



HOMewood

Community Newsletter

August, 2017

Note From



Some of you might have heard that there would be no newsletter this month and that I was quitting the newsletter. That was true but whatever concerns I had have been resolved and I will be continuing.

The following is a Mission Statement that was at the very top of the very first page in the very first issue in October, 2003. Maybe it needs to be repeated.

Something that we need at 40 Homewood is a publication to keep residents informed as to events that are happening in our building. It is hoped that this will be just the forum that we need. ~~As Take 40 is only published once a year, we will attempt to issue this monthly or bi-monthly.~~

It is meant to be a newsletter for everyone to participate. Anything to sell, significant birthdays, saying goodbye to people moving out and welcome people moving in, in memoria, weddings, etc. It is for questions, observations, helpful hints that would help to make all our lives a little easier.

This will not be a forum to vent or publish malicious articles about any other owner or resident, the Management Office or the Board of Directors. Articles of this type will be rejected.



August 7, 2017



It's EXHIBITION TIME



CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION
AUG 18 TO SEPT 4 2017
LET'S GO TO THE EX! THEEX.COM

Safety Concerns

Recently, there have been incidents stemming from persons entering the building who do not live here and are not visitors. In one incident, police were involved and there was a serious threat to the safety of our on-site staff.

Please be aware at all times when you are entering the building. Do not let strangers in the building, and do not give strangers access to any of the common element areas.

If you are followed into the building by a stranger, please notify the office or security immediately so that the issue can be dealt with promptly and safely.

We will be installing security cameras in the Recreation Room very soon, and we are investigating ways to increase the security in the Office (for example, securing the swing door in the anteroom of the office, or installing an intercom and buzzer system outside the office door so that it remains locked at all times except when entry is authorized by the Property Manager or Site Administrator).

We ask that all of our residents remain alert and report any suspicious activity immediately.

Thank you.

Update on Enterphone System

We had expected to have the upgraded MESH system fully functional by now. However, there have been minor delays in receiving some hardware and software from the manufacturer. These should be delivered and installed by the first week of August.

We thank you for your continuing patience as we strive to get all the entry points to the building integrated. It has taken much more time and effort than we had anticipated.

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.

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).



Contribute to the Newsletter

Residents are encouraged to submit things for the Newsletter: ideas, articles, reports, reviews, recipes, artwork, drawings, you name it!

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

Good Reason to Recycle



Poor turtle, all caught up in plastic from pop cans.



The 40 Homewood Community Herb Garden

(and affectionately known as the 40 Homewood grow-op amongst the volunteer gardeners).

Located on the deck outside of the recreation room, three of the planters are accommodating an abundance of herbs. There is a ton of thyme for the pickings, basil by the bunches, sage screaming to be cut and used, and parsley practically growing out of the generous planters. The coriander and dill were not rescued soon enough and are going to seed. In terms of bounty our pilot herb project has been a success. Our herbs have enhanced the existing foliage in the planters and are providing a generous source of seasoning for our residents. So please get down there with your scissors and enjoy our bounty of herbs.



Keep Smiling. It makes everyone wonder what you're up to.



"Good Eats, Cheap Eats, Sweet Spots"

by Cammy Lee-
Bostwick

Happy Summer Everyone!

Ah yes, we are in the thick of summer...finally! That means dining al fresco.

Just a short walk north to 307 Wellesley Street East is Rashnaa, an Indian and Sri Lankan restaurant. Right in the heart of Cabbagetown, my guest and I dined on the quaint patio in front.

Rashnaa, meaning 'tasty' in Sanskrit is an apt descriptor. In business since 1990, you'd be right to assume they know a thing or two about serving up flavourful plates of authentic Indian and Sri Lankan cuisine.

For starters we had the Seafood Cutlet (\$3.45). You get two pieces and it did not disappoint (see pic). It arrived as a big ball with a lightly deep fried exterior; the insides were a burst of flavour. It was like a samosa with curried potato and tuna. As for the mains, I ordered the Shrimp Platter, which comes with rice, curry shrimp and peppers, and rotti (like naan). At \$14.95 portions are generous. I ended up taking half of my dinner home. Great value for sure.

I ordered my platter 'mild' and for me, it was the perfect amount of heat. Shrimps were plentiful and the peppers were not overpowering. The yellow cashew curry and peas provided an interesting foil to the red curried shrimp,

and combined on the basmati rice was really delectable! Masala potatoes were blended with peas and cumin seeds. Not spicy at all, just flavourful...tasty, in other words.

Tucked away on a quiet part of Wellesley just east of Parliament, Rashnaa gets big points for its patio. On a tree-lined street, with a view of the distinct character of Cabbagetown homes, Rashnaa is the place to linger over a dinner, unhurried and removed from the regular sort of busyness that is our lives. With friendly staff that are attentive without being overbearing, we enjoyed our meals over drinks and conversation.

All in all, an excellent option for neighbourhood dining that's easy on the wallet and as its namesake claims, absolutely tasty!



Please note that it is against the rules of the corporation and fire regulations to barbecue on your balcony. It also causes unpleasant odors for your neighbours

Window Project Update for August

Timothy Oakes,
on behalf of the Board of Directors

The window project continues on the west side of the building. The 03 bedroom windows, the bathroom and bedroom windows on the 07 line, and the kitchen windows on the 09 line have almost all been installed, and crews will be completing the interior repairs on the walls, and the exterior capping over the course of the first couple of weeks of August. Please be reminded that the interior repairs will only prime the walls for painting. The re-painting of any interior areas is the responsibility of the unit owner.

The Corporation is NOT responsible for the repair and/or replacement of any damaged tiles. Additionally, the Corporation is NOT responsible for the repair and/or replacement of any crown molding or baseboard removed to facilitate the installation of the new windows. Repairs to any of these items are the responsibility of the unit owner.

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 permitting, work will continue on the bedroom windows on the west and north side of the building on the 17 units, and then the 11 and 15 units throughout the month of August. 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 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 cooperation.

A BACKWARD POET WRITES INVERSE.



Do You Like To Sunbathe?

Many of you might not know that we have five or six lounge chairs for everyone's use on the upper patio. Up the stairs from where the barbeques are. First come, first served.

DON'T FORGET TO USE SUN SCREEN



AUGUST CIVIC HOLIDAY

The Management Office will be closed on Monday, August 7th, 2017



SEPTEMBER CLOTHING DRIVE

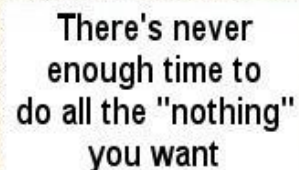
Our next clothing drive will be held in September. Watch for details soon.



Spotty Wisdom

This month Spotty
says
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"To conserve a good mind is to listen to it frequently and rebalance it as needed."



There's never
enough time to
do all the "nothing"
you want



SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Food served between 6:00 -7:30

Recreation Room and Patio

Tickets: \$15.00 (includes soft drinks)

*****Catered by Absolutely Famished*****

Mixed greens with watermelon and feta cheese

Caesar salad with homemade dressing

Creamy coleslaw

Spinach salad with peaches and dried cranberries

FROM THE BBQ

Debrizini sausages, served with sauerkraut

Beef burgers with all the trimmings

Marinated lemon garlic Chicken skewers

Vegetable burgers

Dessert: Ice Cream Cones

Wine available by donation

Tickets available in the office

Wednesday August 2 until Thursday, August 10

Get tickets for your friends too



BRUSHES AND COCKTAILS

The Social Committee, always on the lookout for forms of entertainment for our residents, are proposing a monthly series of Brushes and Cocktails evenings. This concept has been well received in downtown bars but bringing it directly to you in our recreation room will make it easy to get to and reduces the cost to you for materials and instruction.

Many of us have an inner artist looking for an opportunity to create. We are lucky to have Donna Y, an experienced artist and teacher who is willing to host these monthly sessions, and who promises to make it easy for every level of experience.

The paint parties would be two hours long, from 7:30 to 9:30 pm and held in the recreation room. All supplies – canvas or paper, high quality paints, brushes, pallets etc will be available for your use.

Brushes and Cocktails promises to be a relaxed, fun experience with projects that are achievable even by the inexperienced Van Gogh in the making, as well as those who just want to have a little fun. Donna Y promises to make sure everyone gets the individual help they need to achieve results, along with a few laughs.

A member of the Social Committee will tend the wine bar, with generous

offerings for a suggested donation. At the time of this printing, the first Wednesdays of each month – September through December – are being considered. The cost of the session will be \$25 or a discount to \$20 per session if you register for all four sessions.

As we are currently generating interest in this idea, if this is something that might interest you and your friends, please e-mail:

martha.maclachlan@gmail.com



Newsletter Committee

Is there anyone out there who would like to join the Newsletter

Committee? We need some more people on the committee and of course, people are encouraged to submit articles at any time—articles, recipes, movie reviews, area news, something interesting you have seen, etc.



The Green Committee is looking for volunteers. Are you interested in environmental issues?

Do you have a couple of hours in a month to join us? We meet on Mondays at 6:00.

You can get in touch with the Green Committee at:

40Hgreencommittee@gmail.com

WASTE REDUCTION

Monthly Challenge:

Grilling Green!

Your Goal: Change one thing about your next BBQ to make it green.

How can I accomplish this?

1. Use reusable dinnerware and cutlery. Purchase it second hand and then donate it back at the end of the season.
2. Buy local produce and meats.
3. Ensure any disposables you use are acceptable for Toronto's recycling and/or organics programs.
4. Return all the alcohol bottles for the refund. Beer bottles get reused about 12-15 times before eventually being recycled.
5. Set up recycling and organics areas for guest. Educate them about which items go where.

When in doubt...

About what to do with waste, consult the Waste Wizard:
Toronto.ca/wastewizard.

Other resources include the City of Toronto's webpage on Solid Waste Management.

For recycling, click [here](#)
For organics, click [here](#)

Or go to Toronto.ca and select "Services A to Z" under residents. Then select "Garbage & Recycling."

Here are some tips to try:

- REDUCE single serving cans and bottles by setting up a drink station.

- REUSE drinking glasses instead of using disposable cups.
- RECYCLE (COMPOST) food scraps (including bones), soiled paper plates and napkins.

Patio Barbecues



We just want to remind residents who are interested in barbecuing that we have two barbecues on the patio just outside the recreation room and the pool.

They are available to residents who wish to do their own barbecuing. A BBQ may be booked for an hour for free through either the Office or Security. You may plan and book ahead or you may be spontaneous and check with the office or security at the last minute to find out whether one of the BBQs is free.

Also re the use of BBQ's ONLY, we will need Owners/residents to be aware that if they want to use the BBQ areas ONLY, and not book the recreation room, they will have to use the back patio door (security will give them access), to access the BBQ area.

If you book a private party and rent the Recreation Room for your exclusive use, you may use a BBQ if you also reserve one of them. That does not, however, mean that the patio is for your exclusive use that evening.

[The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.](#)

[A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center said: 'Keep off the Grass.'](#)

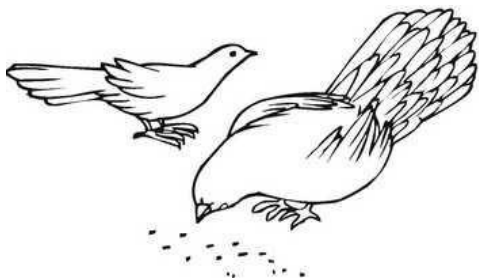


Many of us have been wondering what the Canada Post cabinet in the back vestibule is for.

If you receive a key in your mail box with a letter on it, open the corresponding slot in the cabinet and take your parcel. Then put the key in the appropriate place to return it.

That cabinet can also be used to post outgoing mail which is great for us.

The postman has confirmed that he checks for outgoing every day.



Please DO NOT feed the pigeons. The droppings carry disease. Let the pigeons find their normal food. They were not created to eat human food.

TWO LADIES MEET IN HEAVEN

1st woman: "Hi! My name is Wanda."

2nd woman: "Hi! I'm Mabel. How'd you die?"

1st woman: "I froze to death."

2nd woman: "How horrible!"

1st woman: "It wasn't so bad. After I quit shaking from the cold, I began to get warm & sleepy, and finally died a peaceful death. What about you?"

2nd woman: "I died of a massive heart attack. I suspected that my husband was cheating, so I came home early to catch him in the act. But instead, I found him all by himself in the den watching TV."

1st woman: "So, what happened?"

2nd woman: "I was so sure there was another woman there somewhere, that I started running all over the house looking. I ran up into the attic and searched, and down into the basement. Then I went through every closet and checked under all the beds. I kept this up until I had looked everywhere, and finally, I became so exhausted that I just keeled over with a heart attack and died."

1st woman: "Too bad you didn't look in the freezer. We would both still be alive."

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