

Hello Sandycovers!

Wow! Time is flying by, and the Holidays are fast approaching. Here are some things happening around the community that will help keep you informed.

### **The Candy Cane Express Returns:**

The Innisfil Rotary Club will once again be collecting donations for the Innisfil Food Bank this year. Look out for the Candy Cane Express Train driving through the community accepting non-perishable food items and cash donations.

North Side: December 8<sup>th</sup> – 6pm until 9pm

South Side: December 9<sup>th</sup> – 6pm until 9pm

### **Christmas Light Competition:**

Back by popular demand, the HOA will be hosting the annual Christmas Light competition. Residents are encouraged to go big and bright with this competition. Parkbridge will be supplying 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place prizes to both the North and South side. 2019 and 2020 winners will not be eligible but can earn bragging rights. We look forward to seeing some amazing displays!

### **A message from our Senior Wish Program:**

*We are now taking names for our Christmas Wish. If you are going to be alone or know of someone who will be alone, please let Senior Wish brighten your/ their holiday season. Please contact: Linda Lewer @*

*705-436-3908.*

*The Christmas Wish program is going to look a lot different this year. We are not able to put out our donation boxes due to Covid-19, so there will be no Big Red bags this year, but we will be doing turkey dinners.*

*We are able to take monetary donations - and you can contact Linda Moyles @ 705-436-7949 for information on how to donate.*

*We thank you in advance for your support of Senior Wish in Sandycove.*

### **Winter Season – Snow Removal:**

Are you ready for winter? Attached is a Checklist and Frequently Asked Questions to help you prepare for this year's snow removal. The Grounds Guys will be coming around and staking driveways. Please do not remove these flags as they help indicate snow removal areas.

For your safety and the driver's safety, please **DO NOT** approach plows or the workers. All inquiries must be done through the front office. Plows have limited visibility and have difficulty seeing residents running directly in front.

With any new company and the beginning of the season there will be hiccups. Please be patient and keep in contact with us.

The Grounds Guys are committed to doing an excellent job this season and returning for many years to come.

### **Tree Lighting Event:**

The premier December event of the year is set to return, bigger and better than ever! This year, we are doing our Tree Lighting event on December 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 5:30pm. During this time we will have many things going on for the community: Gourmet Hot Chocolate from 180 Events Catering complimentary Parkbridge, Rose Fiscotti cookies for the first 200 guests, live music, a town crier, prize give-a-ways and so much more! Come meet the new Parkbridge staff and have a great time. Please see the attached flyer.

### **Opening of the Gym, Billiards and Shuffleboard Area:**

We would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding of the recreational areas being closed during the pandemic. Parkbridge in conjunction with the Simcoe Muskoka Health Unit, the HOA, and the Recreational Hall Committees have elected for a very slow reopening process. No classes, private events, groups, leagues, or other booked events will be scheduled until mid-January at the earliest. This will allow for better observation of the Pandemic, booster shots to take effect, and greater safety for all residents. The Recreation Hall presidents are committed to putting community and resident safety first.

For those willing to assume the risk, we will be opening the Gym and Billiards area starting November 22<sup>nd</sup> under a Stage 3 opening. This has been approved by the SMHU. There will be a limited capacity for these areas along with contact tracing forms that must be filled out EVERY time you enter the facility. **Masks will be mandatory and physical distancing required.** Rule breakers will be given no warnings and can face a temporary ban if caught in violation. There will be cleaning materials available to sanitize your area after use. Parkbridge cleaning will only be done Monday to Friday between 8am and 4pm. **Vaccination status will not be required to enter these areas, so please note that you enter these areas under your own risk.**

### **Winterizing Your Home:**

- Close crawl spaces, hatches and skirting vents to prevent freezing.
- Do not store items underneath your home.
- Clear out eave troughs to prevent icicle formation and build up.
- Disconnect garden hose.
- Have water pipes wrapped or install heating cables to prevent freezing.
- Homeowners are responsible for all repairs due to frozen pipes.

### **Emergency Line:**

Did you know that we are on call 24/7 for emergency issues such as water and sewer? The number to call is 705-436-1571 EXT: #9. **Please do not use this number for snow removal questions or concerns.**

### **Contact Information:**

Please make sure your contact information is up to date. With technology advancing, we are relying more heavily on e-mail and text messaging. Please consider adding a cell phone number to your main contact list or getting a neighbour to sign up for emails.

**I would also like to thank everyone for welcoming and making me feel like a member of this fantastic community. I look forward to many years to come.**

**Thank you**

**Stephen Parsons**

*Property Manager*