



"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." -Margaret Mead

Reminders

- * Lighting of the Luminaries, December 12th, 6:00pm -8:00pm
- * Holiday Caregiver Recognition Event, December 20th, 2:00pm-4:00pm
- * Yard Waste Pick-up, November 17th and December 1st

Ganthers Place Block Watch and Civic Association

We put the *neighbor* in neighborhood.

November 2015

Fall is here, sorta. No complaints about the unseasonably warm weather though; it's been great! As the weather does get colder, responsibilities change. This newsletter contains information about yard waste, utility bills, and our holiday events.

Just a reminder for all those who received toys, books, games, and clothing at our Holiday Recognition last year...

Want to shop again this year? Donate an hour of your time to one of our 14 annual events or an hour of litter pick up within our boundaries (Parsons to Heyl and Whittier to Thurman) in 2015 and you'll be added to our list of shoppers for 2015. Please note that you will NOT be able to register this year if an hour of volunteer time is not fulfilled by December 15th, 2015. For a list of events or to register for litter pick-up, please email ganthersplace@gmail.com. This is open to all families in need on the South Side.

As always, thank you for all that you do.

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Holiday
Caregiver
Recognition
2014



Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for the discount, applicants must have an active City of Columbus water or sewer account for their residence in their name (or spouse's name) and meet at least one of the following requirements:

1) Household income must be less than 150% of the current U.S. Bureau of Census federal poverty level. You must provide proof of current household income with the following for all household members over 18:

- Income tax return
- W-2 forms
- Benefit letter from Social Security
- Pension award statement or

2) You must be currently enrolled in a qualifying low income program. A current letter of participation from one of the following programs is required:

- Food stamp benefits
- Ohio Medicaid
- Low Income Energy Assistance
- Home Energy Assistance (HEAP)
- Ohio Works First
- Public housing benefits

Household Size	2015 Maximum Income
1	\$18,474
2	\$24,475
3	\$28,609
4	\$36,136
5	\$41,730
6	\$46,561
7	\$51,054
8	\$57,933
9 or more	\$68,652

*The federal poverty level may be adjusted annually.
Please call 645-8276 for current requirements.*

General Information

1) Customers approved for the program will receive a 20% discount on water and sewer usage charges.

2) Discount will not include: meter reading, late charges, interest or other associated fees.

3) Eligibility must be established annually. To maintain eligibility, customer must sign a new application on or before the date of the previous year's application.

4) If customer becomes ineligible for the discount, Customer Service must be notified as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days after the ineligibility.

5) Falsifying information or failing to notify a change in eligibility status may lead to:

- Termination of water service
- Recovery of past discounts
- Civil and/or criminal sanctions

6) For questions, please contact the Columbus Department of Public Utilities Call Center by calling 311, 645-3111, 645-8276 or please visit our web site at: www.utilities.columbus.gov.



Low Income Water and Sewer Discount Program

A 20% discount is available on water and sewer consumption charges for qualifying low-income customers. Income requirements are based on federal poverty standards; please see details inside.

To apply, please complete and return the enclosed application with the proper documentation. The application is also available at: www.utilities.columbus.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC UTILITIES

Greg J. Davies, Director

If you, or someone you know, may benefit from this program, and need help getting it set up, please let us know. We're, as always, happy to send help your way.

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YARD WASTE COLLECTION

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

- Grass clippings
- Leaves
- Twigs
- Branches
- Shrubbery

Items that will not be collected with yard waste:

- Rocks
- Dirt
- Sod
- Plastic bags
- Food waste (Please call Rumpke at 1-888-786-7531 if you have questions about what materials are acceptable)

Yard Waste Preparation

- Place yard waste in biodegradable (paper) bags or plastic or galvanized metal containers with handles that are marked no more than thirty-two (32) gallons in size and not more than fifty (50) pounds in weight 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
- Yard waste must be placed in front of your home at the curb, at least 3 feet from refuse and recycling containers, fire hydrants, mailboxes, or trees.

Yard Waste Facts

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.

Do Not Burn Yard Waste

Burning yard waste sends millions of spores aloft, causes breathing problems for many sensitive individuals and is prohibited by local ordinances.

Ohio Law further prohibits the burning of food wastes and other garbage. Also prohibited is the burning of any materials during an air pollution warning, as well as private burning of any items collected off-site. For example, a tree-trimming contractor may not haul branches and limbs to another site to burn.

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COLUMBUS POLICE EXPLORERS INFORMATION

Law Enforcement Exploring is a worksite-based program for young men and women who have completed the eighth grade and are between 14 - 18 years of age.

Law Enforcement Explorer posts help youth gain insight into a variety of programs that offer hands-on career activities. For young men and women who are interested in careers in the field of law enforcement, exploring offers experiential learning with lots of fun-filled, hands-on activities that promote the growth and development of adolescent youth.

The Columbus Division of Police Explorer Program has two Posts, and a weekly meeting is for each post:

Monday, 6 PM, Columbus Police Academy (1000 N. Hague Avenue - West)

Wednesday, 6:30 PM, Columbus Police Academy (1000 N. Hague Avenue - West)

For more information, feel free to contact one of the following officers:

Main Number: (614) 724-9757

Officer Jason Jackson, #619 (Senior Advisor)

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