

HAMPSTED VILLAGE HOA NEWSLETTER

Working together to improve the quality of life for all our community members!



LEAF COLLECTION GUIDELINES AND COLLECTION INFO

For all the information you need regarding leaf collection and yard waste recycling, click on whichever link below applies to your city limits:

[City of New Albany Leaf Collection Guide](#)

[City of Columbus Collection Guide](#)

* *REMINDER for City of Columbus residents - Lawn bags are only permitted on curb **24 hours** before collection day!*

TIPS FOR CLEANING UP FALLEN LEAVES

1. **Start Early:** Clean up leaves as soon as they fall. Dry leaves are easier to handle than wet, decomposing ones.
2. **Use a Tarp:** Rake leaves onto a tarp to easily move large piles to your curbside collection (New Albany city limits only – Columbus requires leaves to be in the appropriate lawn bags).
3. **Choose the Right Rake:** Use a plastic leaf rake for broad swaths and a garden rake for smaller debris.
4. **Leaf Blower:** A leaf blower can quickly gather leaves into piles, especially in hard-to-reach areas.
5. **Mulch with a Mower:** Mow over the leaves to shred them into small pieces that can decompose and enrich your lawn.
6. **Vacuum the Leaves:** Use a leaf vacuum with a shredding component to collect and reduce the volume of leaves.
7. **Hire a Neighbor Kid:** Most kids love to be outdoors and/or love to earn money. Consider hiring a neighborhood kid to help get the job done!

"Fall is proof that change is beautiful"

COMMON FALL QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q: When should I prune my trees and shrubs?

A: Prune dead or diseased branches in the fall but save major pruning for later winter or early spring when plants are dormant.

Q: How do I protect my plants from frost?

A: Cover sensitive plants with burlap or frost cloths and consider moving potted plants indoors or to a sheltered location.

Q: What do I do if my street tree is dying?

A: City of Columbus residents should call 311 or click [HERE](#). City of New Albany should call 614-855-0076, click [HERE](#) or email publicservice@newalbanyohio.org

Q: What should I do if my streetlight or lantern is out?

A: Residents in the City of Columbus with streetlights should call 311 to report an outage. For residents with lanterns that are not working, you can call or email our property manager, Nicole Wolford, who can give you the proper information you will need to get them fixed. **For the safety of our residents, please make sure all outdoor lights are working and are turned on at night.*





UPCOMING CHANGES

NAI Ohio Equities will soon be transitioning to a new software system called **YARDI**. **Please be on the lookout for more information regarding setting up a new account.**

If you are currently NOT signed up for email correspondence, please click [HERE](#) or email Nicole Wolford at nwolford@ohioequities.com to be added.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (ARC)

Year-to-date we have reviewed and approved 83 home improvement projects in the community. We love seeing these so keep them coming!

Year-to-date we have sent 428 friendly reminder letters for violations. Most of our residents have quickly resolved these violations and they were never escalated to the next stage – THANK YOU! Unfortunately, we do still have about 40 outstanding violations that have had to be escalated to the 3rd and final stage which is when the resident starts receiving a monthly fine. We will continue to work with the residents to remedy these violations.

We appreciate everyone who works hard to stay compliant with our community guidelines! Following these guidelines will help to keep all of our property values high and keep our community a desirable place to live!

The fountain in our community pond between Brookview Circle and Tumblebrook has been replaced and is working again. The pond was a part of the recommended maintenance list that came from our reserve study done at the end of 2023. We are happy to report that no further maintenance (like dredging) was deemed necessary!



To submit a project via our online submission form click [HERE](#).

GUIDELINES FOR SIGNS AND FLAGS

Temporary signs should be placed on your private property only. Do not put signs on public property, common areas or right-of-ways as this can lead to removal by local authorities. Ensure signs do not obstruct traffic views or create safety hazards. Signs are NOT permitted to be displayed through windows. Election signs are only permitted TWO WEEKS prior to the election date and must be removed within 48 hours after the election. Real Estate signs must conform to the New Albany standard. Pop-up metal or plastic real estate signs are not permitted.

We know many people are passionate about their flags, however the only flags permitted in the Hampsted Village Community are the United States flags, the State of Ohio flags, POW/MIA flags, US Service flags and Sports team flags (only permitted on game day and removed within 48 hours after game day). Please do not take advantage of the sports rules by having it out for EVERY sporting event known to humankind. This will cause the sports flag rule to change for everyone – *don't be that person!*

For the full list of guidelines click [HERE](#). Signs are in section F. and Flags are in section G.

PET ETIQUETTE REMINDER AND INFORMATION



Reminder that when walking your dog(s) in our neighborhood, they must be under your control and on a leash at all times. Leashes are not required on trails or sidewalks in the city of New Albany, however, it is required in the Hampsted Village community. If you would like to exercise your dog off leash, a great option is [Rocky Fork Metro Park](#). They have both a fenced in dog park and an off-leash trail for dogs. Parks such as Bevelhimer Park, Thompson Park and Wexner Community Park do NOT allow pets in the parks or facilities. Service dogs are the *only* exception. City owned parks such as Rose Run Park and city-owned neighborhood parks do permit dogs but they must be on a leash. Please also remember to “do” the right thing if your dog “doo-doo’s” in one of the parks or in a neighbors yard. It is important to be a good citizen and clean up after your dog. There are doggie pots with extra bags at all greenspaces for disposal needs. For more information regarding licenses, adoption, lost or found pets, reporting animal cruelty, etc. in Franklin County, click [HERE](#).



New Albany 2024 Trick or Treat is scheduled for Thursday, October 31st from 6:00pm-8:00pm

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS - GUIDELINES AND ETIQUETTE

Who doesn't love the holidays? Well, ok they can be the most stressful time of year, but also the most magical as well. However you choose to celebrate, going all out or just putting up a few outdoor decorations, please be mindful of your neighbors.

1. Timeline for Decorations:

Decorations can go up no earlier than 30 days before the holiday and must be taken down no later than 30 days after the holiday.

2. Lighting & Noise Restrictions:

Avoid using excessively bright or flashing lights that can be distracting or hazardous to drivers and neighbors. Decorations that make noise, such as music or sound effects, should be limited or turned off during quiet hours, typically 10 pm to 7 am.

3. Size and Type of Decorations:

Large or inflatable decorations can be a nuisance due to their size. Decorations should be securely anchored to prevent them from blowing away and causing damage.

4. Placement of Decorations:

Decorations should be confined to private property and not extend into common areas or other residents' property.

***NOTE:** The ARC retains the right to require immediate removal of inappropriate or excessive decorations. See section 10.22 of the declaration for full details.*

LINKS FOR MORE INFORMATION

[HAMSPED VILLAGE HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION](#)

[ABOUT HV HOA](#)

[RULES AND REGULATIONS](#)

[SIGN UP FOR EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS](#)

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We would like to give a warm welcome to Courtney Lynch – the newest member of the HV HOA board and thank her for time and dedication!

If you are interested in volunteering to be on the HV HOA Board, or would simply like to learn more, please contact Nicole Wolford (above). The call for nominations and the date and time of our annual meeting will be sent out soon!