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May 2017

Fitness Class Location

All fitness classes have now been moved to the Auditorium. Please note, on days of a clothing sale or large afternoon events, fitness programs will be moved back to the Recreation Room for the day.

Gardening Volunteers Needed!

Do you enjoy gardening? We are in need of your help! Parks People is joining forces with the Green Line Project and the City to create a garden in the raised patio beds around the new seating area beside the Frankel Lambert Community Garden (south side of CG). They are looking to Christie Gardens residents to join in and maintain these lovely gardens! Are you able to help with the initial planting in June and/or with watering and weeding throughout the summer? Please call Kate at ext. 248 by May 3rd and let her know. A large hose will be hooked up to the Frankel Lambert water supply, so lugging water will not be an issue.

Hobby Room

It's spring! New residents are moving into Christie Gardens. Welcome them by showing off the Hobby Room and inviting them to use the space. Sign in at Reception between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. for the key. Guidelines for use are posted in the Hobby Room. Enjoy the space and invite your friends to join you!

Sales Case

We are in need of items to display and sell in the Sales Case. Do you have any items you have made or are willing to make that can be sold? Please phone Madalene Hill 416-530-2742 to discuss details. You will be reimbursed for any materials you require. All money received from the sale of these items pays for the musical groups and speakers that the Residents Programme Committee brings to Christie Gardens for your entertainment.

Patio Pots Sign-Up

If you are interested in gardening a flower bed or patio pot on a public patio, sign up in the Events Binder on May 1st. You will be responsible for the purchase of plants and their upkeep.

Display Case Meeting

Monday, May 1st, 4:00 p.m.

Club Office

Residents who are interested in art are welcome to bring suggestions and ideas for what to display in the art display case and the art gallery. We will work on programming the next three exhibitions, with plans to change the display case in the middle of June, and the gallery in the beginning of May.

Residents' Programme Committee: Wychwood Clarinet Choir Presents: "Sound of Spring"

Tuesday, May 2nd, 7:30 p.m.

Auditorium

Returning for their fifth concert at Christie Gardens, this perennial favourite, under the direction of Michele Jacot, will be introduced by Bruna Nota, who originally invited the choir to play for us in 2013. Come and hear the history and some lively music.

Art Class with Peter

Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.

Club Office

We welcome Peter Alexander Por as our new art instructor. Peter has years of experience as an artist and art instructor with skills in a wide range of media. Believe it or not, Peter was the art instructor at Christie Gardens from 1997 – 1999! Be sure to stop by and join in a class. For those who would enjoy independent studio time, the Club Office is available to you every other Thursday at 1:30 pm.

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Intergenerational Learning with Upper

Canada College Kindergarten Class

Wednesday, May 3rd, 1:45 p.m.

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The senior kindergarten students at Upper Canada College are learning how *living things grow and change when their needs are met*. Throughout this exploration, the students have examined the life cycle of many different living creatures, including their own. As part of their learning of the senior phase of life, the students will be coming to Christie Gardens to learn a little bit about us. Please sign up in the Events Binder if you would like to spend an hour with a Kindergarten student. We are looking for 18 seniors so that each student has a partner. Your student will serve you refreshments and then share with you what they have been learning. We ask that in return, you bring an artifact that is important to you that you can share with them. Come and help develop our youngest learners' awareness and understanding of the world around them! In addition, we hope the students learn their responsibility in contributing positively to their community.

Trip to High Park & Lunch at

Kingsway Fish & Chips

Thursday, May 4th, 10:00 a.m.

Reception Area

Come and enjoy some fresh, spring air at High Park! We will hopefully see the beauty of the cherry blossoms if they're still around. After a relaxing time at the park we will enjoy a wonderful lunch at Kingsway Fish & Chips. To come on this trip, please sign up in the Events Binder by Monday, May 1st.

Tarragon Project Play Performance

Friday, May 5th, 7:30 p.m.

Auditorium

Students from the Rosedale Heights School of the Arts have prepared a play, working alongside residents at Christie Gardens. Come and enjoy their opening performance!

Chocolate Stand & Social

Monday, May 8th, 3:00 p.m.

Reception Area

Get together with your neighbours and friends and enjoy a social with a wide variety of savory chocolate flavoured delights. All socials are free of charge and everyone is welcome.

Summer Sale Meeting

Monday, May 8th, 4:00 p.m.

Club Office

Join us to prepare for the Summer Sale in July. We will be selling summer jewellery, crafts, and books.

Art Exhibition Opening

Tuesday, May 9th, 5:00 p.m.

Recreation Room

Colourful and lively watercolours will refresh our eyes in this upcoming exhibit. The solo show of Nancy Foster will take us from her beginning studies to her final framed work.

Residents' Programme Committee:

Broadway Sings & Swings!

Wednesday, May 10th, 7:30 p.m.

Auditorium

Pianist/vocalist Jordan Klapman presents a very entertaining concert of classic Broadway favourites—that have also become beloved jazz standards of The Great American Songbook. Classics by Irving Berlin, George and Ira Gershwin, Richard Rodgers/Lorenz Hart/Oscar Hammerstein, Harold Arlen, Cole Porter, and much more!

Trip to Tour Toronto on Double-Decker Bus

Thursday, May 11th, 10:00 a.m.

Reception Area

Haven't you always wanted to travel on those red double-decker sightseeing buses that tour all around Toronto? Well, now is your chance! Last year we did it in June and it was unbelievably HOT! This year, we'll enjoy some fresh spring weather instead. We will hop on the bus at a stop near Casa Loma and take in the city's most popular sights on a 2 hour ride. Enjoy a fun and informative commentary from a live guide as they animate the sights and attractions on our route. Some of the places we will see along the way include the Hockey Hall of Fame, Distillery District, Theatre District, Chinatown, and Kensington Market to name a few. Sign up in the Events Binder by Monday, May 8th to go.

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Healthy Living Fair

Friday, May 12th, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Lower Level

Join us for our annual Healthy Living Fair featuring service providers, demonstrations, and food sampling. This is a wonderful opportunity to explore all the services Christie Gardens provides.

Amnesty Letter Writing Group

Saturday, May 13th, 11:00 a.m.

Recreation Room

During the past year the Amnesty Letter Writing Group at Christie Gardens has written and sent over 400 letters to the following countries; China, Pakistan, Russia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Mexico, Argentina, Palestine, and Canada. Please join us.

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 14th, 11:00 a.m.

Auditorium

Today, as we remember our own mothers, we'll also consider what it must have been like to raise "a perfect child". That was Mary's problem! Then, we'll learn from a few African mothers involved in community development, sponsored by Canada's "Food for the Hungry". Finally every woman will receive a small gift as we honour you. Join us for Mother's Day at Sunday Church!

Residents' Programme Committee:

Mandolin Orchestra Concert

Monday, May 15th, 7:30 p.m.

Auditorium

The Toronto Mandolin Orchestra returns with the same talented, demanding music director, Alexander Vepriusky. Four vocal soloists will be accompanying, with music from Ukrainian folk to Italian opera. Two residents of Christie Gardens will be part of the orchestra. Embrace the great opportunity to hear this unique ensemble.

Parkinson's Support Group

Thursday, May 18th, 4:15 p.m.

Recreation Room

For this month's meeting, those with Parkinson's will meet in the Recreation Room. The support group for people with Parkinson's will meet in the Club Office. These groups meet every other month to exchange information and offer mutual assistance to one another.

Readers' Choice Reading Group

Thursday, May 18th, 7:30 p.m.

2nd Floor Lounge

We'll be sharing our thoughts about *Things Fall Apart* (1959), by Chinua Achebe. This African classic traces the impact of colonialism on an individual and a culture in Nigeria, with potential relevance to Indigenous life in the world today. Read the book and join the discussion.

Community Courtyard Volunteer

Opportunity Meeting

Tuesday, May 23rd, 10:00 a.m.

Recreation Room

Come and hear about the many ways you could volunteer in the Community Courtyard. From reading to groups to one-on-one friendly visiting, there's a job for everyone. Any help is greatly appreciated!

Monarchist League Presents: "The Feeding of the 500,000: King Edward VII's Coronation Dinner for the Poor"

Tuesday, May 23rd, 3:30 p.m.

Recreation Room

On March 11, 1902, King Edward VII and the Lord Mayor of London began planning a massive dinner for the City's poor, in honour of His Majesty's forthcoming Coronation. Originally scheduled for June 26th, the Coronation was postponed at short notice as the King had taken ill and required immediate surgery. The Coronation Dinner for the poor went ahead as scheduled and under the direction of Thomas Lipton, with principal funding provided by the King himself, more than 500,000 hot dinners were served throughout all the Boroughs of London. This is a story of organizational triumph! Along with this talk, Kevin Dark & Norman McMullen look forward to sharing several recent acquisitions to their Collection of Royal Commemoratives which help to tell the story of the preparations and arrangements that made this event such a brilliant success. They will also provide some background into the life and times of King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra and the evolution of the Monarchy, following the long reign of the King's Mother, Queen Victoria.

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Residents' Programme Committee:

A Garden for Wildlife

Wednesday, May 24th, 7:30 p.m.

Auditorium

Rob Norquay earned the University of Guelph, Ontario Diploma in Horticulture back in the 70's. His mom, Marg Norquay lived at Christie Gardens and currently he has two aunts living here. He was first introduced to gardening by his grandmother Dillon. Now retired from the Ontario Public Service, he and his partner Chris have undertaken a landscaping project on the Don Valley ravine in East York. His talk, which includes pictures of the garden, is about their garden journey these last two years.

Trip to Niagara-on-the-Lake for "Me & My Gal"

Thursday, May 25th, 9:30 a.m.

Concierge Entrance

This trip is fully booked. If you would like to be added to the waiting list, please call Kate at ext. 248. For those who signed up to go, please note the change in our departure time to 9:30 a.m.

SafeRail Workshop

Saturday, May 27th, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Auditorium

Safe Rail Communities and Christie Dupont Rail Safety Group (in collaboration with York University's Disaster & Emergency Management Program) are pleased to invite you to a Community Workshop on Rail Safety. The primary goal of this workshop is to create an informed and collaborative environment in which participants can become familiar with MySafeRailApp and learn more about community engagement and actions with respect to rail safety.

Suzy & Maddy Wilde's Students Present: "Canadian Songbook"

Sunday, May 28th, 3:00 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Auditorium

Celebrate 150 years of Canada with a recital dedicated to our nation's best! Music students from the neighbourhood will perform on piano, guitar, voice, bass, drums, and ukulele!

Residents' Programme Committee:

Councillor Joe Mihevc

Tuesday, May 30th, 7:30 p.m.

Auditorium

Come and listen to one of our favourite politicians. We don't know the exact topic he will be addressing, but we do know that he is open to answering any questions regarding what is happening in our riding and at City Hall.

Climate Change: Then & Now

Wednesday, May 31st, 2:30 p.m.

Auditorium

John Artibello taught ethics and critical thinking at Centennial College and was a student and friend of Canada's media guru, Marshall McLuhan. His talk will explain why climate change is an ethical challenge for everybody in the "global village". Last year was one of the hottest years on record. Greenhouse gases began rising dramatically just after World War 2 and are threatening our lifestyle and planet. Our children and grandchildren will likely be forced to make significant changes to their living habits as this century unfolds. This future depends on a profound intellectual conversion from a consumer mentality to a conserver mentality. To check out some of John's work, visit his website at johnartibello.com.

Welcome New Residents!

Dr. Frank Pearce, Suite 222
Mr. Eduardo Casas, Suite 312
Mr. Mearl & Faith Falk, Suite 326
Mrs. Marlene Gordon, Suite 532
Ms. Carol Myers, Suite 540
Mr. Eli & Pamela Frake, Suite 543
Mrs. Barbara Irwin, Suite 626
Mr. Alfred Kamo, Suite 639
Ms. Ann James, Suite 714

We look forward to getting to know you!