

# Memo for Members ~ May 30, 2019

Housing Charges are due Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup>

## Online Payment is Coming! ~

The Co-op has signed up with TenantPay which allows members to pay their housing charges through their online banking. Payment by cheque, money order and debit are still available. Details on how to use it along with your unique account number will be sent out separately.

## Child Safety ~

The office has been approached by concerned members regarding the number of young, unsupervised children playing outside in the co-op. Vehicles have been scratched and damaged and there have been a few occasions now where a child has run out in front of a moving vehicle. Thankfully, no one has been injured, but it will only be a matter of time if the behaviour continues.



A few reminders to help ensure a safe and happy area for all co-op members

- Gas meters are not toys, and should not be climbed on
- Use the sidewalks instead of cutting across another members grass with your bikes, and roller blades
- Garbage and wrappers should be taken back to your unit and not thrown on the ground
- Be mindful of cars and do not play around the vehicles
- Bike and Roller Blade Safety is important, as are helmets
- The front of the park hall is not an ideal play area while the office is open

While co-ops offer a safe space for families, parents need to keep an eye on their children when they are playing outside. As members, you are accountable for the actions of your children/guests.

## Back Yards ~

Members are reminded that they are responsible for maintaining their unit exterior. This includes overgrowth of vegetation along the side, back and front of your unit. Keeping these areas neat and clean will help deter pests and rodents along with improving the curb appeal. There has been an increase in raccoon activity in the area, so let's try not discourage them from making a home here Members are also reminded that the area behind their fenced backyard is not to be used for storage of unwanted items.



## Garbage Cans, Bags and Recycle Bins ~

These must not be left out in the front of the units. Not only does it attract pests, it has a negative impact on the curb appeal of your unit and the co-op as a whole.



## Member Information Packages ~

Thank you to those that have returned their member information packages. If you haven't yet done so, please drop off the completed forms to the office. For your convenience, the form is available on our website.

## Parking ~

We are having a few issues with vehicles and the lack of spaces in the visitors parking areas.



A few reminders from our Vehicle Control Policy:

- No more than **2** vehicles per household may be kept on co-op property (any additional vehicles need to be parked on the street)
- Vehicles must not be parked on any route designated as a fire route or as a no parking route, this includes laneways.
- Vehicles may not park on grassy areas or walkways
- Vehicles of long-term guests must be registered and will be included in the stated unit allotment of cars.
- Any vehicle not licensed or insured parked in the common parking will be towed at the member's expense after 96 hours written notice is given.
- Non-operational member vehicles must be parked in the member's garage.
- Any non-operational vehicle parked in the member's driveway must be made operable or moved within 90 days.

The spots designated for staff/office parking must be left open for visitors of the office.



### Ants ~

Some members have noticed the small ants coming into their units. We tend to see an increase when there is a lot of rain and their homes flood. Purchasing a can of Raid or the ant traps should do the trick. If you do not like to use chemicals, here are a few natural ways to get rid of the ants:

1 – Cinnamon – sprinkle cinnamon along door frames, baseboards and window sills.

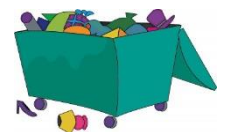
2 – Peppermint – Mix some peppermint oil /peppermint extract with water in a spray bottle. Spray along baseboards, door frames, windows, cupboards etc.

\*\*This also works well for spiders and mice.

3. Chalk – Ants don't like crossing over the chalk. Draw a line on the outside of your door frame.

### Dumpsters ~

Despite the memos that were sent out outlining the guidelines for the dumpster, they were not followed and the company that provided the bins and pick up service complained about the state of bins (overflowing, piled past the top of the bin, restricted items in the bins etc.) Both maintenance and the driver for the company had to spend a lot time rearranging the items so that the bins could be taken away. Members felt it was acceptable to let other members clean up their mess as they left their items at the side of the bins because they were full. A big thank you to those members who went above and beyond cleaning and organizing the bins after others failed to abide by the rules. There were also issues with vehicles not moving in time to allow the bins to be dropped off and we had vehicles parked on the grass, which is not acceptable and is against the co-ops vehicle policy. As a result of the actions of a few, the availability of dumpsters to dispose of your bulk items will not continue next year.



If you have bulk items to dispose of, you can use the free city pick up service by calling 905-546-2489 at least **one week before** you want your bulk garbage picked up. Pick ups are scheduled for the same day as your regular waste collection day.

A maximum of four items will be picked up each time you call in.

Items are to be the end of your driveway for pick up and **NOT** beside unit #1 -960.

Thank you for your co-operation