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Zada Jaffe - **President**

Kelly Glover **Vice President**

Jennifer Hawkins - **Treasurer**

Tetiana Shcherbai - **Secretary**

Charlene Malcolm - **Director**

Cherie Du - **Director**

Ewa Godzinska - **Director**

Remember, most of your stress comes from the way you respond, not the way life is. Adjust your attitude. Change how you see things. Look for the good in all situations. Take the lesson and find new opportunities to grow. Let all the stress, worrying and overthinking go.

HOW TO REACH US

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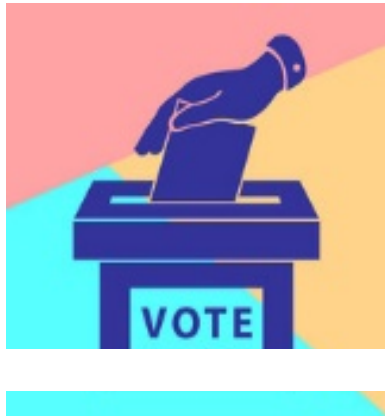
Office Hours

Office protocol - By appointments only. This is a reminder that staff are in the office Monday to Thursday from 9am to 4:30pm and Fridays 9am to 1pm. You can book an appointment Monday to Thursday between 10am and 4pm, We will update you of any change.



On May 14th, lets Celebrating Mothers Everywhere

To all you amazing, wonderful Mothers, enjoy your day!



Upcoming AGM, May 31, 2023 - Board Election

The province extended the ability to hold virtual meetings until September 2023. As such this meeting will be held virtually. In the meantime, the board will be carrying out a survey to see what members prefer, also they will be looking into proper process and equipment to hold Hy-bred meetings going forward. With an Hy-bred meeting you can attend in person or vitural.

HAVE YOUR SAY... BE A BOARD MEMBER

Help make decisions that will positively affect your neighbors and the co-op!

Current Board of Directors

- Zada Jaffe & Kelly Glover term will end at the end of May 2023
- Charlene Malcolm, Cherie Dui, & Ewa Godzinska were all covering on an interim basis.
- There are two (2) vacant position from the previous year.
- Jennifer Hawkins & Tetiana Sheherbai on for another year

“I don’t want to pay a babysitter.” Your participation is important; therefore, the Co-op will reimburse you for reasonable babysitting cost.

“I don’t like conflict and don’t want to be involved in other people’s problems.” As a rule, the Board does not get involved in members’ personal dispute or problems. From time to time the Board will need to deal with members who are not living up to their obligation to the Co-op and this is not easy. This could be because the member owes money to the Co-op, is not looking after their unit, their pets are not under control, or their activities are interfering with the Co-op community. When these situations happen, the Board discusses the various options. Sometimes, the Board will meet to discuss the issues. Sometimes the Board will start the eviction process.

Recipe for a Good Board Meeting

- Attending all board meetings.
- Read the Board package before coming to the meeting.
- Arrive on time, don’t keep others waiting.
- State your opinion & listen to what others have to say.
- Don’t get off topic – deal with issues, not personalities.
- Keep an open mind and be prepared to change your position.

Any member of the co-op can run for the Board, however if you are planning to run, or nominating someone, please keep in mind there are restrictions as to who can be on the Board. See the office for more information on these restrictions.

Unit Inspections

A few important reminders based on Annual Unit Inspections

- Report water (kitchen faucet, bathroom sink/tub faucet, constant running of the water in the toilet) leaks immediately
- Townhomes, units on the 14/13th floor & 1st floors are equipped with CO detectors, do not remove these devices. Call the staff if the device in your unit is not working.
- Clean excess grease from stove & oven. This is a fire hazard.
- Do not wrap foil paper around stove drip pans. This is a fire hazard.
- Members are responsible for steam cleaning the stair carpets at least annually. This preserves the life of the carpet.
- Do not place hot pots, etc. on the countertops.
- Do not allow water to settle on the countertops.
- Do not clean your parquet floor with excess water, nor put vinegar in the water. Waxing the floor at least twice per year will help to keep the shine.
- Remember to clean the outsides of your unit doors on a regular basis.
- **Installation of LED Light Bulbs.** Please be reminded that these bulbs are installed to save on energy and expenses.

- These bulbs should last a long time, however, if a bulb burns out, please complete the work for replacement. We ask members not to install incandescent bulbs.

Carrying out Repairs after Inspections are Completed.

Once we have completed the inspections, we will prepare a report for the board for review. The board will discuss priorities. The maintenance staff in the meantime will start to repair things like faucet leaks, water running in toilet tanks, repair window screens. repair/replace closet doors, repair handrailing, etc.

Toilet and Sink Plungers

It is recommended that all units and town homes have a plunger. If your sink or toilet is clogged, please attempt to clear it, if you are not successful, then call maintenance or On-call.

Toronto Municipal Code – Animal By-law

No Feeding of wildlife including birds on Public & Private Properties. Feeding Wildlife – Chapter 349-10-1 – effective April 1, 2023

Under Toronto's Animal Bylaw, you are not allowed to feed wildlife or leave food out to attracted animals on both public and private property. Feeding wildlife can have serious impacts on both animals and community.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Building staff are working very hard to manage waste and keep the building clean. But they cannot do it without your help.

Recycle

- Flatten all cardboard boxes.
- Rinse food containers
- Keep black plastic out of the recycle.

Please put the following items in the garbage, **NOT** in the organic waste bin.

- Disposable gloves & mask
- Tissues & personal hygiene products
- Disposable wipes

Do not flush wipes – even those labelled 'flushable' as they clog pipes and City sewers.

Improper Garbage Disposal

Do not leave garbage on the floor of the chute room, place all garbage in a garbage bag, tie and put down the chute. If it cannot fit down the chute, then bring outside to the bin.

Please **DO NOT** leave garbage on the ground, put it in the appropriate container. Leaving garbage on the ground will only create a mice infestation & visits from raccoons. And not to mention the unsightly mess.

Please do not remove your gloves and/or mask and drop them on the floor inside the building nor on the ground outside. There are garbage cans all over the property, please use them.

Townhouse members, please use the bins allocated to you and put out the correct bins on the correct days.

Air Conditioner Installation

It's time again for air conditioner installation. Any time after May 1st is the official date. In the interest of safety, Mimico Co-op Management is recommending that members who still install window a/c units consider changing out to the portable ones for safety of our members, our guest, and staff. Your by-law allows for window a/c installation; however, there are no process on who to and how should the installation be carried out. As such no one can guarantee the safety of the installation, as members are responsible for their own installation. It was mentioned during a conversation with a member that an a/c unit fell onto a balcony a few years back. Not to mention the death of a child a few summers back due to an a/c unit falling out of a window of a high-rise building. This is a preventative measure that we hope our members will adhere to.

Co-op Gardens - We need Volunteers.

There are several gardens around the property, and we always need volunteers to help with watering, weeding, planting, etc.

Please contact the following people if you would like to volunteer.

Garden in Circle	- Shearron C.
Northside & Northeast side	- Diana C.
South Side:	- need a volunteer.
Westside Community Vegetable Garden	- Lucy S., Eva G. Ganga M., Kavitha K.

The co-op applied to CHF Canada Greener Co-op MicroGrant for a grant to help expand the Co-op community vegetable garden and we received \$4,500, so the ladies can purchase more planter boxes, which means more space to plant more vegetables and more to share with members.

Upcoming Victoria Day Long Weekend

Please remember, there will be no staff on site on Monday, May 22, 2023. In case of an emergency please call the On-Call at 416-524-1807.

Co-op Events

Mondays at 2pm - Join Marie in the rec room for low impact dancercise.

Yard Sale - Coming soon.

Until Next Month