

Message from the Board of Directors

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The interlocking stones in our 'courtyard' have begun shifting. The cause of this is due, in large part, by the large trucks that need to change directions in the courtyard. This has resulted in loosening of the stones and of the sand to wash away. As a temporary solution, it was decided is to fill in the gaps in current bricks with sand. It is relatively inexpensive to add sand to the area. A permanent solution to the problem is in the plans, but we will wait a few years to accumulate the funds necessary for the repairs.

The policy regarding the use of the BBQs was amended in time for the summer. No longer do owners/residents have to book the BBQs. Because this policy could have an impact on people wanting to make sure they had a BBQ when they invited friends over, it was decided to look into this policy if any problems with reservations occurred. We have no way of knowing whether this system worked for everyone. If you were not able to use the facility due to it being used by someone else, we would like to know so that everyone can enjoy the amenities. Please fill out our survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BarbecueAtTheMet>.

A recent survey has shown that security is the main concern for owners/residents of 21 and 23 Carlton. Because of vagrant incidents and continued damage to the grass, 1952 Granby Street owners/residents have been feeling insecure and have requested that a fence be built in front of the maisonettes. The fence will be four feet high, black metal with stone posts. The city has already approved the work and it is set to begin very soon. The cost of the fence will be recovered through savings in the grounds keeping.

Additional security cost for 21 Carlton has increased by \$8,500 a year. To maintain and improve security, the board of directors is considering replacing the additional security guard by card readers in the elevators, which would allow an owner/resident access only to the floor where they reside. The initial outlay would be recovered in as little as three years and security would be enhanced not only on weekends, but around the clock, seven days a week.

The water leaks that caused water to drip onto the entrance of the garage have been fixed. There were two leaks; one of them has been traced to the steaming machine. It was repaired. However, the second one, which originates from the pool miser is not yet fixed, although it is not leaking every day. We are holding off for now to see whether we can find a better solution to fix the problem. The proposed solution would require coring through the pool floor.

Rogers' monopoly on cable television ceased during the summer. Owners and residents can now get either Rogers or Bell service in the building. Also, Fibrestream started offering fast and unlimited downloads for a reasonable cost starting in July. Many of our phone lines have been switched over to Fibrestream for a period of 10 years at no cost to the Corporation. This has translated into savings for all of us.

The bicycle rental parking fee will go up to \$75 starting next summer. Guest suite rental will also be going up by \$10 starting 1 December 2012.

The Board of Directors is interested in creating a committee to help with the planning and planting of the flower beds in the courtyard, as this year the overall monochromatic look was unappealing to some people.

Doug Shaw has been organising movies in the Cinema Room. Please consult the bulletin board on the second floor for details

Please circle 15 November 2012 on your calendar for our Year End Gala. We will be hosting a wine and cheese between 18:30 and 21:00 in the party room. Come and join us and meet your neighbours.

- Board of Directors
(Dwight Daigneault, Brian Lukian & Richard LeBlanc)

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The Met Demystified

Local Events

*Dear Met Demystified,
Sometimes the garbage chute on my floor is not functioning. Should I leave my garbage on the floor in front of the garbage chute for someone else to dispose of?*

No! Out of respect for your neighbours, the cleaners, and the overall health and well-being of our building, please DO NOT LEAVE GARBAGE BAGS ON THE FLOOR OF THE GARBAGE CHUTE ROOM. Instead, take your garbage bags back to your unit or to the garbage room located just inside the parking garage.

While I have your attention, ensure that you take anything that doesn't fit down the chute (pillows, mattresses, trees and cardboard boxes - including pizza boxes) to the garbage room. And always make sure to push your garbage through the chute door. The main causes of garbage chute down-time is user misuse and stuffing bulky items that get trapped in the chute.

*Dear Met Demystified,
How can I meet more people in our building?*

Attend some of the many events taking place in our building, including the Year End Wine & Cheese Gala on November 15 at 6:30 in the Party Room and the Movie nights on Monday evenings at 8pm. Spend time in the shared facilities. Also consider joining one of the Communities' committees, such as the Communications committee or the planting committee.

The Royal Winter Fair

November 2-11, 2012

www.royalfair.org

The Royal is a 90 year Toronto tradition. See over 4,500 large and small animals, shows, activities, shopping, dining and – of course – The Royal Horse Show.

One of a Kind Craft Show and Sale

November 22-December 2, 2012

<http://www.oneofakindshow.com/toronto/>
The largest consumer craft show in North America.

Winterlicious

January 25 - February 7, 2013

www.toronto.ca/special_events/

Make reservations at any of the the 150 participating restaurants during one of the best food events in the city. Prix fix meals for \$15, \$20, \$25, \$35 or \$45 per person.

KEEP YOURSELF UP-TO-DATE:

THE MET WEBSITE & FORUMS

met-condos.com

UPCOMING NOTICES:

Year End Wine & Cheese Gala
November 15,
6:30-9pm
Party Room

Movie Nights @
The Met
Every Monday evening at 8pm,
Theatre Room

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