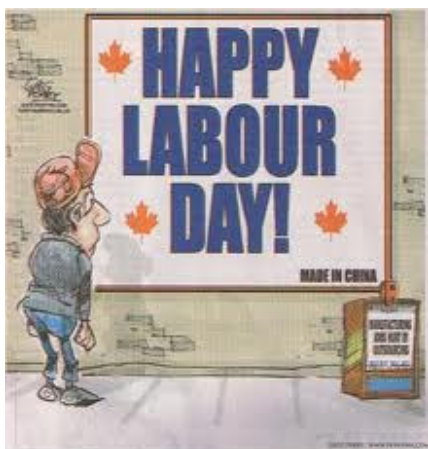


# 40 HOMEWOOD *Community Newsletter*

*September, 2014*



**September 1, 2014**



**September 27, 2014**



## Newsletter Committee

Is there anyone out there who would like to join the Newsletter

Committee? We need some more people on the committee and of course, people are encouraged to submit articles at any time.



# The Case of the Vanishing Text

By Martha McGrath

The top right column of the last page of August's newsletter was blank.

When I put the newsletter together, the text was there. I use Word to create it but In the process of converting it from Word to PDF, the text vanished. I guess it is somewhere out there in cyber space.

Here is what was missing:

## WHY:

In golf, where did the term 'Caddie' come from?

## BECAUSE:

When Mary Queen of Scots went to France as a young girl, Louis, King of France, learned that she loved the Scots game 'golf.' He had the first course outside of Scotland built for her enjoyment. To make sure she was properly chaperoned (and guarded) while she played, Louis hired cadets from a military school to accompany her. Mary liked this a lot and when returned to Scotland (not a very good idea in the long run), she took the practice with her. In French, the word cadet is pronounced 'ca-day' and the Scots changed it into 'caddie.'

## WHY:

Why are many coin collection jar banks shaped like pigs?

## BECAUSE:

Long ago, dishes and cookware in Europe were made of a dense orange clay called 'pygg'. When people saved coins in jars made of this clay, the jars became known as 'pygg banks.' When an English potter misunderstood the word, he made a container that resembled a pig and it caught on.



## Don's Movies For Sept,

**All movies at 7:30pm in Recreation Room**

Thursday, September 4  
and Friday, September 5  
**GONE WITH THE WIND (1939)**

Clark Gable, Vivien Leigh,  
Olivia deHavilland, Leslie Howard

Thursday, September 11  
**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL GUNFIGHTER (1971)**

James Garner, Suzanne Pleshette

Friday, September 12  
**VICTOR, VICTORIA (1982)**  
Julie Andrews, James Garner,

Thursday, September 18  
**TO HAVE AND HAVE NOT (1944)**  
Humphrey Bogart, Lauren Bacall

Friday, September 19  
**YOUNG MAN WITH A HORN (1950)**  
Kirk Douglas, Doris Day, Lauren Bacall

Thursday, September 25  
**GOOD WILL HUNTING (1987)**  
Robin Williams, Matt Damon,  
Ben Affleck, Minnie Driver

Friday, September 26  
**DEAD POETS SOCIETY (1989)**  
Robin Williams, Ethan Hawke

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## IN MEMORIAM

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### Walter Sinclair

Walter died on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014. He was the Scottish man from the Orkneys. We will miss seeing his friendly face sitting in the lobby or on his way to the store.

### Roger Godin

Roger was a long time resident of 40 Homewood. He passed away peacefully on August 4, 2014, with his friends Martha MacLachlan and Jim Lefort by his side,. Roger was 85 and had been living at Leisure World St. George for the past three years.



Walter and Roger



### Spotty Wisdom

This month Spotty says:

It is our responsibilities not our ego we should take seriously

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### Pet of the Month



No pet wanted to be featured in the newsletter this month.

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September 4<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014

The Toronto International Film Festival is the leading public film festival in the world, screening more than 300 films from 60+ countries every September.

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## "Good Eats, Cheap Eats, Sweet Spots"

by Cammy Lee-  
Bostwick

Hey Fellow Foodies!

A few years back it was my goal to find the best fish and chips in Toronto. I've gone all around and here are some top picks: Penrose Fish and Chips on Mount Pleasant, Duckworth's by the Bluffs or on the Danforth East, Chippy's on Queen, and York Fish and Chips in the East end, just to name a few off the top of my head. And if you were treating me, at any time or day of the week ... to *any* of the above, well..I would be all over it! But I have to say, that as much as I love all those places, for different reasons, I keep coming back to my good ole' standby: Harbord Fish and Chips.

And it is also the closest one to us and easy to get to (just take the Wellesley bus going west and it takes you right there).

What I love about it: the batter. It is so crispy, light and very tempura like, and almost a bit sweet. Hard to put my finger on it, but time and again it is the crispiness and the fluffy white halibut that makes this place always my personal favourite. That and probably the fact that in the summer you can sit out on the picnic tables and eat, while every single passerby will check you out..or your fish that is (we stopped counting after 5). It is quite amusing and fun for convo as you people watch and are watched by people. This is not

the place to go if you want a wedge of real lemon for your fish (they have packets of lemon juice), or if you like gravy with your fries. Their chips are fresh cut and good, and are fine with ketchup. And coming from one who *loves* gravy and *has to* have lemon with her fish, I honestly don't think these F & C need either. I love to taste the sweetness of the fish. There really isn't anything gourmet or elevated about it, it's just good greasy grub.

Now for what I'm not crazy about: batter can sometimes be a bit overdone; next time I'm going to ask they under-fry. Another thing is that portions are massive! (see pic), and what you see in the pic is half an order of fries. Even the halibut, would be fine at half the size, but then again, I guess, that is why they charge \$13.20 for a regular order. So if you get 2 piece fish and one chips at \$23.99, it is a bit of a savings although still somewhat pricey, especially if you add one pop and a cole slaw which rounds it off \$30 which for me, honestly is a bit steep for 'fast food'. So when we go, we make it a thing....'date-like'...sit on the picnic tables, chat, and maybe go for a Krispy Creme after ...which is mere blocks away...







## September Clothing Drive

Our sixth clothing drive is scheduled for Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014, with a truck from the Canadian Diabetes Association at our back door from 9:00 - 11:00 that morning. If someone needs to get an early exit the Green Committee will accept donations at the back door starting at 8:00 a.m

We will be serving fairtrade, organic coffee during the clothing drive. If a resident doesn't have a clothing donation they are still welcome to come down for a morning cup of coffee!

A few helpful hints: Clothing and **small** household items in good condition are welcome. Small household items should be placed in a box. Delicate items should be wrapped in newspaper to avoid breakage. Lamps should have bulbs removed. Clothing must be in bags that are tied closed.

The Clothing Drives are sponsored and arranged by the Green Committee: they fit all three R's - reduce, reuse, recycle.

Because the complement of the Green Committee has reduced, we will need some helpers to help load the truck that morning.

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## "Singing for our Lives" JOIN A CHOIR

By Charlie Andrews

According to recent research, people who sing live longer, in addition to a variety of health benefits.

There are two choirs in Toronto looking for new singers. NO AUDITION or EXPERIENCE REQUIRED.

The first choir is: COMMON THREAD CHORUS (Toronto's Social Justice Choir). visit: [www.commonthreadchorus.ca](http://www.commonthreadchorus.ca) to learn more about joining, or contact: [info@commonthreadchorus.ca](mailto:info@commonthreadchorus.ca)

The second choir is: SINGING OUT! (Toronto's LGBTQ+ Choir). Visit: [www.singingout.com](http://www.singingout.com) to learn more information about joining, or contact: [info@singingout.com](mailto:info@singingout.com)

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## Cabbagetown Festival



September 5<sup>th</sup> –  
September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Parliament Street  
closed from

Wellesley to Gerrard.

Carlton Street closed from Parliament to Berkley

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# RECIPE EXCHANGE

Dish up this hot, summery dessert in just a few minutes – and there's no need to share, this one's just for you.

## Personal peach crumble

Prep: 5 min

Total: 10 min

Makes: 1 serving

## Ingredients

- 2 tbsp quick oats
- 1 tbsp flour
- 2 tsp butter
- 3 tsp brown sugar
- pinch cinnamon
- pinch salt
- 2 peaches, peeled and chopped
- 1/2 tsp lemon juice
- Pinch lemon zest

## Instructions

- **STIR** oats with flour, butter, 1 tsp brown sugar, cinnamon and salt in a small frying pan over medium high. Cook, stirring until mixture is crumbly, golden and the flour is cooked through, 3 to 5 min. Reserve.
- **COMBINE** peaches with 2 tsp brown sugar, lemon juice and zest in a mug. Microwave on high for 1 minute.
- **SPOON** crumble over peaches. Serve with ice cream. Enjoy!



# Barbecue



The Barbeque on August 9<sup>th</sup> was a big success with over 40 tickets sold.

Thanks go out to the Social Committee and

volunteers:

Martha MacLachlan

Sarah MacLachlan

Helen Knight

Mary Oakley

Brian Brenie

Special thanks go out to Joseph Woods who was the only one handling the barbeques and singlehandedly fed over 44 people.

Thanks also to Erica Lebovic for selling the tickets for us and keeping record of the attendees.

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## Let's Talk.



A good way to get to know your neighbours and encourage more of a sense of community in the building is to talk to each other in the elevators.

It can be your vertical sidewalk.



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## Board Changes

Since the AGM we have had some changes on the Board at 40 Homewood.

Both Charles Marker and Laurel Adams have had to resign for health or personal reasons and the Board has appointed Craig Trask and Stephanus Greeff to fill the vacancies until the next AGM. Craig is a volunteer on the Special Projects Committee and now is chair and Board Liaison. Stephanus was a former Board member and Treasurer until this past June. We will miss the contributions from both Charles and Laurel and are pleased we have found two replacements with prior building experience to carry on the work we need to do.



## Committees

There are a number of volunteer committees here at 40 Homewood.

- There is the **Newsletter Committee** that publishes a newsletter each month and they are looking for contributors and volunteers. If you want to offer your help please contact them at [newsletter40homewood@gmail.com](mailto:newsletter40homewood@gmail.com).
- The **Special Projects Committee** looks at some of the planning around larger projects we will undertake here. If you have an understanding of project management or building design and this interests you please send an email

to [yorkcondocorp75@gmail.com](mailto:yorkcondocorp75@gmail.com) and we will see that Craig Trask (chair of the committee) gets in touch with you.

- The **Green Committee** has been instrumental in introducing recycling and waste diversion programs here at 40 Homewood. We have successfully managed to control our garbage costs through their efforts over the past few years. They meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday from 6pm to 7:30 in the Recreation Room. They also are looking for someone who could help design posters for various Green Committee events or notices. If you'd like to volunteer to help them please send an email to [yorkcondocorp75@gmail.com](mailto:yorkcondocorp75@gmail.com) and we will pass your message to the chair.

- The **Social Committee** is looking for additional volunteers to plan and deliver social activities at 40 Homewood. They are particularly looking for newer residents with innovative ideas to get involved to start new social activities. Currently they plan a few dinners per year and a yard sale in summer; they also help organize our library on the B1 level. If you have ideas and would like to help please send an email to [yorkcondocorp75@gmail.com](mailto:yorkcondocorp75@gmail.com) and we will see the message is forwarded to the committee chair.

- The **Governing Documents Committee** looks at our rules and by-laws but at this time have no need for volunteers. If you have any suggestions about these documents feel free to send an email to [Board40H@gmail.com](mailto:Board40H@gmail.com) and we'll see this committee is provided your input.
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## Questions to the Board or Management

**Question:** Are the sprinklers working I never see them on?

**Answer:** Yes they are working fine. Our gardening contractor is checking the plants regularly. The sprinklers are turned on at different times in different sections of the garden. There is also a rain gauge that tells the system whether there has been sufficient rain and will not turn the system on if that happens. Often they are on later in the evening or overnight.

**Question** Why can't we book the elevator between noon and 1pm?

**Answer** According to the website, the elevator can be booked on Monday to Friday from 9am to 4pm, on Saturday from 9am to 7pm and Sunday from 10am to 4pm. I know of no restriction during the noon to 1pm time. There may be a practical reason for this as the office may be closed for their lunch break at this time and a resident would not be able to contact anyone to ask the cleaners to put the elevator on service during the office lunch hour. If you know that a delivery is going to be made during this hour, arrangements can usually be made to accommodate. Please speak with the office staff. Many deliveries require use of the elevator for a single trip and can be accommodated without putting the elevator on service. Without a full time security service here to lock the elevator during this lunchtime period there is presently no better way to manage the elevator for this one hour time period. We will continue to explore how to serve you better. Management is presently

looking to ways to be able to be more proactive on this matter.

**Question** Why did we install new lights in the laundry?

**Answer** When the laundry room was modernized in 2009 the old lights were never modernized and the glaring fluorescent lights without covers were outdated; some were not functioning and gave the impression of a room that was not cared for. During August, Management had an electrician modernize the lights in this room. Please be patient as they patch up the holes and marks on the ceiling from the old light fixtures.

**Question** Who is available in case of emergency on weekdays in the hour between 8am and 9am when the office is not open and security has left for the day?

**Answer** One of our cleaners is always on duty during this hour and can respond to an emergency such as shutting off a mainline water valve in case of a broken pipe in a unit. Eugene or Peter are usually in the lobby doing cleaning at this time.

**Question** There was an article on the website about salt water pools, is the building looking into this?

**Answer** The Board has been considering this for a number of years and found the conversion costs to be reasonable this year. In late August the pool has been converted to a salt water system. The salt still creates chlorine but is said to be better for the air in the pool room and easier on bathing suits, skin and hair.

**Question** If I book the patio BBQ at a time when the recreation room is being used for a private function how do I access the BBQ?



**Answer** There is now a gate at the rear of the building near the garbage shed that will allow access to the lounge chairs on the mid-level and the bbqs on the lower level of the patio. Security can open the gate and you can walk down to the BBQ area through this gate. Please remember to always clean the BBQ and building supplied bbq utensils before returning them to the office or security as the next person to use the BBQ depends on these being clean.

**Question:** The driving speed signs in the garage are in miles per hour, will this be changed to kilometers per hour?

**Answer:** Management has new signs that were to be installed in August indicating the speed in the garage should not exceed 10 kph.

**Question :** What are the reserved parking spaces in the visitor's parking for?

**Answer:** When we repainted the lines in the garage we established 4 designated accessible parking spaces in visitor's parking near the entrance door for those visitors needing to be close to the entrance. These are reserved for those with valid accessible placards. Nearby are three reserved spots to be used by Management and contractors working in the building on our behalf. This keeps their vehicles close in case they need to access tools and supplied. We ask all residents to respect both the accessible and reserved spaces.

**Question :** The women's locker room seems excessively humid lately, do you know why?



**Answer:** We believe it relates to the door to the pool from the locker room not closing properly and the pool humidity is entering the women's locker room. We are looking at repairing the door to the pool so it closes properly and we'll see if that alleviates the situation.

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## BRAIN TEASERS

What do you think the following mean?

1. <b>Blood Water</b>	2. 
3. <b>Job I'm Job</b>	4. 

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## From the Mouths of Babes



"If you had two dollars in one pocket and three dollars in the other pocket," the teacher asked a little boy in her class, "what would you have?"

"I'd have someone else's pants," the boy answered.



Please collapse your cardboard boxes before putting them in the blue bins. It really saves space and will allow us to recycle even more.

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Hello  
September  
please be nice♥

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## Mini-Reviews

by A.C. Burr-Meade

Here are three films playing conveniently close by at Carlton Cinema.

I'll rank them in the order in which I'd recommend them.

★★★

### Lucy

Starring the wonderful Scarlett Johansson and written and directed by French director Luc Besson, who's done some great action films, it starts with a false premise, i.e., that humans only use 10 per cent of their brains. Lucy ingests a drug that dramatically increases her brain power, making her super-smart and eventually giving her telekinetic powers. Johansson is very believable in the role and the story has plenty of suspense (she's being pursued by some nasty Asian gangsters). The special effects are pretty stunning until you get to the ending, which is a bit of a let-down. Still, it's worth seeing.

★★★

### The Giver

Based on the award-winning children's novel of the same name, the film boasts a very strong cast, starring Australian Brenton Thwaites as Jonas, who lives in a seemingly ideal society, who at the age of 18 is giving his job for life, to become the one who holds all the memories of the past – good and bad, but mostly bad. Jonas soon realizes the world he lives in is actually very oppressive and controlled and he struggles to find a way to bring the truth to everyone. The cast includes Jeff Bridges as the Giver (of those memories) and Meryl Streep as the Chief

Elder. All of them, including Thwaites, are excellent and there's been a clear attention to detail. But the lesson behind the story is pretty obvious and may appeal more to younger audiences than matures one.

★★★

### Let's Be Cops

This film is about two regular joes, who through a couple of unlikely events, end up impersonating police officers and then running afoul of some East European gangsters. It stars Jake Johnson and Damon Wayans Jr., who play their roles (as the script requires) like a couple of jack-asses. This is the kind of film that gives cinema a bad name, though it's already made close to \$50 million (heavy sigh!) The premise is stupid, the characters are stupid, the whole thing is a stupid mess but there is obviously a certain audience out there for this sort of thing, mostly men in the teens or 20's who don't much like the idea of growing up. Hopefully there won't be a sequel but don't bet on it.

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## Answers to the Brain Teasers

1. Blood is thicker than water

2. Goldilocks

3. I'm between jobs

4. Condescending



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