



# February 2010 Newsletter

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Hello Amberleigh North Residents,

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### Clubhouse Cleaning

Thanks to all who provided referrals for cleaning companies. We found a replacement.

### Amberleigh Social

Thanks to Kelly Turpin and Al Fleming for hosting a neighborhood social on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. Everyone who attended had a great time!

### Playgroup

February's playgroup will be hosted by Nicole Kelbick on **Wednesdays February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am until 11:30am**. She resides at **8373 Autumnwood Way**. Contact her at 760-0035 for more details.

### Girls Night Out (GNO)

There is no GNO scheduled for February. Leslie Ainsworth is planning to schedule one for sometime in April.

### Dates of Interest

<b>February</b> 3 6 6 13 14 14 15 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Playgroup at Nicole Kelbick's</li> <li>▪ Artic Open and Wendy's Chili Open (<a href="http://www.wendyschiliopen.com/">http://www.wendyschiliopen.com/</a>)</li> <li>▪ Prom dress drives at Tuttle and Polaris Malls from 10am – 2pm</li> <li>▪ Prom dress drive at Easton from 10am to 2pm near AMC Theaters</li> <li>▪ Valentine's Day</li> <li>▪ Chinese New Year (Year of the Tiger)</li> <li>▪ President's Day</li> <li>▪ Playgroup at Nicole Kelbick's</li> </ul>
<b>March</b> 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Spring Break begins for Dublin City Schools</li> <li>▪</li> </ul>



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## Amberleigh Park Update

Marsha Moore received the following information regarding the status of the park:

Marsha,

I met with our consultant last Thursday. I have asked them to make most of the Commission requested changes. We will try to meet the February application deadline, which would put us on the agenda in late March. What we are not changing is the entry location. We do not know how the Commission will receive that information. There were only three residents in the audience last time, all speaking out against the entry drive/potential bridge location. If that is the case next time, there is a very real possibility that they will vote it down again. We would then need to seek Council's guidance. As you pointed out, a major change like that would delay the project substantially for both redesign and approval process. If it were approved, we would probably be out to bid in May.

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

Respectfully,

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Ralph Neumann wanted me to get the word about setting up a meeting to discuss the park status. Please contact him if you are interested ([ralpneum@columbus.rr.com](mailto:ralpneum@columbus.rr.com)). It would be nice to get a sizeable contingent to go to the March Council meeting. More information will be forthcoming.

## Miscellaneous

### Fairy Goodmothers plan February Prom Dress Drives

The Dublin-based nonprofit group has scheduled three prom dress drives:

Date	Location
Saturday, Feb. 6 <sup>th</sup> , 10am – 3pm	Tuttle Mall by Panera Bread
Saturday, Feb. 6 <sup>th</sup> , 10am – 3pm	Polaris Mall near guest services
Saturday, Feb. 13 <sup>th</sup> , 10am – 2pm	Easton Town Center near the AMC Theaters entrance



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### Snowy Sidewalks

Resident Jeanine Lespearance brought up a good point regarding keeping sidewalks clear of snow:

"I'm concerned that the kids have had to walk to the bus in the street all week [referring to early January] due to how few of the sidewalks in the neighborhood are shoveled. Dublin actually has an ordinance that requires homeowners to clear the sidewalk of snow and ice:

**§ 97.21 DUTY TO KEEP SIDEWALKS IN REPAIR AND CLEAN OF SNOW AND ICE.**

**No owner or occupant of abutting lands shall fail to keep the sidewalks, curbs or gutters in repair and free from snow, ice or any nuisance.**

The younger kids may be able to slog through the snow in boots, but the middle and high school kids can't, since their lockers are too small (and most of them are unwilling to wear boots anyway).

Thanks to all willing to help out with this request!"

### Will Alteration May Be Needed This Year

My husband came across an interesting article in The Wall Street Journal that I thought I would pass along. Apparently in the past, many wills have been set up to send the maximum allowable amount of assets into a trust (typically set up for children) to avoid the estate tax while the spouse receives any remaining assets.

Since there is no estate tax this year, and therefore no limit as to the amount that can pass to the trust, it is possible that the way the will was worded years ago **might cause ALL assets to pass to the trust leaving nothing for the surviving spouse.**

Since the estate tax returns next year, this is a matter of concern only for those who pass away in 2010. You may want to pass this information along to friends or family members where this may be a cause for concern.

The article that this information was derived from was written by Jonnelle Marteis and is titled "You May Need to Alter Your Will" and can be found online at WSJ.com. You can try the following link although I'm not sure it will work for you.

[http://online.wsj.com/article\\_email/SB126368518296030551-1MyQjAxMTIwNjEzNzYxODc1Wj.html#articleTabs%3Darticle](http://online.wsj.com/article_email/SB126368518296030551-1MyQjAxMTIwNjEzNzYxODc1Wj.html#articleTabs%3Darticle)



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### Increased Late Fees for Ohio Driver License and Vehicle Registration Renewals

I received the following email recently. It showed up soon after the Dispatch ran an article on it. Apparently, it has caught many people by surprise.

Dear Ohio Motorist:

This is a friendly reminder about a change in Ohio driver license and vehicle registration law.

**Starting Oct. 1, 2009, the BMV has been required to impose a \$20.00 late fee on all late driver license and vehicle registration renewals. There is a 7 day grace period associated with the late fee.**

In order to avoid a late fee, remember to complete renewals before the expiration date, either in person, by mail or on-line at <http://www.OPLATES.com>. (Please be aware that mail and on-line registrations may take additional time). Please remember that driver licenses and vehicle registrations typically expire on the motorist's birthday, as some mistakenly believe the end of the month.

If we may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Registration Special Plates Section, P.O. Box 16521, Columbus, Ohio 43216-6521, call 1-800-589-8247, or email us at [Registrar@dps.state.oh.us](mailto:Registrar@dps.state.oh.us).

**DON'T FORGET....Take advantage of renewing on line at <http://www.oplates.com>.**  
Your Ohio registration may be renewed up to 90 days prior to expiration.

### Artic Open and Wendy's Chili Open

Sharon Kendall wanted me to pass along the following information for those of you who may be interested. Check out <http://www.wendyschiliopen.com/> for more detailed information.

#### **The Arctic Open February 6th, 2010**

- Grab your ski clothes and boots then come out to Shamrock from 8:30 to 12 for a round of golf and prizes.
- If it snows we will be swinging our golf clubs at racquetballs so all level of golfers are welcomed.
- After golf, come to the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium for the Wendy's Chili Open.
- The cost is \$80 per golfer or \$320 per foursome for the Arctic Open.
- Each participant will receive a FREE ticket to the Wendy's Chili Open (which includes food and 4 free drinks)



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### Help for Friends of the Shelter

Meghan Hopkins wanted me to pass along the following from "Friends of the Shelter":

Dear Friends,



This is a picture of Patrick, a 3-month old puppy at the Franklin County Dog Shelter. Patrick needed surgical repair of a severely fractured leg. His surgery was successful and Patrick is now recuperating in the off-site infirmary. Fortunately for Patrick, he came to the attention of the Friends of the Shelter (FOTS) on January 29, just last Friday. But unfortunately, Patrick is the last dog that will receive medical/surgical and recuperative kennel care through FOTS without your immediate support. Patrick

The difficult economic climate of 2009 has negatively impacted our overall donations. At the same time more dogs came to the Shelter in need of FOTS-funded medical services. Due to a critical shortage of funds, FOTS has regretfully informed Shelter administrators and Franklin County officials that as of Monday February 1, Friends of the Shelter cannot financially support any additional shelter dogs to be transferred to the Off-Site Infirmary Care Program, nor receive any other FOTS funded medical services.

FOTS needs to raise funds immediately to restart the funding for life-saving medical care for Franklin County dogs. In order to prevent further interruptions in medical services, FOTS seeks to raise \$50,000 by March 1.

On an average month, FOTS spends nearly \$15,000 for medical care that includes: x-rays and other diagnostic services; medicine and infirmary care for the treatment of kennel cough and heartworm, surgical repair of orthopedic injuries; as well as off-site boarding for the sick and injured animals. We sincerely appreciate the generosity of your support over past months, but unfortunately at this time, our reserves have been depleted and we can only continue to fund dogs like Patrick, who are already enrolled in the program.

This medical care made available to Shelter dogs is not funded by tax dollars. These services that have saved the lives of over 400 shelter dogs last year alone are financially supported only through your generous donations to Friends of the Shelter.

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP:

Your support will help re-establish Friends of the Shelter's life-saving programs, so that dogs like Patrick, have opportunity for a healthy, happy new life. Make a donation to Friends of the Shelter today. Spread the word by asking your dog-loving friends, neighbors and co-workers to do so, too. Donations can be made through our website or by mail to:

Friends of the Shelter  
5852 Heritage Lakes Drive  
Hilliard, OH 43026

Every penny of every gift matters. As an all-volunteer organization, Friends of the Shelter assures that your financial gift is being used as you intended....helping a needy Shelter dog. Thank you in advance for your generous gift to help us reach our goal of \$50,000 by March 1.

Sincerely,

Friends of the Shelter Volunteer Team



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- **Stork Report:** use the monthly newsletter to announce new family arrivals. Just email Nicole Kelbick at [nkelbick@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.
- **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.
- **2009/2010 Playgroup**  
A few changes have been implemented. Instead of meeting weekly, this year’s playgroup will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month from 9:30am to 11:30am, unless otherwise noted. If you are interested in joining or have questions, please contact Nicole Kelbick at 760-0035 or contact that month’s coordinator.
- **Girls Night Out (GNO)**  
The goal is for ladies in the neighborhood to get together for dinner roughly 5 to 6 times a year. A coordinator will pick a time and place to meet, greet and eat. The info will be included in that month’s newsletter.
- **To include items in the Newsletter**  
To include an item in the monthly newsletter, please send the information to [nkelbick@gmail.com](mailto:nkelbick@gmail.com) worded exactly how you would like so that the information can be cut and pasted directly into the newsletter.

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Take care,

Nicole Kelbick  
8373 Autumnwood Way