

July 2009 Newsletter

Hello Amberleigh North Residents,

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Monthly Social Calendar

The July 2009 Social Calendar, as well as this newsletter, are available on our website at www.amberleighdublin.org.

Community Park Update

Debbie Mikol recently received the following from Laura Karagory about the revised park plans. Thanks for keeping us updated, Debbie!

The master plan details are taking a little longer to figure out than we had originally anticipated. Before we send something out, we need to verify the layout will work with a few different groups. We don't want to commit to developing the park one way, only to find out it can't be done.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me again.
Laura

Bunko

Bunko is on hiatus for the months of July and August.

Playgroup

There is no playgroup for the summer. A notice for interested residents will be sent out in the August newsletter for next school year (September 2009 – May 2010). If you have any questions, contact Nicole Kelbick at 760-0035 or nkelbick@gmail.com.

Pool and Clubhouse Update

Electrical and plumbing repairs are in the process of being completed. Pool system repairs have begun but are awaiting the completion of plumbing repairs. A problem with the key card system was discovered (doors won't open with the key card) and is currently being investigated. Pool cleaning will be initiated in the next few days. Pool drains will be replaced to meet new regulations. Light sensors have been installed on the back of the clubhouse in the hopes of deterring late night visitors. General maintenance (e.g. painting) is ongoing and various annual inspections are underway.

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Volunteers Needed for Pool Upkeep

From the Pool Chairperson:

My name is Meri Mann and I am the Pool Chairperson for our neighborhood. My main responsibilities include:

- checking on the pool and clubhouse facilities daily to ensure things are in proper order.
- reporting any issues directly to the board and to the management company,
- work directly with the board members on all pool issues.

I am seeking volunteers to help monitor the pool and clubhouse for one week intervals during the summer. The primary task would be making sure that the following are in order once the pool has closed each day:

- pool furniture is in place.
- pool umbrellas are collapsed.
- the gate to the pool and the doors to the clubhouse are closed.
- all doors to the clubhouse are shut and locked.
- remove all toys or other foreign objects from the pool.
- trash is picked up.
- men's and women's restrooms are in proper working order and clean.
- make sure the equipment and electronics in the clubhouse are turned off.
- ask residents who are swimming after hours to please vacate the pool area.
- report any problems that may have arisen to Meri, the HOA Board and/or Case Bowen Property Management (Stacia Hill 799-9800 x37).

Although it may seem long, it typically takes about 5-10 minutes each evening to accomplish the list. For the most part, our residents are fantastic about making sure the pool and clubhouse areas are well taken care of. And, if everyone takes a turn, the burden isn't too much on any one person.

Hours of Operation:

Daily – 7:00 am to 9:00 am for residents over the age of 18 only

Sunday – Thursday from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm

Friday & Saturday from 9:00 am to 10 pm

Weeks in which we need volunteers are:

July 12th – July 18th

July 19th – July 25th

July 26th – August 1st

August 2nd – August 8th

August 9th – August 15^h

August 16th – August 22nd

August 23rd – August 29th

August 30th – September 5th

September 6th – September 12th

Please feel free to contact me with any question. Thanks!

:) Meri Mann

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Pool Incident

One of the Board members noticed early one evening recently a group of kids walking up to the pool in suits and towels as if ready to go swimming. When they saw the pool was not open, they made their way up along Memorial Dr. toward Dublin Rd. The impression was that the kids were from outside the neighborhood and were trying to access the pool. **Please recall that anyone using the pool or pool area must have their key card with them and must show their key card upon the request of another resident. (Please see Pool Rule #10 below.)**

Pool Rules (These are also available online).

******There is NO LIFEGUARD on duty. Swimmers use the pool at their own risk.******

Hours of operation*:

Daily 7:00 am – 9:00 am Residents over the age of 18 only.

Sunday to Thursday 9:00 am – 9:00 pm

Friday and Saturday 9:00 am – 10:00 pm

*The pool area is open to all residents in good standing.

1. Residents under the age of twelve (12) must be accompanied by an adult resident or caregiver no less than sixteen (16) years old duly appointed by an adult resident.
2. Non-residents are not permitted to bring guests to the pool.
3. Each adult resident is permitted up to two (2) non-resident guests. All guests must be accompanied by an adult resident unless the guest is a caregiver of a child resident under the age of twelve (12) as permitted under Rule #1 above.
4. No glass is permitted in the pool or pool area.
5. No pets are permitted in the pool or pool area.
6. Garments sold as swimwear are required to be worn when in the pool. No cutoffs or shorts are permitted. No diapers are permitted in the pool unless they are specifically designed for swimming. Rubber pants must be worn with cloth diapers.
7. No loud or abusive language is permitted.
8. The pool and pool area are closed during electrical storms.
9. Swimmers must dry off before entering the clubhouse / restroom area.
10. Anyone using the pool or pool area must have their key card with them and must show their key card upon the request of another resident.
11. No one under the age of eighteen (18) is permitted to use the pool or pool area between the restricted hours of 7:00 am and 9:00 am daily.
12. No trespassing is permitted. Violators will be reported to the Dublin Police (889-1112) and will be prosecuted.

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Miscellaneous

- **Stork Report**

Please join me in welcoming **Gabrielle Grace Rappach** to the Amberleigh community. She was born on June 10th. All are doing well. Congratulations to Jim, Michelle, Andrew and Madeline!

- **Community Landscaping**

If residents notice that any of the community landscaping has not been started/completed or needs maintenance, please contact the management company to let them know. Apparently the islands on Timber Mist Ct. and Vista Ridge were not landscaped at the same time as the clubhouse and gazebo area due to an oversight on the landscaping company's part. Thanks to Tanima Das for bringing this to our attention.

- **Library Funding Cuts Proposed**

Sue McNamara alerted me to the following.

Governor Strickland proposes to fill Ohio's \$3.2 billion shortfall in the state budget by eliminating \$200+ million from the Public Library Fund over the next two years. His proposal will have a drastic impact on all 251 public libraries in Ohio and on Columbus Metropolitan Library in particular.

This proposal by the Governor cuts library funding by 50% beginning July 1, 2009.

We only have days to have an impact.

1. Today, contact your legislators. We've made it easy to do. Go to: <http://columbuslibrary.org>.

2. Call Governor Strickland's office at 614-466-3555.

The Governor's proposed funding cuts come at a time when Ohio's public libraries are experiencing unprecedented increases in demands for services. In every community throughout the state, Ohioans are turning to their public library for free job help, children and teens are beginning summer reading programs and people of all ages are turning to the library for information and assistance during this economic downturn. That is no truer than here at CML. We cannot allow these cuts to succeed, cuts which will drastically reduce services and access. Act now.

Supposedly, the Dublin branch may be one of those closed.

- **Vandalism**

Randi Bicking wanted me to let the community know to be on the watch for vandalism involving keyed cars. Apparently her mother's car was parked out front in the street and was keyed. This happened in the beginning of June.

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- **Request for roofing companies**

Lydia Cavanaugh (kidlyd@gmail.com) wanted me to pass along the following:

Hello Amberleigh Neighbors,

As many of you may relate to, we experienced wind damage to our roof earlier this year and have to have it replaced. We have received a check from our insurance company and are ready to receive quotes from roofing companies. We are familiar with the company, Able, but would like to other companies to consider. Any feedback/recommendations will be greatly appreciated!

Thank you!

Lydia and Brennan Cavanaugh
4742 Vista Ridge Dr.

- **New Farmer's Market in Historic Dublin**

The following is a notice I received from the "e-news from Dublin":

Historic Dublin will be home to a new farmer's market beginning Wednesday (June 24). Fresh, locally grown products and other farmer's market fare will be available. The Dublin Community Market will be **4:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays until Oct. 28** at Dublin Community Church parking lot, 81 W. Bridge St. Pets are not allowed.

- **4th of July**

Check out <http://www.dublin.oh.us/events/independence/> for details about Dublin's 4th of July celebration. Check out **Blarney in the Alley** (www.blarneryinthealley.com) for other entertainment. The Leadership Dublin Class of 2009 and the American Red Cross are teaming up during the 4th of July celebration by hosting a blood drive on July 3rd from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the Dublin Rec Center.

- **Dublin Irish Festival**

The Dublin Irish Festival runs from **July 31st to August 2nd**. Check out www.dublinirishfestival.org for more information.

- **Parade of Homes**

The Parade of Homes this year is at Tartan Ridge from July 11-26. Check out the website at <http://www.biaparade.com/>.

- **Sundays at the Scioto**

The Dublin Arts Council sponsors a free outdoor concert series at Scioto Park on Sunday evenings from 7-8:30pm in June and July. A variety of bands and music styles are presented. Check out <http://www.dublinarts.org/events/sas.html> for a complete listing of the bands. Thanks to Julie Douglas for this information.

- **Slainte Thursday**

Check out <http://www.brihidistrict.org/> for downtown activities and for Slainte Thursdays in particular. The next two dates are June 18th and July 16th.

- **Mailboxes** – If you are like me and lack the time (or inclination) to spruce up your mailbox, then please contact Nicole Douglas. She is willing to "makeover" your mailbox with a thorough cleaning and staining for \$25. Contact her via Lidojules@columbus.rr.com. More info is available on our website at www.amberleighdublin.org at the bottom of the "What's Happening" section.

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E-news From Dublin

I received the following via "e-news from Dublin" in case anyone may be interested:

Volunteers needed for specials events, other City opportunities

From helping local first responders prepare for a possible crisis and cleaning up along the Scioto River to volunteering at special events like the Dublin Irish Festival, the City of Dublin has hundreds of volunteer positions available this summer.

"We have a dedicated group of volunteers who give their time and expertise to the City," Volunteer Services Administrator Christine Nardecchia said. "Over the years these people step into volunteer leadership positions and our volunteer needs grow. We're looking to add to our volunteer base."

Specific upcoming volunteer opportunities include:

Dublin Irish Festival, July 31-Aug. 2 - More than 1,200 volunteers come together each year in what is always the City's biggest event. From beverage token and admission ticket sales to golf cart crossing guards, Festival volunteers are indispensable in making the event a success each year. To volunteer or for more information, go to www.DublinIrishFestival.org.

Independence Day, July 4 - Volunteers are still needed to serve as parade marshals for the City of Dublin's Independence Day parade. E-mail Rachel at radkins@dublin.oh.us for information or to volunteer.

Disaster Drill, June 30 - The Dublin Division of Police will conduct a training session on crowd control during a crisis. The Division is seeking adults who are mobile and can be outdoors from 8:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday, June 30, to serve as mock disaster victims and in other roles. Contact cnardechia@dublin.oh.us or call 410-4406 for information.

Michael Utt Memorial Scioto River Clean-up, Aug. 15 - Adults and families are invited to help clean the Scioto River from O'Shaughnessy Reservoir to the Emerald Parkway Bridge. Some will clean along the riverbanks, while others travel in canoes and clear debris from the waterway. Contact cnardechia@dublin.oh.us or call 410-4406 for information.

"Volunteers tell me these activities are great ways to make friends, spend time together as a family and make a difference in their community," Nardecchia said. "They serve in numerous capacities on a daily basis in offices, conducting research, answering phones, entering data, helping to teach classes, ushering and working backstage at the Abbey Theater... the possibilities are endless!"

For more information on these and other year-round volunteer activities, go to www.dublin.oh.us or e-mail cnardechia@dublin.oh.us.
www.dublin.oh.us | www.dublinirishfestival.org

- **Stork Report:** use the monthly newsletter to announce new family arrivals. Just email Nicole Kelbick at nkelbick@gmail.com with the info you want posted, including a picture if so desired, and it will be included in the next monthly newsletter.
- **New to the Neighborhood**
If you are new to the neighborhood, please send me (nkelbick@gmail.com) a blurb about your family and I will include it in the next monthly newsletter. It is a great way to introduce yourself and your family and for current residents to "meet" their new neighbors.

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- **Pet Alert**
If you have lost a pet or found a stray animal feel free to send me an email with a description of the pet and/or picture and the date you lost/found the animal and I will send it out to the community. You will also want to post the information online at <http://www.petfbi.org/>.
- **e-News From the City of Dublin:** To sign up for updates of your choosing from various areas of the City of Dublin's government, submit your email address at <http://www.dublin.oh.us/cr/e-news.php>. This link has also been added under "Links of Interest" section on our website.
- **Playgroup and Bunko schedules** are now posted online under the What's Happening section.

Take care,

Nicole Kelbick
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