

NEWSLETTER

Cornwallis Condominiums Chatter



BOARD BUZZ: KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP!

CONNECTIONS AND COMMUNITY

Season greetings from your board. As 2023 comes to a close we want to provide you with a brief update. 2023 has been a very busy year for our community full of challenges and successes. Another two blocks of roofs have been updated. Final touches and cleanup of the new sheds for units 513 to 519 are being completed. The replacement wall construction is entering the final stages. Weather permitting, the actual wall will be finished by Christmas.



Final shaping, topping with soil and grass seeding will occur in spring 2024.

New arrangements have been made with Miles regarding snow removal.

CONNECTIONS AND COMMUNITY CONT'D.



Miles will contact us to provide a window of time when he will be arriving to plow. Owners will be contacted to advise of that window. We ask that you move your car by the beginning of that window from your parking spot to permit the clearing of the snow.

In 2024, plans call for replacing shingles on the final two blocks of condominiums. These are located on South Broadway. The landscape committee is working on plans to select new plantings for the wall and liming and seeding grassed areas. Funds permitting, the board would also like to complete the rock work on drainage trenches that were abandoned several years ago.

We look forward to 2024 being a harmonious, productive year for our community. Enjoy this festive time of the year. We wish you all a prosperous and happy 2024.

Jon, Jennifer, Len, Alyssa, and Troy – Your Board

Announcement

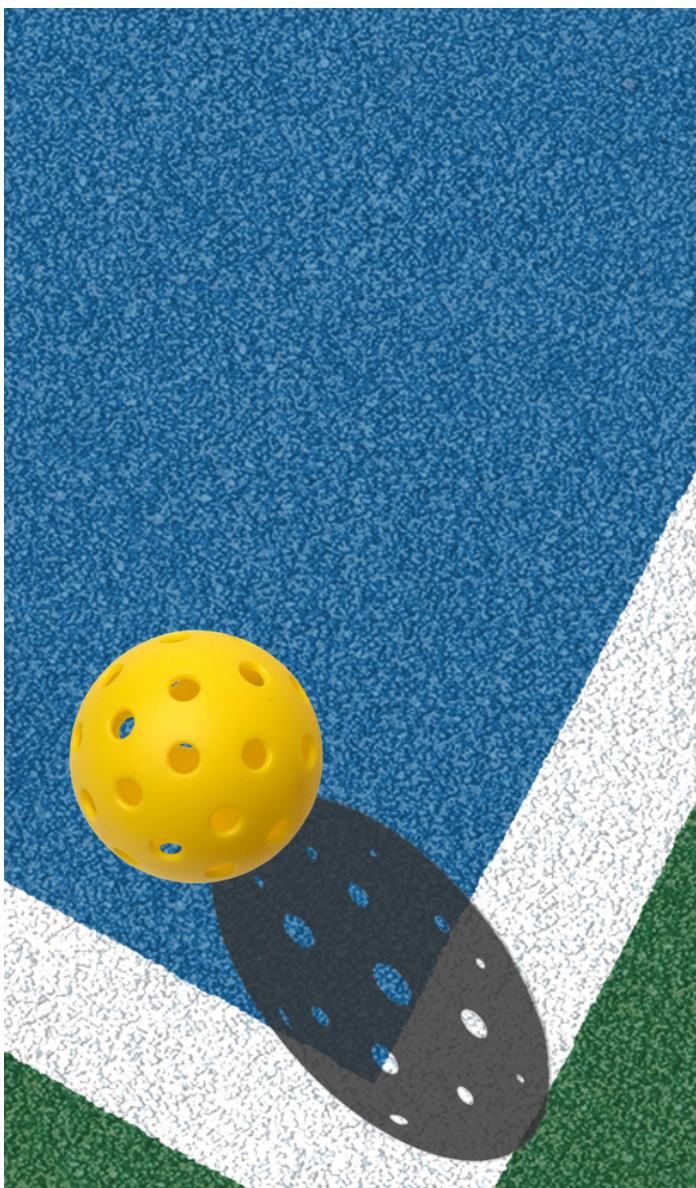
The board is pleased to announce that we have been able to fill the Administrative Manager and Maintenance/Project Manager positions. We were able to recruit qualified candidates from within our Cornwallis Condominium community. Alyssa Blais has been hired to fill the Administrative Manager position. Azar Hakim has been hired to fill the Maintenance/Project Manager position. Terry Comeau will continue in his role as handyman. Requests for repairs are still to be made to Alyssa, the Administrative Manager. Please take the opportunity to congratulate our team when you see them out and about.

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PICKLEBALL IN ANNAPOLIS COUNTY

GAME, SET MATCH



In the sun or under the lights,
Grab a paddle, join the sights.
Pickleball, a game so sweet,
On the court, where players meet.

With a wiffle ball and a net not too tall,
We rally and volley, having a ball.
A mix of tennis and ping pong,
Pickleball's where the fun belongs.

Pickle, dink, and slam the score,
Move your feet, play some more.
Kitchen battles, quick reflex,
In this game, we all flex.

Drop shots, lobs, and friendly banter,
Pickleball's joy, no one can canter.
Young and old, it doesn't matter,
On the court, we all scatter.

So grab a friend or find a crew,
Pickleball's waiting, just for you.
A sport of laughter, skill, and glee,
Come play, and set your spirit free!

There are lots of opportunities to play Pickleball in Annapolis County.
For more information, contact: alc@annapolisroyal.com or Digby Area Recreation Commission darc@ns.aliantzinc.ca

TIPS ON BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOUR

Greet your neighbours with a simple "Hello, how are you?" or a wave when you see them. If you're new, introduce yourself.

Pets can be wonderful companions! As a responsible pet owner, it is important to keep your dogs from excessive barking and always to have them on a leash when outside. Additionally, please be considerate and clean up after your pets.

Make sure to keep your surroundings clean. If you make a mess, please clean it up. If your garbage has a bad smell, dispose of it properly. Please do so to avoid attracting pests. Shared spaces and common areas are for everyone's enjoyment. Keep noise levels at a reasonable level, especially during the evening. If you smoke, please show consideration for your neighbours who may not share your habit.

Landscape Committee

Hello everyone! We want to inform you that our landscaping work for this year is ending. Additionally, we have installed four new signs with vehicles prohibited signs. We would like to again thank Deborah for her artistic work on our welcome sign and small signs.

As we look forward to the spring planting season, we would like to ask for suggestions for planting shrubs and small bushes in the new wall area. We would greatly appreciate your input. Finally, we hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season and wish you a healthy new year!



MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR NEWS

HOT WATER TANKS AND MAINTENANCE

Every condo unit has a hot water tank, and it is the responsibility of individual condo owners to maintain their hot water tanks properly. Regular inspections are recommended to ensure proper functioning and identify potential issues.

If there are any leaks or water damage associated with the hot water tanks, residents should address them promptly.

It is advised to hire qualified professionals for periodic servicing and maintenance and the hot water tanks must be replaced every ten years. Owners should ensure the hot water tanks comply with local regulations and safety standards. Open communication between residents and condo management regarding concerns, maintenance schedules, or changes related to hot water tanks is essential.

Assistance from your neighbour!

Billy Armstrong, Unit 519, can assist with winter snow shovelling for your car, entranceway, and gardens/flower beds in the spring. If you need help, reach out to **519billyarmstrong@gmail.com**



RESIDENT REFLECTIONS

WHAT CHRISTMAS IN THE HUMAN REALM CAN MEAN

What Christmas object tugs at your heart with the strongest pull? Is it last year's latest appliance that made life fifteen minutes simpler so that you could get back to watching YouTube videos sooner? Or does the thought of that leave you feeling "been there, done that, don't want the t-shirt?" Like the miserable billionaire in the epic film, "Citizen Kane," is it something so humbly non-material that churns inside in a sea of sentiment rushing like a rogue wave of what has been lost, like the childhood sled, "Rosebud," was to Kane? Is it a homemade stocking your mum sewed and filled with an orange, a "book" of Lifesavers, a barley candy rabbit and a tiny toy at the top that means so much more now that she's gone? Or a photo of your kin long or recently past that is a horrific reminder of what is no longer there?

Christmas exposes a vault of memories that we find difficult not to open, and the consequences can be bitter, sweet or bittersweet. As Tonya Lapido writes in her article, "When Sadness and Grief Take the Joy Out of the Holidays," "whether it is due to the cold and darkness of winter, a recent job loss or unemployment, the end of a relationship, or the death of a loved one, there are many reasons people struggle at this time of year."

Let's say a prayer for each other, acknowledging that the big things we're supposed to strive for mean nothing when reality clashes with what the festive symbolism represents and makes the suffering all the more acute and unbearable during these awkwardly-unfitting festive days.

Joanne Light is a published writer and artist who started school at Clark Rutherford Memorial the year it opened and, after a lifetime of teaching, travelling and writing, once again lives in its environs at Cornwallis Park. She will read a wonderful, true, Christmas story that her mother, a longtime resident of Cornwallis Park wrote, at the Cornwallis Park Christmas Party at Felker Hall on Dec. 16th.