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# 40 Homewood Community Newsletter

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THANKS,  
FRIENDS!

Hi everyone. The time has come for me to let everyone know that this is the last issue of this newsletter I will be publishing.

The first issue of this newsletter was published in October, 2003. During those seven years, I have tried my very best not to post anything that would be too controversial or detrimental to the Board, Management, staff or any other resident. I hope I have succeeded in this respect.

Thank you so much to everyone who sent in articles over the years and for any good words and positive feedback over the years. It was very much appreciated.

Thank you to everyone for the beautiful bouquet of flowers that were presented to me by the Board on behalf of the whole Corporation. I wish this was printed in color. They are beautiful.

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## IT'S EXHIBITION TIME



August 2010 –  
September 5, 2010

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### Movies with Don

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

Friday, August 6

*Lewis Milestone's*

**HALLELUJAH, I'M A BUM** (1933)

*starring Al Jolson*

Friday, August 13

*A Friday the 13th Special*

**THE PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY** (1945)

George Sanders, Angela Lansbury

Thursday, August 19

**THE CROOKED WAY** (1949)

John Payne, Ellen Drew

Friday, August 20

**THE STREET WITH NO NAME** (1948)

Richard Widmark, Mark Stevens

Thursday, August 26

**THE GREAT WALTZ** (1938)

Luise Rainer, Lionel Atwill

Friday, August 27

**THE GREAT CARUSO** (1951)

Mario Lanza, Ann Blyth

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## New Management Office Hours

Effective July 12, 2010 the 40 Homewood management office will have extended hours to better serve residents.

### New Hours

#### **Monday and Tuesday**

9:00 am - 12:30 pm

1:30 pm - 5:00 pm

#### **Wednesday**

9:00 am - 12:30

2:30 pm - 7 pm

#### **Thursday and Friday**

9:00 am - 12:30 pm

1:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Management Office

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## 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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Photos of the Barbeque can be seen  
at: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/charlesmarker>

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## Security at 40 Homewood

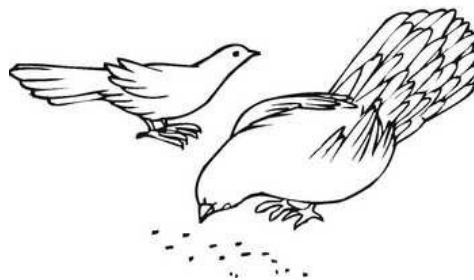
By Malik Bashir

Since you will probably not like questioning "strangers", I offer the following suggestion

In a building with 492 units, many residents are strangers to you. You do not recognize all residents. So when a person unknown to you is following you (look back before opening the building door), hesitate for a few seconds away from this possible resident or intruder and expose his game if he does not have the key (fob). If he is a visitor he/she will be forced to proceed to the entraphone system. This is important when the security guard is away on patrol.

I recommend eliminating or reducing patrolling to the minimum. Similarly you can hesitate for a few seconds if an unknown person is approaching from the outside, to deny entry to the person.

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**Please DO NOT feed the pigeons. The droppings carry disease and bird flu is on the rise. We do not want that in Toronto or any other city. Let the pigeons find their normal food. They were not created to eat human food.**

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# Barbecue



A great time was had by the 60 attendees at the 40 Homewood summer BBQ. The weather was rainy and we ate in the recreation room but the cooks persevered and managed to get great food out even with the rain which did not dampen the fun everyone had mingling and enjoying the great food.

Photos of the BBQ can be seen on the 40 Homewood.ca website.

Special thanks to the numerous volunteers who helped make the day such a great success.

Florence Rice  
Martha MacLachlan  
Robert Richard  
Gilles Bouffard  
Dawn  
Gus Kieley  
Baron Mount-Briton  
Hugh McKellor  
Margaret Osmond  
John McIntyre  
John Whelan  
Dara Douma  
Joel Dick  
Chris Lambert  
Jacqueline Hembrey

And special thank you's to Riley who helped with the prize draws and also to Jane White who sold the tickets for us.

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# Green Committee

By Jim Lee  
Chair Person, 40 Homewood Green  
Committee

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## BLUE, BROWN AND GREEN RECEPTACLES IN COMMON AREAS

We'll soon have blue, brown *and* green bins in the laundry room, Rec room, gym area and B1 washrooms. At present we don't have green bins in these areas. Please ensure that articles are deposited correctly.

- Paper towels go in the Green Bin
  - Detergent, bleach and fabric softener bottles go in the blue Bin – with the lids on
  - Cardboard laundry boxes go in the Blue Bin
  - Dryer lint and used dryer sheets are garbage
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## DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT RECYCLING, GREEN BIN OR GARBAGE COLLECTION?

If you have any questions about what can and cannot be recycled, please check out the **City of Toronto's Waste Wizard** website at [www.toronto.ca/garbage/index.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/garbage/index.htm) or e-mail the Green Committee at [40Hgreencommittee@gmail.com](mailto:40Hgreencommittee@gmail.com). Two members of the Green Committee recently completed the City of Toronto's 3Rs Ambassador Program so we're the people to ask. And remember, there are no stupid questions!

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# Green Committee

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Are you new to 40 Homewood? If so, welcome! There is a strong sense of community in this building and we hope you enjoy living here. 40 Homewood is a Green Building and we take recycling very seriously. Please ensure that you have picked up your blue bag for recycling, a beige bin for your compostable items and City of Toronto flyers from the Management Office. **All recycling should be taken down to the Green Room**, located behind the service elevator on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, and placed into one of the large blue bins. Recyclables should be loose and not bagged. Shredded paper can be put in a clear plastic bag, tied closed and put into blue bin. Plastic bags *can* be recycled but only if they are bundled together and placed in the blue bin. (If recyclables are left in a plastic bag we risk the entire bag being disposed off at the recycling facility as there aren't enough staff to open and sort each bag). So, please dump the bag and

take it back to your unit with you.

Line your beige bin with a grocery bag or paper bag. Don't use a produce bag, bread bag or bio-degradable bag as these are not accepted. When the bin is full please take it down to the Green Room and deposit it into the green bin (please toss it to the back of the bin).

Garbage should be placed in bags and deposited down the chute located on each floor.

If for whatever reason you are unable to take your recycling down to the Green Room, please e-mail the Green Committee at [40Hgreencommittee@gmail.com](mailto:40Hgreencommittee@gmail.com) or call the management office and someone will come to your door to pick it up. Under no circumstances should any recycling or compostable materials be thrown down the chute. Hazardous materials such as batteries, chemicals, propane tanks, toxic compounds, paints, liquid solvents, thinners should be brought down to the Green Room and placed in the appropriate bins in the alcove in the NW corner of the room.

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***Remember - Recycling is free - Garbage is expensive!***

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## THE LIVE GREEN TORONTO FESTIVAL!



Toronto's annual celebration of all things green turns Yonge Street into "green street" with more than 100 exhibitors of green products and services, local food, live music, and more. This event takes place at Yonge-Dundas Square on the following dates;

Sat. August 28 from 11 am - 8pm

Sun. August 29, 2010 from 11 am - 4 pm

Check out [www.toronto.ca/greentorontofestival](http://www.toronto.ca/greentorontofestival) for more information.

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## TAKE THE POWER PLEDGE!

[www.powerpledge.ca/](http://www.powerpledge.ca/)



**RETHINK, REPLACE, REDUCE**

Take the Power Pledge and join thousands of Ontarians who have already committed to simple conservation actions that will save them hundreds of dollars a year and help the environment. Simply read through the conservation tips listed and choose the ones that work for you. Sign up before August 31 and **Earn 20 Air Miles FREE reward miles**. It's that easy! Some of the

items don't apply to 40 Homewood but we can all pledge to reduce vampire/phantom power, the usage of our air conditioners, waste less water and ensure our clothes look brighter and last longer by washing in cold water.

Did you know that phantom power can make up almost 15% of power consumed by an Ontario household per year? Instead, plug into a power bar with a timer or auto shut-off. You can purchase a power bar at Home Depot or Canadian Tire. The Ontario Green Energy Act passed into law in May 2009 calls for a growth in Ontario's culture of conservation. This is a long-term commitment. Ontario is striving to become a province where energy efficiency is increasingly valued and the benefits of saving energy are well known and integrated into everyday behaviour.

The Power Pledge campaign makes it easy for Ontarians to commit to taking simple, meaningful actions that will conserve electricity and positively impact the environment.

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***The three "R's" — Reduce, Reuse, Recycle***

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## **10 WAYS TO MAKE 40 HOMEWOOD GREENER**

- Use a power bar with an integrated timer to shut off all your devices when you leave in the morning, or at the end of the day. You can buy them at Canadian Tire, Home Depot or similar stores. Vampire power, or standby power, is electricity consumed by electronic devices even when turned off (DVD players, TVs, phone chargers, coffeemakers with clocks/timers, etc.) It can silently drain up to 15 percent of annual home electricity use.
- Trade in your old inefficient incandescent light bulbs for CFLs – they use 75 per cent less energy. (They must be CSA approved, though – no Dollarama bulbs).
- Fix any leaky faucets. If your taps are leaking or if your toilet is "running on" please call a plumber. If you don't know of a plumber please ask your neighbours or call the Management Office. One constant drip can waste up to 182 litre-sized bottles of water per week. If it's a hot water faucet that's leaking, you're literally sending our energy dollars down the drain.
- When drying your clothes, try to stop the dryers before the 52 minutes is up. Clothes should dry in 30-35 minutes, towels 35-40 minutes. Keeping the drying going for the full amount of time wastes a great deal of money. Or, purchase a metal indoor clothes dryer from Canadian Tire (\$16.99) and dry your clothes in your washroom.
- Check out Environmental Defence's Toxic Nation website, [www.toxicnation.ca](http://www.toxicnation.ca). Find out how every day products are affecting your health (and the health of your neighbours), and what you can do about it.
- Buy environmentally-friendly laundry detergent and other cleaning products with plant-based ingredients. Shoppers sells brand names Bio-life and Sunlight Green Clean.
- Take your own cup to Tim Hortons, Starbucks etc. Their paper cups can be recycled – but only if you leave them there. The City of Toronto does not recycle these paper coffee cups.
- Invest in 6 mason jars. Google 'toxic plastic' to find out what we now know about the effects of long term plastic usage.
- Even if it's once every couple of weeks, buy something organic. All grocery stores now offer a wide range of organic produce.
- Say NO to junk mail. The Green Committee continues to support a "No Junk Mail" policy. If you don't wish to receive store flyers please place one of the colourful cards (located in the container on the wall in the mail room) in your mailbox. The letter carrier will put a red dot on the inside edge of your mail box, and then will return the cards to the container. If you continue to receive junk mail please notify the management office.

***Check out the Green Committee board on a regular basis for upcoming events and green tips.***

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## President's Report

by Mark Thompson

At the board meeting on July 28 our treasurer, Brian Brenie, presented the financial report for June. You may recall that at this time last year our operating account was running a deficit of just over \$132,000. I'm pleased to report that at the end of June this year, we had a surplus of over \$85,000. While there are still many expenses to come (such as the repairs to the octagonal garden, which will begin soon) the board of directors is making every effort to end the year with a surplus.

Unfortunately, the garage account continues to run a deficit. Fewer people use the parking spaces and revenues have dropped. We continue to search for cost cutting measures in garage, and would welcome ideas on how to make the space pay for itself.

The reserve fund is in very good shape and we are moving ahead with projects like the repairs to the expansion joint and some areas of the garage. Last month we received sealed bids for the expansion joint work and hope to have chosen the contractor within the next few weeks.

### Special Assessment

Management has been doing a great job keeping on top of the collection of special assessments. So far, 342 units have paid some or all of their special assessment. Almost half the units have paid in full and several are paying in installments. The few who have yet to pay anything will be soon be getting reminders that full payment are due by December 1. Failure to pay will result in a lien against their units. I encourage anyone who has not yet made arrangement to pay their special assessment to speak to the management office now.

### Bike registration

There are a number of residents who have been waiting for months for a place to park their bicycles. Meanwhile, the bike room has unused spots and spots occupied by bicycles that appear to have been

abandoned. To rectify this problem, the board has asked management to re-register all the bicycles in the building. If you are a bike owner please watch the bulletin boards and channel 13 for more information. We hope to have the registration complete and a bicycle spot for everyone by the end of September.

### Newsletter

After years of producing our community newsletter Martha McGrath has decided to take off her editor's hat and retire. Martha's unwavering dedication to sharing stories, ideas and information that were important to residents, in a way that was always informal and neighbourly, will be hard to replace. But the board wants to make sure that her legacy continues so, if you think you're up to the challenge, we'd like to hear from you.

And to Martha, on behalf of all residents I say; job well done. Thank you.

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## Note from Facilitator

Martha McGrath, Unit 615

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I apologize to Charles Marker for not including his name on the article he wrote last month about the elevators.

Baron, I hope, in this last issue, I finally got your name right.

I want to thank everyone who over the years has submitted articles for this newsletter. Constance Dilley and Charles Marker for doing the "Getting to Know You" column for a couple of years.

Violet Green who shared her many and varied experiences with us in the "Down Memory Lane" section. Sylvia Keshen who regaled us with jokes for many years in the "Sylvia's Korner" section.. Bill McGuire who faithfully did the "Recycling Corner" before the Green Committee was formed.

