

Women's Community Co-operative Co-op News



June 2025



Community Awareness: Homelessness

On numerous occasions these past several months, we have had both male and female homeless folks gaining entry into the building. People have been found in both the lobby and stairwells. This is a great cause for concern. Firstly, we are 49 women, many of whom are vulnerable, disabled, aged and uncomfortable to say the least.

We realize that people just want to keep warm and safe, but the safety of the members must take precedence. The front lobby has been used for sleeping in, and as a bathroom. This is not okay. Any time we come across a homeless member of the community on our private property, it is our duty to call 911 making the HPS aware asking them to come to remove the individual. Do not assume the individual is sleeping. They may need urgent medical attention.

As human beings, our first instinct is to help. However, this is 'our' home and we must think of the safety of the women that live here, first and foremost. Please do not engage or welcome anyone in.

Garden Committee: Sisterwood

If you haven't been following or have noticed the amazing work that Sisterwood has accomplished these past few weeks, please go out and have a look at the gardens on the North end of the building. They are looking magnificent! We love what's been done around the Lilac Tree on the North/East side! Well done 'Sisters'!! Thank you for keeping Women's beautiful, even while under construction!



Emergency Kit

There's been discussion around keeping a personal 'emergency kit' in our units near the door, just in case it is ever needed. With all of the news lately around wildfires, it makes you think twice about emergency preparedness.

Suggestions might be things like:

Dry snacks, PJ's, sweater, socks, book, phone, phone numbers, paper, pen, medication, water, phone charger, inverter, power bank, flashlight, extra batteries, first aid items and others.

If you were ever a Girl Guide, you'll remember the importance of being prepared! It's not a must have. Just planting a seed.

Remember Romeo & Juliet? What's in a Name?

A few more suggestions have come in for the naming of the newsletter.

- Women's Gossip Column
- Let's Talk Women's

We've had some great suggestions. This is really tough!!!

OTHER STUFF!

General Membership Meeting (GMM) will be held on Wednesday June 25 at 5:30 PM in the Rec Centre!

We are still awaiting permits so that the Retaining Wall project can begin on the South end of the building. Once that is complete the parking lot will be done. More to follow once we have the info to share. Patience truly is a virtue!

The Garbage Room door has now been replaced. DO NOT force it to stay open!

Neighbour to Neighbour...

For those of us with fur babies, please take the extra time to ensure all dog & cat hair is cleaned out of the washers & dryers!

Policies & By-Laws

With the warmer weather upon us and Summer fast approaching, we thought it was a perfect time to highlight Policy #8 - Barbeque

Please remember to be mindful & respectful of others!

The Barbeque Policy is attached.



The following Policy was confirmed by the members of Women's Community Co-op at a General Members' meeting on 10th day of December, 2009.

Policy #8 - Barbeque

1. The co-op will keep a supply of propane and lighters in the garden shed for the use of members on a "spur of the moment" time. In other words, if the member decides to cook a steak for themselves, they can go down and start up the barbeque, and ANY OTHER MEMBER can join them).
2. Noise should be kept to a level that will be considerate of the members living in the area around the barbeque. In every case members must comply with the city bylaw that states no high level of noise after 11:00 PM.
3. Whoever uses the barbeque is responsible for cleaning it!
4. Members may book the barbeque area through the Recreation Events Committee for private functions. This will require "booking the barbeque" although there will be no charge.
5. The Recreation Events Committee will always have priority for booking. If there is more than one member wanting the barbeque area for the same day, the barbeque will be allotted on a first come, first served basis.



Members are required to read their By-law binder, as well as the Policies & Procedures of the Co-op. It is each member's responsibility to familiarize yourself with each and every one of them.

These have been placed in the front closet of every unit, prior to residency.



Would you like a digital copy emailed to you? Send us an email with your request to Diane and Emily at dianedowney8082@gmail.com, and we'll happily send you a colour copy, monthly!



Happy Father's Day to the many Moms who have played both roles!

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SHE'S BACK!!!



Kate is back! Welcome home Kate, we missed you!

Please give her some time to sort through all she has missed while away.

A huge thank you to Mae Harry, who travelled in from Welland each day to cover Kate's absence! We are so grateful for your welcoming ways! We'll miss you!

A gentle reminder to respect closed office hours!



2025 General Members Meeting

The date for the upcoming General Members Meeting is Wednesday June 25th at 5:30 PM in the Recreation Centre.

There are By-Laws to be passed and new budget items to be addressed. See you all there!

A Friendly Reminder from the Office

Effective July 1, 2025



1-Bedroom Market Rents increased by \$38.00

2-Bedroom Market Rents increased by \$43.00

One time Member Deposit Increases are also due.

If you are in receipt of ODSP or OW, please notify your Worker that the \$38.00 or \$43.00 should be added to your July cheque.

Thank you!

2025 Air Conditioner & Freezer Payments

It's that time of year again! This is a reminder that Air Conditioner & Freezer payments are due. If necessary, payments can be made over 4-months. Please contact the office.

A/C - \$100 per A/C unit. Freezer - \$30.

