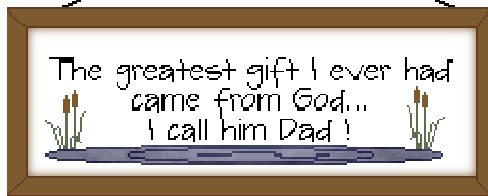

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PRIDE WEEK

June 20th – 26th, 2005

Pride Parade

Sunday, June 26th, 2005



Down Memory Lane

By Violet

I started my new life in Canada in 1983 in a small town on Lake

Erie. The name is Port Dover and was known as the largest inland fishing port in the world. Perch and pickerel were shipped to Japan around the early 60's. Lake Erie had a very abundant supply in those years.

I lived in a house occupied by the widow of the town's late doctor and we got along together very well.

Near the time of my first Christmas, Ida asked if I would like to attend a church Christmas supper. I had never heard of them but she soon enlightened me.

On the appointed evening, we entered the church, where the meal was to be served in the basement.

One of the helpers came up to tell us all the places were filled, but as soon as two were free, someone would come up to escort us down for the meal.

We sat in a pew and began to pass the time with idle chatter until we realized we had been there for a long time, so Ida went to investigate. To the helper's horror and ours, we had been forgotten and all the food had been eaten. Fortunately, we saw the funny side of the situation, as we had seated ourselves and couldn't be served.

However, quick thinking and fast action at the local grocery store solved the problem. So my first turkey supper turned out to be cold ham, instant potatoes and canned peas. Some desserts were still available. I must say that after that poor beginning, I did enjoy many delicious church suppers, during my three years in Port Dover.



Getting To Know You



Marianne Gallagher

Marianne left the farm near Dresden—parents, two sisters and a brother—for Toronto at 18. She had no idea she would end up in the offices of John Diefenbaker or Bob Rae. First came jewelry making, odd jobs, and a secretarial course.

A move to Ottawa and a grant sent her to Carleton University to study sociology and a summer driving a taxi. Then, a job in the secretarial pool of the House of Commons loaned her to work for Dief for three months. Later, it was on to become David Lewis' secretary and a permanent attachment to the NDP. In 1972, she toured all of Canada with him. It was the event of a lifetime.

Another highlight was working out of the Twilight Motel where Bud Wildman, MPP, had his constituency office, 17 miles north of Sault Ste Marie. She did everything: beaver dams, property rights, and welfare. She loved advocating, getting things done. A move to Toronto was followed by many other interesting jobs; the toughest being Finance Minister Floyd Laughren's assistant for three years. When time came to access her pension, she was ready. Marianne bought a car, a computer and a digital camera and settled into a different life.

She loves hiking, canoeing, and being outdoors. An avid painter and photographer, Marianne hopes—after Homewood—to return again to live in the country, for the peace and the beauty.





Getting To Know You



Ib Stelhof

Ib was four years old when the war came to Denmark. Son of a German mother, an older Danish father and raised a Lutheran (tough, but fair), Ib's street smarts got him through that time. He fought when he had to, connived to get an extra piece of bread, and spent a lot of time in the principal's office.

After the war, life was still hard, and he was working part-time, delivering for a grocer by age 12. "If you can carry 50 bottles of beer up three flights, you're hired." He could, and he was. By 16, regular schooling was over and a series of short-term jobs—construction work, sidecar motorcycle delivery, soap manufacturing—was coupled with night school. Wanting to be a pilot, but not having good sight, he entered the Air Force as a military policeman in 1955.

In 1958, he set off for Canada with \$120 in his pocket. It wasn't long before he was working for the movers Tippet Richardson, this time moving pianos up three flights. After five years, he got a chauffeur's license.

For the next 20 years, Ib drove trucks for Canadian Pacific, even 18-wheelers. In 1982, a stroke severely paralyzed his right side, ending his workdays, though he was still able to drive his own car until it died recently. Ib and his wife are original owners at Homewood, where life is "good".

*Credits and thanks for this section go to
Connie John & Charles Marker*





Getting To Know You

Submitted by Charles Marker

Suggest your neighbours or friends. – Volunteer yourselves. – Participate in the "Getting To Know You" section of the Newsletter (see page 2).

Qualification—residence at 40 Homewood (renter or owner or mortgagee).

What happens—we (Connie John and Charles Marker) meet with you for 30 - 60 minutes - at your place **or** Charles' place. Photos are taken. The draft of the write-up is submitted to you for corrections. That's it!

To suggest someone, see us, see Martha (editor) or call Charles at 416-968-3458.

Come on—it's painless.



Don't Slam Your Door



With doors and windows now open, please do not let your door slam. It is very easy for a breeze to catch the door and let it slam.

Kids Say the Darndest Things



While walking along the sidewalk in front of his church, a minister heard the intoning of a prayer that nearly made his collar wilt. Apparently, his 5-year-old son and his playmates had found a dead robin. Feeling that proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box and cotton batting, then dug a hole and made ready for the disposal of the deceased. The minister's son was chosen to say the appropriate prayers and with sonorous dignity, intoned his version of what he thought is father always said, "Glory be unto the Faaather, and unto the Sonnn and into the hole he gooooes."

Thanks Violet

Garbage Chute

When putting your garbage down the chute on each floor, please shove it all the way in. Those doors are hard to handle and people with canes or walkers have quite a struggle sometimes to get their garbage down.

If you have a home care worker who empties the garbage for you, could you please ask them to follow that procedure?



Didja know?

That you can now obtain your OHIP card in the newly opened office in College Park. No longer a need to go up to Shepherd Ave.



**PLEASE DON'T FEED THE
PIGEONS ON OUR PROPERTY.
THEY ARE GETTING OUT OF
HAND.**



Recycling Corner

MAKE IT FLAT!

Boxes (cereal, tissue, detergent, etc.); corrugated cardboard boxes, Large flexible plastic bottles; small plastic spring-water bottles—step on them. Milk or juice cartons



Area News

By Bob Leah

WELLESLEY CENTRA PLACE (Sherbourne & Wellesley)

The Reikai People manages this new long-term facility. **Open House and Tour** will take place, Saturday, June 18th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

MONTAGUE PARKETTE

Darryl Vossen, supervisor, Parks and Recreation for our street met with me in the parkette. During our walk around, Darryl made notes on the following:

- ~ For safety reasons, the hedges located along the north side need trimming to a lower height.
- ~ The steps leading to the patio area need repair.
- ~ Wooden planters need fixing.
- ~ Replace dead trees that were removed.
- ~ Patio area clean up needed.
- ~ Tall trees lining the west side need serious attention.
- ~ 4 potholes, dug by dogs, are hazardous.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL

~ **Don MacLeod**, school principal will be on site mid-August, preparing for the fall term.

~ New furniture, for staff offices and student classrooms is being purchased.

~ Enrollment for the fall term is filling up rapidly, but parents can still register by calling 416-393-5221

WORKS INPECTION

Paul Hyde (Banting House B&B) and **Bob Leah** will meet with city works inspectors **Anthony Bartolo** and **Arturs Berg** for a walk around of the neighbourhood. (Yes, the house of the peeling paint will be included). Also 51 Homewood, vacant lot needs a major cleanup....and as they say in the ads, much, much more.

THANKS DEPARTMENT

To: Darryl Vossen, Parks & Recreation Supervisor, for responding to **The Homewood Neighbourhood Association's** request for six more litter containers in **Allan Gardens** and the inspection tour of **Montague Parkette**.

To: Property Management and **The Board of Directors of YCC #75** who have always, always, been number one in supporting The Homewood Neighbourhood Association in working for safety and quality of life in our area.

Annual General Meeting

Thursday, June 16, 2005
Primrose Hotel.
7:30 pm

Schedule of Meetings

Wednesday, June 8, 2005 – Financial Mtg.
Sunday, June 12, 2005 – Nomination Mtg.
Thursday, June 16, 2005 – A.G.M.

There will be three-vacancies on the Board of Directors this year. The two-year terms of **Ivan Cody**, President, **Ron Browne**, Vice-President and **Denise Redwood**, Treasurer expire.

(There was a typo in last month's issue...it is Thursday, June 16th not the 15th.)



A CHRISTMAS DINNER IN JUNE!!!

JUNE 11th, 2005
Recreation Room, B1 Level
6:00 pm
\$20.00

Salad, Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings, Pie-a-la-mode

Tickets available from the office.
Please purchase tickets before June 6th in order that we know how many people are attending.

Hope to see you there!

Ongoing Projects



Television The Corporation has signed a contract with Davia Private Cable Systems.

Watch for notices that will require information as to whether you will or won't require digital. This is required in order for Management to order the right number of boxes.



Caulking Work on the caulking and waterproofing of the windows has commenced.

The north end and west side will be completed this year. Wait for notices on what must be cleaned off your balconies.

Ongoing Activities



Bridge in the recreation room, Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:30 pm.



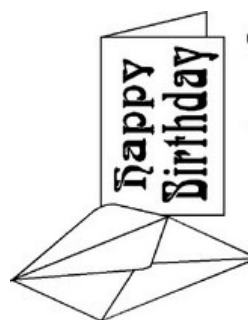
Movies with Don in the recreation room, Thursdays or Fridays at 7:30, Notices posted every week.

BRAIN TEASERS

What do you think the following mean?
Last month's answers

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|---------------------|
| 1. Holes |
| 2. Back to Square 1 |
| 3. High Chair |
| 4. Sand Box |

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3. Math The	4. Lang4uage



Birthdays this Month

June



Flower – Rose
Birthstone – Pearl

Do You Know Your Credit Rating?

Mike Morley has agreed to conduct another presentation on protecting your credit. It will be held in the Recreation Room on June 1st at 7:30 pm. The people who attended the first one thought it was worthwhile.



Yard Sale

Planning for our **yard sale** is now in the works. Mark **Saturday, July 16th** on your diaries. Watch for notices on the bulletin boards



The pansies in the octagon and the flowerpots in the front of the building are being replaced on June 1st. Any residents who want to take some for their own use are welcome to do so.



Our Garbage

By John Kell

An update on our current problems with garbage collection and in particular what role recycling has to do with alleviation of some of that problem?

It would appear that the Provincial government has no particular plan in place but to truck our garbage to the United States and deposit our waste across the border. That of course, is the current state of affairs at the municipal level. We are now being reacquainted with the fact that the City of Toronto is actually going to charge us to truck away our garbage in the near future whether we recycle or not.

The worse situation I've come across recently is when I contacted the corporate giant Loblaw's and President's Choice brands. There is no plan for refunding products for example, plastic bottles, aluminum cans, etc. All mention a refund when empty containers are returned but, get this, it only applies to the eastern provinces like Nova Scotia or P.E.I. Where is the rationale here in Toronto when Loblaw's corporate offices are here in North Toronto, which is the city that gave birth to the corporate giant. Why is the Provincial government not taking them at their printed word and making them give the consumer their refund like the beer stores for example? The same should be true for all the glass we throw away—wine and liquor bottles come to mind. Our non-existent landfills in the GTA seem to have been filled up with a lot of needless waste.

Everyone seems to want to pass the buck whether it's the municipal government blaming the provincial government for lack of funding to the city. In any event the tax payer always gets it in the neck as usual so things seem to be getting worse – not better where our garbage collection is concerned. What are our elected representatives doing about it like Kyle Rae or George Smitherman — “nothing” Is the answer that I received at those two levels of government when I inquired. So what else is new, eh? What kind of corporate citizenship is being practiced by these conglomerates to ease the problem of garbage collection? I wonder if they are getting charged too.



To each member of the Board of Directors who personally donated funds in order that the Cabbagetown Quilters Guild could rent the meeting room for an evening.

The quilters were working on a project for or the “Rites of Spring” festival at Riverdale Farm. The project was to prepare fabric pieces for the children to make tiny pillows for their moms for Mother's Day. It meant framing hundreds of pieces of muslin, with different fabric, getting them ready for the children to embellish at the event with beads or buttons or other decorative method. With 4 people sewing, one ironing and one cutting, we were able to accomplish our task.

The actual event went fantastically, with about 150 kids showing up and making pillows. At the end of the day, the quilters were tired and the kids and moms and dads enjoyed themselves very much and each child went out carrying their masterpiece.



MISS UNIVERSE NATALIE GLEBOVA

Congratulations Natalie! It is very deserving and I am sure everyone here is so happy for your win.

Hope you enjoy your exciting year of travel. It must be the thrill of a lifetime.

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