



HOMewood

Community Newsletter

June, 2017



June 18th, 2017



**Happy Pride Week!
June 1st - June 25th,
2017**

**Pride Parade
Sunday, June 25th 2017**



June 7th, 2017

6:30 p.m.

Ramada Hotel

300 Jarvis Street

**Just south of Carlton
Street**

jennifer

Jennifer Smith has decided to leave 40 Homewood on June 17th to take up residence in Davenhill Senior Living (formerly Fellowship Towers). She is an original owner, having lived here since November, 1972

We will all miss her frequent comings and goings. Goodbye Jennifer and hope you like your new home.



"Good Eats, Cheap Eats, Sweet Spots"

by Cammy Lee-
Bostwick

Happy Happy June All!

Summer in the city!

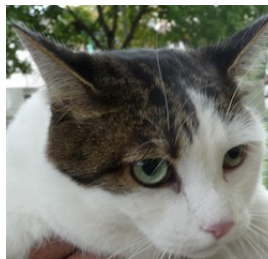
That also means moving around gets a bit easier....even with all the construction. So, same as last month I take you a bit out of our 'hood to the Gerrard Street Chinatown. However, yet again, it is not Chinese food but Vietnamese: Hanoi 3 Seasons. It is located at 588 Gerrard Street East on the north side just east of Broadview.

The restaurant is small but tastefully decorated with dark wood furnishings and Asian paintings on the wall. The kitchen is actually open and just behind the cash, giving it a homey sort of feel. I ordered the Hanoi fish with dill and fish sauce (\$13.00). One thing you need to know about Hanoi right off the bat is the generous servings (see pic). This dish can be served in soup (which is where you will find it on the menu) or on a bed of angel hair rice vermicelli. I chose the vermicelli and was so happy I did: I ended up having the leftovers for lunch the next day.

The plate comes with many lightly breaded and fried grouper fillets with chopped fresh dill on top. Shredded carrot, iceberg lettuce, cilantro, onions, and peanuts complete the dish, all served atop rice vermicelli. A small bowl of fish sauce accompanies this, which isn't fishy at all but sweet and savoury at the same time. The waiter said to pour it over the entire plate, which I did and I highly recommend it. Though the ingredients are presented separately, I suggest mixing it up so that the fish sauce infuses the flavours

throughout. Dill, my favourite herb with fish, provides the perfect foil to the sweetness of the sauce, and the freshness of the cilantro. The crunchiness of the whole roasted peanuts, and crispiness of the lettuce and carrot off-set the soft noodles for a nuanced balance of textures.

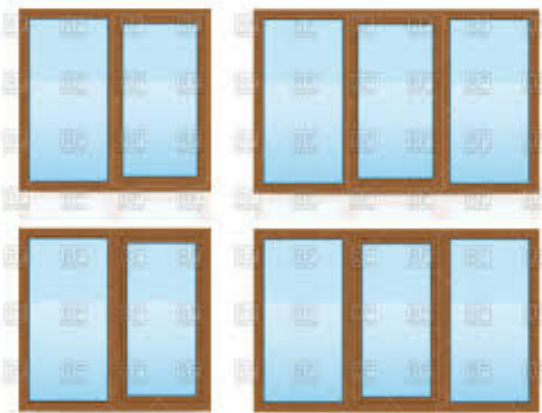
The two young men and chef who served us were pleasant and very accommodating, especially since my sister asked for a soup that wasn't even on the menu (Shrimp in chicken broth with bok choy and noodles --- also in pic). The soup was total comfort food (\$9.50). At such reasonable price points, and with food that is filling as well as fulfilling, Hanoi is easily one of my new favourite places....Maybe it'll be yours too.



Spotty Wisdom

This month Spotty
says:

To constantly relive the past is
but an exercise in futility that
does not address the needs of
the day.



Window Project Update

By Timothy Oakes, on behalf of the
Board of Directors

The window project began in earnest the middle of May. As we reported to residents in the informational session held on May 9th, the plan was to go slowly on the first few windows to get a sense of the real time and effort involved per unit. Once the rhythm was established, a second crew was brought on. Both crews are working in the building as we speak. As you are likely aware, a drone inspection was completed of the exterior of the building on all sides and we expect to have the report soon.

As expected, weather plays a significant role in a project like this and we have had a couple of days where the rain and winds prevented the use of the gantry from the roof. The affected units have been re-scheduled and we expect to be back on track soon, weather permitting.

It is important to note that when a unit has to be re-scheduled, it will likely NOT be done the day following the originally scheduled time. We are required to give 24 hours notice prior to entering a unit. So when a unit has to be re-scheduled, the Management office will send you a proper notice as to when access to your unit is required.

We cannot stress strongly enough that we need your cooperation to make things ready in your unit for the contractor, to avoid unnecessary delays. Please remove ALL furniture and window coverings from the windows and surrounding wall area. All furniture items MUST be moved to allow for a minimum of five feet (5') of space around each window prior to the scheduled day of installation. If you are unable to move the furniture or remove the window coverings, please notify the office well in advance of the scheduled date and time so that arrangements can be made to assist you. There may be a fee for these services, depending on the amount of time and work required. Alternatively, there are handyman services available for a fee.

Weather permitted, the 01 line should be completed by the end of the first week of June. The next line scheduled is the 03 line. You will be given notification well in advance by the office and there may be a need for a pre-installation inspection by the contractor. If this is the case, the worker will be accompanied by a

member of the staff and proper notice of entry will be given.

Please take notice that we advise you to not purchase new window air conditioning units until after your new windows have been installed. The opening allowance for the sliders on the new bedroom windows is eighteen inches (18") height by twenty inches (20") width.

As always, we thank you for your continuing patience and consideration. We will do our best to provide a monthly progress report of the window replacement project in the newsletter.

Window Replacement Unit 3101

By Michael King

Overall our experience was positive with the work done to replace our windows and we were pleased with the time it took to replace the windows and with the cleanup by the crew.

This was our experience and not necessarily will everyone see the experience, as we did, however, we hope that by sharing our experience we will help put to ease the anxiety of others.

We were prepared to expect some clean up work, so we were not surprised or frustrated at the end of the job.

Some helpful insights:

- Crew was on time, started at 09:00 sharp.

- Crew used drop sheets to cover the flooring in the immediate area to collect the larger pieces of rock and plaster that fell to the floor around the window area.
- Crew worked at a fast pace, so need to stay out of there way.
- To make the job go faster- ensure that any furniture/chairs are moved to a minimum of five feet (5') from the window.
- Windows are brought through your unit, so you will need to make sure the crew has a clear path to your windows.
- Expect some dust and minor clean up, which is unavoidable with any kind of construction.

Prior to the installation, we were concerned that the window panes looked dark and that when we looked out the windows that our view would be impacted by the tinting between the window panes. This is not the case, in fact the view is softer on the eyes.

Yes, there was plaster damage around the windows, however expected and the repair work will be addressed by the Corporation.

This is a significant undertaking by the Board and the Corporation and takes a lot of work effort by everyone to make this project a success.

It is really nice to have new windows, a need and an investment in our homes, we should be proud and should extend and acknowledge the commitment of the Board and Management to undertake such a large/important project.

Good Luck with your experience and hopefully it will be positive, as was ours.

Update on Enterphone System

We are pleased to inform you that by the end of the first week of June, the new enterphone (MESH) system will be able to use cellular telephones for access to the building.

The upgraded system requires that you or your guests dial "0" in front of your current buzzer code to access your unit(s). For example, if you are currently dialing 101 for the Management office, now you must dial 0101. This information has been posted on channel 13 as well.

Once the system is completely installed and functioning, you will be able to permit guests to enter the building by using a telephone plugged into the existing jack in your unit (with or without a land line number), or by cellular telephone. The new system will be functional at all entrances where an entry code is required (front door, rear door, garage, and visitor parking on 1B).

This project has taken much more time than we anticipated due to the technology requirements and upgrades, the fact that our current system at the front door was not integrated with the other entry points, the requirement for having internet and 4G wireless capability at all of the entry points, and ensuring that the exterior panels at the rear

entrance and garage entrance will function in all weather conditions.

There will be a learning curve for all of us as we get accustomed to the new features, and it is more than likely that there will be some glitches along the way. We kindly ask for your patience during this process.



F.Y.I. The new building at the site of the PetroCanada gas station at Wellesley and Jarvis Streets houses a new A&W fast food place.

Coming south on Jarvis there is a sign but going east on Wellesley you would not know. Maybe they have not completed their signage yet.



- A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two-tired.
 - Definition of a Will? It's a dead giveaway!
 - Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
 - A chicken crossing the road is a poultry in motion.
 - With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.
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WASTE REDUCTION Monthly Challenge: Recycle on the Go!

Your Goal: Incorporate recycling and organics into your daily life outside of your home.

How can I accomplish this?

1. Be mindful of where you are throwing out your waste when you are on the go.
2. Leave packaging at the store, whenever possible.
3. Investigate waste diversion options at your workplace. Are there green bins for organics and blue bins for recycling in the lunch room? In your office or work area? If not, consider asking management to start providing them.
4. Educate yourself about what is and is not accepted in blue bins and green bins by reviewing the guidelines available in the garbage chutes, the recycling room, and from the Green Committee.

Did you know...

The city provides thousands of recycling bins all over the city, on the streets and in the subway stations.

Tim Hortons will recycle coffee cups at certain locations. Check at your local Timmy's to see if it will recycle cups. Coffee cups and black plastic lids are not eligible for recycling with the city, but the cardboard sleeve can go in the blue bins.

Here are some tips to try:

- **REDUCE** waste on the go by bringing a reusable coffee container or water bottle with you.
- **REUSE** takeout containers to bring your lunch to work, or for leftovers.
- **RECYCLE (COMPOST)** anything eligible in available receptacles around the city, or in your workplace.

When in doubt about what to do with waste, consult the Waste Wizard:
Toronto.ca/wastewizard.



**SATURDAY, June 17th
9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Rain Date: Saturday,
June 23rd**

Sign up in the office for a
table. \$2.00 per table



Gardening Committee Update

By Martha MacLachlan

Thank you to all the residents who have responded favourably. Our roster of volunteers grows every time an article appears in the newsletter. Let's hope we are as successful in growing our herbs.

We had a meeting on Monday, May 29th and eight volunteers showed up, including new volunteers. For those who were not able to attend the meeting, it is understood that not everyone is available at the same time. It is not the meetings that are important, it is the availability to tend to our gardens once they are planted. On Tuesday morning three of us weeded the planters on the deck area outside of the recreation room. Space was created for the herbs we will be planting without disturbing existing flowers and foliage. The planting will begin Thursday morning at 11:30, June 1, weather permitting. An email will then be sent out to all who have indicated interest, regarding everyone's availability to tend to the plants.

Thank you again for your positive response to the 40 Homewood Garden Committee project.



The Community Environment Day in our area for this year is on **Sunday, June 18th, 2017 in Allan Gardens.**

The councilor for this area is **Kristyn Wong-Tam.**

Held annually between April and October in each of Toronto's 44 wards, Community Environment Days allow residents to correctly and safely dispose of household items that do not belong in the City's Blue Bin and Green Bin diversion programs, such as **household hazardous waste, home healthcare waste and electronic waste.** The events also provide an opportunity to bring specific items for donation and reuse. Free compost is available for pickup at the events (with a maximum of about an average car trunk load per household), and residents are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items that will be donated to a food bank.

More than 26,000 people attended Community Environment Days last year. Items dropped off included electronics, household hazardous waste, reusable household goods, art supplies, books and clothing in good condition. A total of 123 kilograms of food was donated.





Green Committee

Presents

Wine & Cheese: The Go Green Social

Wednesday June 21st, 2017
from 5:30pm - 7:30pm
Meeting Room, Lobby

Help make 40 Homewood Green!

Need to clean up to make space for the new windows? Learn tips and tricks for diverting your waste and disposing of it properly. Get your questions answered. Pop in to drink some wine and eat some cheese.

Test your knowledge by playing games. **We've got prizes!**

Our combined efforts will result in a greener, cleaner environment for everyone.

My Father

When I was

Four years old: "My Daddy can do anything".

Five years old: "My Daddy knows a whole lot".

Six years old: "My Daddy is smarter than your Dad".

Ten years old: "In the olden days, when my Dad grew up, things were sure different".

Twelve years old: "Oh, well, naturally, Dad doesn't know anything about that. He is too old to remember his childhood".

Fourteen years old: "Don't pay any attention to my Dad. He is so old fashioned".

Twenty-one years old: "Him? My Lord, he's hopelessly out of date".

Twenty-five years old: "Dad knows about it, but then he should because he has been around so long".

Thirty years old: "Maybe we should ask Dad what he thinks. After all, he's had a lot of experience."

Thirty-five years old: "I'm not doing a single thing until I talk to Dad."

Forty years old: "I wonder how Dad would have handled it. He was so wise."

Fifty years old: "I'd give anything if Dad were here now so I could talk this over with him. Too bad I didn't appreciate how smart he was. I could have learned a lot from him."

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