

McNeill News

Winter 2017

Bulk Trash Pick-up Revisited

We are still having problems with people putting big items out at the curb for trash pick-up without first contacting the trash company. **Remember that 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.)

If you do not schedule a pick-up the items will sit on the curb indefinitely. This makes our community look trashy and has an adverse effect on home values.

Consider Donating Your Used Stuff

Are any of the items you are looking to get rid of still in good, useable shape? There are needy families who can make use of the stuff you no longer want in your home.

Furniture Bank of Central Ohio provides free furniture to people who are dealing with losses due to house fires, homelessness, disability, and other challenges. They offer free pickup of useable furniture, housewares and appliances. Contact them at 614-272-9544 or visit www.FurnitureBankCOH.org to schedule a pickup.

Site Maintenance

Given the relatively good weather, the landscaping crew has started some of their spring-time work already. Edging the beds and lawns around the property will be done earlier than usual. Mulch will not be put down yet. If you do not want mulch in the beds around your unit, flags are available at the Clubhouse to mark the area.

Spring Cleaning Checklist

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.

Your unit and the area around it, including the patio or deck, must be free of any trash, old, or unusable furniture or grills, weeds, un-stored hoses, broken screens, old tires, 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.

Upkeep of windows and doors is the responsibility of each unit owner. Repair or remove broken screens in your windows or back sliding door.

As you are looking around your unit, 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.

Dog owners must pick-up up after their pets. Pet waste cannot be left around your patio, deck or anywhere in the common areas. Aside from looking and smelling bad, dog waste can transmit parasitic worms and diseases to other animals and even people. It is also a finable offense.

Limited Common Area Upkeep

As stated above, unit owners are responsible for the limited common area around their patio/deck, and plantings put in by them or a previous owner. If you do not feel motivated to do this work yourself, one of our neighbors might be able to help.

Tim Ney, who lives on MacFalls Way, is the owner of TNT Landscaping. TNT is available for general landscaping tasks (for areas not covered by Site Maintenance), mowing fenced in back yards, and putting in, taking out or fixing decks, fences and patios. This Spring, Tim or one of his associates (wearing a bright green or yellow polo shirt) may pay you a visit to see if you are interested in more information or a quote. (Please don't call the police. They are not outside solicitors.) You can also contact Tim at 740-391-3610 or TNTLandscaping4u@yahoo.com.

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.

Installers do not always know or try to find out about the community's rule on placement of satellite dishes. A number of residents have dishes attached to their building. These people will be required to remove the dish and repair any damage to the building at their expense. Related costs incurred by the Association in this matter will be charged back to the account of the unit owner.

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 Require 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. Application forms can be obtained at the Clubhouse or at www.mcneillfarms.com. The Board needs to know the type of work you plan to do, who will do it, estimated start and completion dates and specifications/plans for the project.

Parking Reminders

- Do not park your car in the driveway of an end unit that does not belong to you. The resident parked inside the garage cannot get out when you do.
- If you have an end unit, park in the driveway in front of your garage rather than the extra spot next to it, so visitors will have somewhere to park.
- No parallel parking in front of garages or behind other parked cars. Violators can be towed without notice. Parallel parking along curbs is also prohibited.
- Do not park your vehicle in any manner that takes up more than one parking space.

New Clubhouse Passes for 2017

New Clubhouse Passes for 2017 are being issued. As of February 15, 2017, nobody can use the Clubhouse facilities without a new red pass. All residents are required to bring proof of residence and a photo ID in order to get a new pass.

Clubhouse Hours and Rental

During the winter, 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 Saturday and Sunday.

You can rent the Clubhouse for your parties and other events. The cost is \$150.00 for up to six hours. See the attendant for availability and a rental form.

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 (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.

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.