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Seasonal Tenant Newsletter

Fall/Winter 2023/24



THE DISTRICT OF THUNDER BAY
SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD



Wardrope Court Anniversary

This October, tenants, staff and our Board Chair gathered to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Wardrope Court. Thank you to those who joined us, and to Paula for being our bingo caller!

Did you know?

Paula Marin (pictured, right) is now the Tenant Support Worker for Wardrope Court. To connect with Paula, call: 807-766-4621

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Enterphone Systems



For tenants in buildings with an Enterphone:

If setting up services with Shaw, make sure you let them know the Enterphone is TBaytel fibre.

Have your enterphone tested before the provider leaves after set up!

Frequently Asked: Answered!

1. Letter about Rent?

Might be your Annual Review letting you know some documentation etc is due. Call your housing staff if you get a letter you are unsure about!

2. Custodian Staff

While the staff at the buildings are very handy and can be a go-to person, please do not ask them to move your furniture or provide personal labour for you.

3. Keeping Warm

Through the cooler months, please take A/C units out of windows and keep windows closed. Please shut off water to outside hoses, to prevent the faucet from freezing.

4. Need a parking spot?

Call your Property
Management Clerk to
discuss this.

Snow Removal Reminders

Tenants living in **houses** and **townhomes** are responsible to clear ice/snow from walkways and driveways during the winter months.

TBDSSAB clears parking lots and main walkways of townhomes and **apartments**. For those tenants living in apartments, notices will be posted advising when parking lots will be scraped down.

Vehicles must be removed prior to the scheduled snow removal. Not moving your vehicle may result in vehicle removal at owner's expense.



Large Unwanted Items?

Please do not get rid of large items by putting them outside of the buildings.

Have large items properly disposed of.

See Something, Say Something!

If you see something suspicious, please report it to your Supervisor, Property Management (SPM).

For your own safety, please call the police or Crime Stoppers if you witness a crime in progress.

Thank you for helping us keep all our tenants safe!

Follow TBDSSAB on social media to get the latest updates about Ontario Works, Child Care, and Housing programs.









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Senior Safety:10 Tips to Avoid Being a Victim of Fraud

- If it seems too good to be true, it probably is! Ask to receive all offers or prize details in writing and/or get a second opinion from someone you trust.
- 2. Do NOT release banking or credit card information, social insurance numbers, insurance or health card numbers over the phone or internet to unsolicited callers/emailers.
- 3. Beware of charmers or official sounding callers. Remember: banks, police officers or government officials will never require you to pay them over the phone or at the door.
- 4. If any stranger knocks on your door, err on the side of caution.

- 5. Take time to read the fine print.
- 6. Check the legitimacy of any company, organization, contest or person who is asking you for information or money before signing up for or paying for anything.
- Be an informed consumer, do your research before purchasing.
- Never wire transfer money to anyone you don't know.
- It is okay to say "No thank you", "Not right now", or "Let me think about it". Legitimate companies and organizations will understand.

Smoking

Reminder as the weather gets cooler, if you are in a smoke-free unit, you must go outside to smoke. Cannabis cannot be smoked in an apartment or on a balcony. Even if your unit is an approved smoking unit, you must smoke cannabis outside.

Volunteer Opportunities

If you are on Ontario Works or ODSP you can earn financial incentives by volunteering in the community at least 4 times a month. Contact your Placement Support Worker at: 807-766-4054

Crime Stoppers

To submit an anonymous tip to Crime Stoppers—and possibly earn a cash reward—please contact:

1-800-222-8477

Submit Online: www.p3tips.com/273



MyBenefits

You can use this service to get your OW or ODSP info, or report changes.

To sign up for MyBenefits, please visit:

mybenefits.mcss.gov.on.ca





HQ Address:

231 S. May Street Thunder Bay, ON P7E 1B5

Regular Hours of Operation:

Monday to Friday: 8:30am - 4:30pm

Key Cutting & Payments: 9:00am - 4:00pm

Maintenance Issue?

Call the 24/7 Maintenance Line at

807-766-4777

Upcoming Holiday Closures

Dec 15: Closed at 12pm
Dec 22: Closed at 12pm

Dec 25 & 26: Closed

Dec 29: Closed at 12pm

Jan 1, 2024: Closed Feb 19, 2024: Closed Mar 29, 2024: Closed

For office hours at your nearest TBDSSAB office, please visit our website: www.tbdssab.ca

Feedback

Questions, comments, or ideas for this newsletter can be sent to:

Communications@tbdssab.ca

Main Switchboard: 807-766-2111

24/7 Maintenance: 807-766-4777

Housing Programs Staff Extensions

SPM = Supervisor, Property Management PMC = Property Management Clerk

North

SPM: Cristie Berman	807-766-4616
PMC: Kerri McCallum	807-766-4643
South	
SPM: Jamie Petrin	807-766-4618
PMC: Josee Trelinski	807-766-4637
East	
SPM: Tracy Belleville	807-766-4632
PMC: Alistan Hadley	807-766-4609
West	
SPM: Elizabeth Simmons	807-766-4631
PMC: Isabel Smith	807-766-4122
Central	
SPM: Ashley Crupi	807-766-4633
PMC: Andrea Hamre	807-766-4608

Tenant Support Workers

Jackie Livingston	807-766-4640
Paula Marin	807-766-4621
Claudia Tropea	807-766-4069
Adam Lapointe	807-766-4208
Tammy Logan	807-766-4115
Laurie Belanger	807-766-4204