

MIDPARK GARDENS CONDO ASSOCIATION

FALL, 2017 NEWSLETTER



This time last year I commented about our wet summer we had in 2016. This year was the opposite, having a hot dry summer season found more patio get-togethers, more barbequing and more frolicking in our beautiful common area. Turning up the heat in the house the past few weeks was a shock to the system! But here we are, the season of Fall is upon us.

A big thank you is extended to all who attended our Condo Picnic in August. Neighbours met new neighbours, bringing an assortment of delicious food and refreshments. The hot dogs (barbequed by Mick) were great, and thank you Heather for the wonderful face painting (truly an artist!). A great time was had by all. We do hope to see more of our condo neighbours get together next year for our picnic.

Next will be our tree lighting party in November. This is an annual event and we so look forward seeing everyone to celebrate! Trees will be lit, refreshments served, music will be playing.....you've got to come !! More details will follow and you will be notified.

New eaves and downspouts have been installed this Summer ! What a difference ! Thank you to all for any inconvenience this may have caused. A lot of work has been done to our complex this past summer and last.

Starting October 1, 2017, a new recycling bin and composting bin will be added. The garbage bin between Units 16 and 17 will be removed to provide us with recycling and composting bins. The Board has decided that one is not enough to accommodate all 56 units and the second location is much handier to those living closer to the bin. Please remember to flatten all cardboard boxes first before depositing it into the bin so that it doesn't take up so much room. Also remember to bag and tie all composting bags before depositing in the green bin.

Based on the survey of residents and owners the Board unanimously agreed to continue to use our current garbage bins for our condo complex rather than having separate bins for each unit. Thank you to all who responded to our survey.

October is the time of year to turn off and drain your outside water taps to avoid frozen pipe damage. Turn off the water inside and leave the outdoor tap open to avoid damage. The home owner is responsible for any damage caused by pipes freezing.

Remember that all unit renovations must be pre-approved by the Board. You must submit a written request of plans to renovate to Ultimate Property Management. This would include renovations to bathrooms, kitchens, fireplace inserts, floors, doors and windows etc. Approved contractors for window replacements are SIS, Supreme Windows and Doors or Lux and all renovations must adhere to building code. For more information please refer to the Condominium By-Laws. It is very important to follow the rules and regulations in installing the specified doors and windows for our complex. The only approved contractor for garage doors is Glenmore Doors. For any new outdoor door and screen door installations, we have specific paint colours which must be used to paint the doors either before or after installation. Judy Walker, Property Manager of Ultimate Property Management will provide you with all specifications.

By now you would have all received a letter from Ultimate Property Management regarding the replacement of the old shut-off water valves in your basement. Only a few have responded to the board member stated in the letter. Please re-read and inform us of your interest in replacing these valves.

The Garden of Eden Landscapers have been manicuring our lawns and trees for many years now and it is unfortunate that we must say good-bye to Donna and her crew as she is retiring. They have been doing a wonderful job year after year and hopefully we will find a new landscaper just as good as she was. Your Board of Directors are now in the process in securing a new landscaper for the Spring and Summer of 2018.

Stay tuned for our invitation for our Christmas Decorating get-together in our common area !

CONTACT US:

There is more than one way to let your opinion be heard:

Call Judy Walker with Ultimate Property Management Inc. at 287-3056 or contact any one of the board members.

*Winn Rathbun Unit #1
Marge Smelski Unit #56
Mick Clay Unit #10*

*Brenda Gabel Unit #19
Rene Allard Unit #4*

Be safe, and enjoy our Fall Season.

RECIPE TIME!

CHEESY HAM & BROCCOLI PASTA BAKE

**3 Cups Penne Pasta
4 Cups Broccoli Florets
3 Tablespoons Butter
2 Tablespoons Flour
2 Cups Milk
1 Cup Shredded Sharp Cheddar Cheese
1 Cup Shredded Mozzarella Cheese
¼ Cup Grated Parmesan Cheese
7.5 ounces of cooked chopped ham.**

Directions

Cook pasta in large saucepan as directed on package, omitting salt and adding broccoli to the boiling water for the last 2 minutes of the pasta cooking time.

Meanwhile, melt butter in large saucepan on low heat. Stir in flour, cook and stir 2 minutes, or until bubbly. Gradually stir in milk; bring to boil on medium heat, stirring constantly. Simmer on low heat 3 to 5 minutes, or until thickened, stirring constantly. Add cheeses, cook and stir 2 to 3 minutes or until melted.

Drain pasta mixture, return to pan. Stir in cheese sauce and ham; spoon into 2 quart casserole sprayed with cooking spray.

Bake 20 minutes or until heated through.