

# *Fifty-Five Plus News*

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## **BREAKING NEWS**

### **CONTACTS:**

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#### **Fall Hours:**

Closed  
until  
further  
notice.

**At last! A newsletter with information!** It may not be what you wanted to hear but this is how things are at this time. They will change at some point.

The most difficult concept to get your head around is that nothing, for the duration of the pandemic and Covid legislation, will be as it was. Those of you who attend the Leisure Centre or the Library will know that everything has to be pre-registered. **Walk-ins will not be permitted.** You will be required to book a "spot" for your chosen activity. You will be required to provide Proof of Vaccination, as well as photo ID. You will also need to provide Covid screening for each time you attend at 6240. Covid screening can be done at the Leisure Centre or online. There will be only one entrance. Town staff will screen people for POV and ID as they enter for their pre-registered activity. Masking will be required except when exercising. Card games are not permitted under Covid legislation.

Soft chairs have been removed and set aside (as they cannot be disinfected properly). Classes are currently being offered only in the large Multi-Purpose Room. Instructors will be protected by plexiglass shields. Social distancing will be the rule of the day, with chairs being 2 metres apart. Paper towels (rather than hand dryers) will be safest for the washrooms. To follow social distancing rules, there should only be one person in the washroom at a time.

The Town is taking whatever measures are necessary to ensure your safety.

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## **FROM THE 55+ STAFF WORKING GROUP**

The 55+ Club Staff Working Group met on September 21. Jen outlined what programs are currently being offered, some of which are indoors at 6240. She presented the results of the survey. She has contacted the various volunteers but at this time we are unable to give an exact date as to the re-opening. All volunteers will receive Covid training. There was discussion regarding the activities we are able to offer given the pandemic situation.



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## HALLOWEEN

Two men were walking home after a Halloween party and decided to take a shortcut through the cemetery just for laughs. Right in the middle of the cemetery, they were startled by a tap-tap-tapping noise coming from the misty shadows. Trembling with fear, they found an old man with a hammer and chisel, chipping away at one of the headstones. "Holy cow, Mister," one of them said after catching his breath, "You scared us half to death: we thought you were a ghost! What are you doing working here so late at night?" "Those fools," the old man grumbled, "They misspelled my name!"



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## THANKSGIVING

As we approach Thanksgiving 2021, we must keep in mind how fortunate we are that the vaccines to halt this horrible pandemic were developed so quickly. We are thankful that the "worst case scenario" that was predicted for October has not—yet—come to pass. Although it is probable that the Covid virus will always be with us, it won't be the scourge that it has been since 2019.

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## SMILES



**A man called home to his wife** and said, "Honey, I have been asked to go fishing up in Canada with my boss and several of his friends. We'll be gone for a week. This is a good opportunity for me to get that promotion I've been wanting, so could you please pack enough clothes for a week and set out my rod and fishing box. We're leaving from the office and I will swing by the house to pick my things up ..." "Oh ...! Please pack my new blue silk pajamas..."

The wife thinks this sounds a bit fishy, but being the good wife she is, did exactly what her husband asked.

The following weekend he came home a little tired but otherwise looking good. The wife welcomed him and asked if he caught many fish.

He said, "Yes! Lots of salmon, some bluegill and a few swordfish. But why didn't you pack my new blue silk pajamas like I asked you to do?"

You'll LOVE the answer!

The wife replied, "I did ... They're in your fishing box..."



## BIRTHDAY PEOPLE

Carolyn Ratcliff, Claire Reid, Dixie Sellers, Doris Harvey, Gert Brugger, Lois Marshman, Jill Mossop, Nancy Boll, Margaret Crowley, Carm Giunta, Muriel Smillie, Margery Snider, Ab Van Dusen, Alan Whittaker, Jane Whitwell, Kay Wolfe, Vera Arlet, Ilankarani Balasingam, Jim Beer, Pamela Boyce, Cheng Liang Du, Sharon Hewitt, Wendy Hodgson, Lorna Hogg, Kathy Johnstone, Grace Luk, Riccardo (Rick) Paci, Juta Silmberg, Gnaneswary Sivarajah, Kanmany Thirunauakkaarasu, Pushparanee Thulasithasan, Nancy Wolfe



## MEMBERSHIP

Your **annual membership** is coming due shortly. There has been a restructuring of membership fees. The fees by-law for 2022 has been set by Council at \$30 (tax included) for members and \$36 (tax included) for non-members. In an effort to avoid cash handling, the 50 cent drop-in fee will be discontinued. When snacks are permitted, the cost will be covered in the membership fee. A new “guest fee” has been introduced at \$3 per half-day and \$5 per full-day. Lunches are set at \$21 (members) and \$26 (non-members)

Some folks are asking why they should renew their membership for 2022 if the activities they prefer are not permitted. Think about the underlying attitude behind that point of view. The pandemic is not the fault of the Town and they count on revenue from membership fees to keep our Club running. The Town has dedicated a building to our use and we want to make sure we continue to have exclusive use of 6240. Paying your membership fee by December 31, 2021, tells the Town that you support their efforts on our behalf. Town staff are bending over backwards to keep you safe!

Activities that could be offered very soon include the Painting Group assuming they bring their own materials and follow social distancing rules. We can run a Trivia Night. We can run arts and crafts programs, including card-making using our new Cricut machine. We can run musical performances with the audience chairs 2 metres apart. We can have (pre-registered) table tennis and billiards. We can also start up bingo and we’ve been assured that non-monetary prizes are available. We can have the Dinners Out program in a slightly different, pre-registered format: the onus for checking POV and ID is on the restaurant in that case. We can run the very popular Christmas centrepiece workshop and maybe a wreath making workshop, assuming participants can be appropriately distanced. It’s going to take a lot of hard work and patience to return to “normal”.

There are a lot of social programs that we can still offer even though we’re in pandemic mode. We want to see the Club survive even though it has to be in modified format until the worst of the pandemic has passed. We need your support! Hang in!

## HALLOWEEN FUN



*Lucy and Friend*

*Doris and Pigs*



*RIP Zorina Kir*



*Who is this Masked Lady?*



# **TOP 10 SIGNS YOU ARE TOO OLD TO BE TRICK OR TREATING ...**



10. You get winded from knocking on the door.
9. You have to have another kid chew the candy for you.
8. You ask for high fiber candy only.
7. When someone drops a candy bar in your bag, you lose your balance and fall over.
6. People say, "Great Keith Richards mask!" and you're not wearing a mask.
5. When the door opens you yell, "Trick or ..." and can't remember the rest.
4. By the end of the night, you have a bag full of restraining orders.
3. You have to carefully choose a costume that won't dislodge your hairpiece.
2. You're the only Power Ranger in the neighbourhood with a walker.
1. You avoid going to houses where your ex-wives live.

