



Columbia Park

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER September 2024

Columbia Park
7100 Columbia Road
Olmsted Township, Ohio

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday
8AM to 5PM

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CUSTOMER CARE

1-833-700-2439

CustomerCare@livewindward.com

FIRE SAFETY AND HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE

Recently the community has experienced 2 house fires. We are thankful that everyone got out of their homes safely. The cause of the fire on Fiddlesticks was from a bird nest that was built on top of the exterior door lamp. Please make sure to remove any nests from your homes. This is also a good opportunity to re-evaluate your homeowner's insurance and ensure that you have updated your policy regarding home values and the amount of liability insurance you have.

It is especially important that smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are in working order and the batteries are replaced.

For homeowners in need of new smoke detectors the Olmsted Township Fire Department has a long-standing program where they can provide and install up to two smoke detectors at no charge. A lock box can be installed as well for their use in case of an emergency, the cost is \$35.00. Please call Olmsted Township fire department for more information.

440-235-3746

HELLO AUTUMN

It is hard to believe that summer is winding down.

Time to think about getting ready for fall and then winter. This is the time to start planning to have heat tapes checked. Inspect your hot water tank. Caulk around windows and doors etc. For protection around your car ports remember all **visqueen panels** must be installed after November 1st. This is for panels only. Plastic or tarps are not allowed to be wrapped around the carport for winter

We will be doing a curbside leaf collection this fall. The schedule will be in October's newsletter. **The Olmsted Falls/Township community yard charge will take place on November 9, 2024.** Local children from seven different groups will be available to clean up your leaves. Please see the flyer attached for more information.

OLMSTED TOWNSHIP SENIOR TRANSPORTATION

The following article was published in the summer 2024 Olmsted Township today flyer

The trustees have approved a 6-month contract with **Senior Transportation Connection (STC)**

To enhance access to essential services for Township residents.

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The agreement allows residents to use (STC) for medical appointments and grocery shopping within a 10-mile radius. Please call the Township Administration building 440-235-3099.

NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

has sent an invitation to a public meeting to discuss your unmet transportation needs.

The meeting is September 4, 2024, at 6:00PM at Southwest General Hospital. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

OVERNIGHT PARKING IN THE COMMUNITY

Columbia Park has been tagging automobiles that are being parked on the streets overnight. Overnight street parking is not allowed. Per community guidelines: Automobiles must be parked in the Residents' driveways. Parking on streets less than 24 feet in width is prohibited by the **Department of Health Ohio Administrative Code**. Residents' vehicles may not be parked in the street for more than a reasonable amount of time, where allowed, **except for lawn work, exterior housework, etc.** Parking on grassed area is prohibited.

Overnight parking on the street is prohibited. Parking in a vacant lot or vacant home is also prohibited.

Where street parking is necessary for guests, good judgment must be exercised so as not to obstruct traffic flow or to block neighbors' driveways or mailboxes. For overnight or weekend guests, if the Resident's driveway will not accommodate guest parking, the Community Manager should be contacted to arrange for additional parking facilities.

We also ask that **everyone obey** the speed limits and to make sure that they come to a complete stop at the stop signs. This is for the safety of our residents.

ELECTION SEASON REMINDER

It's that time of year again - 2024 is a Presidential Election year! We would like to remind all residents that political signs or flags are not allowed in Columbia Park. They cannot be displayed from inside or outside the home. We respect everyone's right to vote for their choice and ask you all to respect the political views of others.

POST OFFICE ON WHEELS

The following information came directly from the Post Office: The Post Office on Wheels Program will be visiting our community on **Thursday September 19th from 9:40AM to 10:00 AM** in the parking lot at the Social Hall.

POWER LOSS INSTRUCTIONS

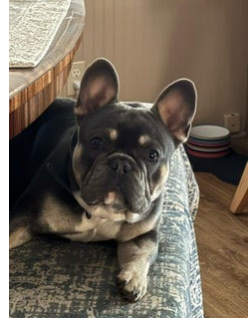
If your home loses power, check the breakers in your home first. If no breakers are tripped, please call the office to have our maintenance team check the exterior breakers before you call the Illuminating Company.

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 the top dog. Go to our website ColumbiaParkOhio.com to enter and include some specific details about your furry friend to share.

Win Dog of the Month and you will receive:

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



This month our winner is Zane– “I live on Lee’s Lane. I am 9 months old “. I like to cuddle and give people kisses. I am going to puppy classes so that I would be so noisy when people and dogs pass the home.

YARD OF THE MONTH

Keeping our community beautiful is a shared responsibility. While we keep the community areas neat, it is the responsibility of our residents to keep up with their yards. To acknowledge our residents who work hard to keep the community in tip-top shape, each month we reward one home with the “Yard of the Month” who receives a \$50 Rent Credit and a Yard of the Month sign to proudly display on their lot.

September’s Yard of the Month is 5 Concert Court !



Congratulations to our winners! You can nominate your yard or a neighbor’s yard by emailing the team in the community office.

Columbia Park Social Calendar

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	4:00 PM - 5:00 PM *Note-Time Change	John (440) 212-3970
Yoga For Aging Bodies This is a gentle yoga class for everybody.	Every 1 st , 3 rd & 4 th Tuesdays	Tuesdays 6:00 PM – 7:00 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!



FRIENDS & FAMILY REFERRAL

Scan here to refer a friend today

Residents can earn extra cash by successfully referring others to a Windward Community! Find the perfect community in one of our many locations all over the U.S.

Earn \$500 for home purchases and \$250 for rentals

See Community Manager for details



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Public Meeting Discussing Transportation Needs

**DO YOU, A FAMILY MEMBER, OR FRIEND NEED A RIDE AND SOMETIMES
DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO ONE?**

**ARE THERE PLACES IN NORTHEAST OHIO YOU WANT/NEED TO GO BUT
DONT HAVE ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION?**

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

PLEASE JOIN US TO DISCUSS YOUR UNMET TRANSPORTATION NEEDS.

Wednesday, September 4th, 2024

**Snack and
Drink
Provided**

Starting at 6:00 p.m.
Southwest General,
7575 Old Oak Blvd.,
Middleburg Heights, OH 44130



**A 2 Hour
Discussion**

If you, a neighbor, family member, friend, or caregiver sometimes need a ride and do not have one, this meeting is for you! Please attend and share!

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the transportation challenges in access to work, shopping, medical appointments, human service agency appointments, entertainment, or for any reason in Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, and Medina Counties.

NOACA wants to hear from EVERYONE including, but not limited to, people of all ages, older adults, individuals with disabilities, veterans, transportation providers, and human service agency representatives.

Meetings are Open House format with brief presentations to start off the meetings and opportunities to talk with the planners anytime.

Facilities are accessible for everyone.



OLMSTED FALLS/TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY YARD CHARGE

It is that time a year again, the leaves are falling and the youth in our community is going to be coming out to help rake leaves.

Our local kids in the following groups will be coming out on November 9th, 2024 to help clean up your leaves.

Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Key Club, Student Council and Builders Club.



Olmsted Falls
Environmental Club

If you are interested in having us come to your yard please reach out to Sandra Graham via phone:

440-235-2588 or email: slgwhit81@gmail.com.