

# NEWSLETTER

Y.C.C. #529 – 212 St. George Street

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The hibernation season is upon us: snuggling under our duvets, binge-watching our favourite shows, and cooking up soups, casseroles and other comfort foods. Here's what's going on at 212 St. George.

**Fire Safety** · · Northcan recently sent all residents a form called "Persons Requiring Special Assistance Information Form". This form is part of the fire safety plan to ensure that individuals who requires special assistance during a fire receive it. We encourage all residents to complete the form and return it to Northcan.

We had several fire alarms this past week. On Wednesday morning, during the extreme cold, the lead fire fighter told us that sometimes alarm systems can be "finicky" and can be triggered by extreme cold or humidity. After experiencing two more alarms on Friday night and Saturday morning, we called our fire alarm company to check the system. The panel in the front vestibule had shown that the alarm was being tripped on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor. Our fire alarm company checked all the smoke detectors, pull stations, and heat detector on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor. Sometimes moisture or dust can set off fire alarms, but the technician reported that all the devices were "dry and clean".

Just to cover all our bases, and to avoid a "nuisance charge" from the fire department for repeated false alarms, we remind all residents that there is no smoking or vaping in any of the common elements including hallways. Please be sure to avoid allowing any smoke or vapour into the hallways and please remind your guests of this as well.

Although fire alarms are "alarming" and inconvenient, we encourage all residents to evacuate the building when the alarm is sounded. Fire spreads far more quickly than most people realize. A "wait and see" approach may leave individuals in a very dangerous position.

**Moving** · · We would like to remind all residents to move all furniture and large items through the garage. Our century old lobby can be easily damaged by unintended bumps and scrapes. When moving in or out, please contact Mr. Brown in unit 406 to request putting up the elevator pads to protect the elevator panels.

**Garbage:** We are all proud of our home and it is important that we as owners do our part in keeping the front beautiful. Please ensure that household items, such as mattresses and furniture, and renovation debris, such as toilets and cupboards, are disposed of appropriately and not left in the front

**Laundry:** The two front loading washers need replacement control boards which have been ordered. We acknowledge the frustration and inconvenience of having two washers down and thank residents for their long-standing patience. We are working to resolve the situation.

**WEBSITE** · · Check out our website at [www.212stgeorge.ca](http://www.212stgeorge.ca)

The Board wishes everyone a very Happy Valentine's Day.

Warmest Regards,

*Almut Vogel*

On behalf of the Board