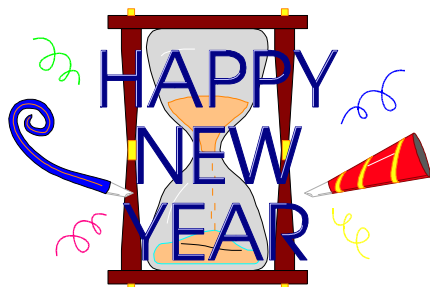




HOMEWOOD

Community Newsletter

January, 2014



January 1, 2014

Merry Christmas – January 7th,
2014 to all of you who follow the
Eastern Orthodox Church.



Christmas Tree Disposal

Some residents will have natural (“real”) Christmas trees for the festive season.

After January 1, the office will call our pickup company, Miller Waste, and we’ll get a date for tree pickup. Watch bulletin boards and channel 13 for announcement of the date. They will not pick up trees with plastic bags or tree bags. Please remove all decorations, tinsel, stands and nails. Place your tree in time for the pickup just north of the garbage shed (not in it, just outside it).

Chinese New Year

新年快乐
2014



Year of the Horse
January 31st, 2014



Kung Hei Fat Choi
Gong Xi Fa Cai

Pets of the Month



Sasha & Winston



Introducing, Sasha (left, in a slightly orange tinge) and Winston!

These barn tabbies were part of a litter of five that was found in a box, abandoned by the side of the road. Hard to imagine that in this day and age, someone could be so irresponsible, when the SPCA would have gladly taken them and put them up for adoption. Anyway, I figure I am truly lucky to have these two lively brothers in my life.

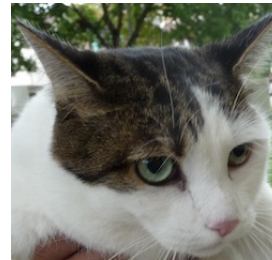
I have not slept a full, contiguous eight hour night since I got them but the joy and laughter that they bring is immeasurable. I find that I have to always stay one step ahead of them. Anything that falls on the ground, or hangs is fair game. They are voracious eaters and at 3 months, they are already bigger than their counterparts.

Nevertheless, I spend hours observing and wishing that I had half of their energy and spirit.

I've always had adult cats before but this was a brave venture into adopting kittens. No regrets, though, as they are adjusting well and have a small vocabulary including, "Treat?" and "Get down!" Took them today to have their first nail clipping (I have the scratches to prove it, as they try to use my leg as a ladder.) They were amazingly calm even when the standard poodle at Pet Value came over to have a sniff!

Oh, and by the way, they now have their own facebook page, too!

Sayonara,
Stefano Osman



Spotty Wisdom

This month he says:

Love thyself unconditionally, it is said, but without self indulgence

New Year Clothing Drive



Once again the Green Committee is sponsoring a clothing drive.

As in our former clothing drives, a truck from the Clothesline Program of the Canadian Diabetes

Association will be at our back entrance on Saturday morning, February 1st, from 9 am to 11 am.

Last January and in September, the drivers of the trucks said that they had never seen such substantial donations!

They are looking for "gently used" clothing, household items and electronics. With electronics, these should be items that still work;

electronic items that no longer work may be put in our e-waste, the electronic waste bins in the Recycling Room.

Despite it now being early January, you might not have made a really good and feasible New Year's Resolution, so try this: "I resolve to spend some time the next several weeks sorting through closets and drawers to find donations for the clothing drive and to make more space in my home."



Dallas Buyers Club

By Jeffrey Amos

Directed by: Jean-Marc Vallée

Starring: Matthew McConaughey, Jared Leto, Jennifer Garner

SYNOPSIS: Ron Woodruff (McConaughey) is a hard living, homophobic rodeo cowboy in the mid-1980s who is diagnosed with HIV and AIDS and given a short time to live. He starts taking AZT which makes him sicker. He soon finds himself in an illegal clinic in Mexico where he is prescribed a cocktail of vitamins, proteins, and other drugs which improves his condition. He educates himself and returns to Dallas. With the help of a sympathetic doctor (Garner) and Rayon (Leto), a transsexual fellow patient, he sets up the Dallas Buyers Club to import and sell these medications to AIDS patients in Dallas, much to the chagrin of the Federal Drug Administration. What starts off as a way to extend his own life becomes a mission to extend and improve the lives of others.

REVIEW: I enjoyed this movie very much, especially McConaughey's performance. As of late, he had appeared in a number of lame romantic comedies and the acting abilities that he exhibited in early movies such as *A Time to Kill* were being wasted. McConaughey gives the kind of performance in which you can see the transition of his character through a number of stages, both emotionally and physically (the usually muscular McConaughey lost 50 lbs for

the role). This is one of the best performances I have seen in the past several years and I hope that he is rewarded come Oscar time. Jared Leto, in the supporting role of the transsexual Rayon, is also very good. I also found it fascinating how the film gave a view of a little known aspect of the early days of the AIDS epidemic, as buyers clubs were created in many cities around the world. While the medication regulators (like the FDA) were taking a slow, methodical approach to testing and approving medications, people with AIDS were doing anything that they could, such as trying alternative therapies and medications, since they had no other choice. They would die otherwise before any effective medications were approved...they had nothing to lose. In conclusion, I believe that this film is a must-see, not only for the excellent performances, but also for the history lesson about a dark and scary time in medical history.

VERDICT: 3 ½ stars out of 4.

★★★½

Gravity

By Jeffrey Amos

Directed by: Alfonso Cuarón

Starring: Sandra Bullock, George Clooney

SYNOPSIS: Dr. Ryan Stone (Bullock) is a scientist on her first space shuttle mission. She and veteran astronaut Matt Kowalski (Clooney) are on a spacewalk outside the shuttle to fix the Hubble Telescope. While still working on the telescope, they are warned about a cloud of space debris coming toward them and are ordered to abort the mission. They are too late...the debris strikes the shuttle, causing Stone to hurtle into space. She is rescued by Kowalski who has a jet pack on his spacesuit. When they return to the shuttle, they discover that the shuttle is destroyed and the crew is dead. They have to find a way to survive and return to Earth.

REVIEW: I have very mixed feelings about this movie. Although I enjoyed it, I don't think it deserves the acclaim that it is receiving except in the field of its precedent-setting visual effects. First, the positives: This movie has the most realistic space special effects in the history of film. I believe that we will look back on this movie as the point at which CGI special effects

were perfected such that they could do anything or create any environment. At no point in this movie was there anything that looked unreal. I saw the movie in 3D, which enhanced these excellent effects. Also, Sandra Bullock gives a very good performance and carries much of the movie by herself. Without giving much away, I can only say that Clooney's performance is really a supporting one. Now, the negatives: This movie has a lot of situations which stretch credibility. For a movie that takes itself so very seriously and tries to be a serious drama, I found that a lot of the scenes in the movie were so far-fetched as to be laughable. Again, I do not want to reveal too much, but one such scene finds Bullock's character travelling through space with the use of a fire extinguisher as a rocket. It seems that her character constantly finds herself in impossible situations that she manages to get out of by the skin of her teeth...until the next one arises. This just didn't work for me. In summary, although I cannot recommend Gravity for the story or the drama, I do recommend seeing it, especially in 3D, in order to experience the revolutionary visual effects on the big screen.

VERDICT: 2 ½ stars out of 4. ★ ★ ½



◆ A farmer wrote to a mail-order house asking "Please send me one of those gasoline engines you show on Page 98. If it's any good, I'll send you a cheque." He received a reply which said "Please send cheque. If it's any good, will send engine."

◆ Mother – "What did you learn in school today?"
Child – "Not enough, I have to go back tomorrow."

◆ An old man lived alone in the country. He wanted to dig his tomato garden but it was very hard work as the ground was very hard. His only son, Vincent, who used to help him, was in prison. The old man wrote

a letter to his son and described his predicament.

Dear Vincent
I am feeling pretty badly because it looks like I won't be able to plant my tomatoes this year. I'm just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. I know if you were here my troubles would be over. I know you would be happy to dig up the plot for me.
Love Dad

A few days later he received a letter from his son.

Dear Dad
Don't dig up that garden. That is where I buried the bodies.
Love Vinnie

At 4am the next morning, FBI agents and local police arrived and dug up the entire area without finding any bodies. They apologized to the old man and left. That same day the old man received another from his son.

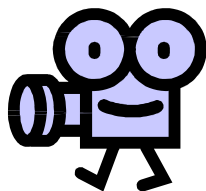
Dear Dad
Go ahead and plant the tomatoes now. That's the best I could do under the circumstances.
Love Vinnie

Smoke Alarms



The first of the year is a good time to change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms.





Don's Movies For January

All movies at 7:30pm in Recreation Room

Friday, January 3

TEA WITH MUSSOLINI (1999)

Maggie Smith, Judi Dench, Cher, Lily Tomlin

Thursday, January 9

& Friday, January 10

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA (1962)

Peter O'Toole, Alec Guinness, Anthony Quinn, Omar Sharif, Claude Rains, Jack Hawkins

Thursday, January 16

INHERIT THE WIND (1960)

Spencer Tracy, Fredric March, Gene Kelly

Friday, January 17

ANATOMY OF A MURDER (1959)

James Stewart, George C. Scott, Lee Remick, Ben Gazzara

Thursday, January 23

TOP HAT (1935)

Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers

Friday, January 24

SHALL WE DANCE (1937)

Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers

Thursday, January 30

THE 39 STEPS (1935)

Robert Donat, Madeleine Carroll

Friday, January 31

GOODBYE MR. CHIPS (1939)

Robert Donat, Greer Garson, John Mills



Drink Coffee While You Print!

The Green Committee's two endeavours with TerraCycle, the recycling of ink jet printer cartridges and of Tassimo coffee t-discs, are going gangbusters!

These are items not accepted for recycling by the City of Toronto's program but can be processed for recycling by TerraCycle (their website: <http://www.terracycle.ca>)

Two things are accomplished: diversion from the garbage stream that goes into landfill and earning money, which is donated to the Daily Bread Food Bank (local branch at Sherbourne and Carlton).

With the money currently in our Terracycle account and that which has already been paid out to the Food Bank, we've donated \$330 in just 13 months!

Congratulations to all residents who are directing these things to the boxes in the Recycling Room "Annex" (at the back).

Not only that, but residents have learned how to put ONLY Tassimo brand discs in the box, so there is much less work weeding for Green Committee members. These things must be counted, bagged, boxed, labelled and sent, postage-free, by UPS.

Accuracy involving ink jets needs a little work still. For example, some people are dumping old computer discs from the 19th century in there. Throw them in the garbage.

Light bulbs for 2014

The old-fashioned incandescent light bulbs will be available only to hoarders soon. Here is an article from "NOW magazine" which we are reprinting with NOW's permission. It was in the weekly "Eco-holic" column by Adria Vasil which often has good tips and information.

Bright ideas

With Canada's light bulb crackdown fast approaching, which bulbs will keep your green cred burning brighter longer?

By ADRIA VASIL, NOW Magazine, November 14, 2013

INCANDESCENT



After a century of lighting up our lives, it's time the classic incandescent bulbs got the boot. Sorry. They're seriously inefficient, wasting most of their energy as heat, and no matter what the package says, 1,500 hours isn't really a "long life." As of January 1, 75- and 100-watt incandescents will be MIA, but lower wattages will have until the end of 2014 to clear out. No hoarding, please. \$1.50/4.

Score: N

EDISON BULB

These vintage throw-backs are all the rage, but will the nation's hipsters get to keep their retro incandescents come ban time? Officials say if they're under 250 lumens (as are all the Edisons I spotted at Canadian Tire), yes, they're exempt. Now these aren't exactly efficient, but you can get more life for your buck if you look for Edisons that advertise a lifespan of 3,000 hours. \$10/1

Score: NN



HALOGEN



Tungsten halogens are a type of incandescent, and the bulb-shaped ones were going to be phased out. Alas, it looks like Canada will be harmonizing with the U.S. and letting halogens stay. You can even get the exposed raw filament feel of retro Edisons if you like. They're supposed to burn for 2,500-3,000 hours, though Noma's seem to burn out fast. The feds say bulb-shaped halogens should be at least 28 per cent more efficient than conventional bulbs. Mercury-free. \$5.99/2

Score: NNN

COMPACT FLUORESCENT

Yes, these mascots of the modern green movement are up to 75 per cent more energy-saving than ye olde classics and are supposed to last 10,000 hours. But there's been a lot of griping about wonky lighting hues, dimming woes, electromagnetic sensitivities and the stress of mercury cleanup if the bulb breaks. Keep in mind, not all CFLs are created equal: Philips, Sylvania and Feit are lower in mercury than most, and some are shatter-resistant. \$9.99/2

Score: NNNN



LEDs



Okay, these puppies used to cost a day's salary and emit less light than a cellphone, but things have changed. You can now get a good 60-watt equivalent in a pretty bulb shape from \$10. LEDs are at least 80 per cent more efficient than incandescents, plus they last 20 to 25 times longer than halogens – from 25,000 to 100,000 hours making them cheaper in the long run. Dimmable and mercury-free. Philips makes some good ones in nice warm tones. From \$10/1

Score: NNNNN

How Much Do You Pay For Utilities? (Hydro, Water, And Gas)

Owners are often surprised when they discover what proportion of their fees pay for utilities. Hydro, water and gas charges amount to 39% of the condo's budget, and the accompanying chart shows how much is paid per month for those utilities according to the unit type and the common element fees.

The chart also shows how much each unit pays into the Reserve Fund which, after utilities, is the second biggest expense. It's 27% of the budget. These two categories, utilities and Reserve, account for two-thirds of the expenses.

Within the utilities category, hydro costs are more than twice the costs of water and gas combined and are slightly more than the Reserve fund costs. So, hydro is the single biggest expense (27.5%).

Utilities have always been the biggest item in the budget due to the electric heat and the fact that other electricity uses are included since the building doesn't have individual metering.

Utilities as a percent of budgets:

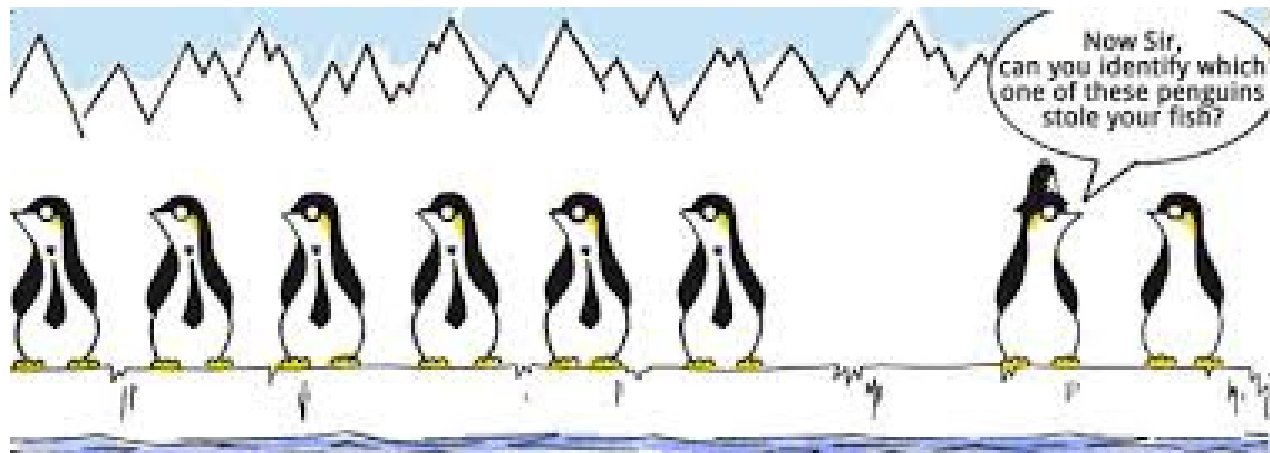
1975	47%
1982	44.6%
1996	38.6%
2003	27%
2014	39%

As reported in the Newsletter in 2013, despite the annual increase for several years in the City's charge for water, 40 Homewood's consumption of water has been down, so that the amount in the budget has been able to stay pretty steady. This is probably attributable to the replacement of toilets and shower-heads and dishwashers, etc., that occur when residents renovate and get more energy-efficient products.

Also, in 2013, hydro costs went down when we returned to Ontario Hydro after a very expensive five-year contract with another party. Compared to 2012, the last year of that contract, hydro costs went down from an average price per kilowatt hour of 15.6 to 11.2, a reduction of 28%.

There are always new ideas and technologies that emerge and some may be relevant, feasible and cost-saving for the building, and all residents are invited to put forward any new ideas.

<u>Unit Type</u>	<u>Suite Numbers</u>	<u>2014 fees</u>	<u>Utilities</u>	<u>Reserve</u>
			39%	27%
Small Bachelor	05, 11, 105, 107	\$274.94	\$107.22	\$74.23
Large Bachelor	08, 10	\$352.43	\$137.45	\$95.16
Small Monette	09	\$331.18	\$129.16	\$89.42
Large Monette	07	\$408.67	\$159.38	\$110.34
Small One Bedroom	03, 06, 12, 103, 106, 108, 112	\$412.42	\$160.84	\$111.35
Medium One Bedroom	102	\$483.65	\$188.62	\$130.59
Large One Bedroom	04, 14, 15, 104, 109, 110	\$533.64	\$208.12	\$144.08
Small Two Bedroom	16, 17, 111	\$502.40	\$195.94	\$135.65
Large Two Bedroom	01, 02, 101	\$617.21	\$240.71	\$166.65



Q & A

Questions to the Board or Management

Question: Are there any updates on the elevator project?

Answer: The actual work, with one elevator at a time out of service, will begin in February. Ian Hambly, our Project Manager and Consultant has offered another meeting with owners for information with a tentative date of Monday, January 20, 7 pm (but stay tuned to boards and channel 13 for confirmed date). This may be of interest to residents who missed the earlier meeting, but all are welcome.

Question: Why are our basement hallways so cold?

Answer: No heat! But now wall-mounted heaters have been installed, two on each floor (B1, B2, B3).

Question: Is there a waiting list still for bicycle parking spots?

Answer: The “deadwood” has been cleared out, those on the list have been accommodated and there are spaces available. The basis for parking spaces remains the same: one spot per resident, and some spots can accommodate two bikes if they don't interfere with others' passage.

Question: Why have there been so many security guards around lately?

Answer: The Board decided to double-up on security guard coverage for the weeks of Christmas and New Year's: two guards at a time, one at the lobby desk, the other patrolling. This is due to a couple of thefts recently, to the fact that there are many visitors (who are strangers to most of us) in and out of the building over the holidays, and to the fact that many residents are away and thus there are fewer eyes and ears on things happening. We

may double-up at the time of World Pride in June, too.



Holiday Buffet Dinner

Thank you once again to the Social Committee for a wonderful event.

The meal was catered by **Absolutely Famished** who always gives us a delicious feast.

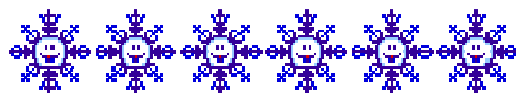
Thank you to the volunteers who helped with the setup and cleanup. They are:

Helen Knight, Brian Brenie, Felix Almeida, Tammy House, Robert Richard, Gilles Bouffard, Christine Leask, Mary Oakley and Martha MacLachlan

Thank you to the numerous volunteers who helped to clean up and put the chairs and tables away whose names have not been mentioned.

It also goes without saying that we are always appreciative of **Erica Lebovic** in the management office who sold the tickets for us. **Thanks Erica**

There are photos of the Holiday Dinner on the website.
(<http://40homewood.org/home/amenities-and-hours/newerphotos>)





"Good Eats, Cheap Eats, Sweet Spots"

by Cammy Lee-Bostwick

Well, fellow 40 Homewooders, it's good to be back after a short hiatus. I'm feeling healthy and hungry! Not too far from us on Parliament is a gem of a Thai restaurant I recently discovered.

What: Sukhothai

Where: 274 Parliament Street, 416-913-8846

Why I like it: This is an authentic Thai restaurant with ingredients and flavours reminiscent of my month-long trek in Thailand in 2002. So, Ginger's this ain't, in price, execution or presentation (not that there's anything wrong with Ginger's). I had the chicken Pad Thai (mild) for \$13.00 (also with beef, or tofu, and shrimp for \$1 extra). The bright green chives and crisp bean sprouts peppered throughout lent a freshness to the entire dish. All-white chicken meat is tender without being greasy. The tamarind sauce and egg add just the right amount of seasoning and substance. Glassy noodles are of a width I've not seen in most Asian fusion restaurants, adding to the experience not typical of Thai restaurants.

I also ordered the chicken soup Guaytiaw Sukhothai, \$10.00 (also with beef, or tofu,

and shrimp for \$1 extra) which arrived in a leaf-shaped bowl accompanied by two smaller leaf-shaped bowls for sharing. It was a bit heavy on the black pepper, but the freshness of the sprouts, noodles, chicken and broth make up for it.

Sukhothai is the real deal; from the staff who are actually Thai to the tasteful yet simple décor to the carefully prepared dishes, you know instantly you're in for something special.

The downside? They get so busy, they don't have time to answer their phones, and you could be in for a wait if there are more than two of you. Still, it is worth it, so either go alone or with your best friend, spouse or sibling.

Happy New Year everyone! And may 2014 bring health, happiness and joy! And many more delicious new food discoveries!



Workers and Contractors

We have a list of workers and contractors that residents of the building have used for their services. The list is

on the website:

<http://40homewood.org/information/bulletin-board>

It would help others if you'd be willing to provide a reference for a worker/contractor you have used. We would require your permission to put your name and email in case a fellow resident needs to get in touch.

See under electricians for an example.

Made any New Year's resolutions??



A VISIT TO THE CANADIAN NATIONAL VIMY MEMORIAL

by Jeffrey Amos

In November, I visited Germany and France and, as part of my voyage, I took a daytrip to the Canadian National Vimy Memorial in Northern France, about 200 km north of Paris. The Vimy Memorial is one of only two National Historic Sites of Canada located outside of Canada. Constructed in the 1930s on the site of the Battle of Vimy Ridge at the highest point of the ridge, it serves as a memorial for all Canadian soldiers killed in France during the First World War, as well as a place of commemoration for Canadian soldiers killed or presumed dead who have no known grave.

For those who are not familiar with the Battle of Vimy Ridge, it was a military engagement that took place in 1917 as part of the Battle of Arras, and was the first time that all four divisions of the Canadian Expeditionary Force participated in a battle together. Against all odds, the Canadians captured from the Germans an escarpment (Vimy Ridge) with great strategic importance, as it provides a natural unobstructed view for miles in each direction.

This victory was not without a price - over 3500 Canadian soldiers died and many more were wounded. This battle is considered among historians to be one of the defining moments in which Canada's national identity was forged as being separate and distinct from that of Britain. In gratitude, France granted a section of land to Canada permanently on which to construct this memorial.

Approaching the memorial in my rental car, I was struck by how large it is and how it dominates its surroundings. The structure was designed by Toronto sculptor Walter Seymour Allward, who won a 1921 competition to design the memorial. A project of immense scope and planning, construction of the limestone memorial started in 1925 and took 11 years to complete by an army of construction crews and sculptors. The statues attached to the memorial were sculpted separately in a studio, and the memorial structure was constructed of limestone over a cast concrete frame.

It was dedicated by King Edward VIII in 1936 and almost 8,000 Canadians came on steamships from Canada and England for the dedication. The memorial is so impressive that Adolf Hitler, who was apparently moved by it, had it guarded against damage after the Nazis captured France in 1940.

The memorial is a very emotional experience to visit. It is dominated by twin white pylons that rise 30 metres – one bears the maple leaf (representing Canada), and the other bears the fleur-de-lis (representing France), symbolizing the unity and sacrifice of both countries in the First World War. On either side of the Western Steps are the Mourning Parents, one male and one female figure, who represent the mourning mothers and fathers of the nation who have lost their sons in battle.

At the front centre of the memorial is the sculpted figure “Mother Canada”, which represents the young nation of Canada mourning her dead. This figure is placed overlooking the hill where a majority of the battle took place and where many soldiers took their last breath. Wrapped around the memorial are the inscribed names of all the missing soldiers in France with no known grave.

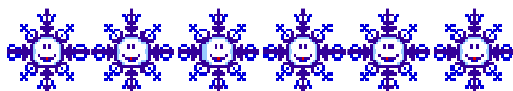
There are many other sculptures which are part of the memorial, such as carved cannons covered in laurels which symbolize peace after a time of war. On the site are the remains of trenches and tunnels that have been preserved and cordoned off. There is also a visitor centre where people can learn more about the Battle of Vimy Ridge and Canada's contribution in the First World War.

I visited the memorial at an especially important time. Although I was not able to visit in time for the Remembrance Day ceremony, I visited on November 14 when there were still aspects of the ceremony visible. Many people had placed wreaths, flowers, and other items in memory of their deceased relatives.

It appears that a number of schools in Canada had taken part in a project where students and teachers had written letters to deceased soldiers to thank them for their sacrifice and their part in making the world a better place. These letters had been laminated in plastic and left at the site by visiting Canadian students. Reading these letters brought tears to my eyes. Some of the students writing these letters were in high school and only a very few years younger than some of the soldiers who died in horrific conditions with their entire lives ahead of them.

It's sometimes easy to forget that the world that we have today, despite its problems, is relatively peaceful compared to most times throughout history. Part of this is because of the immense losses and sacrifices that occurred during the two World Wars. Before I left the memorial, I pondered the changes that have occurred, especially in Europe since the ravages of the World Wars, and I didn't have to go far to find the perfect metaphor for the changes than opening up my wallet and looking at the Euro bills and coins inside. The first half of my trip took place in Germany and the second half in France, but I used the same currency – the Euro – in both. This would have been unthinkable at one time. These two countries were periodically at war, but now are part of the European Union and are great allies that even share the same currency. This is partly due to the sacrifices of the soldiers like those who gave their lives at Vimy Ridge.

If you are visiting Paris or Brussels (or even Western Belgium) at any time in the future, I strongly recommend a trip to the Vimy Memorial. From Paris it's a short train trip to Arras where you can rent a car or take a taxi to the memorial site. You won't be disappointed.



Everyone loves a good deal and many of us are great bargain hunters. So as we roll into 2014, the 40 Homewood newsletter hopes to offer a new feature on a regular basis. Let's call it Great Deals.

Here's a few examples:

Carlton Cinema, just east of Yonge St., offers \$5 tickets on Tuesdays all day long. But even when it's not Tuesday, ticket prices are still lower than major theatre chains. Eg. \$6 for seniors (and children), \$7 for students and \$7.50 for afternoon matinees for adults. Evening prices are \$9.50.

The same deal also goes for the **Rainbow Cinema** at Market Square on Front St. W. about halfway between Jarvis and Church St.

On Tuesdays, **Metro supermarkets** offer a cooked "mammoth" chicken special for \$6.99 after 4 p.m. (The bird really is quite large, enough to feed 3 or 4.) There are two Metro locations close by, one at College Park and one on Gould St., just east of Church St.

On Wednesdays, **Longo** offers a cooked 1 kg chicken for \$6.99. The closest location is at 100 Bloor St. E. between Yonge and Church Sts.

But there are loads of great deals out there and close by that you know about, whether its restaurants with special meal deals, bulk food stores, discount clothing stores and/or services that offer great value at a great price.

Many places offer special discounts for seniors or students.

Please share your bargain tips with the rest of us. Everyone loves to save some money. Everyone loves a great deal.



Resident Information Form

Attached to this Newsletter is another copy of the Resident Information Form which was mailed to owners a month ago in the budget package.

Owners who rent out units are asked to take responsibility to be sure that their tenants have a form and that they complete the form. Tenants could, however, not wait for their landlord but fill out this form, or get one from the office, or find one on the website. (<http://40homewood.org/administration/forms>)

This whole endeavour is to thoroughly update the data in new software for comprehensive and retrievable unit information. It includes locker numbers, car and bike parking space numbers, important emergency information (VERY important when it's needed!), etc.

One of the main motivations is to do this as a part of updating fob information so that stray and misused fobs can be cancelled.

All owners and all tenants are asked to return this completed form by January 31. Fob cancellation is risked for those who fail to reply.

Any questions about how to answer the form's questions may be directed to the office.

Thanks for everyone's cooperation.



Losing Power

40 Homewood residents were very lucky during the recent ice storm to be able to stay home, be warm and read on our tablets about power outages around the city.

During the North American blackout in August 2003, we lost power for approximately 24 hours. That was the norm for this city. Everyone was too warm without air conditioning, but no one froze due to lack of heat. Our emergency generator failed, mainly affecting the elevator service.

Still, there is a big contrast between having no power for a day and no power for a week! For a day, we can almost hold our collective breaths and wait.

Besides making sure that the emergency generator would work another time, lists were compiled of supplies that everyone should have on hand in case of a loss of electricity: flashlights, canned food and non-electric can openers, fresh water, etc.

But what strategies and plans could be in place in the event of an extended power loss, such as several days or a week? Do residents have some contributions or ideas to make to such a question? If so, contact: newsletter40homewood@gmail.com

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		Green Comm. Meeting		INHERIT THE WIND	ANATOMY OF A MURDER	
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26	27 Bridge	28	29	30	31	Feb. 1
		Green Comm. Meeting		THE 39 STEPS	GOODBYE MR. CHIPS	Clothing Drive