

McNeill News

Winter 2016

Condo Board Meeting Time Changed

Beginning on February 25 the McNeill Farms Condominium Association's monthly board of directors meeting will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Regular meetings of the McNeill Farms Condominium Association Board of Directors are held at the Clubhouse on the third Thursday of the month unless otherwise posted.

Disposal of Over-sized Items

Be aware that there is a charge for pick-up of over-sized trash items even if they are taken with the regular trash pick-up. Fees for disposal of large items such as mattresses, couches, etc., will be charged back to your unit.

To schedule a bulk pick-up, call or email the property manager at (614) 799-9800 extension 17 or via e-mail at jrine@casebowen.com so she can coordinate with Rumpke.

As always, do not put trash out until the night before pick-up (Wednesday night) and store your trash can by Thursday evening.

Landscaping

The Association has contracted with Tree King for **trimming** of overgrowth and removal of dead or diseased trees throughout the entire property. Trees both in front of and behind buildings will be attended to. It is hoped that this maintenance will help our healthy plants thrive.

Due to the mild weather, Site Maintenance will begin **edging** a little earlier than usual. They should get started in a week or two.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

A number of you are allowing your dogs to run off leash. Even if you think nobody will notice, or you think your pet would never hurt anyone, they scare people.

For their own safety, as well as that of the human residents of McNeill Farms, all pets must be on a leash and accompanied by a person when they are outside on the property. None should be left to roam the property off leash.

Parking

1) Double Parking - Do not park your vehicle in any manner that takes up more than one parking space.

2) Parallel Parking - Parallel parking is a safety issue as well as just common sense and courtesy to your neighbors. No vehicle is to be parked in any manner, which blocks any street or driveway, or the ingress/ egress to any garage. This means **no parallel parking in front of garages or behind other parked cars.** Violator can be towed without notice. Parallel parking along curbs is also prohibited.

Serving the Community

Have you considered serving your community on the Board of Directors of the McNeill Farms East Condominium Association? We need your talents and energy to keep the property running on an even keel. 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.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested and want to see how the Board works, please join us at the Clubhouse.

Snow Removal Reminders

Remember that all unit owners are responsible for removing snow/ice from their own sidewalk and stoop (porch) in front of their unit. If you are unable to do so due to a handicap or medical condition, submit a statement confirming the situation (doctor's note, copy of your handicapped parking placard) to the property manager's office at the Clubhouse so it can be directed to the Board member in charge of snow removal. In general, snow removal is initiated after 2.5 inches has fallen. During and after a snow event DO NOT park in front of the mailboxes. Keep in mind that any place that a vehicle is parked cannot be cleared of snow.

Shutters and Doors

Installation of new shutters on our buildings is continuing as weather allows. More than half of the buildings are done. Painting of front doors, inspection and maintenance on porches, front steps and kickboards under front doors will resume in the spring. Old shutters will be removed at the end of the project.

Backyard Patrol

In an effort to keep the community clean and safe, backyards and the areas around individual units will be inspected on an on-going basis.

You are responsible for the limited common area behind your unit (your patio or deck area). You must keep it free of weeds, animal waste, unusable items, and any other debris. Flowerbeds and other plantings put in by residents must also be kept neat. These are not taken care of by the landscaping crew.

Letters are sent out to units not in compliance. If the areas are not cleaned up fines may be levied and the unit owner can be charged for any clean up that must be paid for with community funds.

Holiday Decorations

Holiday decorations should have been taken down by January 15. If you still have your lights, wreaths, etc. outside, please remove them.

Keep Fit During the Cold Months

The Clubhouse is open all year to help you stay healthy and in shape.

Clubhouse hours are 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the weekend.

A Big Thank You

Thanks goes out to Harold who walks his dog Moses on the north walking path. He has been seen with a shovel and trash bag picking up piles of feces that have been left along that stretch of our path by lazy dog owners. His efforts are greatly appreciated, but nobody should have to clean up after other people's animals on our property.

Animal waste looks bad and can spread disease. Exposing other people to your dog's droppings is reprehensible. Every pet owner should be responsible and pick up immediately after their dog.

Reporting After Hours Emergency Maintenance Issues

The number for the Case Bowen Emergency Service is (614) 460-5246. Report urgent maintenance issues to them after regular business hours or on weekends.

Do not call or visit the Clubhouse about such issues. Clubhouse Attendants do not have access to property management information or the property manager's schedule. They do not take calls or messages for the property manager or have any part in initiating work orders.

For prompt attention to your needs after hours, call the emergency service.

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.

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

Community Information

Web site: www.mcneillfarms.com

Twitter: [@McNeil Farms](https://twitter.com/McNeilFarms)

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

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