



# HOMEWOOD

*Community Newsletter*

January, 2012



January 1, 2012

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Merry Christmas – January 7<sup>th</sup>,  
2012 to all of you who follow  
the Eastern Orthodox Church.

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## Pool and Exercise Room Hours

Please note that the pool, sauna and  
gym are closed four weekdays from  
11 a.m. until 12 noon for cleaning.  
On Tuesdays, the pool is not open at  
all until 3 p.m. and the gym is closed  
from 8.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Thanks  
for vacating in time for the cleaner to  
do his job.

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## Chinese New Year



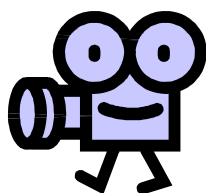
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## *Don's Movies For January*

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

Thursday, January 5

**THE KILLERS** (1946)

Burt Lancaster, Ava Gardner

Friday, January 6

**BRUTE FORCE** (1947)

Burt Lancaster, Hume Cronyn,  
Yvonne De Carlo, Ann Blyth

Thursday, January 12

**THE BADLANDERS** (1958)

Alan Ladd, Ernest Borgnine, Katy Jurado

Friday, January 13

**WHISPERING SMITH** (1949)

Alan Ladd, Robert Preston

Thursday, January 19

**THE APARTMENT** (1960)

Jack Lemmon, Shirley Maclaine

Friday, January 20

**IRMA LA DOUCE** (1963)

Jack Lemmon, Shirley Maclaine

Thursday, January 26

**LORNA DOONE** (1990)

Clive Owen, Polly Walker

Friday, January 27

**MOLL FLANDERS** (1996)

Daniel Craig, Diana Rigg



## Fire Alarm System

Required by the Fire Code, the improvements to the fire alarm system—also known as the “audibility upgrades”—will begin in mid- to late-January.

This extensive work will bring our building up to code with the alarms being heard in each unit at legally required levels.

The contractors will be installing a fire alarm in each unit, over the door from the hallway. External to each unit, cables will extend along the hallway corridors where the walls meet the ceiling. These external wires will be covered with crown moulding.

This work will include the dismantling of the “Xtendalarm” (also known as “Secutron”) in each unit. When the Xtendalarm is dismantled, the wiring will be tied off to ensure safety. The contractor will also repair and plaster over the spot where the Xtendalarm was. It will be the responsibility of individual unit owners to re-paint or re-paper their wall as they wish. If any owner wants the Xtendalarm replaced as a cover-up, the owner must notify the office in writing and then that will be possible.

We expect this project's overall cost to be substantially less than the budgeted amount of \$500,000 in the reserve plan.

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## Smoke Alarms

The first of the year is a good time to change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms.

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## Channel 14

We no longer have Channel 14. Davia are looking for another station to fill that spot. You will be advised shortly.

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## That's Not My Job

This is a story about four people named **Everybody**, **Somebody**, **Anybody** and **Nobody**.

There was an important job to be done and **Everybody** was sure that **Somebody** would do it.

**Anybody** could have done it, but **Nobody** did it. **Somebody** got angry about that, because it was **Everybody's** job. **Everybody** thought **Anybody** could do it, but **Nobody** realized that **Everybody** wouldn't do it. It ended up that **Everybody** blamed **Somebody** when **Nobody** did what **Anybody** could have.

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FOR SALE

Digital Receiver Box  
(our building provider Davia)  
Call **416-925-6325** after 3PM

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Do you do New Year's Resolutions?

Often a popular one is "sort out my closets and drawers."

This year the Green Committee is hoping to assist you in completing your resolution by the end of January and then you'll be able to rest on your laurels the rest of the year!

The Committee is sponsoring a clothing drive on Saturday, January 28. A truck from the Canadian Diabetic Association will be at the rear of our building from 9 - 11 that morning to receive used clothing and small household items as donations.

You can check the CDA Clothesline © website ([www.diabetes.ca/get-involved/supporting-us/clothesline/](http://www.diabetes.ca/get-involved/supporting-us/clothesline/)) and you'll find that they accept bedding, drapes, pillows, footwear—in fact, "all cloth based items." In addition they welcome small household items such as kitchenware, pots and pans, blenders, etc.

Also included are small electronics. (If you have things such as cameras, cell phones and iPods that still work, consider these; if they no longer function, think of the City's e-waste bins in our Green Room.)

Clothesline © requests that your donated things be placed in bags or boxes.

**Reduce:** the clutter in your closets!

**Reuse:** give someone else the opportunity to use things you no longer do!

**Recycle:** your still-usable clothes and things!

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## Laundry Etiquette



Besides wiping clean the rim of the door of the washers, your effort will be appreciated by others if you wipe the bottom of the glass, as shown in the photo. This is a place where debris accumulates—especially pet hair—which then gets into the next person's wash.

Paper towels are available in the laundry rooms.

Other tips for good laundry etiquette: empty the dryer lint after your clothes are dried and remove your clothes when washed or dried so as not to make others wait.

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*Made any New Year's resolutions??*

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## Q & A

### Questions to the Board or Management

Q. Now that the new electrical room doors are installed on each floor to meet the fire code, will the doors be painted?

A. *Yes.*

Q. Is the suite owned by the condo on the east side of the building rented out?

A. *Yes, there has been a tenant there since October.*

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## Grins & Snickers



John was on his deathbed and gasped pitifully. 'Give me one last request, dear,' he said.

'Of course, John,' his wife said softly.

'Six months after I die,' he said, 'I want you to marry Bob.'

'But I thought you hated Bob,' she said.

With his last breath John said, 'I do!'

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## Recycling after Christmas.

Don't forget you can recycle:

- GREETING CARDS AND ENVELOPES (NO ATTACHMENTS OR FOIL INSERTS)
- GIFT WRAP (NO FOIL OR RIBBON)
- FLATTENED CARDBOARD BOXES



## Christmas Tree Disposal

Some residents will have natural ("real") Christmas trees for the festive season.

The City of Toronto will pick up trees after the holidays on Wednesday, January 4, and Wednesday, January 18.

Please put your trees outside by the big bins, not in the recycling room. And please don't wrap the tree in a plastic bag.



# THANK-YOU

To whoever decorated the lobby, library and the outside. Everything looked very festive and the lights outside made it look wonderful,

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The bazaar was organized by the Social Committee. We had seven participants selling a range of quilted and knit items, jewellery, Christmas decorations, original Christmas cards, and picture frames. Hope everyone did well.

## HOLIDAY DINNER

Thanks go out to the Social Committee for the planning of the Christmas dinner.

Martha MacLachlan and Robert Richard managed to set up and organize the event with the very able help of volunteers. Without the efficient organization skills and hard work offered by Gilles Bouffard, Joseph Hagger, and Christine Leask, the dinner would have been hard to pull off.

## Thanks everyone.

### Information Meeting for Owners

Wednesday, January 18, 2012  
7.00 pm, B1 Recreation Room

Owners are encouraged to attend an open meeting with the Board of Directors on the 2012 Budget and Other Topics.

Mostly this will be a "questions and answers" and discussion meeting for residents to bring up topics of interest to them.

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## Update on Landscaping Plan

Thank you to everyone who attended the landscape plan meeting and provided feedback. In the spring the Board will be proceeding with the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the plan with the planting/redesign of the two large "island" planting areas on either side of the main entry walkway. Existing shrubs will be pruned/ transplanted as required, beds will be adjusted in size and shape, an arrangement of perennials will be installed and ground covers and small flowering trees



joy sedum.

will be added to accentuate the front. New plants will include hosta, pachysandra, tri-color hydrangea, peony, black-eyed susans, ligularia, a variety of ornamental grasses and autumn

As well, if quotes come in on budget, we will complete Area 6 which is along the iron fence and underneath existing pine trees. This project will include 1) extending the garden bed that is now in Area 5 (where the cedar trees are) to the north to better frame and enhance the building perimeter; 2) reducing lawn area and mulching beneath pines for both appearance and moisture retention. For more information on the landscape plan please visit our website at [www.40homewood.org](http://www.40homewood.org).

We have also decided to lift ourselves out of the winter doldrums by introducing some spring bulbs. Hyacinth and fritellaria have been planted in the octagonal planter and tight groupings of narcissus will appear in the raised bed to the right of the front entrance. The criteria used in selecting

these spots included avoiding areas that we would be later digging up (and therefore wasting the plants) during future phases of implementing the landscape plan and keeping away from shaded areas since the bulbs wouldn't survive over time. We also excluded bulbs, such as tulips, that our squirrel friends find too yummy to resist! In the coming years, we plan to plant bulbs in other spots in the back and front to add a burst of early spring colour.



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## IN MEMORIAM

It is with sadness that we learn of the death of long time resident Violet Green. Violet was 96 and had been residing in a nursing home for a few years. She was a prominent resident of 40 Homewood and took part in many of the volunteer services here. She was a constant contributor to the old newsletter and had her own column called "Down Memory Lane" in which she regaled us with events in her life.

## Rest In Peace, Violet

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