

McNeill News

Summer 2017

Board of Directors

Elections were held on May 11, 2017 at the Annual Owners Meeting for two open positions on the McNeill Farms Condominium Association Board of Directors. Joe Lesko and Theresa Uher were elected to three-year terms.

The **current members of your Board of Directors are Mary Beth Benish, John DeRoche (president), Joe Lesko, Cindy Reid (treasurer), Ron Shown, and Theresa Uher (secretary).** The Board meets the third Thursday of the month from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. unless posted otherwise at the Clubhouse. (The Board does not hold open meetings during October and November due to the budget creation process.)

Please Check Your Mailbox

Our mail carrier asks that you **please check and empty your mailbox at least a couple of times a week.** When the small box gets jammed full, she cannot deliver your new mail.

Animal Traps

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. DO NOT move or tamper with a cage to release an animal or kick or touch them in any way to disable the traps. Please keep dogs away from these cages. Do not let your cats roam as they could get caught in the traps. Wild animals are attracted to bread, bird seed and cat food. Do not leave these or other edibles outside.

Take a Bite Out of Crime

We should all do whatever we can to protect our neighborhood and property. Here are few tips and reminders.

- If you see anyone suspicious removing things from porches, patios, cars or condos, take note of license plate numbers and other specific information and call the police at 614-645-4545 (for non-emergencies) to **report suspicious or illegal activity** on the property.
- **Do not create temptation.** Do not leave items of value 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. Make sure that easily portable items like bicycles are stored securely and not left out in the patio/deck area.
- **If you will be out of town for any reason or your condominium will be vacant,** let Jody know ((614) 799-9800 extension 17 or jrjine@casebowen.com) so she can have the police keep a closer eye on your property.
- **Keep the porch and patio lights on all night.** People may think twice about breaking in if they are visible in the light.
- **Install locks and reinforce doors** to discourage break-ins.
- **Install an alarm system** or, if you want a pet and are willing to properly care for it, get a dog.
- **Talk to your neighbors and keep an eye out for one another.** We are all in this together.

New Procedure for Replacing Broken or Missing Trash Cans

We no longer have to channel requests for new trash cans through the property manager. Going forward, Rumpke wants us to request them using the same procedure used for scheduling bulk pick up.

If your trash can is damaged, call Rumpke at 1-800-828-8171. The account number for McNeill Farms is 19-19831.

If it is missing, call Columbus Police (614-645-4545) to report it stolen. Get the report number and send it to Jody ((614) 799-9800 extension 17 or jrine@casebowen.com) so she can get you a new one.

Put your address on your trash can. You can use decals or paint, etc. as long as it is visible

Remember:

- Trash may not be placed at the curb other than the **night before collection (Wednesday.)**
- **After pick-up (Thursday night), cans must be stored** inside the garage or behind the unit where they are not visible from the street until the following Wednesday night.

It's Pool Season!

The McNeill Farms Clubhouse and Pool are open Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (8:45 p.m. for the pool), and Saturday and Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (8:45 p.m. for the pool.)

You are allowed up to four guests per unit on weekdays and two on weekends. Persons from 14 to 17 years of age with pool only 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.)

To get a pass from the Clubhouse, you must present proof that you live at McNeill Farms such as a recent utility bill or mortgage papers, and a picture ID to prove that you are the person named on the papers or mail. Renters also need a statement from the unit owner relinquishing their rights to the facility to them.

Summertime Reminders

- Mind the **speed limit (12 MPH)** and **watch out for children** when you are driving on the property.
- **Be considerate of your neighbors.** Keep music and other noise to a reasonable level, especially at night.
- Please **pick up after yourself.** Keep your home and the community in general looking clean.
- **Pick up trash, pull weeds and store your belongings neatly.** Do not store unwanted or broken items in your back yard.
- **Pick up after your pet.** Animal waste baking in the sun is not attractive or sanitary (unless you are a fly.) **Thank you to those of you who do clean up every time.**

Fire Regulations

The Ohio Fire Code states that **outdoor fireplaces (chimineas, fire pits, etc.) must be at least 15 feet away from a structure** or combustible material.

Propane or charcoal grills must be at least ten feet away. A fire extinguisher or other means of fighting a fire must be present when any potential fire source is in use.

Bulk Trash Pick-up

To schedule bulk pick up, call Rumpke at 1-800-828-8171. The account number for McNeill Farms is 19-19831.

Reporting Security Issues

If you observe or become the target of any criminal activity, **call the Columbus Police at 645-4545 (for non-emergencies)**. **You may be directed to an automated system to make your report.** The Board of Directors and Case Bowen do not have the legal authority to stop suspicious people, make arrests, or detain anyone who is in the act of committing a crime. If you have the need, call the police as soon as possible.

On the Web

Find community information/news/updates on our web site at www.mcneillfarms.com, or on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/McNeillFarmsCondos>.

Subscribe for emergency notifications via Facebook or Twitter:

- By text messaging- text the word “McNeillFarms” to 84483
- By email – go to <http://ow.ly/mVkfn> and follow the instructions

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.

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

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

Thank you to Dennis Kinsey, Jody Rine, and Theresa Uher for their contributions to this newsletter!