

ALBANY PARK

The Albany Park Design Review Board is tasked with maintaining the standards set forth within the special warranty deed. When you purchase your home, you are obligated to abide by certain predetermined rules and regulations. All residents (owners and renters) play an important part in maintaining our community. This newsletter is designed to help you make sure your home is not in violation. Below are some of the more common violations that have been identified. Please review the Albany Park website, www.albanypark.org, for more information.

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING BINS This is the number-one violation in the community and the easiest one to correct. The bins are not permitted to be seen from the street. They must be inside your garage or completely screened from view. That means no part of the garbage or recycling bin is visible from the street. This includes winter time when leaves have fallen off your shrubs.



LAWN ISSUES Lawns must be healthy, green and reasonably free of weeds. Regular fertilizer and weed prevention is a must. In addition to regular mowing, you must also edge your sidewalk. If you can't see the edge of the sidewalk, it's time to edge. Those using organic gardening methods must ensure their yards are weed free as well.

YARD WASTE All grass clippings or other yard waste must be removed from the sidewalk and driveway. Yard-waste bags are not permitted to sit at the street. You should only place them at the street the night before pickup.

GARDEN BEDS AND SHRUBS Beds should be mulched and free of weeds. If you haven't purchased mulch in the last year, now is the time. Shrubs should be trimmed. If they are past your windows, it might be time for a trimming.



TREES Please keep street trees trimmed so they don't interfere with pedestrians on the sidewalk. A minimum clearance of 6 1/2 feet is suggested. You can contact the City of Columbus 311 line and put in a request for them to prune the tree.

MAILBOXES This is another easy fix. If your mailbox is rusty, it needs to be painted Hartford/Hunter green or replaced. If you are missing a door, it needs to be replaced. If you don't have a working flag, it needs to be replaced. Send an email to: albanypark@albanypark.org to purchase a new mailbox. The post needs to be painted white. If you use a weed wacker and the bottom of the pole is marked up, you need to touch it up with paint. Pro Tip: Edge around the post and plant some flowers so you don't have to paint the post every year.

PAINT & TRIM This one will probably require some budgeting, but it is required. Most of our homes are more than 15 years old. If you don't recall painting your trim, it's time. Chances are some of your boards may be rotted and need to be replaced. This is not just to make your home esthetically pleasing, it can prevent water damage. The trim must be white. Doors and shutter colors must match each other, You can visit www.albanypark.org for approved colors.



Weed and Feed



Let's not make the dandelion the official flower of Albany Park. Did you

know it's recommended you fertilize your yard several times a year? Consult with a professional company or ask a neighbor who has a green thumb. Visit www.scotts.com for a helpful lawn-library resource.

When is Trash/ Recycling Day?



Trash and Recycling days vary in Columbus. But you can register for email reminders from the city.

- Visit: www.311columbus.gov
- Under "I WANT TO" Click "LOOK UP MY COLLECTION DAY"
- Enter your home address and then click on "Get a reminder!"

You can also dial 311 from a landline or call 614-645-3111 to reach the City of Columbus Service Center.

Holiday Lights

We all love the holiday season. However, if you haven't removed your holiday lights, please do so.

Where do I start?



Not sure where to start on a project? Ask your neighbors. Nextdoor.com is a great resource to communicate with your neighbors. Almost 75% of Albany Park homes are registered.

Planning a Project?



Planning a project an exterior home project? You may need to get approval of the Design Review Board.

Per the Warranty Deed: No improvement shall be placed, erected or installed on the property, and no construction (which term shall include in its definition staking, clearing, excavation, grading and other site work) shall be commenced or continued until and unless the owner first obtains the written approval there of the Design Review Board and otherwise complies with all provisions of these restrictions.

Driveways and Vehicles

If your driveway is faded or full of cracks, it's probably time for a crack seal and resurfacing. Driveways that are falling apart may need to be completely replaced.

If the grass along the side of your driveway is dead because you have parked your vehicle on it, begin to make plans to repair and reseed it this spring.

Did you know, no trucks (semi), commercial vehicles, boats, trailers, vans, campers or mobile homes shall be parked or stored on the street or on any lot (except in an enclosed structure shielded from view) for any time period longer than 48-hours in any 30-day period?

Garbage Can Screens

Keeping your garbage cans inside your garage is the best way to prevent unwanted critters. However, if you need to keep it outside and don't have any evergreens to screen it, you could consider purchasing a screen like this. Remember, cans should not be visible from the street.

