

SOMERSET COURT

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Message from the Board

As the year draws to a close, we wish you and your families a safe and happy holiday season with hope and optimism for the New Year!

Your Board of Directors

- President: Sandy Cyr
- Vice-President: Brian Tell
- Secretary: Evan Travers
- Treasurer: Christine Butkovich
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Package Deliveries

As we continue to receive Christmas parcels and packages, you are kindly asked to keep up the good work and to continue to bring in any parcels left in the outside entrance areas of the building into the main lobby area.

Garbage

With most residents staying local over the holidays this year, there will likely be many meals prepared at home. Please be sure to bag your waste and not put any loose food down the garbage chute. This causes a mess to clean up as well as unpleasant smells that are difficult to eliminate. Let's be considerate to those who have to maintain these areas.



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WHAT'S NEW

MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

An update regarding ongoing maintenance and projects

COVID-19

Update on the buildings' COVID-19 protocols

SOMERSET COURT BOOK CLUB

The Splendid and the Vile

Maintenance Activities

Currently scheduled:

- Signage to indicate “No Smoking/Vaping” have been installed
- Signage for new Property Management Group to be installed
- Property has been winterized

Projects

Reserve Fund Study (RFS) – You have all been sent an electronic copy of the RFS and Notice of Future Funding. Please feel free to send any questions to Yawar at ykhan@cimanagement.ca

Rear Podium Deck – A Request for Proposal (RFP) is being prepared for Engineering services in preparation for the upcoming work in 2021.

Brick Investigation Report – Paterson Group has started to conduct a brick investigation. Their report will determine the location and priority of work required for the coming year(s).

Christmas Spirit

Based on a walk-through of the building, the fifth floor of the 205 building are the clear winners the “Most Christmas Wreaths Award” displaying a total of four wreaths. Well done to the residents of that floor. Congratulations to everyone else who participated!



The arrival of a COVID vaccine is exciting news and is encouraging in the fight against this virus. Ontario will be in lockdown starting at midnight on December 26 for 28 days. We strongly encourage you to maintain all COVID protocols:

- Wash your hands frequently and for 20 seconds
- Cough into your sleeve
- Don't touch your face
- Maintain physical distancing; keep 6 feet apart
- If you're feeling sick, stay home
- Continue using elevator etiquette
- Use best practices for deliveries & pick up items at the front door
- Remember that COVID-19 regulations apply to the rear courtyards
- Use of the BBQ will resume after government restrictions have been lifted.
- Maximum number of people allowed for indoor socializing is now set at 10 but we will be on lockdown on the 26th.

Key Contact Numbers

Your property manager:

Mr. Yawar Khan: ykhan@cimanagement.ca

Service/Maintenance Requests:

service339@cimanagement.ca

For emergency after-hours service, please call:

613-722-1232 and follow the prompts

Somerset Court Book Club!

The Somerset Court Book Club members were unanimously captivated by *The Lost City of the Monkey God* by Douglas Preston - a gripping story worth reading for so many reasons.

The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Blitz by Erik Larson is next and will be discussed on January 24th. It ranks among the best books of 2020 according to *The Globe & Mail*, *The New York Times Book Review*, *NPR*, *The Washington Post*, *Fortune*...

Send an email to mtnicholas1@gmail.com if you want to join the group discussion.

General Building Maintenance

The Board will monitor issues related to building/unit maintenance of actual or potential common concern. E-mail traffic between residents and Yawar Khan on such issues, always the first line of communication, should copy Sandy as well (cyr_sandy@hotmail.com) for tracking purposes.

The Board is always interested in input from residents and we welcome any constructive ideas or thoughts you may have with regards to living well at Somerset Court.

Christmas Lights

Unfortunately, the squirrels seem to have had their Christmas feast early and have eaten through the string of lights in the lilac trees! Seemingly, such



is another example of the strangeness of 2020. Replacing the lights has proven to be difficult with none to be found in the city. Therefore, these lights will not be replaced this year. Let's be thankful that the Christmas tree was spared so that we can enjoy a bit of a festive atmosphere.

Good News Stories

If you have any good news stories that you would like to share with your neighbours such as awards, volunteering, and happy events, please send them along to Christine Butkovich at

cmbutkovich@hotmail.com

Reminders

Owners are asked to forward newsletters to their tenants if applicable. Newsletters are posted on the bulletin boards in the garage.

Masks are required in all common areas - garage and stairwells included

Please make use of hand sanitizing stations at all entrances.