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THOMAS R. LOUTTIT RECEIVES HONORARY DOCTORATE FROM CARLETON UNIVERSITY

Thomas Louttit was honoured during Carleton's Fall Convocation.



For the past 25 years, he has been facilitating traditional healing circles, mostly for men. Louttit is highly sought after by schools and community groups to speak

about residential school experience and share his personal healing journey. Presently, he provides Elders services for government and community agencies. In 2014, the Aboriginal Veterans of Canada presented him with the Queen's Jubilee Metal.

"As he has done on so many occasions, over decades, and with great courage and sensitivity, Thomas speaks the truth of his past," said Sandra Dyck, director of the Carleton University Art Gallery. "In

so doing, he speaks the truth of Canada's history. But he does not dwell there. He has dedicated himself to preserving, building and sharing the language, culture and traditional practices that the residential school system tried to extinguish in him, and to supporting, teaching and encouraging others on their own journeys."

More than 1,200 students received their degrees during two ceremonies.



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GIVE AWAY WEEKEND

The spring Give Away Weekend will take place on Saturday, June 10 and Sunday, June 11, 2017.

Don't put your unwanted stuff in the garbage. Set them out at the curb on Give Away Weekend. Tour your neighbourhood, community and city to find hidden treasures.

Rules For Setting Out Items

- } Place items at the curb

} Place stickers or signs on items with the word "FREE"

} Ensure any items you want to keep are away from your giveaway treasures or tucked away safely in your garage.

} At the end of the day, bring any uncollected items back to your home

Give Away Weekend Etiquette

} Respect other people's property, don't walk on people's lawns and gardens

} Take only the treasures marked free at the curb

We wish you best of luck in finding hidden treasures. It's another way to reduce our waste and protect our most precious treasure - the environment.



MANY QUESTIONS STILL TO BE ANSWERED REGARDING PROPOSED MARIJUANA LAWS

QUESTION

I own a small rental building in Ottawa. I understand that the federal government is legalizing marijuana. I don't want tenants smoking or growing marijuana in my building, particularly around units where young families live. What can I do?

ANSWER

How the marijuana laws will ultimately shake out is not clear. Parliament still needs to debate and vote on the government's bill before it will become the new law. Members of the public and interest groups may still try to influence the government and members of Parliament.

Moreover, the federal government addresses what is or is not a crime. The provinces and the municipalities can also implement restrictions on marijuana growing and use.

For adults, the federal government's bill would make possession of up to 30 grams of marijuana for personal use no longer a crime. The bill sets a minimum age of 18 years for legal possession, but will allow the provinces to choose a higher age, such as 19, which is the drinking age in Ontario. For people under the age set by the province, the possession of up to five grams of marijuana will still be an offence, but not a crime.

However, the province makes landlord and tenant law, and much of health law. The province currently prohibits tobacco smoking in the common areas of apartment buildings. A new provincial law will likely ban marijuana smoking in the common area of apartment buildings. That should prevent people from smoking "around" units where young families live.

Under the current landlord and tenant law, new leases can certainly ban tobacco smoking or marijuana smoking (or both) in rental units. Under most leases reasonable rules can be made, which can include prohibiting smoking. The province may make it easier for landlords to enforce no-smoking rules, for both tobacco and marijuana.

You also ask about growing marijuana. Currently, unless a person has a federal medical certificate to do so, growing marijuana is a crime, and ground for eviction. For adults, the federal government's bill would make growing up to four marijuana plants for personal use no longer a crime in any dwelling.

Even if the legislation is enacted in its present form, landlords could prohibit marijuana growing in their buildings in their leases, or in rules they make under existing leases. De-

pending on what the province does with the Residential Tenancies Act, it may be easy or difficult for a landlord to enforce a ban on marijuana growing.

In principle, the City of Ottawa could step in as well. Under land use or planning law the city could ban marijuana growing in certain areas of in buildings of certain sizes, such as apartment buildings.

Landlords are concerned about electrical safety if even small marijuana grow ops use grow lamps. Many apartment buildings were built decades ago, and the current use of electronics pushes their electrical systems to the limit before any grow lamps are added. Landlords are also concerned about humidity since marijuana plants like higher humidity than is good for people or for buildings, and marijuana plants emit much more moisture than ordinary house plants. They also emit a strong and unpleasant smell while they are flowering.

For all those reasons landlords may want prohibit marijuana growing in their buildings.

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ELECTRICAL SAFETY

If an appliance smokes or smells like it is burning, unplug it immediately and have it repaired.

Check all of your electrical cords and

replace any that are cracked or frayed.

Do no overload electrical outlets or run extension cords under rugs or carpets.

Do not tamper with the fuse boxes or use the wrong size fuse.

Unplug items such as toaster and coffee makers when not in use.

FIRE SAFETY TIPS (1)

Fire safety is one of the most important concerns for homeowners. According to Fire Prevention Canada, fire kills about 8 people each week across Canada, with residential fires accounting for 73% of these fatalities.

Don't let yourself become a statistic! Fires are caused by more than just fireplaces or stoves - there are many ways to practice good fire safety in your home. Make sure you are educating your kids and that you have a good fire safety plan in place.

Educate Your Kids

If you have a family, it's important to educate your kids on the value of fire safety. Kids love to play with matches and lighters, so store these items out of reach for small children - or they'll

try to imitate dad lighting the barbecue! Once your kids are old enough to use these tools, teach them how to do so safely and responsibly.

Practice Fire Safe Cooking

The kitchen is a common spot for fires to start in the home. When cooking food, stay close in the kitchen - especially if you are frying or grilling something. Keep pets and kids away from hot stovetops, so they don't knock anything over.

Most importantly, make sure you understand how to respond to a kitchen fire. Throwing water on an oil or grease fire can be very dangerous! A fire extinguisher can be a good tool to have nearby in these situations. We recommend buying

one for your home. If you ever find yourself unsure how to react to a crisis, leave the house and call 9-1-1 immediately.

Install Smoke Alarms

Smoke alarms will save your life! Did you know that 60% of house fire deaths occur in homes without working smoke alarms? Install them on every level of your home or building - you can never be sure where a fire will occur.

It is especially crucial to place smoke alarms inside and outside sleeping areas, so your family is alerted during the night. Test your alarms once a month. If they're not working, change the batteries and re-test. Alarms should be replaced every 10 years .

GET HOME INSURANCE

When a fire happens, it is incredibly important to leave your house immediately! You don't want to be running around trying to get your things - just get out. That's why you need to have

home insurance. Home insurance with sufficient coverage will ensure that you can replace all your worldly possessions, so you won't hesitate in a dangerous situation.

We hope that these fire safety tips have been helpful and will help you protect your home and your family. Contact a broker today to learn more about home insurance options.

FIRE SAFETY TIPS (2)

} Put the phone numbers of the fire department near the phone.

} Eliminate fire hazards through good housekeeping. Dispose waste paper, rubbish, and other flammable materials regularly.

} Keep flammable materials inside proper containers and store them properly.

} Regularly check your electrical installations, and have all frayed wirings and electrical fixtures changed or repaired by a licensed electrician.

} Do not overload electrical circuits by putting additional lights and appliances.

} Blown fuses should not be replaced with coins, wires, or any metal.

} Unplug all electrical appliances after every use.

} Never leave lighted candles unattended.

} Strictly obey the no smoking signs.

} Do not throw lighted cigar or ciga-

rette butts on dried leaves and garbage.

} Never leave a lit cigarette/cigar/pipe unattended - it may fall on flammable materials which could start a fire.

} Ensure that you have a pre-fire plan at your office.

} Check fire protection gadgets or devices of appliances and equipment regularly.

} Be fire-safety conscious.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Butter Crunch Pudding

1 cup all-purpose flour

½ cup flaked coconut

¼ cup packed brown sugar

½ cold butter, cubed

2 cups cold milk

1 package (3.4 oz) instant lemon pudding mix or flavour of your choice

In a large bowl, combine flour, coconut and brown sugar, then cut in butter until crumbly. Spread the crumb mixture on a 15 in. x 10 in. x 1 in. baking pan. Bake at 375°F for 15 minutes, stirring once. Cool slightly.

Meanwhile, in another large bowl, whisk milk and pudding mix for 2 minutes. Let stand for 2 minutes or until soft-set, then chill for 5 minutes.

Spoon half of the crumbs into each of four dessert bowls. Top with pudding and remaining crumb mixture.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK

This year, Emergency Preparedness Week is (May 7-13, 2017)

Emergency Preparedness Week is a national awareness initiative that has taken place annually since 1996. It is a collaborative event undertaken by provincial and territorial emergency management or organizations supporting activities at the local level, in concert with Public Safety Canada and partners. EP Week encourages Canadians to take three simple steps to become better prepared to face a range of emergencies:

- } Know the risks
- } Make a plan
- } Get an emergency kit

Emergency Kit Should Include

} Water - two litres of water per person per day (include small bottles that can be carried easily in case of an evacuation order)

} Food - that won't spoil, such as canned food, energy bars and dried foods (remember to replace the food and water once a year.

- } Manual can opener
- } Flashlight and batteries
- } Battery-operated or wind-up radio (and extra batteries)
- } First aid kit
- } Special needs items - prescription medications, infant formula or equipment for people with disabilities
- } Extra keys - for your car and house
- } Cash - include smaller bills, such as \$10 bills (traveller's cheques are also useful) and change for payphones



SPRING CLEANING TIPS

Spring is in the air, and we know that don't let a musty house spoil it. Here are seven tips for giving the season the welcome it deserves.

} The best refrigerator cleaner is a combination of salt and soda water. The bubbling action of the soda water combines with the abrasive texture of the salt to make a great cleaner.

} The best way to get rid of lime buildup around the faucet it is to lay paper towels over the fixture, soak it with vinegar and let it set for an hour. The deposits will soften and become

easier to remove.

} Clean screens with a scrap of carpeting. It makes a powerful brush that removes all the dirt.

} Clean windows with a rag and soapy water, and then dry them with another rag. You can also go to an auto-parts store and buy a windshield squeegee, which cleans very well.

} If drapes are looking drab, take them out of the window, remove the hooks and run them through the air-fluff cycle in the dryer along with a

wet towel (to draw off the dust) for 15 minutes. Hang them back in the windows immediately.

} Clean the blades of a ceiling fan by covering them with a coat of furniture polish. Wipe off the excess and lightly buff.

} Sometimes comforters, blankets and pillows don't need to be cleaned, but they do need to be aired out after a long winter in your closed-up home. Take them outside and hang them on a clothesline for a day.

Each year, the Canadian Tulip Festival celebrates the return of spring by showcasing over a million tulips across Canada's capital region and activities are planned in various locations in Ottawa.

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