

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

A Monthly Update from the
Board, Management & Committees of
YCC323



The Board

Balcony Doors ~

The installation of the new Balcony Doors for the 03, 04, 05 and 06 units has been completed and all deficiencies have been addressed.

Most of you have handed in the questionnaire re the door handle height. As of writing this note we are still waiting for some stragglers to hand theirs in. Remember there is a deadline for the questionnaire. We plan to have it all tabulated immediately to discuss with the vendor how to accommodate the change. You will be kept up to date as things evolve.

Budget ~

The Board will begin work on the 2015/ 2016 budget in March. The budget covers the period May, 2015 to April, 2016. The budget provides guidance to the Board as to the activities and their related costs planned for in the upcoming year. The accumulated history (approximately 38 years) provides a solid base to plan at least 95% of the operating costs (heat, water, electricity, management fees). External engineering expertise dictates funds required for the reserve fund to replace equipment that reaches the end of its useful life (boilers, elevators, etc.).

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Property Management

Green Bin Program ~

The Green Bin Program, first reported in the January 2015 edition of *What's Happening*, is coming to 50 Quebec this month.

On Monday, March 9th, a City of Toronto representative will be in our Meeting Room from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. to explain the program. All residents who are available at that time are strongly encouraged to attend, in order to learn and ask questions about the program in person.

A kitchen container and a list of “what goes in the green bin” are being distributed to each unit prior to the start of the program.

The actual program will begin on March 23rd, and all residents are obliged to follow the rules of garbage separation. The City will be monitoring apartment buildings' waste disposal closely to ensure that all are doing their part.

The following Q&A is taken from the City's website, and may answer some of your questions in advance of the March 9th meeting.

Q & A about Green Bin Program

a) What is the Green Bin Organics Program?

The Green Bin Program separates organics (fruit and vegetable scraps, paper towels, coffee grinds, etc.) from garbage or recycling.

b) What goes in the Green Bin?

A list outlining potential organic garbage items was delivered with the kitchen container.

c) What do I have to do?

- Line your indoor container with a plastic bag. No special bag is required for collection container. If you wish, you can reuse plastic grocery bags or use a

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paper bag to line your Green Bin. Place all items accepted in the Green Bin Program into your Green Bin.

- Latch your Green Bin before setting it out.
- When the bag is full, tie up its opening tightly and bring it to P1 recycling room and dump it in a green bin.
- The building collection day is on Mondays, so it is preferable to dump the garbage late Sunday.

d) Is there a limit on how much I can put in a Green Bin?

There is no limit on the amount of Green Bin materials that may be placed for collection each week.

e) Can I put the plastic bag with my cat waste inside the green bin?

Yes, as a convenience, you can. The bags will be removed in the processing facility.

f) Are there specific items that I can't put in the Green Bin?

- Hot drink cups, lids and sleeves
- Plastic wrap, baggies, sandwich bags
- Plastic items such as food containers
- Cutlery
- Plastic milk bags
- Styrofoam, meat tray liners
- Foil
- Wax paper
- Ear cleaners, cotton balls, make-up, removal pads
- Dental floss
- Vacuum cleaner bags and contents
- Artificial flowers
- Leather, textile, clothing
- Rugs, carpets
- Cigarette butts, tobacco
- Corks
- Gum
- Hair, pet fur
- Wood products, wood chips
- Candles
- Baby wipes
- Dryer lint, dryer sheet

Annual Planning Guide Items ~

The following action items are scheduled for March: insurance quotes, reserve fund review, budget to Treasurer, HVAC in suite maintenance.

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The Committees

Communications & Website Committee ~

We need **your** ideas and suggestions for activities you feel will benefit residents and add to the community environment here at 50 Quebec. New outdoor seating arrangements, children's play area, a writing group and billiard/dart clubs are just a few examples. Your suggestions should be dropped off at the management office or sent by e-mail to webmaster@ycc323.com.

Health & Safety Committee ~

The Fire Department **is** coming!! Captain Ron Jones will be giving an evening presentation on Monday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room. Some of you may remember his excellent presentation in 2011. It's time for a refresher course or if this would be your first time, it is certainly worthwhile – all are welcome.

Neighbours Committee ~

Our second afternoon tea has been rescheduled for Wednesday, March 11 at 2:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room. We have booked a great speaker (our own Isan Murat) to talk about "Growing Up in Romania". We hope to see you there!