

Association of Powell Place Homeowners' Newsletter

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Monthly Association Meetings Open to ALL Members

The Board meets on a monthly basis **All meetings are open to all homeowners.** You can call Brian Coghlan 881-4686 for a most up to date schedule of meeting dates, times, and locations. Monthly trustee meetings start at 6:00 PM sharp. **The Annual Meeting is February 2 at Powell City Hall, 47 Hall St, in the East Room from 7 to 9 PM.** The tentative schedule going forward is:

- Mar 9 – Robert Davis
- Apr 13 – Joyce Gove
- May 11 – Fletcher Chambers
- Jun 8 – Tom Fitz
- Jul 13 – Dana Ray
- Aug 10 – John Seymour
- Sept 14 – Bob Carpenter
- Oct 12 – Brian Coughlan
- Nov – Carolyn Abbruzzese
- Dec 14 - ?

How to get in touch with your Association of Powell Place Home Owners (APPHO)

Write to: **APPHO * PO Box 1656 * Powell, OH 43065**

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Powell Place Board Members

President: Brian Coghlan 740-881-4686
Vice President: Robert Davis
Secretary: Joyce Gove
Treasurer: Tom Fitz
Trustee: Bob Carpenter
Trustee: Fletcher Chambers
Trustee: Robert Davis
Trustee: Dana Ray
Trustee: Carolyn Abbruzzese

New Deck or Siding?

If you are thinking of building a deck/patio or replacing your siding the City of Powell requires that you obtain a zoning certificate before any construction begins. This helps to ensure minimum uniform standards of construction for all buildings within the city. These minimum standards help to ensure the quality of work done and maintain property values.

In order to obtain a certificate you will first need to submit your plans to the neighborhood architectural review board. Please provide the review board with two copies of your plans. Your plans must include the nature of the work to be done, materials to be used, and the color selections. Upon approval, the review board will return one copy of the plans to you and provide you with a letter of approval. This letter will need to be filed with the City of Powell to obtain your zoning certificate.

The City of Powell has very specific guidelines on the type of construction materials that can be used. For siding, zoning code requires all natural materials; natural wood, brick, artificial stone, stone or stucco, and for our neighborhood, cement fiber siding.



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For architectural review or any other questions for the neighborhood association you can contact Robert Davis (rdavis@powellplace.org) or Dana Ray (dray@powellplace.org).

Zoning certificate applications and inquiries for the City of Powell are made at the Building Department's City office at 47 Hall Street or by calling Maureen Brady, Permit Coordinator at (614) 885-5380.

POWELL PARKS -- LIASON PROGRAM

The Association of Powell Place Homeowner's was extended an invitation by the City of Powell Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to attend a meeting. The purpose of the meeting was for the Park Advisory Board to introduce their "PARK LIASON" program.

As everyone is probably aware, the City of Powell has recently opened a number of new parks. Now comes the daunting task of managing and operating these parks. The City of Powell Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is making an effort to find out how well the new parks and programs are working.

The Parks Advisory Board realizes that there is still much work left to do in the community (such as connections of bike paths, possibly a pedestrian/bike bridge over Powell Road, a park near Powell Place Subdivision, etc.). What they want to understand is what they did that worked well, and what they did that may not be working as well. That way, they can continue to improve upon a solid park district.

The premise of the Park Liaison program is to facilitate communications between residents and the Parks Board. The seven (7) Parks Board members have volunteered to serve as park liaisons for the city parks. These liaisons will help ensure that the parks are maintained in a safe and clean manner. Each board member has been assigned to a park. The park our subdivision has been most directly associated with is Adventure Park (the skate park). The park liaison for this park is Gary Bell. Gary Bell or another park liaison will be coming to our annual meeting in February to explain the park liaison program and what the Parks and Recreation Program have to offer.

Gary's role is visit Adventure Park at least monthly to see how it is being utilized, to see what facilities are being used and what facilities aren't being used, to see that everything is in good working order, and to gather feedback on the park. Since the Powell Parks are in their infancy, the Parks Advisory Board is encouraging you to offer feedback. They can be reached by e-mail at parks@ci.powell.oh.us. They are looking for both positive AND negative feedback. If you have any feedback that you would like to offer, please feel free to contact them. I'm sure Gary will be happy to answer any questions you might have at our association's annual meeting.

SPEED - THE AGE OLD PROBLEM

In our on-going effort to address the problem of speed, the APPHO Board is asking for your help. Numerous options have been considered. Each of the options has its own pros and cons. The efforts considered to date include:



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- Speed bumps
- Additional speed limit signs
- Radar monitoring
- Speed trailer
- Additional stop signs

Powell Place is not the only subdivision experiencing this problem. **This topic will be discussed at length at the annual meeting on February 2, 2006 at the City Hall in the east room from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** This is probably the most common complaint the APPHO Board receives. A recent article was published in *ThisWeek Olentangy* that explained yet another program targeted at controlling speed. It is a national program called "Keep Kids Alive Drive 25". It is a movable signage program that allows signs to be placed in areas where speed is a concern. You may have already seen some of these signs in other subdivisions or at the booth at the Powell Festival in August. There are various opinions about this program but it has been approved by Powell City Council.

As mentioned above, the APPHO Board is also considering additional stop signs and speed signs. The additional speed signs are a matter of adhering to the City of Powell's speed signage policy. The questions include how effective will they be, do we use regular steel posts or upgrade the signs to match the other sign posts at a considerable cost, and who will be willing to put them in their yard. Before additional stop signs are considered, the Powell City Council would

have to review a request for authorization of a traffic study. The request would have to be submitted in writing by the APPHO to Jeff Snyder of the City of Powell. If council authorizes a study, the process continues. If not, the request is not considered further. This process may not sound promising, but if there was enough subdivision support, city council may consider authorizing the study.

The City of Powell police department has been in regular contact with the APPHO Board regarding speed. In addition to loaning out radar equipment to track speed and periodically setting up the speed trailer, they have offered a couple of services that may have a direct impact on the speed issue.

The City of Powell Police Department has offered to increase enforcement in the areas that are a concern if we can offer specific days, times, and location when there are problems. Furthermore, if we can provide vehicle descriptions, license plate numbers, and/or addresses of chronic speed offenders, the Powell Police will have a face-to-face conversation with the individual(s) explaining that complaints have been received.

Many of the chronic speeders are residents of the subdivision. Please contact Brian Coghlan (Association President) at 740-881-4686 or bcoghlan@powellplace.org with the necessary information and he will inform the proper law enforcement officials. You may also contact the Powell Police department directly at their 24-7 non-emergency number at (614) 885-3374. Either way, your information will remain anonymous.



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E-mail address please!

38 down, 118 to go! One long term goal of the Association is to have the newsletter sent via email to as many members as possible. The champion for this project will be Bo Kuhar, newsletter editor. If you'd like to get the **Newsletter** quicker--and help the Association save on printing and mailing costs too--please send an email to Bo with **"subscribe Newsletter Powell Place"** in the subject line. A few parties responded in our last request but we need everyone's cooperation. **PLEASE** include the homeowner(s) name(s) and phone number. Bo may be reached at: bo@kuhar.com. Thanks for your cooperation in advance!

Articles Policy: APPHO accepts short articles and notices for publication in this newsletter from members. The APPHO Board reserves the right to review, reject and edit all material and cannot guarantee publication or accuracy. Submit your information to bo@kuhar.com. Name the newsletter and receive a fabulous, fabulous prize!!!

Next Trustees' Meeting: to be held Feb 2nd at Powell City Hall, East Room. All members are invited! Meeting starts at 7 PM sharp.

Gazebo input needed

The APPHO board has been studying options for the gazebo at the Chenango entrance of the subdivision for several years. We pay taxes on it, while few if any use it. It is in need of extensive maintenance,

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and there is no money in the budget for repairs.

A neighbor has volunteered to move it to his property and maintain it. We plan to accept this offer unless association members object. Please contact the board with your comments.

The above article appeared in a newsletter about a year ago. The board received an objection to giving it away, but no suggestions of what to do with it. This is the status of options:

1. Give it to the requesting Neighbor
2. Do nothing and let it continue to deteriorate.
3. Move it to a more suitable location.- Not possible. Can't identify anyone to move it
4. Remove it (Tear it down)-\$1,500
5. Fix it & continue to maintain-\$3,000
6. Replace it at new location-\$12,000 to \$15,000

Option 2 is probably not a viable option because of the liability aspect. If the gazebo falls into disrepair and we knew about it, and allowed it to happen, and someone gets hurt on the gazebo....we could possibly be held liable. So while it is listed as an option, it probably isn't a viable option.

We plan to ask attendees at the Feb 2nd Annual Meeting to choose an option (1, 2, 4, 5 or 6).

