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## GET READY NOW FOR COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

The BWCA Community Garage Sale is scheduled for Friday & Saturday, September 2nd and 3rd, from 8 am to 4 pm.

### Volunteers Needed:

Volunteers may contact Jeanne Barrett at [barrett727@msn.com](mailto:barrett727@msn.com) or Christine Schnitzer at 614-726-5717.

Note: If you want to participate in the garage sale please give us the following information:

- Name
- Address
- Phone
- Which days that you are participating
- Items you would like to list in sale ad

If you have pictures of items, please send to the email address : [barrett727@msn.com](mailto:barrett727@msn.com).

Deadline: Please contact either Christine Schnitzer or Jeanne Barrett by August 19th, so that we can get the maps made up and advertise on Craig's List before the sale date.

Additional Info: Signs will be posted at Morse Rd & Cherrybottom, Broadview @ Hamilton Rd, Broadview and Cherrybottom, then at the entrances to the community main streets. We can provide side streets signs if needed, but would prefer participants to supply these signs at their street entrances. ★ *Balloons for each location & maps will be handed out at those sales at the entrance streets only.*



### Garage Sale Tips:

Unclutter your house for the fall season. Following the tips below will help you to have greater success.

☞ Organization is very important to a garage sale hunter. Nothing will turn people away from your sale more than an unorganized sale. Try and keep the area

clean. Also, consider the way people will be walking through the area. Be sure to leave them enough room to view all the items for sale. This will increase item exposure, which in turn will generate more cash for you.

☞ Make sure that all of your items are labeled with the appropriate sale price. Also, since garage sale hunters are notorious bargain hunters, always keep the price of the item marked a little higher than the price you are looking for. This gives you the ability to negotiate with people, while still getting the profits you are looking for.

☞ Plan just what you're going to put in this sale. If you are going to have the sale alone, or with two or more neighbors.

☞ Have plenty of change on hand both silver and paper money.

☞ Have a large quantity and variety of items to sell. And don't be afraid to drag out those outgrown items, old dishes, two-of-a-kind items you don't really need. What is one person's trash is another's GOLDMINE!



Our Community Web site: [www.neighborhoodlink.com/Blendon\\_Woods/home](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Blendon_Woods/home)

♥ "Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart." ~Elizabeth Andrew

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# Neighbors, Agents Team Up to Boost Home Values

In the metro Atlanta area, home values have dropped by about one-third in five years. To prevent values from dropping any further, home owners are teaming up to hold neighborhood clean-ups and working with real estate professionals to promote open houses.

For example, neighbors are organizing monthly neighborhood cleanups that include mowing lawns, hauling away trash, and painting exteriors of homes that have been abandoned and foreclosed upon in their neighborhood. Following the cleanups, real estate professionals will host open houses for the homes as neighbors work to help publicize the open houses by handing out fliers and talking with friends.

"Quite frankly, [the home owners] are doing it often out of necessity," Dan Forsman, the CEO of Prudential Georgia Realty, told The Atlanta Journal-Constitution. "They have an investment in their community. They have some pride and want to see their community soar."

Some developers are also working with neighborhoods to help stabilize home values. For example, a developer for a Dunwoody condo community bulldozed unfinished foundations and turned the empty properties into a neighborhood park with trees, gardens, and a grilling area. Don Wrenn, a home owner in the development, told The Atlanta Journal-Constitution that now potential buyers no longer see a half-finished neighborhood stalled but with the addition of the park area, they see a neighborhood that is finished.

**Source:** "[\*Hands-on Efforts to Raise Neighborhood's Value\*](#)," The Atlanta Journal-Constitution (July 31, 2011)

**Note:** As a Civic Association we could organize something like this for homes in our community. Please keep an eye on any homes on your street that may be vacant. Try to take turns with neighbors to keep lawns mowed and property picked up. This will protect your property values as well!

## 90 GALLON TRASH CONTAINER INFORMATION

These instructions are for the City-provided 90-gallon containers. Yard waste cannot be thrown away with regular trash. Please schedule a special collection for bulky items like furniture and appliances. **NO BULK ITEMS WILL BE COLLECTED UNLESS THE RESIDENT [SCHEDULES COLLECTION ONLINE](#) OR CALLS 645-3111.**

- Put your container at your designated collection point before 6 am.
- Remove container from the collection point no more than 24 hours after collection and keep it in a safe place.

**Please Take Note:** Our Deed Restrictions state that garbage must be stored and maintained in containers entirely within the garage or within an enclosed area attached to the dwelling which effectively shields it from view and the container must be covered with lids and may only be put at the collection point during the times stated above.

**Reduce Odor:** Put only normal household trash in the container. **Tightly bag your trash before placing it in your container.** This will help to reduce bacteria build up and odor caused by spilled garbage. Do not put trash around the outside of the container. Only trash inside the container can be collected.



**Remember:** When cleaning out your garage or shed, please keep in mind that the following items are not apart of your normal waste collection pick up and should not be placed in your container: paint, paint thinners, oil, oil filters, oil rags and insecticides.

**For repair of 90-gallon containers, follow these instructions:**

- If your City-provided trash container is lost, stolen, vandalized or defaced, please notify the City at 645-TRSH. You may need to pay for a lost or stolen container because the City only provides one per household.
- If your container is damaged in the collection process or from normal wear and tear, it will be replaced at no cost to you.
- One container per household remains the property of the City of Columbus and is printed with the address of the home. If you move, leave the container on the property in a safe place.

# YARD WASTE

Residents can contact the city's **311 Customer Service Center** at **311 or 645-3111** to find out which day of the week is their yard waste collection day. You can also go online to the website below [www.311.columbus.gov](http://www.311.columbus.gov)

The weekly yard waste pick-up service is provided to 227,000 single-family homes by Rumpke.

- This includes households that use 90 and 300-gallon regular trash containers
- **Yard waste should never be mixed with regular trash**

Yard waste includes organic waste generated during regular household gardening and landscaping activities, including:



- Grass clippings
- Leaves
- Twigs
- Branches
- Shrubbery

Items that will not be collected with yard waste:

- Rocks
- Dirt
- Plastic bags
- Food waste

To prepare yard waste for pick-up:

- Place yard waste in biodegradable (paper) bags or rigid containers marked "Yard Waste"
- Bags are generally available for purchase at home improvement or grocery retailers.
- Please do not line the paper bags with plastic bags.
- Cut branches to less than four feet in length
- Tie the branches into bundles with string or twine
- Each bundle should not be wider than two feet

There is no restriction on the number of bags a household can put out for pickup

- Each container, bag or bundle must weigh less than 50 pounds (Containers meeting this requirement will likely have a 30-35 gallon capacity) .

**Yard-Waste Recycling Tips:**



Returning grass clippings to the yard keeps your grass healthy and saves space in the landfill. In fact, grass clippings contain valuable nutrients that can generate up to 25 percent of your lawn's total fertilizer needs. Grass clippings do not contribute to thatch since grass clippings are 75 percent to 85 percent water and decompose readily.

CRIME REPORTS MAKES IT EASY TO

## SHARE CRIME INFORMATION TODAY



### Crime Reports



To see reports of crimes in our neighborhood go to

<http://www.columbuspolice.org/Reports/StepOne.aspx>

The first page you will see is the Columbus Ohio Division of Police. It will ask you to read and agree that the information provided is only basic information and does not represent all crime in Columbus. After you select "*I Understand*" you will be able to select *Browse reports by Location/Date/ Crime Type* or *View an Interactive Crime Map on Crime Reports.com*

For the Location:

Select Zone 1, then select Precinct 6, then select District 62.

Select a particular date or select last seven days, then select which crimes you wish to see in the reports.

#### UPCOMING NORTHLAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

NCC General Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month and the Development Committee Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of every month.

**NCC Development Meeting:**

**Wednesday, August 31, 2011**

**At the Minerva Park Community Center**

**2829 Minerva Lake Rd**

*BWCA Representatives:* Mark & Tami Sopczak

**NCC General Meeting: Tuesday, September 6, 2011**

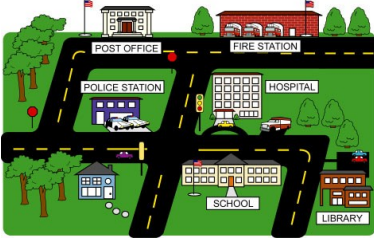
**5800 Forest Hills Blvd.**

**Friendship Village of Columbus**

*BWCA Representatives:* Jeanne Barrett & Janet Fletcher



# Neighborhood Liaison Program



Mayor Michael B. Coleman has made it his mission to serve neighborhoods in a more effective, efficient and responsive manner. Recognizing that each Columbus neighborhood is unique, with different attributes, Mayor Coleman created the new Neighborhood Liaison program in the Department of Development.

The Neighborhood Liaisons are a team of advocates created to work across Department lines to get results for citizen requests, problems and questions. The Liaisons are responsible for three tasks:

- Coordinating the exchange of information among citizens, neighborhood organizations and city staff
- Providing technical assistance and serving as an advocate on neighborhood issues.
- Coordinating the investment of city resources in the neighborhoods

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The city has been divided into 12 service areas and a Liaison has been assigned to each of the areas to work directly with the citizens and neighborhood organizations. Whether it's cleaning an alley, replacing a burned out street light, arranging for grass in a public right-of-way to be cut, the Neighborhood Liaisons are there to connect you with the right people to get the job done – and you need only make one phone call.

Each Neighborhood Liaison also serves a specific Area Commission and/or a Civic Association by working to assist the organization with any issue involving the better delivery of City services.

## Fight Crime - Home Safety Tips

Our Homes can never be 100% safe. We can bar our doors and windows. Put security cameras at all points of entry, and hire a full time guard to watch all the cameras. But the fact is, if someone wants to enter your house they will find a way inside. What can you do? Slow them down! Every home has the means of slowing down a crook, even without the cameras.

Here's some tips:

- **Lock all doors, windows and gates!** If you have locks, make sure they are the right type for the doors placement. Make sure all your windows have window locks. If you have a rear gate to your backyard, make sure to put a lock on it.
- **Keep your garage door closed!**
- **Light up your property!** Put up motion detector lights around your doors (front & Rear). Make sure your backyard is well lit at night.
- **Neighbors** work with your neighbors to watch the streets during the day & night.
- **Keep shrubbery trimmed back.** Keep all your trees trimmed up four feet from the ground. This way no one can hid and your neighbors can keep an eye on your front door and windows.
- **Alarm Signs.** Put the alarm signs where everyone can see them. People walking to your front door should notice the sign without searching. If they see a sign after approaching your home, they may just walk away.
- **Be a Good Neighbor.** Good neighbors should look out for each other. Get to know your neighbors on each side of your home and the three directly across the street. They can report suspicious activity to the police or to you while you are away. Good neighbors can pick up your mail, newspapers, handbills, and can inspect the outside or inside of your home periodically to see that all is well. Good neighbors will occasionally park in your driveway to give the appearance of occupancy while you are on vacation.