

IN THE NOUS


Winter Edition



HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE OR SAY?

Do you have a recipe, community resource, tip, Thank You, community event, or more that you would like to share in our next issue of ***In the Nous*** Newsletter?

Be sure to email any Newsletter submissions to

info@enfhs.ca 

Welcome to the 2023 winter edition of Entre Nous Femmes Housing Society's ***In the Nous*** Newsletter. *In the Nous* is now online, but there will be some paper copies available at each site. Click the links to access helpful resources.

New Staff

Entre Nous Femmes Housing Society is pleased to welcome Kim Stacey and Lisa Schaer to the team!

Kim Stacey - Acting Property Manager

Kim is our acting property manager for Antkiw Court, Constance Court, and Evelyn Estates until the end of the year. Kim has worked in the non-profit housing sector in Vancouver for over 25 years and comes to us with many years of experience in property management, maintenance, project management and senior management. In her spare time she enjoys getting together with friends, patio gardening and watching Coronation Street – a fan for more than 40 years!



Lisa Schaer - Housing Services Administrator

Lisa is our new Housing Services Administrator, a new position to support residents and staff on day-to-day activities. Lisa has worked in Real Estate and property management for over ten years. She recently moved to Vancouver and enjoys spending time with her husband and her fur babies, Charlee a nine year old spunky mini Dachshund and Oliver a friendly cat. She is looking forward to getting to know the residents and working with the Team at Entre Nous.

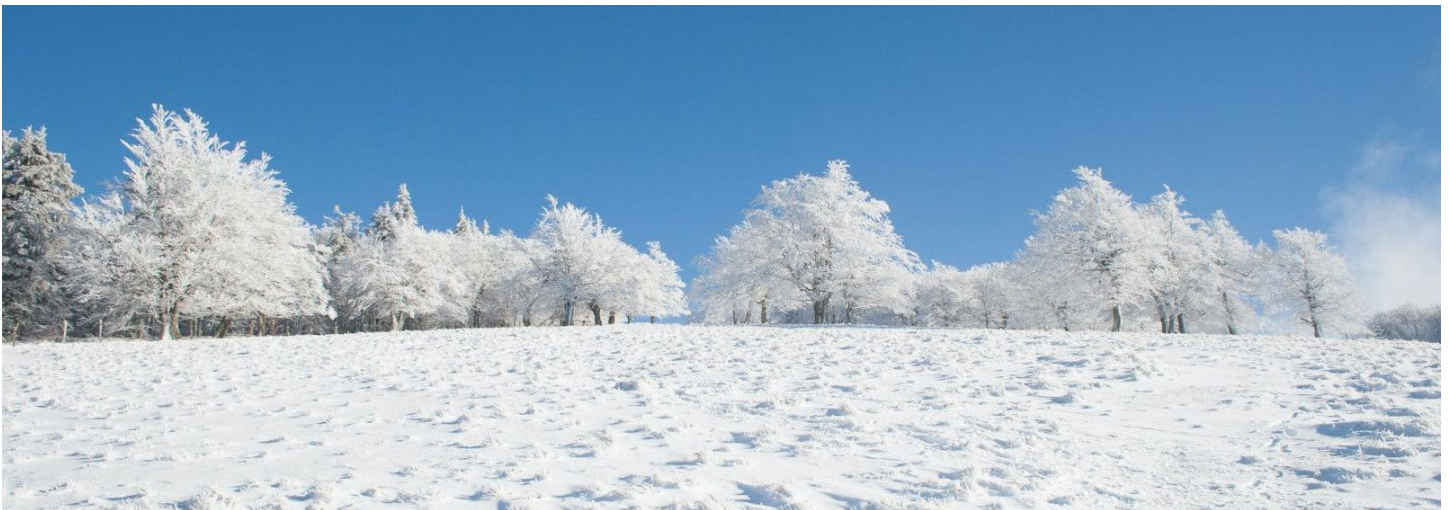


Winter Reminders

- **DISCONNECT YOUR HOSES** from the tap to prevent freezing – any burst/leaking hose bibbs will be charged back to the tenant as this is preventable damage (the water will freeze inside the hose back up into your wall and it will leak in spring).
- **DISPOSE OF TRASH PROPERLY** – cardboard recycling flattened and put in bins, organic waste separated (NO PLASTIC BAGS) in green bins and only household waste in dumpsters. It is your responsibility to dispose of household furniture and other large items – do not dump ANYTHING anywhere on site.
- **Pest Control and Prevention** - Mice, rats, and other animals/pests are looking for warmth and food. Please don't leave any food or furniture outside your units that will help attract pests.

- **Safety and Security** – This is a reminder to all tenants that all doors and gates should be closed and properly latched at all times. Tenants should not leave any valuables in their vehicles overnight; Keys, FOBs, personal belongings, etc., should be brought inside every night. ENFHS is not liable for any personal belongings that are damaged or stolen while on the premises. Tenants are responsible to obtain and maintain their own content insurance for their unit. This insurance will help recover costs of stolen or damaged property.
- **NO SMOKING** - Please also be reminded that smoking and loud social gatherings may bother your neighbours. Please be courteous and keep in mind that many people get up early for school, work, kids, etc.

Holiday Break & Office Closure Notice



The offices of Entre Nous Femmes Housing Society will be closed for Holiday Break, **Monday December 25th to Tuesday January 2nd.**

If you have an emergency during this time, please call the emergency line at 604-945-2966. If it is not an emergency but rather a repair, please fill out a repair request form on our website at enfhs.ca/maintenance-requests.

Emergency is defined as the following:

- Fire.
- Flooding, major leaks in pipes or the roof.
- Damaged or blocked water or sewer pipes or fixtures.
- The heating system is not working.
- The electrical system is failing.
- Damaged or defective locks for rental units.

Please dispose of all garbage, recycling and compost properly, and do not leave any garbage anywhere on the property.

****Please do not leave your garbage around the bins if they are full, the waste management company will not pick the bins up if they are obstructed by garbage bags. **Christmas trees will not be picked up** by our garbage company.**

Tenant Insurance



Tenants are reminded to obtain the appropriate insurance by the end of the year, to cover personal property and third person liability claims. Tenant insurance should cover fire, flood, theft, and other potential dangers from items such as waterbeds and/or aquariums.

Learn more about how to protect yourself. Residents have access to tenants insurance coverage for as little as \$12.50/month at: marsh.ca/bcnpha

Entre Nous Femmes Housing Society is a member of BC Non-Profit Housing Association (BCNPHA), which gives you the option of purchasing tenants insurance under this Tenants Insurance Program. Administered by Marsh Canada Limited, and underwritten by Intact Insurance Company, this program provides residents of non-profit housing societies that are BCNPHA members with the following insurance coverage:

- Personal Liability: \$1,000,000
- Contents: \$15,000 coverage limit; \$500 deductible
- Additional Living Expenses: \$6,000

Why Buy Tenants Insurance?

- Tenants **insurance covers loss or damage** to your contents caused by a number of insured events including; fire, smoke damage, water damage, vandalism and theft.
- Tenants liability **insurance can protect you if you are found liable for accidental injuries or damage** to another person or their property.
- **Coverage for Additional Living Expenses** are included up to the provided limit (e.g. hotel bills, restaurant meals, moving costs).
- **Your contents may not be covered for damage** caused by the building owner or other tenants.

Additional Coverage Features

- Higher limits are available on request.
- Earthquake coverage is available for an additional premium.
- Replacement cost on contents is included.
- Annual premium of \$150.
- No service fee for the convenient payment plan options offered.
- Access to Intact's 24-hour emergency claims service.
- Free access to Intact Assistance - a suite of services including legal information and a family care assistance plan to provide support in times of need.

To enrol or access more information, click the link: marsh.ca/bcnpa

BCNPHA has partnered with [Marsh's Private Client Services](#), to provide non-profit housing tenants with affordable tenant insurance. This affordable plan has an annual premium of \$150 as opposed to over \$300 for private residential tenants, and the ability for tenants to make monthly payments.

Warming Up For Winter

Free & Almost Free Winter Activities



Vancouver

Winter Holiday Celebration

On Saturday, Dec 9, from 1:00–5:00 PM, Celebrate the holidays at the Roundhouse in Vancouver at 181 Roundhouse Mews. Enjoy photos with Santa, live music, cookie decorating, face painting, and spectacular festive lighting. This free event is fun for the whole family. Registration is not required.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Holiday Market

On Saturday, Dec 2, from 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM, come check out a winter holiday artisan market like no other. The market will be located at Alternative Creations Studio (1659 Venables St) and feature a by-donation pop-up photo session, free hot chocolate, and more! Registration required.

Click [here](#) for more information.

North Vancouver

Join Gourmet Groceries Canada at the Pipe Shop in North Vancouver on December 10 from 12 pm to 7 pm for the Winter Community Event & Artisan Market. This free community event will feature local artisans and all local Canadian businesses, free hot chocolate, and live music. For more information and to register for the event, click [here](#).

Surrey

Holiday Activities in Surrey! (Events take place between November 3 - January 7)

- Breakfast with Santa
- Winter Ice Palace
- Tree Lighting Festival and Holiday Market
- Bear Creek Lights
- Holiday Music Evenings and Events

For more information and event times, click [here](#).

Recipes

Easy Apple Crisp

From Ricardo Cuisine

Check out their website [here](#)

Ingredients

- Filling
 - 1 medium apple
 - 2 tsp brown sugar
- Crumble
 - 2 tbsp quick-cooking oats
 - 1 tbsp brown sugar
 - 1 tbsp unbleached all-purpose flour
 - 1 tbsp butter, softened

Preparation

- In a 1-cup (250 ml) mug, combine the apple and brown sugar.
- In a small bowl, combine the oats, brown sugar and flour. Add the butter and blend with your fingertips until the texture is crumbly. Sprinkle over the apple mixture. Cook in the microwave oven for 1 to 1 ½ minutes or until the juices are bubbling.
- Let cool for 5 minutes before serving.



Appreciation Corner: Kudos! 🎉

Let us know if you have a kudos or birthday to share by emailing us at info@enfhs.ca



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