

Spring/Summer 2025

Important Dates

Pool: May 24th – Labor Day
9am – 9pm Monday – Sunday
Community Garage Sale
June 7 8am-4pm

Trash Collection:

Wednesday's Unless there is a holiday– then it is next day (July 4th doesn't affect us this year)

Heavy trash:

1st Wednesday of the month unless there is a holiday – next day

Recycles: Every OTHER week via Republic

Websites / contacts

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McFarlandFarmsPOA.com

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Police Non-Emergency Line:

(317) 327-3811

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(317) 327-4622

Department of Public Works:

(317) 327-4622

Mosquito Control:

(317) 221-7440

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Safety and Community Reminders

Keeping Outside Lights On Helps Prevent Crime



A well-lit neighborhood is a safer neighborhood! Studies, like those from the U.S. Department of Justice, show that outdoor lighting can reduce crime by up to 20% by deterring potential intruders. Keeping your porch or yard lights on at night not only protects your home but also helps your neighbors feel secure. The pole light **must** be a working light.

- **Tip:** Use motion-sensor lights to save energy while still providing coverage.
- **Bonus:** Timers can ensure lights are on even if you're away. Let's work together to keep our community safe—turn on those lights!

Be Kind to Your Neighbors and Pick Up After Your Pet



We all love our furry friends, but no one loves stepping in a surprise! Picking up after your pet keeps our sidewalks and yards clean, prevents the spread of bacteria (like E. coli, which can linger in pet waste), and shows respect for your neighbors.

- Always carry a bag on walks—biodegradable ones are a great eco-friendly choice!
- Dispose of waste in your trash bin, not on

someone else's property. A little kindness goes a long way—let's keep our neighborhood clean and welcoming for everyone.

Please Don't Park Over the Sidewalk or Into the Street



Parking over sidewalks or hanging out into the street creates hazards for pedestrians and drivers alike. Sidewalks are meant for walking, not dodging cars, and blocking them forces people—especially kids, seniors, or those with mobility issues—into the street. Overhanging into the street can also obstruct traffic and cause accidents.

- **Check your parking:** Ensure your vehicle is fully within your driveway or a designated parking space.
- **Be mindful:** If you have guests, guide them to park safely without blocking access.

Let's keep our streets and sidewalks safe for everyone to use!

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DID YOU KNOW??

- You can register on the website at McFarlandFarmsPOA.com to get early notifications of things happening in the neighborhood.
- A copy of our documents including minutes and financials is kept on the website.
- We keep an up-to-date calendar on the website.
- Eating inside the fence at the pool is prohibited by Marion County regulations. Please observe the rules.
- Use the picnic tables for eating and clean up after yourself.
- The tennis courts have a new locking system that is opened with your pool card.
- We recently completed a reserve study and will publish the study on the website after the board has had the opportunity to go over it thoroughly.
- All that work going on at the playground is because we are getting new playground equipment.
- Pool guests must be accompanied by a homeowner.
- If management or a board member asks for ID at the Rec Center, please comply.
- No unaccompanied children under 18 at the pool.

Community Care and Appreciation

Please Trim Bushes and Trees for Safety and Access

Overgrown bushes and trees can obstruct sidewalks and block the line of sight at intersections, creating safety hazards. Pedestrians may have to step into the street to get around, and drivers might miss oncoming traffic or people at corners. According to the National Safety Council, clear sightlines at intersections can reduce collisions by up to 15%.

- **Sidewalks:** Trim branches to at least 7 feet above the sidewalk for safe passage.
- **Intersections:** Keep corners clear so drivers can see at least 50 feet in all directions.

A quick trim makes a big difference—let's keep our pathways and roads safe for all!

Thank You to Those Who Keep Their Property Looking Nice

A big shout-out to everyone who takes the time to maintain their yards, paint their homes, and keep their properties tidy! Your efforts make our neighborhood a beautiful place to live. Well-kept properties not only boost curb appeal but also foster community pride and can even increase property values—studies show neat landscaping can add up to 12% to home values (National Association of Realtors, 2024). Your hard work inspires us all—thank you for making our community shine!

What's in a (Street) Name?

The street names in McFarland Farms —Tarragon, Saffron, Bay Leaf, Clove, Nutmeg, Poppyseed, Pepper, Cinnamon, Basil, Perilla, Santolina, Germander, Chervil, Pennyroyal, Lovage, Fennel, and Rock Rose—share a common theme: they are all inspired by plants, specifically herbs, spices, and botanical terms often associated with culinary, medicinal, or ornamental uses.

Most of these names, such as Tarragon, Saffron, Bay Leaf, Clove, Nutmeg, Pepper, Cinnamon, Basil, Chervil, Lovage, and Fennel, directly refer to herbs and spices commonly used in cooking. Tarragon, for example, is a savory herb in French cuisine, while Saffron is a prized spice for its flavor and color. Others, like Poppyseed (from the poppy plant) and Rock Rose (a flowering shrub), extend the theme to plants with culinary byproducts or ornamental value. Even less common names like Perilla (a mint-family herb used in Asian cuisine), Santolina (a Mediterranean herb with aromatic foliage), Germander (a historical medicinal herb), and Pennyroyal (a mint relative with traditional medicinal uses) fit the pattern of botanicals valued for their practical or aesthetic qualities.

This naming convention creates a cohesive, nature-inspired identity for McFarland Farms, reflecting a connection to its farming past and its appealing, family oriented green space.

McFarland Farms POA Recreation Center Rules

Anyone who has consumed alcohol will not be allowed in the recreation area.

Pool Hours of Operation - Daily: 9 AM – 9 PM

Saturday before Memorial Day to Labor Day

Pool Rules

Use of your pool card to enter the pool area constitutes your acceptance to abide by ALL Pool Rules. Violation of these rules can result in expulsion from the MFPOA pool.

- **SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK.**
- The pool is strictly for the use of **McFarland Farms RESIDENTS** and their guests only. All guests **MUST** be accompanied by a **McFarland Farms' RESIDENT**.
- Anyone **under the age of 18 MUST be accompanied by a homeowner or homeowner approved guardian, 18 or older**, and remain within the fenced-in area of the pool.
- **NO DIVING!** Front dives, back dives, flips, can-openers, jumping or any other gymnastics are **NOT** permitted from the pool deck.
- The **BABY POOL** is for children **5 and under**. An adult or responsible guardian **MUST** accompany their child(ren) **AT ALL TIMES**.
- **Smoking or vaping is NOT permitted** in the fenced in areas of the pool, restrooms, or closer than eight (8) feet to the doors.
- **Alcohol or glass containers are NOT permitted in the pool area.**
- The pool phone is for **EMERGENCY USE ONLY**.
- In the event of **rain, thunder or lightning**, the pool **MUST IMMEDIATELY BE VACATED**. The pool will re-open **30 minutes AFTER** the rain stops or the last clap of thunder or lightning is seen.
- The pool management company has the authority to **close the pool for ANY health reason or safety concern**.
- Appropriate swim attire **MUST** be worn in the pool. Street shoes, sweatshirts, and cut-off shorts are **NOT** permitted in the pool. Clean white t-shirts are permitted.
- A shower is **REQUIRED** before entering the pool – per Indiana Health regulations.
- Profanity or inappropriate behavior will **NOT** be allowed at MFPOA facilities.

- Children who are not toilet trained must always wear special “swim” diapers or rubber pants with elastic legs and waist over diapers or training pants **at all times** while using the pools. Disposable diapers are **Not** permitted for health, safety and pool management.
- Diaper changing must be done in the restrooms.
- **Food and gum are NOT permitted inside the fenced area of the pool.** Plastic bottles (no alcohol) are permitted on the pool deck – **NOT** in the pool.
- Pool deck furniture must be kept **on the pool deck at all times**, and be **at least two (2) feet from the pool edge.**
- Swimmers with open sores, or otherwise infectious disease, will **NOT** be allowed in the pool or pool area.
- **No running, dunking, rough horse-playing, tossing of children, or sitting on another swimmer’s shoulders will be permitted.**
- Personal floatation devices can be worn in the pool.
- Beach balls, small rafts or tubes (less than 3 feet in length) **may** be permitted in the pool. **For safety reasons on crowded days, we request the removal of these items.**
- **Do NOT hang on the safety rope divider** between the shallow and deep ends.
- Masks, fins, and snorkels may be in the pool area with direct adult supervision.
- MFPOA is **NOT** responsible for lost or stolen property. Participants are encouraged to ensure that valuables are locked up or left at home.

Tennis Court Rules

- The tennis courts are for racquet sports **ONLY! Any other activity on the courts is prohibited**, including, but not limited to baseball, bicycling, skating, rollerblades, skateboards, etc.
- Athletic shoes only: smooth, non-marking soles.
- Do **NOT** hang, push down or pull on the net.
- Remove all trash from the court area.
- Do **NOT** bring pets onto the tennis court.
- **Alcohol, glass containers or smoking are NOT permitted in the tennis area.**

Visit www.McFarlandFarmsPOA.com for additional information.

Be MFPOA Pool savvy

Being an exemplary neighbor at the MFPOA neighborhood pool involves respect for the rules, consideration for others, and maintaining a friendly community environment. Here's a guide to help you become that ideal neighbor:

Before Visiting the Pool:

- **Know the Rules:** Familiarize yourself with all of our pool regulations, not just the one about food. This might include hours of operation, guest policies, behavior codes, and cleaning responsibilities.
- **Plan Ahead:** If you or your family need snacks or meals, plan to eat before or after your swim. If you must eat while at the pool or Rec Center, eat at the picnic tables.
- **Prepare for Hydration:** Bring water bottles or use reusable containers. NO GLASS CONTAINERS or alcoholic beverages at the pool!!

At the Pool:

- **Respect the No-Food Policy:** Do not sneak in food. Not only does this respect the community rules, but it also helps keep the pool area clean and pest-free.
- **Cleanliness:** Keep the pool area clean. Pick up any trash, even if it's not yours. This includes towels, toys, and anything else you bring.
- **Limit Personal Belongings:** Only bring what you need. Less clutter around the pool area means less chance of food remnants or mess.
- **Be Mindful of Noise:** While pools are generally for fun, being overly noisy or playing music loudly can disturb others. Keep noise to a reasonable level.
- **Share Space:** Respect others' space. Don't occupy more chairs or lounges than necessary, especially if the pool area is crowded.
- **Children and Pets:** Supervise them closely. Ensure they understand the rules about food and behave appropriately. NO pets are allowed in the pool area or tennis courts. Please clean up after your children and pets.
- **Engage Positively:** Greet neighbors, engage in light conversation if appropriate, and be welcoming to new members of the community.

After Your Visit:

- **Leave It Better Than You Found It:** Before leaving, do a final check for any items left behind. Ensure everything is in place or disposed of properly.
- **Feedback:** If you feel the food policy or other rules need reconsideration, use the proper channels like HOA meetings or suggestion boxes rather than breaking the rules.

Community Engagement:

- **Volunteer:** Offer to help with pool maintenance days or join the HOA board or pool committee. This not only shows your commitment but also gives you a voice in policy decisions.
- **Organize Events:** If you want to bring food to the community, consider organizing events outside the pool area, like barbecues or community potlucks, with HOA approval.
- **Educational Initiatives:** Propose or help with initiatives to educate residents about the reasons behind rules, like food prohibitions (health, cleanliness, pest control).

By following these guidelines, you not only uphold your community's standards but also contribute to a harmonious and enjoyable environment for everyone. Being an exemplary neighbor also means leading by example, which can influence others to follow suit, making the pool area a better place for all.