

## LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENTS

Landscaping continues to be added and updated throughout the community. If anyone would like to join the landscaping committee and help improve the look of the community, please contact Stacia Collins at Case Bowen,  [\(614\) 799-9800 ext. 37](tel:6147999800) or email

[scollins@casebowen.com](mailto:scollins@casebowen.com)

Thanks to our current members- Cathi Brownfield, Liz Kerns, and Amanda Mutchler.

## OUTDOOR HOSE NOZZLES

Please make sure to turn the water OFF to your outdoor hose/spigot for the winter. You can turn it off from inside your basement. This can help prevent water from freezing in your spigot. Please drain and remove all hoses.

## EXPERTS NEEDED

Please let a board member know if you have an area of expertise (lawyer, landscaper, accountant, printer, etc.) that could help this community. We make every effort to save Dorset Glen residents money. If you are able to help save the association money, you are saving yourself money, too. Help us if you can!

## PAVING

At the beginning of September, we were able to get all the roads and driveways in our community repaired and sealed. The expense was shared by all three associations. Thank you for your patience while all of this work was being completed.

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## MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

Your Board of Directors here at Dorset Glen thought it would be a great idea to involve our community in a service project this fall. We would like everyone to participate in **Make A Difference Day on October 22** by helping us hold a **food drive** to benefit the Hilliard Community Assistance Council that stocks the Hilliard Food Pantry. After speaking with council president Debbie Smith, we decided to keep it simple and ask our residents to buy a box (or bag) of **dry cereal** to donate to the food pantry. Cereal is an item they want to include in every bag of groceries that is sent out but something that most people do not donate. We are hoping that, even in these difficult economic times, every family in the Dorset Glen community will be able to contribute at least one box of cereal to our local food pantry for families in need. Please leave your contribution on Becky Sanders' front porch at **3969 Darby Park**. We will be collecting donations until Saturday, October 22 and then delivering the items on behalf of Dorset Glen. We're hoping for a terrific response to help Hilliard families who rely on the food pantry for groceries. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

## FALL/WINTER ENERGY SAVING TIPS

The following tips will save you energy and help your budget as the weather cools down.

- Set your thermostat no higher than 68 degrees when you are home and lower the temperature when you go to bed or when you are not at home. This will ensure optimal home heating and save energy.
- For every degree you lower your thermostat, you save about 2 percent off your heating bill.
- Cut annual heating bills by as much as 10 percent a year by turning your thermostat back 10 to 15 percent for eight hours a day.
- Weatherize your home by caulking and weather-stripping all doors and windows. Also use locks on your windows to make them tighter and draft resistant.
- Insulate or increase the amount of insulation in your attic, basement and outside walls.
- Reducing air leaks could cut 10 percent from an average households monthly energy bill. The most common places where air escapes homes are: floors, walls, ceilings, ducts, fireplaces, plumbing penetrations, doors, windows, fans, vents and electrical outlets.

## IMPROVE YOUR FURNACE EFFICIENCY

Just as a tune-up for your car can improve your gas mileage, a yearly tune-up of your heating and cooling system can improve efficiency and comfort. Keep your cooling and heating system at peak performance by having a contractor do annual pre-season check-ups. Contractors get busy once summer and winter come, so it's best to check the cooling system in the spring and the heating system in the fall. To remember, you might plan the check-ups around the time changes in the spring and fall.

Check your filter every month, especially during heavy use months (winter and summer). If the filter looks dirty after a month, change it. At a minimum, change the filter every 3 months. A dirty filter will slow down air flow and make the system work harder to keep you warm or cool, wasting energy. A clean filter will also prevent dust and dirt from building up in the system — leading to expensive maintenance and/or early system failure.

## TEST SMOKE ALARMS AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

Since the weather will be colder that means you'll be spending more time with all of the windows closed and running the heat. That means there is a chance of carbon monoxide buildup. Carbon monoxide is a silent killer so don't take a chance. A basic detector can be had for as little as \$20 and it could save your life. And don't forget to check the batteries in your smoke alarms. Again, batteries are cheap and it's a small price to pay when it comes to protecting your family.

## **PARKED VEHICLES ON THE STREET**

Please DO NOT park or allow guests to park along the streets. There are plenty of parking spaces available and the vehicles along the streets can pose issues for delivery services and most importantly ambulances and fire trucks. Our streets need to stay clear so these safety services can move quickly around our neighborhood.

## **DRIVEWAYS**

Our driveways in Dorset Glen are different lengths and unfortunately some of them are very short. If your entire vehicle does not fit in your driveway please park in the parking spaces or in your garage. Cars sticking out into the street can pose dangers to other drivers and emergency vehicles.

## **CLOSE GARAGE DOORS**

Please make sure your garage door is closed as much as possible especially when you are not home or out in front of your home. Open garage doors are not only an eyesore but can also invite theft and unwanted attention. In the past, some Dorset Glen residents have had things taken from open garages, so please keep your garage doors closed.

## **DECORATIONS**

Please make sure all decorations are appropriate and taken down in a timely manner after the holiday.

## **CURFEW**

Be aware that there is a curfew for our city of Hilliard. Unless accompanied by an adult, anyone under the age of 18 must be indoors by midnight and anyone under the age of 12 should be indoors by dark. This is for the entire city of Hilliard and includes the streets of Dorset Glen.

## **“FOR SALE” SIGNS**

If you are selling your condo you may place a “For Sale” sign in your front and back windows. **Signs are not allowed** on your porch, front lawn, or any common area.

## **TRASH CANS AND RECYCLING BINS**

Please be reminded that trash containers and recycling bins should be placed on the street no earlier than 6:00 pm the evening before refuse collection and that **the container must be returned to your garage the same evening as collection**. Trash containers and recycling bins are not permitted to be stored outside during the week.

## **EXTERIOR AND/OR LANDSCAPE MODIFICATIONS**

Before doing any exterior or landscape modification, please submit the proper form to the property manager for board approval so costly mistakes can be avoided. Check page 4 of the DG Handbook re: Personal Effects, page 6 re: exterior and landscaping modifications, and page 9 re: Flowers/Flower Pots/ Planters/ Baskets for guidelines. The property manager will periodically walk the property to check for compliance. These guidelines are in place to enhance our property value by maintaining a sense of consistency throughout the community.

## **POND**

No skating, swimming, fishing, or boating!

## **PETS IN THE COMMUNITY**

**Your dogs must always be on a leash and supervised when outdoors!** Always carry a plastic bag with you when outside with your pet so that you can pick up any pet waste immediately. Pet waste that is not cleaned up not only makes the community look terrible, it also poses a health hazard. Dogs should not be allowed to relieve themselves on decks! Dog owners should be cautious about leaving their windows open if they are not home, as there have been complaints of dogs barking out of open windows. If you have a cat that goes outdoors, please make sure that you have a collar on your cat and please be respectful of your neighbors. Our Dorset Glen Handbook allows for a maximum of two cats and two dogs.

## **COMMENT/COMPLAINT FORMS** (can be found in your handbook )

**If you have comments** for the Board or Property Manager or complaints regarding maintenance, pets, etc., please send your forms in to Stacia Collins at Case Bowen, 6255 Corporate Center Dr., Dublin, Ohio 43016. Phone **(614) 799-9800 ext. 37**, fax # 614 799-8338, or email to [scollins@casebowen.com](mailto:scollins@casebowen.com)