
THE OTC NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2020

There are times when we have to dig really deep and rise to the challenge. If the coronavirus progresses as predicted, our country, our city and our little community here will be challenged in ways that are new to all of us.

To protect our residents and their families, the board made the hard decision to cancel lodge rentals and close the fitness room until further notice. Rental deposits will be refunded. We apologize for any inconvenience, but it was a necessary step for the health of the community.

We ask that you join us in reaching out to those in our community who are most vulnerable and under special pressure: our seniors and those living with chronic medical conditions. We need to help these people remain healthy. Stay in touch with your neighbors, watch out for them either in person or through our Facebook page or other social media. If you are someone in need of help, please call Patterson Merkle so they can alert board members and volunteers to your needs. If you can volunteer, notify mholevas@sbcglobal.net to get on the list. Someone may need groceries, someone to walk their dog, or maybe just a friendly text or email to someone confined to their home. Express your gratitude to the employees of Patterson Merkle and to anyone who takes care of us. We are all under the same stress. If someone has other ideas that could make a difference in these trying times, please contact a board member.

For health information, please continue to rely on the excellent work that is being done by the State of Ohio and Franklin county. CDC.gov is an excellent website for current information.

We have to watch out for each other, be brave and carry on in whatever way we can as we face this pandemic together. This is what community is all about.

We are on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/OlentangytheCondominiumResidentPage>. This is for our community to share information. It is not the place to request Board approval or maintenance requests.

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Board Meeting Dates

Board meetings occur every third Thursday of each month, excluding July and December.

March 19 **Cancelled**

April 16

May – Annual Meeting (not scheduled)

Meetings start at 7 pm

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Upcoming events

- The board has been working with Patterson Merkle and our lawyer to complete the revisions of the Policy Handbook. We anticipate it being completed in one month. As soon as it is completed and approved, each resident will get a copy. It will also be posted on our website. Stay tuned.
 - The annual meeting and board election will be held on May _____. Be thinking about if you or someone you know would like to run. There will be two open positions.
 - Pool opening to be announced depending upon coronavirus status.
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I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear.

Nelson Mandela

Important Numbers

Police

Non-life threatening emergency 614-645-4545

Fire

Non-life threatening emergency 614-221-3132

Poison Control Center 1-800-222-1222

Hazardous Waste 614-294-1300

Animal Control 614-525-3400

AEP Electric 1-800-672-2231
aep.com

Columbia Gas
Customer Service & gas emergencies 1-800-344-4077
columbiagasohio.com

City of Columbus Bulk Refuse 614-645-3111
Residents are responsible for Contacting Bulk Refuse for the pick-up of large items and for carrying them to the refuse container area.

Patterson Merkle Management
Diane Mauk, Property Manager 614-235-1187
After Hours Emergency 614-221-7985

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Maintenance requests for common areas can be submitted online or directly to: Patterson Merkle Management

4900 Reed Rd, Suite 230 Columbus OH 43220

pmservicerequest@gmail.com

<http://www.olentangythecondominium.org/residents/request-forms/>

Landscape

We know a lot of you are itching to do some planting. Please **remember that anything planted outside your fence or front door needs to be approved by the board.** Some guidelines and suggested list of suitable planting should be posted on the website by the end of the week. Residents aren't necessarily restricted to this list but are encouraged to use it as a guide. All planting needs to be something that is easily maintained and is non-invasive. We spent hundreds of dollars last year removing invasive growth planted by previous residents.