



HOMEWOOD

Community Newsletter

December, 2016



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"FELIZ NAVIDAD"
"MERRY CHRISTMAS"
"KALA CHRISTOUGENA"
"VROLIJK KERSTFEEST"
"FROHLICHE WEIHNACHTEN"
"BUON NATALE-GODT NYTAR"
"HUAN YING SHENG TAN CHIEH"
"WESOLYCH SWIAT-SRETAN BOZIC"
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"KRIHSTLINDJA GEZUAR-KALA CHRISTOUGENA"
"SELAMAT HARI NATAL - LAHNINGU 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

Friday, December 23, 2016 - 9:00am until 2:00pm - will be open during the lunch hour but closing at 2:00pm

Monday, December 26, 2016 **CLOSED**

Tuesday, December 27, 2016 **CLOSED**

Wednesday, December 28, 2016 to Friday December 30, 2016 —**OPEN**
Monday, January 2, 2016 **CLOSED**
Tuesday, January 3, 2016 — **OPEN** and back to regular schedule.

worldAIDSday

December 1, 2016



**December 24 –
January 1, 2016**



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.





Recycling: What will it take to get people to recycle properly?

By Timothy Oakes

The news on the evening of November 29 indicated that inspectors will begin accompanying recycling pickup trucks to condominiums in Toronto and will be inspecting the bins prior to pick up. If the bin contains garbage rather than recycling, the bin will be processed as garbage and we **will be billed** accordingly. While this may seem to be somewhat draconian and unfairly targeting condominiums, it points to the reality that we are simply not getting the message when it comes to proper recycling and collectively, we need to do better.

According to the city, the mountain of waste residue being collected inside recycling facilities is ample proof that many city residents have a difficult time following blue bin basics and in many instances, ignore recycling rules altogether. The Green Committee is constantly working to find ways to ensure that

we are improving our efficiency with recycling. They cannot do it on their own. They need each and every one of us to cooperate.

The City of Toronto provides all kinds of educational material concerning proper recycling. The information is also available on line at:

<http://www.toronto.ca/311/knowledgebase/99/101000044799.html>

One of the nifty features of this page is called the "Waste Wizard". It allows you to type in a description of the item you want to dispose of and will then tell you whether or not it is suitable for recycling.

Please take a few moments to familiarize yourself with what can and cannot be recycled. And review it occasionally. The list of items changes frequently as technology in recycling advances.

Thank you for your cooperation.



People always have questions about my reindeer. For instance, they want to know why reindeer wear bells. I tell them it's because their horns don't work!!!

December Events

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

Dec 3	Gingerbread Build - Habitat for Humanity
Dec 3	Cask on Lansdowne
Dec 3	Cavalcade of Lights (Old Town Toronto)
Dec 3	Light Up the Holidays @ Fairbank Village
Dec 4	WEST Toronto Bakers Market - Holiday Edition @ The Great Hall
Dec 4	Santa in the Junction
Dec 7 - 28	Casa Loma Magical Winterland Nights Wednesday Nights
Dec 9	12 Beers of Christmas @ Gladstone hotel
Dec 9	A Holiday Paint Party!
Dec 10	Christmas Queens
Dec 10	Hervana's 3rd Annual December Bash - Toronto Edition
Dec 10	Fairyland Theatre's Special Christmas Event for Kids
Dec 10 - 23	Evergreen Brickworks Winter Village
Dec 13 to Jan 7	The Illusionists – Live from Broadway
Dec 17 - Feb 18	DJ Skate Saturday Nights at Harbourfront
Dec 18	Santa Brunch Cruise
Dec 23	Tim McCready's X-Mas House Party @ Gladstone Hotel
Dec 23	City of Toronto Christmas Concert @ City Hall
Dec 29 - 30	E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial in Concert
Dec 31	6th Annual MyNextRace Midnite Run

Christmas Markets

Dec 2 - 18	Holiday Market @ Shops at Don Mills (Weekends)
Dec 3	Frost Fair Market at Fort York
Dec 3	Pink Market Toronto 2016 on Church St.
Dec 3	Christmas in the Valley Craft Show
Dec 3	Bellwoods Flea Holiday Market
Dec 5 - 16	The Union Station Holiday Market
Dec 9 -11	City of Craft X: Handmade Decade
Dec 11	Toronto Green Market Holiday Edition
Dec 11	Gladstone Flea: November Market
Dec 18	Toronto Vegan Winter Market
Nov 18-Dec 22	Toronto Christmas Market at the Distillery
Nov 24 - Dec 4	One of a Kind Christmas Craft show



40 H O M E W O O D

Holiday Dinner



Sunday, December 11th, 2016

5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
in the Recreation Room

• *Catered by Absolutely Famished* •

Dinner served at 6:00 pm



M E N U



Caesar salad with homemade dressing

Roast turkey breast served with gravy and cranberries

Roasted and steamed vegetable medley

Roasted garlic mashed potatoes

Savory stuffing

Breaded fresh ocean perch

Pasta with butternut squash and white bean in a spicy garlic oil

Vegetarian mixed grain pilaf with sweet potato and butternut squash

Festive dessert platter

Wine bar (not included) by donation: \$3

• no outside liquor permitted at this event •

Tickets: \$25.00  **Available now in the office**

Last date for purchase: Wednesday, December 7th, 2016

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With entertainment by...

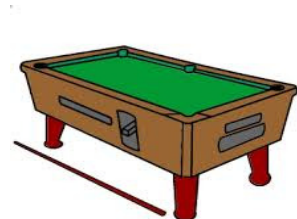
special guest

*Donavon
LeNabat*



Committee News

Social Committee



Design online at:
www.hartboards.com/shirtdesigner

security in off hours.

A billiard table has been installed in the Recreation Room. Sign out for balls and cues can be done during office hours and through



in the recreation room, no sign out required.

A ping pong table is on order and will also be installed in the Recreation Room. Equipment for the ping pong table will be kept

In the new year Games Nights will be organized by the Social Committee.

Special Projects Committee



Christmas Decoration

After much discussion, and careful budgeting, the committee is increasing their efforts to decorate 40 Homewood for the Christmas season. A 10' Fraser Fir tree is being installed on the property by Sheridan Nursery. The octagon will host the reindeer herd and what we are referring to as the Charlie Brown tree. The committee has also acquired a new tree for the lobby. The former lobby tree

will be placed in the main floor meeting room. Hence, the Charlie Brown tree, formerly placed in the meeting room, is being exiled to the octagon, still being put to good use.

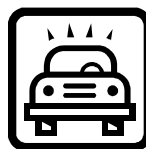
Gardening Committee (New)



A gardening committee, composed of residents, will start up in the new year. Responsibility for the deck area outside of the pool and the planters will be given over to the committee. Some thoughts include a herb garden for all residents. Other thoughts include how to resurrect the rose garden and other patches of prime gardening ground at the back of the building. If gardening is your thing and you want to be on this committee, and/or if you have some ideas to offer please leave your name and contact information with the office, or e-mail:

martha.maclachlan@gmail.com.

Visitor Parking Passes



minute.

As the office will be closed for a few consecutive days, it is suggested that you get your Visitor Parking permits early in order to avoid a rush at the last

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



WASTE REDUCTION

Monthly Challenge:

Increase Waste Diversion

Your Goal:

Practice the 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) during the holiday season.

How can I accomplish this?

- **REDUCE** your environmental footprint by sending electronic holiday cards and/or invitations. Reduce energy consumption by using LED holiday lights.
- **REUSE** giftwrap, bows, ribbons, boxes, and bags in good condition for your holiday presents. Or reuse something in your home for giftwrap (e.g. fabric, old magazines, newspapers, etc.).
- **RECYCLE** all those liquor bottles and cans, plus any aluminum trays, pie plates and roasting tins used to prepare your holiday meals. Place food waste in the Green Bin for composting.

Going blue and green for the holidays – below are links to websites with suggestions and ideas for how to rethink holiday waste:

Handling holiday waste and recycling (audio recording from CBC)

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/handling-holiday-waste-and-recycling-1.2889860>

Hosting a Green Holiday Party

<http://blog.nature.org/green-gift-holidays/2012/12/hosting-the-perfect-green-holiday-bash/>

Rethink your Holiday Waste: Give the Gift of a Greener Barrie

<http://www.barrie.ca/Living/GarbageAndRecycling/Pages/RethinkHolidayWaste.aspx>



FrogBox Promotional

Moving?

The garbage bins are always overflowing at the beginning and end of each month. Some of this is directly attributed to people moving in and out of the building. Save time, effort, money, and energy by using Frog Boxes, while also reducing garbage.

What are Frog Boxes?

Plastic, reusable tubs with interlocking lids. Grab a Frog Box, fill it up, close the lid, and then stack neatly in your home or in the moving van. Time and energy can go directly towards packing instead of assembling and breaking down cardboard boxes.

For a \$10.00 discount and 5 free boxes , use Promocode: **thedeletist 1-877-**

FROGBOX

www.frogbox.com



"Good Eats, Cheap Eats, Sweet Spots"

by Cammy Lee-
Bostwick

Happy Holidays Folks!

For this month, I take you guys just down the road on Bay Street north of Wellesley near St. Joseph to an upscale Chinese restaurant: "The Crown Princess".

Mind you, I was there for a reception to celebrate the birth of my cousin's baby: The "One Month" celebration. The food therefore was a bit "festive" and maybe not what you might order on date night, but if you are looking for something unusual, this might be the ticket. I will highlight a few entrees here, but I do apologize I do not know all the prices. I have to admit that the fish, being slightly less than 2 feet long, was the most impressive (see pic). It comes in carefully removed pieces of white meat on top of sugar snap peas, carrots, and celery. Not a thing on this dish is overcooked. The fish melted in my mouth and the vegetables were cooked through but still bright. It was stir fried in a light ginger and garlic sauce all served inside a battered and deep fried shell of half a fish. Presentation-wise, I had never seen anything quite like this, so if you are looking to impress a group of people this dish may be it.

Seafood in Taro's Nest (\$32) was another winner. Uncooked taro looks like a hairy potato and similar to the potato, is also a starchy root vegetable. This means it holds up very well to deep frying. The nest is an elaborate weaving of the taro

which gets fried and it holds a mixture of squid, jumbo shrimp, and scallops of the same size, in a word: enormous! (see pic). The vegetables were exactly the same variety as the previous dish. They were good, but the vegetable medley could have been more creative. Still, I haven't had scallops of that size in a while and they were cooked perfectly. Seafood seems to be what the Crown Princess is good at. Less than stellar was the vegetable fried rice. Coming in a pyramid-shaped mound, its presentation did not disappoint, however, the taste was good with a mixture of mushroom and broccoli, just not really outstanding in any way (see pic).

The ambience is formal and not like any restaurant you'd find in our Chinatowns. For instance, there are large marble frames holding not pictures or paintings but more of the same marble...quite puzzling. The female servers are dressed demurely in black maid uniforms...not the french kind. Again,...curious. Service is lack-lustre. Wait staff forgot to bring water when it was asked for and served a glass with lipstick stains. Although when they heard me say that there was not enough shrimp to go around the table in a plate consisting of only shrimp, they promptly went to get another so we all had one.

What is noteworthy are the teas that arrive immediately and are placed on the lazy susan in the middle of each table, so typical of all traditional Chinese *Chai Lau* (or tea houses). The teas come presented in imitation English bone China teapots complete with pastoral scenes on them...very un-Asian. However the two kinds of tea: oolong and jasmine were incredibly deep and aromatic. The quality of tea is what sets this place apart from most. Which is

why, based on the tea selection, I am not surprised that I have heard the *Dim Sum* (where tea is a major component) is very good.

As an interesting night out, and for something different, Crown Princess scores high. But you do pay for it. I'm going to wager that going back for *Dim Sum* will be worth the effort.

May you and yours have a happy, healthy, and delicious holiday season and all the best for 2017!



Contribute to the Newsletter

Residents are encouraged to make submissions to the Newsletter: **ideas, articles, reports, reviews, recipes, artwork, movie reviews, drawings, brain teasers, trips to places people might be interested in reading about, you name it!**

Thank you to Cammy Lee Bostwick who gives us a food review every month. And to John Kantor who makes up the list of events every month.

Send your contribution or contact the Newsletter— drop a note at the office or to newsletter40homewood@gmail.com

It's Coming.





Help Make A Difference At 40 Homewood – Volunteer For The Green Committee!

By Lisa Ricciuti

The Green Committee has been instrumental in starting and maintaining a number of important services for the building. Twice each year the Green Committee coordinates a clothing drive in the fall and spring. The Green Committee also initiated the collection and recycling of many specialized waste materials, some of which are toxic and hazardous, to keep our building clean and safe. Some of the items 40 Homewood now disposes of safely include cleaners, paints, electronic waste, Britta filters, old VHS tapes, batteries, and fluorescent light bulbs*.

In our continued efforts to make 40 Homewood green, we accepted the Mayor's Towering Challenge in September; a citywide competition between eligible towers to see which one can divert the most waste in a 6-month period. The city estimates that approximately 70% of our waste could be diverted from the landfill. Presently

most condo towers divert approximately 26% of their waste.

Diverting waste from the landfills accomplishes many important things such as:

- Preserving the land. Less landfills means more land is available for green space, farms, forests, schools, dwellings, etc.
- Saving taxpayer dollars. Landfills cost a lot of money. The City's landfill is a 2-hour drive away. That's 4 hours a day of driving just to throw the garbage out! Once a landfill becomes full, the City must still pay to maintain and monitor the land for decades.

Join us in our efforts to reduce garbage while increasing our recycling and organics efforts. We're always looking for volunteers to help with some of the projects we have planned for this year.

If you're interested, please email:

40hgreencommittee@gmail.com

Or show up to a meeting - every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month from 5:40 – 7 in the party room (or sometimes the library).



IN MEMORIAM



It is just now that we confirm the death of Sadie Bergman a few months ago. Sadie was an original owner and attended many of the events that occurred here at 40 Homewood.

We have also heard of the death of **Tatsuo (Tom) Kameda** on the 24th floor. Mr. Kameda worked for Japan Airlines.



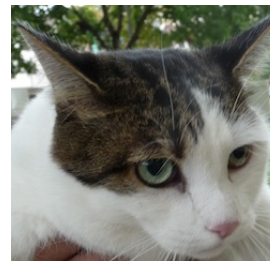
Sadie & Tatsuo



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Spotty Wisdom

This month Spotty says:

Sweet as a candy and evil as can be when needs to be.



Merry Christmas from the Newsletter Editorial Committee



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