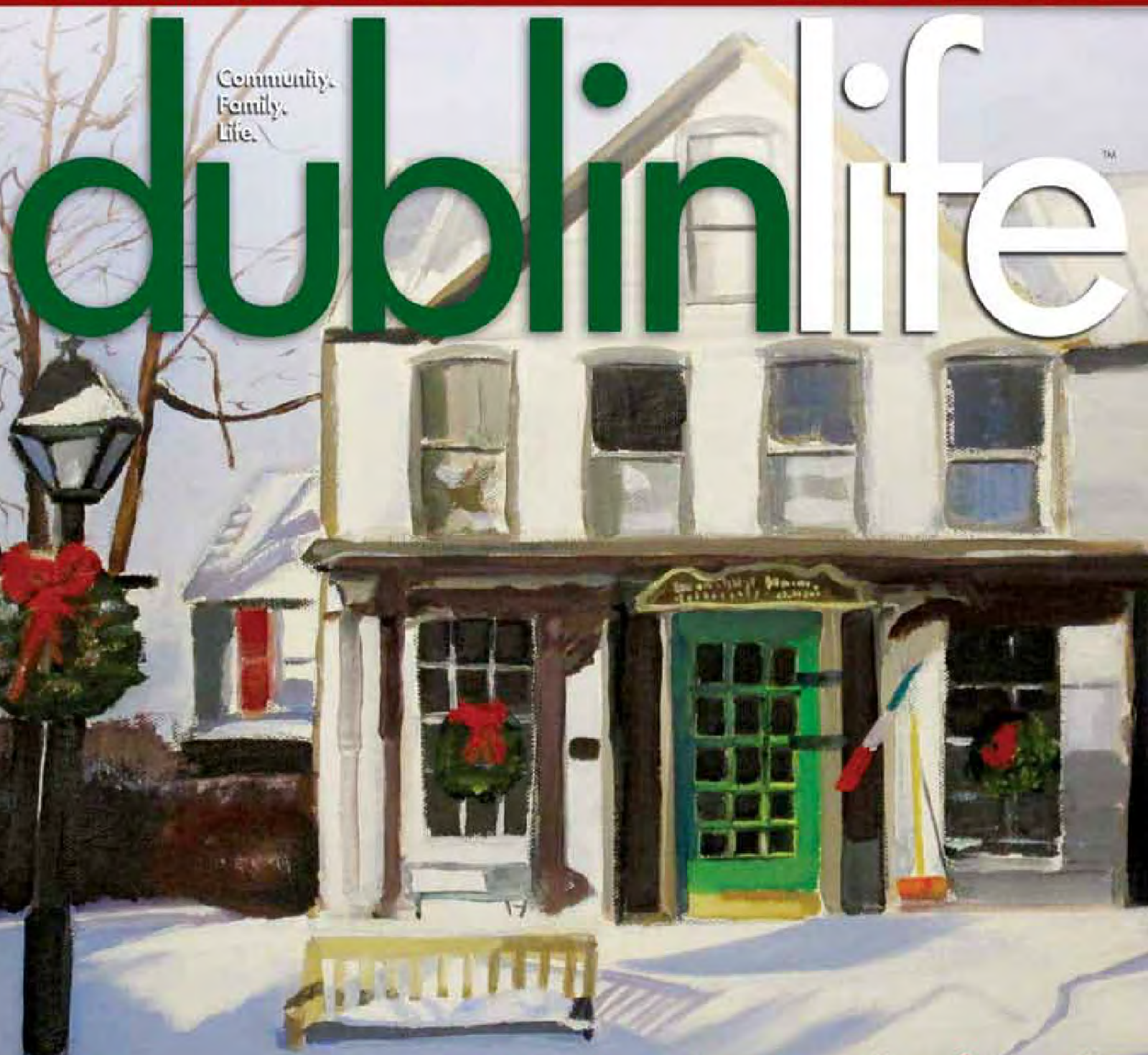


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Change has been a constant in Dublin, especially over the past four decades. Inside this issue of *Dublin Life*, we explore how business development has improved the fabric of our community through an ecological and technical advancement at IGS Energy as well as a vital community care initiative that touched the hearts of our Japanese friends and business leaders here and abroad.

On the cover this issue we feature a painting of a familiar and traditional image of Dublin. *Old Dublin Christmas* was created in 1995 by Dublin resident James Murrin. As a member of the Dublin Art League, James was asked to paint a winter scene for a Dublin AM Rotary Christmas card fundraising project. He also donated the original artwork to the Rotary for an annual auction.

Our goal for this month's cover was to feature a recognizable and traditional Dublin winter scene. Sandra had to look no further than her own kitchen – as she and husband Dave McKee purchased the painting at the rotary auction several years ago. A shared appreciation and fondness for Historic Dublin inspired James to paint the scene and Sandra to purchase the painting.

A sampling of Historic Dublin shops and the unique gifts they offer are spotlighted in this issue of *Dublin Life*, as well as a sweet story of community giving (see page 13). We hope you enjoy the Holiday Season with your family and friends, and best wishes for a healthy and prosperous New Year!

About the Artist

James' earliest art memories include his mom making Christmas cards in their basement with an airbrush. Years later he studied photography, design and drawing in college, but ultimately chose dentistry and eventually pursued a career in endodontics. After 15 years in practice, he circled back and enrolled at the Columbus College of Art and Design to study painting. James' works also are featured in this month's issue of Studio Visit Magazine, a national art publication. Visit James' virtual art gallery at www.jmurrin.com. James and his wife Anne live in Muirfield Village; their daughter Alex now lives in Washington, D.C.

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To Your Health

The City of Dublin is committed to maintaining a healthy community. It's a goal that Dublin City Council and city staff take to heart – literally. The City of Dublin wants to do everything it can to help you and your family maintain healthy lifestyles as well



as provide information on preventing and reversing degenerative diseases like heart disease, strokes and cancer. We hope to achieve this through community partnerships like the Healthy Dublin initiative.

We are approaching a time of year when many are tempted to overindulge, which is often followed by resolutions to try to undo the temptations brought on by a festive holiday season. This year, I challenge you to enjoy the merriment in moderation and to try to work in a healthy regimen while enjoying all the celebrations of the season.

The Dublin Community Recreation Center offers a variety of exercise programs and classes for all age groups. But there are many more options in our community – some as close as your own backyard. Why not bike or take a walk along one of the multiuse paths, or hike to one of the city's 52 neighborhood and community parks?

I have found, for me personally, that yoga is one of the best ways I can commit to a healthier lifestyle. It also provides me with added energy and reduced stress levels, and it makes me feel better and allows me to be more productive.

In the coming months, the City of Dublin will continue to work with our partners on the Healthy Dublin initiative – 411Fit, the Dublin branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library, Dublin Chamber of Commerce, Dublin City Schools, Dublin Methodist Hospital, HealthSpot and Washington Township – to bring more programs and information to serve you and the rest of our community.

In the meantime, I hope you will continue to take great strides in doing all that you can to ensure your own good health. I encourage you to log onto www.healthydublin.org for nutrition and exercise tips, and information on how to sign up for a free health assessment by Dublin Methodist Hospital.

To your health,

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