

BLENDON WOODS

CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Neighborhood News • Spring 2016

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Join Blendon Woods' Block Watch

Deter criminal activity by getting involved in our BWCA Block Watch.

A Block Watch...

- Creates a greater sense of security in your neighborhood
- Builds bonds with your neighbors
- Stimulates neighborhood awareness
- Increases property values
- Reduces the risk of becoming a victim
- Address quality of life issues
- Enhances homeland security

With that said, block watches are only as strong as the neighbors that support them. We encourage everyone to attend our meetings or at least join the email list.

Calling the Police

One common question we hear during our meetings, is, "When should I call the police?" Officer Townsend says, "when in doubt, call!"

» Non-emergencies: 614-645-4545

» Emergencies: 911

You can remain completely anonymous when you call by requesting that from the dispatcher when you call.

Solicitations

One common way criminals target for home invasions or burglaries is by pretending to be a solicitor.

Officer Townsend advised not to answer the door, however make sure you make noise in the house so the person at the door can hear someone is home.

A common break-in happens when the burglar thinks no one is home and forces in through the back of the house.

Officer Townsend welcomed calling the police non-emergency line when you see solicitors going through your neighborhood. Solicitors must have a permit to go door-to-door.

He stated the police will send an officer to check credentials and make sure they are allowed to be in the neighborhood.

Crime Prevention

Most crime happens because an opportunity presents itself. For example, car break-ins more often happen when we leave our car door unlocked.

Help prevent crime

1) **Lock doors and windows to your vehicle and home.**

2) **Invest in outdoor motion sensor lighting.** You can find reasonably priced spotlights in stores or online that are quick to install.

3) **Get to know your neighbors.**

- a. Make it a goal by the end of May to know the 3x3x3 (3 houses to your left, your right and across the street).
- b. Come to our block watch meetings
- c. Participate in neighborhood events

4) **Invest in an Alarm System.**

There are many good systems on the market and many options. Two ideas:

- a. **Monitored** (a company is watching the system and alerts police if an alarm goes off): SimpliSafe.com
- b. **Unmonitored:** GE Home Alarm System

5) **Pay attention to Landscaping.**

- a. Keep bushes and trees trimmed around your property, and make sure views are not obstructed.
- b. Place thorny bushes around windows, which can help deter criminals from hiding in very uncomfortable places.

6) **Call, Call, Call.**

When in doubt call! The police are here to protect us, and neighborhoods that work with their police department being their eyes and ears are safer.



Changes coming at 161 & Hamilton

Developers have outlined plans for a 330-acre mixed-use development at Route 161 and Hamilton Road, that will reroute Hamilton Rd. and includes 700,000 sq. ft. of offices, 1 million sq. ft. of retail and restaurant space, and up to 800 multifamily units and 130 senior living units at Hamilton Quarter.

The first phase of Hamilton Rd. realignment is scheduled for Oct. 2016.

The rest of the "S-Curve" connecting the Hamilton Rd. exit directly to Hamilton Rd. to the west will be completed early 2017, when other road improvements are slated to begin.

A portion of Dublin Granville Rd. also will be re-located to make way for construction of a Central Blvd. – a walkable "destination" of shops and restaurants within the development.

Construction on the development would begin in late 2016 or early 2017.



Next Meeting

WHEN 7:00-8:00 p.m. Thurs., April 28
WHERE TBA

Self-Defense Class

WHEN X:00-X:00 X.m. Sat., May 7
WHERE TBA

MORE INFO call Jeremy 614-506-5688 or email wtankovich@gmail.com

Areas in need of volunteer Reps

There are a couple areas that are in need of volunteers to help out

AREA REP DUTIES:

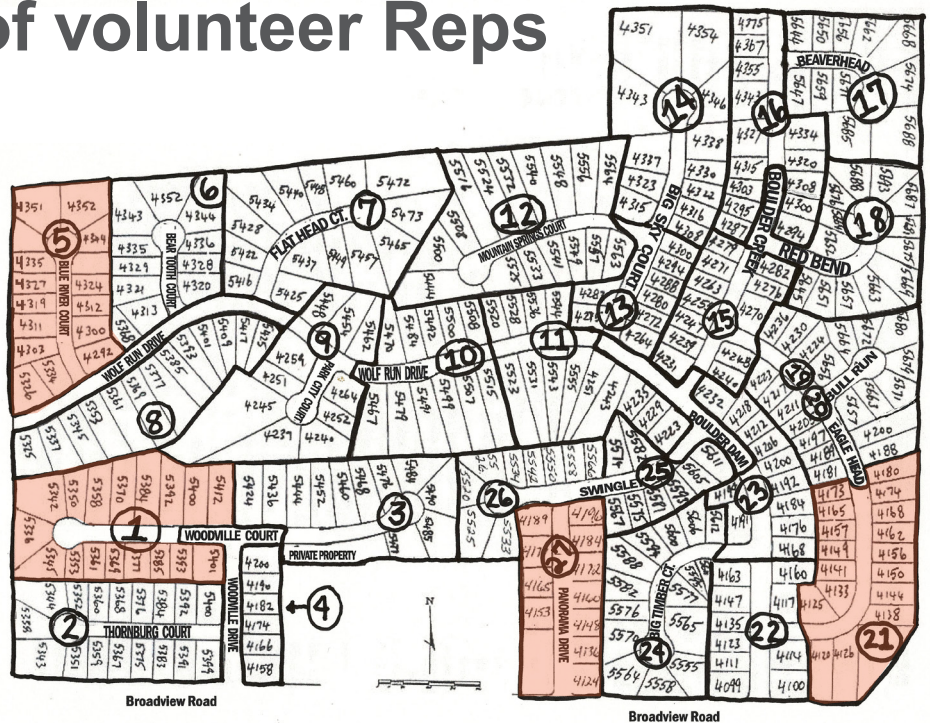
- » deliver our newsletters
- » connect communication between residents and Board Members
- » help with the Annual Membership Drive
- » attend meetings or send another resident to represent the area.

Communication is an important part by checking social media for any important issues that may affect area residents.

BWCA Areas in need of a Rep

You do not have to live on the street but it helps to be nearby.

- » 1. Woodville Ct. (West) – 17 homes
- » 5. Blue River Ct. - 16 homes
- » 21. Eagle Head Dr. (South) - 17 homes
- » 27. Panorama Dr. - 11 homes



BWCA OPEN POSITIONS

Consider volunteering to learn more about your community

Your neighborhood needs you!

Vice President

- » assists the current President and attend meetings
- » succeeds President if they resign or are removed

Social Committee

The chairperson publicizes BWCA activities. Sample duties:

- » writing and disseminating press releases
- » issuing notices and flyers to the membership
- » handling correspondence

The chairperson of this committee may establish the following sub-committees:

1. Adult & Family Activities

Plans activities such as cards, picnic, golf outing, garage sale, etc.

2. Youth & Children Activities

Plans activities such as teen dances, Easter egg hunt, 4th of July parade, Christmas activities, etc.

Northland Community Council Development Committee Meetings

» The next NCC Development Committee meeting will be on Wednesday April 27.

One alt representative is needed for the NCC Development Committee.

This rep can take turns attending the monthly meetings with our current rep Pam Kutsick or one person can substitute when the other person cannot attend.

The NCC Development Committee Meetings promote general welfare, proper growth and desirable development of the member organizations and its residents.

The Development Committee meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Northland Performing Arts Center, 4411 Tamarack Boulevard in the Northland Village complex.

Northland Community Council General Meetings

» The next NCC General Membership meeting will be Tuesday, May 3.

One alternate representative is needed for NCC General Meetings.

This person may take turns with our current rep., Alison Colvin, or substitute when she can't attend.

The NCC General Membership Meetings are held to communicate the interest of the residents and member organizations to the government officials, councils and boards.

The NCC meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday each month at Friendship Village, 5800 Forest Hills Blvd. Columbus, 43229.

Participation is important in NCC and NCC Development Committee to give our community a voice, and could be key in future area issues.

ADVERTISE IN OUR NEWSLETTER!

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(color: multiple by 2)

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Business Card (2" x 3.5"): \$5

We'll help design your ad!

Email alison.m.colvin@gmail.com

WHERE TO FIND BWCA INFORMATION

Blenden Woods Civic Association Facebook

- » [facebook.com/groups/blendenwoods](https://www.facebook.com/groups/blendenwoods)
- Search "Blenden Woods Civic Association"

facebook

Nextdoor Blenden Woods site

- » [blendenwoodsestates.nextdoor.com](https://www.blendenwoodsestates.nextdoor.com)

Nextdoor

Neighborhood Link site

- » [neighborhoodlink.com/Blenden_Woods](https://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Blenden_Woods)



QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? WRITE US!

Send all constructive criticism and compliments via email to BWCA newsletter editor:

Alison Colvin

alison.m.colvin@gmail.com

Include subject: **BWCA**

Upcoming collections

» We are Gray. Enter your address on:
311.columbus.gov/colorday

Fri.	April 15	Recycling & Yard Waste
Mon.	April 18	Trash
Mon.	April 25	Trash
Fri.	April 29	Recycling & Yard Waste
Mon.	May 2	Trash
Mon.	May 9	Trash
Fri.	May 13	Recycling & Yard Waste
Mon.	May 16	Trash
Mon.	May 23	Trash
Fri.	May 27	Recycling & Yard Waste
Tues.	May 31	Trash
Tues.	June 7	Trash
Fri.	June 10	Recycling & Yard Waste
Tues.	June 14	Trash
Tues.	June 21	Trash
Fri.	June 24	Recycling & Yard Waste
Tues.	June 28	Trash
Wed.	July 6	Trash
Sat.	July 9	Recycling & Yard Waste
Wed.	July 13	Trash
Wed.	July 20	Trash
Fri.	July 22	Recycling & Yard Waste
Wed.	July 27	Trash
Wed.	August 3	Trash
Fri.	August 5	Recycling & Yard Waste
Wed.	August 10	Trash
Wed.	August 17	Trash
Fri.	August 19	Recycling & Yard Waste
Wed.	August 24	Trash
Wed.	August 31	Trash
Fri.	Sept. 2	Recycling & Yard Waste
Thur.	Sept. 8	Trash
Thur.	Sept. 15	Trash
Fri.	Sept. 16	Recycling & Yard Waste
Thur.	Sept. 22	Trash
Thur.	Sept. 29	Trash
Fri.	Sept. 30	Recycling & Yard Waste
Thur.	Oct. 6	Trash
Fri.	Oct. 14	Trash
Sat.	Oct. 15	Recycling & Yard Waste
Fri.	Oct. 21	Trash
Fri.	Oct. 15	Trash, Recycling & Yard Waste

* Indicates day of the week change

April Northland Community Council meeting notes

TWO GREAT OPPORTUNITIES

1. As a member of the NCC, we have the opportunity to be a part of the NCC Independence Day Parade, which takes place on July 4 along Karl Rd., between 161 and Morse Rd. There's a sponsor offering up to \$200 per neighborhood to help with any costs that we might incur; we just need someone who would like to help organize it!

2. Are you passionate about health and wellness? Please consider representing our neighborhood at the Northland Area Health Advisory Committee. Meetings are once a month, fourth Thursday, 6:00 p.m. at the North YMCA. This is a chance to voice your concerns and come together with others to think of ideas on how we can make an impact of positive change in the health of our area's residents.

If you're interested in helping to plan a Blendon Woods parade float or be a part of the Health Advisory Committee, email alison.m.colvin@gmail.com

MAYOR'S OFFICE NEWS

Columbus was picked as one of seven finalists in the U.S. Department of Transportation Smart City Challenge

There were 78 applications across the country vying for \$40 million to implement technology around the city. The winner will be announced in June.

Read more about this challenge online: transportation.gov/smartcity.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Police coordinators meeting

7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, at 1120 Morse Rd. A former judge who is an addiction specialist will be speaking.

161 Clean Up Day 9:00 a.m.-noon on Saturday, April 23. For more info, contact Dave Cooper, (614) 888-2201 or dave@inkwellcolumbus.com.

Healthy Kids Day 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 30 at the YMCAs (both Gahanna and North). This family-friendly FREE event features games, sports and goodies from vendors.

Steps to a more beautiful Blendon Woods



1. Put out bins on pick-up days; hide when not time to collect.



2. Pick up after your pets.



3. Avoid parking in streets or blocking sidewalks.



EXCELLENT CONDITION!!

HOT TUB 4 SALE

Multi-person ☀ Lights ☀ Bubbler ☀ Jets ☀ Waterfalls

Price negotiable ☀ Includes steps, cover & chemicals

Leave a message
for Jim Harris
(614) 478-1007

Have you paid your dues?

We collected 56% of household dues in 2015. This compares to 57% in 2014 and 61% in 2013.

The majority, \$15, supports the Snow Removal Fund.

BWCA contracts with All About Lawns. If there's snow of 2" or more, All About Lawns plows for \$518/push. Salt, if needed, is extra at \$25 per 80 lbs.

The other \$5 goes to the General Fund, which pays for:

- Northland Community Council

Dues

- Newsletter & Directory
- Activities such as Pumpkin Drop and Community Picnic.

You can still give your payment to your Area Rep or send a \$20 check payable to "Blendon Woods Civic Association" to:

Colleen Krupp
4328 Bear Tooth Ct.
Columbus, OH 43230

Community Reminders

Ravine is private

The city has provided us with many great parks with trails and bike paths.

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

Mow all grass on property

All whose property backs up to the street: please keep in mind you're responsible for mowing the grass, even if it's behind your fence.

We appreciate your help in keeping our neighborhood beautiful.

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