



# HOMEWOOD

*Community Newsletter*

*October, 2011*



October 10, 2011

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October 7, 2011

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October 26, 2011

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## *President's Report*

By Wayne Beaton

President's update from September 26, 2011, Board Meeting. Issues discussed:

**Elevators:** Management has resolved a few issues with the elevators and will continue to monitor them. The board is continuing to discuss and review all options in maintaining and replacing the elevators in the future.

**Annual Fire Inspection:** The property manager is reviewing the annual fire inspection report and will report back to the board with details and recommendations for review and approval.

**Energy Audits:** The property manager will be following up on energy audit proposals he has received and report back to the board for further direction.

**Pigeons:** Feeding pigeons on the property and balconies continues to be a problem. Management is following up on complaints to rectify this situation.

**Hoarding Issues:** The property manager did an inspection on a number of the units that are on the hoarding list. The majority of these owners have cleaned up their units. The manager is following up with those who have yet to comply.

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## *Treasurer's Report*

By Stephanus Greeff

The condo is continuing the trend of having a small surplus in the operating fund at the commencement of the second half of the year. Usually a deficit occurs in the first half of the year when the hydro costs are high, and the deficit turns into surplus in the middle of the year when hydro costs are low during the summer months. Other than hydro, the main items contributing to this bottom line are wages and benefits (lower) and contracted staff (higher) and some other minor expenses. The garage fund also has a small surplus due to more people using the garage, thus generating more fees.



October is National Breast Cancer Month in Canada

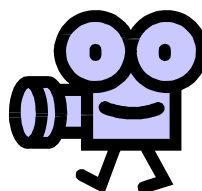
Wear a pink ribbon for awareness



Don't forget to set your clocks **back one hour** on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 2:00am.

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## *Don's Movies For October*

**All movies at 7:30 pm in Recreation Room**

Friday, October 7

***BULLETS OR BALLOTS* (1936)**

Humphrey Bogart, Edward G. Robinson, Joan Blondell, Barton MacLane

Thursday, October 13

*John Ford's*

***THE WHOLE TOWN'S TALKING* (1935)**

Edward G. Robinson, Jean Arthur

Friday, October 14

*George Stevens'*

***THE TALK OF THE TOWN* (1942)**

Cary Grant, Jean Arthur, Ronald Coleman

*Nominated for 3 Academy Awards including Best Picture*

Friday, October 21

***THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT III* (1994)**

Gene Kelly, Howard Keel, Mickey Rooney, Cyd Charisse, June Allyson, Ann Miller, Debbie Reynolds, Lena Horne & many more

Friday, October 28

***THE WITCHES OF EASTWICK* (1987)**

Jack Nicholson, Susan Sarandon, Michelle Pfeiffer, Cher

Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>

***THE RACKET* (1951)**

Robert Mitchum, Robert Ryan, Elizabeth Scott

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## Calling All Artists!



If you're a resident at 40 Homewood and want to show your creative work, register for our Art, Craft and Photo Show and Sale. Tell Jane in the Management Office that you want to participate and she will give you an information sheet.

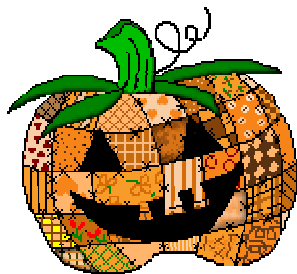
**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: OCT. 8**

Show details: Sunday, October 16, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
40 Homewood Ave.  
Recreation Room, B1 level

*Sponsored by the 40 Homewood Social Committee*

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## Smoke Alarms



The "time change" is a good opportunity to put new batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms.

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## Halloween Goodies

As in the past, any donations towards the Halloween celebration would be appreciated. Bring them to the Management Office.



We are also looking for volunteers who are willing to sit in the lobby on Halloween night for a couple of hours and distribute candy to the children and wannabee children in the building. **Please let the Office know if you are available.**

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This Newsletter is sent by email as a convenience. It is also printed by the office for those without computer access. If you receive the Newsletter by email, please consider reading it on the computer (where it is in beautiful colour!) as that will save on office printing costs."

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## Getting Rid of Stuff

-submitted by the Green  
Committee-

There are a number of avenues for disposing of your unwanted possessions.

All of us accumulate things and sometimes they crowd us and our "gathering" gets ahead of our "weeding."

When it's time to dispose of things, think of the following:

- ♦ annual Yard Sale
- ♦ advertising things for sale (or gift) on the laundry room bulletin board and/or the website or newsletter.
- ♦ donating useful things to charities (there are lists in the Green Room and on the website; some of the charities will pick up if the quantity is great enough, but with others you need to take things to them)
- ♦ throwing them out. Some things have out-lived their usefulness to us, and they aren't useful to anyone else, either. We need to be realistic!

For the sake of all residents, please do not leave unwanted articles in the common areas (e.g., the recreation room, the library, the laundry room, etc.).

The Green Committee has wondered if it might be useful to organize—once or twice a year—a clothing drive to gather decent but used clothes for donation to a charity. If you think that would be a help, please email the Green Committee to say so: [40hgreencommittee@gmail.com](mailto:40hgreencommittee@gmail.com) or drop a note at the office. This would give us an indication of the amount of interest in a clothing drive.

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## A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN

## BRIDGE

Have you ever wanted to learn bridge but just never seemed to get around to it?

Or refresh your knowledge from the past.

With winter on the way, now is the time!

Bridge Lessons right here at 40 Homewood Ave. in the recreation room, cost nothing, open to all who live here.

Come on down and Gus Kieley will teach you what he knows about Bridge.

In friendly, patient and organized lessons.

Commencing Wednesday October 19 - 7:30 and 8:30 PM  
each Wednesday for 4 months  
(until mid-January)

More time to practise what you've learned after each lesson.

Questions?

Contact Gus at 416-972-0610

OR Email

[chinagus@hotmail.com](mailto:chinagus@hotmail.com)

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## Low-Flow— The Way To Go

New and improved low-flow showerheads now function so that you don't feel short-changed in your shower.

Using a regular showerhead with a "modest" shower of 10 minutes can use up to 190 litres of hot water. The low-flow showerheads can cut that to half or even less. That's a lot of saving of both water and energy to heat the water. Natural Resources Canada says the saving can be up to 70%.

Our water bill at 40 Homewood is budgetted this year at \$175,000. Also, with the City of Toronto having to replace water pipes in most of the older areas of the city, the charge for water continues to go up.

There are two basic types of low-flow showerheads, according to BC Hydro:

"An aerating showerhead mixes air into the water stream. The air maintains steady pressure and results in an even, full shower spray. Aerating showerheads are the most popular kind of low-flow showerhead.

"A non-aerating showerhead does not have air that is mixed into the water stream. This type of showerhead maintains a warmer temperature and has a stronger, more pulsating type of spray, giving more of a massaging effect.

"Many are equipped with a push-button shut-off valve, which allows the user to interrupt the flow of water while soaping up, saving even more."

There are also hand held showerheads with various attributes including low flow. These

include the products from Teledyne Water Pik.

They are easy to replace, and prices range from \$28 to \$51 to \$93 and up.

Test: If you want to compare water use between a shower and a bath, plug the drain when you begin your shower to see how much water in the tub that accumulates.

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**40 Homewood presents.....**



**hosted by**

**Joel Dick & Dara Douma**

**We are moving  
and would like to invite you to an afternoon  
of games and neighbourly socializing  
before we go.**

**Sunday, Oct. 30 - 1-4pm**



**in the recreation room**

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## Community Notice on Homewood Avenue Traffic

A community meeting will be held, chaired by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, to discuss traffic restrictions in the wee hours on Homewood Avenue.

This idea has been around for a while. The current proposal is to prohibit southbound traffic on Homewood in the small block between Wellesley and Maitland Place between 11 pm and 6 am: no turns off Wellesley into Homewood and no direct traffic, straight across Wellesley from the new part of Homewood by the Verve.

The purpose is to mitigate the sex work activities that disrupt the nearby neighbours at Homewood and Maitland Place.

The meeting will be held at the Wellesley Community Centre at the corner of Wellesley and Sherbourne on Wednesday, October 12, from 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm.

There will be a "postal drop" (a mailing from City Hall) just before the meeting, so all neighbourhood residents will receive a notice of the meeting and a ballot to vote in a survey about whether they favour the restrictions or not.

Few if any complaints are heard from residents of 40 Homewood by the board or management about this issue, but our neighbours a few doors north have to put up with a lot. Whether the driving restrictions would be a serious hardship in those hours is unclear.

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## Free Little Libraries

Submitted by Arlene Adair

On September's 18<sup>th</sup> the Toronto Star ran an article about a trend in the United States called the Little Free Library. The project entails the construction of "little libraries" which sort of look like bird houses. People then put them up in a public place or their front yard. Inside these little houses is a shelf holding used copies of favourite books. Anyone can take a book or leave one.

I found this grass roots movement delightful! But what really inspired me was this quote from the project's co-creator, Rick Brooks, who states Little Free Libraries, "appeal to people's emotional needs for friends and neighbours, a sense of community and feeling that we are all in this together".

**OUR** library, perfectly placed at the hub of our home, embodies that quote and sums up the spirit of 40 Homewood so well. I am grateful for our library. I appreciate the visionary decision to establish this space. I am thankful for the many hours volunteered by **Mary and Jim Mitchell** in keeping it organized.

The Little Free Library may be a new trend in the U.S. but when it comes to friends, neighbours and community 40 Homewood wrote the book. (pun intended)

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## CLASSIFIED

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### FOR SALE

- TV & Table
- Fax Machine
- Furniture
- Books (Fashion and Patternmaking)

Call **416-925-6325** between 2 – 5 PM

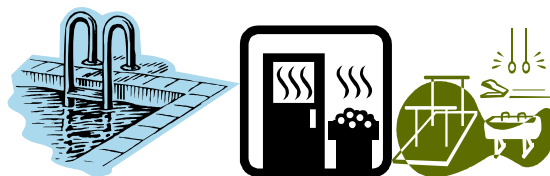
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## Landscape

The open meeting on the proposed Landscape Improvement Plan occurred on Wednesday, September 21, 2011, Mike Dampf from Personal Gardens presented his vision and suggestions for a five-year plan for the 40 Homewood landscape. Owners contributed their thoughts and asked questions.

A full report of the presentation and of the meeting is available on the website, [www.40homewood.org](http://www.40homewood.org), and the meeting handout is available in print in the office for those who were not able to attend the meeting.



### Hours for **EXERCISE ROOMS, SAUNAS AND POOL**

These facilities are open:  
Mon-Wed-Thur-Fri - 6 am - 11 am;  
noon - midnight  
(closed for cleaning 11 am - noon)

Tuesday 6 am - 8.30 am; 3 pm -  
midnight  
(closed for cleaning 8.30 am - 3  
pm.

Saturday & Sunday 6 am -  
midnight

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## Energy Audit

Residents will remember that the Sheridan College School of Engineering performed an energy audit at our building in April. Preliminary findings and recommendations were presented on September 26 to the board, the Five-Year Planning Committee and the Green Committee. A final report with ideas will be forthcoming and will be shared more broadly. Stay tuned.

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## Condo-owned Suite

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One of the two suites the condo corporation owns (#110, east, or front, side of the building) has been rented to a month-by-month tenant beginning in October. Meanwhile, the board and management are considering longer-range options for the suite.

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## INFORMATION MEETING For Owners and Residents

Lobby & B1 Refurbishment Project  
Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – 6:30 pm  
Recreation Room



Residents and owners are invited to attend a presentation by Interior Designer Alba Graner on the refurbishment of the lobby and B1 level of 40 Homewood

The presentation will include product samples and a computer rendering of the lobby area



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### E-Waste

Electronic waste bins for City pickup will be available in the Green Room by the middle of

October. Instructions will be provided.

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## Electrical room doors

In each hallway, there is an electrical room. These are the small rooms, about the size of the garbage chute rooms, and they are between the 07 and 05 units.

To meet fire codes, the board has approved the replacement of the doors to these rooms, and this work will begin this fall, once the final details are approved by the fire department.

This is a Reserve Fund expense.

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## E-bikes

The board has approved and management has installed electrical outlets in the resident parking area in a section that will be devoted to the parking and charging of e-bikes.

The parking fee will be \$25 per month.

The outlets are “regular” electrical outlets unlike the charging apparatus that is required for all-electric automobiles.

The province of Ontario approved the use of e-bikes on Ontario roads in 2009 and since then their popularity has increased significantly. Riders do not need an M-class driving license or insurance to drive an e-bike.

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