

TOGETHER OHIO ...

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CHIPPEWILL COMMUNITY NEWS

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Staying Physically and Emotionally Healthy During COVID-19

With the reality of a growing coronavirus pandemic, life as we know it is now drastically changed. We are all struggling emotionally with the reality and uncertainty in our city, our state, our country — and across the world. The Ohio Department of Health offers tips and resources to help cope with the anxiety of COVID-19 online at <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/home/Coping-with-COVID-19-Anxiety/Coping-with-COVID-19-Anxiety>.

One thing the experts are saying in unison is to keep calm — don't let fears and emotions drive you and your family. Numerous state and national organizations recommend the following:

- Keep a two-week supply of food and water, and especially non-perishable foods. If possible, order groceries online for pick-up or delivery.
- Have a good supply of prescription and over-the-counter medications like fever reducers and pain relievers, and other health supplies on hand. Other items recommended by Homeland Security to have available include:
 - Beverages with electrolytes
 - Vitamins
 - Disinfecting wipes & cleaning products
 - Dishwashing soap (liquid & dishwasher)
 - Feminine products
 - Baby supplies, including diapers and formula
 - Cold and flu medications
 - Antibacterial soap
 - Laundry detergent & bleach
 - Toilet paper & tissues
 - Pet supplies and medications
 - First aid kit

Remember, we're all in this together. The following common-sense precautions can go a long way in helping to prevent and contain the spread of Coronavirus and keep you, your family and our community as healthy as possible:

- STAY IN YOUR HOME as the state officials are ordering — and practice SOCIAL DISTANCING.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick — and stay at home if you are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently-touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipes designed to kill germs.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

It's also important to have copies of your medical records, whether paper or electronic versions, readily available. This includes doctor and hospital records, prescriptions, allergies and other pertinent health-related information.

Practice common-sense and recommended precautions, including covering your mouth and nose with a home-made mask or scarf to prevent spreading germs, only go out if absolutely necessary, and maintain the recommended six-foot distance between you and another person.

There is the **possibility that the Chippewill pool will not open by Memorial Day**. The Board will take its guidance from the Columbus Health Department and Ohio Department of Health, and will open the pool in accordance with their recommendations on community pools. We will keep our property owners apprised of this situation as we have more information. In addition, the Annual Meeting currently scheduled for May 28 may be postponed.

An Important Housekeeping Matter ...

If you still have NOT returned the Fireplace Questionnaire form posted on our [website](#), please do so **no later than Wednesday, April 15, 2020**.

Worth Repeating

As always, the Board shares updates and reminders to residents on everyday matters and respectful habits that keep our community beautiful and our residents considerate of all. Below are some matters to keep in mind:

- Be mindful of where you place your trash can for pick-up. Trash cans should be put out the night before trash is collected and placed in front of your own condo unit. Check to be sure that you are not blocking a neighbor's access to their own garage or parking spot with your trash can. You can access the 2020 trash and recycling calendar [here](#).
- Bulk pick-up for larger items by the city of Columbus or a replacement trash container should be requested by calling 311 or scheduling the request [online](https://311.columbus.gov/311_main.aspx) at https://311.columbus.gov/311_main.aspx. You can also access this site for non-emergency police matters, such as reporting suspicious activity; water or sewer issues and other matters normally handled by the city of Columbus.
- Be courteous of other property owners — pick up and properly dispose of your dog's waste immediately when walking throughout the property with your dog. We continue to receive complaints about this. Pets must be on a leash and kept under control at all times when walking them. Finally, do not keep your pets tethered and left unattended.
- The most recent [Chippewill Owner's Handbook](#) is available online.
- Owners need to provide updated contact information, such as phone numbers, email addresses, a name change and so on to info@casebowen.com or by phone to Vector Security at (614) 367-7820. If your condo is occupied by tenants, be sure to send us the name of all occupants in the unit. This information is needed by Vector for fire alarm monitoring purposes.
- Reminder about parking at Chippewill ... unit owners have two parking spaces, one inside the garage and an assigned parking space by their unit, and guests can park on Blue Jacket. Please remind your visitors that they cannot park in another person's assigned space or block unit owners' cars or garages —and advise them ahead of time of this. Also, do not park in the ingress or egress of our drives and streets. Be aware that double parking on streets and in parking areas prevents access of emergency vehicles. Finally, be courteous and respectful of others if asked to move a car that is blocking someone's spot.
- Are you using the [Case Bowen Caliber Portal](#)? This portal is for unit owners, board members and other authorized users to make payments, update their personal information and more. Registration is simple — and requires only that you create a user name and password.
- You can check for the latest board minutes and association financials using the [password-protected page](#) on our [website](#). If you don't have the password, contact [Case Bowen or a board member](#).



Preventing an Electrical Fire in Your Condo

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, there are an estimated 45,000 electrical fires in the United States each year. Vector Security provides some common-sense tips on preventing an electrical fire, which is one of the leading causes of death among people over the age of 65.

- Be sure all major appliances are plugged directly into an electrical wall outlet intended for the specific voltage — not into an extension cord or plug strip. This goes for washers, dryers, stoves, refrigerators and microwave ovens.
- When remodeling, be sure the work is inspected by a qualified professional.
- Contact an electrician if there are frequently blown fuses, wall outlets that are discolored or warm to the touch, or a burning/rubber-like smell coming from the area.

Also, it is recommended to regularly clean all bathroom exhaust fans — and not keep them running constantly — to help prevent an electrical fire starting in the bathroom.