



HOMewood

Community Newsletter

 November 2010

President's Report

Every November, the Board sets the budget for the following year and already that process has begun. Management and the Finance Committee are currently analysing this year's financials and starting to think about next year's numbers. Both groups and the Board are meeting every week in November to refine the numbers and finalize the 2011 budget.

An owners' meeting is planned for November 23 at which the budget will be presented and explained. You'll be getting a copy of the budget in the mail in time to review it before the meeting. Please mark the date on your calendar and watch for details on the bulletin boards and on channel 13.

Along with the budget package you'll also receive the new rules. These are the rules discussed at the owners meeting in September. The rules committee has since reviewed and incorporated your suggestions, and a final draft of the proposed new rules was presented to the board in October. Currently, the board and management are reviewing them one last time before you see the final, approved version in just a couple of weeks.

At our board meeting on October 27 the Board accepted the resignation of Chris Lambert.

As a Director and a Past President of the Board, Chris has been a true leader in our community. She oversaw the transition to our new management company and the planning and construction of both the laundry room and the recycling room. She pushed for the development of new committees in order to give owners greater input into the running of our community.

In only two and a half years that's a tremendous set of accomplishments and YCC 75 is stronger because them.

On behalf of the board I want to express our sincere gratitude and wish Chris the very best as she takes a well earned rest. Thank you Chris.

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Save the date!

Owner's Budget Meeting
Tuesday, November 23, 2010
7 p.m.
B1 Recreation Room



November 11, 2010

REMEMBER OUR FALLEN

In Flanders Fields

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

- Dr. John McCrae



Why the poppy?

The association between the poppy and war dates back to the Napoleonic wars, when a writer saw a field of poppies growing over the graves of fallen soldiers.

During the Battle of Ypres in 1915, Canadian Lt.-Col. John McCrae was inspired to write the poem *In Flanders Fields* on sighting the poppies growing beside a grave of a close friend who had died in battle.

The poem was a great inspiration in adopting the poppy as the Flower of Remembrance in Canada, France, the U.S, Britain and Commonwealth countries.

The first poppies were distributed in Canada in 1921.

Today the volunteer donations from the distribution of millions of poppies is an important source of revenue for the Royal Canadian Legion that goes toward helping ex-servicemen and women buy food, and obtain shelter and medical attention.



Can our proxy votes be secret?

by Charles Marker

We recently voted for mayor and city councillor. It was a secret ballot; no one know show we voted unless we chose to tell them.

Canada did not win a seat when the United Nations recently voted for non-permanent members of the Security Council. That was a secret ballot and - despite much speculation - no one knows how any nation voted unless they told.

At our 40 Homewood Annual General Meetings, those in attendance vote for directors of the board by secret ballots and others only know how we voted if we tell them.

But: if we voted by proxy at our AGM, our vote is not secret.

Proxies are kept for 90 days after the AGM election according to the Condominium Act (Sec. 52-7) and are considered records of the corporation. Any owner may request to view records of the corporation, so these proxies are not secret. Any owner may review the proxies and see the votes of each person voting by that method. Of course, even if owners were not allowed to see the proxies in that fashion, the proxies are viewed by the vote counters and scrutineers during the meeting.

The Condominium Manager Magazine (Summer 2010) published an article by Ron Gould describing methods that would preserve the Condo Act's demand that voting by proxy be permitted but would also preserve the privacy of the voter. In his suggestion, the necessary identifying information of the owner (voter) would be printed and noted on the outside of an envelope. This would allow record keepers to make sure who had voted (and that they didn't vote more than once!) but not how they had voted.

Inside the envelope would be a ballot on which the voter would indicate her voting preference, but the voter's name would not be there. So, the counters would tick off that so-and-so from such-and-such unit had, indeed, submitted a vote, but those counting the actual votes would have no indication who was doing the voting.

These seems a fairly simple way of both preserving the right to vote by proxy and the right to have privacy of voting.

And we can still tell whoever we want (and whoever's interested) who we voted for.

November Movies with Don



Friday, November 5
In Memory of Tony Curtis
THE GREAT RACE (1965)
Tony Curtis, Jack Lemmon,
Natalie Wood, Keenan Wynn

Thursday, November 11
A Remembrance Day Special
TWELVE O'CLOCK HIGH (1949)
Gregory Peck, Dean Jagger

Friday, November 19
Lewis Milestone's
HALLELUJAH, I'M A BUM (1933)
Al Jolson, Frank Morgan

Thursday, November 25
A SLIGHT CASE OF MURDER (1938)
starring Edward G. Robinson

Friday, November 26
LARCENY INC. (1942)
Edward G. Robinson, Jane Wyman,
Broderick Crawford, Anthony Quinn



Thank you to the Green Committee for taking the time to present a very educational and informative display in the lobby. The display was well received and appreciated by our residents.

Pictured above are committee members from left – Bill McGuire, Jim Lee, Arlene Adair, John Kell and Martha McGrath.

Will it be a green Christmas?

40 Homewood Annual Christmas Party

Sunday, December 26, 2010

Watch for details on the bulletin boards.



Editor's note: *If you would like to submit an article or volunteer for one of our board committees, please contact us at:*
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Green Committee

The following article is being reprinted due to a formatting glitch in the October issue that resulted in some information being deleted.

Bill McGuire of the Green Committee recently conducted an audit of the 40 Homewood Recycling Room. He came up with the following list of blue "bin sins".

THE RECYCLING BIN SINS OF 40 HOMEWOOD (or what not to put in the blue bins)

1. Materials should be put into the blue recycling bins loose, NOT IN BAGS. There are two exceptions: shredded paper may be put in a clear plastic bag and tied closed; retail and grocery plastic shopping bags may be collected, placed into one bag and the handles tied together. No plastic, twine or drawstring handles.
2. Clear plastic food containers. Even though they may display a recycling symbol, clam shell containers of berries/baked goods, boxes of salad greens and egg cartons are not recyclable and do not belong in the blue bin.
3. Unflattened cardboard boxes. These quickly lead to overflowing blue bins. Oftentimes these boxes contain packaging inside which should be removed. Styrofoam can stay in the blue bin, but other packaging such as plastic bags, plastic wraps, screws, twist ties and liners should be sorted into your garbage.
4. Residues. Food and beverage containers should be rinsed before recycling. Solid food waste can be put into the organic waste pail before recycling the container. Oily food containers can be wiped out with a paper towel (remember to throw the paper towel into your organic waste pail!)
5. Non-recyclable plastic bags. Bags used when purchasing produce, milk bags (inner and outer), bread bags, dry cleaning bags, plastic coated pet food bags are all examples of the many types we accumulate but cannot recycle.
6. Plastic overwrap. This material can be found as packaging for toilet paper, pop and water bottles etc. Sandwich bags and Saran-type wraps are included in this non-recycling category.
7. Plastic blister packs
8. Paper towels, Kleenex, paper napkins. Note: these items go into your organic waste pail for the green bin. If they have been soiled with chemicals (like Pledge or Windex for example) then toss into the garbage.
9. Multi-material items. A common example of this "bin sin" is paper flyers in a plastic bag. The flyers go into the blue bin, the plastic bag into the garbage. Another example is cardboard fruit baskets with plastic handles. The plastic handles are to be removed and put into the garbage, the cardboard box into the blue bin. Likewise, paper shopping bags with twine or plastic handles require the handles to be removed and placed in the garbage before recycling the bag.
10. Plastic pails with or without metal handles. An example is kitty litter pails.
11. Snack food bags such as potato chips bags
12. All coat hangers regardless of what material they are made of.
13. Ceramic and clay materials such as mugs, plates plant pots etc.
14. Plastic flower pots and planters.
15. Plastic windows on boxes. You will see these on Kleenex boxes for example. Remove and discard the plastic window-- the box is now good to go into the blue bin!