



# HOMEWOOD

*Community Newsletter*

*May, 2018*



**Cinco de Mayo**  
**May 5, 2018**

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**May 13, 2018**

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**Happy Victoria Day**  
**Monday, May 21, 2018**



## *Mother*

M is for the million things she gave me  
O means only that she's growing old  
T is for the tears she shed to save me  
H is for her heart of purest gold  
E is for her eyes with love light signing  
R means right and right she'll always be  
Put them all together, they spell MOTHER  
A word that seems so much to me

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## **Big Blue Bags**

If any residents never got, or have lost, or have worn out their big, blue recycling bags, or would like a second one, there are more available at the office.

They hold a lot of paper, cans and bottles, so you don't have to go to the blue bin in the Recycling Room very often!

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Did you know that there is no other word in the English language that rhymes with month?

Did you know that Go is the shortest sentence in the English language?

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## Proposed New Construction on Homewood Avenue

by Charles Marker

Residents will have noticed the City sign about a proposed development at Homewood and Wellesley. What's desired: a two-storey community health centre and a one-storey drugstore attached to the rental apartment building on the southeast corner.

St Michael's health centre at 410 Sherbourne wishes to move to new and improved premises when their lease expires in May 2019. Although they would not gain in square footage, their current space is old and not equipped well with newer technology. Perhaps the drug store would be a move for Main Drug Mart, also now at 410 Sherbourne.

The building at 410 Sherbourne is directly behind Maribeth Lane which is across from our front yard. 410 includes the Phoenix Concert Theatre. See the photo by Matthew McGowan showing 410 Sherbourne and 40 Homewood.

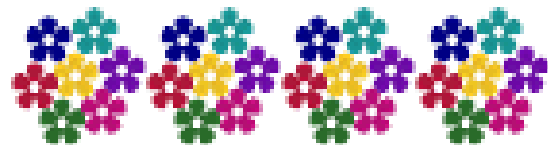


St Mike's services there include mental health outreach, the St Jamestown Health Centre, family medicine, HIV and addiction services, etc. These occupy the ground floor and the third and fourth floors. The Phoenix occupies the second floor.

With St Mike's wishing to move, it raises question about whether an underlying plan is to vacate 410 to make it ready for a redevelopment. Both the City Planning Department and Councillor Wong-Tam's office have reported that there is no such plan submitted to the City as of mid-April..

Sometimes 410 Sherbourne is confused with the the Sherbourne Health Centre. No kidding! The Sherbourne Health Centre is at 333 Sherbourne between Carlton and Gerrard facing Allan Gardens. It provides a variety of in-house and outreach services with some focus on homelessness and the LGBTQ community.

The Sherbourne Health Centre used to house Central Hospital, founded in 1957 in a house at 331 Sherbourne which had been built for Robert T. Gooderham in 1875, The house was replaced with the current building in 1969, and it initially was a 176-bed public hospital.



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## East Side Windows Update

By Brian Brenie

The balcony windows and doors are being installed on the east side this month and all seems to be moving smoothly.

The installation team started in early April and they are expected to finish this phase by mid May.

If you are on the east side of the building you can check the planned date for your windows. In the mail room and laundry room Management has posted a sample information letter and the unit list by date.

As these windows are being replaced from inside the unit, weather has not yet been a factor slowing their progress.

We thank all the residents for making their homes accessible for the crew when they arrive at your unit.

After this phase is completed Management will be posting the schedule for the next phase so watch for an updated posting in the mail room or laundry room in early May.

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Please try not to have your dog urinate on the grass on our property. It is killing the grass both at the back and front of the building. It is also eroding the bricks at the front. Thanks.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Ramada Inn

Jarvis Street

7:00

Registration starts at 6:30

### MEET THE CANDIDATES

May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 in the Recreation  
Room

### YARD SALE

Tentatively

July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### BAR-B-QUE

Tentatively

August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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## Let's Talk.



A good way to get to know your neighbours and encourage more of a sense of community in the building is to talk to each other in the elevators.

It can be your vertical sidewalk.

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## **The Next Brushes & Cocktails on Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup>**

### **The Toronto Skyline**



We are tackling the majestic Toronto skyline on Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. It's easy to sign up, and you are also welcome to pop by if you are curious about what happens at Brushes & Cocktails at Homewood. We are a friendly bunch of creatives. Join us with a glass of wine in hand. Last month's Down and Dirty Charcoal night saw 10 sets of hands enjoying the 3d effects of charcoal using a negative effect which means there is as much erasing as there is filling in colour. Everyone is drawing blind. They don't know what the subject is until the end. We begin with a blurred out photo that is very slowly brought into focus. Revealing more of the subject as the evening progresses.

For the brave ones who wanted to show their work we have the group photo. Well done everyone. I am so proud of the great works of art that leave at the end of the night.



So come on down and try it out May 9th. To participate you must e-mail Donna Y at [2brushesandcocktails@gmail.com](mailto:2brushesandcocktails@gmail.com) no later than 2 days before the scheduled paint night by May 7th 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 available by social committee for \$3.00 a glass donation.



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### **Air Conditioners**

If any owners want to install an air conditioning unit in their windows, they should pick-up a supporting shelf for the AC unit from the Management office and install the AC properly. All AC units must sit on the new shelf that is available for pick up at the Management office. Not using the proper shelf could damage the metal window frames.

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

by Cammy Lee-Bostwick

Happy May Everyone!

Ah...with spring in the air comes dining al fresco and lighter fare it seems!

So this month, I take you to a place just a short walk from home: The Green Grotto, 832 Bay Street on the Southwest corner of Bay and Grosvenor. First off, it is the space itself that is truly outstanding; floor to ceiling windows make this restaurant impossible to miss and certainly in sync with an airy, light feeling so appropriate for spring.

The Green Grotto is an Asian restaurant and Drink bar. When I say 'drink' I mean the Asian bubble tea variety...but I can't comment as I went there to eat only. Everything about this restaurant is cute: small sharing plates, little dishes for condiments, and the like. I ordered the GG Bowl with Crispy Sail Fish (\$10.99). In a waffle bowl the size of a Chinese rice bowl (not too big) came shredded cabbage on the bottom, oiled noodles, and deep-fried breaded pieces of fish. There are strings of chopped nori and a spicy pink mayo sauce that wasn't spicy at all. There is also half of a soya sauce egg. Visually it was quite spectacular as the picture shows. Taste-wise, well, a bit of sauce on the noodles would be nice. The fish was tasty but for the price, the portion was really quite small. Soya

eggs (which are boiled in soy sauce giving the egg white part its signature brown colour) are usually really deep in flavour both sweet and savoury — truly one of my all-time favourite things. But here, the egg was really dry and tasted like it had been cut a while ago so slightly hard. I was hungry and ate everything; after the dry noodles there was shredded cabbage, no dressing or sauce. There were also a few corn niblets also no sauce. Looking at the empty waffle bowl, I thought to myself... "Oh, what the hell..." and began tearing the waffle into pieces. And it was really good! Maybe the best part of the meal (?) or maybe just hungry...

At any rate, this place is not a write-off; I'm always on the hunt for new and exciting, and this place has a young hip vibe...could I have been the oldest one there? ... hmm...

With gorgeous window frontage and tables crafted from trees, the place is something to see for sure. And while I wouldn't say it is super cheap, it isn't pricey either. In addition to the food menu, they have a drink menu of equal size. So next time, I think a longer stay would be fair and perhaps a bigger sampling of dishes. Staff were cute and friendly: always a plus!

Here's to spring and summer: patio dining 2018 — bring it on!



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## Art Show @ 40 Homewood – April 7, 2018



The Art Show at 40 Homewood, hosted by the Social Committee and held in the recreation room, was an enormous success. From 11:00 to 4:00 pm, nine artists, eight of whom are residents of 40 Homewood and one artist from 60 Homewood, put their works on display.

The show acted as a vehicle for the artists to show their works and for residents and visitors to acquaint themselves with the artists' work and the artists themselves as neighbours. In fact, two of the artists who live on the same floor and know each other only as neighbours to say good morning to, found out on the day of the show, that each was an artist and were both showing their work that day.

Our otherwise utilitarian like recreation room was transformed with a riot of colour transforming every corner of the room. Everywhere you looked there would be people admiring the art and engaging with the artists. People lingered over coffee, cookies and croissants in the morning. In the afternoon, the wine bar was set up and more people stayed longer, talked louder and bonded over the common denominator known as art.



Two wonderful neighbours donated some art pieces to the Social Committee, with any profits going to the committee. The sale of a few of those pieces allowed for the committee to offer free refreshments in the morning. Although sales weren't brisk, 10 art pieces were sold by the artists. All of the artists who participated enjoyed the day and felt it was a positive experience.



From everyone who participated, the volunteers for set up (commandeered by Donna Y), the artists, the residents and visitors, all expressed a desire for another art show. Therefore, the next Art Show @ 40 Homewood will be held in early November, 2018, actual date to be decided. Note to artists: start working on your portfolios. A big thank you to everyone who attended and everyone who participated in making the Art Show such a tremendous community event at 40 Homewood.

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