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May 10th, 2009

M is for the million things she gave me

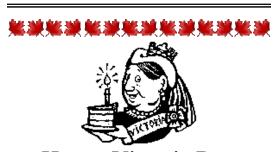
O means only that she's growing old,

T is for the tears she shed to save me,

H is for her heart of purest gold;

E is for her eyes, with love-light shining

R means right, and right she'll always be
Put them all together, they spell MOTHER
A word that means the world to me.



Happy Victoria Day May 18th, 2009





Movies with Don

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

Friday, May 1st **RHAPSODY IN BLUE (1945)** Robert Alda, Al Jolson

Thursday, May 7th

FOOTLIGHT PARADE (1933)

James Cagney, Joan Blondell, Dick
Powell, Ruby Keeler

Thursday, May 14th

THE MERRY WIDOW (1934)

Jeanette MacDonald, Maurice Chevalier

Friday, May 15th **MAYTIME (1937)**Nelson Eddy, Jeanette MacDonald

Friday, May 22nd **A CHORUS LINE (1985)**Michael Douglas, Janet Jones

Thursday, May 28th FLYING DOWN TO RIO (1933) Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers, Dolores Del Rio

Friday, May 29th **CAREFREE (1938)**Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers

Area News

The following is a notice received from Councillor Kyle Rae's office

"COMMUNITY MEETING NOTICE

Dear Resident:

My office has received a request from a goup of residents in the neighbourhood to install a turn prohibition at the intersection of Wellesley St. E. and Homewood Ave., as a means to control the sex-trade activity in the area.

The proposed prohibition would restrict vehicular traffic from turning south onto Homewood Ave. from 11:00 p.m.- 5:00 a.m. I am holding a meeting to seek public input on the proposal and provide residents the opportunity to speak from the City's Transportation Division.

Below are the meeting details:

When: Monday, May 4th, 6:30 p.m. -8:00 p.m.

Where: 519 Community Centre, 519 Church Street.

I hope to see you there.

Kvle Rae City Councillor "

TOWN HALL MEETING

With Chief William Blair (51 Division: C.P.L.C.)

Location: Rverson University, 80 Gould Street, Second Floor (RCC 204)

Date/Time: May 14th, 2009 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.



Proposed Date: May 30th, 2009

The Social Committee is looking for a volunteer to convene the Yard Sale. If you are interested, please give your name to the Office and they will give you the details

The steps to follow are:

- Choose a date or two and maybe a rain
- Check with the office to see if any of those dates are available. (If there are any moves that weekend, we can't use the driveway).
- Make up flyers to go up in the building and others to be posted around the neighbourhood to advertise it. The office will make photocopies for you.
- Post the flyers in the neighbourhood or recruit people to help you.
- On the morning of the sale make sure everyone who has purchased a ticket gets a
- The office will sell tickets and provide you with a list of people who purchased one.
- The tables will be brought out to the driveway and put away by the staff.



Summer is coming

When watering your flowers on your balcony, please be considerate of your neighbours and don't go too near the edge of your balcony and do not let the water spill over to someone else's balcony.

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.

There will be three vacancies on the Board of Directors' this year. The two-year terms of **Denise Redwood** and **Bill Langer** expire as well as the one year term of **Chris Lambert**.

If anyone is interested in running for a position on the Board, please fill out the candidacy form that comes with your AGM package and return it to the Office to have your name put on the ballots.



Wow, aren't the pansies that are planted in the octagon and flower containers wonderful. Our first sign of spring around 40 Homewood.

The dead tree in the northeast corner of our property has been cut down. Sod has been laid, and new flowers should be planted shortly.

Sure signs that summer is nearly here.





Sylvia's Corner

Submitted by Sylvia Keshen

Ever Wonder

Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?

Why "abbreviated" is such a long word?

Why doctors call what they do "practice"?

Why the person who invests all your money is called a broker?

Why the time of day with the slowest traffic is called "rush hour"?

Why there isn't mouse flavoured cat food?

Why they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?

Why are they called apartments when they are stuck together?

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport, the terminal?

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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The Social Committee is proud to offer instructional classes to residents of 40 Homewood in the recreation room. We have found excellent teachers to provide the training to you in the convenience of our own facilities! Take advantage of it.



Fitness Blast

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A series of exercises including cardio, strengthening, and stretching and incorporates a dance routine.

Instructor: Marcos Carajol - Certified fitness and personal trainer

Sundays, May 3 to June 28 from 11:00am to 12:00am 9 classes @ \$80.00 Thursdays, May 7 to June 25 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm 8 classes @ \$70.00

This class guarantees that getting fit will be fun.



Hatha Yoga

Hatha Yoga

Helps you to relax and deal with stress by pranayama (breathing) and safely awakens dormant parts of the body and the brain. Hatha Yoga is not competitive. Good for all ages.

Instructor: Sylvia Thomas - Certified Yoga instructor

Wednesdays, May 6 to June 24 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm 8 classes @ \$70.00

A minimum of 5 registrants to start the class.

Please pay the instructor for the full package at the beginning of the first class.

Drop-ins are welcome at \$10 a class.

If you are interested please leave your name and contact information at the office.

President's report

By Chris Lambert

Spring is finally here and I hope you can all get outside to enjoy the warmth and sun.

We welcome Erinway Greenscaping workers who have been planting our gardens. I was pleased to wake up one recent Saturday morning to the sound of a chainsaw cutting down the dead tree in our northeast corner. Sod has been laid, and new flowers should be planted shortly

Many of us are now taking our bicycles out of winter storage. We asked the management office to look at the number of bike spots in our building to see how many might be available. It appears that some of you who have been on the waiting list the longest will get spots very soon. Unfortunately there are not enough bike spots for everyone who wants one, as the number of bicycles in the building continues to increase. The Board is looking at options for more bike spots on the B1 level and we will move forward with these as soon as we can.

The enterphone system has also been a source of frustration. The problem is a design flaw, which the company is fixing. Unfortunately it will take several more weeks, and some kind of temporary system is not a viable option. We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience and understanding.

Thank you all for recycling!! The City charges for each brown bin (regular waste) it picks up, but recycling pick-up is free. Thanks to you, we now send out, on average, just over 5 brown bins per week. This is down from 8 bins per week on average last year, and has a significant impact on our financial situation. I would also like to recognize Brookfield's contribution to our success. Steve Hill has the expertise, experience and imagination to come up with ideas like our indoor recycling room to make recycling more convenient for residents. We are taking steps to deal with the odor issue and make the door to the room easier to open. We are grateful to

those residents who brought these issues to our attention and we encourage everyone to speak up when you have concerns or suggestions. Please keep recycling, it's good for the environment and good for our finances!

The Board approved an energy audit and the results should be available within the next month or two. The Green Committee, fresh from its successful introduction of the green bins, will turn its attention to our utilities costs and advise the Board on options.

We are looking forward to a new laundry room to replace our aging machines. The equipment is on order and we hope to have it all installed in the next month or two. Your extra tokens can be returned for credit on our new card system.

Many of you have noticed the huge improvement in the notices on the elevators and channel 13. Many thanks go to Mark Thompson, our new Communications Officer who has encouraged, requested and even cajoled people (including Presidents!) to get the information together, and has produced the content for the elevators and channel 13.

The Annual General Meeting is coming up on June 17th. This year you will be asked to vote on new bylaws to replace our 1972-vintage bylaws. The Board and the bylaws team are working very hard with our lawyer to ensure that our bylaws are robust, fair to everyone and compliant with the Condo Act. You will receive a draft of the bylaws for discussion shortly, and we will have an owners meeting in mid-May to discuss the draft. If you have any suggestions to strengthen the bylaws, the Board will consider your ideas and may incorporate them into the bylaws we'll vote on at the AGM.

Updating our bylaws will go a long way towards strengthening the governance of our corporation. Condominium laws have changed a lot since 1972 and, while some of our bylaws have stood up well, many provisions are obsolete and need to be updated. Also, we now have additional requirements such as mediation and arbitration when there are disputes. We

have the authority to pass our own bylaws to meet our unique circumstances. We encourage you to participate in this important process and have your say!

The Board is also considering new rules to replace those contained within our 1972 bylaws. Once passed by the Board, you will have an opportunity to object before the Rules come into effect. Rules will govern such issues as noise, safety, and renovations.

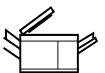
As we work to improve our governance, financial situation and the bricks-and-mortar, I encourage all residents to come forward with your concerns and suggestions.

F.Y.I.

- Please let management office know if you no longer need your bike spot. There are many people on the waiting list. If you receive a letter from the office, please respond by May 15 or your spot may be given to someone on the list.
- Our property manager Steven Hill is off sick for at least another week. There is a get well soon card for him in the office for you to should you wish to send him encouragement.
- When we convert from a token system to a card system for the laundry room, any extra tokens that you have can be brought to the office and exchanged for credit onto your card.
- A resident has suggested that I mention in this newsletter that when throwing your organic waste into the green bin, try to throw it to the back of the bin



To everyone who has a birthday this month



New Photo Copier

The new photocopier has now arrived and this is the first month that this newsletter is being printed in-house. It will save a sizeable amount of money each month.

How many times did you hear Mum say these words when you were a child?

Wait 'til your father gets home...

WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE...

Note from the Editor

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