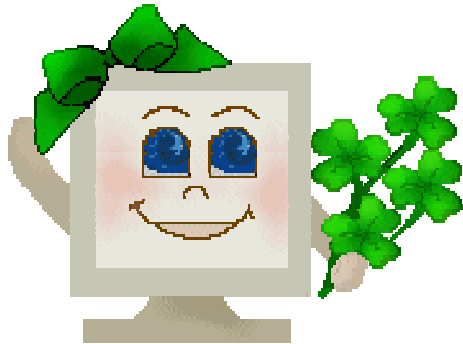


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Happy St. Patrick's Day
March 17th, 2016

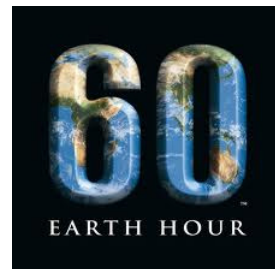


EASTER
GREETINGS

March 27th, 2016



The pesky leprechauns that always infiltrate the March newsletter are not here this year. I guess they found their pot of gold.



On **Saturday, March 19th, 2016** for the hour of 8:30 -9:30 pm, cities around the world will turn off their lights for one hour to raise

global awareness for climate change. The City of Toronto is planning to turn all lights off, except for necessary emergency lighting; shutting down computer monitors, minimizing fan use; as examples.

How about joining 400 world cities in 75 countries for "Earth Hour" by turning off light switches, T.V.'s, computers, etc for one hour.



On Sunday, March 13,
2016 at 2:00 am



"Good Eats, Cheap Eats, Sweet Spots"

by Cammy Lee-Bostwick

Greetings 40 Homewooders!

On a recent neighbourhood walk I rediscovered a small Indian food take-out that I had eaten at before. It was good then and it is good now. Real good, actually. And even though we are enjoying the warmest winter in recent memory, the cold still calls for comfort food. Indian curry seems to fit the bill.

The Indian Roti House is at 471 Church Street, which is just south of Maitland on the East side, and down a few steps. It is a small take-out restaurant but there are a few tables, fast-food style, should you want to eat in. A bit low on ambience, I've never seen anybody eat there. A word of advice is to call ahead so you don't have to wait too long. But it is reassuring to know that to make food as good and as fresh as you can get it here, takes time.

It is reasonably priced but for the winter; they are offering a 10% discount on all pick up orders paid in cash. All the rotis come with the option for rice. And because the dishes are so saucy, I

recommend the rice having also tried the roti. I've had basmati before but their grains are long and look like shreds of coconut, fantastic for absorbing all the excess sauce. Here's what we had: Shrimp Korma in a mild to medium spiciness (\$13.50). I was told this is a great option for "beginners", with just enough heat but certainly not overpowering. Korma is a very creamy rich curry that is dense with flavour. Told by one of the workers that it is probably the most popular sauce they have, one can easily see why. To accompany this we order the Mixed Vegetable roti on rice (\$8.95) in mild. The Mixed Veg is cauliflower, peas, and potatoes, so for an extra \$2 you can add Chana (curried chick peas) which I highly suggest (\$10.95). These two dishes were a terrific pairing as the sauces differ somewhat. The curry is tomato based and not as rich as the korma but still had spice though we ordered mild.

We also had the Naan bread, but I wouldn't order it again as it tasted store bought. The samosas (2 for \$4.95) are stuffed with potato and peas and come with a yogurt, tamarind mint sauce with chopped raw white onion. They were fine. The real winners at the Indian Roti House, however, are the rotis (with rice). And the leftovers are even better, the hallmark of true comfort food!



To Martha and Magic

By Esther Podoliak

Thank you, Martha MacLachlan, for your lovely article "40 Homewood Community", in our February 2016 Newsletter.

The most obvious thanks for our community spirit are due to people like you who serve on the board or on committees. But as your article beautifully points out, the community as a whole contributes to its spirit.

For example, worthy of recognition is Charles Marker (who I sometimes call Magic Marker, or Magic for short.) When Magic was sick, the groups of people who gathered with him to sit and chat in front of our building in warm weather were, it seemed to me, for the most part absent. I missed what these gatherings represented, even though I couldn't sit there for very long or often, for different reasons. (Magic has also been a Board and/or committee member for more than three years.) Thanks, Magic.

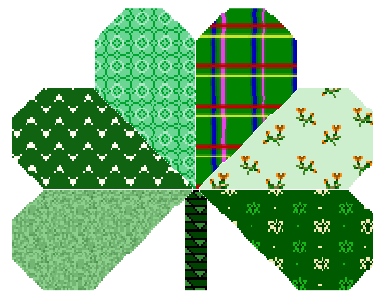
Wishing all of us here a continuing community spirit, with good health and joy.



Pigeon Relief!

By Constance Dilley

Finally, a product that helps. Canadian Tire sells plastic "Bird Spikes," very much like the metal spikes you see on large buildings. They are harmless to birds. Ten linear feet costs \$18 and they are very easy to glue onto the balcony edge. You still need to be vigilant in case pigeons are used to flying past your balcony edge to roost in the balcony itself, but I find this makes a huge difference. When the sun shines on them, they are very beautiful.



May you be half an hour in heaven before the devil even knows you're dead



Please quiet your wake up alarms when going away

A few days ago a neighbour on another floor spoke to me about a neighbour of theirs whose wake up alarm went off every morning at 5am with loud classical music. The alarm went off but they were out of town and this disturbed them greatly every 5am.

You see, at that time of day when the building is quiet and the outside noise is very low, simple sounds that we would not pay attention to during the day can be disturbing.

While reflecting on my neighbour's situation this morning at around 6am I was disturbed by someone near me (I have no idea who because sounds travel strangely through concrete buildings) who has a beeping alarm that continued to beep for an hour when it shut itself off. I suspect this neighbour is away on vacation or traveling and forgot to shut off the wake up alarm in their home. It was not a loud sound but it was persistent and made it impossible for me to fall back to sleep until it shut itself off.

Please, if you are going away do remember to shut off anything that can make noise at regular intervals as this can disturb your neighbour's right to peaceful enjoyment.



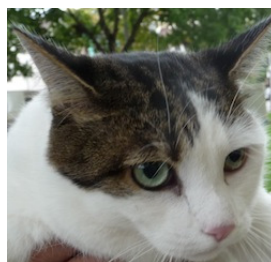
A Pack of Boxes

Submitted by Charles Marker

If you need some cardboard boxes for moving or storing or other purposes, the LCBO store on Parliament (south of Winchester) has a deal for you.

You can get a pack of 10 empty boxes, mostly wine, flattened and tied together with twine for a \$2 donation. Easy to carry and handy!

They pass the donations on to the Hospital for Sick Children Foundation.



Spotty Wisdom

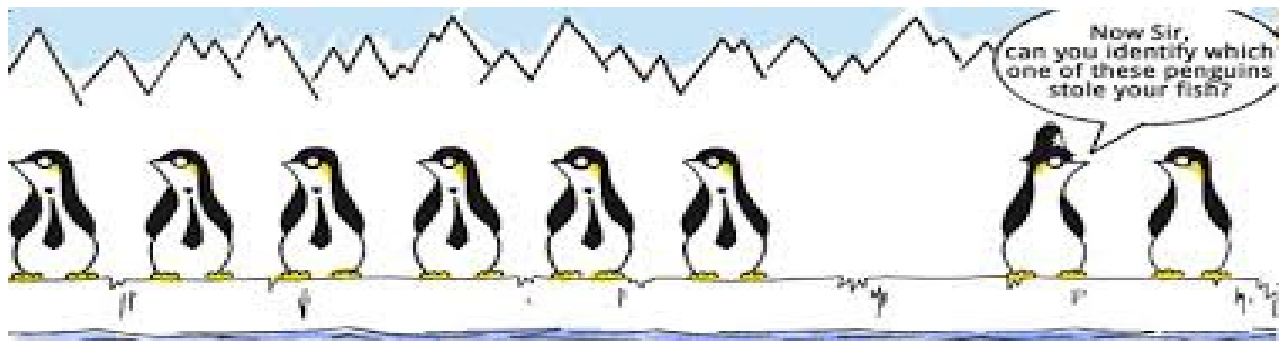
This month he says:

To be or not to be is the ability to decide the right and the wrong.

March Events 2016

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

Feb 20-21	LunarFest at Harbourfront
March 5	Celebrate Toronto
March 5-6	Toronto Vintage Clothing Show
March 5-6	Toronto Antique and Vintage Market
March 8	International Women's Day
March 12	Carlsberg St. Party's Day
March 13	St Patrick's Day Parade
March 11-13	Canadian DJ Show 2016
March 15-16	National Engineering Month at the CN Tower
March 14-18	March Break
March 17	St.Patrick's Day
March 27	Easter 2016
March 11-20	The National Home Show
March 11-20	Canada Blooms: The Flower and Garden Festival 2016
March 16-20	Toronto Sportmen's Show
March 18-20	Toronto ComiCon 2016
March 22-26	Water Docs Film Festival
March 23-27	One of a Kind Spring Show & Sale 2016



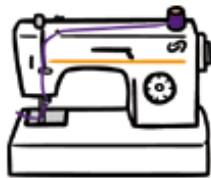
Grins & Snickers



Irish Wedding Party

At an Irish wedding party recently someone yelled. "All the married men, please stand next to the one person who has made your life worth living."

The bartender was crushed to death.



Regent Park Sewing Group are looking for used sewing machines and a serger.

Any donation of used ones would be appreciated.

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