



Canterbury Common Residents' Association

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CCRA INFORMATION BULLETIN

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INTRODUCTION

Happy Almost Spring! We have good news this month about certain re-opening plans for The Centre.

Watch for more news in an upcoming edition of *The Chronicle* or the next *CCRA Information Bulletin*.

FROM YOUR BOARD

- 1. Grand Opening Plans:** The Social Committee and Canterbury Transition Committee are working together to formulate plans for the “long delayed” official opening of The Centre. Current plans are for a two-day event on June 4th and 5th.
- 2. Budget Planning 2022-23:** Lee Maher, our Treasurer, explained to the Board how different projects are funded and managed. For illustration purposes he suggested that we consider four silos (Operating, Replacement Reserve, Capital Fund, and Land Use Development). The first silo contains the funding for our ongoing “operating expenses” (utility bills, lawn and garden maintenance, snow removal, repairs to the Centre, etc.). The second silo, called the Replacement Reserve Fund, is provided to pay for items that break down, wear out or just get old. The third silo is called the Capital Fund and identifies funds for “new projects or acquisitions”. The fourth silo (a recent addition) will be used to finance the front-end expenses of the Land Use Development. When CCRA levies our annual fees, the Finance Committee allocates portions to each of these silos. The budget currently being prepared is CCRA’s plan for how much income we will receive in fees and how much must be allocated to the silos. Not an easy job.
- 3. Easing of Covid Restrictions:** The Board discussed plans to reduce COVID-19 restrictions. Announcements will be made as we progress, with the hope that by May 1 we can use The Centre at full capacity, free of restrictions.
- 4. Centre Rentals for Private Functions:** Residents may be aware that they can, depending on availability, rent The Centre for a private function (usually on a Saturday or Sunday when there are no CCRA scheduled events). Fees are set based on the ability to divide the room, use of the kitchen, covering increased cleaning cost, etc., Murray Smith and the Administration Committee will review our rental fees and structure. More information will be shared with residents soon.

5. **Last one out – “Turn off the lights”:** With the increased usage of The Centre, it has come to the attention of the first group to enter The Centre in the morning – the Ladies’ Exercise Group - that on a few occasions the pot lights in the south section of the hall have been left on all night. The light switch configuration is somewhat of a challenge. The lights are on a dimmer, so push up the lights and they are bright, push down and the lights are dim, *but they are not off*. To turn the lights off, you push the centre of the light, and it goes off completely.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Lauren Maher

Your Social Committee is actively planning future events for your enjoyment:

Annual Canterbury Yard Sale:	May 7 th
Bingo Night:	May 13 th
Canterbury 2022...This Is Us (Official Opening Weekend):	June 4 th & 5 th
Canada Day:	July 1 st

Our popular Coffee Hour and Happy Hour events will resume in May.

More details will be forthcoming.

SWIMMING POOL

Martha Simmons

1. **Opening:** The opening is being planned for mid to late May. Gary Carmichael and his team will take the winter cover off the pool in April and will then do all the necessary checks and preparations to get the pool ready for the season. Closer to the time, we will let you know the exact date for opening.

We will continue to follow Durham Health guidelines and hopefully have the necessary information by late spring. We anticipate that COVID protocols will not be required, allowing us to fully open the pool to residents and their guests.

We plan to keep the pool open until 8:00 p.m. in July and August this summer, which was very well received last season. To do so, we need to conduct one more pool water test in those two months, at 6:00 p.m. each day.

2. **Volunteers Needed:** We have several residents who have volunteered to assist again this year with the daily monitoring and opening & closing of the pool. We really appreciate their assistance, which is invaluable in helping us keep our pool operational all summer.

However, we do need a few more volunteers to help this season. We would also like to have a few back-ups listed, so that if anyone has another commitment on their designated day, they have someone to call to fill in for them. The old expression - ‘many hands make light work’ - is so true. Full training is provided.

There are two groups of volunteers needed: -

- **Opening & Closing the Pool**

This involves removing or putting on the solar blanket, inserting or removing the robot vacuum, and tidying the pool deck area. With our new larger pool, it is more difficult for just one person to roll the solar blanket on and off the pool. Ideally, we would like to have a team of two for each day of the week. It only takes a few minutes at 9:30 a.m. and again at 6:00 p.m. (or at 8:00 p.m. in July and August).

- **Monitoring and Testing the Pool Water**

This involves testing the pool water and doing a couple of other monitoring tasks (e.g., checking to make sure the emergency phone is working) twice per day. You can choose either the 9:45 a.m. or 2:00 p.m. time slot (or the 6:00 p.m. slot in July and August).

It's not a big commitment but has a huge impact on successfully running the pool. It takes less than ½ hour. The bonus is that it gets you to the pool for a swim after you test the water!

Testing the pool water every 4 hours is a requirement, mandated by the Durham Health Department, so we need to ensure that we have enough volunteers to fill the schedule.

We have the following time slots to fill this year -

- **Monitor/Tester**

- A couple of days (flexible) at 9:45 a.m.
- A couple of days (flexible) at 2:00 p.m.
- A couple of days (flexible) at 6:00 p.m., July & August only
- Back-ups

- **Pool Opener/Closer**

- Wednesday
- Friday
- Back-ups

Please contact Martha Simmons (simmonsmg89@gmail.com, Tel 982-1330) if you can spare a bit of time one day/week. We would really appreciate it.

SCRAMBLE GOLF AND SOCIAL

George Clapham

As spring rapidly approaches and fair-weather activities such as golf become part of our fantasies, the Scramble Committee is preparing to make your fantasy "reality".

Every Thursday afternoon from May 5 until September 29, nine holes of golf will be played at Crestwood Golf Club in mixed golfer 4somes, playing "best ball" with your neighbours from the Canterbury community. After golf, golfers and other registered members will gather at the Centre at 5:30pm for a catered dinner and social time with old friends and new neighbours.

To coordinate these 22 evening gatherings, Scramble will require "convenors" to set-up and organize the logistics for the evening. The convenor couple will be assisted by 4 or 5 volunteers. A short list of some of the responsibilities of a convenor include:

Setup tables and chairs, assist the caterer to setup, welcome attendees, accept their payment, ensure they can find their table, prepare the coffee and tea station, provide payment, and thank the caterer, organize take down of tables and chairs and turn off the lights.

To volunteer as a convenor, contact Robbie MacDonald - rjmac13@gmail.com (778-731-0381). A convenor meeting will be scheduled for early April.

FIBRE OPTICS INSTALLATION

John Nesbitt

Bell has finished their fibre installation and is signing up customers.

Bell has two agents that will help sign up any residents interested in Bell Fibre.

Patrick Michalski 647-327-2890
Deepak Sharma 416-209-7201

When calling the above agents be sure to mention Yasir Waseem who is the Bell Residential marketing contact. This will ensure you are offered the best rate possible.

Key in a resident's decision to switch to Bell or not will be:

- package pricing
- the length of special pricing
- contractual commitments (e.g., if you are currently a Rogers subscriber)
- included channels
- talking into the remote for channel selection
- smart home offerings, like alarms and cameras
- bundles and lighting control etc.
- ability to bundle cell phones for discounts
- streaming services and apps availability
- willingness to learn new technology and tools
- price of any hardware such as a Wi-Fi repeater and set up technology
- customer service
- safety service such as fall detection and 911 solutions when the power fails

So basically, don't just jump providers. Both carriers have ample speed for anything you need to do. Compare offerings and make an informed choice based on your needs.

Either company will have technical issues. It is the nature of and complexities in the technology.

And please reach out for technical support to either Rogers or Bell directly. CCRA has no role in your choice of provider or technical support.

HOMEOWNER EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

The Canterbury Common Residents' Association keep a secure record of emergency contact information. If you have not already done so, please make sure you have updated your information by emailing records@canterburycommon.ca.

THE BULLETIN DISTRIBUTION

The Bulletin is delivered only by e-mail, to defray monthly costs. Similarly, other news from CCRA or its representatives may come only by e-mail (e.g., the recent update from the Canterbury Transition Committee about the new developments by Geranium).

Some residents don't have access to e-mail, or they may struggle with technology. We try to post copies at The Centre, but some residents have physical challenges attending there. We ask that if you know a neighbour who has challenges sourcing our communications you help them out by printing off a copy or getting them the news by phone/visits or otherwise. That is the spirit of Canterbury Common. Thank you.