



HOMewood

Community Newsletter

July, 2015



July 1st, 2015



We are in dire need of more people to volunteer for most of our committees.

All the committees, except the Social Committee need more people.

The Newsletter Committee is down to two people.

The Green Committee is down to three people. (see notice on the green committee bulletin board in the mail room as to when the committee meets.)

The other committees are the Special Projects Committee, the Governing Documents Committee, and the Finance Committee.

To get an idea of what these committees are responsible for, go to the 40 Homewood website at

<http://40homewood.org/administration/board-committees-volunteers>

I hope there are a few people out there who want to help to make this building the best as it can be.



July 10th - 26th, 2015
And
August 7th - 15th, 2015



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Montague Parkette (Homewood Ave.)

(between Jarvis and Sherbourne and south from Wellesley
or north from Carlton)

SATURDAY, July 11
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Rain Date: Saturday, July 18

How Much Water Do We Waste Brushing Our Teeth?

Timothy Oakes, with excerpts from a post on <http://www.you-can-go-green.com/>

A lot is said on green living sites about easy ways to go green. Perhaps the easiest tip to making a difference in helping our environment is to turn off the water when you brush your teeth.



A standard bathroom faucet uses 2.5 gallons of water per minute. The American Dental Association claims that the average time spent brushing teeth is 46 seconds per day. "The tendency is for people to be far too quick when they brush their teeth, to actually not take the 2 1/2 to 3 minutes that are necessary to get your teeth clean" says Dr. Peter Doig, president of the Canadian Dental Association.

Using these figures, the average person who keeps the water running while brushing their teeth will use 1.875 gallons of water.

An individual would let 684 gallons run down the drain in a year's time of brushing their teeth once a day and that number would rise dramatically if everyone began spending the recommended amount of time brushing.

If only one person in every hundred in Canada keeps the water running while

brushing their teeth, 243,096,336 (based on 2014 census numbers) gallons of water will go down the drain wastefully. Those estimates are probably low too. It is a safe bet that more than 1 in a 100 people keep the water running. In the United States, the number of gallons of water wasted annually while brushing teeth is 2,079,768,512. When you add in the rest of the world, the number becomes staggering (all figures based on US gallons).

Even if you are not a believer in the green movement, you have to see that this is a wasteful practice. Those trillions of gallons could be much better used than going down the drain.

As residents of the City of Toronto, we all know that the charge to get water to our units from the city has been increasing every year and is predicted to climb by 10%-13% a year for the foreseeable future. The city needs to repair and replace kilometers of underground infrastructure and collectively, we will pay for this through the rate increases.

At 40 Homewood we currently spend about \$225,000.00 annually for water to all of our units.

Based on 1000 residents, and assuming the worst case scenario where every resident left the water running while brushing their teeth, we would waste about 570,000 Imperial gallons of water annually.

That amount of wasted water would cost us about \$8,300.00 or \$17.00 per unit annually in our maintenance fees. While this amount may seem small based on the overall water costs, every effort to save results in cost-savings that can reduce the annual increases in maintenance fees.

As stated at the beginning of this article, the solution is simple.

Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth.



Don's Movies For July

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

Thursday, July 2nd

"The West Point Story" (1950)

James Cagney, Doris Day, Gordon MacRae,
Virginia Mayo

Friday, July 3rd

"Yankee Doodle Dandy" (1942)

James Cagney, Walter Houston

Thursday, July 16th

Vincente Minnelli's

"The Clock" (1945)

Judy Garland, Robert Walker

Friday, July 17th

Vincente Minelli's

"The Pirate" (1948)

Judy Garland, Gene Kelly

Thursday, July 24th

"Naked City" (1948)

Barry Fitzgerald, Howard Duff

Friday, July 25th

- **"The Naked Spur"** (1953)

James Stewart, Janet Leigh, Robert Ryan

Thursday, July 30th

"The Taking of Pelham One Two Three"
(1974)

Walter Matthau, Robert Shaw, Martin Balsam

Friday, July 31st

"Three Days to Kill" (2013)

Kevin Costner, Amber Heard

Pets of the Month



Sam & Rocco



My two cats and I have recently moved into 40 Homewood. I have a lavender Siamese cat named Sam, who is 9 years old and a Bengal cat named Rocco who is 6. I was concerned that they may not like the apartment after coming from a large house in Cabbagetown where they loved to play on the stairs and run around the house, but they were not allowed to go outside.

After moving here, the first thing I did was to install the pigeon netting for the balcony that was totally pet proof. Years ago I had a cat jump from my balcony. Fortunately he lived but it has made my very cautious about letting them out on the balcony.

Well, they're so happy now, they love the balcony and I feel totally safe to have them outside. I also added the floor to ceiling windows and door which makes you feel outside and they love to lay there and look out.

I must say, my Bengal cat (Rocco) was always on Valium because of his hi strung breed, but now he is off the drugs and the cats are the most content I have ever seen them. It has made the move for me a very positive experience.

John Coulter

WELCOME

Meagan Newstead

Please welcome Meagan Newstead to the building. Meagan has replaced Erica Lebovic as our new Site Administrator.



Meagan hails from San Antonio, Texas. After graduation from high school, she worked in the hospitality industry until moving to Ontario in 2013.

While employed with a property management firm in Toronto, she began taking courses at Humber College. Meagan has received a Property Management Certificate from the Institute of Housing Management (IHM) and will graduate from Humber College in 2016 with a Condominium Management Certificate (ACMO).

We are very fortunate to have Meagan working with us. When you are in the office, please take a moment and introduce yourself to her.



The Cat and The Dog

The dog and the cat at home are talking about the humans of the day. The cat believes most humans have no sensitivity as they are unable to understand the nature of the feline. The dog replies, yes, they do have sensitivity but are unable to think properly, and as such, do not understand the nature of the loving dog. The cat replies that in order to love, it is always necessary not only to understand but to also grasp the reality of our present existence. The dog in its innocence, replies that the quality of the earthly realities is not easily comprehended by its masters who are always busy with external dreams. The cat forcefully replies that the dreams of the masters are but illusions of reality and as such, cannot comprehend internal ways of being. The dog, unsure of himself, decides not to complain anymore as complaints are never understood by the cat. The cat, stubborn as it is, defends its understanding and then suddenly surrenders to the dog as tired he becomes of useless interactions that will never change the human masters.

Storage Bin Missing from Library

The Library Committee would be delighted if the blue storage bin which was removed from the Library could be returned!

Thank You



"Good Eats, Cheap Eats, Sweet Spots"

by Cammy Lee-
Bostwick

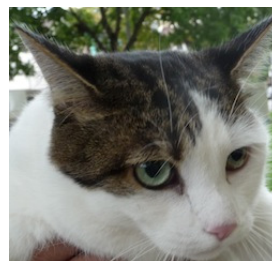
Happy Birthday Canada!!

Well, I don't know about you, but summer evokes memories of my childhood --- going to the beach, fun in the sun, and so, thinking in this vein on a recent summer's eve, I had a hankering for a food I loved as a kid: pizza. But not the gourmet Neapolitan variety (which I also love, but I'll reserve that for another review), but the kind with a regular crust and most importantly, with so much cheese it's chewy, almost stringy --- that is the kind of pizza I remember getting in Kingston, Ontario which came with a big dough ball in the centre.

Pizza just isn't made that way any more, unless of course you go to Olympic 76 Pizza Cafe, not too far from our digs on Gloucester just east of Yonge. This establishment has been around since 1976, as their namesake says, so they must be doing something right. We order it with double cheese, one half pepperoni and the other half mushroom. It comes as close to the pizza of my childhood as I've been able to find in Toronto with the dominant ingredient being the ooey gooey cheese. The pie comes nicely sauced throughout with a crust that isn't thick or overly thin: it is just right.

As they don't deliver, call ahead for pick up or eat in, as they do have a dining room and patio. True, it is a bit more (around \$18.00 for a medium) than the ubiquitous chains of PizzaPizza, but when what you're in the mood for is a throwback to your childhood (as is the case with me), when pizzas weren't gourmet, nor vegan, gluten-free or 'locally sourced', the Olympic 76 Pizza Cafe is the place.

For sometimes, simplicity is quite simply, Ok.



Spotty Wisdom

This month Spotty says

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Give all you can and receive only what you need.



**What part of "Please
don't throw cigarette
butts from your balcony"
do some people not
understand.**

**The butts don't always land on the
ground but veer off onto some other
residents' balcony. Some people have
cushions, etc. on their furniture and a
cigarette could start a fire. That is what
happened at 200 Wellesley.**

**There are windproof
ashtrays with lids available
from any dollar store.**



Please be respectful of your neighbours.

Board of Directors

The newly elected Board of Directors held their first monthly meeting on June 23. At that meeting, a motion was passed regarding the Officers of the Board of Directors.

I am pleased to announce that the positions are as follows:

President and Communications Director
Timothy Oakes

Vice-President and Secretary
Eric Logan

Treasurer
Elvis Lalaj

Director
Brian Brenie

Director
Stephanus Greeff

This information is posted on our website, 40homewood.org along with pictures of each director and a short bio. Please take a moment to visit the site and familiarize yourself with your 2015-2016 Board of Directors.

All of the board members have previously been on the Board of Directors of 40 Homewood with the exception of Elvis Lalaj and we welcome him and look forward to a busy year working together.

The final touches are being put on the B1 renovation. Tenders are currently out for bids on the booster pumps, boilers, and the LULA elevator between the second and third basement levels.

Negotiations with the Fire Department have concluded and once we have written approval from them, we will be letting you know what modifications will be necessary on the property to improve access for Toronto Fire and Emergency Services.

We are moving forward on improving the lighting and signage on the front of the property, and we continue the process of upgrading the visitor entry system to include cellular and internet access.

I am very pleased to be working with the Board of Directors and with Donald Balla, our Property Manager with Brookfield Condominium Services.

On behalf of the entire Board, I would like to thank each and every one of you for choosing us to represent your best interests.

Timothy Oakes
President

Two Apples



A little girl was holding two apples with both hands. Her mom came in and softly asked her with a smile: "My sweetie, could you give

your mom one of your two apples?"

The girl looked up at her mom for some seconds. Then she suddenly took a quick bite of one apple, and then quickly of the other. The mom felt the smile on her face freeze. She tried hard not to reveal her disappointment.

Then the little girl handed one of her bitten apples to her mom and said, "Mommy, here you are. This is the sweeter one."

No matter how experienced you are, and how knowledgeable you think you are, always delay judgment. Give others the privilege of explaining themselves. Never conclude for others.

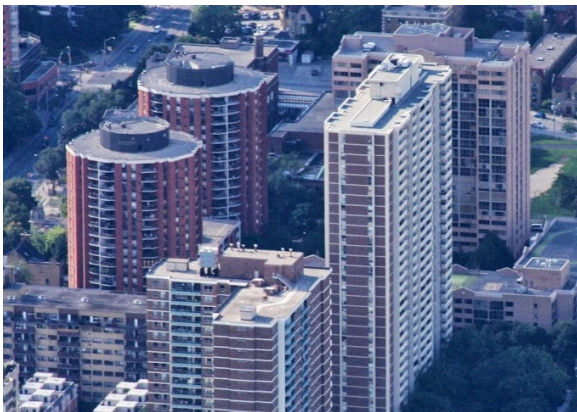
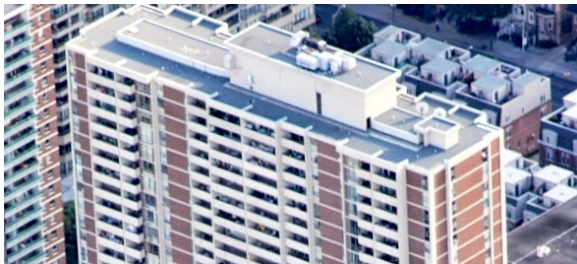


Roof Garden

Submitted by Charles Marker

From time to time, residents bring up the idea or the wish to have a roof garden or patio on the rooftop of our building. These pictures will show that there is little space on the roof for such things. Some neighbouring buildings' roofs have more space, maybe because they were built with that in mind.

The accompanying aerial photos are by resident Taras Karpiuk and are in full view on the condo website under "Newer Photos" at www.40homewood.org.



Don't Forget



Barbecue

August 22nd, 2015



NOT ONLY AM I
PERFECT

I'M
CANADIAN
TOO!

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