



HOMEWOOD

Community Newsletter

May, 2016



**Cinco de Mayo
May 5, 2016**



May 8, 2016



**Happy Victoria Day
Monday, May 23rd, 2016**



Mother

M is for the million things she gave me
O means only that she's growing old
T is for the tears she shed to save me
H is for her heart of purest gold
E is for her eyes with love light signing
R means right and right she'll always be
Put them all together, they spell
MOTHER

A word that seems so much to me



Big Blue Bags

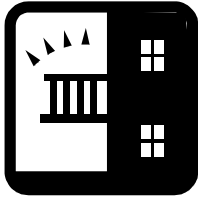
If any residents never got, or have lost, or have worn out their big, blue recycling bags, or would like a second one, there are more available at the office.

They hold a lot of paper, cans and bottles, so you don't have to go to the blue bin in the Recycling Room very often!



For those residents who take their dogs out to the back to do their business, please put the poop bag in the green bin in the Recycling Room, not in the containers in the mail room. It causes a smell.

Balcony Etiquette



The much-anticipated warm weather is upon us, and everyone wants to get out and prepare their balconies for the summer season. Just a reminder that there are some basic rules about the

use of balconies. Legally, balconies are an exclusive-use common element. What that means is that while you own your apartment, you do not own the balcony. Balconies are part of the exterior common elements of the building and are owned by the corporation. As a unit owner, the deed to your apartment grants you exclusive use of the balcony attached to your unit.

This is an important point, as there are rules set by the corporation as to the use and care of the balcony.

Of course, the normal rules of noise apply on balconies. We only ask that you be considerate of your neighbours and respect their rights to privacy and quiet enjoyment.

Please do not hose down your balcony or over-water plants. The runoff is extremely annoying to your neighbours below. We highly recommend the use of trays underneath potted plants to catch the overflow.

Please do not throw ANYTHING off of your balcony, including plant materiel, cigarette butts, etc.

Balconies may be painted using an approved rubberized paint. The paint code and where to buy it is available in the office.

Removable flooring is permitted on balconies. Permanent flooring of any kind is strictly prohibited.

Installation of split-type ductless air conditioners is permitted with approval from the office, but they must be mounted on the floor of the balcony and not on the walls.

Loose, billowing curtains are not permitted. A type of sun-blocking shade is permitted. The information is available in the office. Lights are permitted on your balcony, but not mounted on the ceiling.

Any planters that hang on the balcony rail are permitted only if they hang on the inside of the railing, not on the outside – and we ask that you be cautious when watering these types of planters, as we get complaints every year from dripping water caused by this type of planter.

While it is a bit lengthy, here are the relevant sections from our condo Rules:

2.1 Signs, advertisements or notices shall not be inscribed, painted, affixed or placed outside of units on any part of the building without prior written consent of the Board. Signs, advertisements and notices may only be posted by Residents on bulletin boards provided for this purpose. Wreaths, decorations and door knockers on the hallway side of unit doors are permitted, unless deemed by the Board, acting reasonably, to be inappropriate.

2.2 During holidays, temporary decorations for Christmas and other festivities are acceptable for reasonable periods. Only temporary fasteners may be used; no nails or permanent fasteners are permitted. Any Resident wishing to otherwise alter the exterior of the unit door must make an application to and receive approval from the Board.

2.3 Nothing shall be placed on the outside of balcony walls or windows.

2.4 Nothing shall be thrown out of the windows or doors or from balconies.

2.5 No mops, brooms, dusters, rugs or bedding shall be shaken or beaten from any window, door or balcony.

2.6 Hanging or drying clothes on balconies is permitted only when the clothing cannot be seen from the outside of the building.

2.7 All items on balconies other than seasonal furniture, plants and planters must not be visible from the outside of the building.

2.8 All items on balconies must be secure against wind. Owners are responsible for any damage to people, neighbouring balconies and common elements caused by anything blown, thrown or dropped from balconies or windows

2.9 Washing of balcony floors shall be done in a manner that does not allow water to fall over the sides of the balcony floor.

2.10 Barbeques are not permitted on balconies.

2.11 Erecting or fastening any television antenna, aerial, dish or similar structure to any unit or common element is prohibited

2.12 In order to maintain a pleasing appearance for the building, written consent of the Board is necessary before putting up any awnings, curtains or shades outside the windows or balconies. The Board shall have the right, in its absolute discretion, to prescribe the shape, colour and material of such awnings, curtains or shades to be erected

2.13 No one shall place any reflective or insulating materials or coverings in or on any exterior window or door unless written consent is given by the Board. No foils, drapes or blinds with reflective backing are permitted



The Social Committee is planning a **Volunteer Appreciation Evening** on May 14, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the recreation room,

This event will be by invitation only.

The Social Committee and the 40 Homewood community is enhanced by our wonderful volunteers who work on the committees, help set up social committee events and our board members who give selflessly on our behalf.

Shredded Paper

When you've shredded your top secret papers, please put them in a clear plastic bag before depositing them in the Blue Bin for recycling. If they're loose, they tend to fly all over when the bin is dumped into the truck.

Social Committee News_T

The Armchair Travelogue Series

Sunday, May 29th at 3:30 pm in the Recreation Room

With more than 490 condominium units at 40 Homewood, there are many travellers amongst us. The Social Committee is hoping that some of you would like to share your travel experiences and photos to an audience of residents (and friends of). To start this series off, on Sunday, May 29th at 3:30 pm in the Recreation Room, Felix Almeida will share pictures and stories from his recent trip to Goa, India. Following the presentation, Felix will be on hand to answer questions you might have regarding best times to travel to Goa, how to get there, whether you need immunization and whatever else might come to mind. Finger foods will be provided and beverages, including wine, will be available for a suggested donation amount. Please join us (with friends if you like) and enjoy a comfortable and informative armchair tour to Goa. The start of this Armchair Travelogue series will be a forum for residents of 40 Homewood to share your travel stories and hopefully inspire others to follow in your footsteps. If after reading this you wish to present your travel story, please email the social committee, at: social40h@gmail.com or leave a note in the office for the social committee.

Annual Yard Sale

Saturday, June 11th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

The yard sale will be held on Saturday, June 11, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The Set Up will be located on the walkway from the driveway into the garage up to the main entrance of the building. This location has been chosen to make it easier for residents to transport their items. A sign up for tables will be made available in the office, starting May 2, 2016. The Social Committee will also be setting up a beverage and bake sale table to encourage shoppers to linger longer. If you wish to contribute bake sale items (with money from sale going back to you) please contact the social committee at: social40h@gmail.com or leave a note in the office for the social committee.

Movie Night

Movie Night has been a tradition at 40 Homewood since 1992. Many of you will remember Don Sangster, who until his passing in December 2016, hosted the Movie Night in the recreation room for close to twenty years. Don assumed the mantle of host, after the passing of the originator of Movie Night, Franz Drey. Don loved sharing his love for films. He not only chose the movies, he did the write-up for every one of the movie posters that appeared on the bulletin boards in our building. He also hosted special movie-related parties, like the Academy Awards TV broadcast and a special New Year's Eve blockbuster.

It's hard to imagine life at 40 Homewood without Movie Night with Don. It was an occasion when so many of us met and socialized with our neighbours and, ultimately, became devoted long-lasting friends.

The Social Committee is planning to continue the tradition of Movie Night with a new host. Donald Bala, the manager, is currently making arrangements to update the facilities, including installing the new screening equipment. We expect that Movie Night will soon be screening again. Stay tuned for further updates.

Looking for Ideas

Do you sometimes think of something that would be fun to do at 40 Homewood?


For example, a few years back, a resident provided exercise classes on Sunday mornings, another provided beginner bridge classes, and yet another held a weekly French conversation evening for Anglophones learning French.

The Social Committee welcomes your ideas so please, if you have a start up idea, please contact the social committee, at: social40h@gmail.com or leave a note in the office for the social committee.

Volunteers Needed

For every event that happens at 40 Homewood, such as the annual BBQ, the December Dinner, the new Armchair Travelogue Series, volunteers are needed to help with set up and clean up, as well as decorating ideas to enhance the

ambiance of the recreation room. The Social Committee keeps a roster of contact information for those who help us with these events. The roster seems to be getting smaller and we are hoping that with so many new residents in the building, some of you are willing to volunteer to help out. It's a great way to get to know your neighbours while participating in the greater good, so to speak. And, every year, the Social Committee hosts a Volunteer Appreciation evening, with food and drink provided to thank you for your assistance. At most there are only three events a year and the work does not take long, especially with more hands helping. Please consider this request to volunteer and assist the social committee members in keeping the community spirit alive at 40 Homewood Avenue. It is this sense of community that enhances our relationship with each other. If you wish to offer some of your time please email the social committee at: social40h@gmail.com or leave a note in the office for the social committee.

 MARK YOUR CALENDARS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING June 8th, 2016
YARD SALE June 11th, 2016
BBQ August 13th, 2016

SPRING IS ON THE WAY!



"Good Eats, Cheap Eats, Sweet Spots"

by Cammy Lee-
Bostwick

Well, this month folks, I take you out of Toronto....(sorry)....and take you to la belle ville of Montreal. You know I always keep it local, but work had me there, and there is no work in my world without a bit of play.

So, what's the play? Iron Chef Chuck Hughe's restaurant, "Garde Manger" on Rue St. Francois, in the old part. Let's talk about the neighbourhood first. I pull up in my cab and the area is utterly romantic: old cobblestone streets, stone buildings, quaint restaurants, cafes, shops, and alleyways. This reminds me so much of Europe. Because it is evening, there is a buzz in the air, with people of most ages, but predominantly youngish, and beautiful, walking about.

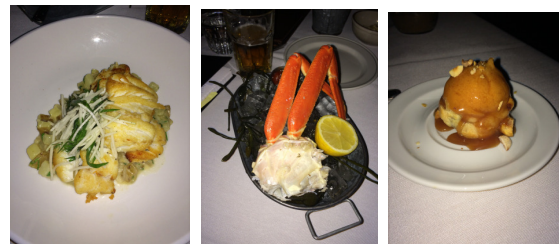
My rez is for 9:30 and I made it 2 weeks before. Online it recommends a month, but that might be high season. Someone does call to confirm on the day of. The space is small, dark but light enough. The vibe is energetic, the clientele young and stylish. The menu is on chalk boards, one in front of house and the other in the back by the bar. Both sections are separated by the kitchen with a visible staff of about 5. And seafood is their specialty.

I order the cod with potato "risotto". Right after I order this, I tell my server, Alexander that I had been looking forward to this dining experience for months and that I should have asked him what I should order. He shrugged when I asked if I had made a good choice. I guess my disappointment was obvious, because he said, he'd be right back and would "take care of me". In moments he returns with 2 crab legs on ice (see pic), explaining that this is the time of year when it tastes unlike it ever does, and so, I must try it. It is delicious: you know it is fresh when you crack it with your hands and the whole fleshy piece comes out, effortlessly. He suggested I not forget the knuckle meat as it is very sweet, which it was. But when the cod arrived (see pic), let's just say, it was divine! Chunks of cod fillet seared

to perfection without the skin, sit on a mound of small diced potato, the "risotto". There is a tangle of thinly shredded jicama, dill, and cilantro on top. Here folks, was the perfect bite: buttery tender white cod, with a bit of potato in a creamy reduction, finished off with the crunchy freshness of jicama and dill. It was exactly what I had wanted, and if this elicited Alexander's shrug, it makes me wonder that next time I should order a minimum of 3 dishes! Even though its portion was not huge, I found myself getting full, so got the rest to go. Alexander came back and showed me his photos of dishes he cooks. Pictures do speak a thousand words, don't they? I told him, pointing to a pic of seared tuna that that was what I would have chosen. He was very humble and asked if I liked dessert. He said he'd be back.

Next came a mini profiterole (see pic) with a peanut butter mousse, with caramel sauce and toasted hazelnuts. I usually skip dessert, finding most too sweet for my palate. But given the small tasting size, it was the ideal serving. The pastry was perfectly executed with just a hint of that moist almost undone-ness in the centre. Peanut butter adds a sweet/savoury quality that is nicely offset by the caramel which wasn't so sweet. But what really made this dessert was the toasted hazelnuts that gave not only texture, but a smoky dimension taking it to a whole other level.

This goes down as one of, if probably not the best dining experience I've had. And underscores what I've always held to be true: that the service is almost, but not quite, as important and fulfilling as the food itself.



the 40 HOMEWOOD
Yard
SALE

Saturday, June 11, 2016
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- Will be held at the front of the building on the walkway • Sign up for a table at the office starting May 2nd •
- Tables: \$2.00 each •



May Events 2016

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

April 28-May 8	Hot Docs Documentary Festival
May 1	Goodlife Toronto Marathon
May 1-31	Contact Film Festival
May 2-8	2016 Canadian Music Week
May 5	North American Craft Beer Experience
May 5-15	Toronto Jewish Film Festival
May 6-8	Vitaly - An Evening of Wonders (magic show)
May 6-8	Jane's Walk Toronto
May 8	Sporting Life 10K
May 14-15	TCAF: The Toronto Comic Arts Festival 2016
May 23	Victoria Day Holiday
May 23	Electric Island 2016
May 27-29	Barbados on the Water (Harbourfront)
May 28	Colour Me Rad 5K
May 28-29	Tiger Bamboo Festival
May 28-29	Waterfront Artisan Market
May 28-29	17th Annual Doors Open Toronto
May 28-29	Woofstock
May 29	Toronto Women's Half Marathon and 5k
May 26-June 5	Inside Out - LGBT Film Festival



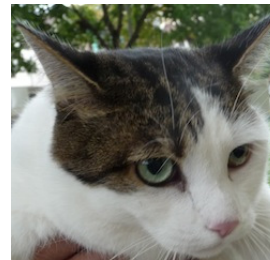
It is nearly time for our AGM which will be held this year on **Wednesday, June 8** at the Ramada Hotel, 300 Jarvis Street, just south of Carlton on the west side of Jarvis.

Registration opens at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting commences at 7 p.m.

If you are interested in running for a position on the Board of Directors, or if you would like to nominate someone, forms are available in the office.

A package will be mailed to every owner on or before May 20.

Also, a "Meet the Candidates" meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 1**, in the Recreation Room.



Spotty Wisdom

This month Spotty says:

The cousin of the bee is but the cousin of us all.



**People are like envelopes
Those marked "Important"
seldom are**





Water

Anytime you run water while waiting for it to get hot, collect this water in a bucket. Use the bucket to flush your toilet every once in a while. Or use it to water your plants or wash your floors

Garbage

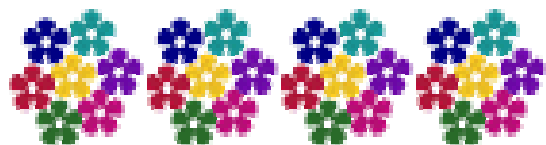
Make broth out of your veggie scraps. Save the scraps in a bag in the freezer until you have enough. Reuse your produce bags. Rinse them out when you finish using them and store them with your shopping bags.

Electricity

Unplug chargers and appliances when you're done using them

Gas & Electricity

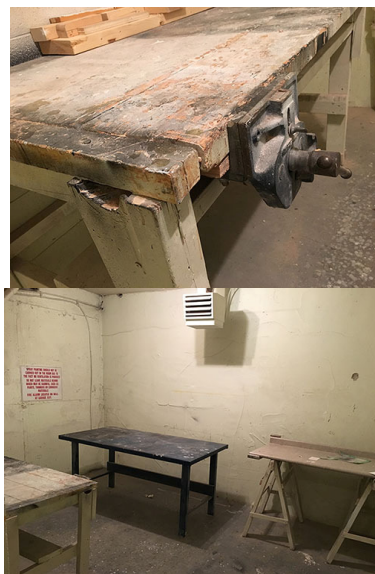
Run the washing machine with cold water (saves wear and tear on your clothes, gas, and electricity).



Hobby Room

Did you know we have a hobby room on B3 level? It's a great workshop space for all your messy or noisy jobs and can be used anytime of day or night. The room is equipped with two sturdy tables, a vice, a saw horse, an electrical outlet and a garbage bin for cleanup.

You can sign up to use the room by contacting the Management Office.



From the Mouths of Babes



A woman invited some people to dinner. At the table she asked her six-year-old daughter "Would like to say the blessing?" "I wouldn't know what to say", the girl replied. "Just say what you heard

Mommy say", her mother said.

The little girl bowed her head and said "Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?".



Please try not to have your dog urinate on the grass on our property. It is killing the grass both at the back and front of the building. It is also eroding the bricks at the front. Thanks.

Let's talk.



A good way to get to know your neighbours and encourage more of a sense of community in the building is to talk to each other in the elevators.

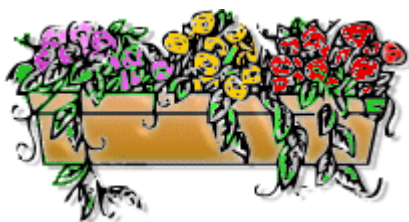
It can be your vertical sidewalk.



Didja know?

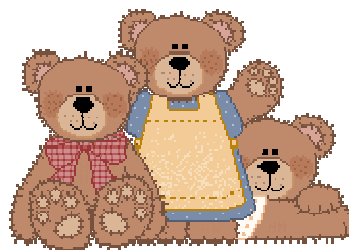
Did you know that there is no other word in the English language that rhymes with month?

Did you know that Go is the shortest sentence in the English language?



Summer is coming

When watering your flowers on your balcony, please be considerate of your neighbours and don't go too near the edge of your balcony and do not let the water spill over to someone else's balcony.



For all Mothers

Baby Bear goes downstairs and sits in his small chair at the table, looks into his small bowl. It is empty. "Who's been eating my porridge?!!", he squeaks.

Papa Bear arrives at the big table and sits in his big chair. He looks into his big bowl, and it is also empty. "Who's been eating my porridge?," he roars.

Momma Bear puts her head through the serving hatch from the kitchen and yells, "For God's sake, how many times do we have to go through this with you idiots? It was Momma Bear who got up first, it was Momma Bear who woke everyone in the house, it was Momma Bear who made the coffee, it was Momma Bear who unloaded the dishwasher from last night, and put everything away, it was Momma Bear who went out in the cold early morning air to fetch the newspaper, it was Momma Bear who set the damn table, it was Momma Bear who put the friggin cat out, cleaned the litter box, and filled the cat's water and food dish, and, now that you've decided to drag your sorry bear asses downstairs, and grace Momma Bear's kitchen with your grumpy presence, listen good, cause I'm only going to say this one more time.

"I HAVEN'T MADE THE @*%\$*%\$@*%\$~%
PORRIDGE YET!!!"

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