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from your friends at LINK



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Seniors: celebrated or castigated?

As I either careen or shuffle down the sidewalk, I am painfully aware of the exasperated sighs of people walking behind me. I can hear their unspoken and, sometimes, spoken comments: "Why doesn't the old boy move aside?" "Why can't he speed up?" "He has nowhere to go." The remarks can hurt but, thanks to a particularly thick skin and a Scorpio perversity, I walk even more slowly and careen even more markedly. There's a war going on on the streets of Toronto.

For some people, the growing number of seniors raises issues. Is society going to drown in a geriatric tsunami? Are medical costs going to soar even more to care for the medical 'time bombs' hidden in an aging population? Are we facing apocalyptic demography? What are we going to do with mother and father? These fears are genuine, if

misguided. It is time for a reality check.

Seniors provide money and often housing for their adult, in-debt children, by mortgaging their own houses or building apartments in their basements. The golden years are losing their lustre. Seniors perform as unpaid baby sitters, house minders, and dog walkers. Seniors do volunteer work and give to charities. They also serve as mentors to younger generations trying to navigate through an increasingly fragmented society. Seniors know what responsibility means and they VOTE.

Seniors pay taxes for as long as they live. Medical advances continue to allow seniors to live meaningful and productive lives with extended employment opportunities, hence more tax potential.

Don't blame seniors for medical costs. Look to other causes, like hospital mismanagement and over-medication.

Without our seniors, Canada would be a much poorer country in a myriad of ways. So, seniors, shuffle and careen with pride.

Tom Maunder – 51 Alexander





Anna, Sara and Michelle Ahmad-Khan from 51 Alexander having fun with the ghost & pumpkin on the lawn in front of their building.

Photo by Ron Connors – 51 Alexander

The ghost statue was donated by David & Warren of 51. It was erected by Paul Baker & Marlin Roy (The City Park Lighting Kings).



Did you know? Help might be available for our hydro bills? Thanks for bringing this to our attention Orlando Flores.



Visit: ontarioelectricitysupport.ca



Ontario Energy Board
Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario

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There's help for low-income households. Get help. Start now.

Welcome to the Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP). If you are a customer of an electricity utility and in a lower-income home, you may qualify for a reduction on your electricity bill. [Click here](#) to learn more about it. The OESP will reduce the cost of your household electricity by applying a monthly credit directly to your bill. The credit amount will depend on how many people live in your home and your combined household income.

Ready to start your application? Click the Start button.

START APPLICATION



Have you already applied?

If so, you can log into your account or check your status.

Want to check the status of your application?

User ID:

Password:

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Hours of Operation
Monday to Friday
8:00am to 9:00pm ET



Email



Phone



Your joke for the day

Woman Does Something No One Expects On Her First Day Of Work. This Is Perfect.

There is a factory in Northern Minnesota which makes The Tickle Me Elmo toys. The toy laughs when you tickle it under the arms. Well, Lena is hired at The Tickle Me Elmo factory and she reports for her first day promptly at 8:00 AM.

The next day at 8:45 AM there is a knock at the Personnel Manager's door. The Foreman throws open the door and begins to rant about the new employee.

He complains that she is incredibly slow and the whole line is backing up, putting the entire production line behind schedule.

The Personnel Manager decides he should see this for himself, so the 2 men march down to the factory floor. When they get there the line is so backed up that there Are Tickle Me Elmo's all over the factory floor and they're really beginning to pile up. At the end of the line stands Lena surrounded by mountains Of Tickle Me Elmo's. She has a roll of plush red fabric and a huge bag of small marbles.

The 2 men watch in amazement as she cuts a little piece of fabric, wraps it around two marbles and begins to carefully sew the little package between Elmo's legs.

The Personnel Manager bursts into laughter. After several minutes of hysterics he pulls himself together and approaches Lena ..

'I'm sorry,' he says to her, barely able to keep a straight face, 'but I think you misunderstood the instructions I gave you yesterday...'

'Your job is to give Elmo two test tickles.'

Thanks to Ron Connors for this submission lifted from the internet.



Halloween at City Park 2015



Photos by Mitch Lambert & Ritchie Doucet





Did you know?

If you eat nutritious food and engage in moderate activity/exercise 80% of the time, you can indulge without guilt in your favourite treats and couch potato activities 20% of the time. It's a fact!



Nutrition tips:

~Don't go food shopping when you're hungry, and make sure you have a shopping list with you.

~Try a new, healthy recipe each week.

~Pre-cook extra quantities of rice, quinoa, and oatmeal etc., and refrigerate or freeze so it's always ready to use.

~Keep healthy snacks front-and-centre in your fridge, so it will be the first thing you grab.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Try to buy the following foods organic if you can, as the non-organic can be very high in pesticide residues:

Apples / Celery / Cherry Tomatoes / Cucumbers / Grapes / Nectarines / Peaches / Potatoes / Snap Peas / Strawberries / Sweet Bell Peppers / Hot Peppers / Spinach, Kale and Collard Greens

The following foods are low in pesticide residues:

Asparagus / Avocadoes / Cabbage / Cantaloupe / Cauliflower / Eggplant / Grapefruit / Kiwi / Mangoes / Onion / Papaya / Pineapples / Sweet Corn / Frozen Sweet Peas and Sweet Potatoes



To date, most all recipes included in LINK have been on the unhealthful side, so here's one that's good for you for a change. It's easy and yummy!

Crock Pot Cabbage & Stewed Tomatoes

1 small head of green cabbage (need about 8 cups cut in 2" pieces)
1 cup sliced onion
1 large can of [stewed] tomatoes
1 can of Campbell's Tomato Soup (undiluted)
1.5 teaspoons of vegetable oil
1 tablespoon of dried parsley
1 tablespoon of dried Italian seasoning
2 teaspoons of chicken bouillon
½ teaspoon celery seeds
¼ teaspoon pepper
1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper

Spray crock pot with oil. Combine all ingredients in a large mixing bowl and mix to coat all the cabbage. Add to slow cooker and cook on low 6 – 8 hours until cabbage is tender. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Spicy, yummy & good for you.

Did you know?

This year alone, approximately 24,000 Canadian men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer. It's a fact!



The following is a terrific place to find information for all of us who have reached the fifty year milestone

and further. Everything you need to know to keep going in the best shape possible.

Check out *"50+: Live Better, Longer"*, *"10 Tips for Senior Health"* and *"Active After 60"* on the following website:

[www. webmd.com/healthy-aging/tc/healthy-aging-physical vitality](http://www.webmd.com/healthy-aging/tc/healthy-aging-physical-vitality)



Another valuable website (e-learning module) of note is: lgbtagingcenter.org/training/thinkaboutit

Did you know?

In the U.S.A., one in three cancer deaths is attributed to poor lifestyle choices like inactivity, poor nutrition and obesity. It's a fact!



SEVERAL CO-OP FIRES UNDERLINE THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD PROTECTION

In September of last year, the Harris Road Housing Co-op in Pitt Meadows, BC suffered a fire that dislocated eight families. This was the latest of several fires occurring at housing co-ops in 2015, including other incidents at River Woods Housing Co-op in North Vancouver, BC; Applegrove Housing Co-op in Hamilton, ON, and a fire at Northtown Housing Co-op in Welland, ON resulting in one fatality.

Although all four of the Co-ops had commercial insurance, in several cases not all affected households had sufficient contents and liability insurance.

“What we discovered from our situation is that many members simply buy the cheapest form of insurance coverage,” said River Woods president Diane Bennett. “They feel they cannot afford more than a basic policy. As a result, two areas which often fall short are additional living expenses --covering your alternate accommodations -- and contents -- covering the items you lost. Making sure you have adequate coverage for your individual family situation is critical.”

Harris Road member liaison Jo-Ann Howell echoes this message. She said some, but not all, of the displaced households had contents insurance. The Co-op has set up a

fund on their behalf accepting money and new household items through Maple Ridge Community Services. In River Woods’ case, one local young man, Ben Last, is cycling across Canada to raise money in support of the displaced families. He has visited and received donations from several housing co-ops along the way, as he documents in his blog.

Co-ops using CHF Canada’s Insurance Program can find risk management information on CHF Canada’s website, as well as information about “Memberguard” content and liability insurance for individual members.

Reprinted from “The Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada” CHF Canada National eNews dated September 14, 2015.



Also from “The Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada” eNews dated September 14, 2015:

ELECTION UPDATE: LIBERALS RELEASE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN

On September 9th, 2015, Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau released his party's affordable housing plan. In addition to repeating an earlier commitment to renew Co-operative Housing agreements, in line with CHF Canada's recommendation, the Liberal plan commits to:

- \$125 million per year in tax incentives for the development of new affordable rental housing, and for the refurbishment of existing rental housing.
- CMHC financing for Co-ops, other non-profits and private entities, for the development of new affordable rental housing for low- and middle-income households
- An inventory of available federal lands and buildings that could be repurposed for affordable housing.

These new commitments are positive and have helped make housing affordability part of the election agenda. CHF Canada staff will continue to work with Liberal Party staff to understand the details behind these commitments.

Stay tuned to eNEWS and to CHF Canada's election website for more details from the other parties. And please use the website to send a

'Vote Co-op Housing – You Hold The Key' email to your local candidates today (and encourage your neighbours and friends to do the same). You, and Co-op Members just like you, hold the key to showing federal [politicians] that millions of people want the Federal Government to deal with the issue of affordable housing, and specifically with taking care of the thousands of households at risk of losing Federally-funded rental assistance!

Thanks to City Park Member Michael Shelley of 31 for forwarding these articles to LINK.



Jayde Clancy ... exposed

In September of 2015, City Park did a very smart thing and appointed Jayde Clancy as its Security Manager. Jayde had worked with the



Security Team since September 2012. Jayde is a pivotal member of the City Park team, and it is important to get to know him a little better. Jayde's interest in public

security comes naturally as his father was an OPP Officer for 22 years. His own direct involvement in security began in his early twenties

when he was issued his licence by the Province of Ontario. One of Jayde's first jobs was in a large condominium complex which mirrored in many ways the situation Jayde was to experience at City Park, that situation being one of a variety of issues being faced by a variety of people within financial, administrative, and political constraints.

For Jayde, one of the main issues facing him as Security Manager is to keep an open mind and listen sympathetically and attentively to each Member's story. Truth is an elusive quarry best tracked with persistence, a sense of humour, and a positive attitude. The conflicting groups within City Park can make consensus building a challenge, but Jayde feels he is up to that challenge and can make a contribution to reducing the conflicts.

Being a Security Manager has its stresses, and maintaining a lifestyle balance is important. Jayde strives for this balance by including, as much as possible, his family in the events of his day. Understanding exactly what he does makes things easier for his family and friends. It also helps Jayde that he not only prioritizes his tasks for each day but also sets aside time for those spontaneous events that occur with

great frequency at City Park. Jayde is also a hockey player. Hockey is a sport that requires strength, agility, focus, and team spirit. Qualities which stand him in good stead at City Park.

Welcome to City Park, Jayde. We hope your stay will be a long and happy one.

Tom Maunder - 51 Alexander

Vet Visit

A vet has been found that would be willing to come to the Co-op and



administer to our pets on a quarterly basis. If you are interested please contact David Wooten at:

djwootton63@gmail.com

Or leave a message for him at the office.

If there is enough interest in this, the Pet Committee will develop the idea. If the response is not good, then it will not go further.



Congrats to Michelle DuBarry on being proclaimed the “Oldest Drag Queen in the World” by Guinness World Records.



From the CHFT awards site:
Stunning flowers from our gardens
at City Park!



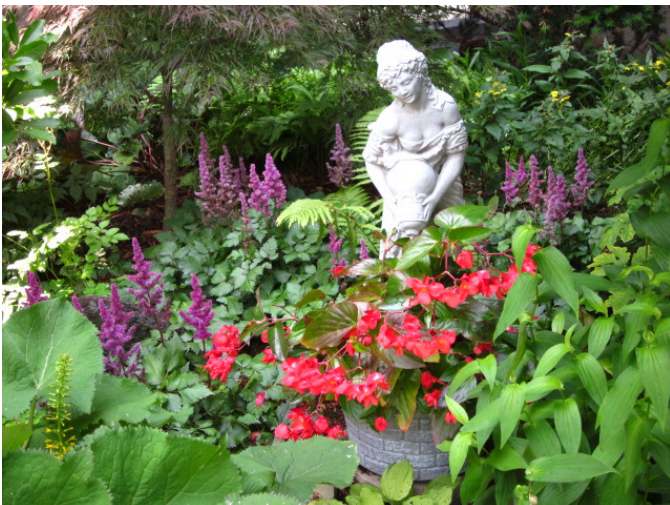
Our incredible Landscape
Committee Award Winners 2015!





Some of the items that were donated to the City Park Food & Clothing Drive.

John Gordon - 51 Alexander



The Community Development Committee says "Thank-you" City Park Members for another successful Food and Clothing Drive!

Once again, the City Park Membership have generously contributing \$525.00 and twenty-six



boxes of food to the Toronto People With Aids Foundation ("PWA").

We also contributed 142 bags of clothing to the Yonge Street Mission.

Winners of a \$25.00 Shoppers Drug Mart gift certificate were:

- 1) Apt. 308 – 31 Alexander
- 2) John McGregor – 51 Alexander
- 3) Robert O'Keefe – 484 Church

The following is a thank-you note from the PWA:



November 25, 2015

City Park Cooperative
484 Church Street
Toronto ON M4Y 2C7

Re: City Park Annual Food & Clothing Drive

Dear Residents,

You are making a positive difference! A heartfelt thank you to all who participated in the City Park Annual Food & Clothing Drive – together you collected 22 boxes of food for PWA's Essentials Market. Across the city, people living with HIV/AIDS are coming to PWA for help. At the time of their greatest need, clients can take comfort in the fact that donors like you offer a helping hand.

The Essentials Market Food Bank at PWA is the only food bank in Toronto that exclusively serves people living with HIV/AIDS. With over 870 visits each month, clients are met by welcoming volunteers and are provided with a dignified opportunity to choose fresh produce, dry goods, canned goods and meat...items of their choice, not ours.

The Essentials Market is made possible by the generosity of individuals and organizations in our community, and we are tremendously grateful to the residents of City Park Cooperative. With the support of people like you, the holidays are brighter and there is hope for those who need it most.

Your donation makes a 'positive' difference for people living with HIV/AIDS in Toronto. Thanks again and happy Holidays to everyone at City Park Cooperative.

Sincerely,

Douglas Taylor
Philanthropy Officer



Making a positive difference.

For Erika

Every flower that I see
Every blade of grass that turns in the wind
Reminds me of you.
As long as my eyes can see
You will always be with me.

Karin Williams - 51 Alexander



A quick note from our Maintenance Committee...

I was asked to write something for LINK so here it goes.

A little about me, my name is Sheldon. I joined the Maintenance Committee because I worked in buildings for a number of years as a Custodian, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor, Superintendent and a Site Operations Manager. Anything to do with the day-to-day running and upkeep of a property is right up my alley.

Since becoming the Chair of the Maintenance Committee, I have been working on getting a few projects approved by the Board.

First, is the installation of steps fitted with handrails (almost completed in the parking lot behind 31 Alexander).
Second, is choosing one colour light

bulb for the hallways, to prevent the inconsistency of what is there now. Third, is to address the safety concerns of the wheelchair ramp at the front of 484 Church Street. When it's cold and wet out, the ramp can be very slippery, so we are working on finding a solution to avoid any accidents.

Our vision is to collectively work with all the other Committees, Project Volunteers, and Members within Canada's largest Co-op, to find ways to improve the quality of life at City Park. Here we all have an opportunity to bring our ideas together to create a reality fit for its members.

I am asking interested Members to feel free to join us at one of our Maintenance Committee meetings, which is held the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. See Bulletin Boards for further information.

Sheldon Charles – 31 Alexander



Also from "The Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada" eNews

MINISTER FOR CMHC RECEIVES MANDATE TO MAINTAIN CO-OP SUBSIDIES

On November 4, 2015, a new cabinet was sworn in at Rideau Hall. The Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, MP for Québec, was named Minister of Families, Children and Social Development. Within this portfolio, he holds responsibility for CMHC.

As with all Ministers, Duclos received a letter from Prime Minister Trudeau outlining his expectations. In it, the Prime Minister instructed that rent-geared-to-income subsidies for Co-op Housing Members should be maintained. CHF Canada responded and has committed to working with the Minister to translate this into assistance for low-income housing Co-op residents who need help to keep their homes affordable.

So, things are looking very promising, but our campaign isn't over yet by any means! Building on the success of the Vote Co-op Housing campaign, CHF Canada is pleased to launch Protect Co-op Housing: You Hold the Key. This website will serve as the hub of the continuing campaign.



Throne Speech gives nod to social infrastructure

The Speech from the Throne officially opened the newest session of Parliament last fall. The Speech set out the broad goals and directions that the new government intends to pursue. Sending a positive signal, the Speech referenced the government's plan to invest in social infrastructure. Affordable housing was a central component of the Liberal Party's social infrastructure platform commitment.

Parliamentary Secretaries are Members of Parliament (MPs) who are appointed to assist a Minister. Essentially 'second-in-command', they play a key role on the files to which they are assigned. 35 Parliamentary Secretaries were announced last fall, and include two champions of Co-op Housing who have been assigned key roles:

Toronto MP **Adam Vaughn** is one of the Parliamentary Secretaries appointed to support the Prime Minister. This is exceptionally positive news for the *Protect Co-op Housing* campaign, as Adam is a particularly passionate supporter of Co-op Housing. He attended a Vote Co-op Housing event hosted at Windmill Line during the election campaign, as well as many other Co-op Housing events, both before and during the campaign.

Winnipeg MP **Terry Duguid** is appointed Parliamentary Secretary to Jean-Yves Duclos, who is the

Minister responsible for the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). This is the portfolio where affordable and co-operative housing and policy and programs reside. This is also great news, as Terry attended a Vote Co-op Housing event hosted by Village Canadien last September, where he learned about the expiring subsidy challenge. At the event, he shared with Co-op Members that he used to live at Westboine Park Housing Co-op.

Congrats to both; Canada's housing co-ops look forward to working with them to Protect Co-op Housing.



Father-Nature

Winter's overture belched,
Windy welcomings & flakey
snow patches;
As frothy apparel costumes
bare branches.
Indifferent to seasonal
disguises –
They bow, in recognition,
of the Invisible's

Creative manifestations-
From seedling, to trunk's arbour,
Universally camouflaged,
As God's Garden gamboling green!

T. Josef - 51 Alexander

Rhapsody

Rachmaninoff went off,
On a binge of colour!
Hoisting T.J. to celestial
tonalities, tingling with
Nuanced harmonics,
Concertized in sheer
pianoforte graphics,
Designed to fashion
The Presence of soul;
As K.G. Mills' Soundingness,
grasps my hand & heard
In rhythmic applause!
My eyes blink crescendoing tears
Praising coda's effulgence!

T. Josef - 51 Alexander

F.Y.I. - Kenneth George Mills (1923–2004) was a Canadian metaphysical/philosophical speaker and author. An exponent of the oral tradition, he gave spontaneous lectures and poetry for over 37 years. At the same time, he became noted for his accomplishments in music, particularly as the conductor of the choral ensemble, "The Star-Scape Singers". He excelled at composing, painting, and design and has been described by some as a New Age man, a man for all seasons, and a Renaissance man. (Wikipedia)

Personal Alarms

More and more people are living alone these days. In fact, almost 27% of Canadians reported living alone on the 2006 Census, according to the Employment and Social Development Canada Agency, compared to roughly 5% of the population in the 1920's.

As we age, we tend to develop physical limitations; from 16% of 45-64-year-olds reporting limitations to 42% of people over 75 years of age (Canadian Institute of Health Information).

Remaining at home and in the community can have a positive impact on our emotional wellbeing. It is therefore important that, if we live alone, our homes are safe. One way to do this is to have a safety assessment of your apartment done by an Occupational Therapist. You can arrange to have this done for free by calling our local Community Care Access Centre at (416) 506-9888 and requesting a home safety assessment. I strongly encourage you to do this so that you do not have a fall at home while alone.

Falling at home can be very dangerous. I am sure we have all heard stories of people who fell, were not able to call for help and lay

on the floor for days until discovered.

Do you know what you would do if you fell and could not get up or call for help?

Personal home safety alarms can be a life saver in these situations. These alarms are offered by several companies and cost roughly \$30-60 a month for monitoring fees, depending on the features you take.

Residents of City Park: We could save about \$10 a month if we sign up enough residents for a group rate.

I have heard that many residents do not like these alarms because, upon activation, the alarm company will call 911 and Emergency Services will show up at your door and take you to Emergency at the closest hospital.

There is another option though and it is the *"Smart Dialer"* offered by Care Alert Canada. This is a different home alarm in that you program phone numbers for it to call in case you fall and activate the alarm. These numbers could be a friend, a neighbour, or 911 who

could come help you should you fall. These alarms are also different in that we will be buying them outright and we can move with them.

Care Alert has offered City Park a discount on these alarms. They regularly cost \$269 to purchase, but we will get a \$40 discount plus a free 3-year warranty (another saving of \$49). This is an \$89 savings for City Park residents.

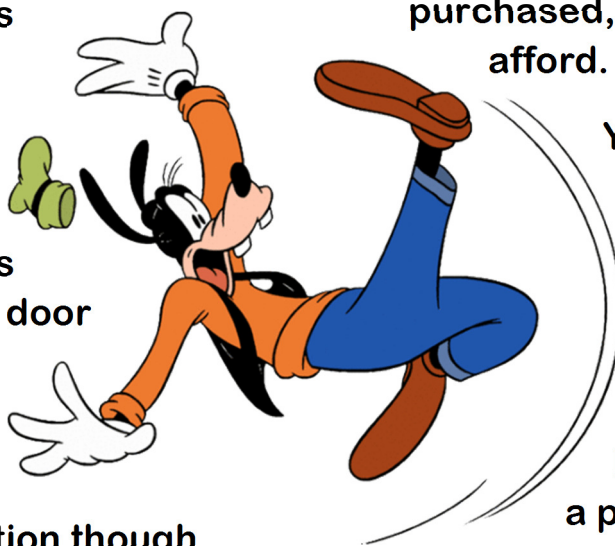
There is no monthly monitoring fee for the Smart Dialer. Care Alert has also given us the option of a payment plan for residents to pay about \$13 a month until the unit has been purchased, making it easier to afford.

You will need to have a telephone landline to operate the system.

I encourage you to swing by the Aging in Place display in the City Park Library and pick up a pamphlet. Please consider

if you would like to obtain a smart dialer for yourself and please contact me at 647-526-9188 if you are interested or have any questions. We will be looking at making a purchase in the near future.

Calvin MacLean – 31 Alexander



CHFT Sector Report – Nov. 2015

The CHFT meeting was held at Oakham House, 55 Gould St. on October 29, 2015.

This year City Park Co-op received the 'Best Outdoor Garden Award' and the 'Hall of Fame Garden Award'. The latter is for ten years of continual Garden Awards.

On a financial note to us, there will be a 1.7% dues increase in 2016.

The format for their education program has changed. They anticipate two one-day education events per year, several board workshops, and several portable workshops. Publication sales remain modest, but the CHFT website will be adding some special free sections, including a section on bedbugs.

CHFT's main priorities in 2016 are to maintain member services and education programs including:

- continuing to work on their five-year plan (they are in Year Two)
- actively seeking support of municipal politicians concerning issues related to co-op housing
- ensuring there is a partnership at the municipal level
- preparing federal co-ops for

the end of the operating agreement

- working with the agency for Co-operative Housing to stabilize the federal co-ops
- assisting municipal co-ops with losses related to provincial legislation
- maintaining a high level of services
- developing a new generation of co-op leadership
- ensuring a voice for CHFT at all levels of government
- working with other Federations to ensure a strong voice at the grassroots level.



I found the "Helping Hands" program interesting. There is a need for this kind of program at City Park, though it might be difficult to recruit Volunteers. They survey the Co-op first, to gauge the needs of Members - particularly seniors, disabled Members, and those with medical issues. They then match Members with those who can help with basic errands and chores. It's something ambitious to think about.

Paul Kazlauskas
Board CHFT Delegate

Shopping at Loblaws: 'A Survival Guide'

For many of us, our neighbour Loblaws is a home away from home, and there is much to say in praise of the Weston's fruit and veg emporium. It is large, airy, well-lighted, and filled with tempting delicacies from near and far.

The global reach of Loblaws is indeed impressive. Loblaws also houses a pharmacy, two clinics for what ails you, a florist, and a cooking school. The food courts, upstairs and down, offer a moment or two to sit and savour the ongoing delights of people watching. The cast of characters has a core of regulars, which is supplemented by the ebb and flow of street traffic.

The short story possibilities are endless. But, beware, shopping at Loblaws does offer its challenges which can, fortunately, be surmounted by a simple survival guide. Here are some suggestions based on my experience.

Carefully select a time for shopping. Avoid noon hour, as the "pizza-to-go" crowd queues for its dose of artery clogging fat. 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. is also problematic because upwardly mobile career folks are rushing home with the makings of family dinners.

Pick one or two cashiers and stick with them. You get to know them and they get to know you and you might get free bags.

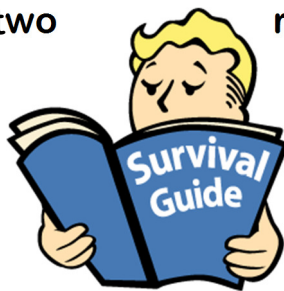
If you have the PC app or points flyer, take a moment to map out your route and remember to cross off the items as you purchase them. Learn to distinguish between President's Choice and Blue Menu offers. Invest in shin guards to protect your extremities from distracted drivers and their carts and try to avoid married couples who feel it necessary to discuss white versus ruby red grapefruit while parked in the middle of the aisle.

Also, be alert to drivers making abrupt U turns without signalling their intentions.

Earplugs are recommended to avoid hearing the frequent, loud, and generally unintelligible pages over the intercom. Are the Managers NEVER on duty?

Remember, Customer Service is frequently busy, so be patient! Check your PC Points carefully, as items can be programmed in the wrong category on the cash registers.

Rumour has it that there are cots for the overnight staff. Something to remember in times of domestic strife.



Continue to enjoy shopping at Loblaws; it is a world unto itself.

Tom Maunder - 51 Alexander



In the Peter Michael Gernon Community Hall

The Hunchback of Notre Dame

1939 - 7.9/10 stars - 117 Minutes

Staring: Charles Laughton, Cedric Hardwicke, Maureen O'Hara
Director: William Dieterle



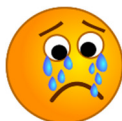
Ignorance, cruelty and superstition pervade France of the fifteenth century. Frollo, the King's high justice, exploits these evils, persecuting the gypsies and opposing any mode of progress.

When the lovely gypsy dancer Esmeralda is threatened by the King's men, she seeks refuge in a church, Notre Dame, where she meets the grotesque hunchback Quasimodo. Frollo, who is Quasimodo's guardian, orders the hunchback to take the girl captive, and Esmeralda, terrified, escapes to the underworld of Clopin and his beggars. There, she saves the life of the poet Gringoire by consenting to take him as her husband, although she truly loves the soldier Phoebus. Frollo lusts after Esmeralda, however, and, unable to tolerate her love for Phoebus, kills his rival. Esmeralda is arrested for the crime, and Frollo, claiming that the girl had bewitched him with the power of Satan, demands her life. As Esmeralda is marched to die on the gallows, Quasimodo leaps from the building above and carries her to the sanctuary of the church. Not to be denied Esmeralda's life, Frollo incites the nobles to deny sanctuary, and the beggars, concerned for the girl's safety, storm the church. Amid the chaos, Frollo enters the church. Justice is finally served as Quasimodo huris Frollo to his death from the bell tower.

Project Leader for Aging in Place Needed

It is time for me to move on. Looking for someone to take on the Aging in Place duties. I would certainly help with the transition.

This is a very rewarding volunteer position. Kindly email me if you are interested. Thanks!
Jo-Anne



jpkenedy2009@hotmail.com



In the Peter Michael Gernon Community Hall

What Ever Happened to Baby Jane?

1962 - 8.1/10 stars - 134 Minutes

Staring: Bette Davis, Joan Crawford, Victor Buono, Wesley Addy
Director: Robert Aldrich



In a tale that almost redefines sibling rivalry, faded actresses Blanche and 'Baby' Jane Hudson live together. Jane was by far the most famous when she performed with their father in vaudeville but as they got older, it was Blanche who became the finer actress, which Jane still resents. Blanche is now confined to a wheelchair - Jane ran her over with the car while drunk, even though she has no memory of it - and Jane is firmly in control. As time goes by, Jane exercises greater and greater control over her sister, intercepting her letters and ensuring that few if anyone from the outside has any contact with her. As Jane slowly loses her mind, she torments her sister going to ever greater extremes.



In the Peter Michael Gernon Community Hall

Sorry, Wrong Number

1948 - 7.5/10 stars - 89 Minutes

Staring: Barbara Stanwyck, Burt Lancaster, Ann Richards, Lief Erickson
Director: Anatole Litvak



Leona Stevenson is an alluring, wealthy, and irritating hypochondriac whose psychosomatic illness has her bedridden. Leona's only lifeline is the telephone, which she uses to excess. One evening, Leona impatiently tries to locate her henpecked husband Henry who is late in coming home. However, when phone lines cross, she overhears two thugs plotting a murder. Desperate to thwart the crime, Leona begins a series of calls--to the operator, to the police, and others--and eventually deduces the shocking identity of the victim. Meanwhile, unbeknownst to Leona, Henry is having problems of his own--he's become involved in a swindle and is being blackmailed. The film follows Leona, trapped in her lush apartment, as she tries to prevent an innocent from being murdered.

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