

Darlington Arms Condominium Newsletter

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Please identify your bicycle in the bike rooms

Perhaps half the bikes in our storage rooms off the lobby are abandoned and are cluttering the bike racks for those who use their bikes regularly. The Board has set October 31/09 as the date when we'll cut locks and remove bikes that are not claimed.

To identify your bike, please tape your name and phone number to the frame. That alone will ensure that we won't touch your bike when we clear out the rooms. Further, though, we'll tag ALL bikes with flagging tape and ask you to remove that from your bike. The tagged bikes that remain after October 31 are those we'll remove.

Elevator upgrade is planned for 2011/12

It's a \$125,000 project, so requires some planning, but we've put it on the calendar---our elevator's motor and switching apparatus will be replaced in the winter of 2011/12, so in about two years. This project was recommended by our 2007 Reserve Fund Study, as were many other less-costly projects that we've long since addressed. Now that the elevator's mechanical components are approaching their fortieth birthday, it's time to plan their replacement. We will be without elevator service for about four weeks when the time comes.

Video monitoring project revived

We've tried finding cheaper solutions, but haven't managed an inexpensive replacement of our security-camera and cable-TV display equipment. The Board has now given a mandate to spend more money to buy new colour cameras, a small flat-screen TV display for the front entry, and a new DVR to record everything. The front-door image should be available on your TV soon after.

Annual general meeting on October 15

'Hard to believe, but our AGM is less than two months away. Mark your calendar to join us in the lobby for an hour at 7 p.m. on Thursday October 15 when we'll hear about the past year's activities, answer owners' questions, and elect our Board for the next year. Also consider standing for election as a Director so you can help us to run our building well.

Of hallway clutter and cigarette butts

'Just a reminder that our hallways must be kept clear of stored items, welcome mats, and overshoes. As my Mom used to say, "Clutter attracts clutter." If every suite puts out a mat, a few extra shoes, and a box or two waiting to go down to their locker, our hallways would soon be a cluttered mess and the fire department would be ordering a clean-up. In short, if it's yours, it belongs inside your suite.

On the litter front, I've been trying to keep the ramp down to the garage clean but someone continues to drop cigarette butts down there. If you spot who has this slovenly habit, please let me know. And if it's you, please stop it.

-Board Chair Gerald Rotering, 403-703-0675