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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.

FLOODED BASEMENT SAFETY TIPS

Before proceeding with any further steps you should be aware that basement floods can lead to the following hazards.

Electric Shock: Water and electricity is a dangerous combination. If there are any electrical appliances or sockets in your basement then there is the risk of electric shock. If you must enter your basement, turn off the breakers for your basement's power first.

Gas Leak: Flooding may also cause

gas leaks. If you smell gas leave the house and call a utility company or fire department right away.

Sewage: The water in your basement may contain raw sewage, which can carry bacteria and transmit disease. If you must enter your basement wear protective clothing, including gloves, safety glasses, and a facemask. Thoroughly wash anything that comes in contact with raw sewage.

Structural Damage: Although rare, a basement flood can jeopardize the structural integrity of your home. If you feel this has happened stay out of your basement and call a professional contractor or building engineer.

Ventilate Your Home: To help rid your home of any fumes or added moisture, open the doors and windows to ventilate the basement. In extreme cases you may need to use large fans or blowers to speed up the process.

FIRE SAFETY TIPS

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.

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



IS YOUR FAMILY PREPARED?

PAY & WIN



Congratulations to
Matthew Laframboise
For May's
Pay & Win Winner!!

Tenants in the future, please call the office to see if your gift certificate is ready before coming to the office.

Thank you

PAY & WIN

Pay & Win means Tenants has to have a zero balance on their rent for that month.

Then tenant will be eligible for a gift certificate of \$75.00.

That's why we recommend all tenants pay their rent first of each month to be eligible for a draw.

Due to liability issues any piece of equipment such as a trampoline which could be considered dangerous or unsafe will not be permitted to be set up on any Gignul properties.

GRILLING SAFETY TIPS

But fire anywhere else can make your summer kick-off barbecue memorable for all the wrong reasons.

To keep your and your family safe while grilling, follow these general guidelines:

- } Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- } The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhang branches.
- } Keep children and pets away from the grill area.
- } Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- } Never leave your grill unattended.