### WELCOME >>>

Welcome to our fall edition of the Hampsted Village HOA newsletter! Our goal is to keep you updated on important information and improvements happening in our community.



*fall*2023

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

# HV HOA update

current topics >>>

### Tree Trimming Reminder!

Now that school is back in full swing, and lots of kids are riding bikes to school, please remember that street trees are your responsibility and to trim any trees that overhang the sidewalk and streets. Being able to ride your bike on the sidewalk is much safer than riding in the street!

The lowest branches should be trimmed to provide clearance of generally 8 feet over sidewalks and 14 feet over streets.

If you have dead or damaged street trees and need to have them removed or replaced, please go to one of these sites:

Columbus: columbus.gov/street-tree-faqs/
New Albany: Trees - City of New Albany City of New Albany (newalbanyohio.org)

Below is a short video on pruning tips and how to keep your trees healthy.

How to Prune a Young Tree in Columbus, Ohio

- YouTube

## Architectural Review Committee (ARC)

### Submissions are required and FREE!

Did you know that sending an ARC submission is FREE and <u>required</u> for any exterior home and lawn projects? The ARC is committed to quick turn arounds for your submissions and strives to ensure community standards are met.

Well maintained

landscaping, power

washing and paint

all help spruce up

a home's exterior

For a list of items to include in your submission click here: Submissions — Hampsted Village Homeowners' Association

The New Albany Communities Master Association was created and designed in an effort to maintain uniformity and conformity throughout the various individual subassociations. However, each community has

their own set of Standard Rules and Regulations, also known as DOS and DON'TS. The mission of the HV ARC is to maintain the high quality and consistency of the aesthetics and design of the Hampsted

Village Community. The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) is comprised of 4 members who evaluate every project submission to make sure it is within the design guidelines before the home improvement project begins.

Information may be submitted to the Hampsted Village Homeowners' Association property manager via one of the following channels:

Online:

www.hampstedvillage.org/sub missions

Email:

ARC@HampstedVillage.org

Mail:

NAI Ohio Equities 8000 Walton Parkway, Suite 250

New Albany, OH 43054

Year-to-date, the ARC has reviewed **55** projects. We LOVE to see home improvement projects happening in our community so keep the submissions coming our way! Again...It's *REQUIRED* and it's *FREE*!

# Fall is here...which means the leaves are falling too!

We love our community and need your help to keep Hampsted beautiful! Now that cooler temperatures have arrived and fall is in the air, please remember to rake your leaves and clean up any dying flowers or plants in your flower beds and pots.



New Albany City limits leaf collection schedule and guidelines can be found here: Leaf Collection - City of New Albany - City of New Albany (newalbanyohio.org)

For those in Columbus City limits, please make sure you are bagging your leaves and putting those bags by the curb <u>NO MORE</u> than 24 hours before the scheduled collection day. For trash, recycling and yard waste pick up schedule, call 311 or click this link: Find My Collection Day - City of Columbus, Ohio

For more information regarding yard waste recycling go to: 150901\_rc\_yardwasteinfocard\_final.pdf (columbus.gov)



## Coming Soon!

New community benches will be arriving soon!

There were several benches in our common areas that were broken and or badly weathered. The board voted and unanimously approved the purchase of new park benches. The management company has placed the order and the benches are scheduled to be arriving and installed in the near future.



property advice >>>

# Most Common HOA Violations and How to Avoid Fines

Home projects are often on the minds of our homeowners and sometimes we forget or lose sight of our community guidelines. Or maybe you never knew where to find them and never had enough time to research...Life is busy, we get it! Avoid getting a "Do Better" letter and help maintain the integrity of the community by reading through our design guidelines page found here Design Guidelines — Hampsted Village Homeowners' Association

Year-to-date, **179** violation notices have been issued to homeowners. Please make sure you are doing your part to upkeep our community...it starts at home!

The top 3 year-to-date violations are...

#### 1. MAINTENANCE at 49

This includes a variety of things like power washing your siding. Painting & repairing trim, shutters, doors, etc. Walkways, driveways, and other hardscape should be free of deterioration and/or vegetation — including weeds growing in between pavers and weeds growing in the street along the curb.

#### 2. TRASH/RECYCLING at 44

Trash and recycling bins should be stored in your garage out of site or screened. See letter P. on our design guidelines page regarding approved screening. Also remember that all bins must be put away by the day following the pick-up to avoid a violation!

#### 3. ARCHITECTURAL at 25

Submitting your projects before starting them is critical. Please see page 1 of this newsletter for how to make a submission and what to include.

Honorable mention...LANDSCAPING at 18 violations

# What is happening to my shrubs and trees?

### Emerald Ash Borer, Boxwood Blight and Bag Worms



A few years ago, it was the emerald ash borer, an invasive beetle species, which wreaked havoc on Ohio's ash tree population. This destructive pest has infested and killed millions of ash trees throughout the state and in our own Hampsted Village. More recently Hampsted Village has been dealing with bagworms. Bagworms can pose a significant threat to arborvitae trees. Severe bagworm infestation can defoliate and ultimately kill arborvitae trees, making early detection and control measures essential for their preservation. Now, boxwood blight has become a concerning issue in Ohio. This disease primarily affects boxwood shrubs, leading to severe leaf spotting, defoliation, and eventual dieback.

Removing and replacing diseased Ash trees, Boxwoods and Arborvitaes is essential to maintaining privacy and upholding property standards in Hampsted Village. Disease-stricken plants not only compromise the aesthetics of the community but can also serve as a source of infection for neighboring healthy plants. To ensure a successful replacement, homeowners should consult with a professional landscaper to identify suitable, disease-resistant plant varieties that align with community guidelines. Fast-growing alternatives like Thuja Green Giants can be chosen to quickly reestablish privacy screens while contributing to the overall appeal of the community. Additionally, a well-planned replacement process should involve proper tree care practices, regular maintenance, and disease prevention measures to safeguard the health of new plantings and promote a harmonious neighborhood environment. And don't forget to submit your project for ARC approval before starting your project to avoid fines!

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# Holiday Décor and Flags

With sports back in action and the holidays around the corner, please be mindful that there are restrictions around décor and flags.

To find out more see design guideline letters G & Q here:

<u>Design Guidelines — Hampsted</u> <u>Village Homeowners' Association</u>

### **Upcoming Events**

Quarterly HOA Meeting Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm

Annual HOA Meeting Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm

The Annual meeting will be held in the private room at the Rusty Bucket in New Albany and Hampsted Homeowners are welcome to attend!

### We need you!

Do you care for our community? Do you want to make a difference?

Applications for the HV HOA Board membership will be available soon.

PLEASE CONSIDER
APPLYING!

# final thoughts...

WHEN IN DOUBT please contact our Property Management Office (Ohio Equities) if you have any questions related to our community.

And remember to submit your plans to the ARC (for free) and get approval before starting any exterior projects to avoid violations!

We hope you enjoyed and found this newsletter helpful. If you have any ideas or suggestions for topics you would like us to highlight in future publications, please contact <a href="mailto:lisa.hvhoa@gmail.com">lisa.hvhoa@gmail.com</a>

If you would like to receive the quarterly publication of this newsletter via email, please contact <a href="mailto:dcotterman@ohioequities.com">dcotterman@ohioequities.com</a>

### **HELPFUL LINKS**

www.hampstedvillage.org
www.hampstedvillage.org/design-guidelines
www.hampstedvillage.org/submissions
www.hampstedvillage.org/payments
www.hampstedvillage.org/take-action

https://newalbanyohio.org

https://new.columbus.gov/Home





coming soon >>>

### In The Next Issue

Annual Meeting Updates

HOA Dues & Payment Methods

Snow Removal Information

Board Updates

Energy Saving Tips

### UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

Friday, October 13, 2023, No School for New Albany-Plain Local
Tuesday, October 31, 2023, 6:00-8:00pm, New Albany Trick-or-Treat
Sunday, November 5, 2023, 2:00am, Daylight Savings Time Ends
Wednesday, November 22, 2023-Friday, November 24, 2023, No School for New Albany-Plain Local
Thursday, December 21, 2023-January 2, 2024, Winter Break for New Albany-Plain Local Schools

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