

# Chelsea Gardens Newsletter



Summer 2025

## Volunteer Appreciation Reception

April 16<sup>th</sup>

The hard work of our many volunteers was recognised on Sunday, April 16, when the Social Committee, hosted this afternoon event. There was a great turnout with a generous spread of treats and beverages. Everyone appreciated the opportunity to meet and greet other volunteers, and the members of the Social Committee who themselves volunteer to make social life and activities at Chelsea happen. Some residents might not know who these imaginative and energetic people are. Their names are listed on the last page of this newsletter.



## Farewell to the Roofers

After almost a year of sharing our guest parking spots and opening our complex to the team from Mack Kirk Roofing and Phoenix Roofing Inspection, with porta-potties, pallets, mountains of materials, cranes, and operating equipment, these friendly and competent guys left us. They were consistently thoughtful and respectful as they went about this massive project.

They were no sooner done, than more canopies, porta potty, and equipment from Nova Painting arrived to commence washing and painting our complex.

## Snooker tournament

There were some new faces and novices playing in the women's doubles snooker tournament in the spring. Winners were Jo Troughton and Wendy McHale.

(It seems that the men's tournament didn't happen. Why is that you might wonder. Well, because no one got them organised. C'mon guys. Get with it!



Wendy McHale and Jo Troughton

## Shout out to Irrigation Team

All of us at Chelsea owe the irrigation team a debt of gratitude. Each spring the team under the direction of Norm Reid, strives to get the cranky old sprinkler system operational. It's a challenge, to say the least. Their efforts save us a great deal of money.



## Chicken Dinner

Friday April 25



The table decorations were all about spring, spirits were high and the food was excellent. However, to the consternation of some residents, this event (a quarter chicken, salad and dessert) was quickly sold out. To avoid confusion and disappointment, we've included the rules.

Tickets to all events sponsored by the Social Committee shall be sold:

- Only during advertised hours
- On a first come first served basis
- Based on an entitlement of two tickets per unit, or 1 ticket per resident living in a unit, whichever is greater

A resident or homeowner may pick up tickets for another resident or homeowner provided the total being purchased by one individual does not exceed four tickets

If tickets are still available in the last half hour of the final day of sales any resident or homeowner may purchase extra tickets for guests, subject to the above limits per unit.

## Did You Know?

The emergency preparedness team has walkers, crutches and wheel chairs, which can be borrowed by residents who may need them on a temporary basis. Just reach out to Ron Bergman [r.s.bergman@gmail.com](mailto:r.s.bergman@gmail.com) or (604) 568-4485

## Slo-Mo

Shortly before the defeat of the AGM resolution to place speed bumps on our streets, Mike Williams installed sixteen reflective signs designed to remind drivers of our 15 km/p limit. Several observers report that these warning signs are helping, while other residents are still seeing speeders. As our streets are our sidewalks, we must all be alert to the dangers. As some residents have mobility issues, some are hard-of hearing and EV vehicles are almost silent we urge everyone to be vigilant.



## Mayfair Report

The Mayfair was first condominium building built in Chelsea; therefore, the oldest at 31 years old.

We are the newest residents and enjoy it very much. We're soon to get new neighbours in late June.

We enjoy a coffee hour on the first Monday of the month in our lovely common room. There's a good turnout and it's a good time to get to know our neighbours.

Our building captain, Liz Bell, keeps us well-informed on updates concerning the upkeep and maintenance of the building, upcoming socials and emergency preparedness.

Currently 3 dogs live in our building, soon to get a fourth when our newest residents move in. The number of cats is unknown.

We are fortunate to have some talented gardeners living in our building. Next time you're out for a walk take note of the beautiful patio garden by the Mayfair/Kensington pedestrian gate created by Marilyn Hermansen. Also Anna Razny's beautiful patio garden. The hummingbirds love her garden.

Regards from the Mayfair

Kath & Doug McLeod and Amy the dog.

## High Tea

May 25<sup>th</sup>

A touch of elegance happened on Sunday, May 25 which was a day for summer hats, fascinators, and dresses. Many residents responded to the idea of dressing up to have a leisurely and lovely time in the Fireside Room. Barb Gregg kindly took photos of the attendees as they arrived. Every table was differently and creatively decorated by Coreen Farquhar, eliciting many oohs and aahs. Fancy tea pots, vintage cups and saucers, tiers of delicate treats, some of which were baked by residents, were on offer. Scones with clotted cream, and other delicacies were presented, with a Social Committee

hostess at each table, to keep the pots refilled with King Charles' blend. The photos show the variety and beauty of the setting. Thank you to all who made this an outstanding and memorable event.



## Daisy & Donald Do It Again

One day a mallard drake came tapping at my patio door, causing the bossy cat who rules my house to get very excited.

He came a few times, and then started paddling about in the koi pond with Daisy.

As has happened in previous springs, Daisy went into hiding until she reappeared with a clutch of ducklings. Unfortunately, they followed her into the water, but being only a few days old, they were too small to get out.



Residents gathered, as the babies started to tire and Daisy became more agitated. One baby would hop on her back, but when she left the pond, the baby tumbled back in.

A plank ramp was placed but the babies paddled under it, while the three canny turtles thought they would go for a walk-about. Eventually, Brad Buckley brought a screened board, the babies toddled up and went off with Daisy for a rest in a nearby shrub.

## Pizza Night

June 20<sup>th</sup>

Pizza Pub Night was a roaring success simply because residents were in the mood to socialise and enjoy the featured drinks of margaritas and rusty nails.



## CLUB HOUSE

If you haven't visited our clubhouse lately, it's time you did. The social committee replaced the heavy old sofa in the Fireside room and invested in eight beautiful (and easily moved), chairs, with cheerful cushions, and eight nesting end tables.

The library has lost those tricky rolling chairs and round tables. They have been replaced by a stylish and solid rectangular table and chairs. Well done, and well chosen.

The old wingback chairs and coffee tables went to winners of the lottery draw.



## Canada Day Festivities

Canada Day dawned brightly July 1<sup>st</sup> as the team of volunteers set up tables, chairs, canopies, and the bar, while others prepared the barbeque. Approximately 175 residents attended to celebrate Canada's 158th birthday

Chelsea Gardens' bandmaster, Harry Peterson, and the Vancouver Traveling Band returned by popular demand to entertain us again this year. Nothing is more festive than live music.

The Chelsea Dancers under the inspirational direction of Margy Jalbert performed "Canadian Girl" and "Elbows Up".

Thank you to the social committee and the numerous volunteers--especially those who disassembled everything and cleaned up



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