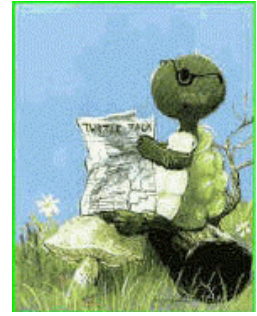


Turtle Talk

Web Edition



November 09

Newsletter for Pickawillany Condominium Residents



November Board Meeting

Topic: Association Budget for Year 2010

Monday - November 23rd

7:00 p.m. @ Pool House

Replacement Fire Alarm System

Finally! The replacement fire alarm system is nearing completion in almost all of the condo units. With the installation of five more buildings this week, the installation should be completed on November 20th. All of the building captains have been trained on the outside alarm panels. It should be clear now that everyone in a building should know the building captain and where the panel is located. If not, a listing of all building captains and the location of each panel is located on our website (www.littleturtle.org).

With this replacement system, the new panel can be reset from the outside, making access to the master panel located inside the unit very limited. While operating normally, the outside panel should reflect the time and date. If a fire alarm goes off, this panel will reflect the unit number and the specific area affected within the unit (attic, main level, basement, etc.). The alarm horns will automatically shut off in 4 minutes. There is a trouble warning built into the system and is an amber light on the panel and a beeping every 10-20 seconds. The monitoring company should detect this in most circumstances and Sentinel Alarm Company will respond to see what the trouble may be. If you should notice this trouble continue for an extended period please notify Sentinel Alarm Company at 473-0383; they will respond to check the system. The system monitoring will continue even when the trouble alert (amber light) is shown.

False alarms will be at the resident's expense. The City of Columbus charges the following fees for false alarms.

1-2 per year	No Charge	5-6 per year	\$200 per each
3-4 per year	\$100.00 per each	7, 8, 9 per year	\$400 per each
	10 & above per year	\$800 per each	

Following are some guidelines to help you avoid false alarms.

- Make sure your exhaust fan located in the bathroom nearest to the smoke and heat detectors outside the baths and bedrooms is in good working order. Be sure to use the

fan when you are showering to avoid heat and steam building up. You may want to invest in the new "silent" exhaust fans that are available.

- Avoid spraying hair spray directly under the smoke and heat detectors.
- Be certain food items are not left on the burner or in the oven when you leave the house.
- Make sure your chimney is clean and your damper is open before starting a fire in your fire place.
- Anyone having work done that will create dust, smoke and fumes (such as tile work) should contact Sentinel Alarm Company at 473-0383 to have the fire alarm put in "off-line" status for the duration of the work. Please remember that if you choose to have the alarm put into an "off-line" status you will need to call 911 immediately should you have an alarm. If you choose this action, you are responsible for contacting Sentinel Alarm when the work is completed and to have your alarm put back into "on-line" status.

Like all situations that require the cooperation of all unit owners, this has been an interesting experience and a wonderful opportunity to meet so many of you and work with you. We certainly wish to thank all the residents and especially the building captains for the opportunity and in making the project a success. *Fire and Safety Committee*

A New Resident

There is a new resident on Smoketalk Lane . . . 9+lbs Baby Boy McCort . . . welcomed to the world in early November by parents Ryan and Michelle, and big sister Mia.

Economic/Environment Committee Report

Save\$\$ and Reduce Water Usage: The Committee is researching the use of rain barrels. Hook-up for these test barrels will be in the spring. We are working with the Architectural Review Committee on this project. What If: What if we wouldn't have to drive to farmer's markets, but could have the farmers come to Pickawillany? We could save money on gas and earn weekly rental fees. Needed: An interested person(s) who could devote time to work on this farmers' market project. Is that you? Please contact any member of the committee (Kay Fisher @ 614-361-0083; J. Jones, Chanda Mapes, Joyce Selfman, Matt Wyatt). K.Fisher

Holiday Decorations Encouraged

On a 62F degree day in November, the holidays seem far off, but they are just around the corner. To brighten up the dark nights of winter, put up holiday lighting and decorations after Thanksgiving. Be sure to use lighting, extension cords and outlets rated for outdoor use.

A Note of Appreciation to B.J. Underwood for her regular contributions to this newsletter. She has resigned from the Communications Committee and now is directing her energies to the Fire & Safety Committee and to the Architectural Review Committee as its chairman.

A Few Thanksgiving Thoughts

'Tis the time to . . .

Thank the Maintenance Staff - John Cooper and Daryl Holland - for their work and for being so agreeable and helpful.

Thank the Board members and Committee members for the time and effort they donate to the community.

Thank everyone who beautified the grounds with flowers last summer, especially Earlene and Jack Simpson of Wintersong Lane.

Regular Pickawillany Monthly Meetings

First Wednesday	Maintenance Walkaround	2:00 p.m.
Third Saturday	Grounds Committee Walkaround	9:00 a.m.
Fourth Wednesday	Regular Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Environmental Committee	Call Kay Fisher	361-0083

All Begin at the Pool House

Trash collection day is Tuesday until Thanksgiving, November 26, when it will change to Wednesday.

Our collection day color code is GRAY.

Yard waste pick-up will be provided by Mid-Ohio Landscape every Monday (no fee) until mid November.

For bulk item pickup, call 645-3111 or go to www.citycolumbus.org.

Pickawillany's website: www.littleturtle.org

Pickawillany Condominium Unit

Owners Association Board Members

Lois Kamnitzer, President	899-9419
Matt Wyatt, V. Pres.	895-5656
Tom Fadorsen, Treas	891-1051
Bill McKnight, Secty	882-5335
Linda Garlinger	899-7885
Joyce Selfman	523-0515
Gerry Underwood	818-1596

EMERGENCY FIRE OR POLICE - 911

Other Telephone Numbers

Columbus Police Department	645-4545
Fire Department (Emergency)	221-2345
Sentinel Alarm Co.	473-0383
Towne Properties	
Keith Morrison, Pickawillany Mgr.	781-0055 Ext 130
Lynn Powell for Maintenance	781-5120
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Towne Properties Fax Number	781-0832

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Special Turtle Talk Insert

Prepared by Debi Abbott

ATTENTION - DOG OWNERS!

Important Information Regarding the 'Pooper Scooper' Law!!**
Leaving Pets' Fecal Matter Unattended Is a Serious Matter

It is unhealthy - e.coli, giardia, parasites, round worms and other intestinal infections and diseases can be caught easily, not just by animals but by people cleaning the mess off their shoes when they accidentally step in feces!

It is not a 'green' source of fertilizer - This is **not** considered manure or fertilizer by any landscaper, farmer or veterinarian. Cows, horses, pigs may eat raw vegetation but dogs do not. The qualities of fertilizer come from the processed raw vegetation, not the poop!

There are more children in the neighborhood - The snow last winter was unsightly! Not just kids like to walk and play in the snow and have an old fashioned snowball fight. And we have several green spaces where families could play together outside but it has been necessary to do a 'minesweep' for poop first.

It devalues the whole Little Turtle community - Potential condo buyers see and have to step over, hopefully not in, dog poop to check out properties. This shows condo owners' disrespect for others and their community, not a good selling point.

Curb Your Dog

This law in every state, including Ohio (and Columbus and Westerville), means not only to keep your dog under control but to pick up your dog's poo when they are out of your property. In our case, out of our condos four walls. The Pooper Scooper Law means owners cannot allow their pets to soil buildings, nor can a dog make a nuisance of himself on the grass of a parkway or on the sidewalk. Curbing your dog involves cleaning up their fecal waste after they have done their business in a public place or neighborhood. You don't have to spend a ton of money to curb your dog and it is also an ethically and socially responsible thing to do.

Instructions on How to Curb Your Dog: It's the Law!

Level of Difficulty: EASY

Things You'll Need: Dog waste bags, Personal time, \$10 budget or less,
Hand sanitizer

Step 1 - Purchase the necessary supplies. A trip to your local [pet](#) supplies superstore will provide you with dog curbing bags. These are much smaller bags that usually come in packs of 100 or more; they make for easy disposal of dog waste.

Step 2 - Take your dog on their walk. Most people walk their dogs each and every day. When you go to take your dog on their next walk don't forget to grab at least two bags per dog.

Step 3 - Stash the bags in your back pocket. After you grab several of the curbing bags, make sure to place them in your back pocket for safe keeping.

Step 4 - Let your dog do their business. This is rather simple: if they have to go - let them go.

Step 5 - Clean up the waste. Once they have done their business, slip your hand into one of the bags so it can work as a glove. Open the other bag and using your gloved hand, fill it with the dog waste. (Or pick up the dog poo and turn the bag inside out with the dog waste inside.)

Step 6 - Tie the bags and dispose. Next tie the bag shut and dispose of it in the nearest garbage can.

Step 7 - [Sanitize](#) your hands. After you have disposed of the waste thoroughly sanitize your hands using a hand sanitizer.

****Health & animal Codes & Ordinances: State of Ohio Rev Code Sec 955.22. Charter of City of Columbus, Title 7, Ch 705; Title 23, General Offenses Code; Article III Parks & Rec. Westerville Code of Ordinances, General Offenses Code, Ch 529, Health, Safety & Sanitation. Pickawillany By-Laws**