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# 40 Homewood Community Newsletter

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May 2004 be a Happy and Prosperous year for each and every one of us.

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Merry Christmas – January 7<sup>th</sup>, to all of you who follow the Eastern Orthodox Church.

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## Chinese New Year

January 22, 2004

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Kung Hei Fat Choi

Gong Xi Fa Cai

“Wishing You Success and Prosperity”

2004 is the year of the Monkey



## New Baby

Let's congratulate **Lisa Layland** and **Fabio Calabrese** who welcomed their new daughter **Lyrice Isabella Calabrese-Layland** into the world September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2003. Mom, Dad and Baby are all doing fine.

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## Thank You's

TO **Bill Covey** who decorated our lobby, library and the tree in the recreation room for us. Everything looks wonderfully festive

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TO **Violet Green** who, again this year, co-ordinated our **FOOD BANK** contributions. A total of \$300.00 and over 400 lbs. of food were collected and sent off to the Daily Bread Food Bank. Thanks to all of you who donated.

FROM the management and staff TO everyone who was so generous to them over the holidays and they wish everyone a Happy New Year.

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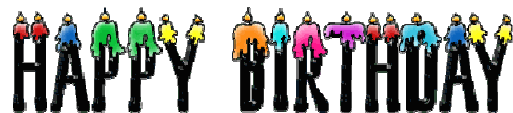
## Smoke Alarms



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

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To everyone who has a birthday this month

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## Area News

by..Bob Leah, Community Co-ordinator 40  
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- The Re kai Long Term Facility excavation has begun on the old Wellesley Hospital Site.
- The St. Jamestown Community Centre and Public Library is proceeding on target.
- Permits and tenders for the new Our Lady of Lourdes School are nearing completion. Work could begin this winter. The holdup was partly due to the inclusion of underground parking in the application.
- The neighbourhood safety walks are being joined by more and more concerned people in the area.
- An application to build a small apartment building at 51 Homewood was not approved by the Committee of Adjustment.
- I am trying to get the unsightly fence facing Homewood removed and replaced with wrought iron.
- Please be aware that car theft and break-ins and bicycle theft is prevalent both in the Homewood Avenue area and north of us.
- In 2004 major streetcar line repairs will effect the 506 Carlton route. Starting as soon as February diversions between Lansdowne and Coxwell may effect riders by early spring.

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## ♪ ♪ Carol Singing ♪ ♪

About 35 people gathered together on December 7<sup>th</sup> to sing Christmas Carols and enjoy some munchies. A good time was had by all. It was nice seeing **Mena Head** again along with little **Jasmin** and **Marley**. **Elinor Hooper** very graciously led us all in song and played the keyboard. Thanks go out to everyone who made the afternoon a success—**Violet Green, Margaret Osmond, Arthur Martin, Russell Baxter, John Kell, and Joanne and Huw Sangster,**

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## Weather Channel

After an awful lot of back and forth negotiation, the **Weather Channel** is finally up and running on № 53.

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## Memories

By Violet Green

Years ago when most of us were students at public school, one of our lessons was called Penmanship. We learned to write instead of printing. Then we progressed to composing and writing a letter. A couple of centuries ago, that's how the mail service began. Thousands of years ago letter writers were highly regarded.

For the first thirty-eight years of my 40 years in Canada, I averaged a letter a day as I believe in good communication and wanted to give people who received my letters a good feeling that someone cared enough to sit down and write to him or her.

Also, now that we have email, fax letters and much cheaper telephone rates, letter writing will soon become another memory.

I still write letters because I like to I like to check my mailbox and find letters written to me. It gives me a warm feeling to know that someone has given their time and energy to write to me

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## Noise Restrictions

by Charles Marker, 1814

Some residents apparently don't know that repair and renovation noises (drilling, pounding, tapping, etc.) are restricted to weekdays and Saturdays, 8 am - 6pm. They are not allowed at all on Sundays and holidays. This schedule is apparently an attempt to balance the needs for repairs that we all have from time to time and the expectations that we're all entitled to for peace and quiet.

Even light tapping is a sound that carries through our concrete floors and walls and can be disturbing to others. The restrictions are noted on Channel 13 and in "Things You Should Know About 40 Homewood."

Aside from repairs and renovations, for those with noisy hobbies, there is a hobby room in the building which can be borrowed through arrangement with the Office.

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## Murder Mystery Evening #2



Plans are in the works for another Murder Mystery evening to be held at the end of February.

Watch the bulletin boards, Channel 13 and this newsletter for more information.

We will again be asking for volunteer actors who want to have fun participating.

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### MY GET-UP-AND GO, GOT UP AND WENT

Submitted by Sylvia Keshen

How do I know my youth has been spent?  
Because my 'get-up-and-go' got up and went.

But in spite of it all, I am able to grin  
When I think where my 'get-up-and-go' has been!

Old age is golden I have heard it said  
But sometimes I wonder as I go to bed,  
My ears in a drawer, my teeth in a cup,  
My eyes on the table, until I wake up.  
Ere sleep dims my eyes, I say to myself,  
"Is there anything else I should lay on the shelf?"

And I am happy to say as I close the door,  
"My friends are the same as in days of yore."  
When I was young, my slippers were red  
I could kick my heels right over my head,  
When I grew older, my slippers were blue,  
But I could dance the whole night through,  
But now that I am old, my slippers are black,  
I walk to the corner and puff my way back!  
The reason I know my youth has been spent  
My 'get-up-and-go' just got up and went.  
But I really don't mind as I think with a grin  
Of all the places my 'get-up' has been.  
Since I've retired from life's competition  
I busy myself with complete repetition.  
I get up each morning, dust off my wits  
Pick up the paper and read the "obits".  
If my name is missing, I know I'm not dead  
So I eat a good breakfast and go back to bed.

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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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Recycle Right



Let's Go Flat

Please flatten cardboard boxes, large  
plastic bottles, milk and juice cartons,  
pop cans and drink boxes before putting  
them in the recycling bins. We are  
running out of space.

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## NOTICES

As notices can no longer be posted on the elevators, it is important for everyone to check the bulletin boards and Channel 13 to know what events are happening in the building. There will be monitor screens in the new elevator cabs but they are just for urgent messages that residents **must** know. They will not be used for posting the movie notices or recycling information or other events happening in the building.

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### Laundry Room Etiquette

Please do not open the door of a dryer in operation. It shuts the machine off. If you do happen to do this, please push the button to restart it

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## Safety

By Florence Rice

### **ATTENTION LADIES**

It's that time again. Daylight saving time has ended and it will be getting dark earlier in the late day. Also, the holidays will be upon us so we will be out shopping etc. Anyway, please read below to refresh your "smart" skills.

Please take the time to read this. I know you are smart enough to know these pointers but there will be some, where you will go "Hmm I must remember that". After reading this, forward it to someone you care about. It never hurts to be careful in this crazy world we live in.

◆Tip from Tae Kwon Do: The elbow is the strongest point on your body. If you are close enough to use it, do!

◆ Learned this from a tourist guide to New Orleans. If a robber asks for your wallet and/or purse, **DO NOT HAND IT TO HIM**. Toss it away from you....chances are that he is more interested in your wallet and/or purse than you and he will go for the wallet/purse. **RUN LIKE MAD IN THE OTHER DIRECTION!**

◆ If you are ever thrown into the trunk of a car: Kick out the back tail lights and stick your arm out the hole and start waving like crazy. The driver won't see you but everybody else will. This has saved lives

◆ Women have a tendency to get into their cars after shopping, eating, working, etc., and just sit (doing their check book, or making a list, etc.) **DON'T DO THIS!** The predator will be watching you, and this is the perfect opportunity for him to get in on the passenger side, put a gun to your head, and tell you where to go. **AS SOON AS YOU GET INTO YOUR CAR, LOCK THE DOORS AND LEAVE.**

◆ **ALWAYS** take the elevator instead of the stairs. (Stairwells are horrible places to be alone and the perfect crime spot).

◆ If the predator has a gun and you are not under his control, **ALWAYS RUN!** The predator will only hit you (a running target) 4 in 100 times; And even then, it most likely **WILL NOT** be a vital organ. **RUN**

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## Don't Slam Your Door



Please do not let your door slam in the wee hours of the morning. It is disturbing to your neighbours, most of whom are sleeping then.

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## Note from the Editor

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**Happy New Year to everyone.**

I personally am glad to see 2003 come to an end. For me this year meant surgery for two knee replacements and surgery on my right hand for carpal tunnel syndrome. Another hand surgery is coming up early in 2004 but hopefully, no more new body parts.

For all of us, we can be glad that the balconies are finished, the elevators are renovated, the garage is nearly finished. There was so much upheaval in the building this year. Incessant drilling noise, dust, switching parking spaces, dirty cars, less space for visitor parking, bicycles on elevators, only three elevators for a while, and a blackout were some of the things that everyone had to put up with this year. I think we have all weathered the storm very well and look forward to the next few years when we will have no ongoing major projects.

*Martha*

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