



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

October 2024

Columbia Park

**7100 Columbia Road
Olmsted Township, Ohio**

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday
8AM to 5PM

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UPDATED COMMUNITY RULES AND REGULATIONS

Everyone should have received a copy of the updated Community Rules and Regulations, sent on September 18th. These were included with lease renewal letters for residents with November renewals and sent separately to those with different renewal months. Please read through the new rules carefully. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the office. While we are required to give a 30-day notice before enforcing the changes, we want all residents to be well-informed. These updates bring our rules in line with other Windward communities.

LEASE RENEWALS

Residents who have lived in Columbia Park since before the Windward acquisition in 2020 have leases expiring at the end of October. Please stop by the office to renew your lease or opt for a month-to-month arrangement. You should have received your renewal notice in the mail - if not, let us know so we can assist.

FIRE SAFETY AND HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE

Our community has recently experienced two house fires, and we are grateful that everyone safely evacuated. One fire on Fiddlesticks was caused by a bird nest built on top of an exterior door lamp. Please check your home and remove any nests to prevent similar accidents. This is also a good time to review your homeowner's insurance, ensuring your policy reflects updated home values and adequate liability coverage.

Additionally, make sure your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are functioning properly, and replace their batteries as needed. For those needing new smoke detectors, the Olmsted Township Fire Department offers a free program to install up to two detectors. A lockbox for emergency access is available for \$35.00. For more information, call the fire department at 440-235-3746.

OLMSTED TOWNSHIP SENIOR TRANSPORTATION

The following information was featured in the Summer 2024 Olmsted Township Today flyer: The Township Trustees have approved a six-month contract with Senior Transportation Connection (STC) to provide improved access to essential services for senior residents. This service allows seniors to schedule rides for medical appointments and grocery shopping within a 10-mile radius. For more information or to arrange transportation, please call the Township Administration building at 440-235-3099.

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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 October 17th from 9:45AM to 10:10 AM** in the parking lot at the Social Hall.

HELLO AUTUMN

It's hard to believe summer is winding down, but now's the time to prepare for fall and winter. Schedule a check on your heat tapes and inspect your hot water tank. Don't forget to caulk around windows and doors. For those with carports, remember that visqueen panels must be installed after November 1st, but only panels are allowed - plastic or tarps wrapped around carports are prohibited.

We'll also have a curbside leaf collection this fall, with the schedule to be provided in October's newsletter. Lastly, the Olmsted Falls/Township community yard cleanup is scheduled for November 9, 2024. Local youth groups will be assisting with yard work.

OVERNIGHT PARKING IN THE COMMUNITY

Columbia Park has been tagging vehicles parked on the streets overnight, as this is not allowed. According to community guidelines, all automobiles must be parked in residents' driveways. Parking on streets narrower than 24 feet is prohibited by the Ohio Department of Health Administrative Code. Vehicles should not remain on the street for extended periods except for tasks like lawn work or exterior home maintenance. Parking on grassy areas is also prohibited.

Please note, overnight street parking is strictly prohibited, as is parking in vacant lots or at vacant homes.

For guests requiring street parking, please ensure that traffic flow is not obstructed, and do not block driveways or mailboxes. If guest parking exceeds your driveway's capacity, especially for overnight or weekend visitors, contact the Community Manager to arrange alternative parking.

We also remind everyone to obey speed limits and come to a complete stop at stop signs for the safety of all residents.

ELECTION SEASON REMINDER

As the 2024 Presidential Election approaches, please remember that political signs or flags are not permitted anywhere in Columbia Park, including inside or outside your home. While we respect everyone's right to vote for their preferred candidate, we ask that all residents honor the political views of others.

POWER LOSS INSTRUCTIONS

If your home loses power, check your indoor breakers first. If none of the breakers are tripped, call the office to have our maintenance team inspect the exterior breakers before contacting 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**

Due to illness in the office, we were unable to select a winner for October's Dog of the Month. We'll be back with a winner next month, so stay tuned!

YARD OF THE MONTH:

A big thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Yard of the Month program! Congratulations to all of 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 of your contributions!

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	2nd Tuesday and 4th Wednesday	6:00 PM	Tom (440) 864-2538
Brown Baggers Lunch Bunch	1st 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	1st and 3rd 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 1st, 3rd & 4th 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.

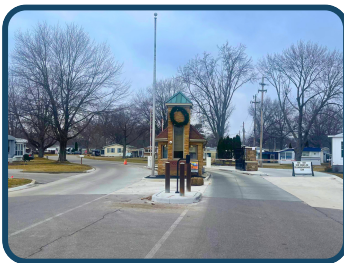
Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!



Entrance Gate Instructions: Resident Lane

We are thrilled to introduce our newly enhanced community entrance, designed to simplify your entry experience. For the safety and convenience of our valued residents, we've implemented a user-friendly two-gate system.

Follow these straightforward steps to navigate through seamlessly:



STEP 1: RFID TAG RECOGNITION

Approach the barrier gate in the resident's lane. The RFID reader will automatically scan the sticker on your windshield triggering the first barrier gate will open after successfully reading the tag.



STEP 2: SMOOTH TRANSITION

Slowly drive through the open gate. Once your vehicle clears the first gate, it will close, allowing the second barrier gate to open.



STEP 3: PASSAGE CLEARANCE

Continue driving until your vehicle is clear of the second barrier gate. This gate will then close. - Proceed forward, basking in the seamless transition between gates.



STEP 4: SEQUENTIAL READINGS

The RFID reader will not detect another vehicle tag until the first barrier gate is fully closed.

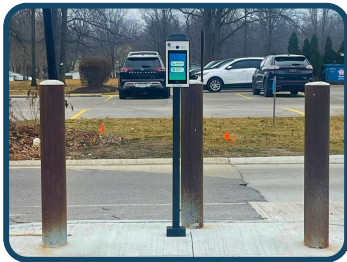
This refined process ensures a secure and efficient entry for all residents. If you have any inquiries or require assistance, feel free to contact us. Welcome to your enhanced entrance experience!



Entrance Gate Instructions: Visitor Lane with Access Code

For frequent guests of our valued residents, we've streamlined the entry process to make their visits as convenient as possible.

Here's a straightforward guide for guests using an access code:



STEP 1: ACCESS CODE INPUT

Locate the "access code" button on the front screen of the CellGate call box. Press the button, and a pin pad will appear. Enter the resident's assigned 4-digit code.



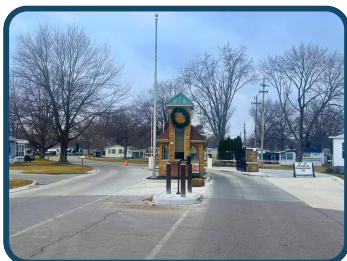
STEP 2: SWING GATE ACCESS

The swing gate will open, allowing entry without the need to call the resident. The guest should then drive through, stopping before the barrier gate.



STEP 3: SMOOTH TRANSITION

Wait for the barrier gate to open and proceed through, entering the community.



STEP 4: GATE CLOSURE

As the vehicle clears the barrier gate, rest assured that it closes automatically, completing the entry process.

These user-friendly steps ensure a hassle-free experience for your frequent guests. Should there be any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact us.



Entrance Gate Instructions: Visitor Lane without Access Code

We are delighted to introduce a user-friendly experience for guests visiting our community. Navigating through the Visitor's Lane will be a breeze, ensuring a smooth and secure entry process through the use of a call box.

Here's a simple guide for you and your guests:

STEP 1: ARRIVAL AT CALL BOX

Visitor approaches and stops at the CellGate unit, also known as the call box.

STEP 2: RESIDENT SELECTION

Using the user list on the call box, the visitor identifies the resident they are visiting and presses the call button.

STEP 3: CALLING THE RESIDENT

The CellGate will initiate a call to the resident's programmed number. This call will appear as a Texas phone number on the resident's phone.

STEP 4: RESIDENT CONFIRMATION

Upon answering the call, the resident will hear an automated message. Pressing 1 will connect the resident to the visitor through the CellGate unit.

STEP 5: GATE ACCESS

After speaking with the visitor, the resident presses 9 to open the swing gate and then hangs up the call.

STEP 6: PASSAGE THROUGH THE SWING GATE

With the swing gate open, the visitor drives through and stops before the second barrier gate.

STEP 7: SEAMLESS TRANSITION

As the visitor proceeds, the swing gate closes behind them, allowing the barrier gate to open.

STEP 8: GATE CLOSURE

Once the vehicle clears the barrier gate, it closes automatically, completing the entry process.

For any assistance or questions, feel free to contact us. We hope these streamlined steps make your guests' entry experience both efficient and pleasant.