
40 Homewood Community Newsletter

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February 14th, 2009



It is said that if the groundhog sees his shadow, there will be six more weeks of bad weather, and if he doesn't, that spring will be here soon.

Will he see his shadow?

.Let's hope he doesn't



February 24th, 2009



Family Day
February 16th 2009

On February 18th, 2008, Ontarians started to enjoy a new statutory holiday – Family Day! This holiday will take place on the 3rd Monday of February, in upcoming years.

With so many of us living such busy lives, there is nothing more valuable to families than spending time together.

FEBRUARY

February is named for the Latin word "februum" which means purification. On the old Roman calendar, February 15th was a day of spiritual cleansing and rebirth.

Ongoing Activities



Bridge in the recreation room,
Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:30 pm.



Movies with Don in the
recreation room, Thursdays or Fridays at
7:30. Notices posted every week.



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Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:30 pm.



Tai Chi Class Openings

The 40 Homewood
Tai Chi class is
welcoming residents to visit during the
month of February and to join the class
if they wish. The class takes place
every Tuesday from 6.30 to 7.45 pm in
the B-1 Recreation Room. It is a free
activity, organized by Rodney John, now
in its twelfth year here.

Upcoming Activities



Join Don "The Movie
Man" Sangster and your
neighbours in watching
them,

Academy Awards

February 22nd 2009

7:00 PM

In the Recreation Room
Refreshments will be
welcomed

Pick the winners
Win a prize



Movies with Don

Don has decided to post the list of upcoming
movies for the next month.

This list is subject to change. Posters will
still be posted on the bulletin boards.

Friday, February 6th

THE SENTINEL (2006)

Michael Douglas, Kiefer Sutherland

Thursday, February 12th

THE GORGEOUS HUSSY (1936)

Joan Crawford, Robert Taylor, James
Stewart

Friday, February 13th

VIVACIOUS LADY (1938)

James Stewart, Ginger Rogers

Friday, February 20th

THE COLOR PURPLE (1985)

Whoopie Goldberg, Oprah Winfrey,
Danny Glover

Sunday, February 22nd

ACADEMY AWARDS NIGHT

Have fun! Win prizes! Everyone invited!

Thursday, February 26th

NO WAY OUT (1950)

Sidney Poitier, Richard Widmark

Friday, February 27th

IN THE HEAT OF THE NIGHT (1967)

Sidney Poitier, Rod Steiger





Recycling Corner **EXCITING NEWS!**

40 Homewood has a new Green Committee

Our Purpose is: To encourage residents of 40 Homewood to reduce waste and energy consumption and to significantly increase the ways we contribute to helping the environment

Why do we need a new Green Committee?

- Recycling is good for the environment and saves us money too. The city charges us for each of the garbage bins (*Brown bins*) we require, but there is no charge for the recycling bins (*Blue bins*). So, the more we recycle the less garbage bins we need and our costs go down. Good deal!
- The cost of garbage pickup has increased from under \$4,000 last year to almost \$42,000 in 2009
- Increasing our recyclables and reducing electricity consumption keeps our condo fees low
- We want to do all we possibly can to help the environment

Over the next few months we will roll-out details. We'll want to accomplish much in the next year. Here are just a few of the details:

- Decreasing brown bin garbage collection from 8 bins per week to 6 bins per week by August 31, 2009!
- Introducing Green Bins to the building
- Significantly decreasing electricity consumption
- Increased proper disposal of toxic waste

How will we accomplish this?

- New Recycling Cards will be handed out soon! (*we can now recycle more than we could before – you'll hear more about this soon*)
- We'll hold Informational Evenings in the Recreation Room
- We'll make it easier to recycle toxic waste (batteries, fluorescent bulbs, paint etc.)
- You'll receive tips on reducing waste and energy consumption and using environmentally friendly cleaning products

We will communicate information to you in a number of ways – Channel 13, this newsletter, displays in the lobby, events in the Rec Room, the bulletin board by the mailroom, on the elevators and on the 40 Homewood website

In the meantime, don't forget to take your old batteries down to the Management Office for proper disposal



Your Green Committee members are:

Bill McGuire
Brian Fernandes
Chris Lambert

Candice Green
Erihn Reesor
Fiona Hastie

Jim Lee
John Kell
John Schonewille

Martha McGrath
Popi Tzalis

New members are always welcome. Please sign up at the Management Office.

The lady who chastised a man for not opening the door for her is hereby informed by him that he did not know if she was removing her gloves or putting them on, and whether she was going out or entering our building from the entrance way.



Bylaw Meeting

There is a Bylaw meeting on Monday, February 16th at 7.00 pm in the B1 Recreation room.

The subject will be the Standard Unit Bylaw and Insurance.

New Year's Eve in the Recreation Room

About 15 - 20 people gathered in our recreation room on New Year's Eve to welcome in 2009. Don Sangster "The Movie Man" showed the film "Mama Mia" provided by Margaret Osmond. Thanks Margaret. It is a rollicking, happy movie.

Afterwards there was socializing and enjoying food provided by the attendees.

At midnight the year was toasted with some champagne supplied by the office and the big screen TV was tuned to New Year's celebrations ringing in 2009.

Thanks, Don for providing a most enjoyable evening.

President's Message

By Chris Lambert

Your Board is busy working on the year-end financials, reserve fund investments and preparing for our upcoming projects. Our new management team at Brookfield has now had an opportunity to understand our finances and building systems and we will work together on our priorities for the coming years.

We are establishing a Green Committee to help our community with recycling, energy reduction and other issues that help the environment and our wallets. I am once again amazed and grateful for the enthusiastic band of volunteers who have stepped forward. With our manager's expertise and experience in green building issues, I am confident the Committee will help us accomplish some very effective green initiatives.

The New Bylaws Committee continues to work very hard organizing owners meetings and leading discussions on updating our bylaws. Our February 16th meeting will be on the Standard Unit Bylaw and Insurance. I encourage you to attend.

The Social Committee is active in planning many new events for us. Please keep an eye on the bulletin boards and channel 13 for upcoming events.

New members are always welcome on the Committees. Please sign up at management office.



Laundry Etiquette

If you open a dryer when it is running with someone else's laundry in it, please push the button and restart the dryer. It saves people from having to pay extra tokens because their laundry didn't dry.

The Three Nuns



Three nuns were attending a cubs baseball game..

Three men were sitting directly behind..

Because their habits were partially blocking the view, the men decided to badger the nuns hoping that they'd get annoyed enough to move to another area..

In a very loud voice, the first guy said, "I think I'm going to move to Utah.. There are only 100 nuns living there.."

Then the second guy spoke up and said, "I want to go to Montana.. There are only 50 nuns living there.."

The third guy said, "I want to go to Idaho.. There are only 25 nuns living there.."

One of the nuns turned around, looked at the men, and in a very sweet and calm voice said,

"Why don't you go to hell .. There aren't any nuns there!"



Sylvia's Corner

Submitted by Sylvia
Keshen

Letter-Link-Lives

You are a special friend of mine
And letters we exchange
Yet never have I seen your face
To some this seems so strange

Your face is here, within my heart,
This too, may sound unique
We share each other's finest thought,
Yet I've never heard you speak

For this, the friendship we possess
We owe the mail a debt
And I thank you for each day
Though we have never met

The Little Things

It's the little things in life that count
The things of every day
Just the simple things that we can do
The kind words we can say
The little things like a friendly smile
For those who may be sad
A clasp of a hand or kindly deed
To help make someone glad
A knock on the door of lonely homes
Or flowers bright and gay
For someone to whom you might bring cheer

With just a small bouquet
Just the little greetings here and there
On which so much depends
The little pleasures that all can share
The joy of making friends.



Social Committee

Watch for some exciting events that are being planned by the Social Committee.

Details in next month's newsletter.



Undue noise seems to be the problem that residents complain about the most. It is almost impossible to know

where the noise is coming from. If it sounds like it is coming from the unit above you—that is not necessarily the case. It could be one floor up or down and three units over for example. As this is a condo building, we all have to endure unwanted noise from time to time. People have to do renovations, put up pictures, install carpet, etc.

It might sometimes be necessary for residents who are doing extensive remodeling to hammer or drill for a long period of time. Keep in mind this is only temporary. The renovations will be done eventually.

As well, please keep in mind that the above noted times also apply to TV's and stereos. It is not necessary to play them so loud that your neighbours can hear them.

Don't Slam Your Door



Please do not let your door slam in the wee hours of the morning. It is disturbing to your neighbours, most of whom are sleeping then.



To everyone who has a birthday this month



Please try not to have your dog urinate on the grass on our property. It is killing the grass both at the back and front of the building. It is also eroding the bricks at the front. Thanks.



Junk Mail



If you are tired of receiving junk mail in your mail box, the Management Office has devised a plan to make it work. They will put a container on the wall with cards in it that say "No More Junk Mail Please". You take one, and all you have to do is put it in your mailbox. The postman will see the card and put a red dot on your mail box on his side. You will no longer have the junk mail in your box.

