



CCRA INFORMATION BULLETIN

November 2021

FRIENDLY REMINDER

As life begins to return to normal many people are using the facilities at The Centre. On several occasions over the last few weeks the front and downstairs doors have been left unlocked. **The doors at The Centre must be kept locked at all times.**

We invested in a FOB system to ensure the safety of all residents as they participate in activities at The Centre. **To that end we request that you please open the doors with your FOB, keeping the door locked at all times.**

If you do not have a FOB please contact a member of the Administration Committee and we will arrange to have one prepared for your use. We have our keys as a back up only in the event of a power interruption – they are no longer for every day use. If you use your key for entry, you must relock the door before you enter the building. Thank you.

WHEN GOING INTO THE CENTRE

Please remember that everyone must follow COVID19 Protocols. You must wear a mask, do a COVID19 self screen and sign in and out at The Centre. Please have your vaccine receipts handy when coming to The Centre as everyone needs to be fully vaccinated. Fully vaccinated means that it's at least 2 weeks after the second shot! Please clean what you have touched with the disinfectant wipes and remember to sanitize your hands regularly.

To help keep everyone safe, please stay home if you are not feeling well or have any of the COVID19 symptoms!

WHAT'S NEW SECTION ON RESIDENTS HOME PAGE OF THE CCRA WEBSITE

We mentioned this in the September Bulletin. It really is a great addition to the CCRA web site. At a glance you can see any new items or information that has been added to the website. Use it to stay up to date with what is happening in Canterbury!

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We need a volunteer to set up a private network for the CCRA office computers. For more information, please contact Lou Rocha at 905-982-0603 or louroch51@gmail.com.

You're Invited!

To join us as more activities start back up in November at The Centre

Good news! Everyone is welcome to join in the many activities now starting up in November – exercise class, arts & crafts and card games to enjoy!

Mondays – Chair Yoga (Wait list), Poker and Bid Euchre

Tuesdays – Artisans, Mah Jongg, Mixed Bridge

Wednesdays – Ladies Bridge, Euchre

Thursdays – Mah Jongg, Crib Night

Note: Details for each group (excluding Chair Yoga, which is outlined on the CCRA web site) are included below.

Feel free to also join the activities already underway including Shuffleboard, Power Walking, Line Dancing, Knit Wits and Book Club.

- **ARTISAN GROUP**

After a long hiatus, we are finally able to meet again for some fun in creating art! An information meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 16th at 1:00 p.m. in The Centre's lower level to discuss options for this class going forward. Bring your ideas! With the new COVID regulations in mind, we are able to accommodate 15 people downstairs to paint. Our future classes will be held on Tuesdays, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns you can contact me at birgit.pullen@gmail.com Looking forward to meeting you!
Cheers! Birgit Pullen

- **BRIDGE - MIXED BRIDGE AND LADIES' BRIDGE**

We are happy to announce at this time we are able to play bridge again.

- The Mixed Group starts Tuesday, Nov. 2nd at 7:00 p.m.
- The Ladies Group starts Wednesday, Nov. 3rd at 1:00 p.m.

All COVID protocols must be followed. No food or drink is allowed except for water. Our tables will be 6 feet apart and we are allowed to circulate. There will be a signup sheet in the hall for Mixed Bridge each week in order to keep the tables full. Everyone brings a loonie for prizes. Everyone is welcome and we are always looking for happy new faces.
Carol Hough

- **CRIBBAGE**

Yeah! Cribbage is resuming Nov. 4th at 7:00 p.m. Bring a couple of dollars.
All are welcome. Audrey Thompson

- **DUPLICATE BRIDGE**

It has been 18 months since we were last able to gather as a group. We are now ready to go. Our duplicate bridge group will gather on Fridays from 1:30 to about 3:30 p.m. We are a relaxed group with a focus on having a fun time. There is no cost and no prize money. To all our regulars and newcomers, please give me a call or email me and once we have enough people, we can start. This is also a special invitation to all who have come to our community in the past 2-3 years, come give it a try. We are open to all levels of play. Would love to have you join us.

Doug Thiemann, Tel.905-985-4644, Email: doug.thiemann@gmail.com

- **EUCHRE**

Hi everyone! We're back! Euchre and Bid Euchre will begin again the week of November 8th - Bid Euchre on Mondays and Euchre on Wednesdays. Games begin at 7:00 p.m. sharp.

Be sure to bring your mask, your vaccination certificate, ID and a drink if you want one. No treats will be supplied at this time. Hand sanitizer will be available on each table. A loonie will be collected with the proceeds going to prizes.

We will have a refresher period for rules and procedures at the beginning of the evening. Anyone wanting to learn how to play either game, please call Bev or Bruce Bone (905-985-9732) and we'll arrange a lesson. We are looking forward to renewing old friendships and making new ones. Hope to see you there.

- **MAHJONG**

Join us at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Even if you haven't played before, come out and learn to play in a relaxed fun atmosphere. No need to bring money!
Carol Sambrook

- **POKER**

Poker started back up November 1st. All new players are welcome to join us on Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. Harvey Graham

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Join us for **COFFEE HOUR** on Thursday, December 2nd at 9:30 a.m. at THE CENTRE. Please bring your own coffee.

GUEST SPEAKER

Harvey Graham

Longtime Canterbury Resident

"One of a kind"

BINGO NIGHT: Be sure to mark your calendars for January 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. and watch for further details.

CHRISTMAS RECIPES

We're looking for your favourite Christmas recipes for the next issue of *The Chronicle*. From appetizers to desserts, we want it all. If you have something to share, please send it to chronicle@canterburycommon.ca.

ROGERS AND BELL COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

ROGERS

By now everyone that was a Rogers Ignite customer affected by the capacity issues should have received a \$150 credit on their September or October bill and a letter from Rogers apologizing for the issues they experienced. This goes beyond their contractual refund policy of only a 1-day credit.

Rogers also met with the CCRA Board and provided a refund for clubhouse services not used during the pandemic - about a year's worth. They have also committed to supply the clubhouse with 1-year free service going forward, when the CCRA Board tells them to begin.

Rogers is still getting the permits needed to install another node in our subdivision to split our area in half. The net effect is a doubling of capacity to prevent future issues. When permits from the Township are issued, they will begin this work.

Rogers is also still working on the possibility of treating us like a horizontal condo. The more people that sign up, the bigger everyone's discount. This is not resolved yet since it contravenes their normal processes. But they are trying for us. More to come.

Rogers is also planning to have localized customer service contacts for us. So, this might be good news - helping us avoid their massive call centres. They are working on this.

BELL

Bell contractors have completed placing the orange conduit for the fibre. Another set of contractors will soon begin to run fibre to the houses that have given them permission to place fibre outside their homes. Once this work is completed, Bell will be able to do the work of connecting people to the fibre service if they want to switch from Ignite to Bell.

A few people have contacted me regarding no orange conduit in front of their homes. Were they forgotten? The chief engineer for Bell said they have not been forgotten and they will still be able to be served once the new contractors arrive to begin installing fibre to the side of houses.

Bell expects all this work to be done by the end of November. After that, at some point they can begin to offer service to those who want to switch.

Both companies have been good to work with and Rogers has tried to help us after the issues we had. So, at the end of the day the choice will be yours. When deciding, be sure to consider...

- pricing
- how the channel guide works...can you use voice commands?
- what channels are in the packages?
- what the video quality is like?
- what internet speeds you get?
- how easy is it to add channels or change packages online?
- what their customer service is like?
- does their technology allow you to connect older home theater equipment for surround sound?

Cheers

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