



HOMEWOOD *Community Newsletter*

December, 2015

Don't Forget!

December 1st, 2015

Owners' meeting to present the preliminary budget
7 p.m. - 8 p.m. in the Recreation Room

December 8th, 2015

Owners' meeting to present the budget for 2016
7 p.m. - 8 p.m. in the Recreation Room



December 16–24, 2015



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"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 NYTT SAR"
"FELIC NADAL-GOJAN KRISTNASKON"
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"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"
"BOLDOG KARACSONNY-VESELE VIANOCE "
"MERRY CHRISTMAS - - HAPPY NEW YEAR"
"ROOMSAID JOULU PUHI -KUNG HO SHENG TEN"
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Merry Christmas



Holiday Hours for the Management Office

The Management Office will be closed on the following days:

Thursday, December 24, 2015 -closing at 12:30pm

Friday, December 25, 2015

Monday, December 28, 2015

Thursday, December 31, 2015 - closing at 12:30pm

Friday, January 1, 2016

worldAIDSday

December 1, 2015



Spotty Wisdom

This month Spotty says:

Beginnings are also endings as there are no beginnings without endings.



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
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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.



Brain Teasers

Try to figure out which Christmas songs these pictures represent.

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December Events

With so many events happening each month, here's a few things to do in December:

Nov 20 - Dec 20	The Toronto Christmas Market (Distillery)
Nov 26 - Dec 6	One of a Kind Show & Sale
Nov 30 - Dec 20	Union Station Christmas Market
Through Dec	Spectacle of Lights at Toronto Waterfront
Dec 4	CBC Sounds of the Season (Free)
Dec 6	Evergreen Brickworks Winter Village (various events)
Dec 6	Toyland at Casa Loma
Dec 12	Gladstone's 12 Beers of Christmas
Dec 12 - 21	Toronto Christmas Festival (Yonge & Dundas)
Dec 12	Desserts by Candlelight - Scarborough Museum
Dec 12	"Snow Angels" concert
Dec 18	Ugly Sweater Cocktail Cruise
Dec 18 - 20	Toronto Waterfront's Winterfest (various events)
Dec 19	30 Craft Market
Dec 19-20	Annual Santa Brunch Cruise
Dec 24	City of Toronto Christmas Concert

Editor's note

Thank you to John Kantor, who compiles this list every month for us. We appreciate all your work, John.,



December 6th was declared by Canada's Parliament as the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women following the murder of 14 women at L'École

Polytechnique de Montreal on that day in 1989.

Let us remember all women who are victims and survivors of gender-based violence. December 6th is also a part of the '16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Campaign' which begins with the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women on (November 25) and ends on International Human Rights Day (10 December) to reinforce that eliminating all forms of violence against women is a human rights issue and that the act of perpetrating violence against women is a human rights violation.



Annual Christmas Dinner

By Martha MacLachlan

40 Homewood's Social Committee kicked off the holiday season in fine style with the annual holiday dinner, held Sunday, November 29 in the recreation room. David and Gabriel, of Absolutely Famished Caterers, provided a feast for the 84 attendees. Kendall Partington, a sought after entertainer, graced us with his music and had people up dancing, yes dancing. It was a joy filled room.

This magic was conjured up by the Social Committee's five active members and a few faithful volunteers. A lot of work goes into this annual event. The Christmas decorations have to be pulled out of storage. The magnificent tree (donated by Angus and Don) has to be erected and dressed, the wreaths put up, the bar tarted. Then the seating for 84 people. Tables dragged out and adorned with festive cloth and candles, chairs dragged out, dusted and set up.

And when the party is over, all must be undone. Tables disassembled, chairs stacked up, wine glasses run through

the dishwasher, and recycling and organic waste deposited on the main floor.

And so my heart felt thanks goes out to these unsung volunteers who conceive and deliver up events to bring the 40 Homewood community and friends together. In the spirit of giving, you have given.

For those who enjoyed the annual holiday dinner, we are grateful for your support and participation.

See you all next year. And if you have ideas for future events, or wish to volunteer, please send me an email or leave a note for me in the office.

Martha MacLachlan

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Editor's note

To elaborate a little more on Martha's article here are the names of the people who did all the work:

Martha MacLachlan, Committee Chairperson, Brian Brenie, Board Liaison, Members Felix Almeida, Tammy House, and Kevin Kirk. Volunteers for this event - Christine Leask, Miguela Lugo, Chris Lambert, Sarah MacLachlan.

Thanks also to Meagan Newstead in the office for handling ticket sales.

Their combined efforts resulted in a memorable evening for everyone - good food, good company, and good entertainment. A great start to the holiday season upon us.



Fairwell to Midnite

It is with heavy heart that our beloved Polish Dwarf bunny Midnite died November 15.

A companion for 11 years, he broke the mold on what the perfect pet is. Featured as Pet of the Month once, Midnite, the easiest being to take care of, really took care of me.

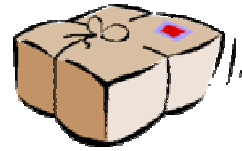
From the start, he had full reign, going wherever and eating whatever his heart desired, being in charge of all the activity that goes on in a home.

Our Best Friend, Protector, and Ally,

Midnite, you will be sorely missed and forever remembered.

All Our Love,
Cammy & Brent

"Buon Natale"



As shown on Channel 13, parcels held in the office after 15 days, will be sent back to the sender. Please check the list from time to time to see if there are any parcels for you and pick them up in a timely manner.



The Swimming Pool is open again.

The Green Committee will be hosting another Clothing Drive in January. Look out for the date.



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



"Good Eats, Cheap Eats, Sweet Spots"

by Cammy Lee-
Bostwick

Happy Holidays Fellow Homeys!

Keeping in the festive mood I take you to the Distillery District's themed German Christmas market, on till December 20th.

Something to bear in mind, is that from Friday-Sunday, they are now charging \$5 admission. So we went on a Thursday and it was free. This place is busy! With kiosks selling everything from cheeses to trinkets and poutine, it really puts you in the holiday spirit. And if that doesn't do it, then perhaps the decorated massive Christmas tree in the centre? It is quite stunning, and for the kiddies, or young-at-heart, there is also a ferris wheel behind the tree by Balzac's coffee house.

As this place gets packed and we went around 7pm I wasn't sure if we could have dinner anywhere without waiting at least an hour. So without reservations, we did find a table for 2 at 'Spirits Oyster Bar'. A bustling restaurant with blue pendant lighting, oyster bar, booths, and table dining, the place captures the DD feel for sure. The floors boards, I'm pretty sure, are relics from when it was an actual distillery. Lots of history here, if that interests you.

For dinner, I had the lobster and mushroom paparadelle pasta with truffle (sorry no pic..ate too fast). It is not overpowering though, as sometimes

truffle can be. It takes a skilled and deft hand to add just the right amount and not too much. And at Spirits, it was perfect! Papparadelle is the wider noodle so it captures all that saucy goodness with chunks of lobster meat and mushroom. Entrees come with a basket of warmed rolls, and whipped butter, which were perfect for sopping up some of the sauce (which I never do, but that was how yummy it was!)

We were seated in the middle at the tables, and if I were bigger in any way, I'd have felt like an elephant in a china shop, as they say. But we did get in without rez and the meal was incredible! At under \$30 a plate, it is a bit of a splurge, but if celebrating or in a festive mood, or for something different, this could be it. And if you do happen to stroll down to the DD, you may also want to catch some "mulled wine"...a hot concoction of wine, cloves, and other spices, it was a nice boozy treat as you walk around feeling the youthful and energetic buzz in the air. There are some semi-protected seating areas, but you have to stay in the cordoned off areas so make sure you choose a place that you want to stand or sit around in till you finish. When we went, it was still quite warm, but as the cold is here now, you may want to bundle up, because you really can't count on getting a seat anywhere.

Still worth it though!

Seasons Greetings Everyone! To You and Yours for a Healthy Happy and Prosperous 2016!!!

Cammy Lee Bostwick

Feliz Navidad!



Remember This At Christmas Time

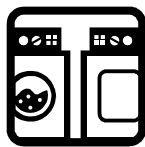
According to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, while both male and female reindeer grow antlers in the summer each year, male reindeer drop their antlers at the beginning of winter, usually late November to mid-December. Female reindeer retain their antlers till after they give birth in the spring.

Therefore, according to EVERY historical rendition depicting Santa's reindeer, EVERY single one of them, from Rudolph to Blitzen, had to be a girl.

We should've known—**ONLY women** would be able to drag a fat man in a red velvet suit all around the world in one night and not get lost.

FROHLICHE WEIHNACHTEN!

Visitor Parking Passes Laundry Cards



As the office will be closed for four consecutive days, it is suggested that you get your Visitor Parking permits early

in order to avoid a rush at the last minute.

Also, remember to pick up any parcels or take care of any bills or filling your laundry card in a timely manner.

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

Joyeux Noel



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