

Berkeley Castle Covid 19 - Tenant Update #49 - February 22, 2021

End of the Stay-at-home shutdown, and new variants - Part 2:

On Friday, it was announced that Toronto will remain in lockdown until “at least” March 9, 2021. This means that only our tenants who are essential services should be coming to the building. We all understand that the decision was made to keep us safe, and to save lives, but it was certainly not the news any of us was wanting to hear. It would be an understatement to say that learning that we have to



remain longer in lockdown is difficult. For today, if you can, I encourage everyone to put on your winter boots, a warm coat, and go for a walk in the fresh falling snow. That is an activity we are still allowed to do. Take some pictures and send me your best ones. I'll post them next week.... Snow covered garden “art”, Snow angels, snow-people, tobogganing, happy faces under masks, fresh snow glimmering on a tree, icicles..... find something nice in the day!

Activities and events to keep your mind active and to fight disappointment of the longer lockdown :

Card games with friends, or against other people on line. ... what about a euchre tournament with work colleagues? I've used

euchre 3D that you can download from [google play](#) or the [app store](#). I also used [trickster cards](#) that has loads of different games.

Feb 27th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm - Toronto [seedy Saturday](#) - Join the Virtual Seedy Saturday on February 27th from 10 am to 2 pm. Brought to you by Seeds of Diversity Canada, Toronto Urban Growers and Toronto SS organizers, this Virtual Seedy Saturday promises to be full of great gardening and growing advice. There will be links to seed and gardening companies, a resource library, webinars by gardening experts, a live question/answer forum, kids activities and info regarding local seed exchanges. Webinars include Balcony/Container Gardening, Starting Seeds Indoors, Garden Planning, Saving Seeds and many more!

Heritage Toronto recently launched Sounds Like Toronto, an interactive online exhibit with 35 different stories, each representing a part of the city's music legacy. Discover stories of artists and venues that have defined Toronto's recent music heritage. Visit <https://soundsliketoronto.ca/en> for more information.

Facebook Live Performance this Thursday (February 25, 2021.) Here's a chance to see your work neighbourhood, and the snow covered familiar streets of Berkeley and Esplanade.

Hello neighbours of our wonderful Esplanade community!



This week is special. Jamii is presenting [Clay & Paper Theatre's](#) performance "[LuminUS](#)": A whimsical offering with beautiful puppets that will transform our streets into a magical floating garden, and bring joy to everyone.

Following health guidelines, this performance is not in-person, rather it will be live-streamed on [Facebook LIVE](#) at 7PM on Thursday **February 25th.**

You will recognize our lovely neighbourhood, and maybe, if you look through your window, you will see us pass by :)

LuminUS is inspired by this dark time, both seasonally and historically, as we move through the winter of COVID-19 and social change, towards illumination and a better understanding of what it means

to be connected to one another and the earth through acts of radical care and deep kindness. We hope this project allows us to engage and celebrate the best of ourselves and our hopes for a caring Tkaronto (Mohawk word for Toronto) through connection, artful expressions of sculpture, light, music, large-scale puppetry and spectacle.

LuminUS was conceived, designed, built and directed by Clay and Paper Theatre's co-artistic director's Tamara Romanchuk and David Anderson. It is performed by Amelia Blaine, Jesse Wabegijig, Devlin Edgar Flynn and Chris Wilson.

This is the first collaboration for Jamii and [Clay & Paper Theatre](#) and we are thrilled by this opportunity to work together.

We hope you will enjoy it and that it will warm up your hearts

Stay Positive,
Stay home,
Stay Safe,

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