
40 Homewood Community Newsletter

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Gonna Be a Bear

By Sylvia Keshen

Whatever Holiday you celebrate around this time of year, be it **Christmas**, or **Hanukkah** or any other, may it be a happy and peaceful season for each and every one of you.

- ★Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
- ★Joyeux Noël et Bonne Année!
- ★Feliz Navidad y Próspero Año Nuevo
- ★Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo
- ★Boas Festas e um feliz Ano Novo
- ★Wesolych Swiat i Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku.
- ★Kellemes karácsonyi ünnepeket és Boldog újévet
- ★Kala Christougenna Ki'eftihismenos O Kenourios Chronos
- ★Froehliche Weihnachten und ein glückliches Neues Jahr!
- ★Pozdrevlyayu s prazdnikom Rozhdestva i s Novim Godom
- ★Maligayang Pasko at Manigong Bagong Taon
- ★Colo sana wintom tiebeen
- ★Sung Tan Chuk Ha
- ★Milad Saeed wa Sanaa Mubarakah
- ★Shinnen omedeto. Kurisumasu Omedeto
- ★Shenoraavor Nor Dari yev Soorp Janunt
- ★Veselohe Vam Rizdva i Shehastlyvoho Novoho Roku!
- ★Pax hominibus bonae voluntatis
- ★Seng Dan Fai Lok, Sang Nian Fai Lok

In this life, I'm a woman
In my next life, I'd like to come back as a bear.
When you're a bear, you get to hibernate and sleep for 6 months.
I could deal with that!
Before you hibernate, you're supposed to eat yourself stupid.
I could deal with that too!
When you're a girl bear, you bear your children (who are the size of walnuts) while you're sleeping and wake up to partially grown cute, cuddly cubs,
I could definitely deal with that!
If you're a mama bear, everyone knows you mean business. You swat anyone who bothers your cubs. If your cubs get out of control, you swat them too.
I could deal with that!
If you're a bear, your mate expects you to wake up growling. He expects you to have hairy legs and excess body fat.
Yup, gonna be a bear!



Let's, welcome **Jackie Green**, Unit #107. Jackie moved into our building in June 2003 and has a little dog that she describes as "the little dog that thinks she is so tough when she is outside".but not so inside. No doubt a lot of you have seen Jackie and her dog by now. Next time say "Hi".

Maintenance Fees for 2004

At the Budget meeting on November 19th, the maintenance fees for 2004 were announced. Some of us on fixed incomes are going to have to dig deep. Yikes!!!

The amounts are as follows:

Small Bachelor	05, 11, 105, 107	190.58
Large Bachelor	08, 10	244.29
Small Monette	09	229.56
Large Monette	07	283.27
Small 1 B'room	03, 06, 12, 103, 108, 112	285.87
Med. 1 B'room	102	335.35
Large 1 B'room	94, 14, 15, 104, 110	369.90
Small 2 B'room	16, 17, 111	348.24
Large 2 B'room	01, 02, 110	427.83

The big increase in maintenance fees is due to the high costs of Utilities. Details on the costs of Hydro, Water and Gas can be found in the 2004 Budget package under the President's Report on Page 2.

Holiday Hours for the Management Office

The hours for the Management Office on the holiday weekends are as follows:

Wednesday, December 24, 2003 - 10:00 am - Noon

Thursday, December 25, 2003 - Closed

Friday, December 26, 2003 - Closed

Wednesday, December 31, 2003 - 10:00 am - Noon

Thursday, January 1, 2004 - Closed

Friday, January 2, 2004 - Closed

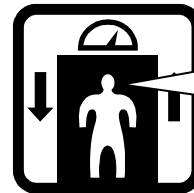
Bob Leah is an active member of "Man to Man" a support group of men fighting prostate cancer. These great guys, who meet twice a month prove that "You Don't Have to Fight it alone". For more information, Bob's email address is; bob.leah@primus.ca

Visitor Parking Passes



As the office will be closed for **four** consecutive days, it is suggested that you get your Visitor Parking permits early in order to avoid a rush at the last minute.

Freight Elevator



I feel like I'm in a padded cell

I have heard many comments from people about the pads on the **freight elevator**. They are there to protect the new cab from damage. The cameras installed in the elevators are the same security cameras we have everywhere else. The cameras record by movement and because there is so much movement on elevators, our computer only stores three days of seven days as before. Once this problem is solved and we can view at least a weekend's worth of tapes, then the pads will only go up when there is a scheduled move.



Laundry Tokens

Just a reminder to stock up on tokens you will need for the holiday weekends as the office will be closed for four days.

CLASSIFIED

Jackie Green in Unit # has an oak bench in need of one of the arms being reattached. Please contact her ☎ 416-920-8681 if you are willing to do the repairs for her.



Ride Needed

Jackie Green in Unit 107 needs a ride to **Innisfil** (south of Barrie) on December 23rd or 24th. She will have her dog (15 lbs.) and some Christmas presents. She is also looking for a ride back on December 26th. Please contact Jackie at ☎ 416-920-8681 if you can accommodate her.

Indoor Yard Sale

Attendance at the indoor Art and Yard Sale. was sparse to say the least. Most of us just made enough to recover the cost of our tables. Oh well, nothing ventured, nothing gained.

Many thanks to **Margaret Osmond** who organized this event for us.

Let's look forward to having an outdoor one next Spring.



Congratulations to **Helen Knight** from all your friends at 40 Homewood on the occasion of your upcoming award on December Tenth. The Government of Ontario Volunteer Service Award recognizes your many years of loving service to both Trinity Hospice and Fife House. Loads of love from **Fritzi** to his Mom. and from your neighbour Buddybob.

Gimme a Break

By Florence Rice

Some weeks ago, Management sent a memo to the occupants of the № 7 Line. This memo outlined the problems I have been experiencing due to the fact that my unit has an extra large balcony. First of all, I would like to thank Management for taking this action, and secondly, to provide the occupants of the № 7 Line. with a list of the problems

Since moving into the building in August 2002, I have had to either sweep up, or scrape off the following from the balcony.

A large smashed Spanish onion
Cigarette ends
Beer bottle caps
Most of a can of crushed tomatoes
A loaf of bread – still in its wrapper
Shells of sunflower seeds
Excrement from both gulls and smaller birds
Expectoration

In addition:

- Quilts were laundered and then hung soaking wet over an outside balcony wall to dry.
- flowers were watered at least three times a day – even at 2:30-3:00 a.m.

This of course, results in water either pouring or spilling down on to my balcony – both directly and through the small water pipes on each balcony.

This occurs in spite of Management's best efforts to communicate through "Things You Should Know About 40 Homewood", Balcony Rules and Did You Know facts on Channel 13. We are, of course, all well aware of recent costly repairs. Letters of complaint have also been sent to the individual(s) involved.

It would be nice to think people appreciate what Management is doing to ensure that life will be comfortable for each and every resident. The fact that they are doing a lot to maintain and enhance the value of the building, avoiding a "subsidized" look, should also be appreciated. Perhaps even a goal for each and every one of us.



Recycle Right



Let's keep the "back porch" clean

By Paul Comtesse

After dumping paper and other recyclables into the appropriate dumpster, I tie a knot into the empty plastic bag before throwing it into the brown dumpster. This way I know that the ugly flying bags flopping in the wind off near-by trees are not mine.

"Live" Christmas Trees

If you have a "real" Christmas tree, please make sure that it does not become a fire hazard.

When finished with it, please phone or come into the Management office and staff will dispose of it for you.



Snow Removal Or Lack Of It

By Bob Leah

Last winter the snow-covered and icy conditions of Homewood Ave. sidewalks were very dangerous. Owners were not clearing their sidewalks! We can do something about this by reporting the address to the Works Snow Removal Department at 416-392-7768. Please join me in making 40 Homewood's voice heard, if you're "Mad as Hell and Not Going to Take it Anymore."

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.

Upcoming Activities

Christmas Carols – December

7, 2003, 2 – 4 pm in the recreation room. Attend and enjoy an afternoon of singing Christmas carols with your neighbors. Baked goods are welcomed



To everyone who has a birthday this month

Note from the Editor

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Thank you to everyone who gave me good words about this newsletter. It is great to know that people are enjoying it.

May I take this opportunity to say that I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas season and that 2004 will be a good year for all of us.

As a personal note, I hope I don't have to undergo as much surgery as I did in 2003 and that you will see me getting around without my walker real soon.

If I omitted noting Merry Christmas & Happy New Year in anyone's language, it was certainly not intentional and I apologize.

Martha