



HOMewood

Community Newsletter

March, 2018



Happy St. Patrick's Day

March 17th, 2018



**Sunday, March 11th,
2018 at 2:00 am**

Go Green Spring Cleaning Social

Join the Green Committee on Thursday
March 22nd from **5:30 – 7:30** in the
meeting room off the lobby.

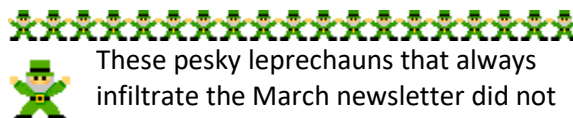
Have some wine & cheese and play
games. Win prizes!



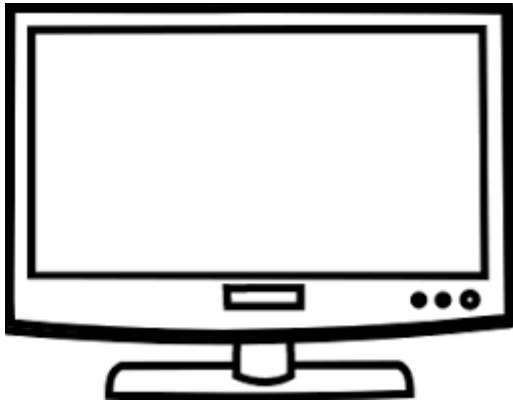
Learn tips and
strategies to get
started with your
Spring Cleaning.

Pick up recycling
bags and
organics bins.

We'll update you on all the latest and
greatest trends on waste diversion from
the City.



These pesky leprechauns that always
infiltrate the March newsletter did not
do it this year. They are not familiar
enough with my new computer.



Cable Television Update

The Board wants to say thank you to everyone for your patience and the comments and suggestions we've received about the new cable system.

On February 1st we switched over to a new cable system in our building. All old pay tv set-top boxes should be returned to the office by now so that if a refund is due Stubbs can arrange to send this to you.

The system has had its share of a number of implementation issues that we'll try to address here.

We are contracted to receive 80 channels plus three service channels (lobby, management information and television guide).

Most are digital stations supplied by Shaw Direct and 17 are analog stations provided by Stubbs through off air reception.

Currently we're still having installation issues with channels 48 (it works sometimes), 61, 82, 83 and 84. All others are working.

Stubbs is working to try to resolve these outages by the end of February or early March.

In March we'll be working with Stubbs to relook at stations that may be duplicates and replace some of these with other stations available.

One station we recently changed was channel 3 is now CBC Toronto HD because of the signal strength from off air channel 9 which will still be available also.

If you have an old analog tv set you'll, most probably, only get the off air stations and the three service stations on that set.

These are 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 56, 57, 58, 59, 75, 76, 77, 78. All other stations are digital stations and cannot be received by old analog tv sets.

Some flat screen tv sets are also having some reception issues. Most common is a strong video signal on the HD channels is being received but audio is missing. If this is the case with your set it may be that your flat screen tv is older than 3 years and is not suited for the HD signals being broadcast by Shaw. We are looking into solution for these situations and hoping that the use of a pvr with HDMI cable connections will remedy the audio situation. We're waiting for the pvr remote controls to arrive so we can test out this potential solution. So if your flat screen tv is receiving video signals but no audio on the HD channels please bear with us a little while longer.

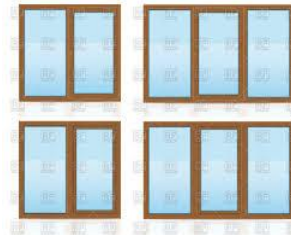
If your reception is grainy on channel 9 (CBC Toronto) or other stations, this may be related to in-suite wiring you have.

Stubbs has discovered in some suites there had been some renovations and cable wiring was routed around the room from the condo supplied cable box location. In many cases this old wiring (sometimes buried in walls during renovations) is now inadequate for the HD signals or for some off air stations. If you're connected directly to the in-suite cable box and experiencing grainy, snowy or ghosting pictures please contact Stubbs at 905-660-3400. Stubbs has been here regularly dealing with similar issues so leave a message and they will contact you for a date to examine the situation.

If you discover a missing channel we suggest you do a channel reset to ensure your tv has the most up to date available stations before contacting Stubbs to investigate. Also check to see if you have set some channel blocking on missing station as some tv sets allow parents to block certain stations and require a password to access or cancel the parental blocking.

The Board has received numerous suggestions and improvements and we'll be looking at these once we have a stable platform of stations that we have contracted to receive. We'll also contact zap2it to get their station listing up to date once all our stations are stable and active.

If you have comments or suggestions please do not hesitate to contact the Board by email at Board40H@gmail.com.



Windows Update

Now that we are approaching the end of the winter we have been informed that Ruven Windows is looking for some mild weather to start doing some window work in March. The work in March is planned to be private installation of sliding glass doors that have already been contracted to be done. Ruven will be contacting residents directly to arrange the installation according to the delivery of the required windows as well as changes in the weather. Please do not contact the office about these private installations. All private window installation units will eventually have to sign a section 98 agreement with the corporation which will outline the owner's responsibility for future maintenance on these privately installed windows.

In April we're planning to start the regular window installation on the east side. Currently the plan is to install the condo supplied balcony windows and doors only in units starting with the windows and doors on the 32nd/penthouse floor and working their way down. If your unit has sliding doors then your unit will be skipped at this stage. They'll start with 3216 (if it has standard windows) and want to try to complete about 6 units per day meaning the first day could be 3216, 3214, 3212, 3210, 3208, and 3206. The

following day they would plan to continue with 3204 and 3202 and move to the 31 St floor and do 3116, 3114, 3112, 3110 etc. This means that each floor will take about a day and a half to do balcony and door installations.

The repair of the walls with plastering and painting will occur after the windows installation team has completed five floors of windows. The plastering and painting will be done over a two day period by our contracted repairman. Once this plastering and painting has been completed the installation crew will return to complete any unfinished caulking in your unit.

Once the balcony and doors have been done on all floors (approximately 6-8 weeks) they'd go back to do the living room and bedroom windows on these units starting with the penthouse/32nd floor. This is all dependent on window delivery, weather and delays caused by residents' readiness levels. Living room and bedroom windows would be installed after the balcony windows as these require the installation and relocation of the swing stage to install these windows from the outside. Once we're at this stage, weather changes can easily affect the progress. Last year we saw rainy or windy days cause delays and rescheduling. We hope we'll all be considerate of how weather affects window installation at that time.

The office will be sending out proper notices to each unit at the appropriate time so do not do anything to prepare your unit until you have received the notice. These notices will include all instructions to prepare your unit, the planned day for installation and the day

for pre inspection of the unit before installation takes place.

Last year we saw many units not ready on the scheduled day. As we did last year, we will send individual notices to each unit that is planned. These notices will indicate the day when the installation is planned and we require that you prepare space on the inside of your unit to allow this process to progress smoothly. We will send staff into your unit one day before planned installation to check that all preparations are done. This will require you removing furniture, blinds, owner installed ceiling baffles and any other obstruction that will prevent smooth installation. We also suggest you cover your furniture and carpeting as dust will be flying around this construction area. We saw many delays and rescheduled installations last year because units were not prepared properly. This is especially difficult to manage. Units not ready caused cascading effects on the work the installation crew had planned for the remainder of the week. If your unit is not ready on the scheduled day or if weather prevents your unit from being done on a particular day we would need to reschedule your unit for a week or two later and not the next day because the planned units for the following day will have already prepared their units and they have had their notices delivered and we cannot just fit in a unit or floor of units that were not prepared properly or delayed by weather. We will work with you as best we can but please watch for the notices and be prepared one day before the planned installation date.

The Board thanks you for your patience once again as we work through phase two of this major improvement project.



Energy Conservation Monthly Challenge

Be Mindful of Energy Consumption

Your Goal: To reduce energy usage in the building. Try one, or more, of the tips below.

1. Wash your clothes in cold water.
2. Use the washing machines and dryers during off-peak hours (7pm – 7am, weekends and statutory holidays all day).
3. Wait until you have enough laundry to run a full load.

Looking for more ideas? Toronto Hydro has a downloadable guide called *150 Energy-Smart Ideas* to help you get started. It's loaded with tips and strategies for saving energy. Download it [here](#).

Or, go to **torontohydro.com**. Then select **Electricity Conservation** from the top menu bar. Go to **Residential Programs** and then look for the guide.



**"Good Eats,
Cheap Eats,
Sweet
Spots"**

by Cammy Lee-Bostwick

Greetings for a Spring-like March Everyone!

Once voted in *Now* magazine as "one of the best places to break up with someone", I take you not too far from home to the "Hair of the Dog" on Church, just north of Wood Street.

Given the dark interiors at night, I get why it was voted as such. But I went on a recent weekend morning for brunch, and the second floor is surprisingly filled with light, and on this particular day, sunshine. Be warned that you do have to walk up one full flight of stairs. There was seating below but my friend had already gotten a table on the upper level. And when I got there, I knew why the trek was worth it. We were lucky enough to have that table for two by the window. And though it was cold out, we were gently warmed by the sun's rays. What's not to like about good food, good company, warmth, and sunshine?

I have to admit, I do love my Eggs Benedict, but Hair of the Dog does an interesting take on it. I ordered the Eggs Benny with Crab Cakes. Yes, that's right: no English Muffin (no carbs) but on two crab cakes come poached eggs with hollandaise sauce, home fries, and fruit (see pic). I ordered my eggs medium so the yolks were runny adding to the hollandaise infusing my crab cakes with a sauciness that really worked. Nothing was too strong and yet I tasted everything; crab is subtle and easily overpowered by other flavours. But not this dish! The crab cakes were definitely the stars here. I immediately detected real crab and asked our server to confirm; she said that they do a combination of real crab and the fish-based 'fake' variety. With a crispy exterior, the yolk and sauce make the crab cakes nice and soft. Home fries seemed like a bit of an after thought, just deep fried potato cubes. But the service was friendly and consistent while the atmosphere was relaxed and open. Because the place was not packed, we had an unhurried meal and enjoyed some

real girlfriend catch-up time. And the coffee kept coming...

This place has a completely different vibe at night, and now that I've been here for brunch, Hair of the Dog will truly become one of my personal neighbourhood faves! Their outdoor patio is also a wonderful tranquil space in the day or night time (even more so when construction is finished for the day...)

So I don't know about the Hair of the Dog as a place for "breaking-up" but I'd prefer to see it as a place for "making-up"...but you decide.



Brushes & Cocktails on Wednesday March 14th



- **Burst of Sun Floral**

- Come check out our next Brushes & Cocktails. Made easy for beginners and for those who are timid to start. The wine that is available for donation helps those nerves. You've seen paint nights in the restaurants,

this is more comfortable because you can come down in your slippers, and there is room on the tables for those cocktails along with good music too. Valentine's day loved our very own Mary O and Garry as they tied for our favorite vote of the night. They both won a free paint night. But everyone is a winner bringing home their works of art along with some good memories.



So come on down and try it out in March. To participate you must e-mail Donna Y at 2brushesandcocktails@gmail.com no later than 2 days before the scheduled paint night by March 12th to make sure you have a reserved spot and supplies will be waiting for you. Payment can be done at the rec room at 7:00 pm or by e-mail transfer We begin painting at 7:30-9:30.

We hope you'll join us. Wine is sold by social committee for \$3.00 a glass



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THE 40 HOMEWOOD

**art
show**
& SALE

**Saturday, April 7th, 2018
11am to 4pm**

**Artists & Photographers:
Display and/or sell your work!
Residents: Display and switch/sell
your home art with others!
Browse with friends!**

Refreshments available by donation

**Register your name and contact
information in the office**



Movie Night at 40 Homewood

Our first feature film, **GARAGE**, presented Saturday, February 24th, was a smash hit. Over 60 people attended to see our own Edmond Chan's award-winning film. Prior to Garage, a beautiful dance piece, entitled Caprice, was shown. In attendance was the choreographer, Martine Charron, who came in from Quebec for the screening. Alice Ping Yee Ho, the composer of the music for both Caprice and Garage, was also in attendance. And, to mark the occasion, Astrid Van Weiren, who was one of the two main actors in Garage, and who is currently part of the cast of From Come Away, sent a message via video, in honour of Edmond Chan's contribution to her acting career. Crew members also peppered the audience.

To mark the occasion of resumption of movie night, the Social Committee set up the wine bar and provided popcorn for the screening, and a cracker and cheese table, post screening. The energy and enthusiasm in the recreation room was almost as audible as the hauntingly brilliant background music for Garage.

The Social Committee wants to continue movie night at 40 Homewood but needs some input and assistance from residents. We are looking for a fan

of film to become the presenter of movie night. Someone who can gauge what people are interested in seeing, someone who can open our eyes beyond the box office hits, someone who is comfortable with the technology of the smart tv and the internet. To that effect, if you are interested in participating in the format and scheduling of movie night at 40 Homewood, please contact Martha MacLachlan at email: martha.maclachlan@gmail.com. She will set up a meeting with interested parties to assist in the continuation of movie night at Homewood.

From Edmond Chan, from members of the social committee, thank you again for attending the screening of Garage, and for making the evening such a warm and heart felt event.



Academy Awards

Mention was made in the February newsletter that the Social Committee might have an event of people watching them together. **This will not be taking place now.**

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