



HOMEWOOD

Community Newsletter

July, 2016



July 1st, 2016



There will be an owners meeting regarding the window replacement project.

The meeting will be held on:

July 12 at 7 p.m.
In the Recreation Room.

Revised layouts will be shown with a slide presentation and an update on the timeline for the project.

The Board has made every effort to address concerns raised in the earlier meeting and we are pleased with the results.

Since the proposed windows will be full glass (no solid lower panel), we invite owners to consider the option of tinting the lower panel window (which will be made of tempered glass) with the same light tint as seen on the Lobby and Meeting Room windows. This will be one of the items for discussion at the meeting.



Spotty Wisdom

This month Spotty says

:

It is the "me" of today that wins the "you" of yesterday.





Things Are Being Thrown From High Balconies.

A pressure cooker lid was thrown from a balcony and landed on the walkway.

The next was a huge clay pot which landed on the cement spot in the middle of the front garden.



The third was a plank.



Any of those things could have seriously maimed someone, not to mention a fatal conclusion.

Whoever is doing this, please cease and desist. We don't want anyone hurt nor do we want a lawsuit for the corporation.



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Board of Directors 2016

The newly elected Board of Directors held their first monthly meeting on June 22nd. At that meeting, a motion was passed regarding the Officers of the Board of Directors.

Those positions are as follows:

President	Timothy Oakes
Vice-President	Eric Logan
Treasurer	Elvis Lalaj
Secretary	Martha MacLachlan
Director	Manal Siddiqui

Don't Forget



Barbecue

August 13th, 2016





Let's Travel

Submitted by Felix Almeida

For our enjoyment we each have many pastimes and hobbies; reading (as you are now!), hanging out with friends, going places and saving precious memories on our photos, then reliving those experiences with others once we get back home...feels so good to protract the enjoyment and to then share the adventure that is.....Travel!!

Just a month ago I had the double pleasure of living a life-experience and adventure all over again, when I decided to do a little 'show-n-tell'. After sixteen long years, I had just returned from having spent a winter away for three whole months. Now, there was an experience just waiting to be processed!

Opportunity to do so presented itself by way of one of numerous events put on by our very own, 40 Homewood community's illustrious, fun-filled Social Committee.

No sooner had I mentioned 'jet lag', when the idea was spawned to do a periodic Travelogue down in our own quiet Rec Room.

All I had to do was get my pics in a row, by way of a slide-show, and the Social Committee was glad to do the rest; publicize it in this Newsletter and on

enticingly beautiful posters around the building, even on our monitors in the elevators, get the tech stuff in order so I could do a dry run prior to the date, plan on a date and, voilá, the first of our Travelogue Series was born!

The destination could be anywhere! Heck, anything from a fun road-trip to our nation's capital, to a sizzling sojourn in the tropics, they're all good, 'cos they're all opportunities for us to get together to commiserate, spend a lazy weekend afternoon eating popcorn and snacks (preferably of the featured destination!) and learn some travel do's and don'ts, maybe some History 101 and....be transported.

And what did I learn from my experience in exhibitionism, you ask? Well, that folks are genuinely interested, some even grateful for the effort, perhaps an interest in the destination, maybe in the photography, or even in my interest in the destination. Some good questions and discussion that came out of it have actually lead me on to further my interest in doing yet another show-n-tell, for which I'm going to have to get away soon!

So, with summer upon us, and all the leisure and pleasure that this delicious season brings, you, dear reader, may be planning on a little getaway.

Go!

Have the time of your life!

But, remember to keep clicking, 'cos when you get home to Homewood, we'd love to spend time with you in the Fall some Sunday afternoon, enjoying your Michael Palin experience vicariously on screen, with some snacks and, oh! Did I mention? A glass of wine!

Happy Travels!



"Good Eats, Cheap Eats, Sweet Spots"

by Cammy Lee-
Bostwick

Happy Canada Day Neighbours!

It is finally here: Patio Weather!! Yay! Which means glorious patio dining! In a recent issue of Now Magazine, the best patios in the city (according to them) were featured. I had accidentally stumbled upon one of them a couple of weeks ago: Bar Begonia, on Dupont just east of Spadina, steps from Dupont subway. It's the place with the big neon smiley face.

With French bistro chairs and potted plants on the perimeter it is a nice little reprieve from street traffic. Soon to be opened is the back patio fashioned with picnic tables. To start we shared the sardines tatin (I couldn't find the menu online but it was approx. \$7) which was outstanding. It is chopped up sardines with herbs spread over a large piece of crusty bread, cut into 4-5 pieces. I know it might not sound the most appetizing but the quality of the fish was phenomenal. The server recommended it and it did not disappoint

I ordered the white fish over a ramp purée with cherry tomato and bits of smashed potato with shaved fennel (approx. \$17). Ramps look similar to green onions but have broad and flat green leaves and taste like a cross between scallions and garlic. This dish is a smallish entree and when it arrived in its vivid green purée it was like spring on a plate (see pic). More than its appearance though is the depth of flavour achieved with the ramp purée which is a must to experience. I enjoyed every part of it, savouring each forkful. The garlic taste is not so evident while eating but is strong in aftertaste. The fish, poached in butter, was

a good sized fillet and perfectly executed to a moist doneness. For dessert I ordered the beignets (cost?) that come with a dusting of confectioner's sugar and caramel sauce. They are smaller than Timbits and are usually 6 to an order. This was a nice finish to the meal, not exceptional, but I think the lemon tart which my friend ordered was superior. Still, I actually went for the patio, and was pleasantly surprised with the friendly and knowledgeable wait staff and stand out food that we got.

Three days later I read Amy Pataki's (food critic) review in the Star. And she too, noted and was impressed by the white fish entree, giving the place a rating of 3 1/2 stars out of 4...something rarely seen in her reviews. So while you didn't exactly hear it here first, you almost did. At any rate, I came, I saw, I dined, before her write-up.

So mind you, it isn't super cheap food, but it also isn't prohibitively expensive either. Such unplanned forays that end up being experiences to remember are truly one of life's gifts. And sometimes, when the patio is what you're after, with food like this, it doesn't get much better than that. 2016 Summer in the City: Here I Come!





Questions and Answers to and from the Board and Management

prepared by Timothy Oakes

Question: What is the status of the window replacement project?

Answer: We have every expectation that the project will begin this summer. A meeting to update owners is scheduled for July 12.

Question: Are we still on track with having cellphone access to the entry system?

Answer: The answer is yes. We are still working with technicians to complete the necessary telephone and internet connections at all of the entry points to the building and we expect the system to be up and running very soon.

Question: Why has the water been shut off so often recently?

Answer: We have undertaken a complete retrofit of the boilers and booster pumps that heat and distribute water throughout the building. It has been necessary at times to shut the water down to replace the fittings and pipes. The final phase and hopefully the last water shutoff will take place on Monday, July 4, when the hot water tanks will be drained and re-lined.

Question: Why are there fewer of the new lights on the property? Weren't all of the lights supposed to be replaced?

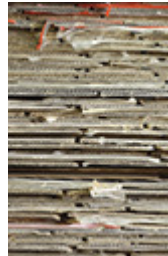
Answer: The new outdoor lights are on higher poles and are much more efficient LED lighting than the original lights. The supplier used one of our architectural drawings of the building and the surrounding property to determine where the lights needed to be placed in order to maximize the areas being lit and to minimize the number of lamps we would need to purchase.

Question: Is there a rule against dogs doing their business on the property?

Answer: There is, although many owners and tenants ignore it. We are constantly reminding people to take their (leashed) dogs off the property to do their business, but it is difficult to enforce and we rely on the consideration and cooperation of our residents.

It is unfortunate that a few inconsiderate people are not picking up after their pets and the urine is ruining sections of the lawns.

There is a parkette just south of the building and two off-leash areas in nearby Allan Gardens



Please collapse your cardboard boxes before putting them in the blue bins. It really saves space and will allow us to recycle even more.

July Festivals



July 1	Canada Day
July 1	Canada Day Party at Steam Whistle Brewery
July 1	Celebrate Canada Day at Mel Lastman Square
July 1	Pride - Trans March
July 1-2	Bacon Festival (Wonderland)
July 1-3	Village Street Fair
July 2	Pride - Dyke March
July 2-3	Digital Dreams Music Festival
July 2	Taste of Downsview
July 2-24	Beaches International Jazz Festival
July 3	Toronto Pride Parade
July 1-3	Redpath Waterfront Festival
July 8-24	Summerlicious 2016
July 9	Lovin' Local Food Fest
July 9	The Thrill of the Grill 2016
July 8-10	Taste of Lawrence Festival
July 14	Summer Craft Beer Fest
July 14	Toronto Summer Music Festival Opening Night
July 15-17	Honda Indy Toronto
July 22-24	Toronto's Festival Of Beer
July 23-24	BIG on BLOOR Festival
July 23-31	2016 Rogers Cup
July 22-24	T&T Waterfront Night Market
July 24	Youth Day Toronto 2016
July 28 - Oct	LUZIA - Cirque Du Soleil
July 30	AlohaFest Toronto 2016
July 30-31	IRIE Music Festival 2016
July 30 - Aug 1	Waterfront Artisan Market
Aug 1	Civic Holiday
Until Sept 5	Summer market at Union Station

Attention! All Residents!

Please be reminded that construction waste cannot be put in the garbage bins.

All material being generated during renovations must be removed by the contractor.

Occasionally, and usually without any notice, City garbage inspectors arrive on site. They showed up this week to find someone putting old carpets in the garbage bins. While the problem was rectified immediately, the City issued us a warning violation and if there is a re-occurrence, we can, and likely will be, fined.

If you are unsure of where to properly dispose of items, either being replaced, or as part of renovations, please drop in to the office and inquire, or speak to any member of the Green Committee. They will be happy to you with instructions on proper disposal of waste material. Additionally, there are posters placed in the garbage and recycling room and bulletin board to provide guidance when you are unsure.

We must all do our part, individually and collectively, to properly sort and dispose of waste material, garbage and recycling.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Thank you to everyone who worked to make the Yard Sale a success.

It was very interesting to have it set up just outside on our walkway. More people see it and there are more potential buyers.

I hope everyone who participated were happy with their intake.

Looking forward to next year.



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