
40 Homewood Community Newsletter

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Happy Easter
April 12, 2009

The "Green" Launch

Our "green" event was a resounding success. 75% of the residents of the building have received their new green bins and blue recycling bags.

On Thursday evening, March 19th, over 70 people turned out to hear Mr. Gerry Martell from the City of Toronto give a presentation of items that we should or shouldn't recycle and answer any question we had. The session was very informative.

Thanks go out to the Green Committee — Chris Lambert, Bill McGuire, Candice Green, Erinn Reesor, James Lee, Popi Tzalas, John Kell, Brian Fernandes, Martha McGrath and to other volunteers — Neil Gilson, Charles Marker, Florence Rice, Gus Kieley, Steve Murray, who agreed to give a hand to allow the launch to go smoothly

The new "recycling room" is now open. There will be a green bin for your organic material, two blue bins, one for paper, bottles, jars and cans and one for cardboard. A number of smaller bins for toxic waste, batteries, old paint, fluorescent tubes, etc.

If you do not have your bin and bag, please contact the office.

 Happy Easter –
April 19th to all of you
who follow the Eastern Orthodox
Church.



April 9th, - 15th, 2009

F.Y.I.

Management has asked me to convey to everyone that the individual who has been raising havoc in the building has been arrested by the police and banned from our building. Should anyone ever see him on our premises, please call 911 right away.





Sylvia's Corner

Submitted by Sylvia
Keshen



A Child's Prayer

Bless Mom and Dad, Gram and Gramp,
Michael Jackson, Music Video, and the
elves who make cookies, and take away all
the evil in the world like broccoli, zucchini
and cauliflower.



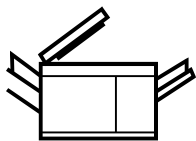
For Sale – Complete set of
encyclopedias – never used – teenage
son knows everything.



Did you ever try keeping your shoulder
to the wheel, your eye on the ball, your
nose to the grindstone, your feet on the
ground, your hands busy, your chin up and
your eyes straight ahead, all at the same
time!



*To everyone who has a
birthday this month*



New Photo Copier

Management has negotiated a
contract for a larger and faster
photocopier at a reduced cost over
the last machine.



Movies with Don

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

Thursday, April 2nd

A SANGSTER SECRET MOVIE

(Hint: A 1943 British spy drama)

Friday, April 10th

MIRACLE OF MORGAN'S CREEK (1944)

Betty Hutton, Eddie Bracken

Thursday, April 16th

MY FAVORITE BRUNETTE (1947)

Bob Hope, Dorothy Lamour

Friday, April 17th

MY FAVORITE SPY (1951)

Bob Hope, Hedy Lamarr

Thursday, April 23rd

DINNER AT EIGHT (1933)

Marie Dressler, Wallace Beery, Jean
Harlow, John Barrymore

Friday, April 24th

THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER (1941)

Bette Davis, Ann Sheridan, Monty
Wooley, Jimmy Durante

Thursday, April 30th

WHILE THE CITY SLEEPS (1956)

Dana Andrews, Ida Lupino, Vincent
Price, Rhonda Fleming



A fool and
his money
are soon
parted.
The rest of
us wait until
income tax
time

A Soldier's Story

We have an author in our presence here at 40 Homewood.

Dave Middleton has written a book about his years in the service.

It is called "A Soldier's Story". A copy of it can found in the library if you wish to read it.

Dave will be leaving 40 Homewood one of these days to take up residence at the Veterans & Community at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre and we wish him well in his new home.

Dave is an original owner at 40 Homewood and was the first president of the Board of Directors.

He has been a very visible presence here and I am sure everyone will miss his participation in the events held here.



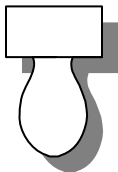
Landscaping

A quote has been accepted for the flower beds. Different flowers will be planted this year. Erinway Landscaping is

in the second year of their contract.



May 30th, 2009
Watch for
details



Check your Toilet

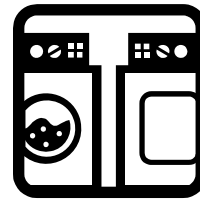
If you put your name in to have the seal on your toilet checked, be assured the staff is working down the list and will get to you eventually.

A Little Incident

Anonymous

I had a doctor's appointment back in May—I got to Sherburne & Bloor and didn't see the sign about "no right turns" on a red light. I had an eye infection and was on my way to get it fixed by my G.P. that I've been going to for the last 35 years. I made an illegal right hand turn which I was wiping my eyes!

I was pulled over by a young policeman and given a \$110.00 ticket. I thanked him for making my day- rolled up the window and started to drive off – unfortunately I drove over his toes. Within minutes on my to the doctor's I was pulled over once again by 3 police cruisers, hemmed in, dragged out of my car, thrown into the back of the cruiser, and hand-cuffed! I sat there for ½ an hour and when I didn't resist arrest, I was let go on my own recognizance but I had to go to 51 Division to be finger printed and then went to court at College Street. Thank God the young cop didn't show up and give evidence and I got off.—Talk about a bad day!!!



Laundry Room

The Board has approved the upgrading of our laundry room.

Management will be purchasing 20 new washers and 20 new dryers. There will be 4 top load washers and 16 front load washers and 10 double stacked dryers. As well, the walls will be painted. There will be more folding space than there is at present.

We will be switching from the token system to a card system. Each unit will be given a card to use on the machines. You can load and recharge your payment card from Visa, Master Card and Debit card or use cash.





Recycling Corner
By Bill McGuire



Please Note The Difference

In the green bin for your organic waste, your deposits should be in a plastic bag, (such as a grocery bag, a produce bag, a bread bag or a milk bag) which has been tied once, no twist tie.

In your blue bins, for your recycling, your deposits should be loose (not in bags).

If your unit has not received the information on the organic waste program in our building, plus a kitchen bin for holding your organic waste, plus a new blue recycling bag with updated recycling information, please go to the office and sign for this package.

The more waste that we can divert to the blue bins and the green bins, the lower will be our costs for garbage collection.

THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING



*Our new indoor
Recycling Room is
now open*



Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, June 17th, 2009
Primrose Hotel.
7:30 pm

Schedule of Meetings

Sunday, – June 7th, 2009 7:00 pm - Meet
The Candidates meeting
Monday – June 8th, 2009 – 7:00 pm
Financial Mtg.
Wednesday, June 17th, 2009 – 7:00 pm
A.G.M.

Ongoing Activities



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



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



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Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:30 pm.



Please collapse your
cardboard boxes before
putting them in the blue
bins. It really saves
space and will allow us
to recycle even more.



President's report

By Chris Lambert

I want to share with you some very interesting initiatives that your Board is moving forward on that will make a positive difference to our home.

We now have financial reports up to the end of February. These reports will be put in the library for your convenience. Please remember they are not audited so there will be some adjustments at year-end. It's important for you to see what the Board sees. We have discovered an error in last year's monthly financial statements. The "accumulated surplus (beginning of year)" line item includes over \$100,000 for the value of satellite and energy equipment. The 2007 audited financial statements correctly separate the surplus and equipment value. We now have professionally designated accountants for our financial statements so the reports will present an accurate picture.

Our financial situation has stabilized and is improving. Although our accumulated surplus is lower than previously thought there is no need to change our strategy; we will continue to control costs and look for savings in our operations.

The Board is exploring potential savings in utilities costs. An energy audit, in conjunction with an updated reserve fund study, has been approved. Over the next several weeks, engineers will inspect our building envelope and systems to assess their condition and timelines for replacement. The energy audit will reveal the best opportunities we have to decrease our utility costs.

We are moving forward with refurbishment of our laundry room. The new machines will help improve our savings by using less water and electricity. We will try to minimize the inconvenience to you during renovations. We expect the new laundry room to be complete in the next few months.

The new indoor recycling room will be now open and that will make it even easier to

recycle. The City charges us for regular garbage pick-up, while blue bin and green bin pick-up is free. We are fortunate to have been among the first in our area to have City pick-up of organic waste in our new green bins. Thanks go our Green Committee for organizing the green bin rollout and to Brookfield for their sound advice and support. Please remember that the more you recycle, the more we save on garbage pick-up fees!

We had three owners' meetings in March. The first was March 19 when we had a guest speaker, Mr. Gerry Martell from the City of Toronto to talk to us about the green bins. The green team distributed kitchen bins and blue recycling bags. The second was held on March 23 to discuss updating our rules, and the Board took resident's questions at the third on March 31. Thanks to all who attended and gave your input, listened to your neighbours and helped make this a better community.

I continue to be amazed at the dedication, energy and talents of so many volunteers. The new bylaws team has been working since August to update our 1972-vintage bylaws and align the governance of our corporation with the new Condominium Act and current industry practices. We've had some very interesting discussions and excellent ideas from owners, team members and participants. We all have a stake in good governance of our corporation. I think the bylaws that will be presented to owners in June will be robust, easy to understand and, most of all, fair to everyone. Our next owners' meeting will be on Wednesday April 15 where we will discuss corporation powers and revisit some issues that have been raised in previous meetings.

The social committee now has Board approval to move forward with some new kinds of events. Thanks to the volunteers on this committee, we look forward to hearing more about them in the coming weeks.

I wish all of you a pleasant spring and hope you can all get outside to enjoy the fine weather.

WAYS TO SAVE WATER INDOORS



- Do not put water down the drain that could be used for watering a plant or for cleaning.
- Check for leaks in your toilet or faucets and repair where necessary.
- Use the green bins instead of the toilet for disposing of tissues and other trash.
- Take shorter showers or replace your showerhead with a water-efficient version.
- Turn the tap off when brushing your teeth or shaving.
- Operate automatic dishwashers and washing machines when they are fully loaded or use the appropriate water setting.
- Do not use running water to thaw meat. Defrost food overnight in the refrigerator.

F.Y.I.

- HGTV equipment has been ordered for the building and will be installed shortly. The conversion from analog to digital for the U.S. stations has been completed by Davia.
- The Board minutes are now up-to-date and are kept in a binder in the library. Mark Thompson has been named as Communications Office for the Board.
- Spring cleaning of the windows, carpet and the garage will be completed in April.
- Our auditors are presently here. Auditors work for the residents, not the Board or Management.
- The compactor has been fixed and compacts the garbage 3 to 1. Three new blue recycling bins have been ordered.

- Management will be doing main building door paint touchups throughout the building as their Spring touchups..

Let's Talk.



A good way to get to know your neighbours and encourage more of a sense of community in the building is to talk to each other in the elevators.

It can be your vertical sidewalk.



The Management Office will be closed on Good Friday, April 10th, 2009.

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