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HOMEWOOD

Community Newsletter

May, 2015



May 5, 2015



May 10, 2015



May 18, 2015



The Green Committee and the Newsletter Committee are in dire need of more people.

We are sure that there are people in the building who would have input on how we can save the

Condo some money or make the building more green. The Green Committee meets twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month from 6:00pm to 7:30pm.

The Newsletter Committee is down to three people. We also need more members and even submissions of articles. Trips you have taken, recipes, jokes, local news etc. Please contact us at the email address shown on the last page of this newsletter.



Don's Movies For May

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

Friday, May 1st
Billy Wilder's

"The Seven Year Itch" (1955)
Starring Marilyn Monroe, Tom Ewell

Thursday May 7th
"MR. MOM" (1983)

Starring Michael Keaton, Teri Garr

Friday May 8th
HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!
"THROW MOMMA FROM THE TRAIN"
(1987)

Starring Billy Crystal, Danny DeVito

Thursday May 14th
"DESTINY RIDES AGAIN" (1939)
Starring James Stewart, Marlene
Dietrich, Brian Donlevy

Friday May 15th
"SHENANDOAH" (1965)
Starring James Stewart, George
Kennedy

Thursday May 21st
"ANCHORS AWEIGH" (1945)
Starring Gene Kelly, Frank Sinatra &
Kathryn Grayson

Friday May 22nd at 7:30 pm
"SINGIN' IN THE RAIN" (1952)
Starring Gene Kelly, Donald O'Connor,
Debbie Reynolds

Volunteer Appreciation

By One of Us

The pursuit of helping involves many factors that sometime are not always accepted by other people and sometime create difficulties for the very people who are trying to help. It is not to say their work is not appreciated but it is sometimes causing difficulties to some people who are not in the same tune as the helpers, especially when these many people are not consulted on major issues involving them.

Having said that, it is important for each and every one of us to assist in whatever way we can, and yes, we thank the board for the wonderful work they are doing, and yes, we thank all other committees for their dedication, their willingness to make a difference in our building.

Let there be peace, understanding and cooperation within the village of 40 Homewood.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, June 10th, 2015

YARD SALE
Saturday, July 11th, 2015

BBQ
Saturday, August 22nd, 2015

Pet of the Month



Pi



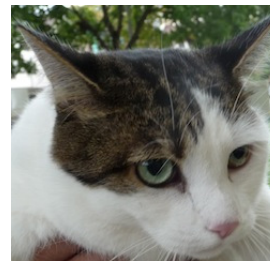
submitted by Veena Kumar

Charlie (my bear of a dog) and I lost our beloved family member, Jackie, in October 2014. I really didn't think I would be getting another dog at any point soon. However, I quite randomly and now fortuitously came across Pi's face and information online. Something about spotting him made me inquire about him. This was in mid-Feb. 2015.

I learned that he was a street dog in Romania and had been rescued by a couple of people and placed in a shelter, so to speak, with other dogs. He is a tripawd and he lost one of his legs because a car ran over him. Given that he had been a street dog at the time, no one came to his medical aid. The injured leg separated on its own and the stump healed naturally in time. I contacted the rescue organization that was campaigning for funds and a home for him.

I was provided with more information and filled out an adoption form and then prepared for a home visit. Within a couple of weeks everything fell in to place. Pi was going to be ours and he was scheduled to arrive in Canada at the end of March! On March 31st evening, I found myself waiting at the arrival lounge of Terminal 3 at Pearson Airport. Out came one of the Directors

of the Laika Fund for Street Dogs with 4 rescues from Romania. My only focus was Pi. He is slowly adjusting to life in a home that is his. And we are adjusting to having him. And I'm happy to say he is sweet and affectionate though off late he has been displaying his boisterous side. He is very resilient and nothing can keep this tripawd down. If you are wondering about his name - he used to be called Pirate in Romania. I shortened it to Pi not for the dessert but for the mathematical value of 3.14 as he has 3 legs and a stump. No, don't be horrified, it's apt."



Spotty
Wisdom

This month Spotty says:

The surprise of the day is to know that we can all make positive changes.

Thank you to those who attended the Green Committee's showing of

THIS IS THE FIRST
GENERATION OF KIDS
EXPECTED TO LIVE
SHORTER LIVES
THAN THEIR PARENTS



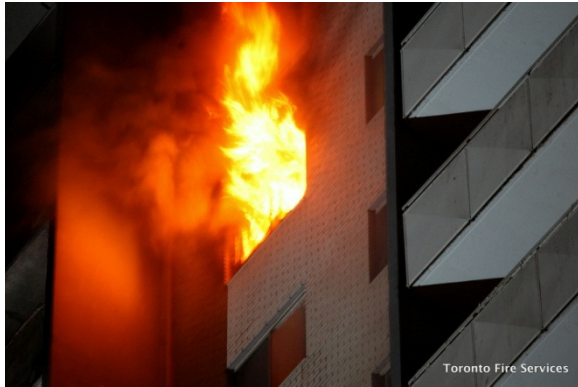
on Wednesday April 22nd. We had a good turnout. What an eye opener. If you weren't able to attend but would like to watch the documentary, please email the Green Committee at 40hgreencommittee@gmail.com and we'd be happy to loan it to you for a week.

S P R I N G

High Rise Buildings

excerpted from City of Toronto website

The following information is a general guide for high buildings. Since each building is unique, you should learn the approved "Fire Safety Plan" specifically designed for your building.



What is a high building?

The Ontario Building Code defines "high buildings" as those being seven storeys or more in height.

What actions must I take in a fire?

During a fire emergency, never attempt to leave a building by an elevator. Heat can activate elevator call buttons, sending the elevator to the fire floor, where dense smoke may interfere with the elevator's light-sensitive eye and prevent the door from closing. Also, you may become trapped in the elevator if water from fire fighting operations creates a power failure. In addition, fire fighters require designated elevators to carry them and their equipment to the floor below the fire.

In reacting to a fire in a high building, you must decide on **two** options:

- Do I leave the building to safety? **or**

- Is it safer to stay where I am?

What steps do I take when fire is in my apartment?

- Alert everyone in your apartment.
- Leave immediately. Close, but don't lock, all doors behind you.
- Sound the fire alarm by activating a red manual pull station on the fire floor (when safe to do so).
- Call **9-1-1**. Never assume that someone else has already done so. Make sure you give your name, the correct address and location of the fire.
- Use the exit stairwells. Don't use elevators. Don't return until firefighters declared the apartment or office safe.

What steps do I take when I hear a fire alarm?

- **If you choose to leave the building:**
 - Leave as soon as possible
 - Before opening any door, feel the door handle and the door itself, starting from the bottom, moving to the top. If the door is not hot, open it slightly.
 - If you see or smell smoke, or feel or hear air pressure or a hot draft, close the door quickly.
 - If the corridor is free of fire or smoke, take your keys, close the door behind you, and leave the building by the nearest exit stairwell, again closing all doors after you.
 - If you encounter smoke in a stairwell, consider taking an alternate stairwell. Be sure to crawl low under smoke. If the alternate is also contaminated with smoke, return to your suite.
 - When you are safely outside call 9-1-1. Never assume that someone else has already done so.

Make sure you give your name, the correct address and location of the fire.

- **If you cannot leave your apartment/office or have returned to it because of fire or heavy smoke:**
 - Close, but don't lock any doors for possible entry by firefighters.
 - Seal all cracks where smoke can enter by using wet towels or sheets. Seal mail slots, transoms and ventilation outlets as necessary (a roll of wide duct tape is handy).
 - Move to the balcony or to the most protected room and partially open a window for air. Close the window if smoke enters.
 - Keep low to the floor. Heat and toxic gases rise.
 - Signal firefighters by waving a white sheet or towel.
 - Wait to be rescued.
 - Remain calm. Don't panic or jump.
 - Listen for instructions or information from authorized personnel over the building's internal speaker system.

High-rise survival kit

The Toronto Fire Services recommends a high-rise survival kit for tenants of high buildings, readily available if they become trapped during a fire. You can purchase the following list of items for less than \$50. Having these items available for emergency use may improve your chances of surviving a fire.

1. **Wet towel** - Place at the base of a door.
2. **Duct tape** - Tape over door and vent openings.
3. **Foil wrap** - Use to cover vent openings.
4. **Whistle** - Use to signal for help.

5. **Flashlight** - Use in case of power failure, smoke, or to signal for help.
6. **Bright-coloured cloth** - Hang up in a window, or on a balcony, to identify your location.
7. **Ink marker** - Use for messages on cloth, door or windows.
8. **Cotton bedsheet** - If smoke is heavy in your room, soak the bed sheet with water and make a tent near an open window.
9. **Washcloth** - Place the wet cloth over your mouth and nose to aid breathing in smoke-filled areas.
10. **Fire safety plan** - Have a copy of your building's emergency procedures available.
11. **Plastic pail with lid** - Use for storing survival equipment. (Fill with water during a fire.)

High building fire safety concerns

High buildings are designed to be fire-safe. But, because they may contain many people, and because of the building's tremendous size, emergency response is challenging with significant potential for major incidents.

Due to equipment limitations, firefighters cannot rescue people from an outside balcony or window above the seventh floor. Also, a rooftop helicopter rescue is too dangerous. Firefighters must do interior firefighting and rescue tactics.

How am I, as an occupant, protected from fire?

- **Fire-resistant construction**

High buildings are designed to be more fire-safe than an average single-family dwelling. Floors and ceilings are constructed with fire-resistant materials and are separated into fire compartments. The compartments act as barriers to resist fire from spreading.

- **Fire alarm system**

High buildings contain a fire alarm system designed to alert occupants when activated. Types of fire alarm devices include smoke detectors, thermal detectors and sprinkler flow switches. If you discover a fire, immediately activate a red manual pull station near a stairwell and leave the floor. This will identify the specific location at the lobby alarm panel to responding firefighters. Your fire alarm system is not connected to the Fire Services. You must always call 9-1-1.

- Make sure you give your name, the correct address and location of the fire.

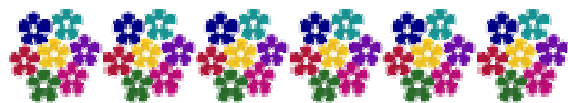
- **Stairway fire escapes**

High buildings have interior fire-separated stairwell shafts. Signs should be posted within stairwells indicating which floor level you are on, and also identify the nearest crossover floors, if certain floors are not accessible. If you encounter smoke while descending a stairwell, you can crossover to an alternate stairwell. Keep stairwell doors closed at all times to preserve the safety of these escape stairs.

- **Interior water supplies**

High buildings contain a standpipe system, that is an interior water supply system of fire hose cabinets on each floor for use by firefighters. Most buildings also have portable fire extinguishers in these cabinets.

In case of fire or an emergency, call 9-1-1.



"Good Eats, Cheap Eats, Sweet Spots"

by Cammy Lee-Bostwick

Ok People, with the warmer weather this month I take you a little bit out of the way, to a place that I hope you think is worth the trek for the experience...and the food isn't that bad either.

In the Annex bordering Korea Town, just west of the legendary and soon to be demolished *Honest Ed's* on Bloor Street, is *Snakes and Lattes*, voted "Best Cafe" in the 2014's *Now Magazine's* "Best of T.O." issue. Touted as being the largest Public Board Game Library in North America, it is the kind of place where you can hang out and play board games all day; for \$5/person you can choose from over 3000+ games, and even learn a few new ones. There is a "Games Expert" who makes the rounds, making sure everyone who wants to be playing a game is, as he is there to explain all the rules (quite an unusual job title to be putting on a resume, I'd think...). And granted, it does look a little like a University hangout, or that you've just stumbled onto an ESL school trip, however there is good reason to go. And even though this is a 'Board Game Cafe' I have never played any, but the good thing is that when you don't play, you also don't pay the cover charge. Of course, for me, it's about the food.

The menu, on a single sheet of card stock, consists of a few sandwich options and quiches and is surprisingly

pretty good, as looking at it, you probably wouldn't expect that: I didn't, I asked my server, "What is that?" And she said it was for the spinach/mushroom quiche. So, order one I did for \$6; the quiche is about the size of a slice of salami, not enormous but perfect for lunch or brunch. The plentiful juicy chunks of mushrooms among the fluffy mixture of egg, cream, and spinach did not disappoint. For an extra \$1.50 you can get a side salad and I chose the beet consisting of yellow beets on mesclun with candied pecans and chèvre (see the pic below). It came dressed in a poppy seed balsamic providing just enough tartness to balance out the sweet of the pecans and beets. On its own the quiche is a bit lacking, but with the salad it becomes a proper meal. Rather amazing for a 'gaming' crowd, wouldn't you say? To top it off, I also ordered an Americano (espresso and water) with almond milk making the total just over \$11...not bad at all really, especially when you consider the fact that you can stay for hours, with no one giving you a hassle even if you do take up a table for four and there are people waiting, which does happen around dinner time. Apart from the big tables, other things I like are the open atmosphere, and good lighting for writing.

Who knew that board games were so popular? Or that you could eat so well while playing them? I have to say that in this day and age of technology, smartphones and video games, it is refreshing to see the younger generation lining up to be sitting down at a table, rolling dice, picking up cards, and actually *engaged with each other*...even if it is over *Monopoly* or fantastical battles along the lines of *Merlin* and other such sorcerers....

until I smelled butter and mushrooms frying off in the distance.

Editor's Note: I apologize to Cammie for mixing up your reviews. This one should have been April and the Purple Penguin for this month



A Reminder to Residents



There is already a rule in place that requires headphones or earbuds to be used when listening to mobile devices in any public area of the building.

We are asking that residents extend this consideration to making and receiving calls on cell phones, particularly in the elevators and gymnasium.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Renovations Update

submitted by Timothy Oakes

The modernization of all four elevators is now completed and the license has been issued to put all four in operation.

There are some minor deficiencies that are currently being repaired, and a couple of upgrades in the machine area to meet the ever-changing requirements of the Technical Standards and Safety Code. By the end of the first week of May, all of the stainless steel protective tape should be removed. We hope that you like the modern look and the improved efficiency of operation.

There have been some delays in starting the project to install an elevator between the second and third basement levels. Our elevator consultant is currently working on the technical specs and permits to begin construction as soon as possible. We will keep you advised on the status of the project as information becomes available.

The renovation of the first basement level is nearly complete. Our electrician is almost done with all of the components in the new bathrooms, including state of the art accessibility, halogen pot lighting, sconce lighting over the mirrors and automatic hand dryers. The tile work in the bathrooms is also nearing completion and the plumbing fixtures should be installed next week.

The refit of the fire suppression system is done and there are a few minor details before the ceiling tiles are finished. We have decided to tile the wall opposite the elevators and that should be done within a week as well.

We are in the process of upgrading the counters and desks in the office and replacing the existing carpeting as part of this project and we fully expect the project

to be entirely completed by the middle of May.



AGM Schedule

The 2015 Annual General Meeting of York Condo Corporation #75 will be held on **Wednesday, June 10, at the Ramada Hotel at 300 Jarvis Street, just south of Carlton at 7 pm.**

Leading up to the AGM:

The preliminary notice will be sent out to the owners on May 8th. This will include a nomination form for candidates for the Board of Directors. There will be three positions to be voted on. The terms of Timothy Oakes, Craig Trask and Stephanus Greeff have expired. Nomination forms for anyone interested in running for the board are due by Monday, May 20.

On Wednesday, June 4, 7.00 pm, there will be a meeting in the Recreation Room at 7:00 pm to meet the candidates and review the financial statements.

N.B. Please take notice of the change of venue.

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