

Darlington Arms Condominiums Newsletter

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Lobby is not the Calgary Drop-In Centre!

Someone in our building is “buzzing in” vagrants and drug-addled street people, as we’ve been finding individuals and groups lately sleeping in our lobby and our garbage room. Sure most of these people are harmless, but our building is not the Drop-In Centre. There is also a potential danger to our residents, as we don’t know whether a street person might become violent when told to leave. Then there’s the clean up of human waste, which the Board will gladly assign to whoever is pressing “9” on their phone when called.

One partial solution could be to remove the names and codes sheet from the intercom out front. Your visitors would still be able to ring your phone, but they’d have to know your number in advance. Another solution is that we learn from a vagrant which suite buzzed him/her in, and remove that resident’s privilege of having a buzzer code. Your Board would prefer to leave our current setup in place, but to not repeatedly need to evict vagrants. It’s not a fun job.

PLEASE don’t buzz ANYONE into the building, unless they’re known personally to you and are coming directly up to your suite. The Board WILL act against the owner of the responsible suite, if we can identify it.

Bottles to recycling, rather than out front

On a related point, we ask all residents to bring their bottles to the bottle depot on Tenth Avenue at Sixth Street, S.W., or to the recycling depot behind the Safeway off 12th Avenue near 7th Street, S.W. Bottles are NOT welcome anywhere on our property, be it outside the building or in the garbage room, where they are an obstruction to removal of the bin and a draw to vagrants.

Board elected and positions named

Condominium Board Directors were elected at the annual meeting on October 20/05. Since then a vacancy has been filled by appointment and table officers have been named: Chair Gerald Rotering of #703; Vice-Chair Mark Schaefer of #605; Recording Secretary Daorcey Lebray of #102; Treasurer Erik Ross of #301; Maintenance Issues Manager Chris Murray of #405 and Intercom Manager Harland Bell of #306.

Surface parking gate should work soon

Now that remote controls have been distributed, we’ll have the new parking gate “limit switches” adjusted, and hope it will be operating reliably this week. Yes, we’d hoped to have it running on Saturday, but there’s always a glitch with a new mechanical item.

-Your Condo Board neighbours