

Life during a Pandemic

Just when it seemed like we'd gotten away unscathed with a mild Winter and no major storms, we're faced with the biggest storm in our lifetimes-a pandemic. Nothing in our wildest dreams could have prepared us for such an abrupt change. From one week to another, schools closed, store shelves emptied and panic set in on a global scale. And after enduring several weeks, evidence of a return to normal, still seems like a distant reality. We scour the news daily hopeful of some new breakthrough only to be inundated with staggering statistics that can't even be digested in a meaningful way. Social distancing and face masks are the new normal and likely here to stay for a while. Jobs, finances and just about any future plans remain woefully uncertain, but what is certain is that in one way or another, we're all in this together.

Many of you may be wondering if Newberry will be able to waive condo fees? While the decision to waive any types of fees is solely the Board's, owners should understand that Board's are limited in their options and may only consider things like late fees since Newberry is a not for profit corporation and simply can't forgive debt. Monthly fees determined by a careful analysis of all operating expenses such as water, trash, landscaping and insurance to name a few, and the statutory reserve funding requirements that have to be adhered to. Budgets are created with exact numbers based on future plans along with historical data that makes sure they're as close to actual amounts as possible. If owners default on payments, the inevitable consequence is either a reduction in services or increased fees for everyone else, something most find objectionable.

Curbside dumping Not Allowed!

You may not place anything out for pick-up during the pandemic that's not household waste or recycling. American has stopped picking-up these items and the association is incurring huge expenses removing mattresses, bulk and furniture from the property. Anyone identified dumping these curbside, will be fined the maximum amount allowed by law. Please report violators to the office to help put a stop to this chronic unsightly problem.

Office Temporarily closed

In an effort to minimize person to person contact, the office is temporarily closed and only performing essential tasks for the time being. Residents may phone the office for parking passes that will be taped to the clubhouse entrance door for pick-up. Payments can be mailed, or placed in the depository at the clubhouse parking lot entrance. Please be sure to always fill out checks completely, and insert "NCA" or Newberry condo association in the payee section to avoid lost or stolen checks from being altered and cashed. Credit card payments over the phone are also still an option. Remember that wearing a face mask is a proven way to minimize the spread of viruses and should always be worn while in public, shopping, or in close proximity of others. Resist the temptation to visit or have visitors, and minimize unnecessary activities that involve close contact with others. Please stay safe at home and this too shall pass!

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