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HOMewood

Community Newsletter

August, 2013



Recycling Blue Bags

If your recycling blue bag is lost or damaged, you may get one at the office.



Come celebrate our newly landscaped patio with a

Barbecue

August 10, 2013

5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Tickets: \$7.00

Includes burger, hot dog, salad, dessert and soft drink (wine available w/donation)

Tickets available in the office

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER BBQ'ers

If interested, please give your name and contact information to the office.



Use Of Common Rooms

Some owners are apparently perplexed about the guidelines for use of our common rooms. Here is a clarification.

Non-reserved rooms

Some rooms cannot be reserved or booked for a particular group or person or event. These are **the Exercise Room, the Pool, the Laundry Room and the Library**. During their open hours, they are available to all residents.

Rooms that can be reserved

There are two rooms that can be reserved: the **Meeting Room** and the **Recreation Room**. The meeting (former the multi-purpose) room can only be reserved or booked for the board or a board committee. No other groups or persons may reserve it and thus, when it is not reserved, it is available to all residents.

When do you have to pay rent?

Since the **Meeting Room** can only be reserved by the board or a committee of the board, there is no rent.

The **Recreation Room**, on the other hand, may have a rental charge (\$50) for a booking. Here's how that works: if the reservation or booking of the recreation room is by the Condo Corporation or by one of its committees (e.g., the Social Committee), there is of course no rental charge; if an individual or an informal group reserves the room for an activity which is free and open to all residents (e.g., the former tai chi class, a free and open session with a dog trainer, etc.), there is no rental fee; if the room is booked by an individual or a group for a private event (e.g., someone's birthday party or a meeting of a group that a

resident belongs to) and admittance is only by invitation, there is a rental charge.

What are the restrictions for commercial or profit?

If the recreation room is reserved for a commercial or profit-making event (i.e., those attending are there only by paying a fee, such as for a class or seminar), then a rental fee is charged. Also, in the case of a commercial or for-profit activity, there must be prior approval of the specific event by the Board of Directors. The main thing the Board will wish to see is evidence of the liability insurance coverage of the person booking the room (or leading the class or activity).

Maureen and Stefanie

We thanked Maureen Houlihan in the June issue and Stefanie McQuaid in the July issue, but some people didn't catch both of those and wondered why we didn't thank both.

Maureen and Stefanie were each appointed to vacancies on the board during the board year 2010 - 2011. Both ran and won election to two-year terms in 2011.

Stefanie served as Secretary and Maureen as Vice President. Each headed one of the standing committees (Governing Documents and Five Year Planning, respectively).

Both are thanked by the board, management and the community.



Resident Parking

Parking in the owners parking area requires everyone to have a 40 Homewood sticker on their car. If your sticker needs replacing see the office. Cars without stickers may be subject to ticketing.

Security goes through parking and is posting notices on cars without stickers and will call in City of Toronto parking control if the car remains in the owners parking area without a sticker. They do not have time to be checking a renters list so please make sure your sticker is visible and on the front window on the driver's side. Backing into your rented parking space also allows for easy visibility for security when checking.

Contribute to the Newsletter

Residents are encouraged to submit things for the Newsletter: ideas, articles, reports, reviews, recipes, artwork, drawings, you name it!

Send your contribution or contact the Newsletter— drop a note at the office or to newsletter40homewood@gmail.com

August



Don's Movies For August

All movies at 7:30pm in Recreation Room

Friday, August 2

THE SCARLET PIMPERNEL (1982)

Anthony Andrews, Jane Seymour

Thursday, August 8

THE BIG COMBO (1955)

Cornel Wilde, Richard Conte, Brian Donlevy

Friday, August 2

THE DARK CORNER (1946)

Mark Stevens, Lucille Ball, Clifton Webb

Thursday, August 15

TEN WANTED MEN (1956)

Randolph Scott, Richard Boone

Friday, August 16

AND THEN THERE WERE NONE (1945)

Barry Fitzgerald, Louis Hayward, John Huston

Thursday, August 22

THE HUCKSTERS (1947)

Clark Gable, Deborah Kerr, Lana Turner

Friday, August 23

HONKY TONK (1941)

Clark Gable, Lana Turner, Claire Trevor

Thursday, August 29

ROBERTA (1935)

Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers, Irene Dunne,
Randolph Scott, Lucille Ball

Friday, August 30

LOVELY TO LOOK AT (1952)

Howard Keel, Kathryn Grayson, Ann Miller,
Red Skelton, Zsa Zsa Gabor

Pet of the Month



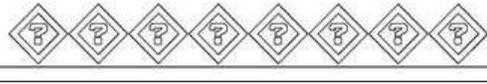
Kitty in the City



Hello! My name is Kitty in the City. I'm a pretty girl with long grey hair that is silver on the underside and big green eyes. My owner, Arlene, calls me Kitty for short but will often use my full name, especially if I am misbehaving. I do enjoy getting into cupboards, closets and refrigerators. Ripping apart flowers and digging into houseplants can keep me busy for hours. I like to play with my stuffed toy mice, roll around the catnip, run, jump and leap. But my favourite activity is cuddling with my owner and being the centre of attention.

In my kitten days I was well looked after by Arlene's daughter, Melissa. But then Melissa asked her mom if I could stay with her "a little while". That was 10 years ago! We have no complaints though.

We've lived at 40 Homewood for the past 5 years now. I love living here and watching the pretty park-like scenes outside my window. What a lovely place to call home.



Didja know?

WHY:

Why is shifting responsibility to someone else called 'passing the buck'?

A: In card games, it was once customary to pass an item, called a buck, from player to player to indicate whose turn it was to deal. If a player did not wish to assume the responsibility of dealing, he would 'pass the buck' to the next player.

WHY:

Why do X's at the end of a letter signify kisses?

BECAUSE:

In the Middle Ages, when many people were unable to read or write, documents were often signed using an X. Kissing the X represented an oath to fulfill obligations specified in the document. The X and the kiss eventually became synonymous

The Laundry Room Bulletin Board

The Board has adopted these guidelines for use of the bulletin board in the laundry room.

1. It is for residents to post items that may be of interest to other residents.
2. Residents shall not post any material that violates any statute.
3. Residents shall not post any information that violates another person's privacy.
4. Residents shall not remove a bulletin that is not their own.

Procedure:

The bulletin board will be monitored, and notices that are beyond three weeks old will be removed. This applies particularly to things that are intended to be temporary such as items for sale or rent.



Poking Around In Pokhara

by Kirby Go

There are a few cities in the world where the name alone sounds so exotic and the mere utterance of the word is like casting a spell, a spell that evokes a kind of physiological response in one's being. Cities like "Samarkand," "Lahore," "Xanadu," "Torshavn," "Timbuktu" and most definitely "Pokhara." That's one of the reasons why I came to Pokhara without reading or knowing much about it.

Imagine my surprise when I was let off the bus at midday. It was a sweltering 30 degrees Celsius and all around me I saw tourists milling around an area saturated with hotels, restaurants, souvenir shops, clothing and hiking shops, cafes, bars, massage places. This is not at all what I had in mind. Oh well, maybe things will be different after lunch. I walked into a local restaurant still clinging to hope of finding something exotic like Yak brains simmered in a pool of its own blood lightly seasoned with cumin and saffron on rice; instead the friendly waiter recommended pizza.

I quickly realized what Pokhara is all about. The second biggest cosmopolitan city of Nepal, located in a valley, it is in close proximity to the Annapurna mountain range which contains three out of the world's 10 highest peaks. Though not as popular as Everest, this circuit is widely known as prettier and more scenic than Everest. The range is only 30 linear miles out of the city making Pokhara a convenient base for trekkers. It offers all the amenities of a city, and most everyone here is either getting ready for the trek or relaxing after the trek.

Then I started getting a complex, "maybe I should go for a three day trek too," but before this crazy thought took root, I told myself "Kirby, you're not white! only white folks would spend their hard earned vacation walking for days; you're Asian, you pay people to walk for you." And with that, I thought it was time for another snack.

The longer I poked around Pokhara, the more it grew on me. I was able to get a kiwi lime pie, a killer espresso and the most amazing hour and a half of full body massage for 20 bucks. But what finally endeared me to the city was the lake, Phewa Tal, and the mountains surrounding it. This is what made Pokhara special: the big lake is milky green in colour, peaceful and still. The mountain ranges surrounding it wrap around the lake like jewelry settings on a precious stone.

Colourful canoes shaped like flower petals congregate by the riverside, and there's a lively atmosphere by the docks, with pilgrims hiring boats to row to a Hindu temple located on a small island in the middle of the lake. I joined a group of them, families young and old, groups of teenagers giggling and giving each other flirty glances, and lovers holding hands whispering sweet nothings to each other. The short boat ride across was so amazingly satisfying I made a mental note to return.



Another highlight in Pokhara is visiting the city's landmark, the World Peace Pagoda. This stunning piece of architecture is a Japanese-built white stupa (a dome-shaped structure erected as a Buddhist shrine), gilded in gold, set on top of the mountain overlooking the city from the other side of the lake. For this, I woke up early to take advantage of the cooler temperature of early morning. I hired a boat to take me across the lake and then I started my hour of stair master workout straight up the mountain. The scenery was spectacular but nothing prepared me for the simple beauty of the massive white stupa, with four gold Buddhas in niches of the structure. Being so early, I was the only tourist so far. Pretty soon, two local kids said hi to me and for some reason followed me around like puppies.

The brother and sister team ask a whole slew of personal questions, from the standard, "What's your name?" "where are you from?" to "What is your religion?." I said "Christian," and the boy added "why are you here?" to which I replied "Because it's pretty. "That answer seems to have satisfied the young boy, but his sister didn't let up: her follow up question was as comical as it is thought provoking. She asked "Do you love Jesus?"

On my last day in Pokhara, I decided to rent a kayak and go at it alone. I walked down to the lake shore and found one for hire. I squeezed myself into the kayak. It took three skinny Nepali to push me out to the water, then I started paddling, right stroke, left stroke, right, left, right, left... Just enjoying the rhythm and the solitude, I paddled to the little temple island and circled it. I paddled to the other side and followed the shoreline for some time. A couple of hours later, I paddled my way back to the main dock on the other shore.

While in the middle of the lake, I realized that this kayak I'd rented was not really made of plastic, or fiber glass: on closer inspection and to my horror, I was convinced that it was made of paper mache with enough patch jobs that they started to look like an unintended design. I found myself panicking in the middle of the lake. I am going to drown, I was convinced of it. Funny how my first thought was "oh shit! My iPhone is going to die."

After a few seconds of these thoughts, I took a deep breath and told myself to relax. I'd been paddling close to two hours, and if nothing had happened by then, nothing was going to happen now, and with that, I stopped paddling for a bit, looked around and was greeted with the most amazing sunset! It was a cloudy afternoon, not big clusters of cumulous clouds but an even thin layer of cloud that appears almost misty, and the sun was a visible red ball slowly dipping behind a mountain. It cast the most spectacular hues of pink! The mountain ranges on both sides of the lake appeared in different shades of pinks from darker to lighter, the sky above me and around me was pink, the water below me was pink. I swear I was in the midst of a computer-generated world; it was the most surreal experience to feel like I was floating in mid air with pink all around me. At that moment, I allowed Pokhara to hold me in her arms, and

peace descended upon me and all was right in the world.

Briefs From The Green Committee

- The Recycling and Garbage Rooms are looking much better this year, thanks to the hard work of Daniel and Eugene and to the rescheduling of hours arranged by Donald.
- There is a new AutoShare outlet at the rear of the building on the southeast corner of Homewood and Wellesley. That lot is just north of Our Lady of Lourdes School so just up the block from us. It might be only a temporary outlet since it was set up to accommodate garage repairs at 15 Maitland Place.
- Thanks to all residents who contribute their pop can tabs in the containers in the Laundry Room and in the Recycling Room. Large bagfuls of the tabs were delivered to the depot at the Hospital for Sick Children. These aluminum tabs are sold and the money goes toward funding wheelchairs for those who need them but can't afford them.
- Go through your old duds! Time to get some new ones for the autumn. The Green Committee will be sponsoring a Clothing Drive again this year in September (later part of the month).





Man of Steel

By Jeffrey Amos

In the past, when a movie was successful, especially one based upon comic book superheroes, it would be followed by one or several sequels that continued and expanded the story. However, there are only so many well known comic book characters (such as Batman, Spider-Man, and in the case of the subject of this review – Superman). So the trend in recent years has been a “reboot”. In other words, instead of further sequels, the story is retold from the beginning in a different way from the original film. The first superhero movie to do this was *Batman Begins* in 2005 and the trend has continued to 2013, resulting in the film *Man of Steel*, a reboot of the story of Superman. The result is a mixed bag of a movie that was not entirely satisfying.

The movie essentially tells the same story in one film that was covered in *Superman* (1978) and *Superman 2* (1980). General Zod, the military commander of the planet Krypton, has attempted a coup of the government. As a result, he is banished with some of his followers to the Phantom Zone, a kind of fourth dimension prison in space. Unfortunately, the planet is doomed so Jor-El (Russell Crowe) launches his son Kal-El (Henry Cavill as an adult) into space towards earth where his space vessel lands outside Smallville, Kansas and he is raised by the childless couple Jonathan and Martha Kent (Kevin Costner/Diane Lane) as their own son and is named Clark. He discovers as a child that he has superpowers and eventually as an adult takes the form of Superman where he performs acts of heroism. Unfortunately, General Zod and his followers are freed from the Phantom Zone and come to earth to destroy Jor-El's son. They also have an agenda of their own that Superman needs to stop.

The first hour of the movie is quite good. The director, Zack Snyder, has directed several superhero-themed films before (*300*, *Watchmen*) and is very creative in his portrayal of Krypton. This first hour includes some of the best scenes in the movie which involve Clark Kent/Superman as a child realizing the extent of his powers and

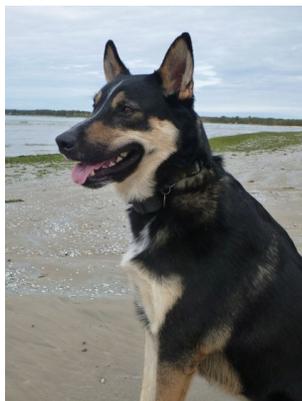
his adopted father's insistence that he should not use them, even to save people, since they will not understand. Kevin Costner gives one of his best performances in years, even though the part is small. I also found it very creative that Superman/Clark Kent is portrayed as someone who needs to find himself as a young adult. Unlike the first *Superman* movie where he almost immediately becomes Superman when he reaches adulthood, *Man of Steel* portrays him as a drifter looking for a purpose, working various jobs such as on an oil rig. Also, it is very creative the way that the movie introduces Daily Planet reporter Lois Lane (Amy Adams) into the story.

Unfortunately, the second half of the movie almost completely falls apart. Essentially, Superman and General Zod engage in what I can only describe as a one hour superhero equivalent of a bar fight which almost destroys the city of Metropolis. The action scenes are standard and repetitive. The CGI is good, but one can only be impressed so much as Superman lunges at General Zod again and again, sending them both flying through ten or more office towers, which subsequently collapse. Although Michael Shannon gives a decent performance as Zod, there is very little character development and he seems constantly angry and enraged. He seemed to be a superhero in need of Anger Management Therapy.

Another one of the problems that I had with this film is that it was too deadly serious. There was no humour or comic relief whatsoever, something that has worked well in recent superhero films (such as *The Avengers* and the *Iron Man* movies). The General Zod of the 1978 and 1980 films (Terence Stamp) was much more interesting, and entertaining (“Kneel Before Zod!”).

I must praise British actor Henry Cavill for his performance as Superman. After having starred on TV in *The Tudors*, and in the films *Stardust* and *Immortals*, he was chosen for the role of Superman and does a half decent job. It is too bad, especially in the second half of the film, that he is given very little to do other than that extended fight with General Zod.

In summary, *Man of Steel* gets a mixed review. Superman and action fans may like it. However, fans of the original *Superman* films, and those who like their superhero movies with a little camp and humour, will be disappointed. *Man of Steel* gets 2 ½ stars out of 4.



The Little Social Worker

(Akira is 4 years old and a mix of Siberian Husky, Border Collie and Blue Heeler (Australian cattle dog). Rachel and Danielle have had him since he was nine weeks old and he shares their home along with their 20 year-old cat, Vita, whom he adores.)

Here's a recent story...

Rachel was walking back home from Pet Valu with Akira when he kept turning around and pulling. Thinking he just wanted to go back into the pet store, Rachel gave a couple of tugs on the lead and told Akira to heel.

He started whining, so Rachel turned around to see what exactly he was pulling toward, only to see a woman in her 20s. Rachel figured the woman must have dog treats in her hands since Akira started nosing her hands quite rudely. Rachel tried pulling Akira away, but he started repeatedly jumping on Rachel in between nosing the woman's hands with an urgency that caught Rachel off guard a little.

When Rachel finally made eye contact with the woman to apologize for Akira's behaviour, she realized that the woman was crying. Then, the woman opened her hands to reveal a box of razor blades. She told Rachel that she had been feeling extremely depressed and was thinking crazy thoughts. She asked Rachel to get rid of the razor

blades for her and then dropped to her knees and hugged Akira. He kissed away her tears, she thanked him, and then got onto a street car and rode away, leaving Rachel stunned and Akira much calmer.

Rachel and Danielle say, "We tend to think of Akira's sensitivity as a huge challenge. He's always been hard to walk, and hard to get focused and a little anxious around other dogs, but this experience makes it all seem strangely worth it. We think he may have saved the woman's life that night. Our friends have nicknamed him 'The Little Social Worker'." Rachel De Grâce



Gardens and Landscaping

In order to improve the maintenance and appearance of our grounds, the following things will be put into effect.

First, the landscaping firm has been reminded that, besides lawn-cutting, their contract includes maintenance of flower beds (e.g., weeding) and trimming (e.g., hedges).

Second, spots have been identified that need manual watering.

Third, we are going to get bids for a revamp and upgrade of the underground sprinkler system.

Fourth, soil in some areas will be replaced or replenished and fertilizer added where needed.



Questions and Answers to and from the Board and Management

Question: When will the leak(s) in the women's sauna be fixed?

Answer: Further testing for the elusive source(s) of the leaks is needed. This fixing should be done before the autumn.

Question: What is the status now of the elevator modernization project?

Answer: The bids on the project should be in within the next week or so, and then the Board, the Property Manager and the Consultant will review the bids and select the best candidate.

Question: When will the hallway carpets be cleaned?

Answer: A. Early August. There are places where the stains are difficult to remove.

Question: When will the brick front sidewalk repairs be finished?

Answer: They should be finished by the publication date of this Newsletter. Because of the faulty drainage situation (the interlocking bricks being laid OVER the older concrete sidewalk, which was much wider), many of the bricks had become seriously corroded by water and salt. Midway, then, we had to buy new bricks, which added \$10,000 to the original price of \$14,000. The new bricks should last at least 10 years. Re-laying the old corroded ones would have meant another project in three or four years.

Those old bricks in good condition will be stored for use in repairs as needed. A new drainage system has been added.

Question: When will bike parking spaces be assigned to those on the waiting list?

Answer: All bike parking spots will be re-registered in order to update the overall data. There are new tags which should not become unreadable, as the current ones sometimes do. Then the new and vacated bike spots will be allocated to those on the waiting list.

Those who no longer use their bikes would benefit their neighbours by selling their bikes or donating them to a bike charity. There are people out there who need bicycles. See the website or office for a list of such charities.

Question: When is this year's testing of the individual unit smoke alarms?

Answer: Mid-August. Watch for announcements. Make sure that your alarm is working.

Question: How are our finances at half-way through the year?

Answer: The building operations are in surplus (doing better than the budget set), mainly due to Hydro savings. If we have such a surplus at the end of the year, it might be transferred to the Reserve Fund and buttress our funds for the elevator modernization. The garage is running below budget, mainly because we only have 136 cars parked there now compared to 150 a year ago.

Question: What about the complaints voiced at the AGM about the HD services from Stubbs Communications?

Answer: The Board and Property Manager will be meeting with Stubbs in mid- to late-August to discuss. We think the main issues were related to the HD service quality. If those who have complaints would email the Board soon, it will be helpful to have any complaints in hand for the meeting.

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Question: Any word on Bell Fibe?

Answer: Same word: the building is now connected to the node, but Bell has not “released the signal.” Apparently that is something more complicated than flicking a switch. Bell suggested we call back in five or six months!

Meanwhile, residents will have noticed that the traffic lights up the street are installed but covered with black hoods — and it’s been that way for a couple of months. Guess the City hasn’t “released the signal” either. Maybe Bell and the City of Toronto are run by the same people.

Patio Barbecues



Residents interested in barbecuing are aware that the Corporation bought two barbecues and they will be installed and operational for the Annual BBQ on Saturday, August 10th.

They will be available starting the next day to residents who wish to do their own barbecuing. A BBQ may be booked for an hour for \$5 through either the office or security. You may plan and book ahead or you may be spontaneous and check with the office or security at the last minute to find out whether one of the BBQs is free.

Occasionally the Recreation Room is booked for a private party. In that case, access to the BBQ patio (outside the swimming pool) will be through a new gate that will be installed in the fence by the back door bicycle rack. From there, you will need to go down two staircases to the lower patio.

Most times, the Recreation Room is not booked for a private party (for which rent has been paid) and thus the barbecuers may go through there to the patio and may

also have use of the Recreation Room kitchen and the washrooms in the B1 hallway.

Some will prefer to take their cooked food back up to their units to eat, and others may like to remain at the patio. We have ordered picnic tables, and they will probably be here before the Annual BBQ.

We will be working on the door from the Recreation Room to the patio to assure accessibility for all residents.

If you book a private party and rent the Recreation Room for your exclusive use, you may use a BBQ if you also reserve one of them and pay the additional BBQ fee. That does not, however, mean that the patio is for your exclusive use that evening.

New Name for the MPR

There was a move to find a more suitable and easier-to-remember name for what we’ve been calling the “multi-purpose room” during the past year. Being a long mouthful, that name was one that lent itself to using anonymous-ish and distancing initials.

Through an open meeting chaired by Constance Dilley, names were suggested to the Board of Directors, and the **Meeting Room** was decided to be the most apt.

All our other room names are unpretentious and descriptive: the Library, the Laundry Room, the Recreation Room, etc., and the Meeting Room fits those characteristics.

Its use has evolved over the year so that it is not just a board and committee business meeting room, but is used by people to meet up with each other to chat, to read, to watch out the window, to sit down with a real estate agent and, thanks to **esuite**, to use the wi-fi connection.

See you soon in the **Meeting Room**



Your Pod or My Pod?

In just a half decade, the “pod coffee makers” (e.g., brands Keurig, Tassimo, Nespresso, Bunn) have burgeoned from nothing to 9% of the sales in the coffee industry, and — according to the U.S. National Coffee Association — 13% of the adult U.S. population drinks a coffee made in a single-cup brewer every day.

There are many varieties of coffee available, as well as teas and hot chocolates, depending on the coffee maker. There are also many varied opinions on the taste quality available. Prices for the coffee are not low. Ultimately, the main attraction is the convenience: you don't need to measure coffee grounds, you don't need to arrange a filter, you barely need to wait while the “pressurized brewing” takes place. And then you can just throw away the “pod”!

It can be a challenge to trace the provenance of a brand or to understand the “family tree” or ownership structure of corporations and their holdings and sub-holdings, but in the background (or higher up the tree) from Tassimo is the Gillette Company, the inventor of our disposable culture. The Tassimo machines say “Bosch,” which is BSH Bosch, affiliated with the Siemens Home Appliance Group, the third largest home appliance manufacturer in the world. Bosch/Siemens have teamed with Kraft Foods for Tassimo machines+coffee.

The City of Toronto’s Blue Bin recycling program is not able to process coffee pod and disc products. Throwing them in recycling contaminates the “other marketable recyclable materials that are a valuable revenue source for the City.” (City website) The construction of the pods is problematic: “used coffee grounds remaining under the attached lid contaminate the recycling process and foil lids found on some pods contaminate the plastic recycling process.”

Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, which owns the Keurig brand, says that their K-cups “consist of a combination of plastic, aluminum, organic material (coffee grounds) and a paper filter.” This is a good example of what’s called “hybrid packaging.”

A vice president at TerraCycle says that it’s this “hybrid packaging that makes it very hard for traditional recycling companies.” TerraCycle works with a number of the companies in this business, most of the big ones except for Keurig. The 40 Homewood Green Committee’s arrangement with TerraCycle is for the Tassimo “T-Discs.” We’ve collected, packed up and sent off to TerraCycle close to 5,000 Tassimo T-Discs so far this year. Besides preventing more “fill for the landfill,” these produce points which result in money donated to the Daily Bread Food Bank, Sherbourne and Carlton Branch.

And what does TerraCycle do with these discs? They recycle (or “upcycle”) them into eco-friendly products such as plastic garbage cans, watering cans, benches, cutting boards, hard shells for coolers, playground equipment and plastic lumber.

Recycle ONLY Tassimo brand T-discs here!



Barbecuing On Balconies

Using a BBQ on your balcony is against the rule:

2.10 Barbeques are not permitted on balconies.

The main reason for this is safety: you know, fires, wind and all that!

Secondarily, the smoke and the smells are offensive to your neighbours. Some think that we (and other condos) have too many rules, but they are all geared to the safety of all residents and the building as well to the enjoyment of their homes by all residents.

To accommodate those who enjoy BBQ, our new building BBQs will be available on the patio beginning August 11th after their inauguration at the Annual BBQ on August 10th.
(see other article about the new BBQ use)



Our annual yard sale was a big hit. I hope everyone who was selling their “stuff” made a lot of money.

A crew from the Social Committee put up flyers around the neighborhood, which, despite two rainfalls, survived until the day.

They were Martha MacLachlan, Tammy House, Christine Leask, Brian Brenie and Felix Almeida.

Thanks also go out to Daniel Cooper and Eugene Alvarado for helping to bring the tables from the building to the parkette.

Also special thanks to Daniel for helping Martha MacLachlan to return the tables to the building.

Thank you to Mark Daye for selling the tickets for us.

“Manners of Acting”

From time to time, all of us can use a reminder about the kinds of behaviour we aspire to at 40 Homewood.

It's expressed in one of our rules:

6.1 No Resident shall act in a manner deemed by the Board or management to be unmanageable, rude, disruptive, aggressive, abusive, threatening or harassing in nature toward any Resident, Board member, Property Manager, staff, employee, agent, invitee or contractor of the corporation or management.

Much of this is obvious. Sometimes a rule or a statement like this would be said to be a “harassment policy.”

A form of harassment that can be subtle but intimidating, overladen with humour but aggressive, is verbal sexual harassment. This may involve lewd comments and sexually suggestive remarks, frequently with “double meanings”; often the perpetrator will conceive of himself or herself as joking: Why don't others get the joke?

All of our staff, agents and contractors have been asked to report any such behaviour to Management. Further actions will be taken by Management should such behaviour occur.

This behaviour doesn't belong here any more than rude, disruptive or abusive behaviour.



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