

Being a GOOD Neighbor

The City of Cleveland Heights has always encouraged neighbor-to-neighbor communication. Street meetings and block parties are held to strengthen that bond. Residents want to feel comfortable and safe living on their street. It is for this reason that the City offers the following reminders. Parents and guardians are asked to discuss the City ordinances listed below with their children.

CURFEW

Parents and guardians have the responsibility for enforcing curfew regulations. Those found guilty of curfew violations will be referred to Juvenile Court.

- Children under 12 may not be out on public streets, sidewalks, public parks or public grounds from the onset of darkness until 6:00 am.
- Youngsters between 12 and 15 cannot be out between 10:30 pm and 6:00 am.
- 16-17 year-olds may not be out between midnight and 6:00 am.
- Special curfew districts have been established in the Coventry Village and Cedar Lee commercial areas. No person under 18 may be on the public streets, sidewalks, public parks or public grounds in those districts between 6:00 pm and 6:00 am. For exceptions, call Community Relations at **291-2323** or visit **www.clevelandheights.com**.

FOR SAFETY'S SAKE

Playing games or walking in the street is both unsafe and a violation of the law!

ANIMALS

Dogs should be leashed at all times when they are outside, and owners must not permit the dog to bark or howl to the extent that it disturbs the peace. Owners must also remove all feces deposited by their pets on public or private property. All dogs must wear valid license tags issued by the county and available from the Cashier at City Hall.

LITTER

If you see litter in your neighborhood, please be a good neighbor and pick it up promptly. Be sure to remind your children not to discard candy wrappers and other litter around the neighborhood.



TRESPASSING

No person, without privilege to do so, shall enter or remain on the land of another. Children should be reminded to avoid trespassing on neighbors' lawns and yards, and to respect elderly residents on the street.

NOISE

Being a good neighbor means that we remember that our houses are close together and our neighbors may not want to hear the music that we play! Please be considerate when you play your stereo. Make sure that only you can hear the music, not the whole neighborhood.

Good neighbors must be aware of the Cleveland Heights ordinance that states that it is not permitted to make unreasonably loud noise (by voice, music, TV, etc.) of such intensity as to disturb the neighbors.

The sounding of any horn on any motor vehicle is in violation of this ordinance. Therefore, ask your visitors to ring your doorbell to announce their presence, rather than honk their car horns, which is annoying to your neighbors.

We want the lawns on our street to be mowed regularly, but you should be aware that the operation of a lawn mower within 300 feet of any dwelling before 7:00 am or after 9:00 pm is prohibited.



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COMMUNITY SAFETY TIPS

The City of Cleveland Heights has been recognized as one of the safest cities in which to live among cities of our size. Since it is always helpful to review ways to protect our property and ourselves, we offer the following tips:

IN ADDITION...

No person shall cause inconvenience, annoyance or alarm by preventing the movements of persons on a public street or sidewalk.

- **PLEASE BE SMART. REMEMBER TO LOCK YOUR DOORS AND WINDOWS.**
- **DO NOT LEAVE PURSES, CELL PHONES, ETC. IN PLAIN VIEW THROUGH YOUR WINDOWS.**
- **REMEMBER TO LOCK YOUR CARS AND KEEP CDS, PHONES, ETC. SECURED.**
- **USE LIGHTS EFFECTIVELY.** When you are going to be gone for any length of time, use clock-timers or a photo-electric relay to turn lights or your radio on and off and, of course, alter your lighting patterns.
- **WHEN GOING AWAY, ADVISE A TRUSTED NEIGHBOR OF YOUR ABSENCE.** Ask a neighbor to pick up your paper, mail and flyers. Make your home look lived in.
- **LEAVE OUTDOOR LIGHTS ON AT NIGHT.** Make sure the fixture is high enough and out of reach. However, be sure your lights do not reflect too much light on your neighbor's property.
- **KEEP SHRUBBERY TRIMMED TO A REASONABLE HEIGHT SO WINDOWS AND DOORS ARE VISIBLE.**
- **CLOSE AND LOCK GARAGE DOORS WHETHER AT HOME OR AWAY.** Lock car doors; keep your car in the garage.
- **PUT THINGS AWAY.** Don't leave articles on sidewalks, lawn or porch. Do not leave your bike unlocked and unattended, even in your driveway or on your porch.
- **WHEN NOT RIDING, LOCK YOUR BIKE WITH A CHAIN TO A PLACE WHERE IT CAN NOT BE LIFTED OVER A POLE.** Register your bike at City Hall.
- **IF YOU HAVE SLIDING GLASS DOORS, PUT A PIN THROUGH THE FRAME OR GRIP FOR EXTRA SECURITY.** Use wedges, pins or brass fittings to prevent windows from being opened above a certain height.
- **DON'T OPEN DOORS TO STRANGERS.**
- **BE ALERT FOR UNUSUAL ACTIVITIES. CALL THE POLICE.** The police want to hear from you no matter how minor you may think a situation. Report to police any suspicious activity. Call **321-1234**. Call **9-1-1** if an emergency situation.

The police do their job effectively because of the tradition of resident involvement and support. **Be a good neighbor.** Get to know one another – that way it is easier to spot an unusual occurrence.

For more suggestions on being a good neighborhood, see the other side!



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