

McNeill News

Spring 2018

SUMMER TIME!

With the (finally) warm weather there will be more people out and about in our community. We want everyone, whether they live here or are visiting, to be impressed with how great McNeill Farms looks. We all have a responsibility to **spruce up our neighborhood** and get it looking good.

Hoses, other gardening equipment, bikes, toys play equipment and trash cans should all be stored so they are not visible from the front of the building.

Your unit and the area around it, including the patio or deck, must be free of any, old, or unusable furniture or grills, weeds, un-stored hoses, broken screens, old tires, pet feces, etc., that make the neighborhood look less than desirable. Someone walks the property looking at areas both behind and in front of units that may need to be tidied up. A letter will be sent to you if your area needs attention. Fines can be assessed if problems are not adequately addressed.



Keep an eye out for things needing repair on the exterior of the building. Fill out a Maintenance Request (from the Clubhouse or www.McNeillFarms.com) or contact the property manager (614- 799-9800 extension 17 or via e-mail at jrine@casebowen.com) to initiate repairs.

Keep Your Belongings Safe

Lock your car doors. Be sure that items of value are not visible in your parked car. Do not leave the garage door open while unattended. Keep blinds or drapes closed or turned so items inside your home are not easily visible.

Landscaping Season is Upon Us

Make sure the landscaping crew can do their job. Please **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 of them.

Over the course of the growing season there will be several **applications of fertilizer** and weed / bug killer to our lawns. The landscapers are required to post notices at the entrances of the property to let residents know they will be spraying. They also put small stakes with signs in the areas they have worked on. Though the signs may say that children and pets should stay off, **liquid applications need an hour or two to dry and after that are safe for pets and people to walk on.**

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. This includes clearing out dead plant material left from last year as well as pulling weeds and keeping it looking neat throughout the growing season.

Beautification of the Grounds

Thank you to everyone who has helped to beautify the property by planting flowers purchased with their own funds in the common areas around their unit. If you have already, or are thinking about doing this yourself, please note that the area around the base of a sign or lightpole 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.



Serving the Community

Have you considered serving your community on the Board of Directors of the McNeill Farms East Condominium Association? Elections are held at the Annual Owners Meeting in May. Two positions on the Board are open each year.

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. Unit owners and their spouses are eligible to run for the Board.

Animal Issues

- Franklin County Department of Health regulations and the City of Columbus Municipal Code prohibit the accumulation of animal waste. **Pick**

up after your pets to keep our common areas as well as your patio or deck area clean. Pet owners should always be carrying a bag to pick up after their leashed pets immediately.

- **Pets, cats as well as dogs, should not be left to roam the property off leash.**
- Food left out for cats attracts unwanted animals. **Do not feed animals outdoors.**
- **Keep the areas around and under birdfeeders clean** to discourage outdoor critters.
- **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.**

Satellite Dishes

You need approval from the Condominium Association Board of Directors before you have a satellite dish installed at McNeill Farms. You can install a satellite dish on the fence or deck behind your unit or on a free-standing pole. You **MAY NOT** attach one to the roof or any other part of the building – **EVER**.

To get approval for a satellite dish, complete and submit an Exterior Improvements form (available at the Clubhouse or at www.McNeillFarms.com).

Exterior Improvements Approval

In addition to satellite dishes, other exterior improvements to your condominium, such as new patios, decks, or fences, require approval prior to starting the work. Forms can be obtained at the Clubhouse or at www.mcneillfarms.com.

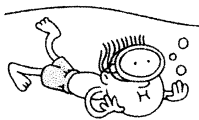
Clubhouse & Pool Hours

It's summer at the Clubhouse!

Summer hours are 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The pool closes at 8:45 p.m.

The pool is open to swimmers as of May 19. You are allowed up to four guests per unit on weekdays

and two on weekends. Persons from 14 to 17 years of age with youth passes may not bring guests to the pool.



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

Test Your Sump Pump

If you have a **sump pump** in your basement, remember to **test it once a month** to make sure it is working properly. 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 at (614) 799-9800 extension 17, or by email at jrine@casebowen.com to arrange for a plumber to repair or replace it.

Trash (Can)Talk

- **You must put your address on your trash can.**
- 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),** cans must be stored out of sight from the front of the building.
- **Between pick-ups, garbage cans must be stored** inside the garage or behind the unit where they are not visible from the street.

Bulk Trash Pick-up

You must schedule bulk pick up of large items. Call Rumpke at 1-800-828-8171. The account number for McNeill Farms is 19-19831.

Reporting Security Issues

Report suspicious or criminal activity to the Columbus Police at 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 on site most Tuesdays and Thursdays 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 to make an appointment.

Community Information

Web site: www.mcneillfarms.com

Facebook :

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

Thank you to Jody Rine, and Theresa Uher for their contributions to this newsletter!
Submit newsletter ideas or articles in writing to the Clubhouse or to Jody at jrine@casebowen.com.