

# CHIPPEWILL COMMUNITY NEWS

A newsletter of the Chippewill Condominium Association

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**HELP WANTED:** Our maintenance team is looking to hire another worker. If you or someone you know has maintenance experience and would like to apply, please send the contact information to the Board by email to [board@littleturtle.com](mailto:board@littleturtle.com).

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With the promise of beautiful fall foliage coming soon also comes the harsh reality of winter – and the need and responsibility of owners to winterize the exterior of their unit – and in particular, the water spigots. American Family Insurance offers some [simple tips](#) to help prepare your property for the upcoming winter season:

- **Winterize your outdoor faucets.** You won't be watering your grass or garden during the winter months, so turn off any outdoor faucets at their respective shutoff valves inside your home. After turning them off, open the faucet outside to let out any remaining water. Be sure to store hoses and sprinklers so any water left inside doesn't freeze and damage them.
- **Bring plants and furniture inside.** Don't let things like your outdoor furniture, grills or plants get destroyed by winter elements. Store items and bring in plants that could get damaged from the cold air, snow or ice. If you don't have room indoors for the bigger items, make sure to cover them tightly with a tarp or other protective covering.

Also, if you are leaving town for any time during the winter months, be sure to keep your heat set to at least 55 degrees to keep pipes from bursting. If you plan to be gone for long periods of time during the winter, consider winterizing your unit to avoid damage to the building and neighboring units.

There are other issues related to the structure of your unit to keep in mind throughout the year:

- **Cracks in garage floors ...** While experts state that most [cracks in a garage floor](#) are not indicative of serious damage, they should be checked out and repaired if necessary. Please note that this issue is the responsibility of the unit owner.
- **Bathroom exhaust fans ...** check and clean them regularly to avoid electrical problems that could result in a fire inside the fan.
- **Electric vehicles ...** Owners who have electric vehicles need a special meter outside their garage – and must use a licensed electrician to install the meter – at their own expense. First, however, owners should submit a request to the Association for approval on where to install the meter. The form to use is available [here](#).
- **Insurance ...** Unit owners must carry insurance for personal property, as well as unit improvements and betterments – check with your insurance agent to make sure you have proper coverage. Owners are welcome to contact American Family Insurance agent, Ty Kashmiry at (614) 923-2886 to get a quote for their personal condo policy. Other contact information for American Family Insurance is available on the [Little Turtle website](#).

## Property Matters

The following are issues or questions that are frequently brought to the attention of the management company and/or board members.

- **Please be a responsible pet owner and pick up after your pooch!** There continue to be some owners who do not pick up their dog's waste when walking the property. There are pet waste stations and waste bags situated throughout the grounds to use.
- **Do not leave bulk items on Blue Jacket for pick up.** Items will not be picked up if not scheduled accordingly. Call the city of Columbus at (614) 645-3111 to schedule a bulk item pick up. To schedule online or to learn more about what items will be picked up, or how to donate the item instead, click [here](#).
- **Moving or refinancing your unit?** You can place an order online with [Homewise](#) for condo questionnaires.
- **The Chippewill Declarations and Bylaws, as well as the Chippewill Owners Handbook, are available online.** They are accessible from the [Community Resources](#) page. Also available from this page are the Board's monthly meeting minutes and financials; however, these documents are for owner access only and are password protected. Please email [info@casebowen.com](mailto:info@casebowen.com) to request the password if you do not have it.
- **No more animal trapping on the grounds.** The Board voted at its September meeting to discontinue the animal trapping service effectively immediately. You can learn more in the minutes that are posted online.
- **Threats and vandalism on Chippewill grounds.** The Board reminds unit owners to report any threats or acts of vandalism they hear or see to the Columbus police by calling 911. If you see (or have seen) any damaging of association property by a resident, please report this to the Association.

The bridge and some street signs have been damaged and are costly to repair or replace. We want to charge and prosecute those individuals who have been doing this damage. We also just learned of another complex in the Little Turtle community that reported a large rock was thrown through a sliding glass door of one of their units.



**Don't forget to turn back time** at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 7 – when we can get that extra hour of sleep!

It's also a good time to check any battery-operated smoke alarms!