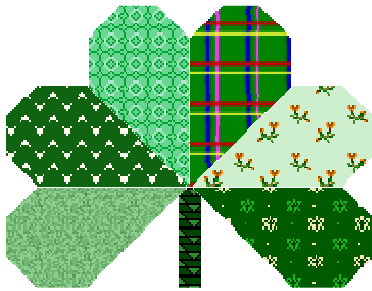




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Community Newsletter

March, 2012



Happy St. Patrick's Day

March 17, 2012



May your home be bright with cheer,
May your cares all disappear,
May contentment come your way,
And may laughter fill your day.



May green be the grass you walk on,
May blue be the skies above you,
May pure be the joys that surround you,
May true be the hearts that love you.



When Irish eyes
are smiling...
They are usually
"Up" to something !!

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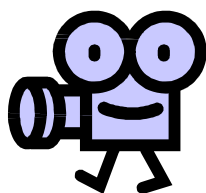
"The Early
Days at 40
Homewood" 🍀

Since this year is the 40th anniversary of the opening of 40 Homewood in 1972, the Newsletter Editorial Committee (Martha McGrath, Maureen Houlihan, Charles Marker) would like to interview several of the "original" owners who moved into the building in 1972 or 1973.

The focus of this group interview/meeting would be on those early days, not so much the personal histories of those attending. We'd then write up the comments and recollections for an article in the April issue of the Newsletter.

We expect this would take an hour to an hour-and-a-half on Monday evening, March 12, 2012, at 7.00 pm in the B1 Recreation Room.

If you are willing to participate, let us know ahead by dropping a note to "Newsletter" at the office, or emailing us at newsletter40homewood@gmail.com or call Charles at 416-968-3458.



Don's Movies For March 🍀

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

Thursday, March 1

THE PURPLE ROSE OF CAIRO (1985)

Mia Farrow, Jeff Daniels



Friday, March 2

MIDNIGHT IN PARIS (2011)

Owen Wilson, Rachel McAdams

Friday, March 9

KITTY FOYLE (1940)

Ginger Rogers, Dennis Morgan



Thursday, March 15

THE WINGS OF EAGLES (1957)

John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara

🍀 Friday, March 16

THE QUIET MAN (1952)

John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara



Friday, March 23

CAUGHT (1949)

Robert Ryan, James Mason

Thursday, March 29

THE ROARING TWENTIES (1939) 🍀

James Cagney, Humphrey Bogart

Friday, March 30

G MEN (1935)

James Cagney, Ann Dvorak
Lloyd Nolan

IN MEMORIAM

We have lost another long time resident. Hugh McKellar passed away in February following surgery.

Hugh volunteered at the last couple of barbeques to take the tickets for us.

Rest In Peace, Hugh

Quick Action Can Work

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Our building—located in the centre of a very large city and being part of the global economy—is no more immune to infestations of pests than anywhere else.

40 Homewood does, however, have an active pest control program. We contract with a pest control company which is here regularly as well as when called for a specific and urgent situation.

When residents notice pests, it's essential to notify the office and get treatment as soon as possible, both to counteract any budding infestation in your own unit, as well as to prevent spreading to nearby units. No one is immune, and it's important that we all take action matter-of-factly and without embarrassment.

Quick, effective action can keep periodic and minor problems from becoming bigger problems.

THANKS, FRIENDS!

by Helen Knight

This is the story of how my friends at 40 Homewood helped me at the time I needed it the most.

At the beginning of November I had a dreadful fall which left me with a fracture in the upper humerus of my right arm and a very colourful black eye.

It was early morning and I was walking my dog Annie on Maitland when I stumbled and fell face down and was unable to get up. Within seconds there were 3 people helping me to my feet, then one of them offered to drive Annie and I home. When I reached the lobby I called a friend to help me up to my apartment. Soon after, good friends and neighbours drove me to St.Mike's Emergency. These friends stayed with me until my son arrived at the hospital.

From that point on, I was surrounded by many friends and neighbours from this wonderful Condo I call home. My dog, Annie was walked 3 times daily for over 6 weeks. My neighbours came to put glaucoma eye drops in my eyes twice a day. Another close friend in the building drove my son Derek and I to the fracture clinic every Monday for weeks, he also fed me a number of delicious dinners.



Friends from both outside and within 40 Homewood brought me meals, offered to shop and called me regularly to see how I was and whether I needed anything. I will be forever grateful to this community that I live in and forever in debt to the 15 friends and neighbors who helped me through a very difficult time.

Q & A

Questions to the Board or Management 🌟

Question: When will the lobby work get started?

Answer: The board will likely select a contractor near the end of March, so the work will probably be taking place not too long after that.

(The lobby was previously redone 28 years ago—in 1984. The original lobby lasted from 1972 - 1984, just 12 years.) 🌟

Question: When is the fire audibility work to be done, the project that will see the installation of a new fire alarm in each unit?

Answer: While that has been delayed a bit, it should start in mid-March.

Question: Is there a Reserve Fund Study coming?

Answer: Yes. The Reserve Fund Study must be updated every three years. Every second time, the study must be a thorough study including the engineer reviewing the building components on site. The alternate time, a simpler update is required and it mainly consists of "crunching" the numbers to keep it up to date with inflation and other changes.

A thorough Reserve Fund Study will be conducted this spring. 🌟





Some Like It Hot




Many residents have noticed fluctuations in hot water

temperature in recent months.

Each of our suites has three taps (faucets): kitchen sink, bathroom sink, bathtub. If the hot water is not really hot in one tap but fine in the others, the problem might be that a cartridge needs to be replaced. This is a relatively simple and inexpensive correction to make.

Certain faucets use a cylinder (cartridge) with discs to regulate the flow of water. There are several holes that act as valves for the water. If the holes get plugged up, one of the results could be that there is not enough—or not any—hot water coming through.

For more information on faucet types and cartridges, check these links:
http://www.ehow.com/info_7981208_ceramic-disc-faucet-problems.html
http://homerepair.about.com/od/plumbingrepair/ss/fau_repair_cart.htm 

If the water is inadequately hot from all three taps, it may have been due to the overall system in the building.

As most know, the water from our three boilers is heated by gas. At one point, just one of the three boilers was working satisfactorily. The second boiler has been repaired, and the two boilers alternate with each other, a half-hour on and a half-hour off, providing the heat for our water. The

third boiler, which is the back-up boiler and should run only if both others stop functioning, needs repairs. The board has approved about \$7,000 to repair the back-up boiler.

The temperature setting for the boilers can be regulated somewhat and the current maximum is 160°F and the minimum 130°F.



A further issue impeding hot water can be certain times of day (e.g., early morning, showers-before-work) —“rush hours”—when use is so high that there might not be enough really hot water for all who are wanting it.

Any residents who have on-going problems with water that is only luke-warm should report this to the office.




Need Help With Recycling?



If you have difficulty carrying your recycling to the Recycling Room (the “Green  Room”) or difficulty tipping the bag into the blue bin, the Green  Committee would like to arrange to have a volunteer help you.

Some people have a personal worker or a relative or neighbour who helps them with their recycling. We are trying to identify others who may not already have this help. The purposes are both to provide help and to further increase our recycling.

If you need some help, please leave your name and contact information with the office on a note addressed to The Green  Committee, or email the committee at 40hgreencommittee@gmail.com

Mark This Date

A meeting for board and owners to meet with each other to exchange views and to ask and answer questions will take place Wednesday, April 4, 7 - 8.30 pm in the Recreation Room.



March Documentary Film

Join the members of the **Green Committee** in viewing **"The Garden"**. The 14 acre community garden in South Central Los Angeles was the largest of its kind in the United States. It was started as a form of healing after the devastating L.A. riots in 1992. Since that time, the South Central Farmers have created a miracle in one of the country's most blighted neighborhoods. Growing their own food. Feeding their families. Creating a community. The Garden is an unflinching look at the struggle between these urban farmers and the City of Los Angeles and a powerful developer who want to evict them and build warehouses. 🌱

Date: Wednesday, March 28th, 2012

Place: Recreation Room 1B

Time: 7:00 PM

Hope to see you there.



Saturday, March 31st, 2012, between 8:30 PM – 9:30 PM (local time), millions of voices will come together once again. Will you be one of them?

Earth Hour is a global event encouraging everyone to turn off their lights for one hour in a symbolic demonstration of the easy steps we can all take to reduce energy consumption.



Turn your lights off for the hour and come and join the Green Committee for cake and refreshments as they celebrate their third anniversary.



May your glass be ever full
May the roof over your head be always strong
And may you be half an hour in heaven
before the devil even knows you're dead.

Grins & Snickers



Irish Wedding Party

At an Irish wedding party recently someone yelled, "All the married men, please stand next to the one person who has made your life worth living."

The bartender was crushed to death. 🍀

RULES

Calling
on Gym
and Pool
Users!

By Stefanie McQuaid

The Governing Documents Committee is currently reviewing the **40 Homewood Rules**. The Rules cover many aspects of gym and pool usage but we want to hear from you! Do you have long waits to be able to use "your" machine? Are there other aspects which should be considered?

Here are the current relevant rules (Section 10):

Pool, Sauna And Exercise Room

Change room lockers are not to be used to store items overnight or for extended periods of time. Any lockers that are being so used will be emptied.

For reasons of health and good hygiene, everyone must take a thorough shower before entering or re-entering the pool. 🍀

Proper swimming attire must be worn at all times when using the pool. T-shirts or shorts are not permitted.

The sauna is designed for dry heat only. Putting water on the rocks is prohibited because it will damage the heating element.

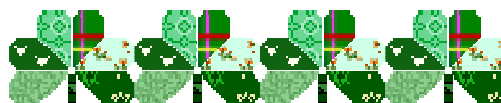
In the exercise rooms, proper sneakers/soft-soled shoes, shorts or pants and shirts must be worn at all times. 🍀

Equipment is available on a first-come, first-served basis and may not be reserved or removed.

Come out to the Information Meeting on April 4th and let us know what you think!

Those leprechauns 🍀 that used to invade the old newsletter are doing their mischief 🍀 again in this one. I just can't seem to get rid of them.

🍀 Some of them seem even like to hold hands all across the columns. Let's hope they bring us all good luck.



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