



# Lakeshore Link Community Newsletter

Merry Christmas  
Happy Holidays

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Sponsored by the Downtown Merchant Association and Grandmothers for Africa. It was an incredible evening of song, laughter, hot chocolate, Christmas

Shopping, a visit from Santa, a performance by Skaha Middle School and the lighting of the Christmas Tree in Nanaimo Square with words from our Mayor and the community singing of “Silver Bells”

Net proceeds from the caroling were donated in part to the hot breakfast programs at Columbia, West Bench and Queen’s Park School. (\$400 – split equally between the three schools.

## A Note from the Editor – Judi Ritcey

It seems just like yesterday that I was doing Issue 4 of this newsletter. I don’t know where the time has gone, but can you believe that Christmas is almost here and that 2018 is about to begin.

What will 2018 bring? Well as far as this newsletter is concerned I would love to see it as a great communication tool for us to find out what is going on in our community and also in Penticton and the surrounding areas.

Sometimes we miss some great events, because we honestly didn’t even know about them. If you know of something happening that would be of interest to our residents, let me know and I can feature it in the newsletter.

One of those events that I know some of you attended was the Caroling for a Cause event and the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Tree Lighting Event here in Penticton.



## What else is happening?

Several great choirs in the area have held and are holding over the next couple of weeks, their Christmas Concerts.

Naramata Community Choir; Sage Valley Voices; Penticton Tune-Agers and Musaic Vocal Ensemble have shared their love of music with us. If you are a member of one of these choirs send me your posters and we can include them in our “Around Town” column. Hopefully next year we will have our own event calendar.



## New Year's Eve – 2017

Submitted by Betty Bright

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

All owners are welcome to come together on New Year's Eve in the wine room. The evening will start at 6.00 ish and go until the bewitching hour 12.00 midnight

There will be a sign-up sheet in the strata office where you can put your name and what you want to bring to this event.

After, for those who want to participate, there will be a re-gifting of those unwanted or have doubles of. This is like secret Santa but instead of buying a gift you just re gift something that you have received in the past and don't need or want. And then we can have cards or games to play for those who are staying.

At midnight we can watch the fireworks. Hope to see you then.



## We Need Your Help!

Submitted by Betty Bright

Can you spare a little time to help out on one of these committees?

Garden – Gym - Functions/Party

Volunteer Sheets will be posted in all the mail rooms.



## Free Parking - Lakeshore Waterfront

Have you heard the good news? City council has officially killed plans to charge for parking along much of the downtown Penticton waterfront.

It certainly pays off when the public let council know how they feel about an issue.

Joe Fries, the new editor at the Penticton Herald wrote a very good article on this subject. Quoting our mayor, Mr. Fries wrote:

*“Certainly people in the community voiced some concerns over that, which gave council opportunity to pause.”* The new plan, will see free parking along the bulk of Lakeshore Drive, except between Power



and Winnipeg streets, where drivers will be limited to three hours. Existing meters will remain in place in front of the Penticton Lakeside Resort and Okanagan Lake Park.

## A Message:

John Thomas

### Music Jam Sessions:

This past Fall the music jams were a bit iffy as Sunday Football caused interference, and I (not being a football fan) didn't realize the problem until the last few weeks. We did, though, have a fun open mike in the Incola room on a Wednesday night three weeks ago which was very well attended by guitar players, singers and wine drinkers. We'll definitely do that again next year.

### Clean Up Day:

Fall Clean Up Day a Success! For the past few years one fall day brings Lakeshore volunteers together to add a little shine to our community. This year the event drew 32 incredible people who completed a

multitude of tasks. Some swept spider webs from outdoor fences and light fixtures, others cleaned parkade gates, windows and lights. Volunteers could be seen throughout the buildings washing baseboards and woodwork, cleaning and sorting cupboards, repairing and touching up amenity room furniture. Others really used elbow grease in scrubbing elevator entry pieces and cleaning all the entry doors and entry plates in the complex.

The giant cleaning bee was followed up with pizza and socializing. After the event, organizers compiled an inventory of items requiring further attention, and a report on projects completed by volunteers. This report was sent to Lakeshore Council. In some cases recommendations were made to involve staff in ongoing maintenance or cleaning projects that are beyond the scope of volunteers.

The Fall Clean Up was a complete success, the effect on the buildings was noticeable. Many thanks to the dedicated neighbours who spent their Sunday making our community a better and shinier place.

## **Solar Water Heating**

*Submitted by Joe Rodgers*

A couple of years ago some members of our Strata were interested in the possibilities of adding Solar to assist in reducing utility costs for our Lakeshore building complex. Initial investigation was on the merits of solar electrical panels. Extensive areas of South and West facing surfaces would be required. Initially the West and South red tile roofs would be necessary and additional areas could be added by using the South side of the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor garage parking area.

Calculation of the costs were investigated and at present utilities rates the financial return was found to be less than 2% per annum and the solar panels themselves would have potentially been distracting from the beauty of our buildings.

Geothermal, similar to what Cadillac Fairview is doing for its buildings in Vancouver on Granville St, was also given some consideration. The limitation here was the capital costs of drilling through the garage floor and installing the necessary equipment which would be required to deliver this heated fluid to our main supply systems on the 16<sup>th</sup> floor of buildings 2 and 3.

The third option was solar water heating. Buildings 2 and 3 in our Strata complex use a system of glycol treated water which is circulated through heat exchangers for two purposes. The first system is to heat our hot water, and the second system maintains the temperature of the neutral fluid that passes through each of our apartments' heat pumps for conversion to heat or air conditioning.

The interesting thing is that neither our hot water nor our neutral heat pump fluid is heated directly but through Heat Exchangers. This opens the door for an alternative system to provide all or at least part of the energy for these systems.

There are solar collectors available today made up of glass tubes which circulate a glycol and water solution to provide the energy to heat hot water through heat exchangers which are adaptable to our present systems.

The central core on the 15<sup>th</sup> floors of buildings 2 and 3 have large flat roof areas directly over the equipment rooms which supply our hot water and neutral heat pump systems. These large areas are capable of holding large rows of these solar collectors directly over the water systems that require the heating and are adaptable to our present heat exchanger systems. In addition, it is unlikely, because of the location between the sloped tile roofs, that the solar collectors would be visible from the ground.

Dependent upon present and future utility energy costs there may be alternatives available to reduce our Strata's long - term energy costs.

## A message from your Strata

A sincere message of peace and joy for the season to everyone in our beautiful Lakeshore Towers strata community.

To you and yours.

HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS

...from your Strata Council and our Management/admin team.

## Wine Tasting Events

*Submitted by Betty Bright*

Well what a year we have had with some of our locally wineries coming to give us samples of their wines. The Bad Tattoo, a local brewery also came and we tasted some excellent beer instead of wine. All of these events were well attend by our residents and I encourage new owners to come out and join us.

Here is a few wineries who will be coming out in the earlier part of the New Year. Hopefully they will come in this order.

See you there. Betty



The Play Winery



Nighthawk



Wild Goose



Misconduct