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Community Services

- Curbside leaf pickup begins October 14 and ends December 6th. No specific schedule available. Minimum of three passes through the city.
 - Please place the leaves on the tree lawn. Placing leave piles in the street causes drain blockage and possible flooding.
- The 2018 Chipping program is complete for the season. It will start back up in April.
- Bagged yard waste pickup ends November 29th
- Bulk pickup is always the first FULL week of the month

* Leaves will ONLY be picked up from the tree lawn. Do NOT bag leaves; bagged leaves will not be picked up as part of the curbside leaf collection. Please no branches, brush, garden waste, grass clippings, or trash.

Please remove your containers in a timely manner and don't leave bulk items out on the wrong week.

For more information, visit our city website at <u>www.northolmsted.com</u> and click on Resident Services.

Our 2019 Board of Trustees

Officers

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PLEASE... WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We don't have enough people to help distribute this newsletter to our community. If you can help, contact Julie at 716-1994.

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ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING

Wednesday, October 23rd

7:00 – 8:30 pm | Forest School

Your Opportunity to be heard and get involved

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER Mayor Kevin Kennedy

The mayor will give us an overview of the city and is willing to answer questions.

This visit from the Mayor pays tribute to his role and speaks loudly about his desire to hear from the community.

Light refreshments served. DOOR PRIZES!

TRICK OR TREAT

Thursday, October 31, from 6-8 p.m.

Watch out for all the ghosts and goblins haunting our streets.

THANK YOU!

To those who contributed to the Annual Membership Drive. The money is used to support our development beautification, maintenance, and celebration events.

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Annual Community Meeting

Why Should I Attend?

You may be asking, "Why should I attend?" Well, we're going to tell you! *The Annual Meeting is open to everyone in residence in the West Park-Forest Ridge developments* and it's the primary meeting of the year. Here are the main topics for the meeting.

- Annual update to residents on events & beautification projects
- North Olmsted City update
- End-of-year WPFR Association financials and budget
- Voting on Board Member Officers for 2020
- Appreciation to volunteers throughout the year
- Networking opportunities to promote your business
- Opportunity to be involved in your community

Why Should I Become a Board Member?

The West Park Forest Ridge Civic Association has been around for more than 50 years. It covers 382 houses on 11 streets. The purpose is the beautification and betterment of the neighborhood.

Our newsletter shares information pertaining to and hopefully of interest to our residents. It includes ongoing projects that we hope to tackle with the help of volunteers. The wooden street signs are owned and maintained by us. We try to hold events and contests that appeal to all. And we can always use help.

If you have about an hour a month that you can donate to your community, would you consider joining the board? If you can help, please call a board member and let us know. We would like to hear from you.

Participation on the Board is open to anyone in residence for at least one year. The Board structure is simple; there are four Officer positions (candidates are elected), and nine Trustee positions (although we are free to expand beyond that if necessary).

Christmas Light Contest

Once again the Westpark Forest Ridge Civic Association is sponsoring a Holiday Decoration Contest.

How did all this begin? Our neighborhood was at one point very festive. Then came the Energy Crisis and the Holidays became a much darker place. Hence to brighten things up your Board created the Holiday Lighting Contest and the neighborhood has brightened, we believe in part due to our first, second, and third place prizes. Some of the displays have become quite elaborate yet many homes remain dark.

Imagine a neighborhood where every house has at least a little splash of color to see as you passed by on a winter night. Oh, what a wonderful sight. (We might even make it on the local news).

Please consider doing a little something this year even if it is just a string or two of lights on the front shrubs or a small lawn piece. What a wonderful and festive sight that would become this year.

We on the board are merry but not married to our current system of first, second, and third place. We are open to change. Perhaps we should have "best large display", "best small display" and "best overall display". The possibilities are endless as we consider ways to include more of you in the celebration.

Why don't you consider coming to our annual meeting on Wednesday, October 23rd at 7:00 pm. The location is Forest School and we can come up with a possible better contest. The Association and the Board exists for you. See you there.

2018 Planter Box Competition

Please plan to have your box cleaned out for the winter by November 28. Thanks again to all who adopted a box for 2019!

Let's start working on the project to have more boxes overseen by children next year!!