

Darlington Arms Condominiums Newsletter

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Burglary suspect now a convict

The young man arrested “red handed” on our property on January 13/04 has plead guilty and is convicted of various offences. Jail time follows. Since then we’ve reinforced security at the east-side parkade emergency exit, and also put “tamper plates” over the latches of our stairwell doors off the lobby.

This incident confirms the value of being watchful and reporting suspicious activity. We can’t make our building impregnable, so we have to keep our eyes open and call 911 when we see something amiss. Let’s also remember NOT to hold the front door open for people who we don’t personally know live here.

Lock up our back parking area?

To improve security for surface-parking residents, the Board would like to implement use of the long-dormant car gate. While we’ve given up on the mechanical system, which was noisy and unreliable, manual operation and a lock would be fairly simple. However, if implemented, its use would have to be mandatory for it to be effective. Director Erik Ross of #301 will be surveying all those who park out back toward agreement to use the gate EVERY time a resident drives in or out.

New Board members named

With two owners moving away and selling their suites, your Condo Board is filling those vacancies. Already appointed is new building resident Harland Bell of #306—welcome to our building! Invited to join the Board and to be appointed at the meeting on May 20 is long-time resident Rhiannon Jones of #602.

Continuing Directors are Gerald Rotering, #703; Mark Schaefer, #605; Daorcey Lebray, #102; Chris Murray, #405; and Erik Ross, #301, for a full roster of seven Board members through to our annual general meeting on October 21/04.

More lockers needed?

Although we’ve built and leased out five common-property storage lockers, a few more could be created, if demand warrants. If you need a locker, and are willing to pay \$500 to \$1,000 for permanent use of one (to cover construction costs), put a note in the mail room suggestion box.

Interesting news briefs

*Our lobby’s west-side door and corridor have been enclosed, ending that old source of unwanted building access, and removing the danger of a dead-end corridor. The space has been leased by adjacent suite #102 for storage, and the lease fee has gone into our reserve account.

*Also in the lobby we’ve had heat controls put onto the baseboard radiators to end the over-heating of that space. If funds allow, the Board might approve the same installation for the east bike-storage room.

*The east-side twin glass doors (garbage room corridor) have had their hinges replaced, which was no small job, as they were encased in concrete. Those doors never seemed to close automatically, but we finally spent the money needed to rebuild them, so they now close and lock by themselves every time.

*The Board has ordered replacement of our second tap-hot-water tank for this summer. This is a big job, because we’re switching to a more modern and efficient tank to match one already in place. Venting and piping will need to be adapted. With this change, ALL hot water and heating equipment in our boiler room will be new or near new.

*Gardens out front are being tended on a volunteer basis by owner Joyce Rawsthorne of #205. Do thank her when you meet, and help out, please, by keeping garbage and butts out of the gardens. Oh, please don’t cut across the grass off our front pathway, as it struggles to grow.

-Gerald, Board Chair, Suite 703