



The Community Newsletter of 5 Ogilvie, Dundas (Grafton Square)

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How Much is Much?

It is interesting to me that words like much, many, enough, few are used so many times, so much that we never seem to get enough until it is too much. How much is enough and how much is too much.

It really boils down to each person. What is enough watermelon for me might be too much for someone else, but enough mango for them would be too much for me.

I was a first year university student in Edmonton when I took out my first life insurance policy. As part of the process, the insurance agent sat with me for a couple of hours asking questions and filling out forms. I was stopped by one of the questions asked so casually, "How much alcohol do you drink?". I remember thinking "I am in first year university, away from home".

The amount I drank was more determined by availability than desire. So I replied "Maybe 4 or 5 drinks a week." A bald fabrication, but I had my fingers crossed behind my back so it was OK. "Oh", the agent replied, "they will think you are an alcoholic. We will put down 2-3 per week." So that was it: 2-3 was enough, 3-4 was too much. That was 1963.

Fast forward and I have moved to Denmark, starting a new job in Copenhagen and the company was interviewing me for Danish life insurance. It was the year 2000. I had just arrived in Denmark and so I was not drinking a lot, but I had been enjoying Danish beer so I figured 3-4 a week was about right. "3-4 a week", was my response. "Oh", said the agent, "no one will believe that, we will put 7-8 drinks a week."

So how much is much?

(by Jim Farnilo)

Community Room Rental

You can rent our community room for a rental fee of **\$25.00** that is paid to **Elaine in Unit #308**.

There's a **calendar** on the wall by the fridge in the community room and people who live in the building can sign their name to a date where no one else has signed.

The coffee pot and teapots can be used but **NOT** the coffee, plates or napkins that are in the community room. Those are used for our Tuesday coffee mornings.

The renter needs to **leave the room clean** and remove any garbage and put tables and chairs back to where they found them.

For safety purposes the number of people **should not exceed 35**.

It's a great room for celebrating special occasions with friends and family. ♥





A Note from your Condo Board:



Who to contact?

Your Board welcomes your feedback and input! Please feel free to reach out to our on-site members Liz Locs or Gerry Kennedy anytime.

For maintenance issues, contact Wilson Blanchard Customer Service at **905-540-8800** or **info@wilsonblanchard.com**. Our property manager, Dorothy Moggach is at **ext. 2353**. For after-hours emergencies, call the main line and press "9".



What's going on?

We have a new condo info binder with all past/current communications! You can find it on the top of the bookshelf in the community room. It is there for your reading pleasure, but please do not remove it so others also can access the information.

(Note: This information is provided by Wilson Blanchard and the Board for owner information only.)



Want to help out?

If you would like to be an occasional volunteer to help meet our contractors, provide them with the required access, and other occasional tasks, please let Sandra know.

Warm regards,

Your WCC #250 Board of Directors:

Sandra Litt, President (littsandra@gmail.com)

Liz Locs, Secretary

Gerry Kennedy, Member-at-large



The Grafton Chuckle

A man walks into a doctor's office, wincing in pain. "Doctor, you have to help me," he says. "Everywhere I touch on my body, it hurts! Look!" The man pokes his knee with his index finger and yells, "Ouch!" Then he pokes his ribs and screams, "Ow!" Finally, he pokes his forehead and cries out in agony. The doctor does a quick examination, sighs, and says, "Well, the good news is that you don't have a systemic nerve disease. The bad news is that your finger is broken."



Laughter is good medicine!

PEOPLE
PARADES
TRADITIONS
TOGETHER

Grafton Square Folks

at the Cactus Festival Parade

Small
Town
Big
Community!










Good Friends ☆ Great Parades ☆ Stronger Together

Fall: when the trees become artists and the sidewalks become their galleries.

EARLY REMINDER FOR TEXTILE RECYCLING::

THE NEXT **TEXTILE RECYCLING DAY**
FOR DREARY, WEARY, STAINED, HOLE-Y, FADED (etc.) TEXTILES
Is **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17**

Please bag your items & leave for Catherine @ #405 or CAR BAY #17

*By Friday April 16

clothes, towels, curtains, linens, bedding, socks, underwear, shoes,
purses, belts, fabric scraps, etc. [no pillows or cushions please]

Textiles go to the textile drive at St. Patrick's Church, Ancaster

Your donation will ease the pressure on landfill sites

THANK YOU

**AND NOW YOU CAN RECYCLE YOUR
PRETTY PERKY UNUSED 'GOOD' FABRICS/LENGTHS!**

Still planning to make that jacket, but haven't gotten around to it?

Still have that lovely cotton fabric bought for a baby's quilt?

Given a piece of silk years ago but it's too 'good' to cut?

CUDDLE QUILTS USE NO LONGER WANTED GOOD FABRICS

Cottons, linens, other natural fibres, mixed fibres, silk.

Thanks to Gillian who made our first donation.

Hamilton Quilters Guild Volunteers make CUDDLE QUILTS

-lap quilts for folks in hospitals or a hospice, placemats For Meals
on Wheels, pillows for breast cancer patients & more

(see <https://www.hamiltonquiltersguild.ca/cuddle-quilts>)

Any size/length is acceptable- — except tiny hard to use scraps

Please leave at #405 or CAR BAY #17 on or before Sun.October 18

*Be sure to label bag 'Cuddle' or tie with a pretty ribbon!

THANK YOU



The Residents Interview

Meet Dieter and Joan Spiller

We're pleased to introduce Dieter and Joan, who have been new neighbors in The Grafton community for several months.

"We lived in Dundas for over 40 years," Dieter shared. "After briefly moving to Waterloo, we moved back to Dundas this spring. We were happy to return to a town we've always enjoyed—and to downsize to a home without outside work to manage."

The couple have two children: a son in Stouffville and a daughter in Waterloo.

"Joan likes to hike, knit and we both enjoy cycling," Dieter said. He previously enjoyed woodworking but has now transitioned to 3D printing. His current interest is "filament painting, using coloured filament to create what looks like a painting."

Dieter plans to use the downstairs exercise room during the winter.

We're happy to have you as part of our community!

*Fall is the season when the trees show us how lovely it can be to let things go...
except your keys, your glasses, and where you parked the car."*



We've now made three donations to the Dundas Food Bank.
Thanks to Stan from Creekside condos, who takes these empties to The Beer Store.

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Recipes, Announcements, Notices, Invitations, Cartoons, Whimsy.