News from Our Board of Directors

Happy Canada Day! We hope everyone is enjoying the summer weather and doing a variety of outdoor activities. The Board continues to work hard on your behalf. The CEC committee has made excellent progress with the Performance Audit. The Rules Committee is putting the final edits on the rules document. Once completed it will be distributed to all residents. You will have 30 days to submit any comments. A few contracts have been finalized. The Weed man is doing fertilizer/weed control on the street level. A black chain link fence will be installed along the north wall of the building and will attach to the fence belonging to the property behind our building. As well, exterior photo cell lights are being installed along the north wall. These measures should certainly act as a deterrent to graffiti. Our signature rock should now be in place in our front garden bed. The 2009 budget has been approved by the Board and should be distributed in the next few weeks.

Thank you to all residents who have returned the Declaration Change consent forms regarding Maintenance & Repairs – HVAC Units and Percentage Contribution to Common Elements. These changes require a 90% approval. The Board of Directors would greatly appreciate it if residents who have not returned their forms could do so as soon as possible.

As you are aware Blue Sails Developers are seeking approval for a re-zoning by-law change. A public meeting was held on June 16th. Unfortunately the article in the Barrie paper gave a disproportionate prominence to negative opinion and inaccurate information. Our Water View Board of Directors unanimously support the proposed Blue Sails condo development on the Lakeshore and believe it will contribute significantly to the unique and attractive growing city core and waterfront as a signature structure here in Barrie. The decision to approve the re-zoning by-law will not take place until later in the summer. We would suggest that residents who have comments should forward them to Jeff Lehman, our city councillor.

As always, thank you to all of our volunteers at Water View as you continue to make Water View a wonderful place to live.

Continue to enjoy the summer. Hope to see you at some of the social gatherings planned throughout the summer months.

Finance Committee

Chair: Derek Walton Members: Candy Stephey, Leny Vandenbrock

As reported last month, quotes have now been obtained for a six foot black chainlink fence and bicycle racks in the Bike Room. In addition we are also installing lighting on the exterior garage wall which will further brighten the visitor parking area for security purposes. We anticipate these upgrades during July and funds will come from current year's budget.

The budget for fiscal year 2008/09 has now received Board approval and will be sent to all owners by mid-July.

Reserve Fund Balance as at July 2, 2008 is $139,858.85*. (* Upgraded garage lighting paid from Fund ($26,000 less rebate), which we will repay monthly commencing August/08 over 2 year term).
Gardening Committee  
Joan Baker, Ted and Elaine Burbidge, Jack Cain, Louise Hill, Anita Green, Evelyn Kain, Andrew Mason, Mike Ross and Lois Place.

The gardening committee has been hard at work on the spring plantings. Quite a chore - but I’m sure we will all appreciate their efforts later in the season. The landscape architect is scheduled to do a ‘walk about’ shortly to evaluate last year’s plantings of trees and hopefully rectify any problems.

Decorating Committee  
Evelyn Barber, Alberta Neice, Louise Hill, Carol Poole

The decorating committee has had a productive year. I would like to thank all the committee members for all their help decorating the front lobby area. There have been many positive comments. Thank you to all of you.

We will have a new budget starting in August as well as the accumulating bottle return monies to spend on other areas of the building. It has been suggested that some art work placed on the other floors in the building would be welcome. If anyone has come across some reasonably priced art work appropriate to the Water View we would appreciate you passing that information along to any of our members.

Sadly for me, I will be moving at the end of August. It has been a wonderful experience and I have enjoyed working with our other members as well as getting to know many of the residents. We are in need of a new chair person; if anyone would like to put forth their name to take over as chair or to join the Decorating Committee we look forward to hearing from you. There is still much work to do and fresh ideas are always welcome. Thank you. (evelynbarber@rogers.com)

Residents' Directory Committee  
Joan Bell, Sybil Conley, Carole Gooley, Alberta Neice, Carol Poole and Sally Wonsch

Thank you to all of the people who helped to produce the directory. Special thanks needs to go to Alberta Neice who so accurately entered all of the information. The 'collating' crew made up of Sybil Conley, Carole Gooley, Alberta Neice, Carol Poole and Sally Wonsch was a big help. Also a big thank you to all who participated by giving us your information to include in the directory. Early in each year, we will up-date the directory and accept new participants.

Rules Committee  
Chair: Deanna Smythe, Derek Walton

The new set of rules has now received Board approval and is in the process of being printing for early distribution to all owners/tenants. Please review carefully!

All suites recently received our Visitor Parking Policy effective July 1, 2008. Copies were also posted throughout our building and in the elevators. We draw your special attention to the first and last paragraphs. It is unfortunate that a small number of our residents continually abuse these privileges. Please govern yourselves accordingly........thank you.
**Social Committee**

Chair: Eileen Ponsford  
Secretary: Susan Cowan  
Treasurer: Jo-ann Vaillancourt, 
Members: Paul Armstrong, Mary MacDonald, Sybil Conley

**Pancake Breakfast:** The last pancake breakfast was another great success. Fifty-two residents sat down together and ate pancakes and sausages. We certainly know how to enjoy good food and good company!

**Thank You:** A thank you to all the people who make coffee week in and week out for those residents who enjoy getting together to start their day over conversation and a cup of coffee and treats. The Committee would also like to thank everyone for their continued support of our efforts, i.e. coffee, pancake breakfasts, raffles, pot-lucks, etc. Eileen would like to personally thank the Social Committee for all that they do to make Water View a fun and neighbourly place to live.

**Patio Party:** Our annual patio party with Grand Harbour will take place on July 26. Social time will begin at 3:30, and food will be served at 5p.m. This will take place on the 3rd floor terrace. This year the Social Committee has funds, so we are delighted to be able to invite all of our Water View friends to enjoy this picnic at no charge.

**Serendipity Cruise:** The cruise on the Serendipity Princess will take place on Wed. Aug.20th. We need to meet at the dock by 4:45p.m. The cruise goes from 5 to 6:45. Following will be a cold, casual pot-luck supper in the Condo Room. A sign up sheet will be put up in the mail room closer to the date. The menu will be cold cuts; salads; cheeses and breads/ crackers and desserts. Buns, tea and coffee will be provided. The cost for the cruise will be $20 per person. We hope to see you there!

**Stratford Festival:** There are still five (5) seats available on our trip to the Stratford Festival for the Music Man on Tuesday, August 26. Cost is $135.00 per person for bus, hot lunch and show, with main floor seating. Please contact Paul Armstrong at 252-3611 for further details.

**Communications Committee**

Deanna Smythe

When Dawna Mitchell moved from the Water View I lost my partner that I could bounce ideas off! If anyone is interested in taking on her role on the Communication Committee, please give me a call. Dawna managed the mail room bulletin board and information box. If the new person could coordinate the distribution of the Newsletter that would be most helpful as well. Perhaps her departure is the reason for the messy condition of the mailroom lately. We notice people have been taking parts of the newspaper and leaving the rest scattered about the room. Dawna provided a waste container for papers and flyers and obviously cleaned up after people who didn’t use it. Thank you.

**Common Elements Committee**

Allan Bell, Paul Ridsdale

Allan is away on a well deserved vacation.

**Hassey Management**

Colin Hassey

No Report this month
SOME INTERESTING FACTS—
After reading it, you’ll GO “duh, I didn’t know that.”

'Stewardesses' is the longest word typed with only the left hand and 'lollipop' is the longest word typed with your right hand. *(Bet you tried this out mentally, didn’t you?)*

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver or purple.

'Dreamt' is the only English word that ends in the letters ‘mt’. *(Do you doubt this?)*

Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.

The words 'racecar,' 'kayak' and 'level' are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left (palindromes). So are MOM and DAD!!!!!! *(Yep, I knew you were going to ‘do’ this one.)*

There are only four words in the English language which end in ‘dous’: tremendous, horrendous, stupen-

dous, and hazardous. *(You don’t doubt this, do you?)*

There are two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order: ‘abstemious’ and

‘facetious.’ *(Yes, admit it, you are going to say, a e i o u)*

TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard. *(All

you typists are going to test this out)*

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds. *(Some days that’s about what my memory span is.)*

A ‘jiffy’ is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.

A snail can sleep for three years. *(I know some people that could do this too.)*

Almonds are a member of the peach family.

An ostrich’s eye is bigger than its brain. *(I know some people like that also)*

Babies are born without kneecaps. They don’t appear until the child reaches 2-6 years of age.

February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon.

In the last 4,000 years, no new animals have been domesticated.

Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors.

Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.

The cruise liner, QE 2 moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.

The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his

pocket. *(Good thing he did that.)*

The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze completely solid.

There are more chickens than people in the world.

Winston Churchill was born in a ladies’ room during a dance.