



Columbia Park

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

November 2024

Columbia Park
7100 Columbia Road
Olmsted Township, Ohio

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday
8AM to 5PM

Office (440) 235 - 5300

Sales (440) 219 - 0259

After hour emergency

1-888-544-0524

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1-833-700-2439

CustomerCare@livewindward.com

NEW COMMUNITY RULES AND REGULATIONS

Everyone should have received a copy of the updated Community Rules and Regulations. These were sent on September 18th with lease renewal letters for residents whose leases renew in November, and as a separate mailing for other residents. Please take some time to review these changes thoroughly. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call the office. Enforcement of the new rules will begin on November 1st, so we want everyone to be informed. The new format aligns with other Windward communities.

LEASE RENEWALS

For residents who have been with us since before the Windward acquisition in 2020, leases will expire at the end of October. If you haven't renewed yet, please visit the office to either renew or switch to a month-to-month arrangement. The updated rates will apply starting November 1st. If you are on ACH auto-pay, please come by to adjust your payment. Reach out if you haven't received your renewal notice.

FIRE SAFETY AND HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE

We've recently experienced two house fires in the community, and we're thankful everyone is safe. The fire on Fiddlesticks was caused by a bird nest on an exterior door lamp. Please check your homes for any nests, and remove them if you find any. This is also a good time to review your homeowner's insurance to ensure it's up to date with the current value of your home and includes adequate liability coverage.

Working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are essential—please replace batteries regularly. For residents in need of new smoke detectors, the Olmsted Township Fire Department offers a program providing up to two detectors and installation at no cost. They can also install a lockbox for emergency access, available for \$35. For details, please contact the Olmsted Township Fire Department at 440-235-3746.

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 November 21st from 9:40AM to 10:00 AM** in the parking lot at the Social Hall.

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HELLO AUTUMN

It's hard to believe summer is winding down. As fall and winter approach, it's time to start preparing: have heat tapes checked, inspect your hot water tank, and make sure caulking around windows and doors is intact.

For those with carports, please remember that all visqueen panels must be installed after November 1st. Panels are permitted, but plastic or tarps are not allowed for carport wrapping.

Curbside leaf collection will begin on November 1st, with a schedule provided on a separate page. Also, **the Olmsted Falls/Township community yard charge takes place on November 9, 2024.** Local youth groups will be available to help clean up leaves. See the attached flyer for details.

OLMSTED TOWNSHIP SENIOR TRANSPORTATION

As shared in the Summer 2024 Olmsted Township flyer, the trustees have approved a six-month contract with Senior Transportation Connection (STC) to enhance access to essential services. Township residents may now use STC for medical appointments and grocery shopping within a 10-mile radius. For more information, call the Township Administration Building at 440-235-3099.

PARKING IN THE COMMUNITY

Following the new guidelines, residents are asked to park only in designated spaces on their home site. Parking on vacant home sites, streets, lawns, patios, or sidewalks is not allowed. Street parking is allowed briefly for deliveries, vendors, and guests, but overnight street parking is strictly prohibited. Emergency vehicles need clear access, so please avoid parking in a way that restricts their movement.

Columbia Park has begun tagging cars parked on the streets overnight. For guests who need to park on the street, please be mindful of traffic flow and avoid blocking driveways or mailboxes. For overnight or weekend guest parking, if your driveway isn't enough, please contact the Community Manager to arrange alternative parking.

Lastly, please observe the speed limits and come to a complete stop at all stop signs, this helps keep our community safe!

ELECTION SEASON REMINDER

Election season is here – the 2024 Presidential Election is right around the corner! We encourage everyone to get out and vote. Just a reminder: political signs or flags are not permitted in Columbia Park. They may not be displayed inside or outside your home. We respect everyone's right to vote for their chosen candidates and ask everyone to be respectful of each other's views.

POWER LOSS INSTRUCTIONS

If your home loses power, first check the breakers inside your home. If none are tripped, call the office so our maintenance team can check the exterior breakers before you contact 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**

The winner this month is Nell. She lives at 30 Piccolo Place.



YARD OF THE MONTH:

A big thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Yard of the Month program! Congratulations to all our winners. The season is now over, and we look forward to resuming the program next year. Your efforts are what make Columbia Park such a beautiful and peaceful community. We appreciate all your contributions.

Columbia Park Social Calendar

| Activity | Day | Time | Activity Coordinator |
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| 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 2 nd & 3 rd Wednesday | 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!