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2009 Easter Egg Hunt with PCA President Cheryl McCoy at the helm

Welcome to our newsletter and the value of membership:

It is our intent to use this forum as a way to keep you informed of current local news and events that have a direct impact on our neighborhood. Secondly to provide you with additional resources; such as city contacts, government offices, and elected officials. And lastly, to help build a stronger neighborhood via membership in our Parkview Civic Association.

A good example is the new subscription-based yard-waste collection service that will be available from Rumpke beginning April 20, 2009. Or the benefits of an effective "Block Watch" program, that not only protects you and your family's safety and well being, but your property and

your home's value.

Thank you for your time and we look forward to your new or renewed membership in the [Parkview Civic Association](#).

New subscription-based yard-waste collection service

Columbus City Council unanimously approved legislation to authorize a one-year contract (at \$1 million) with Rumpke for continued yard waste collection in Columbus on a voluntary subscription basis. An individual homeowner can subscribe with Rumpke for weekly pick up of up to 15 bags per week for six months (mid-April to mid-October 2009, and/or mid-October 2009 to mid-April 2010) at \$49.50. This works out to about \$1.90 per week.

Public Service Director Kelsey was very clear there is nothing in the contract to preclude that multiple neighbors (let's call them a "cooperative") can agree that they will designate a "yard waste captain" on whose property the bags will be placed each week, and who will actually be the only member of the cooperative to purchase a

subscription (at the captain's address). The neighbors can then share the cost of the subscription and all can have yard waste picked up (by placing it on the captain's property on collection day). (The subscription fee will NOT be prorated, so a delay in signing up will effectively increase the per-week cost of a subscription.)

The limit of 15 bags per week per subscription address still applies (so realistically this limits the number of neighbors that can form a cooperative unless they are willing to strictly ration or rotate their usage). If four neighbors cooperate, the cost ends up being \$12.38 per six month period (about \$0.48 per week).

It will be up to the members of each cooperative to ensure that their "captain" actually purchases the subscription, and that non-members of their cooperative do not "contribute" additional bags on collection day.

This idea is completely compatible with the goals of our NCC member associations and Northland area Block Watches to encourage neighbors to get to know each other and work together for mutual benefit.

The number at Rumpke for subscription to the voluntary yard

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waste program is 1-888-786-7531. Information, including a subscription form, is available on the Rumpke Web site at:

<http://www.rumpkerecycling.com/residential/municipalities/columbus.aspx>

Parkview Civic Association Officers

President: Cheryl McCoy

Vice President: Lynn Newcome

Secretary: Jessica Newcome

Treasurer: Jessica Newcome

Development Liaison: General Hopper

NCC Liaison: Mark Hefner

311 Call Center

The City of Columbus has initiated a new phone number (614) 645-3111 and system that allows its residents to have a centralized contact point for reporting all non-emergency issues. This includes Code Enforcement issues, snow removal issues, waterline breaks, City lighting issues, potholes, etc. You will be assigned a tracking number that you can also use to see the status of your issue at their new web address:

WWW.311.COLUMBUS.GOV

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American Red Cross

If there is ever a disaster in our area and you get separated from your loved ones, the **American Red Cross** has initiated a new service where you and others can access their website to register information about yourself to prove that you are OK. This information can then be searched so that those who got separated can locate each other in a more expedient fashion bringing family and friends back together.

Need Help Keeping the Utilities On?

Several utilities and agencies offer assistance with paying bills, avoiding service disconnection and other help:

Ohio Office of Consumers' Counsel provides help with complaints about utilities and avoiding disconnection, 1-877-742-5622, www.pickocc.com/crc.

American Electric Power will work with customers on electric-bill payment plans or credit arrangements, 1-800-277-2177, www.aepohio.com.

Columbus/Franklin County Community Action Agency administers Emergency Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) which provides money to eligible households for heating

and cooling bills, 614-252-2663.

The Breathing Association offers utility assistance year-round. The Summer Crisis Program helps qualified households pay summer cooling bills and provides window air-conditioners for the medically needy, 1-866-861-6399, www.breathingassociation.org.

Columbia Gas of Ohio will refer customers to the appropriate agency, 1-800-344-4077, [click here for website](#).

Ohio Department of Development oversees HEAP statewide, 1-800-282-0880,

www.development.ohio.gov.

Parkview Yard Sale

The Parkview Civic Association is sponsoring a community Garage / Yard Sale. Each household will be asked to contribute \$3.00 to help pay for the ads. In return, you will receive a sign and balloon. Additional signs will be posted through out the neighborhood. The following dates are being considered; May 30 or June 13. The one receiving the greatest interest, will be chosen. If you have not received a sign up form, please contact Cheryl McCoy at 3478 Grinnell Dr. or via email at cmccoy@wowway.com by April 27, 2009.

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