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PRESIDENT'S REPORT PRESENT AND FUTURE

This report comes at a time when I can discuss very briefly four of our projects: two complete and two with negotiations still underway. Early in the year our staff sealed the drip pans, not visible but important items, in all the units. Secondly, the Board decided early this summer to install signs to direct the flow of traffic to our building: in at the north end of our access road, out at the south end with all deliveries to our Gothic Avenue entrance. The signs are now in place.

Here follows the unfinished work. The Board has decided to remove our old boilers and to install new, efficient ones. This will lead to a considerable saving of money. The Board has reviewed bids from various companies offering to do the work and hopes to sign a contract shortly. The second negotiations are very much ongoing. Our condominium and our neighbors at YCC435 share certain facilities – the pool and the tennis courts – but also access to ownership of land. Who owns what at present is not always clear. A committee composed of representatives from both Boards is at work. There is much discussion of “easements” which according to my Oxford dictionary are, “the right of way or similar right over another’s ground or property.” Anyway, negotiators are optimistic that there will be results.

In another matter, the Board is looking into the future but just how far is not yet certain. The Board has contracted Belanger Engineering to examine the state of our windows, balcony doors and balcony wall panels. The Board needs this information in order to plan repairs and replacements. We have yet to receive Belanger’s report.

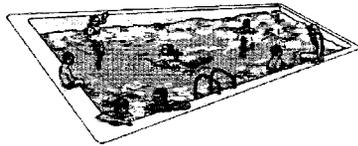
Residents occasionally mention to me their own concerns about our building and I answer as best I can. The state of the lobby crops up in conversation. Some are unhappy with it., I agree it is a “period piece”

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President's Report Cont'd

which might be one reason for keeping it. Many, however, prefer modern decor and would like to see a major transformation. I have no doubt this issue will come to the fore as I am sure will concerns for the external appearance of the building. Continue to enjoy the pool, the tennis courts, High Park and yes, our own gardens. They are indeed beautiful for which we can thank our Landscape Committee and our gardeners. Over the next three years the Landscape Committee will be extending the gardens along the Gothic Avenue side of our property. Our gardens add to the pleasure of our home but also to its value.

Jock
Galloway
President



**HEALTH & SAFETY
COMMITTEE**

Since our last report in the Winter 2011 edition of

Viewpoint50, this Committee has worked on a number of issues:

- At the January meeting, a guest speaker presented information on Multiple Chemical Sensitivity. The information was passed on to our superintendents for consideration when purchasing and using cleaning products.
- Two magazine racks have been set up in the Meeting Room to hold Health & Safety tip sheets and other brochures pertaining to health and safety issues.

Please check the racks regularly for new information.

- Due to the positive reception of the Toronto Fire Services daytime presentation last fall, a second evening presentation was arranged in April. Those who attended found the question and answer format very informative.
- A YCC323 Emergency Numbers card was printed and distributed to every unit. Please keep this card handy so that you don't have to search for numbers to call in an emergency,
- A number of residents are having problems with clarity over the intercom system from the lobby. The Committee is preparing a survey to assist the Board in dealing with this issue.
- Several other recommendations have been passed on to the Board and have been acted on, including the purchase of a defibrillator for the building, and signage for the ends of the circular driveway identifying the address and reflecting a one-way designation for motorists. This is now completed.

The Board has approved in principle a website for use by all committees. The Health & Safety Committee has done a mock-up and we are awaiting authorization to proceed. Such a website will provide one more avenue of communication with the building's residents.

If you don't have a copy of the following tip sheets, please pick one up in the Meeting Room.

- Fire Safety Tips – this tip sheet was reviewed and approved by the Toronto Fire Services representative who spoke at the April presentation.
- Safety & Security Tips – these tips were compiled from the audit of 50 Quebec by Toronto Police Services last November.

Health & Safety Committee
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Coming soon....a survey to determine how many people are interested in participating in a "helping our neighbours" program. The survey will be circulated in mid-September and we would really appreciate it if everyone could complete the survey and return it to the Management Office. Remember, everyone is invited to attend Committee meetings, or communicate safety concerns to members of the Committee either directly or through the Management Office. Stay safe and healthy!



Ward 13 News

Please take time to read the latest brochure from our councillor Sarah Doucette. Of particular interest is the complete list of local, provincial and federal contacts it is worth cutting out and keeping in case you ever need help or services from any level of government.
www.ward13.ca



Thanks For Your
A/C Help

It has been a brutal summer heat wise and our air conditioning system has worked wonderfully! This is in part due to our vigilant residents who keep blinds closed, balcony doors shut and who reduce the A/C temperature at night and when away from their suites. The summer is not over yet and the weatherman is forecasting a warm fall.

So let's remain vigilant and conservative about our use of the A/C so we can all enjoy the benefits to our units with no interruptions.

*******TWO ALERTS ARE**
BETTER THAN NONE*****

Kitty Litter
Alert!

Please help the supers by taking the time to double, or even better, triple bag your kitty's litter. This helps prevent "explosions" in the garbage chute or compactor.



Garbage Room
Alert!

For the sake of the environment and our supers, please take a minute or two to review the posters in your garbage room. They have been up for quite awhile and have become like wallpaper - after a while you don't notice it. The separation procedure is sometimes difficult so a brief review cannot hurt and can only help.



Friday, Saturday, Sunday,
September 16th, 17th and 18th. Mark your calendars and discover Ukrainian culture in Canada and share the Ukrainian spirit at North America's Largest Ukrainian Street Festival. This is your opportunity to experience Ukrainian culture and hospitality at its best. As always there will be non-stop entertainment with Ukrainian performers from the Greater Toronto Area, Canada,

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the USA and Ukraine. You will find vendor kiosks: delicious authentic Ukrainian food and beverages, beautiful souvenirs, interactive pavilions, and more. This year you can also enjoy SIDEWALK SALE shopping at the local Bloor West Village businesses. There is a midway for kids and youth. Take in the colourful parade on Saturday morning at 11am. A new attraction this year is the ART SHOW and SALE organized by the Collective of Canadian Ukrainian Artists. For more information please go to:
visit <http://www.ukrainianfestival.com/>

More From the Safety Committee

Unit Door Closures – Important Reminder from Toronto Fire Services



The Toronto Fire Services representative has issued a reminder that, under the laws of Ontario, every unit in the building must have an automatic door closure on its entrance door. The door closure must be operational and it is the responsibility of every unit owner to ensure that the door closure is not disabled and is properly maintained. There are a number of units at 50 Quebec where the door closure has been disabled and fines could be levied by the Fire Department. If your door closure is not working properly or if you require further information, please contact the Management Office.

Help Preserve Your Clothes Dryer and Reduce Fire Hazards

Regular cleaning of the lint trap in the duct in your kitchen wall will:

- extend the life of your clothes dryer
- protect your kitchen fan motor
- minimize lint getting back into your kitchen
- reduce risk of fire from lint build-up



If you aren't familiar with the process, please pick up a copy of the full instructions on locating and cleaning the lint trap from the magazine table in the Meeting Room. Your clothes dryer will appreciate your attention.

The Committee has assembled a rack of very useful brochures to help assure the safety of all residents. Recently everyone received a copy of Emergency Numbers and Fire Safety Tips. Also available in the Meeting Room are the following titles:

1. Home Escape Plan
2. Additional Fire Safety Tips from Toronto Fire Services.
3. What to do in case of an Earthquake.
4. Help Preserve your Clothes Dryer and Reduce Fire Hazards (see above).



These helpful brochures are located adjacent to the hall doorway.

5. 72 Hour Self-Emergency Plan
6. Identity Theft
7. Protection for Senior Citizens
8. Combat Graffiti.

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Book Club

The Book Club meets the 3rd Monday of the month in the Meeting Room at 7:30 p.m.

Fall lineup:

September 19 - The Colony of Unrequited Dreams, Wayne Johnston



October 17 - Lacuna, Barbara Kingsolver



November 21 - Old City Hall, Robert Rutenberg



December 19 - Oatmeal Ark, Rory McLane



More to follow in Fall 2011 Newsletter

Another interesting new shop is called **ODDJECTS**. This is one of a series of shops around eastern Canada featuring a wide, varied and eclectic objects for home and gifts. Many pieces are interesting and unusual. The staff is warm and friendly to help you select contemporary objects that will fit in any space.

2260 Bloor Street West

bloor@oddjects.ca



Another new business is the **ALI BABA'S** Middle Eastern cuisine. It is located at 2246 Bloor Street West and has a whole variety of Middle Eastern dishes for in restaurant eating or take out. Check out this very interesting menu.



www.AliBabas.ca

NEW! To Bloor West

There are several new stores in The Village. One is **SWEETFLOUR** shop, which offers a variety of baked goods. It is located at 2352 Bloor Street West.

 Sweet Flour www.sweetflour.ca

Now that we have lost the Groom Pet shop after decades of service, we have found out that it is being replaced by a yogurt shop called **YOGURTY'S**, which will open soon.
www.yogurtys.com - 2203 Bloor St. W.



The Red Bean Offer

The Red Bean Espresso Bar is offering the residents of 50 Quebec a special 2 for 1 offer on all regular and specialty coffees. The Red Bean is located on the north side of Bloor just west of the retirement home and a few steps west of Pizza Hut at 2118 Bloor St. West.

Two for One cards are available in the cubicles opposite the mailboxes in the lobby. Say Hi to Iris, the barista and owner.



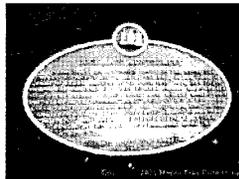
Not Quite Enough!..



In the last issue of Viewpoint 50 ,Winter 2011, we asked for responses to a previous questionnaire concerning delivery of the newsletter by a website or email. This alternative means of delivery was the choice of a number of residents. It was requested that names and email addresses were to be left in the Management Office. After a period of time only four names were submitted. Unfortunately, that is far short of the number needed to set up this kind of delivery system at this time.

History of Swansea

Swansea was incorporataed as a village in 1926. The Swansea Village corporate seal reveals a great deal about the colourful history of this neighbourhood. Included on the Swansea seal is explorer Etienne Brulé, who in 1615 became the first European to set foot on what is now Swansea. The seal includes First Nations. This is symbolic in that it recognizes that First Nations members were the first people to inhabit Swansea, hundreds of years ago. The hills in the Swansea Village seal represent Swansea’s rolling countryside, which is similar to the topography found in Swansea in Wales, after which this neighbourhood is named. The water in the Swansea seal refers to Swansea’s natural boundaries, which include Lake Ontario, The Humber River and Grenadier Pond. By the 1880’s, the area south of Bloor was known as ‘Windermere’ after England’s Lake District’, which it is said to have resembled.



land along the railway line. Ontario Bolt Works, built in 1882, its cornerstone was laid by Sir John A. Macdonald, it became the Swansea Works. The factory became the major employer in the area with subsidiary industrial lands to then north of today’s Queensway. A settlement of workers’ cottages dating from the 1880s grew around the plant. Several of the cottages still exist on Windermere Place today. The factory burned down in 1906 was rebuilt and closed as Stelco in 1989. In 1967, Swansea Village joined Forest Hill Village as one of the last two independent villages to be annexed by the City of Toronto.

Lucy Maud Montgomery, authour of Anne of Green Gables, lived in a home at 210 River Side Drive from 1935 until her death in 1942. A small park named after Montgomery is located at the corner of Riverside Crescent and Riverside Drive.



Growing the Team..

Like to write? Like to organize? Like to gather information of interest? Know computer publishing? Have an eye for proofreading? Your Viewpoint 50 Editors are looking to expand the production team as we prepare our quarterly condo newsletter. We’re a congenial group, keen to integrate you, whatever skills you might bring, and to train in what is not an onerous task. Our next issue will be the fall/winter 2011 one. If interested, even to do only a bit, please call or email Isan in the Management Office at 416-763-6919, or email: yorkcondo323@rogers.com or Terry Graham at 416-769-9054 or email: turtleboy@sympatico.ca. Many hands make light work and YOUR volunteer hands would be greatly appreciated. Thanks.



Terry and Syd, Viewpoint 50 Editors

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