



HOMEWOOD

Community Newsletter

June, 2015



June 21st, 2015



Happy Pride Week!
June 19th - June 28th,
2015

Pride Parade
Sunday, June 28th, 2015



June 10th, 2015
7:00 p.m.

**Please remember the change
in venue this year.**

Ramada Hotel
300 Jarvis Street
Just south of Carlton Street



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June 18th – July 16th,
2015



Don's Movies For June

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

Friday, June 5th
Remembering D-Day
Midway (1976)
Charlton Heston, Henry Fonda,
Robert Mitchum

Friday, June 12th
The Big Wedding (2012)
Robert Di Nero, Robin Williams, Diane
Keaton

Thursday, June 18th
The Great American Broadcast
(1941)
Alice Faye, John Payne, Cesar
Romero

Friday, June 19th
Hello Frisco Hello (1945)
Alice Faye, John Payne, June Havoc

Thursday, June 25th
Mercury Rising (1998)
Bruce Willis, Alec Baldwin

Friday, June 26th
The Jackal (1992)
Bruce Willis, Richard Gere, Sidney
Poitier



IN MEMORIAM



Eva Kato
1946-2015

Eva Kato passed away at Kensington Hospice on Thursday, May 28 at 5:00 pm. She was 69 years old. Eva was a breast cancer survivor for 29 years (almost half her life) but she never

once complained or felt sorry for herself. Every time her disease delivered another blow, she picked herself up and just kept on going. She had a zest for life that made her seem indestructible. It was only when a MRI revealed a mass of tumours in her brain that Eva knew this was one battle she couldn't win. Still, she fought hard for six months. Even the doctors were amazed at her tenacity.

Born in Budapest during the Stalin era, Eva emigrated to Canada with her parents during the Hungarian Revolution of 1956. She and her partner Ken Dawe met as copywriters at Eaton's Catalogue. They moved into 40 Homewood in 1973 and spent the next decade travelling the world on three separate year-long trips while supporting themselves with advertising assignments when back home.

In the following years, Eva's passion for people, places and different cultures became the subject of her award-winning photographs. Her images have been seen in magazines, on book covers and at international photo exhibits. She was a past president of the Toronto Camera Club, North America's largest camera club. Her feature-length musical travelogues were enjoyed by an avid following, including a large number of 40 Homewood residents.

Eva was a vital force. Her energy, her liveliness, her warmth, humour and talents were gifts to all who knew her. A celebration of her life will be arranged later in June.

R.I.P. Eva

Pet of the Month



Kiko



My name is Kiko. I am fairly new to the planet. I was looking for a place to live. I tried renting, I tried buying but to no avail. Fortunately two gentle human beings adopted me. I am now a full time resident of 40 Homewood. I am cuddled, loved by everyone, especially John and Chau and I am very happy to be among all of you.



Spotty Wisdom

This month Spotty says
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Why, why, should I look into myself when I am fully employed criticizing others.



"Good Eats, Cheap Eats, Sweet Spots"

by Cammy Lee-
Bostwick

**I want to apologize to Cammy for
repeating the same food review in the
April and May newsletters.**

**It was completely my mistake.
Martha**

Spring is finally Here!

And with the sunshiny weather 40
Homewooders, let's venture out a bit of
our 'hood shall we?

For this month's review I take you to the
Purple Penguin (889 Queen East), which
is right in the heart of the now trendy
Leslieville area. If you haven't already,
heading out this way will not disappoint,
especially if you are into cafes and
restaurants...you can really take your
pick.

In fact, that is how I happened upon the
Purple Penguin: I found a parking spot,
so took it. On a southeast corner is this
cute little cafe. So I went into the sun-
filled space, and ordered an Americano
(Espresso and water), which was
average. They serve all day breakfast,
an assortment of paninis, and the like,
pretty standard fare. That wasn't why I
came in. However, I noticed on the sign
board: "Apple Fritters". I ordered one,
and asked the server if it could be
heated up, and with a smile she replied,
"Oh....you've never had one

before...they're made to order, it'll take 2 minutes". Inside, I was already getting excited; 'made to order'?

The server brought it to my table when it was ready, and covered in cinnamon sugar the size of a Tim Horton's cruller (smaller than it was in the past), it was piping hot (sorry, no pic this time). For being fried, it had no hint of oil...whoever was in there making them was an expert for sure. So definitely, a word of caution here because it is *that* hot, but also *that* fresh. When it finally cooled down, and I couldn't wait any longer, I bit into it: at once fluffy and airy, and not at all greasy. The sprinkling of cinnamon sugar was just enough, and in the chewy centre was succulent bits of apple, fresh, perfectly textured and dispersed throughout. At \$1.50 each, 3 for \$4.25, 6 for \$8.00 or 12 for \$14.00, it is very reasonably priced.

The space is small but warm and friendly with a few tables in the front, and counter tops on either side of the windows with stools. But heading to the back, the tables that fit 2-4 people, have slabs of stunning 300 year old oak trees for table tops. Quite unexpected given its very ordinary cafe exterior. The vibe is laid back and unhurried. It is a tad out of the way, but on the Queen Streetcar line, and with the warmer weather, highly recommended.

What a surprise this is! I came in for a coffee and to do a bit of work, and wound up finding a place that I will surely visit again, if not go by just for the fritters as I can't remember the last time I had a pastry that was "made to order"! And because my coffee got cold, as I ran back to the car to get my wallet, the server offered to make me another (after I finished the first one)...service and fritters: Who knew?

I was so impressed that I got another one to go...but of course, had to wait the 2 minutes, which is, quite frankly, totally worth the wait!

Cammy Lee Bostwick



Washing Dishes

We could debate whether washing dishes by hand or by dishwasher is more environmentally sound, just as we could debate whether a bath uses more water than a shower.

The article here from the Washington Post goes through the factors that are at play: how much time is the water running in a thorough handwash? how old and inefficient is your dishwasher? is the dishwasher a modern, efficient one with Energy Star certification? does it make sense to rinse or pre-wash dishes before putting them in the dishwasher?

It should be remembered that at 40 Homewood, as anywhere, a dishwasher needs to be correctly connected to the plumbing by a competent plumber and/or consultation with the Management Office.

See the Washington Post article here:

http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2015/05/05/why-you-shouldnt-wash-your-dishes-by-hand/?tid=HP_more?tid=HP_more



Questions and Answers to and from the Board and Management

Question: The tulips look beautiful. What did the landscaper figure out about how to keep the squirrels from messing with the bulbs?

Answer:: Our landscaper replied as follows about the bulbs this year: "I'm not sure if there is any effective product to keep them (squirrels) out the beds."

I believe we were fortunate this past winter that the squirrels did not dig up all the bulbs that were planted in our front flower beds.

Question: The grass edges are brown again. Over the years, the question we've asked has always been, "How do we maintain green grass on those edges?"

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Will the board now consider a different question that might be solvable: "How do we maintain a presentable appearance alongside the front sidewalks?" *There might be different answers to that different question.*

Answer: The landscaper replied: "The lawn is dead because of ice melting material used during the winter. There is also a thin layer of top soil because of concrete underneath." Despite using eco-friendly ice melting material in this area we still get grass erosion. You may recall that last year we dug up this area to install weeping tile underneath

because the ground at this location was remaining waterlogged and we seem to have solved that problem. We will place some additional top soil on the area with some grass seed like we have done in prior years to get the grass growing again. The board is not making any other decisions about this area until the Fire Chief has determined whether we need to dig up our front lawns to provide a fire truck "fire lane" in front of the building.

Question:. At the 2014 AGM, there was discussion about a system that would allow residents to buzz in guests via their cellphones. Is that still an idea that is being pursued?

Answer: The Board has met with one supplier whose technology is a prototype allowing a photo of the person being buzzed in to be captured along with permitting the access system to contact a cell phone rather than a landline phone in the unit.

We are exploring other options as this prototype was developed for another entrance application and would be a beta test in a residential site like ours.

We are continuing to explore access products available that will not compromise security for residents.

Question: Can we bar b que on our balconies?

Answer: The summer weather is here and we remind you that grilling steaks on your balcony or the use of a bar b que on your balcony are forbidden for health reasons and risk of fire. A few years ago we installed two gas fired bar b ques on the pool deck/patio for use by residents. Bring your guests and dinner down to the bar b que and rent it

for \$5 for the hour. Contact security or the Management Office to reserve your one hour time slot. Utensils are provided. All we ask is that you leave the bar b que clean and remove all of your garbage when leaving the patio. There are tables there where groups can enjoy their dinner freshly cooked on the bar b que.

Question: Are the lounge chairs out for sunning on the pool deck?

Answer: One level up from the patio/pool deck you will find chaise lounges for your sunning enjoyment. Bring a towel, sun screen and enjoy sunbathing on these comfortable chairs. No charge for this. Please use ear buds when using listening devices on the sun deck.

Question: Can I park my electric scooter free of charge in the garage?

Answer: All residents who have assigned parking spots **should** park in **their** spot. The Management Office has a list of parking rental fees which includes charges for a single car spot, a long parking spot, motorbike and e-bike/scooter. If any resident has not registered their automobile, motorbike, e-bike or scooter with the office and is not paying the applicable rental fee there is a risk that your vehicle will be locked until appropriate fees are paid. Please see the office to ensure this does not happen to you. We also remind residents that parking in the handicapped spots without displaying a valid handicapped permit in the visitor parking is not permitted; Parking enforcement will ticket these offences. Also, the three reserved spots across from the handicapped spots in visitors parking are for staff and trades people who may be called

in on weekends so please do instruct guests to not use these spots.

Question: Last weekend my neighbours were having a party that spilled out onto the balcony which disturbed my sleep. What can I do?

Answer: We remind everyone that balcony noise travels widely. Having parties out on the balcony late at night will disturb neighbours. Please be mindful of the noise you create out there. If noise is bothering you please call security who will investigate. If the noise does not reduce in a timely manner you always have a right to call police if you suspect the City of Toronto noise bylaw is being broken.

From one resident: Please remind residents of the following: A few years ago there was a huge fire on Wellesley from a cigarette butt that was discarded from an upper balcony landing on a lower balcony causing the blaze. Please extinguish all cigarettes in appropriate air tight containers when smoking on your balcony and never throw butts off balconies.

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

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