

President's Message for August 2024

We launched a major fund-raising campaign at the end of June and have raised just over \$9,000 so far!! The purpose of this is to:

1. Refinish the cherished maple wood floor in our main hall with a 5-layer commercial product that will last for 5 years or more, and
2. Update the kitchen with a focus on making the concession area more functional and installing new appliances we already have funds to purchase.

The fund-raising campaign continues in earnest! We got a much better price but will still need to pay almost \$16,000 for the floor and chair feet, then the kitchen will cost at least \$40,000 to complete. If you, or someone you know, are able to help, please:

1. Etransfer to donate@oliverseniorcentre.com securely from your bank, or
2. Mail a cheque to Oliver Senior Centre, Box 1032, Oliver, BC, V0H1T0, or
3. Phone the centre at 250-498-6142 and we'd be happy to pick up your cheque or cash donation at your (local) location, or
4. Drop in when we re-open on August 13th

We are starting with the floor project and have contracted with Okanagan Sandover Floors to begin today, Monday, July 29th. We are very lucky that we could get in this week and get it done during the summer slow period instead of November, the next available time on his schedule. This means that **we will be closed completely from today, July 29th, through August 12th.**

While we are closed for the hardwood floor refinishing, we are taking advantage of the closure to have our new cleaner, Robert Wise, strip, seal and wax the vinyl tile floors throughout the rest of the building. So far, he has finished the stage and annex and is working on the coffee room, lounge/library and pool room. He has also done a great job of catching up on the mess left by two failed cleaning services! If you spot something that's been missed, please let us know.

Our thanks to all the volunteers who are having a much-needed break while we are closed!

BINGO!

We will have some extra Bingo days in August:

Tuesday, August 13th - the day we reopen after the floor work, and

Tuesday, August 20th - will both be much the same as our regular Friday Bingo. AND...

Saturday, August 31st will be our first BINGO MARATHON of the 2024-25 season. Doors will open at 9:00, **games will start at 10:00, 1:00, 4:00 and 7:00.** The concession will be open all day.

When we have extreme heat the Senior Centre will act as an extra cooling centre when we are open again (after Aug 12). Drop in and cool off if you need to!

The days are starting to get shorter already. Enjoy the rest of your summer! I know I will.

Julie Russell, President