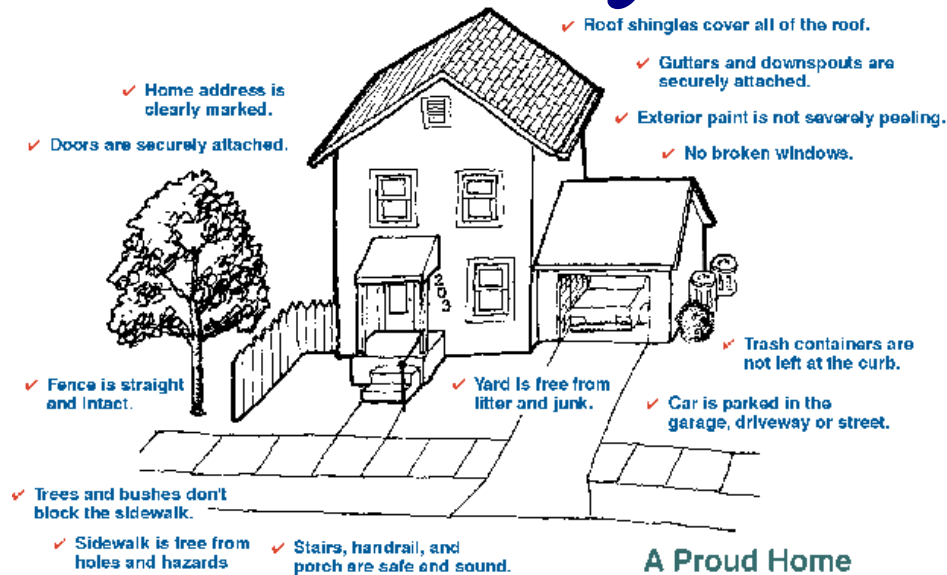


Argyle Park Civic Association, Inc.

Community Code

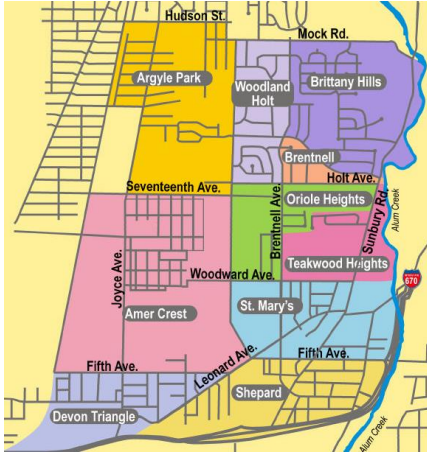
Community Code



Simple Ways You Can Make Your Neighborhood a Better Place to Live

1. Be a considerate neighbor – keep your yard clean and your home in good repair.
2. Get to know people who live on your block or in your apartment complex. Talk to folks; make friends.
3. Get together with neighbors and talk about how you can collectively improve the quality of life in your neighborhood.
4. Reach out to your neighbors in a dynamic, caring way. Volunteer to help neighbors who have special needs – offer to cook them a meal or shop for groceries.
5. Find out what's going on in your neighborhood – be alert to developing issues.
6. Work diligently to be a positive influence in your community. Do something to make your neighborhood a better, friendlier place. Get involved in neighborhood activities or projects.
7. Establish a neighborhood watch – keep an eye on everything. The best security system available is a concerned and watchful neighbor.
8. Be inclusive when organizing your neighborhood; invite a broad mix of people to your meetings. Don't be afraid to ask your mayor or city manager, state senator, bank president, and police and fire department representatives to your neighborhood meetings or block parties.
9. Band together in a meaningful way. Make your neighborhood's cultural and ethnic diversity a **strength**.
10. Mentor a child who lives on your street or help start a youth group. Spend time with kids in your neighborhood – give them the benefit of your life experiences.
11. Enjoy fun activities with your neighbors – go on day trips or host an annual barbecue or block party.
12. Discover your power as a concerned citizen – change *happens* one person at a time.

Information about the Argyle Park Civic Association:



The **North Central Area Commission** comprises of 10 districts. (see map to the left) Argyle Park, the name of one of those districts, includes the following subdivisions: *Argyle Park, Norlea Park, Duxberry Park, Caceta Park, Level Green, GreenView Estates, Arthur Alvin Zebbs and North Central Apartments.*

Please note that Argyle Park is in the **North Central Area Commission** boundaries, (while the Linden Area Commission represents neighborhoods west of Bancroft Street, off of Cleveland Avenue).

History of Argyle Park:

To summarize, when The Argyle Park community came together for a common cause and *stayed* united even after that cause was won, this is what happened:

- ❖ Argyle Park Civic Association Community United to Stop Project 25 in June 1997
- ❖ Project 25 – (Bringing Fleet Management to our community) 1997 through 1999, the City Reconsidered
- ❖ Single-Family Homes are now Built on the Site by MiraCit Development Corporation
- ❖ Formed Coalition with AmerCrest Improvement Group
- ❖ Conversion of 19 CMHA Rental Houses to Home-Ownership by Columbus Housing Partnership & St. Stephens Community Homes
- ❖ Initiated reforms by electing new Commissioners to the North Central Area Commission, with the largest voter turnout ever recorded
- ❖ Community Revitalization
- ❖ Keep Columbus Beautiful Semi-Annual Clean-Ups
- ❖ Mediation with Plaskolite regarding Air Pollutants resulted in a reduction of MMA emissions from 18 tons in 2000 to 4 tons in 2006.
- ❖ New Playground at Duxberry School
- ❖ Reclaimed Duxberry Alternative Arts Impact School for Neighborhood Children
- ❖ Community Garden to beautify and eliminate years of weed abatement problems on 17 adjacent lots on Joyce Avenue
- ❖ Community Care Day 2000, September 13th – over 150 volunteers from various industries
 - 21 Retired & Disabled homeowners get home repairs
 - Galilee Baptist Church – painting and repair for community outreach
 - Duxberry School – landscaping and painting
- ❖ New houses built on Joyce Avenue by Columbus Housing Partnership
- ❖ Neighborhood Pride 2005
 - Rebuilding Together repaired 5 homes owned by seniors
 - City of Columbus provided Home Safe & Sound repairs to 20 low-income homeowners' houses
 - City Cleanup, graffiti remediation, weed abatement, code enforcement
- ❖ Partnership with United Way Neighborhood Partnership Center for continued guidance in neighborhood organization and improvements
- ❖ New GREEN homes (GreenView Estates, 2006)
- ❖ New Senior Housing (Arthur Alvin Zebbs Apartments in 2007 and North Central Village in 2010)
- ❖ Neighborhood Safety – Active Block watch maintains low crime in the community
- ❖ More new houses on 24th Avenue.

Community Code

Building Maintenance

Whether we are owners or renters, we have a responsibility to ensure that our properties are well-maintained and attractive. As owners, we have a responsibility to see that the appropriate maintenance is promptly carried out; as renters, we have a responsibility to ensure that the landlord carries out the proper maintenance in a timely manner.

We pledge:

1. To promptly replace the glass in windows which have broken, and to ensure that proper storm or screen windows are installed.
2. To keep curtains and blinds in good condition and in neat appearance from outside the house or apartment.
3. To ensure that chipping or peeling house paint is repainted to ensure a neat and orderly appearance.
4. To maintain all gutters, down spouts, and shutters securely attached to the building.
5. To keep screen and/or storm doors well maintained and latched.
6. To keep fences in good repair.
7. To ensure that any graffiti on the property is removed or painted over within 15 days, either by doing this myself or by notifying people responsible for maintaining the building.
8. To work with the City to insure adherence to building codes throughout the neighborhood, especially in relation to vacant buildings and rental properties owned by absentee landlords.
9. To maintain all vehicles in good working order, and to avoid leaving inoperable cars on the property or street, and to repair cars with flat tires or missing parts as soon as possible.

Lawns, Trees, and Gardens

We believe that well-manicured properties add value, increase the beauty, and demonstrate pride in the neighborhood, and that the visibility of adults working outside provides a sense of comfort and security to our young people. We understand that those residents who have years of experience in lawn care and gardening can provide guidance and teaching to those with less experience, and we encourage this type of community-based knowledge to spread and flourish.

We pledge:

1. To maintain lawns in good condition, including regular mowing during spring, summer, and fall so that the grass does not exceed 3 inches in height.
2. To trim shrubs away from sidewalks and pathways, and to maintain a neat and orderly appearance.
3. To plant flowers and/or cultivate a flower garden to increase the beauty of the neighborhood whenever possible.
4. To teach others – particularly children and teens – about the joys and habits of lawn care and gardening.

Public Space / Vacant Lots

The condition of a neighborhood's public spaces and vacant lots sets the tone for the condition of the neighborhood. When people see that residents take pride in the appearance of their neighborhood, they treat the neighborhood better. We will ensure that the City of Columbus does its part to keep public spaces well maintained, but we will also do our part on a daily basis to keep public spaces and vacant lots free from disorder.

To this end we pledge:

1. To keep sidewalks, streets, and alleys clear of bicycles, toys, other personal items, discarded couches, televisions, trash, and other rubbish.
2. To maintain the public areas around our properties by picking up discarded bottles, cans and other litter, by disposing of rubbish that is improperly left, and by sweeping up glass, stones, leaves, and other debris that may accumulate along the curb each month.
3. To use environmental design as a tool in crime prevention by creating small spaces with public space wherever practical.

Noise

Residents have a general expectation to peacefully enjoy their properties and homes. An important part of this peaceful enjoyment is the ability to be free from loud or persistent noise and disruption, whether indoors or outdoors. In a neighborhood of diverse people and interests, this expectation demand that we foster an environment of mutual respect and support, and that we work peacefully to resolve any differences which may arise.

We pledge:

1. To respect neighbors' rights to peacefully enjoy their properties, and to keep all electronic equipment at a volume which will not disturb others; and to specifically recognize that musical instruments, television sets, home and car stereos, and radios played at loud volumes are a neighborhood nuisance which disturbs other people.
2. To ensure that family, friends, and guests observe the same level of consideration for the rights of my neighbors to peacefully enjoy their environment.

3. To ensure that my family and guests do not park their cars outside with music playing at a level which will disturb my neighbors, since cars which idle for several minutes outside a residence and/or play loud music are a neighborhood nuisance and disturb neighbors.
4. To respect a period of lower noise beginning at 9:00 P.M., and to refrain from loud noises altogether after 11:00 P.M.
5. To notify neighbors before any party or other planned event which would fall outside this neighborhood noise guideline.
6. To accept responsibility for the actions and noise of my pets – particularly barking dogs – and to ensure that my pets, through their noise or actions, do not become a nuisance to my neighbors.

Conduct and Behavior

In our free society we recognize extensive individual rights; however, as members of a community we must always have the wisdom and courtesy to balance our individual rights with the sense of decency of our neighbors. We place a high value on respect, courtesy, decency, and good manners. We commit to creating and maintaining a 100% positive environment, which promotes the greatest possible society fulfillment and nurtures the fullest possible development of human potential.

We pledge:

1. To commit to the highest standards of courtesy, behavior, decency, and conduct, and to be a strong and positive role model for all in the community.
2. To recognize that profanity and swearing are offensive, oppressive, and disturbing to many people, and to be aware of my use of language in the presence of children and others.
3. To recognize that profanity in music is offensive, oppressive, and disturbing to many people, and to refrain from playing such music in the presence of children and those it may offend.
4. To be responsible for the conduct of guests and to understand that the acts of guests are considered to be the same as the acts of the family in the household.
5. To control all firearms in the household, and to ensure that no firearms are taken outside by any family member or guests.
6. To restrict cook-outs to the back yard, and not on the front lawn or porch.

Public Safety

We believe we can make our neighborhood the safest and most secure neighborhood in Central Ohio. We believe that the highest degree of safety makes *Argyle Park* a desirable place to live and raise a family, and that it is our duty to provide the comfort and security of safe streets and homes for our children. We support only lawful behavior. We believe that *Argyle Park* residents are responsible for ensuring that their guests and friends act in a lawful manner while in our neighborhood. We further believe that residents whose family members and/or guests break the law are not welcome to live in this family-oriented community.

We pledge:

1. To insist that nuisance and criminal activity are not tolerated in the community.
2. To impress upon neighbors that residents are responsible for ensuring that their guests and friends act in a law abiding manner, and that repeated police runs to an address (three or more disturbances, noise, violence, or criminal related activity) are prime examples of disruptive behavior which this community will not tolerate.
3. To support our police officers and fire fighters.
4. To support my Neighborhood Watch program and to keep an eye out for unusual or suspicious activity.
5. To promptly report a criminal activity.
6. To provide support for community members who assist in preventing, reporting, and prosecuting those who commit crime.

Education

In order for our neighborhood to achieve its excellence, its schools must be the best. We believe that good schools come from parental involvement in the education of their children. We believe that parents who value education send to school motivated students who are interested in learning. We believe that an outstanding education is the key to a successful life. We believe that as the adults in the community it is our sacred duty to create a positive learning environment for our children.

We pledge:

1. To teach all children the importance of a solid education, and to ensure that our children are model students and outstanding school citizens.
2. To make sure our children study at least 1 hour every night school is in session.
3. To support teachers and their efforts.
4. To come to school at least one time each semester to observe a class or volunteer in a school-related activity.
5. To demand high standards and quality environment for teachers, administrators, students, and the students' families.
6. To support after-school and extracurricular activities.

Trash, Recycling and Litter

While the City has the responsibility of a weekly trash pickup from dumpsters and garbage cans, residents have primary responsibility for keeping the neighborhood free from trash and litter. When trash or litter is around, we have an affirmative duty to clean it up, regardless of where the trash came from. When we know where litter comes from, we have an affirmative duty to insist the source clean up its act.

We pledge:

1. To organize and participate in neighborhood clean-ups.
2. To remove litter on a daily basis from the street and sidewalk in front of our houses.
3. To maintain and clean the portion of any alley directly behind our houses.
4. To avoid littering of papers, cigarette butts, or other trash.
5. To place garbage completely inside the appropriate containers, and to secure the lid of that container so the wind or small animals do not cause trash to spill out.
6. To avoid overflowing the trash container.
7. To make sure that people who take trash to the dumpster are capable of handling the dumpster, and to ensure that small children are supervised if they must take trash to the dumpster.

City of Columbus – Trash & Recycling Collection

Recycling, Yard Waste and Trash Collection Tips





Recycling Collection	Yard Waste Collection	Trash Collection
<p>✓ What goes in the blue cart:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aluminum and steel cans• Flattened cardboard and pizza boxes (free of food and grease)• Plastic bottles and jugs, lids reattached• Newspaper, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, computer paper, cereal and other dry food boxes and phone books• Glass bottles and jars (all colors)• Cartons and juice boxes <p>⊘ Here's what does not go in the blue cart:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No trash, yard waste or food• No plastic bags• No metal hangers• No chains, hoses, ropes or cords• No cassette tapes• No bed sheets or clothing• No syringes or needles• No buckets, butter tubs or yogurt cups• No Styrofoam• No window glass, mirrors, dinnerware, ceramics, pots or pans• No electronics or light bulbs• No containers from hazardous materials	<p>✓ Yard waste is organic waste generated during regular household gardening and landscaping, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grass clippings• Leaves• Twigs• Branches• Shrubbery <p>⊘ Here's what does not go in yard waste bags or containers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No rocks• No dirt• No sod• No plastic bags• No food waste <p>Preparing Yard Waste</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Place yard waste in biodegradable (paper) bags or rigid containers marked "Yard Waste." Please do not use plastic bags.• Cut branches to less than four feet long and tie the branches into bundles no wider than two feet with string or twine.• No single container, bag or bundle can weigh more than 50 pounds.	<p>✓ What goes in the trash container?</p> <p>Most of your household trash can be placed in the container. Under City Code, trash must be bagged and tied before you place it in the container. Put trash inside the container, not around the outside of the container.</p> <p>⊘ Here's what does not go in the trash container:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No recyclables• No yard waste• No furniture• No construction materials• No Household Hazardous Waste• No tires, car batteries or other automobile parts• No compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs)• No refrigerated appliances, such as refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, heat pumps, water coolers and air conditioners• No dead animals• No bowling balls• No cooking oils and grease

Questions?
Call 311, email 311@columbus.gov or go to RecycleColumbus.org

RECYCOLUMBUS THE CITY OF COLUMBUS
We were meant for each other. HOUSING & COMMUNITY SERVICES

2016 Trash, Recycling, Yard Waste Schedule for North Central Area

Print your own calendar at <https://311.columbus.gov/AddrLookupnew.aspx>

 : Trash
  : Recycling
  : Yard Waste
  : Holiday

January 2016						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

February 2016						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29					

March 2016						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

April 2016						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

May 2016						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

June 2016						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

July 2016						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

August 2016						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

September 2016						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

October 2016						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

November 2016						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

December 2016						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Where do I place my wheeled Trash container?

- Place your container at your designated collection point before 6:00 a.m. (but no more than 12 hours prior to collection) *For Joyce Avenue Homes, Trash collection is in the alley and Recycle collection is on Joyce Avenue (parked cars in the alley prevent recycling trucks from working)*
 - Containers must have at least 3 – 4 feet clearance for the mechanical arm to fit and pick it up
 - If containers are too close together or too close to a parked car, the collection cannot occur. The collection truck driver is not responsible for moving the container for the mechanical arm to pick it up.
 - If you miss the pickup time, you must move your container back to a secure location and wait until the next week
- Please call the 311 Service Center at (614) 645-3111 if you do not know your designated collection point.
- Remove your container from the collection point no more than 24 hours after collection and keep it in a secure place.