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Pacific Gardens Enters the Blogosphere!

Pacific Gardens now has its own blog, titled, Our Cohousing Adventure. Some of the PGCC members who have posted their blogthoughts on our blogspot are Kathryn Hazel, Mia Jongkind, and Susana Michaelis. If you'd like to join them, you can send your blog entries and photos to Kathryn at k.j.hazel@shaw.ca, or Kathryn will give you a mini-tutorial and show you how you can do it yourself. You can find it on the web by googling Our Cohousing Adventure, or go to <http://mycohousingadventure.blogspot.ca>

Submitted by Kathryn Hazel

So long, farewell

Bob Wang and Alex Bi of #209 will be leaving us at the end of July to move closer to their place of work in the north end. We will miss them both. Bob has been at Pacific Gardens for more than two years, while Alex moved in last summer. Alex's uncle and aunt, David and Jane Jiang have been visiting him since mid-July and will be here until early August, and were so taken with Pacific Gardens that they have decided to buy a unit here! (We'll have more about that in next month's issue of The Bloomin' News.)

Submitted by Kathryn

Security Reminder



David has mentioned at Community Meetings how often he finds the patio doors in the exercise room open or unlocked. This allows anyone unrestricted access to the whole building.

I have closed and locked the exercise room door several times. The door has been open into the evening sometimes. The Bike/Recycling Room is often left propped open with no-one around. It would be easy for bikes to disappear, and there is a lot of value in that room.

Let's all do our part to protect the safety and security of residents and their possessions, by closing and locking doors when we vacate a room.

Submitted by Susana

Community Circle



The Collaborative Living Committee will be hosting the next Community Circle on August 15th at 7:00 pm in the dining room. The circle participants will decide how long the circle lasts, usually 1 + 1/2 or 2 hours. The circle participants will also agree on a topic which may be "Inclusion: The Sequel" "Communication" or another topic.

Within the circle there are four intentions that hold the space together, which when observed, create safety and allow truth and trust to build in this very simple and powerful practice.

All residents are welcome to participate and are encouraged to arrive on time. Starting on time is one of our agreements together and arriving late can disrupt the energy of the circle. If you arrive to find the Circle in Progress Please do not Disturb sign posted, please respect it.

submitted by Sharon

Handicapped Parking



This marked parking spot is for persons who require a space who cannot walk a distance to get into the building. Usually we would expect them to be a holder of a handicapped parking permit.

This space should be honoured and respected particularly when we have an event at PGCC.

I suggest that residents explain to their visitors that unless they are a handicapped parking permit holder they do not use our handicapped parking space, even for a brief time.

Some residents who work late at night find it problematic when they come home late. If parking is a problem for you, or you have safety concerns, you could request that a separate parking space be provided. This could be done through the strata council or the Building and Maintenance committee.

Submitted by Norah

Kudos

Many thanks to Mia for all the community building she has been doing lately.

Thanks to all the grass mowers - Kaj, Matt, Kari and anyone else who is helping to keep the grass under control.

Susana! Thanks for growing all the beautiful flowers that are providing so much beauty to our outdoor spaces.

Ongoing thanks to David for continuing to do a security check evening after evening.

A big thank you to all the community children who pick up their bikes and place them in appropriate bike storage places when they are done playing!



Good Things are Growing Here!