



Columbia Park

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

April 2024

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Olmsted Township, Ohio

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COLUMBIA PARK ENTRANCE MAKEOVER

We are pleased to announce the successful integration of our new gate system at the Columbia Road entrance to our community. We extend our gratitude to all residents who have taken the time to familiarize themselves with the new system. So far, the resident side and exit gate are functioning smoothly, despite encountering a few minor challenges along the way.

This week, we activated the guest entrance gate. It's crucial to remind your visitors and delivery personnel to utilize the assigned 4-digit code (yours for friends and family, and designated ones for delivery personnel) or to call you from the call box for entry. During this transition period, our maintenance staff has been stationed at the entrance to provide assistance. With each passing day, operations are becoming increasingly streamlined.

In a few months, we anticipate that everyone will have adjusted to the new system, and we look forward to smooth sailing ahead! Once again, we sincerely appreciate your patience and cooperation during this transition.

NEW GATE ENTRY STICKERS

If you have not yet received your gate sticker(s) to be placed on the window of your vehicle, please drive by the community office and have it installed in your car by one of our team members!

If you are getting a new vehicle and replacing your current vehicle, please do not leave the gate sticker in the old car. You can stop in the community office to have it removed from your current car, and we will save it for the new car.

POST OFFICE ON WHEELS

This information came directly from the Post Office: The Post Office on Wheels Program will be visiting our community on **Thursday, April 18th from 9:40 AM to 10:00 AM** in the parking lot of the Social Hall.

DOG WALKING PATH

We are happy to see that the dog park and walking path are being enjoyed by our furry, four-footed residents. However, we kindly remind all pet owners to be responsible and pick up after their dogs. There are pet stations for the convenient disposal of waste. Your cooperation in keeping the community clean and pleasant for everyone is greatly appreciated.

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DOG OF THE MONTH

Think you have the cutest pooch on the block? We would love to feature your pup in the Dog of the Month Program. Each month, you can submit the furry member(s) of your family to compete against their neighbors to see who's top dog. Go to our website ColumbiaParkOhio.com to enter.

Win Dog of the Month and you will receive:

- **\$50 Rent Credit**
- **Gift Bark-sket**

This month our winner is Walter! He lives on Sycamore Drive and is 17 months old. This sweet, lovable pup loves to sit in the window and watch the world outside. Here he is doing a practice assessment with a nursing student!



2024 TAX SEASON IS HERE

AARP Tax AID is not going to be at the social hall this year, but they are still available to prepare taxes. Below are a few phone numbers that maybe able to assist with your tax preparation.

<https://taxaide.aarpfoundation.org>

You can call **AARP Tax Aid at 888-227-7669**. The following are the closest AARP Tax Aid locations for in-person and drop-off:

Middleburg Heights Library: 440-558-6012

Westlake Senior Center: 440-899-3544

Brook Park United Methodist Church: 216-676-4738

Fairview Senior Life Office: 440-356-4437

Be sure to call ahead as many of these locations require appointments!

Empowering and Strengthening Ohio's People (ESOP) a subsidiary of the Benjamin Rose Institute On Aging that's offering free tax service for low to moderate income individuals living in Cuyahog County. For more information, visit their website at www.refundohio.org or call **211** for the automated system.

WATER BILLS & STORAGE PAYMENTS

When paying your water bill or your storage lot fees with your lot rent, it is no longer necessary to pay with multiple checks in multiple envelopes.

One check can be written to include all!

Make checks payable to Columbia Park Owners, LLC.

SELLING YOUR HOME

An Intent to Sell Form is required to be completed and returned to the main office 30 days or more prior to the sale. The information gathered will be your forwarding address for the purpose of your security deposit disposition. Once you are gone a final water read will be taken and billed to your account. Your final water and sewer bill be deducted from your security deposit and any remaining balance will be refunded to you and mailed to your forwarding address. If your security deposit does not cover any outstanding charges, you will be sent a bill for the remaining balance due.

UPCOMING SOLAR ECLIPSE - APRIL 8, 2024

We want to remind all residents to prioritize safety while viewing the upcoming solar eclipse on April 8th, occurring mid-day. It's crucial to use proper protective eyewear to safeguard your eyes during this event. The eclipse will commence in Texas at 1:27 PM CDT and conclude in Maine at 3:35 PM EDT. For those in zip code 44138, the eclipse is expected to last approximately 3 minutes and 51 seconds. In Cleveland, Ohio, the eclipse will occur roughly between 3:13 PM and 3:17 PM local time.

According to NASA, the next total solar eclipse over the United States won't take place until August 23, 2044. We encourage everyone to enjoy this remarkable celestial event safely and responsibly! See the back sheet for more information.

SPRING CLEANUP

With the arrival of spring approaching, we kindly request all residents to begin planning their spring cleanup. This includes addressing any items stored under carports or awnings. Please note that only patio furniture and barbecue equipment are permitted to be stored in these areas. This year, we will be conducting Spring Inspections to ensure the upkeep of our community. Your contributions to maintaining the cleanliness and appearance of your home are essential in keeping our community beautiful.

Our residents make our community. When your home shines Columbia Park shines!

SOCIAL HALL RESERVATIONS & DEPOSIT CHECKS

As a reminder, our residents are able to reserve the Social Hall for private events. If you're interested in making a reservation for an upcoming event, please contact the Community Office to schedule!

If you have reserved the Social Hall for a private event and submitted a deposit check, please remember **the deposit check must be picked up within seven (7) days from the date of your event.** Failure to do so will result in the check being shredded.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

SPRING FLING - RESIDENT ONLY EVENT

Come join us to celebrate Spring with refreshments served!

Date: April 10, 2024

Time: 11:30AM to 1:30PM

Location: Social Hall



FOOTLOOSE THE MUSICAL BY OFHS MASQUERS

Olmsted Falls High School
Masquers presents...

FIRST FEDERAL
LANEWOOD

Footloose
the musical

Friday, April 12th, at 7:30pm

Saturday, April 13th, at 2pm and 7:30pm

Olmsted Falls High School: The Harding Center for the Performing Arts

For tickets, scan the QR code
or call 440.427.6070.



All senior citizens are invited to attend our **free**
dress rehearsal on **THURSDAY, APRIL 11th** at
7:00pm. No tickets are needed!

Social Hall Activity Schedule

Activity	Day	Time	Activity Coordinator
Sittersize	Mondays and Wednesdays	2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Diane (440) 783-2436
Cards & Games	Mondays	3:15 PM - 7:00 PM	Sandy (440) 376-3615
Bible Study & Open Conversation Forum	Tuesdays	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Barb (440) 427-9401
Mahjong	Fridays	10:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Pat (440) 235-2849
BINGO	2 nd Tuesday and 4 th Wednesday	6:00 PM	Tom (440) 864-2538
Brown Baggers Lunch Bunch	1 st Thursday All are Welcome!	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Rosetta (440) 235-5505
Crocheting & Knitting	Tuesdays	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Cyndi (216) 776-9413
Computer & Internet Basics	1 st and 3 rd Wednesday	4:30 PM - 5:30 PM	John (440) 212-3970
Yoga For Aging Bodies This is a gentle yoga class for everybody.	1 st class 1 st , 3 rd & 4 th Tuesdays 2 nd Wednesday	Tues & Wed 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Christine Gallagher (440) 429-0851
Yoga For Aging Bodies This is a gentle yoga class for everybody.	2 nd class 1 st , 3 rd & 4 th Thursday	Thurs 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Christine Gallagher (440) 429-0851

If you would like to start an activity at the Social Hall, we would be happy to add it to the schedule! Please reach out to us at the Community Office to get started.

If you have questions about the above activities, please contact the respective coordinator.

We do not have the space to accommodate manuals, reference books, cookbooks, magazines, VHS tapes, or DVDs in our library. These items will be disposed of if left in the library area.

Sandy at (440) 376-3615 is our librarian.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

From An Astrological Hobbyist- RESIDENT:

April 8 Total Eclipse

Now, just days away from the Total eclipse, be sure you're ready for the big day. Have Eclipse glasses or another method to view the partial eclipse phases safely. You may watch during totality without eclipse glasses. The partial eclipse will begin at 1:59 PM, as the moon begins to cover the sun. Totality begins at 3:15, lasts up to four (4) minutes, depending on your location. The partial eclipses end at 4:29 PM, when the moon will no longer cover any part of the sun. Learn as much as you can about the eclipse and all you can see in each phase. This is not a complete list.

Before April 8, Plan where you want to see the eclipse and review what you want to look for. Many local schools, nature centers, and public facilities will hold watch parties. The path of totality is 115 miles wide, so there are many locations and venues to view the eclipse. Some of these are free, others pricey. Media will list the events of the day and the weekend.

Wherever you plan to be for the eclipse, expect traffic jams and delays on the roads. Be aware of local road closures and parking restrictions. As many as 200,00 visitors are expected in the Cleveland area that day. Be sure to have a full tank of gas and stock up on any essentials you need at home. Expect some gas stations to run out of gas and some markets to be short of items travelers might need.

On April 8, Plan to leave early and allow extra time for your journey. Bring a hat and coat with you. As the moon blocks the sun, expect the temperature to drop as much as 10 degrees F. Wherever you plan to watch the eclipse, arrive early. Very early.

During the partial eclipse be sure to use your eclipse glasses. Follow the progress of the moon as it slowly covers the sun, taking over 1 hour to completely cover the sun's disk. It won't be visibly darker for a while, but as sunlight dims, the planets Venus and Jupiter will become visible against the pale blue sky. Venus will be brighter and below the sun, Jupiter dimmer and above the sun. Note exactly where they are, and you'll be able to find them in the sky after sunlight returns.

In the Minutes before totality, notice the changes in the sky. Upwards, don't just follow the sun, but also notice rapid changes in the color of the sky as blue pale turns to black. This is a sky you've never seen before. Around you the shadows will be darker, with sharper borders. A minute before totality, look for beads of light as the moon covers the sun, and for bands of light and shadow around you. Darkness falls very quickly.

As totality begins, remove your eclipse glasses, and experience the awe of the sight, along with cheers from the crowd. Look at the sun's corona, or outer atmosphere, not visible until the sky is completely dark. Along with Venus and Jupiter, you'll be able to see other planets and stars. Along the horizon, do you see the light from the sun outside the zone of totality?

Closer to you, how is nature responding? Birds may return to their nests, flowers may close, animals expect to sleep. Nocturnal species may begin to arise. Crickets may chirp.

Before totality ends, use eclipse glasses again to protect your eyes. The first ring of the sun you will see is the diamond ring event.

As Partial sunlight returns, again notice how different and the shadows appear. In the sky, find Venus and Jupiter. You'll be able to see them for some time. Observe how nature responds to renewed sunlight. Take your time before leaving, there's more to see and traffic will be difficult again.

A total solar eclipse is one of nature's rarest and most spectacular events. The next one visible from Cleveland will be August 23, 2444, the previous one in 186. In the words of James Fenimore Cooper, who witnessed the 1806 eclipse from his home in upper state New York:

"I shall only say that I have passed a varied and eventful life, that it has been my fortune to see earth, heavens, ocean and man in most of their aspects; but never have I beheld any spectacle which so plainly manifested the majesty of the creator, or so forcibly taught the lesson of humanity to man as a total eclipse of the sun."