

## CHAPARRAL POINTE ADULT CONDOMINIUMS NEWSLETTER - FALL, 2017

Hello Everyone,

We have certainly had a lovely warm summer this year, but fall is on the way. When you are cleaning out your flowerbeds, please remember that all clippings and all plants should be put in the organic compost bins. We have noticed that many people are still not collecting organic compost; we remind you that this is something required by the City as of November 1st of this year. Down the road, garbage will be collected every second week, so it is vital that everyone separate organic compost and put it in the appropriate bins in the sheds. Please also continue to separate the dry recyclable items and put those things in the appropriate bins. The actual amount of real garbage in your home will be cut down immensely. If you are looking for reasonably priced compostable bags, they are available at stores such as Canadian Tire and Costco. You are certainly not required to put your organic waste in bags; it can be emptied directly into the plastic-lined bins. Remember that meat scraps and bones are part of this organic waste program, unlike home compost bins.

There have been a number of units requiring repairs this year - some of which were covered by our reserve funds. As our units age, more repairs will be required in the near future. We are trying our best to keep costs down and also have quality repairs done. Hopefully everyone is watching for any problems on the exterior of their units. We want to have small problems looked after before they become huge problems.

For those who don't know, Bart Nicholls is no longer our representative from FirstService Residential, our management company. Our new manager is Angela Murphy. She can be contacted at 403-299-1769 or [angela.murphy@fsresidential.com](mailto:angela.murphy@fsresidential.com)

Peter and Diane Haggarty have done the bottle depot runs for years, and they are ready to take a break. Thank you, Peter and Diane, for your dedication in doing this service for the complex! We are hoping that someone will volunteer to take on the task of taking refundable bottles and cans from the garbage sheds to the Walden Recycle Depot. It isn't a long trip. These funds go toward the common area beautification of the complex, such as the pots and flowers at the entrances.

Some owners have been having trouble with voles. Some success has been reported by using Solar Powered Mole/Gopher Sonic Spikes. These can be found online or at places like Home Depot. There is a huge variety of prices -

the Home Depot advertised one for \$ 18.97. A prong goes in the ground and produces a sound that voles, etc. don't like, so leave. Just remember if you use these, the prongs (with the solar panel top) should be put in flower beds or tree wells, not in the grass, as that would impede lawn mowing. Other residents have had luck with locked bait stations (sometimes referred to as "black boxes") - they have poison inside, and only mice or voles can get into it to eat the sweet smelling bait. Dogs or children cannot get into them, but please be very careful with the storage of unused pellets. These can be put in your garage.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Our A.G.M. will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at the ATB in Walden at 7:00 P.M. Please mark this on your calendar (some may put it in their cellphones!). We hope to have a good turn-out of residents to be updated on Chaparral Pointe Adult Condominium news. We will need new people on the Board in order to meet the standards for our Board requirements - please give serious consideration to letting your name stand. New perspectives and ideas are very welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Board.

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