

SPRING 2022



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Bylaw Violations Explained

We know you hate it. So in 2022 let's try to help you avoid those pesky violation notices and fines by focusing on the 5 most common violations from your board members.

1) **TRASH CANS** put them out the night before pickup if you desire but they go back in garage after pick up. Not in the side or backyards or behind a shrub, If you'd like to put up a enclosed area, contact your board representative for approval.

2) **POST LIGHTS** Every home in Crystal Springs is required to have a dusk to dawn **POST LIGHT** via our bylaws. Front porch lights and garage lights are not a substitute. Please take a minute to see if yours has a 60 watt bulb, is turning on at dusk and staying on until dawn. If not, you may have a bad sensor. We are fortunate to have Ken Rober in our neighborhood who has offered his assistance to repairing or advising those who are having issues with their sensors. He can be reached at 616.698.8947. If he determines you have more extensive problems to be repaired and need an electrician, keep your board representative posted. If you're one of the many who have been unable to have underground repair work done over the winter months, it's time to make arrangements with your electrician. Communication with your board representative is key!

3) **TRAILERS AND BOATS** It's that time of year again, and the thought of going camping and getting the boat out on the water is on your mind. After receiving numerous complaints about boats and campers in the driveways, you may remember that the board published that bylaws do not allow for ANY parking in driveways, it's load and unload only in one fell swoop. They must be kept in the garage with the garage door closed, and if they are too large must be stored off site.

4) **HOMES, YARDS AND LANDSCAPING** Property values are very important to all of your surrounding neighbors and the community at large. Before you get the mower going is a good time to take a good look at your yard through your neighbors eyes. Does your home have peeling paint, does your exterior wood need staining, are your portable basketball hoops unused and chucked beside the garage? Have you taken your Christmas lights down? Do you have dead or dying trees? This is a great time to have them removed and replaced. Check your mailbox. Does it need paint or repair or maybe it's time for replacement? Check with your representative for mailbox requirements before you buy to make sure it's approved for your particular neighborhood. And finally, once the growing season starts, keep lawns trimmed, edged and free of weeds.

5) **SIGNS** We know everyone has their favorite cause or favorite politician, but Crystal Springs is not the place to wave your preferences or plant your signs. That includes signs from the contractors you are using.

So what happens when your neighbor calls us or your board member finds there is a violation? First notice comes in the mail, you have a few days to remedy the situation so hopefully the second notice doesn't follow. With the 3rd notice you will begin to receive a fine of \$25. which doubles with each following notice. No one likes fines, but the bylaws need to be enforced or we will lose the community feel, the "look" that brings in people who want to live here, and it's up to all of us to comply as that's what keeps our property values up. If you receive a violation and have a question *call your board member* who sent you the violation. Their name and contact information should be on the notice and they can go over the violation with you. Note that Bonnie Huyser *does not* handle the actual violation notices, however, if you have violation fines left over from last year, please make your payment or contact Bonnie to make a payment plan so that you are current and a lien doesn't have to be placed on your property.

Crystal Springs bylaws are actually quite simple, and a vast majority of the neighborhood has never received a notice. Let's all do our part to make 2022 the year of no fines!! There are better things to spend your money on.

Mark Your Calendars

Annual CSPOA meeting

April 26th 7:00pm

FireRock Grille



you have his collar
 you have her leash
 wait, don't forget the
 collection bag!
 ok, now you're ready!



Upcoming Dates



For social news in the neighborhood
 join your neighbors on Facebook
 just search for
 "Crystal Springs Life on the Course"

Book Club **Kids Events**
Social Events

If you're not on Facebook but want to keep
 informed about upcoming events, call or text
 616.292.3712
 We are happy to add you to text or email alerts!

Do all drivers in your household know what a white cane symbolizes?

Please share this message with your family... there may be more people in Crystal Springs that use a white cane, but the neighbors on Old Lantern know Rich, a visually impaired gentleman that loves to walk his dog and is dependent on his white cane to get around.

Educate your family about the white cane, the legally blind & visually impaired. Recognize it, slow down, and respect people walking with a white cane. Thank you!



Work is finishing up at the East entrance of Kalamazoo with the planting of Maples, White Spruce, shrubs, perennials & stone.

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LOCK it Or LOSE it

DON'T MAKE IT EASY TO STEAL



REMOVE
 Valuables from Vehicles

The old saying "out of sight, out of mind" bears true with criminals. Bring valuables into the house from your vehicle. When away from your home, lock valuables in the trunk of your vehicle. Never leave purses, wallets, cellular phones, jewelry or other valuables in your parked, unattended vehicle.



LOCK
 Your Vehicles

Most criminals are not breaking windows to steal your property. The vast majority of vehicle larcenies are from unlocked cars and trucks. Locking your vehicle is the easiest way to prevent from becoming a victim.



REPORT
 Any Suspicious Activity

Police need your help to be the "eyes and ears" in our community. When you observe someone or something suspicious, call 911 immediately. The assistance of our residents is how we are able to catch most criminals that break into cars.

Don't hesitate, report it.

Items to Avoid Leaving in Plain View

- Cell phones
- GPS Navigation
- Jewelry
- Luggage
- Sports equipment (golf and baseball bags)
- Cigarettes
- Weapons
- CDs/DVDs
- Briefcases
- Purses and wallets
- Radar detectors
- Laptop computers
- Removable radios
- Clothing
- Money (loose change)
- Tablets
- Shopping bags
- Check books