



CHIPPEWILL COMMUNITY NEWS

A newsletter of the Chippewill Condominium Association

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It's officially fall ... one of the most scenic and beautiful times of the year on the grounds of Chippewill. There's a lot going on over the next two to three months. We have Halloween, followed by the time change, Election Day and Thanksgiving. Then ... comes the advent of the winter holidays and you know what else: Snow!

These topics and more will be addressed in this newsletter, which the Chippewill Board hopes you find is a useful source of information about our community.

Trick or Treat, also known as Beggar's Night, will be held on Monday, October 31 from 6 to 8 p.m. — and if you are going to pass out treats, be sure your porch light is on. It's a fun night for the kiddies ... who, in their excitement, may not be watching traffic as closely as they should. Be especially cautious when driving in the community that night and help keep our children safe.



Speaking of safety, we all need to be aware of our surroundings and any suspicious activity in our community. If you notice anything amiss or out of the ordinary, or are concerned over something that is going on, call 911 immediately. You can also call the Columbus police non-emergency number, (614) 645-4545, if you are not sure there's an emergency, but still feel something isn't quite right.



It's coming up on that time of the year again – when Daylight Savings Time ends!

Don't forget to turn back the hands of time one hour on Sunday, November 6 — and enjoy that extra hour of sleep!

Public safety officials recommend changing the battery in every smoke alarm in your home on the two days each year when the time changes. Since this is also the season for using the fireplace, it's a good idea to also check those smoke alarms regularly to ensure they are functioning to capacity.

It bears repeating about the fire alarm system that is installed in every unit. Each unit has its own fire alarm system monitored by Vector Security ... and it is your responsibility to contact them immediately at (614) 367-7820 should the fire alarm in your condo be set off. If the contact information you provided to Vector has changed or you forgot your password, call Ida at the number above for an update; she is at extension 108.

The City of Columbus Division of Fire offers advice and safety tips for winter, including on candle safety, fire extinguisher safety, carbon monoxide dangers and space heater safety. You can learn more online at <https://www.columbus.gov/public-safety/fire/safety-information/Winter-Home-Safety/>.

In addition, the site also includes a one-page consumer tip sheet on extreme winter weather, and this is available at <https://www.columbus.gov/workarea/downloadasset.aspx?id=66099>.

The big day is finally here on Tuesday, November 8 — when we get to elect the 45th President of the United States. Chippewill registered voters don't have far to go to cast their vote. We vote at the Little Turtle Fire Station No. 29, 5151 Little Turtle Way. You can register to vote or change your information up to 30 days before Election Day both online or in person. For additional information — even to see a sample ballot — visit the Franklin County Board of Elections online at <http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov/>.



Despite the impending presidential pardon of one very lucky turkey, most of us will sit down with our family on November 24 to a Thanksgiving dinner of roast turkey, dressing and all the other wonderful accompaniments of this traditional meal. We wish a Happy Thanksgiving to all our neighbors and fellow Chippewill residents.

'Tis the season ... to prepare the inside and outside of your condo for the usual effects of winter, which means winterproofing your condo.

If you haven't yet prepared your unit's interior and exterior for the typical Ohio winter of cold and snow, the long Thanksgiving holiday weekend is a good time to get it done. This is especially important for the exterior maintenance and care that unit owners are responsible for, as stated in the Chippewill owner's manual.

This includes turning off the flow of outside water and removing your hose from the water line and spigot. Roto-Rooter offers some tips on how to protect the outside faucets from the ravages of winter; these tips can be found online at <http://www.rotorooter.com/blog/how-to-prevent-outside-faucets-from-freezing/>.

Winter is a time when many of us want to enjoy the cozy comfort and warmth of a fireplace. First though, you want to make sure that your fireplace is safe and ready to use. Experts recommend that the fireplace and chimney should be inspected and cleaned annually. Bear in mind, the Chippewill units have wood burning fireplaces and artificial logs should not be used.

For additional information, visit two national organizations at:

<http://www.csia.org/about-csia/faq.aspx>

http://static.hpba.org/fileadmin/factsheets/product/FS_FireplaceSafety.pdf.



When it comes to snow removal, unit owners are responsible for clearing snow from their balconies, decks, walkways and other limited common areas that are adjacent to their unit. The association is responsible for snow removal from property lanes and parking areas when a snowfall exceeds two inches.

For additional information on any interior or exterior winterizing preparations that are the responsibility of each unit owner, consult your owner's manual. If you need another copy, contact Kathi Horvath by email to khorvath@casebowen.com.

The Board hopes that the regular Chippewill newsletters provide useful information to our residents. Check out past 2016 Newsletters at <http://www.littleturtle.com/community>.