



# Edison Light Blurb



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### YOUR CONDO BOARD

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It has been a while since the last newsletter, and we have many new subjects to cover.

We are happy to see that the Covid epidemic is slowing, and we may finally go back to a more normal way of life (we hope!).

For now, our building maintains masking in all common areas as well as limited number of people in the elevator. This is for everyone's safety.

## Introducing Your New Board



Not to be outdone by our Federal elections, we also had our own elections.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of September, a new board was voted into power by a majority of our residents. There were no scandals or paybacks that we know of (ha!ha!). All went well and it was a great evening. There was nevertheless some excitement as two of our candidates received a tie vote. This tie was broken when one of the board's long-standing members and treasurer voluntarily gave up his seat to allow both candidates to be elected. A real hero of our political scene! Thank you, Dan, for your service and dedication.

Maybe we should make a statue of you and place it in concourse! Yes/No?

Another mention goes to Andrew Hanna who will not be on the next board. He is the largest commercial owner in our building. He may still be consulted for commercial related decisions. We also thank him for his service at the board and for keeping us well supplied with pills and jabs!

## Financials

It was mentioned by our treasurer at our AGM meeting "that our finances are in good shape" Our reserve fund is following the forecast as planned in the "Reserve Fund Analysis". Our board is watching our general expenses to remain within budgeted parameters.

Some large ticket items are coming up. Our snow removal contract was signed at approximately, last year's rate. The fire alarm yearly verification must be done, A&A is currently looking at pricing from different companies.

The board is also considering replacing the live plants in our lobby with artificial ones. The current maintenance cost of natural plants is 150\$ monthly.

## Safety and Security

In the last couple of years, new cameras, additional key fob readers and various improvements were added to improve the security and safety of our building.

Our building manager and board have reviewed audits done by Alliance (our alarm company) and the Cornwall Police Service. All the proposed items that were in the audits were analyzed, and some have already been completed.

There are still some items outstanding that will be reviewed for next year's budget.

This is a comment from our Cornwall Police report:

**"The Cotton Mill has done a wonderful job with the security system and have installed dozens of cameras throughout the buildings. There are only a couple of areas of concern."**

The "couple of areas of concern" are the following and are being reviewed by the Board. One is the installation of cameras to identify license plates on Cotton Mill Lane. This is planned for next year. The second item has to do with the fence, trees, and shrubs on the south side of the building. This is also being reviewed at the Board. The issue with this item is that the fence, trees, and shrubs are not on our property; they are on the Portland's property.

## Snow Removal

Yes, it's that time of year. Your board is currently looking at a revised snow removal procedure, so stand by.

The purpose of the snow removal procedure is to allow for a safe shoveling of snow off our balconies. It will also allow us to coordinate with the snow removal company to clear our sidewalks.

## Christmas Potluck



Your Condo Board has voted in favour of holding the annual holiday potluck in the lobby for this year. Elaine has graciously volunteered to be the chief organizer once again, and you can expect an invitation and more detailed information soon.

As confirmed by the Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU), the lobby is considered an event space, not a private gathering, and as such the capacity limit is based on the square footage

Based on the square footage, according to Andrew, the limit is 50 participants, following all health measures.

The EOHU specified that all attending must be residents of the Edison Building (no outsiders may be invited), that vaccine passports must be checked, and a contact tracing form completed. The EOHU also checked and confirmed that we will be permitted to share food.

# Honourable Mentions



We are adding this heading to the newsletter to highlight the contributions that many of our residents have done with helping carry out work that has saved money in our budget or has improved our building in any way.

We know that we are not covering all past accomplishments and for that we are sorry. There have been many. We are starting fresh with the most current ones.

If any of our residents would like to highlight someone else's good deeds, please send us a note. We will include it in the next issue. Pictures are also welcome.

Here we GO:

\* Elaine cleans all the windows of the south garage door and paints the graffiti off the wall at the garage basement entrance.

\* Luigi trims trees on the south side of the building to eliminate areas hidden by vegetation. There was an interesting find! (see picture)

\* Suzanne, Claude, Nicole, Louise, Conrad, Claudette, Jocelyne, Colin, Anita, Luigi have participated in the Cornwall clean-up day. There were many cigarette butts on the ground!

\* Elaine, Claude, Luigi painted the garage elevator lobby and the garage wall at the north stairway. Paint was chosen and offered free of charge, by Janice, our new board member. Claude is also our new board member.

\* The board approved the installation of another bookcase as the current books and puzzles had outgrown their space. An anonymous benefactor bought and installed it, all free of charge.

THANK YOU ALL!!

# New Info from our Local Associations

As was mentioned in our last newsletter, I will be giving you updates on our local associations, "Le Village and Renaissance". They seem to have good communication with City Hall, and it is in our interest to support them.

The number of residents in our building and later the Bell and Stevens buildings will certainly assist these associations to be heard. They want to improve the area we live in, and it is greatly needed!

Here is a report that was sent to the Portland's Committee and was prepared by Michel Dubuc from the association "Le Village District/Centertown". This report was put together with the assistance of Louise Lamontagne and me (Luigi Bonici). See the attached PDF file, from Le Village Communication to Port Lands Committee Sept 2021.

# New Mailbox



Canada Post has installed a new mailbox in the lobby near the bookcases. It is now operational. The mail carrier checks for outgoing mail every weekday. Great news!

# This and That



The Cornwall Historic Walking Tour book is a beautiful illustration of Cornwall, including the Cotton Mill district, illustrated by our own local artist, Pierre Giroux, who painted all of the artwork in our lobby.

Proceeds raised for this beautiful illustration of history go towards the embellishment of the historic area, including plaques, benches, and signage in a joint effort with Le Quartier du Village and the City of Cornwall.

You can purchase this artbook at Dubuc Opticians on Montreal Road or order it from Louise Lamontagne ([lamontagnelou4@gmail.com](mailto:lamontagnelou4@gmail.com)) or Luigi or Anita (unit 203) can pick it up for you.

Soft Cover \$45 / Autographed Hard Cover \$60

# The Fun Page



*Some lovely ladies from our building. Bye Micheline, we will miss you. Louise, we already miss you! Suzanne and Elaine, we will miss you when you move to the Bell (whenever that will be!)*



*From our AGM this year. As always, it was held at The Wing.*



*Lots of lovely ladies and handsome gentlemen at the Vieux Duluth to say goodbye and good luck to Micheline, who will be moving away soon. We all wish her well in her new home.*