

# MURPHY PARK NEWS

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## Murphy Parkway Fence Repair Completed

After weeks of delays in getting the details of the accident, filing an insurance claim, finding a contractor, getting the estimates, getting approval for the repairs, having the materials needed be in stock, discovering that each post is buried in about 3 feet of concrete, amending the claim to cover the additional costs, and waiting for the weather to cooperate through all of this, we're happy to report that the fence and the tree damaged by the car accident on July 11th are now good as new. We have several fence boards leftover if anyone knows of a section of fence that needs to be replaced.



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## Yard Post Light Troubleshooting



A tip from Fran:

Earlier this year, our Yard Post Light was not working. We replaced the light bulb, reset the breaker in the electric panel, and located and reset the GFI for the yard post light in our basement, but the light would still not work. We had an electrician coming out for other tasks and asked him to take a look. It turns out, you need to have the light switch for the Yard Post Light in the ON position when you reset the GFI in your basement. This may be common knowledge to some of you, but it was news to us! We hope our embarrassment with the electrician helps out another homeowner to get their yard post light working again.

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## How to Order New Mailbox Kits

The HOA has ordered and paid for five mailbox kits through Morrison Sign Company. These kits are being stored at Morrison and can be picked up from them after ordered by the HOA- we need to report the house number before the kit is ready for pick-up. Each kit contains the mailbox, the scroll pattern, the wooden post, the post wrap with top, and the number plaque on top. The cost per kit is \$591.25 (including tax) made payable to the HOA. Morrison has delivery and installation available for an additional cost. They are not able to sell individual parts of the mailbox kit unfortunately. Please contact the HOA at [murphyparkhoa@gmail.com](mailto:murphyparkhoa@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns.



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## Geese Mitigation at Safreed Way Pond



We've heard from some residents that the geese continue to be a nuisance by the pond at Safreed Way. In the past, we tried goose fencing, which didn't provide great results and has since been taken down. This year, we contacted Ohio Geese Control and received a few proposal options, which we would like to discuss with residents at our upcoming HOA Meeting. The company's services include the use of trained border collies that harass but do not harm the geese. Other tactics that can be used in

combination include landscape modification and egg depredation, if necessary. Details can be found at [www.ohiogeesecontrol.com](http://www.ohiogeesecontrol.com) under the tab "Our Services." If you have any thoughts or feedback, please let us know at our next meeting, or email us at [murphyparkhoa@gmail.com](mailto:murphyparkhoa@gmail.com).

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## Getting Your Home Ready for Winter

It's that time of year again! Here are some things we can do in and around our home as we prepare for freezing temps and winter snow:

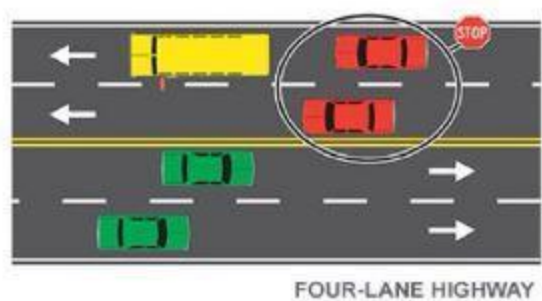
- ✓ Flush sprinklers and pipes
- ✓ Replace furnace filter
- ✓ Drain sediment from water heater
- ✓ Clear gutters
- ✓ Inspect fireplace and chimney



- ✓ Seal air leaks around windows and doors
- ✓ Check batteries in smoke/carbon monoxide detectors
- ✓ Run ceiling fan blades clockwise to push heated air down
- ✓ Store outdoor items in garage such as garden hose, clay & porcelain pots, patio furniture, etc.
- ✓ Trim dead tree limbs (prevent branches from falling on your home/deck during a storm)
- ✓ Make a winter storm survival kit in case the power goes out (bottled water, non-perishable food items, flashlights, extra batteries, extra heat source, etc.)

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## When to Stop for a School Bus in Ohio



On a road with **fewer than four lanes**, all traffic from all lanes must stop when the school bus stops. (This rule applies to the streets in our Murphy Park neighborhood.)

On a road with **four lanes or more**, only traffic flowing in the same direction as the school bus needs to stop. Traffic flowing in the opposite direction should continue.

These rules vary from state to state, so it can be a bit confusing!

Video: [Ohio School Bus Laws YouTube Video](#)

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## Ways to Give Back this Holiday Season

Looking for ways you and your family can give back this Holiday Season? Here are some options to consider in the Columbus area. Please double check with specific locations to see if their opportunities have changed in light of COVID-19.

[50 Ways To Give Back This Holiday Season](#)

[Ways to Volunteer in Columbus](#)



Our next quarterly HOA meeting will be held virtually via Zoom on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 7:00 PM. An email was sent to our membership list with the Zoom information along with this newsletter. If you need the link to join the Zoom meeting, please email [murphyparkhoa@gmail.com](mailto:murphyparkhoa@gmail.com).

After many wonderful years of service to our HOA Board, Art Bischoff is ready to turn over his role as Secretary/Treasurer. Brad Coomes has been working with Art this year to take over this position. We will need to vote for Brad to officially join the Board for 2022. If you would like to join the HOA Board, please use this [nomination form](#). The Board positions are a three year commitment. As always, feel free to email us with any comments or questions at [murphyparkhoa@gmail.com](mailto:murphyparkhoa@gmail.com).

Hope you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

**Fran Gardner**, President (term ends December 2022)

**Lindsey Morris**, Vice President (term ends December 2023)

**Art Bischoff**, Secretary/Treasurer (term ends December 2021)

**Brad Coomes**, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

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