

Turtle Talk

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A Newsletter for Pickawillany Condominium Residents

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NOTES FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting was held on May 27, 2026 on Chuckleberry LN, near the clubhouse, due to the grounds being so saturated from the rain. We had an incredible turnout for the meeting, bringing out a great mix of familiar faces and several new owners. 32 owners registered and 21 proxies were registered for a total of 53 votes. The meeting was called to order by Jesse Kanitz, Esq. of Williams & Strohn Law Offices at 7PM. There were a total of six candidates running for three positions. Two volunteers from the community counted and recorded the votes with Apogee and our Attorney monitoring. They certified the count and **Linda Rowell, Linda Garlinger and Debra Murphy**, were elected for the two year term. The community thanked Eric Murphy and Marvin Blank for their service.

Darlene Slater thanked the snow warriors for shoveling sidewalks over the winter. The warriors are: **Miranda Bartholomew, Don Schlaechter, Darlene Slater, Linda and Tony Rowell, Rick Stephens, Nate Fulton, Logan Dwyer, Rick Adkins, Stacey Everhart, Jesse Roberts, Mary McNitt, Eric Murphy, Carol Burgett, and Matt Wyatt.** Darlene also thanked all those who painted garage doors last year; **Cheryl Hill, Debi Motylinski, Laura Crumb, Laura & Larry Ash, Matt Wyatt, Tony Rowell, Rick Adkins, Eric Murphy, Don Don Schlaechter, Darlene Slater, and Mitzi Payne.** Darlene mentioned that the Association will be asking for volunteers to paint the light posts in the near future. Zee Shaheen of Apogee Property Management read through the financial report as of December 31, 2025. Zee also shared the percentages, such as our contribution to the

Reserves at 34.6%, and maintenance at 16.7%. Zee informed the Community that we are in compliance with the Reserve Study in the Funding of the Reserves at 34.6%. Zee informed the owners that there are four buildings that require major foundation work and funds are going to be needed for this.

The issue of water that has been trickling away was brought up and that the Association is looking at potentially needing massive water repairs and metering upgrades to help stem the flow of loss of water revenue. Zee shared that the two large delinquencies have been paid which has brought in over \$50,000. Apogee will continue to work closely with Williams & Strohm to keep the delinquency rate low.

Dedication

There is a print that is hanging in our clubhouse with the Little Turtle turtle that is used on the upper right page of Turtle Talk. This is a 1967 Suzy Spafford piece of art, with the original turtle reading the Wall Street Journal. He has decided that he really loves Turtle Talk. This was donated by Pat Purtee and the communications committee decided to add a small plaque to honor BJ and Gerry Underwood for their contributions to the communications of Pickawillany, Gerry for creating and maintaining the website and BJ for her work with Turtle Talk.

Please take a walk on our greenspace and find the plaques and trees that were planted for Kathy Murray and BJ Underwood.

"What we have once enjoyed, we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us." Helen Keller

A TRIBUTE TO KATHY MURRAY

Kathy moved to Pickawillany in April of 1974. She fell in love with the architecture, the magnificent old oak trees, the natural setting and the peaceful escape that at the same time was also new and exciting. Condominiums were a new concept in 1973. She loved her new home and over the next 50 years she showed that love by her unselfish gift of her time and intellect in so many ways.

She made life long friends as she served on many Boards over the years. She was Editor of the Turtle Talk newsletter that at the time was printed and delivered to all 193 units.

There is no aspect of service that she was not a part of. Her contributions to the Architectural Review Committee, the Grounds, Social and Communications Committees were valued by all who served along with her.

Kathy loved to take long walks with anyone able to keep up with her. She was a lover of the plants and the birds that she observed . This led to her becoming an accomplished nature photographer.

In her later years Kathy was lovingly referred to as the Pickawillany historian. Whenever a question came up about past happenings, someone always said " just ask Kathy Murray" she knows.

Kathy loved her community and her community loved her back. Her generosity of spirit and civic involvement will be

remembered with respect and gratitude.
(Linda Garlinger)

IN MEMORY OF BJ UNDERWOOD

A red haired spirit with a passport full of miles and a mind full of books. BJ lived with equal parts of artistry and pragmatism. She moved through the world with tact, diplomacy, and quiet strength - a woman as well heeled as she was well read.

Her devotion to community was not a gesture but a lifelong practice. She served faithfully on the Board of Managers at Pickawillany Condominiums, guided by the ARC with fairness and clarity, and continually revised the Resident's Manual to keep it living, useful and true. Her words shaped Turtle Talk, her efforts shaped the place she loved.

Beside her, her husband Gerry kept the community connected, serving as webmaster and ensuring every update, every detail reflected the same care she carried in her work.

BJ's legacy is one of service , creativity, and grace- a life well traveled, well lived, and deeply appreciated. She leaves behind a community made better by her hands, her mind, and her generous heart.

(Pat Purtee)

A FINAL GOODBYE

John J. Kennedy, 85, of 5027 Chuckleberry passed away August 9, 2025. John moved to Pickawillany on November 13, 1978. John Kennedy earned his Ph.D. from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and his undergraduate degree from Westfield State University in Westfield, Massachusetts. For more than 40 years, he taught and

conducted groundbreaking research in Ohio State's Department of Education.

A devoted Columbus Blue Jackets fan, he was a familiar face before games—chatting with players, coaches, and fellow fans, whom he affectionately called his “second family.”

John Kennedy served on the Board of Directors for many years and devoted much of his time to ensuring that our community looked beautiful and well kept. He was often seen out walking and moving trashcans and putting notes on vehicles. Cheryl Hill was a long time friend of his and asked that we recognize him and his contributions to Pickawillany.

SHOUT OUT FOR OUR GARDENS

Many of our residents have been very busy producing the beautiful gardens in our community. There are beautiful - lilies, hostas, ferns, peonies, irises, hibiscus, begonias, etc. Lots of hard work, pained backs, and tons of rain all worked together to bring us this beauty.

Darlene Slater is asking for volunteers within the community to assist with cleaning up or “spiffing” up the common areas, such as the entryways and around some garages. If an owner is having difficulty maintaining their limited common area please notify Darlene and she can direct the volunteers to assist.

Gardening is the art that uses flowers and plants as paint and the soil and the sun as canvas. -Elizabeth Murray

POOL SEASON

The pool season is in full swing and it is so delightful to see so many enjoying their amenity. We all have ownership of our pool, tables, chairs, and umbrellas not to mention the clubhouse and bathrooms. Please be kind and make sure that you leave the area that

you enjoyed the pool from in as good if not better shape than you found it, and please keep the restrooms clean. We do not have staff to clean up after owners. Our restrooms and the clubhouse is cleaned every Friday and Monday. The Board has asked owners to safeguard the pool and to feel free to dismiss those 18 and under from the pool if unattended by a responsible adult. Anyone hopping the fence should also be dismissed from the pool area.

OUR POOL RULES

As a refresher the pool rules are posted at the pool and on our website at: <http://littleturtle.org/pool-clubhouse>. It is very important to review the rules for our pool to have a smooth running season.

1. The grill is available for everyone. When you use it, please clean it so it can be clean for the next owner.
2. Please let Apogee Property (614) 725-3095 administration@apogeepm.com if you plan to use the grill so the gas level can be checked. There is no one available on the weekend to purchase more propane.
3. The top of the hour will be set aside for lap swimmers. All others should exit the pool for a period of 15 minutes. The pool clock will help serve as a reminder.
4. Do not prop entry doors open at the pool. Pool key cards are to keep out anyone who is NOT a member.
5. Residents using the pool need to keep it clean, including rest rooms. Be considerate of the next person.
6. **OBSERVE THE PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON CHUCKLEBERRY.** This is a firelane and a firetruck may need to get by they do not have time to ask you to move your vehicle and it could get damaged.
7. If you do not have a key card, please contact Apogee Management. If you lose your card, there is a replacement charge of \$25.00. Please contact Apogee if your pool card is not working.

8. Swimming Pool Hours: 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM daily. Pool rule violations are subject to a \$50 per day enforcement charge and/or suspension of all pool privileges for the swimming season. Unauthorized pool use if subject to a \$50.00 fine and possibly other penalties.

AIR CONDITIONER UNITS

Remember to have your HVAC unit inspected. Before you call for service, here are a few things to check.

- Check the batteries on the thermostat. replace if necessary.
- Check the blower - you should be able to see and hear it if the fan is on.
- Check the drain line. Look for liquid that couldn't come from another source - the line is likely leaking refrigerant. A professional inspector is warranted.
- Check your air filter which should be changed periodically as required by your individual usage.
- If your unit is not working, check the breaker before contacting a pro.

WAX AND WATER DO NOT MIX - WHO KNEW?

This story ran during the holiday season on a major network. Because, many of us love candles year round, we burn citronella candles in the spring and summer and this story is relevant.

Wax and water make fire. Who w\knew? Enjoy your candles, but watch this video for caution.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZI30ZnePn60>

SAFELY REMOVE ALGAE FROM CEDAR AND KEEP PLANTS ALIVE.

To safely remove algae from cedar without harming your plants, pre-soak the foliage with plain water, apply an eco-friendly

oxygen bleach or vinegar solution, scrub with a soft brush, and thoroughly rinse. Avoid harsh pressure washers or non-diluted chemicals to protect the delicate wood.

Step-by-Step Cleaning Process

1. Protect Nearby Plants Before applying any cleaner, thoroughly drench the surrounding plants and soil with a garden hose. This saturates the leaves, acting as a protective barrier so the plant doesn't absorb the cleaning solution.

2. Choose the Right Cleaner Eco-friendly option: Mix ½ cup of oxygen bleach (like OxiClean) with 1 gallon of hot water. Oxygen bleach effectively kills algae and removes stains without damaging the wood or poisoning the soil.

Vinegar option: For a completely natural alternative, mix equal parts white vinegar and water in a spray bottle.

3. Apply and Scrub Test the solution on an inconspicuous spot first. Spray or brush the mixture onto the cedar and let it sit for 10-15 minutes. Scrub the algae gently with a soft-bristled brush, following the direction of the wood grain. Avoid wire brushes, which can damage cedar fibers. (Article suggested by Victoria Frisch)

I fear the day that technology will surpass our human interaction. The world will have a generation of idiots.

Albert Einstein

5 TOP RATED HIKING TRAILS NEAR COLUMBUS OH

Interested in going for a walk or a hike? Check out these hiking trails.

Looking for top-rated hiking near Columbus, OH? Some of the best and highest-rated hiking trails and parks right outside the city include:

- **Highbanks Metro Park (Lewis Center, OH):** Features steep shale bluffs, scenic river views, and a moderately challenging hike along the 4.58-mile multi-use trail.
- **Quarry Trails Metro Park (Hilliard, OH):** Known for waterfalls, stunning cliff views, and excellent easy walking loops right in the metro area.
- **Hayden Falls Park (Dublin, OH):** An easy 0.3-mile boardwalk trail that leads directly to a beautiful 35-foot cascading waterfall.
- **Blendon Woods Metro Park (Westerville, OH):** Features peaceful, forested 2 to 3-mile loop trails with a nature center, waterfowl lakes, and scenic stream-cut ravines.
- **Scioto Audubon Metro Park (Columbus, OH):** Offers an easy, flat 2.16-mile route along the Scioto River with spectacular downtown skyline views.

The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience but where he stands in times of challenge and controversy. —Martin Luther King Jr.

MISSING PERSON

Answers to: "Somebody"
 Description: No one really can describe what "somebody" looks like. What we do know is that "somebody" always spreads rumors, most of them untrue. When "somebody" says something, people tend to forget when exactly it was said, leading us to believe "somebody" has magical powers. Last heard from sometime last week. If seen, contact a Board member.

NEED NEW SLIDERS?

When you are considering purchasing new

sliders, please coordinate with the maintenance department so framing, flashing and all rotted wood can be inspected and addressed before the new installation. This is very important. If this does not happen and rotted wood is noticed later, the homeowner will need to hire a contractor to remove the new window before the maintenance can fix the problem. Remember, When you are considering new sliders to check the Residents Manual, littleturtle.org, page 27 Windows and Sliding Door Replacements, for a full listing of specifications and a recommended list of approved vendors.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 6/01 - Meteorological Summer Begins
- 6/14 - Flag Day
- 6/17 - Board Meeting
- 6/19 - Juneteenth
- 6/21 - Father's Day
- 6/21 - Astronomical Summer: Begins
- 7/4 -Semiquincentennial (250th) birthday

Garbage - Monday - 6/10, 6/17

Thursday - 6/25, 7,2

Friday - 7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 7/31

Recycling - Friday - 6/12, 6/19, 6/26, Saturday 7/4

Friday - 7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 7/31

Yard Waste - Friday - 6/12, 6/26, 7/10, 7/24

Please have trash containers, recycling containers and yard waste (in yard waste bags) out by 6:00 A.M. by the edge of the street.

What ever you do, do it with the confidence of a 4 year old in a Batman shirt.

PICKAWILLANY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Nate Fulton (President)
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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency Fire or Police**9-1-1**
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**ALL MAINTENANCE REQUESTS MUST
BE PLACED THROUGH APOGEE WITH
A PHOTO**

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