

KVC Friday Notes

July 25 2025



Office Hours

Sara's office hours are the following:

Tuesday: 9-4:30
Wednesday: 10:30-6
Thursday: 9-4:30
Friday: 9-4:30

You can reach her by
office@kawarthavillagecoop.ca or 705-748-5188

Notice of Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Kawartha Village Co-operative Homes Inc. Annual General Meeting will take place on

Wednesday, August 20 at 6:30 p.m.
at the Cynthia Ann Bailey Community Centre.

Member participation is mandatory.

Washing Machines

There continue to be ongoing issues with several of the washing machines in the laundry room. The company that services our appliances – including stoves, fridges, and washers – has advised that the current machines are not built to withstand the high level of use they are receiving.

Their recommendation is to replace the existing units with commercial-grade machines. However, this would come at a significantly higher cost, which may require a substantial increase in laundry fees or capital funding.

The Board is reviewing options and will keep members informed as we explore next steps. We appreciate your patience and understanding in the meantime.

Next Garbage Pick Up August 1

Please Note:

Friday Notes will not be available for August 1st

Community Involvement Opportunities

Join the Landscape Committee Meeting

September 10, 2025 @ 1:00 pm

Policy Committee

TBA

Social Committee

September 9, 2025 at 7:00pm

Board Meeting

August 21 @ 4:00

Unit Inspections Scheduled for August

Throughout the month of August, unit inspections will be taking place across the co-op community. These inspections are part of our continued efforts to maintain property standards, ensure member safety, and plan responsibly for future maintenance needs.

Each unit will be inspected by our contracted engineering team, with the support of a Board representative. Inspections will include both interior and exterior components and are expected to take approximately 30 minutes per unit.

Members will receive advance notice of their scheduled inspection date and time. If you are unable to be home during your inspection, please ensure the office has a working key on file (or your provide a neighbour with your unit key) and that pets are safely secured . These inspections are mandatory and form part of our co-op's commitment to responsible stewardship and community upkeep.

We thank all members for their cooperation and support during this important phase of our maintenance review process.

Maintaining Your Unit: A Shared Responsibility

As members of a housing co-operative, we share both the benefits and the responsibilities of community living. One of the most important responsibilities is keeping your unit in good repair.

When you were interviewed and accepted into the co-op, you agreed to uphold certain standards – including maintaining your unit and attending to small repairs yourself. This includes tasks such as replacing light bulbs, tightening door handles, clearing drains, or repairing minor wear and tear. These day-to-day efforts contribute significantly to the safety, livability, and overall condition of our homes and help reduce unnecessary strain on the co-op's limited maintenance budget.

In addition, members are reminded that basements must be kept clear and accessible. Excessive clutter, blocked electrical panels, or obstructed furnace areas pose not only maintenance barriers but also serious fire and safety risks. Inaccessible basements delay inspections, hinder emergency response, and compromise the overall integrity of the co-op's property.

Taking pride in your unit is part of what makes cooperative living successful. When each of us does our part, we contribute to a safer, more affordable, and more respectful community for all.

If you're unsure whether a repair is your responsibility or if you need support in accessing resources, please contact the office or refer to your Member Handbook.

Let's continue to care for our homes – together.

Without Us, There Is No Co-op

Co-op living is built on shared responsibility — not just affordable housing. When members disengage, especially from elections and governance, the foundation of our community begins to crumble. Our Board has worked hard to restore stability through inspections, improved governance, and long-term planning, but they cannot carry this alone.

Being a member means more than signing a lease. It means ongoing participation — showing up, helping out, and staying involved. Even if you've volunteered in the past, your role isn't over. This is a lifetime commitment for as long as you live here.

Criticism isn't cooperation. Contribution means action: standing for election, joining a committee, delivering notices, or simply lending a hand. It's also a harmful myth that staff or management are responsible for everything. They're hired for specific tasks — not to fill the gaps left by member inaction.

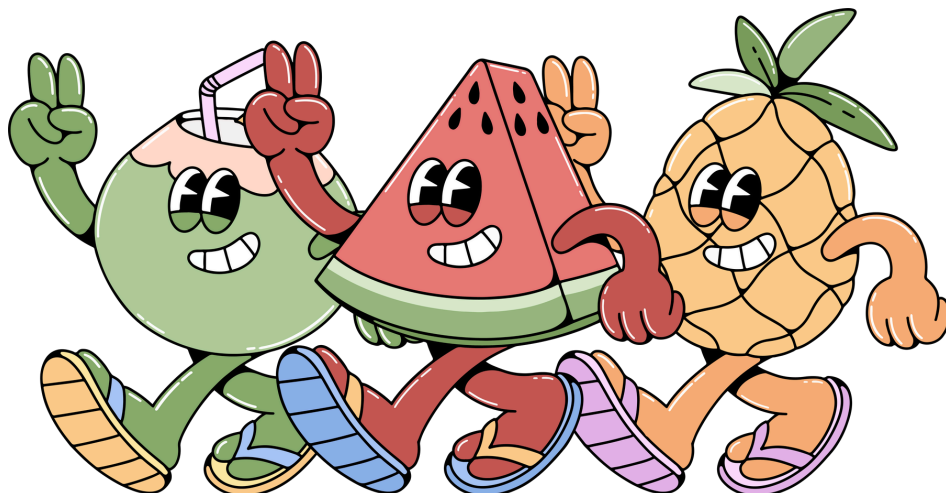
If we don't act, we risk losing the co-op values we cherish — affordability, autonomy, and community. It's not too late, but we must step up now. Participation isn't symbolic — it's survival.

High School Students – Earn Your Volunteer Hours!

Are you a high school student looking to complete your community involvement hours for graduation? Volunteer with the co-op! This is a great way to give back, build your resume, and get to know your community.

Opportunities include helping with event setup, delivering notices, assisting committees, and more — we'll match you with something that fits your interests and availability.

Interested? Contact the office or a member of the Board to get started!



Free Fun in Peterborough This August

Explore your community without spending a dime!

Looking for something fun, local, and free to do this August? Peterborough is full of amazing events and activities for all ages — and many won't cost you a cent. Whether you're into music, nature, art, or just spending time outdoors, there's something for everyone.

Live Music at Musicfest

Del Crary Park comes alive all month long with Peterborough Musicfest — a free outdoor concert series by the lake. Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy incredible performances like Kim Mitchell (Aug 16), Mudmen with Irish Millie (Aug 6), and the EPIC Queen Sing-Along with Choir! Choir! Choir! (Aug 13). All shows start at 8 p.m. and are free to attend.

Peterborough Folk Festival

From August 14 to 17, head to Nicholls Oval Park for the annual Peterborough Folk Festival. Enjoy live music, artisan vendors, food trucks, workshops, and a family-friendly kids' zone — all with free admission.

Art & Culture

The Art Gallery of Peterborough offers free admission year-round. Don't miss their Family Sunday drop-in session on August 3, from 1–4 p.m., where all ages can enjoy seasonal art-making activities.

Parks, Zoo & Trails

Take the kids to Riverview Park & Zoo — Canada's only free-admission accredited zoo. While you're there, enjoy the splash pad, trails, and picnic areas. Or go for a walk or ride through Jackson Park and along the Rotary Greenway Trail for a peaceful, nature-filled outing.

And More...

- Visit the Peterborough Museum & Archives to learn about local history.
- Explore Indigenous artwork at Whetung Ojibwa Art & Crafts Gallery.
- Watch for free concerts by local musicians in city parks and pop-up events throughout the month.

Let's enjoy everything our city has to offer this summer — together and affordably!

Let's ENJOY The SUMMER