



HOMEWOOD

Community Newsletter

December, 2014



December 25th, 2014

Happy 
Hanukkah

December 16th – 24th,
2014



December 1, 2014



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"BUON ANNO"
"JOYEUX NOEL"
"VESELE VANOCE"
"MELE KALIKIMAKA"
"NODLAG SONA DHUIT"
"BLWYDDYN NEWYDD DDA"
"GOD JUL"
"FELIZ NATAL"
"BOAS FESTAS"
"FELIZ NAVIDAD"
"MERRY CHRISTMAS"
"KALA CHRISTOUGENA"
"VROLIJK KERSTFEEST"
"FROHLICHE WEIHNACHTEN"
"BUON NATALE-GODT NYTAR"
"HUAN YING SHENG TAN CHIEH"
"WESOLYCH SWIAT-SRETAN BOZIC"
"MOADIM LESIMHA-LINKSMU KALEDU"
"HAUSKAA JOULUA-AID SAID MOUBARK"
"N PRETTIG KERSTMIS"
"ONNZLLISTA UUTTA VUOTTA"
"Z ROZHDESTYOM KHRYSTOVYM"
"NADOLIG LLAWEN-GOTT NYTTSAR"
"FELIC NADAL-GOJAN KRISTNASKON"
"S NOVYM GODOM-FELIZ ANO NUEVO"
"GLEDILEG JOL-NOELINIZ KUTLU OLSUM"
"EEN GELUKKIG NIEUWJAAR-SRETAN BOSIC"
"KRIHSTLINDJA GEZUAR-KALA CHRISTOUGENA"
"SELAMAT HARI NATAL - LAHINGU NAJU METU"
"SARBATORI FERICITE-BUON ANNO"
"ZORIONEKO GABON-HRISTOS SE RODI"
"BOLD OG KARACSONNY-VESELE VIANOCE "
"MERRY CHRISTMAS - - HAPPY NEW YEAR"
"ROOMSAID JOULU PUHI -KUNG HO SHENG TEN"
"FELICES PASUAS-EIN GLUCKICHES NEWJAHR"
"PRIECIGUS ZIEMAN SVETKUS SARBATORI VESLLE"
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Don's Movies For December

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

Saturday, December 6
DESTINATION TOKYO (1943)
Cary Grant, John Garfield

Thursday, December 11
HANGMEN ALSO DIE (1943)
Drian Donlevy, Walter Brennan

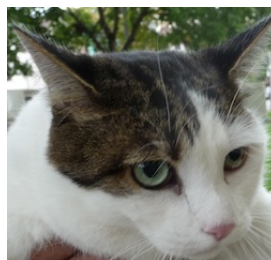
Friday, December 12
EDGE OF DARKNESS (1943)
Errol Flynn, Ann Sheridan

Thursday, December 18
THE GANG'S ALL HERE (1943)
Alice Faye, Carmen Miranda,
Benny Goodman and his Orchestra

Friday, December 19
A CHRISTMAS SPECIAL
Six holiday classics from
TV's golden age of comedy

Friday, December 26
CAROUSEL (1956)
Gordon Macrae, Shirley Jones

Wednesday, December 31
THE AVIATOR (2004)
Leonardo DiCaprio, Cate Blanchett,
Kate Beckinsale, Alec Baldwin,
Jude Law, Alan Alda, Willem Defoe



Spotty Wisdom

This month Spotty says:

Are we not all the same in
different ways? Yes we are.



Holiday Hours for the Management Office

The Management Office will be closed
on the following days:

Wednesday, December 24, 2014 -
open from 9:00am until 1:00pm
Thursday, December 25, 2014
Friday, December 26, 2014

Wednesday, December 31, 2014 -
open from 9:00am until 1:00pm
Wednesday, January 1, 2014



The Greenwin Square No Frills is open now. It is a
nice bright store. Some of the staff from
Sherbourne are there. Butter was \$2.95 recently

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Holiday Dinner

Sunday, December 7, 2014

5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

in the Recreation Room

• Catered by Absolutely Famished •

Dinner served at 6:00 pm



M E N U



Caesar salad

Mixed greens with cucumber, raisins, peaches, red onions and peppers

Roasted and steamed vegetable medley

Mashed turnip with cinnamon butter

Roasted garlic mashed potatoes

Roasted turkey breast with gravy and cranberry sauce

Stuffing

Salmon with a rosti potato crust

Vegetarian quinoa and broccoli bake

Festive dessert platter

Beverage

Wine bar (*not included in ticket price*)

Tickets: \$25.00  Available now in the office

Last date for purchase ~ Wednesday, December 3, 2014



From the Mouths of Babes

When the school bus driver stopped the bus to pick up Sally, she noticed an older woman hugging her as she left the house. "Is that your grandmother?" she asked. "Yes", said Sally. "She's come to visit us for Christmas". "How nice.." the driver said. "Where does she live?" "At the airport" Sally replied. "Whenever we want her, we just go there and get her."



Recycling after Christmas.

Don't forget you can recycle:

- GREETING CARDS AND ENVELOPES
(NO ATTACHMENTS OR FOIL INSERTS)
- GIFT WRAP (NO FOIL OR RIBBON)
- FLATTENED CARDBOARD BOXES



Christmas Tree Disposal

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

The City of Toronto will pick up trees after the holidays and when the right time comes, people should place their bare trees just outside the garbage shed on the grass to the north of it. Please don't wrap the tree in a plastic bag.



RECIPE EXCHANGE

Skinny Wednesday

(Apple Pie Baked In An Apple)

Ingredients

5 large apples{or you can use a mix of Fuji and Granny Smith}

1 pre-made crust {you can of course use home made}

1/2 cup of sugar

1 tsp cinnamon

1/2 tsp nutmeg

1 tbsp butter {cut in 8 small pieces} - optional

Instructions

Core and hollow out 4 of the apples, {do NOT cut all the way through}. Dice up the apple from the 4 cored and the 1 remaining apple. Combine the apples with the cinnamon, sugar, and nutmeg. Fill each of the 4 apples with the filling place two small pieces of butter in each apple {this is optional}. Roll out your pie crust, cut into strips. Create a lattice on top of each apple {trimming the extra on the sides}. Bake @375° for 30 minutes



Three Wise ~~Men~~ ♀ Women

would have:

Asked questions
Arrived on time
Helped deliver the baby
Cleaned the stable
Made a casserole
Brought practical gifts and
There would be
Peace on Earth



Das Fagott Mannschaft

A Very Mannschaft Christmas

Live at the Flying Beaver Pubaret
488 Parliament Street

Friday, December 12, 2014

9pm, doors open at 8:30pm

Tickets \$10 in advance/\$15 at the door

www.DFMbassoon.com   DFMbassoon

Tickets available at www.pubaret.com or by phone 647.347.6567



The Flying Beaver Pubaret
488 Parliament St.
Toronto, Ontario
M4X 1P2

Das Fagott Mannschaft is the best way to get on Santa's naughty list, because these bassoons are rebels without a Claus!

On Friday December 12 at 9PM, come in from the cold and warm up to your fav tunes played by the hottest, and world's only electric bassoon band, Das Fagott Mannschaft! You can jingle your bells, stuff your stocking, hang your Christmas balls, and you might even find mistletoe in a dark corner.

A Very Mannschaft Holiday Show

Friday December 12, 9PM

Flying Beaver Pubaret

\$10/\$15

Das Fagott Mannschaft (German for 'the bassoon team') is a quartet of classically trained yet slightly unhinged bassoonists whose creativity cannot be contained by your typical symphony orchestra.

Das Fagott Mannschaft has performed for thousands at Yonge-Dundas Square, appeared at the Northern Lights Festival Boréal, and played to standing-room only crowds at pubs, cabarets and burlesque shows in the Greater Toronto Area.

Their covers of great tunes from today and yesteryear have been entertaining audiences in pubs, cabarets and on street corners since 2011, and prove that the bassoon can rock out as well as any hairspray guitarist or dishevelled yet unnaturally mellow drummer.



Owners' Information Meeting re the budget

Date: December 1st, 2014

Time: 7:00

Place: Recreation Room, B1

Owners' Meeting

Date: December 9th, 2014

Time: 7:00

Place: Recreation Room, B1



"Good Eats, Cheap Eats, Sweet Spots"

by Cammy Lee-
Bostwick

Howdy Folks!

As the weather gets colder, I will try to stay in the neighbourhood: this month's place is "Cafe M". Located at 672 Yonge Street, it is just south of Isabella Street on the West side, half-way between Bloor and Wellesley subway stations. I discovered this quaint cafe on my way home one evening.

As it is a cafe, the menu is small but their specialty are the paninis. I have had the Caprese (with bocconcini cheese, basil and tomato), the vegetarian (with sundried tomato, spinach, brie, hummus), and the tuna salad (green apple slaw and tapenade -- black olive paste). All come with a side salad, for \$9.00....and if you are a student and show your ID, it's \$2 off, quite a deal when you consider the nice size portion.

You can select your bread: whole grain, wheat, white, or even on a wrap (which I did for the tuna). My favourite of the three, although I would easily order any one of them again soon, is the tuna. Something about the crunch of the apple slaw gave it a really surprising and good 'mouth-feel'. The only thing was that I felt the tapenade unnecessary, because it added too strong of a flavour and a saltiness that the otherwise traditional tuna salad didn't need. But the fresh salad came lightly dressed in a balsamic with with cucumbers, shaved red onion, grated

carrot, and tomato on romaine. My companion had the prosciutto with pear, arugula, and brie, and said it was 'amazing'. There is also a ham and cheese and grilled cheese if that suits your palate. An assortment of salads is also up for order, but I didn't try any of these so can't comment.

Cafe M is staffed with really pleasant young ladies, who know what good service means: they allow me to charge my phone behind their desk as there are no working outlets in the entire seating area (a little inconvenient if you are doing some work there and need to charge your technology). They also offer Almond milk (if you ask) for your tea and coffee, which is a bonus, especially when you consider that most franchise cafes like Starbucks and Second Cup don't.

There is a sofa at the back if you want to cozy up with someone, and about 6 tables with chairs that can be pushed together for bigger groups, as well as counter seating on either side of the entrance, looking out onto Yonge Street. For as small as it is, the vibe is friendly and unobtrusive as I usually stay for hours doing work. And even though there is music playing, the selection is varied and not distracting at all.

The only caveat I can think of is that they close relatively early: 6pm Mon-Wed, and 8pm Thurs-Fri, and 6:30 pm on Saturdays, closed on Sundays.

And by the way, they make a mean Americano if that's your thing.

Cammy Lee-Bostwick



Notice re: Heating

By Timothy Oakes

The heating has now been turned on for the winter season. For those of you who are new to the building, we do have some "quirks" with our heating, which is radiant electric heat. The thermostat(s) in each unit control the heating in the ceiling of your apartment. As we all know, heat rises, and this provides us with a great way to meet our neighbours one floor below and ask them to ensure that their thermostats are turned on to the "comfort" level of +/- 22° C. Since the heating is radiant electric, it can take up to 12 hours for a change in temperature to be effective. Cranking the thermostats up to their maximum setting will not provide heat any faster, and will cost us considerably for the extra hydro.

Some of you may wonder why we insist on NOT weatherstripping the entry doors to each unit. This is because the entire heating system is dependent on air in the hallways being drawn into each unit and eventually dispersed. Blocking the flow of air will disrupt the thermostats and likely cause the system to shut down the heat to your unit. Likewise, leaving the windows open while the heat is on not only costs us more in hydro, but will cause the sensors to shut down the heat in your unit and those surrounding you when the temperature drops to the single digits.

We are very fortunate to have our heating costs included in our maintenance fees. However, the cost of electricity is the single highest line item in our annual budget, eating up a staggering **36%** of that budget every year. It is up to each and every one of

us to conserve energy where we can to offset this cost and keep our maintenance fees at a reasonable level.

Follow these few simple steps:

DO turn your thermostats on to the comfort level once the heat is turned on for the season. You do not need to adjust them, just leave them on that setting for the season.

DO ensure that your neighbour below has done the same. If necessary, contact the office and they will arrange to enter the unit and ensure the heat is on and set properly.

DO use a humidifier during the winter months. Electric heat can be very dry.

DO NOT seal the gap around the entry doorframe of your unit.

DO NOT leave windows open for an extended period of time while the heat is on.

Thanks to everyone for their cooperation.

Answers to the Brain Teasers

1. Jingle bells 2. (Walking in a) Winter wonderland 3. Santa Clause is coming to town. 4. Joy to the world 5. Rudolph the red nosed reindeer 6. O come all ye faithful 7. (I'm dreaming of a) White Christmas 8. O Christmas tree 9. What child is this? 10. We three kings 11. Deck the halls 12. I saw three ships (come sailing in) 13. O Holy night 14. Noel 15. Away in a manger 16. 12 days of Christmas 17. I saw mommy kissing Santa Claus 18. All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth 19. The Christmas song (Chestnuts roasting on an open fire) 20. It came upon a midnight clear 21. Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow 22. Silent night 23. O little town of Bethlehem 24. Silver Bells

Try the puzzles first

BRAIN TEASERS

How many Christmas Songs can you name from the pictures below?





From an article by Paragon Security

When parking your vehicle:

Ensure it is always locked and the windows are closed tightly.

Turn off your ignition and take the keys with you. **Don't leave spare keys, garage openers or fobs in the car.**

Park in a well lit area if possible.

Turn your wheels and set your parking to make towing your vehicle difficult. If you have a rear-wheel drive vehicle, back into your parking space. If you have a front-wheel drive vehicle, park front end first.

Do not keep valuables in your vehicle. In cases where you must keep valuables in your vehicle for a short period of time, lock them in your trunk and/or glove box, otherwise cover them as discreetly as possible.

Don't leave the ownership or insurance papers in the vehicle when unattended.

Invest in the protection of your vehicle.

Anti-Theft Devices can be an effective deterrent, and aid in the recovery of your vehicle. Ignition/Engine Shut-off switches is the best means of preventing theft.

Reduce The Risk

If your vehicle is stolen, report the theft to the police immediately, then notify security. If your car or accessories are stolen, the police will need specific information to identify the car, parts and accessories. You should record the Year and Make, Model, Color, License Number, Vehicle Identification Number and Serial Numbers of all special equipment, parts or accessories. Also note any special markings, dents, scratches and other damage

We all have the potential to be victims of crime. Each of us can reduce the risk of our homes, vehicles/property being victimized by eliminating the opportunity. Be on the lookout for suspicious persons trying to get in the building or loitering around in the underground garage and report it to Security immediately. Do not allow strangers to enter the building as you are leaving or entering. Do not buzz in anyone into the building whom you don't know. Note the description of any suspicious persons and license number and/or description of any suspicious vehicle and provide it to Security when calling. Note if there is a crime in progress, residents should call Police first, followed immediately by calling Security.

Report to Management or Security any malfunctioning doors that are not closing or locking, inadequate lighting etc

Notice re: Emergency

By Timothy Oakes

Recently, we had an incident where someone was apparently unable to exit one of the modernized elevators. This person called 911 on their cell phone and summoned emergency services to the building to free them.

The corporation has had to make a payment of more than \$800.00 for this call. Since the camera for that elevator is not yet functional, it has proven difficult for us to locate this person and present them with the bill.

There is an emergency call button in the elevator, located below the "Door Close" button and backlit in yellow.

In the event of an emergency in one of the elevators, use this button to call for help. You will be connected to a live person to ask for help, and this service is available 24/7.

Notice re: Security

By Timothy Oakes

Recently, we had a car broken into in the parking garage. Additionally, one of the fire extinguishers was removed and taken. We have caught this person on camera on a several occasions. He has been seen loitering on the property, and he has managed to gain entrance to the building by "tailgating" vehicles into the garage or by residents letting him in through the lobby door.



This person has made several attempts to steal bicycles from our lock up areas. He is well known to police and is considered to be armed and dangerous.

Should you see him on the property or in the building, do NOT approach him. Notify the office or security immediately or call 911. He seems to have a particular knack for finding the "blind" spots in our CCTV coverage, and we are in the process of installing additional cameras to eliminate these spots.

As a reminder, we all need to be more vigilant about letting strangers into the building. Please do NOT open the front door to people you do not know or recognize. If you are entering the garage, please use your rearview mirror to ensure you are not being followed in.

And if you see the person in this photograph, DO NOT approach. Contact the office or security.

**Merry Christmas from the Newsletter
Editorial Committee**



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