

McNeill News

Spring 2020

Clubhouse Closure

Due to the COVID19 situation, the **McNeill Farms Clubhouse is closed as of the end of day Monday, March 16.**

The Board of Directors feels that the health and safety of every member of the McNeill Farms community is of paramount importance. Residents are encouraged to avoid crowded places and follow recommendations from Governor DeWine and other officials.

Preventing Illness - To protect your health:

1. **Wash Your Hands Often**
2. **Quit Touching Your Face**
3. **Avoid Contact With Sick Individuals**
4. **Regularly Clean Frequently Used Surfaces**
5. **Avoid Traveling To Infected Areas**
6. **Know The Symptoms To Look For** including runny nose, headache, cough, sore throat, fever, and an overall feeling of not being well. More severe infections may result in pneumonia or bronchitis with symptoms, such as high fever, cough with mucus, shortness of breath, and chest pain or tightness.
7. **STAY AWAY FROM OTHERS WHILE ILL**
8. **COVER YOUR COUGH** with a tissue or your elbow every time you sneeze or cough.
9. **IF YOU BELIEVE YOU MAY HAVE COVID-19, SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION** - It's possible that you just have a simple cold or flu, but you won't know until you get checked out.



For more information, visit the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Web site at www.cdc.gov.

Spring Landscaping - Mulching begins during the **third or fourth week of March**. If you do not want mulch in the beds around your unit, **you MUST mark the area with yellow flags** (available at the Clubhouse.)

Mowing will begin before you know it.

- **Do not allow toys or other items to lie in the grass.**
- **Pick up after your dog.** The landscapers will not mow areas that are covered in feces.
- **Fenced in back areas are the responsibility of unit owners.** The landscapers do not cut grass inside them.

Beautification of the Grounds - Thank you to everyone who has in past years helped to beautify the property by planting flowers purchased with their own funds around their unit. If you are thinking about doing this for the coming growing season, please note that **the area around the base of a sign or light pole is not a safe place to put your plants**. The landscaping crew does not look for plants in these areas. They are not liable for damage to such plantings. Also, the **landscaping crew does not tend flower beds put in by unit owners**. If you have beds around your unit planted by you or a previous owner, you are responsible for their upkeep.

If you are interested in **adding trees, shrubs or any other permanent landscape material** in the common area (outside the patio fence or flower beds), detailed plans must be submitted to the Board in advance for written approval. Landscape material placed in the common area becomes the property of the Association and is subject to the Association's maintenance program.

Less Than 90 Days Til the Pool Opens! (We Hope) - Weather and COVID19 permitting; the **pool will open for the season on May 16, 2020**, the Saturday before Memorial Day weekend.

Summer Clubhouse hours are tentatively scheduled to start May 1 and are 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The pool closes to residents at 8:45 p.m. to allow time for proper closing procedures. Pool rules will be posted in the Clubhouse and must be followed.

To use the facilities, **you must have a current, yellow clubhouse pass** and be in good standing with the condominium association (fees paid and no balance on the account for your unit.)

All residents - no matter how long they have lived here - are required to bring proof of residence and a photo ID in order to get a new pass. Renters also need a statement from the unit owner relinquishing their rights to the facility to them. **PASSES ARE NOT ISSUED ON WEEKENDS OR HOLIDAYS**. They can be obtained during regular clubhouse hours Monday through Friday.

You are allowed up to **four guests per unit on weekdays and two on weekends**. Persons from 16 to 17 years of age with pool only passes may not bring guests to the pool.

We Want YOU! - Have you considered serving your community on the Board of Directors of the McNeill Farms East Condominium Association? Elections are held at the May Annual Owners Meeting. This year there are two open positions on the Board.

The Board of Directors exists to provide leadership and make decisions on behalf of the association. It consists of six (6) unit owners. These are volunteer positions and are for three-year terms. If you are interested in putting your name on the ballot, please refer to the nomination form you will receive by mail with the meeting announcement.

A Walk on the Wild Side

There have been coyotes sighted in the area. Please remember to always supervise your pet even if you have it on a cable behind your unit. **Wild animals** may carry diseases that are communicable to your pets and to you. Please do not leave food outside to feed **any** animals or encourage them to visit your backyard. Bird feeders, though allowed in the community, also attract wild animals. Keep the areas around and under them clean to **discourage outdoor critters.**



We have to pay to trap these animals and they must then be euthanized. Please do not encourage their presence or interfere with their removal. ***Interfering in any way with traps placed on the property to manage problem animals is against the law and carries a fine of \$1,000.00.***

Controlling Your Pets

All pets must be on a leash under the owner's control when they are outside. Electronic "leashes" are not an exception. Some people are afraid of dogs. They cannot comfortably use our common areas if they fear for their, their children's, or their pet's safety.

PET OWNERS: You should always carry a bag to pick up after your leashed pets immediately.

Approval for Exterior Improvements

Exterior improvements to your condominium, such as new patios, decks, or fences, require approval by the Board of Directors prior to you starting the work. Forms can be obtained at the Clubhouse or at www.mcneillfarms.com. Debris from such projects **must be disposed of properly.** Break it down into pieces three feet or less in size and put it out with your trash for or call Rumpke to arrange for bulk pick-up.

Test Your Sump Pump

If you have a sump pump in your basement, you should test it once a month. **To test your sump pump,** pour a bucket of water into the hole containing the pump. This should cause the pump to kick on. If it does not, please

contact Jody to arrange for a plumber to repair or replace it.

Trash Can Policy / Bulk Trash Pick-up

- **Put your address on your trash can.**
- **If your can is in bad shape,** contact Rumpke at 1-800-828-8171 to request a new one.
- **If it is missing,** call Columbus Police (614-645-4545) to report it stolen. Get the report number and send it to Jody so she can get you a new one.
- **Trash is not to be placed at the curb other than the night before collection (Wednesday night),** even if you are moving.
- **After pick-up (Thursday night and between pick-ups) cans must be stored out of sight from the front of the building.**
- **You must contact Rumpke at 1-800-828-8171 to schedule bulk pick up of your large trash items.** (The account number for McNeill Farms is 19-19831.)

Reporting Security Issues

Report suspicious or criminal activity to the Columbus Police at 614-645-4545 (for non-emergencies). The Board of Directors and Case Bowen do not have the legal authority to make arrests or detain anyone.

Reporting Maintenance Issues

Report external maintenance issues to the property manager as soon as possible. Forms can be found at the Clubhouse, at www.mcneillfarms.com, or send a detailed e-mail to Jody at jrine@casebowen.com.

To report urgent issues after regular business hours or on weekends, call the Case Bowen Office at (614) 799-9800 and follow the prompts to be connected with the Emergency Service.

Property Manager's Hours on Site

Jody Rine is usually on site the third Thursday of the month from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. With the current building closure, as well as any other time, you can contact her with issues, questions or to schedule an appointment at (614) 799-9800 extension 17 or via email at jrine@casebowen.com.

CLUBHOUSE STAFF CANNOT HELP YOU WITH PROPERTY MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Community Information

Web site: www.mcneillfarms.com

Facebook : <https://www.facebook.com/McNeillFarmsCondos>

Submit newsletter ideas or articles in writing to the Clubhouse or to Jody at jrine@casebowen.com.

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