
40 Homewood Community Newsletter

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A Big *THANK-YOU* To Denise Redwood

Denise Redwood resigned as a member of the Board of Directors on May 31, 2010. She has been a Board member for a little over seven years. During that time she worked tirelessly and diligently all that time to try and make 40 Homewood a better place for all of us. I am sure all the residents will join me in giving her a big Thank You for all her efforts. They are very much appreciated.

PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE BIRDS IN OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

Pest Birds (Sparrows, Starlings and Pigeons)

These birds pose a health risk to humans and the environment as they carry over 70 different diseases associated with their droppings.

Bacteria from their droppings are not only a hazard to food products but also to the health and safety of humans

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Submitted by K. Baron Mount Briton
Above is a sign that Baron spotted in College Park.

Since there seems to be no abatement of such practice by those few who are willing to ignore the dangers – our Green Committee might want to consider this factor before going ahead with any plans for planting vegetables.

Wouldn't it be nice if we were to, at least occasionally, see a few other different kinds of birds.

Unfortunately, other bird species don't come around wherever there are large populations of pigeons – which our neighbourhood certainly has so don't bother trying to "shoot" any.



Improvement of Security at 40 Homewood

By Malik Bashir

Having lived at 40 Homewood since 1972 and as a member of the first board of directors, I have closely observed the state of security in our building. While we do not have the luxury of round-the-clock security guards or two security guards on duty at the same time. (so that one mans the front door if the other is on patrol). We can tighten security further with a few simple procedures. The following suggestions are not comprehensive.

- A.. Manning the front door should be top priority (especially on weekends) and NOT patrolling the building. Far too much time is spent by the guards away from the "security" booth. Long ago I found a guard fraternizing with some owners in their apartments. He was removed.
- B. We should all watch out for any fob (key) users not living here using the garage, swimming pool, the gym, etc. with fobs loaned or given by some in the building illegally.
- C. A favorite trick of intruders is to start a conversation with a resident on the approach to the front door to make the security guard think he is a friend of the resident. Wait for a few seconds in the entrance away from the unknown person so that his plan is exposed.

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.



Movies with Don

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

Here are Don's movies for June

Friday, June 4

THE AMERICANIZATION OF EMILY
(1964)

James Garner, Julie Andrews

Thursday, June 10

ZIEGFELD GIRL (1941)

James Stewart, Judy Garland,
Lana Turner, Hedy Lamarr

Friday, June 11

In Memory of Lena Horne

Vincente Minnelli's

ZIEGFELD FOLLIES (1946)

William Powell, Judy Garland,
Fred Astaire, Gene Kelly

Friday, June 18

In Memory of Lynn Redgrave

GEORGY GIRL (1966)

James Mason, Lynn Redgrave

Thursday, June 24

THE FRONT PAGE (1931)

Pat O'Brien, Adolphe Menjou

Friday, June 25

Howard Hawks'

HIS GIRL FRIDAY (1940)

Cary Grant, Rosalind Russell



**No pets are allowed in the
Laundry Room at any time.**





The May Day Pot Luck & Sing-a-Long event that took place on May 1st, 2010 was a resounding success. Enjoyed by all who attended.

Thank you to Arthur Martin for convening it and to Harry Lewis for playing Broadway tunes on the piano tirelessly for over three hours and conducting us in singing all the songs.

Thank you to David Thornton for doing the audio to make us all sound good.


June 25 – July 4, 2010
Pride Parade
Sunday, July 4th, 2010 -
2:00 pm

This year is the 30th anniversary of the Pride Parade in Toronto.



Thank You and Good-bye

To **Peter Warner** who gave 11 years of blood, sweat and tears to 40 Homewood. His sense of humor and friendly disposition always endeared him to the residents. He was always ready to help out with anything that needed to be done around the building. We will miss him very much.

Happy Retirement, Peter



About 20 residents braved the very inclement weather for this year's Yard Sale.

I hope everyone did very well with their sales.

Thanks go out to Martha MacLachan for coordinating this and to Robert Richard for assisting. Thank you Eugene for handling the tables. Thanks to Jane White for looking after the sale of the tickets.

I believe there will be another Yard Sale in August. I am sure the weather will be better then.

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.

President's Message

By Mark Thompson

Let me begin with a thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Annual General Meeting. To those who put themselves forward as candidates, to all those who helped them get their messages out, and to everyone who took time to vote - either in person or by proxy - your commitment to making our home the best it can be is what makes 40 Homewood the tremendous community it is.

Special thanks also go to our management team, Jerry Levine and Jane White, and to all those at Brookfield who coordinated a well run election and Annual General Meeting. This is an enormous amount of work. Thank you for a job well done.

This year's AGM results produced a strong and cohesive board. Our two new directors, Wayne Beaton and Brian Brenie have a wealth of experience that will help ensure our fiscal situation continues to improve while important maintenance projects are completed on time and on budget.

This year's board of directors is:

Mark Thompson - President
Wayne Beaton - Vice President
Brian Brenie - Secretary / Treasurer
Chris Lambert - Director
Vacant - Director

The Board has met twice since the AGM. Currently, we are reviewing and prioritizing projects to be implemented over the next 12 months. Carefully planning and coordinating them now will save the corporation time and money as we move from planning to implementation.

Next month I'll share the results of our planning sessions. In the meantime, watch the bulletin boards and Channel 13 for updates and information from your new board.

Annual Fire Alarm Testing

The mandatory annual fire alarm testing will be done starting June 7th to June 10th, 2010.

Access to all suites will be required.

Between the hours of 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on the following dates.

June 7th — 16th to 32nd floors.

June 8th — 1st to 15th floors

June 9th — Common Areas

June 10th — common areas.

Should you have any questions regarding the matter, please feel free to contact the management office.

Management Office Section

Submitted by Jerry Levine, our Property
Manager

Receipts for any Deposits

Please be advised that a valid receipt or other proof of purchase MUST be provided to the Office before any refund can be given. This pertains to fobs, keys, etc. No refunds will be given otherwise.

No Dollies for Resident Use

Please be advised that the Corporation will not be providing dollies to any residents for use during deliveries, renovations or moves. Residents must make private arrangements to obtain them.

Parking Cancellation

If you are planning to cancel a parking space, the Corporation requires 30 days written notification. If this notice period is not given, additional monthly parking charges will apply.

Common Elements

The Corporation is responsible for repairing and maintaining the common elements ONLY and not the items in the suites for which the owner is responsible. Items include leaking taps, running toilets, leaking pipes under kitchen and bathroom vanities, burned out light bulbs and other items within the suite. If you are in doubt, please contact the Office for clarification.

Special Assessment

As you are aware your Board passed a special assessment last year to help pay off the past two years of operating debt. To get us out of debt it is essential that all owners pay their portion. The Board motion stated the

special assessment was to be fully paid off by December 1, 2010. We appreciate all of you who have paid your special assessment in full as this has helped our cash flow tremendously over the past few months; approximately 33% of owners have done this. Another 25% of owners have made monthly payments and are well on their way to paying down their portion. For those of you who have yet to start paying this off we encourage you to talk to Jane in the office about your plans. There are six months left so if you would like to set up a plan to pay this over the next six months please bring in post dated cheques for the first of each month and we will process them on their post dated date. Currently about 40% of the owners have not paid anything towards this debt and we want to encourage you that if left unpaid on December 2, 2010 we will be left with no option but to commence the lien process against your unit. If you have any questions Jane is available to answer them.

Construction Debris

We are very pleased that a number of owners are renovating and upgrading their units; this will increase your resale value and offer you increased enjoyment while living at 40 Homewood. We ask you to remember that renovations must be registered with the office and Board approval is required for major renovations. Please speak to the office about this well in advance of starting your renovation project. Please also advise the name of your contractor and be aware that they are to remove all construction debris from the property at their cost. Construction debris must not be thrown into our Garbage bins as this adds to our garbage expense throughout the year. Currently our garbage costs are about \$65 per day and our goal is to

reduce this to \$50 per day. If you are renovating and have debris please haul your debris to the city dump on Commissioner Street. Their phone number is 416-392-5890 and information can be found at <http://www.toronto.ca/garbage/pdf/solidwastedrop-offdepots.pdf>.

Wait till they "Harmonize" the
PST & GST in BC & Ontario.
Ouch Ouch Ouch

**Tax his land,
Tax his bed,
Tax the table
At which he's fed.**

**Tax his work,
Tax his pay,
He works for peanuts
Anyway!**

**Tax his cow,
Tax his goat,
Tax his pants,
Tax his coat.**

**Tax his tobacco,
Tax his drink,
Tax him if he
Tries to think.**

**Tax his car,
Tax his gas,
Find other ways
To tax his ass.**

**Tax all he has
Then let him know
That you won't be done
Till he has no dough.**

**When he screams and hollers;
Then tax him some more,
Tax him till
He's good and sore.**

**Then tax his coffin,
Tax his grave,
Tax the sod in
Which he's laid.**

**When he's gone,
Do not relax,
Its time to apply
The inheritance tax.**

**Accounts Receivable Tax
Airline surcharge tax
Airline Fuel Tax
Airport Maintenance Tax
Building Permit Tax
Cigarette Tax
Corporate Income Tax
Death Tax**

Note from the Editor

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