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BOARD WELCOMES JULIE MACARTHUR



Due to the resignation of Ed Carpentier, the Board of Directors welcomes Julie MacArthur (607) as a new director. With a background in apartment building ownership and management, as well as formal studies in architecture and structure, Julie brings solid knowledge and experience to her new role in our building. The Board seat she fills has a term that ends in June of 2014, and owners will be asked to confirm her in this position at the AGM next June.

BOARD COMMITTEES

To balance the workloads of its directors, the Board has made some changes. Here is a list of Board committees and the names of the responsible directors. If you'd like to join one of these committees, now you know who to contact.

Building Management:

Mostafa El-Defrawy (President)

Governance:

Nadia Giancaspro (Vice President and Secretary)

Finance/Audit:

Nicolas Mezher (Treasurer)

Communication:

Doug Brandy, (613) 730-0882, dbrandy0882@rogers.com, www.frobisherplace.ca

Landscaping:

Annie Katona

Social:

Julie MacArthur, nature098@yahoo.com

Decorating:

Rene Paquette

FROBISHER CHRISTMAS PARTY WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12

Everyone who lives in Frobisher Place is invited to our annual Christmas party which will be held in the party room on Dec. 12. The social committee, sponsored by the Board, will be offering up a grand holiday buffet and fun activities for everyone. Here's the schedule:

5:00 p.m. Gather in the lobby for carolling and Christmas games and contests.

6:00 p.m. Dinner buffet 8:00 p.m. Draw for Door Prizes

(winners must be present)

THE WINK

REQUEST:

Musicians, singers and anyone else with enthusiasm: **WE NEED YOU!!!** Please contact Julie at (nature098@ yahoo.com). Let's get this party rocking and rolling!

LET'S REDUCE OUR ENERGY COSTS

Here's a great reminder from a Bulletin reader. We pay for the energy we use in our building. And we know that wasted energy harms the Earth. Here are some tips for how we can save money and help our planet.

- Use cold water for washing laundry.
- Use efficient light bulbs.
- Turn off the lights when you leave a room.
- Get leaky faucets fixed, especially hot water.

Do you have other suggestions for how we can use energy more efficiently in our building? Drop off your ideas to the Bulletin and we'll share them with everyone

RÉDUISONS NOS COÛTS ÉNERGÉTIQUES

Voici un rappel important d'un lecteur du Bulletin. Nous payons cher pour l'énergie que nous employons dans notre imeuble et nous savons bien que le gaspillage nuit à notre terre. Voici quelques conseils qui nous permettent d'épargner notre argent tout en aidant notre planète:

- Utilisez l'eau froide pour laver vos vêtements.
- Employez des ampoules électriques à bon rendement.
- Eteignez les lumières lorsque vous quittez une salle.
- Réparez les robinets qui coulent et spécialement l'eau chaude.

Auriez-vous des suggestions pour utiliser l'énergie plus efficacement dans notre immeuble? Vos suggestions sont les bienvenues. Veuillez les soumettre au bureau (à l'attention du Bulletin) et nous les partagerons avec tous les résidents de notre immeuble.

-Georges Malt



YOUR SAY

YOUR FROBISHER PLACE **BOARD**

The elected Board members who represent you are:

Mostafa El-Defrawy (President) Nadia Giancaspro

(Vice President & Secretary) Nicolas Mezher (Treasurer)

Doug Brandy (613) 804-0882

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Annie Katona Rene Paquette

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Phone or talk to a Board member. Or write to The Frobisher Voice and drop your comments at the office in a sealed envelope addressed to The Frobisher Voice. We're listening....

IMPORTANT DATES THIS SEASON

November 24 - Ashura (Islam)

November 28 - Guru Nanak's

Birthday (Sikh)

December 2 - First Sunday of Advent (Christian)

December 8 - Bodhi Day/Rohatsu (Buddhist)

December 9 - Hannukkah

(through 16th) (Jewish)

December 23 - Gita Jayanti (Hindu)

December 25 - Christmas (Christian)

December 26 - Kwanzaa

(through Jan 1st) (Interfaith)

January 7 - Orthodox Christmas

(Eastern Orthodox)

IMPORTANT BY-LAW MEETING - NOV. 27, 7:00 PM

The draft By-law has undergone a lot of work to address owners' concerns and ensure it meets our needs now and in future. We need a 75% vote to pass this By-law. Please come to ask your questions and discuss the new By-law. This informal meeting will help us clear up any lingering concerns so we can feel comfortable and confident in passing it.

POOL ISSUES

In October, serious issues with swimming pool cleanliness and safety came to light. In case you don't know, through a long-standing deeded agreement, our residents at 1785 Riverside Drive have rights to use the pool in return for paying the adjoining Minto building an annual fee of many thousands of dollars, which we have paid regularly over all the years.

Understandably, we expect the pool facilities will be maintained in accordance with health and safety standards. In October, the pool was inspected by a City official and failed to meet standards. Minto took corrective action, and the pool was re-opened. During this time, a review of records showed that there was always supposed to be a committee of two reps from each building to oversee pool issues. Somehow this had been forgotten or overlooked, over time.

We now have our two FP reps, and they are taking a serious interest in pool issues. Joe Smit and Julie MacArthur are on the case.

BRIDGE

Our bridge club met for the first time on October 1 with three tables in play. New players are welcome to join us on Monday evenings.

Notre première rencontre du club de bridge a eu lieu le 1er octobre avec trois tables complètes. Joignez-vous à nous les lundi soirs. Vous êtes les bienvenus!

-Georges Malt

CONDO GIRL ANSWERS YOUR **QUESTIONS**

Do I have to tip the staff in my building for Christmas? Because my monthly payments cover their salaries, right?

- B. N. Frugal

Dear Frugal Reader:

Well, the rule is there are no rules. Seriously, you never have to tip anyone, anywhere, anytime, you already know that. You can eat a meal in a nice restaurant, get your hair styled, or take a taxi in the middle of the night, then just pay your bill and run away. But, who does that, right? And of course, the people you stiffed for a tip would be, like, super happy to see you coming back next time too, eh? Actually, you'd probably be treated very nicely if you showed up again, because they're professionals. But they would know (and you would know) that you cheaped out, and that would just be weird. But hey, if that's how you want to go through your life having things be weird, then go for it. The staff in your building are professionals too. You don't have to tip them at Christmas, and they'll still deliver their services. But if you really want to know, Condo Girl thinks you should loosen the purse strings if you can possibly afford it, and thank them with a lil gift. Cuz they probably do a lot for you, including some things you never even know about. Condo Girl gives cash, enclosed in a Christmas card, because everyone can use extra \$ in the holiday season, n'est-ce pas? How much cash? Condo Girl has done extensive research on this for her loyal and discerning readers, and here is the result: \$20 to \$100, depending on how responsive and helpful your super has been, or how demanding you've been. And if you really can't afford to give anything, you can still give the gift of a smile, a genuine thank you, and the wish for a Happy New Year. These are gifts we can always give from the heart.

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