

# BLENDON WOODS

## CIVIC ASSOCIATION

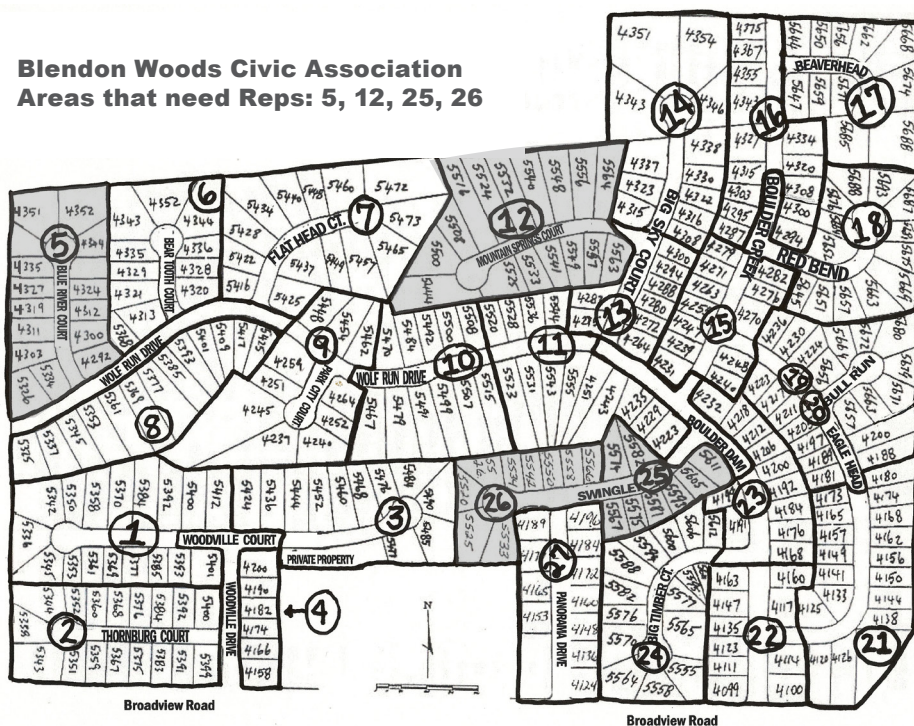
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### Blendon Woods Civic Association Areas that need Reps: 5, 12, 25, 26



### SAFETY

## Check area crime online

The Columbus Division of Police recently deployed a new public crime mapping application, marketed by Bair Analytics.

This is an internet-based application called Raids-Online. The web address is:

**raidsonline.com**

Select 'Ohio' then 'Columbus'.

This site has been added to the Columbus Division of Police's site:

**columbuspolice.org**

Raids Online is replacing the previous application, CrimeReports.com

### AREA REPRESENTATIVES

## Get to know your neighbors

Our neighborhoods needs Area Reps:

- Blue River Court Area #5
- Swingley Area #25 & #26
- Mountain Springs Court Area #12

The **Downs** and the **Sopczaks** were the Area Reps for several years on Blue River Court and Swingley; they have stepped down to pass the job onto someone else.

**Mary Huddleston** has been doing a great job on Mountain Springs, but would like for someone else to take over the street.

### New Area Reps

Welcome to our new Area Reps:

- **Michael Berry** has taken over the Park City Court and Wolf Run Area #9
- **Pam Wellnitz** has taken over the Big Sky Court (North end) Area #14
- **Darla Cossette** has taken on the South end of Big Sky Court Area #13 along with her Area #11

### What do Area Reps do?

1. Deliver the newsletters 4 times a year
2. Get to know your neighbors
3. Collect dues during membership drive
4. Attend General Membership meetings (or send a neighbor to represent you)

### Want to help?

Send an email to Susan Nichols:  
**nichols26family@gmail.com**  
or call 614-476-5640 and leave a message.

- **Karen Harris** has been temporarily delivering newsletters for the Blue River Court Area #5, but we would like to have someone volunteer, because Karen already has Area #8.

All of our Area Representatives have done wonderful at helping keep the BWCA together; thank you all for your time!

## BWCA Independence Day Parade

**Our 4th of July Parade Chairperson is Teresa Smith. She has volunteered to coordinate the 4th of July parade and contest for this year.**

**Each year our parade consists of kids decorating their bikes and following our parade route. Sometimes a fire truck is able to join us if they are not too busy.**

**Please contact her at 478-3203, if you would like to help!**

## BWCA GENERAL MEETING: APRIL 2014



PHOTOS BY GENE NICHOLS

Guest speaker David Celebrezze spoke to the BWCA during the April 2014 meeting about the city's new GreenSpot initiative.

# Commit to making our community a GreenSpot

We had a guest speaker from the City of Columbus Recycling, David Celebrezze, who is the GreenSpot Coordinator at City of Columbus. We are also asking our community to commit to the Columbus GreenSpot organization by going to: [columbusgreenspot.org](http://columbusgreenspot.org)

We are already on the right start by having more in the Blue Recycle cans than the green trash cans. This means less trash is going to the landfill.

## Trash cans & yard waste

All cans, yard waste bags and bulk trash are to be kept OUT OF SIGHT, either in your back yard, on the side of you home, or in the garage until the day of PICK UP. Please do not leave yard waste bags out in the street for the 2 week period between pick up. This is also in our Deed Restrictions that can be found on our website.

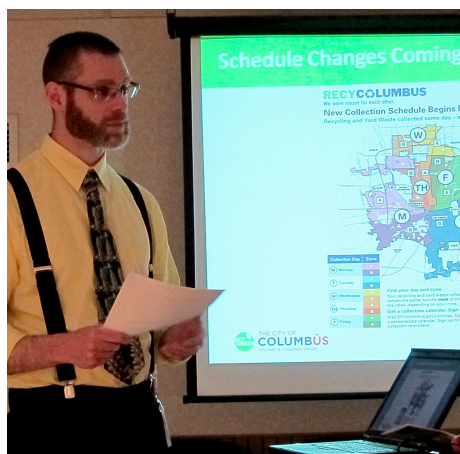
## Recent changes

Starting the week of March 3, the city of Columbus began collecting yard waste and recycling on the same day rather than on alternating weeks.

For updates, visit the city's website, [311.columbus.gov/colorday](http://311.columbus.gov/colorday).

It is the duty of the person to properly contain such acceptable waste generated at residential units, other than bulk and white goods, until the time that it can be placed into the receptacle, container, dumpster, compactor-container, lawn and leaf bag, or recycling bin/container without the risk of overflow.

This is the main reason why containers shouldn't be out on non-collection days.



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Guest speaker David Celebrezze showed us the new schedule and talked about how to get an extra bin.

## Helpful websites

[311.columbus.gov/colorday](http://311.columbus.gov/colorday)  
[columbusgreenspot.org](http://columbusgreenspot.org)

Place your container at your designated collection point before 6:00 a.m. (but no more than 12 hours prior to collection)

Please call the 311 Service Center at (614) 645-3111 if you do not know your designated collection point.

Remove your container from the collection point no more than 24 hours after collection, and keep it in a secure place. Most of us keep in garage, side or back of the house where it cannot be blown over on windy days and cause litter.

Call 614-645-4729 to find out when trash collection day is for our area. Our area's color is GRAY for trash pick-up.

## Upcoming collections

*\* Indicates day of the week change*

*Thurs.*	May 29	Trash
*Sat.*	May 31	Recycling & Yard Waste
Thurs.	June 5	Trash
Thurs.	June 12	Trash
Fri.	June 13	Recycling & Yard Waste
Thurs.	June 19	Trash
Thurs.	June 26	Trash
Fri.	June 27	Recycling & Yard Waste
Thurs.	July 3	Trash
*Fri.*	July 11	Trash Recycling & Yard Waste
Fri.	July 18	Trash
Fri.	July 25	Trash Recycling & Yard Waste
Fri.	Aug. 1	Trash
Fri.	Aug. 8	Trash Recycling & Yard Waste
Fri.	Aug. 15	Trash
Fri.	Aug. 22	Trash Recycling & Yard Waste
Fri.	Aug. 29	Trash
*Sat.*	Sept. 6	Recycling & Yard Waste
*Mon.*	Sept. 8	Trash
Mon.	Sept. 15	Trash
Fri.	Sept. 19	Recycling & Yard Waste
Mon.	Sept. 22	Trash
Mon.	Sept. 29	Trash
Fri.	Oct. 3	Recycling & Yard Waste



# Chairperson needed for Community Garage Sale

We have tried getting residents to participate in either a Spring or Fall Community Garage Sale. We need to make it successful, with lots of residents participating, so we're looking for someone with BIG ideas for getting everyone together to participate!

The most important thing is to plan ahead! We have plenty of time to plan ahead for a FALL Community Garage Sale, and pick the dates, so that it can be put in the next newsletter or flyers can be made to pass out ahead of time. We also have Facebook, Nextdoor and our Neighborhood Link websites that we can use to gather residents together for organizing. The key here is communication (email or phone) to the BWCA to get all of the resources together that can be used.

## SET A DATE for the sale

We usually have our sales on Fridays, because that's the day that we get the most traffic. We've had the sale on Saturday as well if residents want to participate 1 or both days as an option.

Organizing a garage sale the neighborhood is one way to promote

## NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNICATION

- Blendon Woods Civic Association Facebook Group  
*facebook.com/groups and search for the group*
- Nextdoor Neighborhood  
*blendonwoodsestates.nextdoor.com*

camaraderie with your neighbors. It is a good way to make money out of items that you and your neighbors may not have any use for, but will be useful to others. Better yet, it can help everyone in the neighborhood get organized while earning some cash.

## Idea 1

Every family in each household can participate in selling their items. You can have a contest just for fun on who can sell their items faster or who can have more dollars in the end. Another way to get the family members involved is to setup a refreshment booth where drinks such as lemonade or bottled water and snacks such as homemade cookies can be sold. These booths can be manned by kids and

adults alike. Kids can learn to value hard-earned money and teamwork at an early age if they are exposed early in life.

Read more: [ehow.com/how\\_2186618\\_organize-neighborhood-garage-sale](http://ehow.com/how_2186618_organize-neighborhood-garage-sale)

## Idea 2

The other option is to have a central staging area where multiple donors can contribute goods for one great big garage sale. Think of this one as a mini flea market. This is a good choice if space is available, especially if you plan on it becoming a regular event. Folks can donate or consign their goods (and get them out of their respective garages) while whole groups of bargain hungry shoppers can mark their calendars for the event every year.

## NORTHLAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL Meeting notes

The NCC discussed the Staples on 161 closing in June and the possible sale of Minerva Park Golf Course.

Each month our neighborhood sends Alison Colvin to the Northland Community Council and Jeanne Barrett to the Council's Development Committee meetings. It's important for the Blendon Woods Civic Association to be represented, because it gives us a voice when issues come up.

## Steps to a more beautiful Blendon Woods area

- 1** Put out containers at pick-up times, hide away when not time to collect.



- 2** Pick up after your pets.



- 3** Avoid parking in the streets.



## WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION ABOUT BWCA

**facebook**

**Blendon Woods Civic Association Facebook Group**

» [facebook.com/groups](https://facebook.com/groups)  
Search "Blendon Woods Civic Association"

**Nextdoor**

**Nextdoor Blendon Woods website**

» [blendonwoodsestates.nextdoor.com](http://blendonwoodsestates.nextdoor.com)



**Neighborhood Link website**

» [neighborhoodlink.com/Blendon\\_Woods](http://neighborhoodlink.com/Blendon_Woods)

## QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Send all construction criticism and compliments by email your new newsletter editor:

**Alison Colvin** 5417 Wolf Run Dr.

**Email:** [alison.m.colvin@gmail.com](mailto:alison.m.colvin@gmail.com)

Please include **BWCA** in subject line.

## REMINDERS

# Watch for children waiting at bus stops

Please follow the speed limit and drive safely in the neighborhood. We will have kids out of school soon and ask everyone to watch for children playing.

Tragedies rise and nearly half (40 percent) of all unintentional injury-related deaths occur during the summer months (May to August) because children are supervised less, have more free time and are involved in more outdoor activities.

While you relax this summer, it's not the time to relax about safety.

Close supervision, proper protective gear, and other simple prevention steps will help keep your child safe.

## Web

[loveourchildrenusa.org/summersafetyforchildren](http://loveourchildrenusa.org/summersafetyforchildren)

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## Ravine is private

The BWCA would like to remind ALL residents that the ravine is private property and not a place for kids to gather with dirt bikes, motor bikes, or to have campfires.

This ravine is the extension of all of the owners that houses on the ravine, and should adhere to the BWCA Deed Restrictions, section 4:

**No offensive or unreasonably disturbing activity shall be conducted on any lot, that would become an annoyance or nuisance.**

The city has provided us with many great parks that have trails, skateboard and bike parks, and place to gather for having campfires.

Please respect your neighbors and do not let your children play on private property or disturb other homeowners of the ravines.

Deed Restrictions can be found on [NeighborhoodLink.com/Blendon\\_Woods](http://NeighborhoodLink.com/Blendon_Woods) under Pages & Links, then Documents.

# How to stay safe while bike riding

More children ages 5 to 14 are seen in emergency rooms for injuries related to biking than any other sport. Helmets can reduce the risk of severe brain injuries by 88 percent – yet only 45 percent of children 14 and under usually wear a bike helmet.

## Top Tips

- We have a simple saying: "Use your head, wear a helmet." It is the single most effective safety device available to reduce head injury and death from bicycle crashes.

- Tell your kids to ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, not against it. Stay as far to the right as possible. Use appropriate hand signals and respect traffic signals, stopping at all stop signs and stoplights.

- Teach your kids to make eye contact with drivers. Bikers should make sure drivers are paying attention and are going to stop before they cross the street.

- When riding at dusk, dawn or in the evening, be bright and use lights – and make sure your bike has reflectors as well. It's also smart to wear clothes and accessories that have retro-reflective materials to improve biker visibility to motorists.

- Actively supervise children until you're comfortable that they are responsible to ride on their own.

## Pedestrian Safety

Drivers should always follow the speed limit and slow down in school zones and near bus stops. Remember to stay alert and look for kids who may be trying to get to or from the school bus. See more at: [safekids.org/safetytips/field\\_risks/school-bus-safety](http://safekids.org/safetytips/field_risks/school-bus-safety).

Whether your kids are walking to school, the park or a friend's house, here are a few simple tips to make sure they get there safely.



## The Hard Facts

Unintentional pedestrian injuries are the 5<sup>th</sup> leading cause of injury-related death in the United States for children ages 5-19. Teenagers are now at greatest risk. Teens have a death rate twice that of younger children and account for half of all child pedestrian deaths.

## More Tips

- Talk to your kids about how to be safe while walking. It's always best to walk on sidewalks or paths and cross at street corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.

- Teach kids early on to put down their devices and then look left, right and left again when crossing the street.

- Children under 10 should cross the street with an adult. Every child is different, but developmentally, it can be hard for kids to judge speed and distance of cars until age 10..

- Remind kids to make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street and to watch out for cars that are turning or backing up.

- When driving, be especially alert in residential neighborhoods and school zones. Watch for bikers, walkers or runners who may be distracted or may step into the street unexpectedly.

See more at: [safekids.org/walkingsafetytips](http://safekids.org/walkingsafetytips)

## Easton Gateway expanding, stores coming soon

Easton has been expanding yet again; when it's finished, there will be a 54-acre addition along Morse Road and I-270.

Called Easton Gateway, the development has already opened a Costco and REI.

Dick's Sporting Goods will be bringing one of its new specialty Field & Stream retail stores and a new prototype of its Dick's Sporting Goods store to

Easton Gateway.

The 50,000-square-foot Field & Stream store will be the first of its kind in Ohio and one of only a few in the nation.

The new, 80,000-square-foot Dick's Sporting Goods store will be on two levels and feature expanded female fitness options. It's unclear what will happen to the current Dick's store in Easton Market.