

Neighborhoodly Consideration

There are a lot of us living in a limited area. Please be considerate of your neighbors.

- Not everyone has the same taste in music as you. **Keep the volume down** in your home and car to a level that does not bother others.
- Parents, please encourage your children to **respect the areas around other people's condos and vehicles.** Trees, shrubs and other plants are for everyone's enjoyment.
- Please **properly dispose of litter** to keep the property clean. Cigarette butts are litter/trash and should not be discarded on the ground.
- Animal waste is not attractive or sanitary. **Pick up after your pet.**
- **The speed limit at McNeill Farms is 12 miles per hour.** Please adhere to it. There are people and pets walking on our streets. Do not hit any of them.
- There is room for each unit to have two **parking** spaces near the building. If you have guests coming instruct them to park in the extra spots that are generally located near the mailboxes. Also, please remember that trailers, boats, etc. may NOT be parked on the property.

Reporting Maintenance Issues

With a community the size of ours, one person cannot possibly see everything that needs fixing. Report external maintenance issues to the property manager so they can be fixed as soon as possible. Forms can be found at the Clubhouse, at www.mcneillfarms.com, or just send a detailed e-mail to Jody at jrine@casebowen.com

Annual December Get-together

Join us for fellowship and fun following the end of year Association meeting which will be held at 7:00 p.m. on **Thursday, December 12, 2013** in the Clubhouse.



Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Non-alcoholic

beverages will be provided.

New Clubhouse Hours

Clubhouse hours are 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Come and exercise, watch T.V., read a book, or just connect with your neighbors.

Come Join Us!

Carol Shown is heading a **Social Committee** to organize activities for adult members of the community.

Suggestions include:

- Cards
- Crafts
- Book club
- Coffee time
- Group exercise
- Community party planning



If you are interested in participating as a member of the committee or in any of these activities, or have suggestions of your own, please sign up at the Clubhouse.

Autumn Landscaping

With the falling temperatures the landscaping crew has just a few more tasks to take care of before wrapping it up for the season.

If you notice little plugs or cylinder shaped pieces of dirt lying in the grass don't panic. It's not lots of dog poo. The plugs are from **aeration** of the lawn.

After the majority of the leaves have fallen, there will be one **leaf pick-up**.



Remember that you are responsible for cleaning up any planted flowerbeds around your unit.

Volunteering for the Community

You may have noticed flowers planted by our **volunteer Grounds Committee** along the north



walking path. Cindy Reid is heading up the group and they did a fantastic job this past summer. (All the work, plants and other supplies were donated!)

With a little bit of elbow grease and determination we can make our community really shine. Volunteering for tasks around the community helps keep costs (and fees) under control. It is also a great way to meet and get to know your neighbors.

If you are interested in joining this committee or volunteering for anything else around the property, please leave your name and contact information at the Clubhouse. And keep your eyes and ears open for future projects you might like to join in, like a proposed "clean-up day" next spring.

Snow Season

It won't be long until the snows of winter will be upon us. We again have to think about snow removal.

The general threshold for initiating **snow removal** is after 2.5 inches has fallen. Each storm and related road condition is evaluated as it occurs by a Board member who lives on site. This way the decision to plow or salt the streets can be made based on the conditions here on the property rather than how much snow has fallen generally throughout the city. If the situation is bad enough, we may have plowing when there is less than 2.5 inches of snow. If it is going to be 40 degrees the next day we might not have plowing at all.

During and after a snow event, **DO NOT** park in front of the mailboxes. These areas must be cleared so mail can be delivered and so you can pick it up. Keep in mind that any place that a vehicle is parked cannot be cleared of snow.



Be aware that the snow removal company is not responsible for shoveling front porches/stoops or driveways in front of garages. If you can, please help your neighbors who might not be able to clear their entryways by themselves.

Decking the Halls (and the Outside of Our Homes)

Please remember that **holiday decorations** should be displayed no earlier than Thanksgiving and must be taken down by January 15.



Rent the Clubhouse for Holiday Parties

The Clubhouse is available for rental. The cost is \$150.00 for up to six hours. See the attendant for availability and a rental form.

Food Drive



Local food banks are frequently out of food for the needy these days. As in the past, we are holding a drive to benefit the Pataskala food bank.

Please bring any non-perishable (preferably healthy) food items to the Clubhouse during regular operating hours.

McNeill Farms Handbook

If you have not yet done so, please come to the Clubhouse to pick up a copy of the revised community **Handbook** for your unit.

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To subscribe for emergency notifications via Facebook or Twitter:

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- By email – go to <http://ow.ly/mVkfn> and follow the instructions

You can see other news/updates on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/McNeillFarmsCondos>) or Twitter (@McNeil Farms) or at our web site (www.mcneillfarms.com.)

Property Manager's Hours on Site

Jody Rine is on site most Tuesdays (by appointment) and Thursdays (open office hours) from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Contact her at (614) 799-9800 extension 17 or via e-mail at jrine@casebowen.com.

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

Thank you to Jody Rine, Carol Shown, Randy Slack, and Theresa Uher for their contributions to this newsletter!