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HOMEWOOD

Community Newsletter



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LEST WE FORGET



Spotty Wisdom

This month Spotty says:

Being "me" is what you look for.
Being you is what we look for.
Why not being "we" and realize
deeper dreams with the actions of
the totality as opposed to the
limitations of the "me".



by Colonel John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



Testimonial

By Helen Knight

One of our residents in a 15 unit sent this email to the Board of Directors this week, with regards to the installation of new windows in her unit. We wanted to share it with you:

"I am thrilled to bits with my windows and so impressed with the workers!

The guys did an amazing clean up job.

I'm so impressed with their professionalism.

This has been a tiring and trying time for you and

I want you to know how much I appreciate all your hard work."

Want to stay up-to-date on 40 Homewood happenings?

Send a email to Meagan in the office and ask to be added to the email distribution list.

Meagan's email is:

YORKCONDOCORP75@GMAIL.COM



To **Dave Campbell** who sat with me (Martha) in the lobby on Halloween to hand out candies to the children (big kids and small kids) on Halloween.

Thank you, also, to everyone who donated goodies for the occasion.



**Grow a
Mo,
Save a
Bro**

Grow a mustache in November

The Movember Foundation is the only charity tackling men's health on a global scale, year round. They have one goal:— to stop men dying too young.

<https://ca.movember.com/get-involved/moustaches>



**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!**

**HOLIDAY DINNER
Sunday. December 10th, 2017**

MESH Instructions

The MESH enterphone system is fully functional now. It will continue to work with a landline phone or any phone plugged into a phone jack in your unit. And it will work with cell phones. The system will work at all the entry points into the building with a keypad – the front door, the rear door, the garage door and the visitor entry door on 1B.

Here is how to use the system:

Enter the four(4) digit code for your unit. If you don't know the code, use the alphabetical index and scroll through to find the correct code.

In either case, a display of a telephone keypad is on the right side of the screen. Above the keypad is a message instructing users to press "Alt" in order to dial an alternate number. The alternate number here refers to a cell phone.

The "Alt" key is on the bottom right of the digital keypad, next to the number zero(0)

If you do not have a landline telephone or a telephone plugged into your phone jack, have your guests press the "Alt" key on the first ring they hear and the system will switch to dialing your cell number.

There will be a few seconds delay while the system connects and dials the cell number and your guest will hear the connection and the ringing as the system connects with your cell phone.

Your cell phone will display this number:
416-944-0255

To let your guest in, simply answer the call, speak with them if you like, and press the number six(6) on your phone keypad to open the door. Depending on your phone, the call display may appear as York/CCondo.

On my phone, only the number shows and no name display. If this is the case on your phone, set up a new contact in your phone with the number. In my case, I called the contact MESH and keyed in the telephone number. Now, when someone calls me from the enterphone system, my cell phone will recognize the number and display it as a call from the MESH system.

Please remember that in order for your cell phone to access the system, you must complete a form in the office and Meagan will update the system with your number.

One final note of caution. If you have a land line telephone AND you are receiving your internet services by ADSL through the phone line, then you will no doubt have a splitter on your phone jack. In this case, the system will not switch to your cell phone and you will have to rely on the older method of letting guests in with your home phone. A temporary solution is to disconnect any land line phones you have connected to your phone jack in your unit. This seems to tumble the dialing to your cell phone if the "Alt" key is pressed. We are currently in discussion with the supplier to find a remedy for this situation.



Owners Meeting

On October 17, at 7 p.m., an owners meeting was held in the Recreation Room. Approximately 120 people attended the meeting, a very good turnout.

The first item was to introduce the Board of Directors and their duties. There have been some changes in the Board recently. Eric Logan, our President, relocated for work to the USA and Brian Brenie has moved in to the position of President. Timothy Oakes remains as the Vice-President and will continue in his role as Director of Communications. Martha MacLachlan continues her position as Secretary, and Elvis Lalaj remains in place as Treasurer. The Board recalled a previous member, Manal Siddiqui, to take the position vacated by Brian Brenie when he took over for Eric as President.

The Green Committee made a presentation on our waste and recycling programs. We continue to have problems with sorting the recycling from the garbage and our costs are escalating for garbage and recycle pick up. The Green Committee will continue in their efforts to educate our residents about proper disposal of waste, organics, and recycling.

Cable television service was the next item on the agenda. The Board is looking at ways to improve service and keep costs under control. Providing cable TV as part of our maintenance fees costs us almost \$200,000.00 annually. One of the options was to cancel the service entirely and allow each resident to arrange their own cable service. This idea was generally not favoured by those in attendance.

Stubbs, our Master antenna management company, has recently informed us that we have a capacity for about 116 channels in our rooftop control room. This is good news meaning we can subscribe to 64 Shaw Direct High Definition stations and supplement these with the 16 off air (OTA) stations available from the CN tower giving us 80 stations plus a lobby channel, information channel and a scrolling TV guide. The Board has asked Stubbs to explore the possibility of offering as many of the off air (OTA) channels in High Definition as well and they are looking into this for us.

With 80 of 116 stations being used this leaves room on our existing network to offer additional channels in future. However, the pricing is not economical to do so within our existing budget. If the economics of additional channels improves in future, we will re-visit the situation.

We are looking closely at the list of stations that was previously proposed as we have heard suggestions on what stations would be redundant, thereby freeing up a few channels to add some additional variety. Regrettably AMC, HBO and the Movie Network would not be available in our basic package and because of the elimination

of the in-suite set top boxes there is no way to offer these on a subscription basis as is done at present.

The Board is continuing discussion with Shaw Direct through Stubbs about pricing of the basic package (64 HD channels) they are offering us and we hope to have a final list of channels available to communicate to you soon.

Stubbs wants a 5 year commitment from us and one of the take-aways from the meeting was to try and arrange a contract of substantially less term. The cost for the improved service will increase the monthly fee per unit by about \$3.00 and the board will take that into consideration next month when planning the budget for next year, and specifically, the increase in maintenance fees.

Additionally, we are still talking with Bell for them to complete the installation of their Fibe network in our building. One owner has followed up with Bell about pricing of their Fibe packages and has determined that to be able to subscribe to Fibe you'd have to subscribe to their internet service as well. This seems to also be what would be required if you wanted to secure additional TV channels through Esuite says this same owner.

Questions were raised about the use of PVRs and whether or not Stubbs could be used in conjunction with Bell Fibe. The board is investigating these and other questions.

The Board wishes to express our appreciation for those who attended the meeting and offered constructive feedback on the proposal. In November, the Board will decide how we proceed.

The last item on the agenda for the meeting was the window replacement project.

Residents continue to have issues with notices, timing, and the wait for unit repairs once the windows are installed.

The board is working with management to address some of these concerns and to be more efficient with notices. It is important to note that for a period of a week, the bulk email server for the office was down and we were unable to send out bulk email messages.

Needless to say, the window replacement project is not going to be finished this year. With the cold weather approaching, we have been looking at how to keep the project going during the winter to make up for the delays this year caused by inclement weather. The plan is to begin installation of the balcony windows on the east side of the building during the winter. These windows would be brought to the units by elevator as the swing stage cannot be used in the winter. We would start at the north end of the building and work south from Line 16 to Line 2.

In the spring when the swing stage can be put back into use, the remaining windows can be installed. The Board asks for all scheduled installation units to prepare their access spaces to ensure a smooth installation going forward.

The planned process for notification and completion of an installation in a unit is as follows:

- 1- Weekly, the office sends out an email to all those on the email list. This notice lists the planned units and days of the following week when windows would be installed. *If you are not on the office email list please provide them an email to receive these notices.*
- 2- Two days prior to installation a notice is left on the door of the unit indicating a staff member would be visiting the following day to ensure ample access has been created for the work crew.
- 3- One day prior to planned installation the specific units for the following day are inspected by a staff member to ensure proper access has been made available for the workers. If access is not sufficient the resident will be advised and told that their window installation may be delayed.
- 4- On the day of installation the workers enter the unit with a staff member and remove the old windows and install the new windows. They install the expansion foam and caulking around the inside of the windows.
- 5- The following day the painter would visit the unit to fill any plaster holes created by the removal. This step may be a few days later due to number of units that have been completed. Proper written 24 hours' notice would be given to the resident prior to this step.
- 6- The painter would return to the unit a few days later (once the caulking is dry) to sand and paint the affected plaster areas around the windows.
- 7- The resident can then replace any furniture or window coverings on the windows once the primer paint has dried.



Brushes and Cocktails

The now monthly Brushes & Cocktails paint night along with a glass of wine and much laughter is a great success

The next paint night will be December 13, 2017 7:30 – 9:30 in the recreation room.

You must e-mail Donna Email:
2brushesandcocktails@gmail.com no
later than 2 days before the scheduled
paint night if you wish to participate.

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Holiday Dinner



Sunday, December 10th, 2017

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 with gravy and fresh cranberry sauce

Salmon with a maple cranberry glaze

Roasted and steamed vegetable medley

Roasted garlic mashed potatoes with fresh herbs

Savory stuffing

Pasta with roasted vegetable and pesto

Vegetarian sweet potato and squash pie in filo

Festive dessert platter

\$25.00 per person

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

• no outside liquor permitted at this event •

Tickets available at the office starting Nov. 20th

WASTE REDUCTION

Monthly Challenge:

Take the Time to Sort Your Waste

Your Goal: Prepare and Sort Your Waste into the Appropriate Stream

40 Homewood has several distinct waste streams:

- Recycling (blue bin)
- Organics (green bin)
- Landfill/Trash (trash compactor or brown bin)
- E-waste (bright green bin – alcove)
- Fluorescent bulbs (bin – alcove)
- Refundable Bottles (bin – alcove)
- Batteries (bin – alcove)
- Household Cleaners (bin – alcove)

Why is this important?

Improperly sorted waste contaminates the waste streams resulting in fines for us and extra costs for the City to deal with it. The City of Toronto has already made recycling easier by accepting mixed materials (e.g., paper, plastic, cardboard, glass) in the same bin. But now we need to do our part to make sure recyclable materials are clean and sorted properly before being tossed in the blue bin.

How can I do this?

Educate yourself on what goes in each of the waste streams. Every garbage chute has a poster with pictures to show if an item is recyclable, compostable (organics), or landfill. The recycling room also has updated posters to the right of

the entry door, and most bins have labels.

Take the time to sort your waste and prepare it properly. For example, food containers eligible for recycling should be washed out before being placed in the bin. When food ends up in the recycling bin it contaminates other recyclable materials, such as paper, which then become landfill.

Cleaning out containers with old, rotten food can be an unpleasant task.

Although throwing the whole thing in recycling is tempting, the best approach is to empty the rotten food into a plastic bag for organics, rinse the container, and then place it in the recycling bin. The next best option is to throw the whole thing in the garbage. It won't get recycled or composted properly, but it won't contaminate anything either.

Here are some tips to try:

- **REDUCE** waste – sort out your recyclables and organics.
- **REUSE** plastic grocery bags for collecting your organics. Tie them loosely before throwing them in the green bin in the recycling room.
- **RECYCLE** paper, cardboard, glass jars, stretchy plastics, plastic containers (nothing black), and much more! Check out the posters.

When in doubt...

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



"Good Eats, Cheap Eats, Sweet Spots"

by Cammy Lee-
Bostwick

Happy November Everyone!

Well, even if the fall is upon us...there is still the "heated patio" to remind us of sunnier and warmer times...and climes...

And so, this month, we go to the heated patio at Hemmingway's on Cumberland in Yorkville. I went there for weekend brunch recently. And if you are familiar with this restaurant or Yorkville in general, you might be surprised to know that on the weekend, this place is not busy at all. Try to get a table Monday-Friday after work and it is a different story.

I recently came here with my girlfriends. Seated on the patio on a slightly overcast afternoon, there was definitely a bit of summer that I was channelling. I ordered the Eggs Benedict with Smoked Salmon and opted for the garden salad over home fries. I'm not a big fan of their regular french fries and wasn't sold on the waitress's lack lustre description of them, so salad it was. With mesclun greens, sliced radish, cherry tomato, and cucumber I realized right away this was the better choice. Smoked salmon was average in its portion with standard Hollandaise sauce. What else could I ask for? Sorry...no pic this month folks, as I gobbled it down when it arrived...and then felt remorse at having done so. But, I suppose, that is

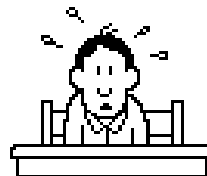
quite Ok, because the food was not outstanding. Don't get me wrong; it was serviceable Eggs Benny and adequate salad, but what made it outstanding and worth a write up is this: where else can you sit on a heated patio in November, seat 4 people for Sunday brunch, and not have to wait??? Oh, and it's a covered patio, so even if it did rain, we'd be covered on that front too.

Knowing how busy Hemmingway's usually is, this Sunday outing was calm, civilized, and really quite enjoyable. It gets my vote. We even heard the football game that was playing in the background...



Owners' Meeting

There will be an owners' meeting on December 6th at 7:00 in the recreation room, 1B to share the budget plan and common element changes for 2018.



The math teacher saw that little Johnny wasn't paying attention in class. She called on him and said, "Johnny! What are 2 and 4 and 28 and 44?"

Little Johnny quickly replied, "NBC, CBS, HBO and the Cartoon Network"



Organic Waste	Containers with food	Textiles	VHS Tapes	Coffee Cups
<p>Food scraps like apple cores, eggshells or expired leftovers do not belong in your Blue Bin.</p> <p>When you mistakenly toss food scraps in your Blue Bin, food residue and particles get soaked up by paper and can ruin large batches of otherwise good recyclables.</p> <p>Please consider putting all organic waste in your own backyard compost.</p>	<p>You must empty and rinse before you recycle. When you don't, the residue from items like jars and take-out containers get soaked up by paper and can ruin large batches of otherwise good recyclables.</p> <p>Please empty and rinse food containers before tossing them in your Blue Bin.</p>	<p>Old clothes, shoes, blankets, and curtains don't belong in the Blue Bin. They can get caught in sorting machines, damage equipment and cause workplace injuries at the recycling facility.</p> <p>Instead, donate items that are in good condition to not-for-profit agencies such as the Canadian Diabetes Association donation bins located at the Transfer Station.</p> <p>If your items can't be donated, put them in the Garbage.</p>	<p>VHS tapes, chains, hoses and electrical cords don't go in your Blue Bin.</p> <p>They can get tangled in sorting machines, damage equipment and cause workplace injuries at the recycling facility.</p> <p>Instead, donate unwanted VHS tapes or check your local electronics store's recycling program. And throw unwanted cords, hoses and cables in your Garbage.</p>	<p>Disposable paper coffee cups are lined with plastic or wax and, unfortunately, can't be recycled at this time. So, please place coffee cups in the Garbage. Not the Blue Bin.</p> <p>Black plastic coffee lids (and black plastic of any kind) also can't be recycled and should go in the Garbage.</p> <p>Non-black plastic lids and paper sleeves should be removed and placed in the Blue Bin.</p>

Other items that don't belong in your Blue Bin: Propane tanks, cylinders/helium tanks, medical waste (medication and syringes), tools, CDs & DVDs

I am sorry that you will probably need a magnifying glass to read this but the information is very helpful..

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