



Winter 2020

RG2 News



In these difficult times during which we are not allowed to congregate, visit family and friends, or entertain as much as we would like, we, the Board of Directors, sincerely express our gratitude to all owners for their understanding and cooperation in respecting all the Government's Health and Safety directives within the building. We also offer a big thank you to our dedicated staff and our contractual employees who have shown support, understanding and fortitude during the COVID-19 pandemic. They have all helped tremendously to keep us safe and healthy.

Without our usual Happy Hours and other social activities, it has made it difficult to welcome new owners and get a chance to know them. In this issue of the Newsletter, we are printing their photos with their agreement. Please do not hesitate to say hello and welcome them when you see them, if you can recognize them with a mask on!

We sincerely hope, along with all of you, that the situation will improve in the coming months. Meanwhile, enjoy yourselves the best you can and stay both safe and happy.

Your Board of Directors.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETING
Thursday January 21, 2021
at 9:00 am. Still under COVID

The View from here

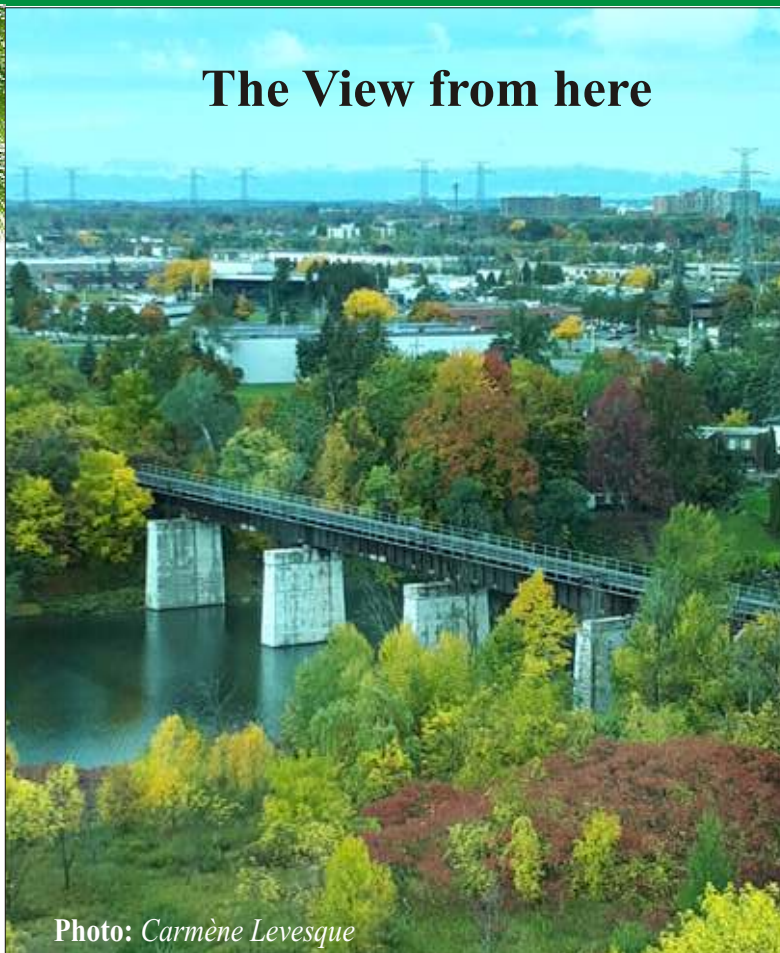


Photo: Carmène Levesque

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RG2 Notice

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MASK REQUIRED IN ALL COMMON AREAS

MASQUE OBLIGATOIRE DANS LES AIRES COMMUNES

SMOKE FREE PROPERTY PROPRIÉTÉ SANS FUMÉE



Please ensure that you inform any of your visitors, contractors and service people that they must abide by our rules. If you are expecting a delivery you are expected to inform the Gatehouse and the Concierge Staff, especially if you require an elevator on service. When you are called that your delivery is here, please meet them at the garage door. Be sure that it is clear to them that the door must be closed if it is not monitored. For more information, PLEASE CONSULT THE OWNERS' HANDBOOK.



Please only slip on your high or hard heel shoes upon leaving your unit so as not to disturb your neighbours



RG2 Black box

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WHAT GOES IN YOUR BLACK BOX

The following items may be put in the black box:
newspapers, flyers, magazines, and catalogues;
corrugated cardboard; cereal and cracker boxes (remove liners); shoe, laundry, frozen dinner, and clean pizza boxes; telephone, hard-, and soft-cover books; writing and computer paper and paper pads; advertising mail; paper egg cartons; toilet paper rolls and paper towel rolls;
gift wrapping paper and greeting cards;
clean shopping bags and paper packaging.

Non-recyclable

Waxed paper; cereal and cracker box liners; chip and cookie bags and canisters; chocolate bar and candy wrappings; wooden clementine and orange crates; foil wrapping paper, bows and ribbons; paper and cardboard lined with foil; fast food drink cups and tissues.



RG2 Blue box

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WHAT GOES IN YOUR BLUE BOX

Glass
Bottles and jars.

Metal
Metal cans, soft drink cans, empty paint cans with lids removed; jar lids; aluminum containers (clean or food soiled), aluminum foil (clean or food soiled); aerosol cans (empty hairspray, paint and whipping cream); spiral-wound canisters with metal ends; frozen concentrate cans; and potato chip tubes.

Plastic
All food and household plastics containers # 1 to 7; take-out containers, bakery and produce containers (clam shells); pails (with handles removed); planting trays and flower pots; single serve yogurt containers; Clear plastic egg cartons, plastic bottles, jars and jugs; tubs and tub lids (yogurt, sour cream, ice cream, hand cleaner, margarine containers).

Cartons
Milk and juice cartons; drink boxes and soup boxes.

Non-recyclable

Place these items in your regular garbage.

Glass: Ceramics such as dishes, cups and pottery; other glass such as drinking glasses, window glass, light bulbs, and mirrors; CFL bulbs (compact fluorescent) can be returned to a Take It Back! partner).

Metal: Metal clothes hangers; scrap metal; chip bags.

Plastic: Styrofoam containers and styrofoam packaging.

All plastic bags: hard plastics such as dishes, cups, toys, make-up jars and laundry baskets; motor oil containers.



Others need our help



What is needed:



Personal care items



Household items



Condiments
Cash

People can donate directly to the Ottawa Food Bank



Kathryn Parchelo will accept cash donations, or cheques made out to the Social Committee, the proceeds from which will be used to buy personal care and other items in bulk if possible. Tax receipts will be issued by the Greenboro Pavilion Food Bank.

All proceeds to help  The Pavillion Ottawa Food Bank
fight Community Hunger

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

The RG2 Creative Writing Workshop a new initiative to help get us through winter started in the beginning of November after the Social Committee extended an invitation to RG1. We now have four participants, two from RG2 and two from RG1. We started with a visual “prompt”: an empty wooden chair painted in tropical colours with parrots, palm trees, and a recipe for mango margaritas. The results poems and short fiction were fun, entertaining, and most of all creative!

Claire Harrison, Workshop Instructor

The Greenboro Pavilion Food Bank in our neighbourhood has experienced increased numbers of families who have even greater needs because of the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic.

In mid-November, we became aware that the Food Bank was in need of personal hygiene and housekeeping items that are not provided in their food allocations. It is very difficult for their clients to find the extra money in their meager budgets for necessities such as toothpaste, laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, and cleaning products or even condiments such as mustard and relish.

Kathy Parchelo, the treasurer of our Social Committee, led the drive for donations and was delighted with the response from our residents. She collected almost \$2000.00 and residents donated much needed soaps, creams, dental floss, and lip balms. Some of our residents went to their dentist and secured boxes of tooth brushes and toothpaste.

The money is being used to buy needed products at Shoppers Drug Mart, Meadowlands, and Home Hardware on Bank Street at discounted prices.

In past years, the Social Committee has used its 'Holiday Party' to raise funds for this worthwhile neighbourhood charity. Since we cannot gather this year, we wondered how we might continue to help. We need not have worried! How wonderful the residents of this building are when it comes to helping others!

Your Social Committee would like to thank you all for your generous support and caring. If you would still like to make a gift you may give cash or a cheque made out to Greenboro Pavilion Food Bank and slip it under the door of #407 (Parchelo).

The Food Bank is also thankful and, more importantly, are families who are going through a most difficult time are having a little easier time because of you.

The Social Committee would also like to thank the Condo Board of Directors who have always supported our fundraising efforts.

Denise Dawson
Chair



Christmas is coming! Let's share some joyful moments on ZOOM

To participate, send your name and email address to mh.azam@rogers.com.
The fun will take place on December 18th at 4:30. You will be sent a confirmation link on December 17 to connect on ZOOM.



**PLEASE REMEMBER:
THE ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM SPEED
YOU SHOULD DRIVE IN THE GARAGE
IS 10 K/HR. LESS IS SAFER**

Be aware of other vehicles, bicycles, carts, pedestrians, contractors, workmen, and anything else that may appear. Drive slowly and carefully and please be considerate of others. There is no need to walk up or down the ramp and this should be avoided. It is unsafe.



Emergency Access: In the event of a life-threatening situation requiring an ambulance, police or fire services, call

9-1-1 immediately. If possible, please let the Gatehouse know you have called 9-1-1. For all building emergencies (e.g., water damage, alarms, emergency vehicles, and serious and unexpected medical issues), contact the 24/7 Gatehouse.

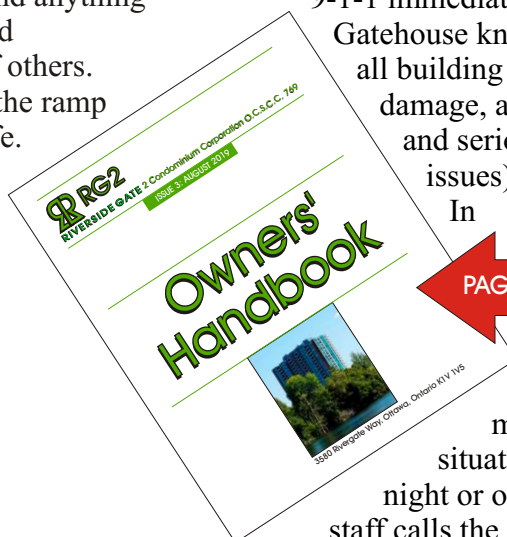
In an emergency, the Gatehouse calls the most readily available staff, either an authorized concierge or superintendent. Access to your unit by a staff member will address the situation. If the emergency arises at night or over a weekend, the Gatehouse staff calls the "on call" superintendent.

When on call, the superintendents reside on site in their respective condo apartments. Please note that the unit keys kept in a secure space can only be accessed when there is an emergency. Staff are not permitted, under any circumstances, to access the keys to give residents access to their unit should a key be misplaced or lost.

Gatehouse at 613-247- 2128.

If unable to reach the Gatehouse, call the 24-hour **Property Management Emergency** line at **613-762-5704**. All emergency numbers are also on our website under "**Contacts**" on the Home Page.

<http://riversidegate2.homestead.com/Members-Area.html>



WHOM TO CALL



Residents inquiring about disruptions in their Cable/Home Phone and Internet should call their service provider. If your land-line phone is disrupted, use your cell phone or ask a neighbour if you can use their phone. The front desk and office phones cannot be used for this purpose. Never use the Front Desk as a call back number.

AND MORE...

Newspapers - residents should call the newspaper company if they have not received their newspaper, please do not call the Gate or the Front Desk.



So...what you need to know

When entering or exiting the Garage, be sure that the door has responded to your signal. If in doubt, press it again, or wait for it to begin to close then press your remote; when the door responds, you are safe to enter.

Do not stop under the door.

Do not impede the entrance or exiting of other vehicles. **DO NOT BLOCK THE DOOR.**

Under no circumstances should you stop your vehicle to unload passengers or cargo in the area between the garage door and the ramp.

Traffic **EXITING** the garage **HAS THE RIGHT OF WAY**

Please don't linger by the Front Door Entrance.
Please respect the Concierge's space and do not go
into the roped off area



WELCOME WAGON



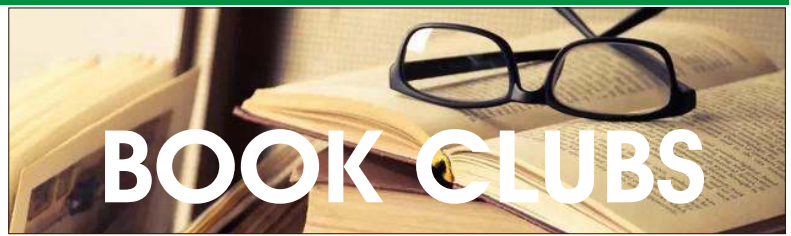
Introducing Josie Thera 1604

During the COVID-19 Pandemic, it has not been possible to hold our usual social activities. Under normal circumstances there are many ways for new owners and residents to get to know their neighbours. Regular Happy Hours, Dinner Club Events, and many other activities organized by the Social Committee. We are going to try to offer those of you who have come to Riverside Gate within the last year or so, to be introduced in our Newsletter. This is completely optional. If you are interested, please contact the Director of Communications and he will make arrangements to take your photos. Peter Mitchell can be reached by email: monkd@sympatico.ca or call: 613 224 0556.



CONDO LIVING

It is surprising how sound can travel. Please put pad products under your furniture to reduce noise. Hard soled shoes should not be worn in units as the noise they create can be heard several floors below!




Monday Evening Book Club


Pre-pandemic, the Monday Evening Book Club met every six to eight weeks in the RG2 Party Room to discuss a book. As of April 2020, we embraced Zoom as our new way of gathering, first for a few social evenings to re-connect and to get everyone comfortable with this format. Within two occasions, we were back to sharing feedback and perspectives on a book or documentary.


This was such a welcome time of connections for Book Club members, that we met more frequently during our summer and fall season. We alternated with an "in person" Happy Hour/Social time around the RG2 Gazebo (safely distanced, of course) and Zoom virtual meetings for the selected books and/or documentaries.

Our condo neighbours may like to know we:

 had our own Claire Harrison lead our discussion with one of her books called "Somebody's Baby", as well as share her journey as a writer then and now.

 watched and discussed "Daughters of Destiny: The Journey of Shanti Bhavan". When our members were asked to share one word to describe this Netflix documentary, this is some of their feedback--"uplifting, disturbing, hopeful, brave, a sacrifice, expectations, thoughtful, touching, a struggle, mixed feelings".

 read "Becoming" by Michele Obama and had the chance to see the documentary "Becoming" on Netflix. Michele Obama said: "I'm just an ordinary person who found herself on an extraordinary journey". Our group felt this was an excellent read, and worth taking the journey with her.

 had a great evening discussing "A Gentleman in Moscow". It seemed very fitting to read the story of a man who had been placed under house arrest in a hotel after our condo community has experienced self-isolation, quarantine, varied restrictions and so much more in the past eight months. Can you imagine during COVID-19, not being able to go for walks and only see the outside world from hotel room windows, the roof top or hearing about it from others?

What is on your reading, watching or listening list for the winter months? Are you having a challenge to read books? Are you reading just as much or more than you ever have before? Have you become closely acquainted with Netflix and/or Prime Amazon? The Book Club welcomes recommendations for our future viewing or reading. However, for the next few months, don't be surprised if you are asked--"Is it uplifting"?!

submitted by Sandy Stalder



Some of the thoughtful folks who wished Tha and Lulu well with their expected new arrival.



Hello Everyone:

First of all, we would like to express our thanks and gratitude to the 14 members for your generosity. We appreciate it and we wish you all a blessed life.
We are blessed to know you.
Best regards,

THA & LU LU.



And here he is!

...and yet more about **THE GARAGE**



Please do not leave your engine running for any unnecessary length of time within the garage. Apart from environmental issues, it adds to the build up of unwanted odours.

Unwanted odours can also result from the use of certain finishes and waxes. Please consider leaving your vehicle outside for a day to allow the fumes to dissipate. If you have had your vehicle rustproofed, please leave it in the Visitor Parking for a couple of days. Please let the Concierge know that you are doing so and get an overnight Parking Pass.

No work on vehicles is permitted in your parking space such as buffing, painting, oil changes, etc.

If you notice any unusual odour in the Garage or in the Hallway, please bring it to the attention of the Concierge. Outside of hours, alert the Gatehouse and they will have it checked by the on call Superintendant.



**PLEASE HELP OUR STAFF TO HELP YOU.
IF YOU ARE CALLED BY THE GATEHOUSE,
PICK UP YOUR PARCELS AFTER 4:00
TO ALLOW FOR PROCESSING.**

**Where
do you
want
this?**



BULLETIN BOARDS



What goes where: There will always be some “grey” areas, but basically if it is personal, knitting mittens, selling your skates, a charity raffle, etc., it goes in the Library. (During COVID we relaxed the guidelines as the Library was closed).

If you are selling cupboards, a door, trim, towel racks, under counter lighting that came with your unit, such items can go on the right hand side of the main bulletin boards. Messages for renting a locker, parking spot, etc., can also be placed on the Main Boards. All messages must be approved by the Property Manager.



**Best Wishes from your Property Manager
Kim Renwick**



PLEASE TAKE NOTE

If you wish to mail a parcel that will not fit in the outgoing mail slot, you must take it to the Post Office or use a mail box that accepts parcels. The Carrier will not pick it up from the shelf.

If you receive mail that is not yours, put it in the outgoing mail slot. If it is for a former resident, mark it so that the delivery person will know that they have moved. Do not leave it lying on the shelf. Put it in the outgoing Mail slot.

PLEASE DON'T TAKE THE ELEVATOR IF IT IS ON SERVICE

ELEVATOR ON SERVICE



How do you know that the elevator is on service.

1. A sign says so.
2. The doors are open.
3. There may be pads.
4. The doors do not close when you push the button.

PLEASE DO NOT USE IT.

NOISE!



FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE AND PLEASURE

As in past years, the older BBQ has now been relocated to the side of the exit from the Garage behind the building. If you are using it over the winter months, please be sure to clean it after you are finished and ensure that both the element controls and the propane tank are turned off!

Failure to do so will result in an empty tank and unhappy cooks!



PLEASE TURN DOWN THE SOUND

Your neighbours may not enjoy listening to your devices during the night or early morning. Consider using headphones or setting your television to turn off after 11 p.m.



Happy Hanukkah

Denise Dawson