

NEWSLETTER

Park Meadows Association (PMA)

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News of note for June and July....

Yard waste recycling. PMA has started a project for recycling of yard waste.

Wood cuttings. Cuttings from shrubs and trees will be chipped for use as mulch. The wood recycling area is located on the west side of the parking lot near the north row of houses. Residents are encouraged to use this area for disposing of wood only; weeds will impede the chipping process.

Weeds, grass clippings, leaves. There will soon be a fenced area for recycling weeds, grass clippings, and leaves for use as compost. This area will be located on the northwest side of Park Meadows, behind the Adkins and Kobernick residences. A mowed path will be maintained for easy access, and separate spaces will be provided for weeds/grass and for leaves. The area will be camouflaged by trees and tall grass, and will be accessible only where the path is mowed.

Preparations for house staining. While making preparations for staining of houses in the 100s row (except for 105 and 115), the Trustees have noted that compost bins or piles are located too close to a few houses. A compost bin or pile must be moved and placed at a distance from a house, both to provide access to the staining crew and to promote proper siding maintenance. Moisture accumulated from compost can potentially cause damage to siding. As soon as staining dates are set, residents may receive notes about pruning bushes that are too close to houses. Trustees express thanks in advance for homeowners' cooperation.

Smoke detector problem. Residents have reported that smoke-detector alarms often go off in the night for no apparent reason. Andy Holyoke has identified dust as a possible culprit,

and he recommends vacuuming or reverse-vacuuming the smoke detector. (One resident blew on a misbehaving detector and it shut itself off, hence the possibility that dust is the cause. Another resident tried the vacuuming solution, however, and it didn't work. Yet it's worth a try.) An alternative strategy is to activate the "silence" button on the smoke detector, which will reduce the alarm to one beep per minute for 15 minutes.

Computer monitor at curb. Someone has deposited a computer monitor at the curb on Dayton Street. If the monitor belongs to a PM resident, the Trustees request that the resident remove it immediately. A computer drop-off center is conveniently located at the main recycling facility in Xenia.

Lost garage door opener. A PM resident has reported the loss of a remote-control garage door opener somewhere on the grounds or along the lanes in Park Meadows. If you find the remote control, please contact Peggy Saari (7399; peggy@innovio.com). Thanks!

Village project crew. A surveying crew has been working in the area behind Park Meadows. They are taking measurements as a preliminary study for a village storm-water collection project in this part of town. A group will return in the spring to make a final design for the project.

Newsletter submissions. The NEWSLETTER is issued bimonthly. Submissions are always welcome; items may be delivered to Peggy Saari, PM 230 (7399; peggy@innovio.com).

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