

CHIPPEWILL COMMUNITY NEWS

A newsletter of the Chippewill Condominium Association

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Spring is here – and with the beautiful sunsets and flowering trees come other natural occurrences of the season – one of which is wildlife on the property, including an abundance of geese! We ask owners to not intentionally feed the wildlife.

USDA wildlife biologist Tommy Butler was invited by an owner to attend a recent Board meeting and the issue of geese and other wildlife on the property was discussed. Mr. Butler agreed that owners should NOT feed the wildlife, nor should they leave food out for geese or other animals as it could be dangerous to the animal. The USDA offers the following tips to keep animals and the community safe:

- Do not encourage wildlife by feeding or leaving food for them.
- Don't allow bird food to accumulate on the ground.
- Don't place food scraps in gardens or compost bins, and use a closed compost bin.
- Keep pet food and water containers indoors, especially at night.
- Use metal or durable plastic trash containers with tight fitting lids.
- Enjoy viewing wildlife at a distance. Respect their space and remember they are wild animals that should stay wild.



Spring Storms

With April showers and May flowers also comes spring storm season in Ohio. These storms can cause damage to the property from wind and/or heavy rain. PuroClean Water, Fire and Mold experts in Columbus shared some suggestions for property owners related to insurance, roofing, electrical and flooding.

- **Insurance ...** Take pictures to document the damage and get them to your insurance agent quickly. It's important to understand your insurance policy – some can have hail or windstorm exclusions. Similarly, flooding from a natural disaster is generally not covered; however, separate flood insurance is available.
- **Roofing ...** Check the roof for missing shingles after a heavy storm. If rain is coming in through the roof, a professional contractor can do a temporary fix to keep the interior dry until repairs can be made.
- **Electrical ...** If trees or branches fall on a power line by your unit, turn off your electrical power and call the utility company asap. Do not attempt to cut or remove the trees or limbs yourself.
- **Flooding ...** Remove any standing water that you can do safely on your own with a pump or wet-dry vacuum; otherwise, contact a professional. Again, document any damage with pictures or video for the insurance company.

Learn more about preparing for spring storms online at <https://www.puroclean.com/columbus-oh-puroclean-water-fire-and-mold-experts/blog/are-you-prepared-for-spring-storms/>.

Considering New Windows or Slider Doors?

If you're thinking about installing new windows and slider doors in your unit, we recommend that you do so prior to the installation of the new siding on your building. However, keep in mind owners do need to follow association regulations and submit an Architectural Change Request for Board review before purchase or installation. This form is available online at <http://littleturtle.com/architectural-requests/>. Owners who install windows and sliders after the new siding is put on will be responsible for paying the cost of any damage to the new siding from the window or door contractor/installer. Tentative siding replacement dates are posted online at <https://littleturtle.com/building-siding-replacement-schedule/> for 2021 and 2022 – or you can contact Case Bowen by email or phone to confirm dates <https://littleturtle.com/contact/>.

Worth Repeating

Dog waste continues to be an issue in the Chippewill community ... and dogs don't clean up after themselves!

Be considerate of your neighbors and others on the property. Please pick up and dispose of your pet's poop when it happens. No one likes to see animal waste in their yards, and landscapers and other contractors do not appreciate stepping in a pile of dog waste when they are onsite doing work on behalf of all property owners.



Reminder about parking at Chippewill ... Please remember to follow the parking policy of the Association. Each owner has two spaces, one inside their garage and one assigned space outside. If there is construction work being performed in your area and you are unable to park in the garage or your assigned space, please notify Case Bowen to avoid having your vehicle tagged or towed. Visitor spaces are not to be used by owners for additional parking spaces on a regular basis. The Association does receive complaints when owners continue to park in the visitor spaces for extended periods. If owners have more than two vehicles, they need to park their additional vehicles on Blue Jacket.

Dates to Remember

Pool opens	May 29, 2021 (Please note that this date is subject to change based on any new county or state public health orders issued)
Annual Little Turtle Garage Sale	June 5, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Speaking of the Pool

Looking to volunteer at the pool this year? A Pool Volunteer Form was included in the nomination mailing sent out in March. Simply fill out the form and return it as indicated.

Keep in mind the following about the Chippewill pool:

- The pool is available to all residents, provided they are current dues-paid and are non-delinquent.
- Residents must have a programmed pool pass card for entry.
- There is a limit of four guests per unit.
- Residents under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- Pets are not allowed inside the pool compound or in the recreational area around the pool.

The full list of pool rules and guidelines is listed in the Unit Owners Handbook.