

BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR - WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT.....

You move into a new neighborhood, you don't know anyone and you really want to become friends with your surrounding neighbors. Hopefully if the weather is nice, you will meet them when you are outside walking your dog, taking your kids for a walk or just working outside in your yard. There are some things to think about when it comes to your surrounding neighbors. Here are a few that might help you adjust to your new surroundings.

Miscellaneous Summertime Smarts



After cutting your lawns, blow & sweep any cuttings off your neighbor's driveway and off the sidewalks after you are done. Please don't blow it in the street (CITY ORDINANCE). It really is messy looking. Blow it back up into your lawn or pick it up.



Be aware of what time you mow your lawn – Try not to do it before 8:00am. Many cities have noise ordinances. Your neighbor might work nights - be courteous to their sleep habits if possible. Working the night shift is hard enough without the noise of the lawn mower and blowers disrupting your morning sleep.



Controlling your dandelions and weeds - neighbors would really appreciate it if you would keep them from going to seed and blowing on their nicely manicured lawns. Mow more often (to cut off seeds) or put down weed killer before they grow.

Trash and recycled materials, they stink in the summertime when it's hot. Please don't put them out underneath your neighbors windows - the smell can sometimes be overpowering. Place them appropriately so as not to annoy your neighbor.

Keep trash cans covered and out of sight (CITY ORDINANCE). Wild animals are smart little critters - they can get into them easily and make an even bigger mess for you to clean up. We pride ourselves in keeping the subdivision pleasant looking – give your neighbors a pleasant view – not one of overflowing garbage cans and bags. Put garbage out after 6:00pm on Sunday (for Monday pickup) and bring cans back in before 8:00pm on Monday.

Pet Owners - Good Pet Tips



Bring your "constantly barking dogs" into your homes - your neighbors don't want to listen to them - even if you tend to blank the noise out - they don't. Many understand if they bark for a few minutes, but after that, please bring them in or acknowledge the bark so they will stop. If they start again – take them in. Eventually your pet will get that if they bark – inside they go.



Pick up after your pet on walks - you are taking your pet for a walk maybe "to avoid picking up the droppings in your own yard" - but your neighbor doesn't want to pick it up either - especially if it isn't from their own pet. Take bags with you on every walk. This also goes for those that walk their dogs in the field of dreams area. Rats will walk miles to a source of food (yes, pet waste is one of their foods). Keep the critters away by picking up your dog waste at home and out.



Keep your pets on a leash - if you let them run rampant - it's against the city ordinances and also not everyone likes pets - some children are afraid (even if you can't understand that) - so don't let them run your property out front without being there to capture them before they run at someone. They don't know your pet is friendly.

Also – pets must be licensed. It is for their safety and also once you sign up for the license, you can renew it by mail every year. So simple and keeps your pet safe if ever lost. If you want them returned, make sure they have a pet license and/or a name tag with your phone number on it.

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Winter Smarts



Keep your sidewalks and walks up to your house cleared. Your mail carrier doesn't have to come to your house to deliver mail if it is hazardous to them - so shovel a clear path to walk on for letter carriers, newspaper delivery and visitors.

Help out your elderly neighbors if they can't get out to clear walkways



If your corner happens to be a school bus stop in the sub, please shovel snow so children and parents can get their kids in and out without slipping and falling. **KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE.**



Park your cars in the driveway if it is going to snow - think about it - it's less driveway you have to shovel (bonus) and the plows can clean the street down to the pavement curb-to curb making it easier to drive in our sub (During snow emergencies - you can park across the sidewalk temporarily without getting a ticket)



Please don't park your vehicles in front of your neighbors house - you might like doing that - but you are hampering your neighbors driveway from being plowed on their side in the winter - plow has to go around your car - making the snow deeper at the bottom of driveways.

Also – in general you are making it harder for them to get in and out of their own driveway.

Safety in the Neighborhood



Please make sure you know where you kids are. If you let them drive in the streets, please make sure they know the rules of the road. Cars are much bigger than a bicycle. They need to always be aware of their surroundings while riding in the street

See the Police Department website (<http://www.ci.dearborn-heights.mi.us/Police.cfm>) for rules and guidelines for gopeds and other motorized scooters. There are guidelines you need to know before using or buying them for your kids.

We hope you find the above items helpful. Many of these items are things that help maintain a beautiful, comfortable and quiet family oriented neighborhood. They are many of the things that helped you decide to move into our subdivision when looking for a home.

Welcome to the Neighborhood!