



HOMEWOOD

Community Newsletter

June, 2018



IMPORTANT

NOTICE

.....PLEASE READ

AGM

Annual General Meeting

Date changed to June 26th, 2018

Ramada Inn, Jarvis Street

Registration starts at 6:00pm

Meeting starts at 7:00pm

**MEET THE CANDIDATES And
FINANCIAL**

**June 13th, at 7:00 in the
Recreation Room**



June 17th, 2018

Annual General Meeting Update

The preliminary Annual General Meeting notices were mailed in May and should have been received by all owners by now. The date for the AGM is now set for June 26th at the Ramada Inn on Jarvis Street south of Carlton. In the preliminary notice there is a requirement that those seeking nomination to the Board must submit their intent and biographies by June 5th. The Board will host a "Meet the Candidates" meeting along with a 2017 Financial Report review by our Treasurer on June 13th in the Rec room from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.



Disposal of Bulk Items

By Brian Brenie

With the window project starting for the second phase we know many residents on the east side are purging unneeded articles from their units. This mostly happens on weekends. Unfortunately some don't take advantage of using the bulk bin in the shed at the rear of the building and are leaving bulky items (furniture, luggage etc.) in the recycling room. Please, do not leave bulky items on the floor of the recycling room. Please take them outside into the bulk storage area for proper disposal.

The recycling room gets very packed with garbage and recycling on weekends and there isn't any spare room with all the extra bins placed in there for the weekends.

Thank you,

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Election Day
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June 7th, 2018

Our Newest Cutest Resident



Meet Ion

He is a 9-week old black Labrador Retriever, and is training to be a service dog. He is being fostered by Joanne Miles and Ken Phillips for about a year.

He is part of the Foster Puppy Program of the Lions Foundation of Canada. There are five distinct programs: **Canine Vision Canada; Hearing Ear Dogs of Canada; Special Skills Dogs of Canada; Seizure Response dogs; and Autism Assistance.**

It is the foster parents' role to provide homes for them to learn proper house manners, basic obedience and are socialized to as many people, places and situations as possible in order to make sure they are able to work confidently as dog guides later.

Ion is doing a great job.

Why do we have the following rule here at 40 Homewood?



Rule 13.5 states:

When bringing bicycles in or out of the building, other than via a bicycle room, residents must use the rear entrance to the building. At no time should a bicycle be brought through the front entrance.

All of our rules are in place for safety and to prevent property damage. They are not meant to punish or make life difficult for any resident (owner or tenant).

This rule was established a few years ago when we noticed bicycles coming through the front door and on a few occasions the handle bars or pedals hit the glass in the door and it smashed. We had to have a temporary piece of plywood installed in the door and then emergency glass repair. We also had to hire additional security as the lobby could not be left unattended to answer calls from residents or to do security rounds. This is avoided if bicyclist use the rear door to bring their bicycles in and out of the building. This applies to those residents who bring their bicycles to their units and not to residents who use the extensive free bicycle storage we have available for all residents to use. If you use the front door for your bicycle and damage the property your unit will be charged for any additional

costs incurred. We'd like to avoid having any accidents occur and charging back any resident.

If you'd like to store your bicycle in our on-site storage all you need to do is visit the office to get a label for your bicycle and fill out a bicycle form.



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.



Happy Pride Week!
June 16th - June 24th,
2018

Pride Parade
Sunday, June 24th 2018



Questions and Answers

Q. When will the garage be power washed?

A. The garage power washing, including level B3 will be done before the end of June. Watch for notices on channel 58 and the elevator, laundry room, and mail room monitors.

Q. When will the storm-damaged trees be removed?

A. In late May the three downed trees were removed. Additionally, one of the trees near the front door had branches falling on balconies and was also presenting a potential danger to entering or exiting the building so that tree was also removed at the same time.

Q. Is the carpeting in the gym going to be replaced any time soon?

A. The Board has approved the replacement of the carpet and tile on the gym floor with rubber flooring which will greatly reduce equipment noise transfer to above units. We plan this installation in June and this project will require the closing of the gym for a minimum of seven (7) calendar days. The pool and change rooms will be accessible through the Recreation Room and patio when not booked for a rental event. Watch for dates when this will happen.

Q. Are the shelves for window air conditioners really necessary?

A. It is required for the new windows that a shelf be placed over the window tracks prior to installing a portable air

conditioner. Without these shelves, the channels for the windows to slide will suffer damage from the weight of an air conditioner. Of course, this does not apply to the installation of split-type ductless air conditioners.

Q. What are the plans, if any, for the driveway and rear entrance to the building?

A. Likely next Spring, following the completion of the window project, much of the driveway and rear entrance area will be re-paved. Some of the existing curbs will be moved to accommodate short-term parking for delivery vehicles and to increase the turning radius available for larger trucks, such as moving vans and garbage/recycling trucks.

Q. When will the gardens be planted this year?

A. The seasonal gardener we have retained for the past few years is not available this year. We are in the process of negotiating with landscapers for this season. The Board continues in its effort to increase the number of perennial plants over annuals. We expect to have a signed contract and the landscaping begun as soon as possible.

Q. What's the Green Bin in the Rear of the Building?

A. The Oasis donation bin in the rear of the building has proven very useful for recycling used clothing and small appliances from our residents. Rather than disposing of reusable clothing in the garbage please deposit them into the green Oasis bin in the back of the building. This bin is picked up weekly.

The Next Brushes & Cocktails on Wednesday June 29th

Abstract Webs



This month's paint event makes it easy as can be with an abstract that has no wrongs or rights, so if you were nervous about your skills, this is the project to try out Brushes & Cocktails on Wednesday June 20th 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. This the last Brushes & Cocktails until September when there will be host of new paint nights with even more twists and fun with paint.

Last month's Toronto Skyline was worthy of tourist articles. Everyone put their own touch on the iconic scene. You've got to love the original approaches.



If you keep thinking you want to do Brushes & Cocktails but just haven't, don't procrastinate come down June 20th.

To participate you must e-mail Donna Y at 2brushesandcocktails@gmail.com no later than 2 days before the scheduled paint night by June 18th 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 the social committee for \$3.00 a glass donation.





Good Eats, Cheap Eats, Sweet Spots"

by Cammy Lee-Bostwick

Happy Summer All!

Well, patio weather is fully upon us now everyone!

So this month, I take you to a patio not too far on Bloor Street near the Varsity Stadium: "L'Espresso".

Located on the south side of Bloor near the St. George subway, this outdoor patio is a semi-private space tucked right in the heart of the city's hustle and bustle. With only about 20 tables I had no problem at all getting one at noon. Some tables are covered with umbrellas while others allow for basking in this glorious weather we've been having.

But now for the food: I ordered the tuna salad on a toasted croissant (\$9.75) with a beignet (\$3.75). The generous helping of tuna salad had just the right hint of red onion and capers. Green leaf lettuce adds a much needed crisp and freshness to the sandwich. The croissant, which is baked on-site, is perfectly French: crisp and buttery on the outside, fluffy and light on the inside. What was quite impressive was the beignet, or donut. Mind you, at \$3.75 it is a bit steep for deep-fried dough, but it is totally worth it! About the size of a medium-sized potato (see pic), they are displayed on a plate at the front of house where you place your order. When you bite into the sugar-covered pastry, the whole thing just caves in (in the best possible way). It is light and airy much like the kind of pastry of a profiterole, or cream puff (which they also make). Sugar sticks to your fingers and I couldn't help myself and licked my fingers

like a little kid! Service is capable and friendly. One waiter kept filling my water glass, and then brought over a whole carafe — much appreciated on this humid 30+ degrees day. A very nice touch. Something to keep in mind too is that if you are a University of Toronto student: you get a 20% discount on food orders.

L'Espresso is an Italian cafe/bar/restaurant that is mostly a daytime establishment (weekdays close at 7:30 and weekends at 5pm). There is also a sit down menu, but you can order as I did at the cash and take your food to a table inside or on the patio. In the evening the marble tables inside have votive candles giving this cafe a really cozy somewhat upscale feel for a fraction of the cost. Tables are a bit too close for me, especially in cooler climes with coats to contend with, but really, on a day like today this is not a concern. The patio, while not huge is spread out, and quite beautiful with potted plants and a big rock in the centre evoking weekends at the cottage... Surrounded by trees, and some flowering at this time of year, L'Espresso is like an undiscovered oasis right in the middle of busy patch on Bloor Street.

A stone's throw from the Bata Shoe Museum (which currently has an exhibit on Manolo Blahnik) and one block from the ROM, L'Espresso is a cafe worth checking out...and visiting again and again...

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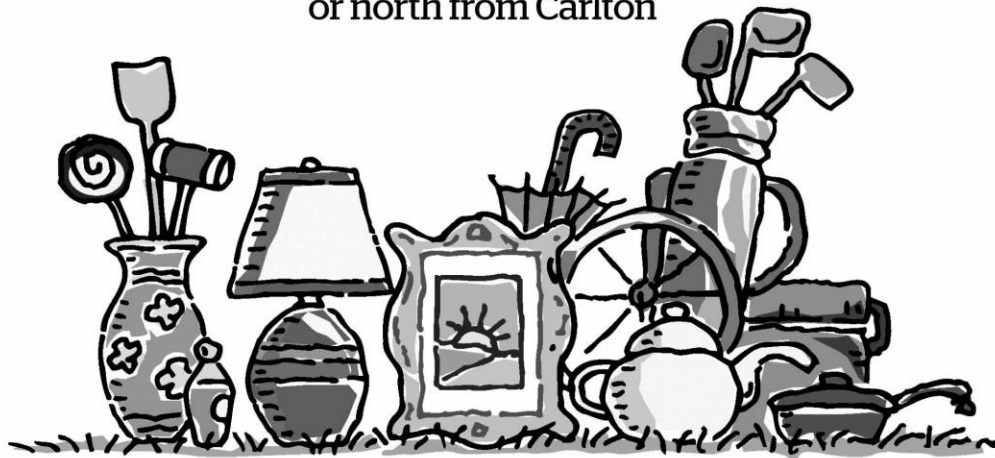
Yard SALE

Saturday, June 9th, 2018
9 am to 1 pm

Rain Date: Saturday, June 16th

@ 40 Homewood Avenue

between Jarvis and Sherbourne,
walking south from Wellesley,
or north from Carlton





Please Use the Garbage Chute on Your Floor

Did you know that compacted garbage costs less for each of us compared to dropping a large garbage bag in the garbage bin on the first floor. We would like to encourage our residents to package household garbage into bags that can be placed into the garbage chute on your floor. The chute is between units 9 and 11 on every floor.

This is more convenient than carrying garbage downstairs and it can help to reduce garbage costs. Additionally the garbage bin in the recycling room on the first floor is often overflowing, especially on weekends.

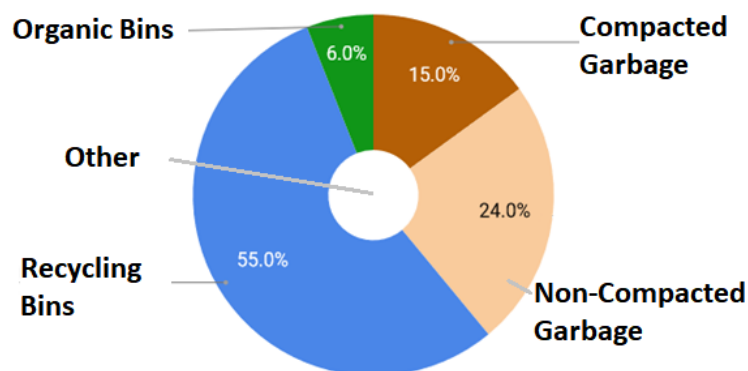
Windows Update

The bedroom windows on line 16 are being installed at this time. This should be completed in a week or so. Because line 16's windows are adjacent to the driveway, for safety reasons, we have had to close access to the driveway while the swing stage is in use. Once the installers move to line 14's living room and bedroom windows as well as line 12's bedroom windows, the driveway will once again be opened.

40 Homewood Waste Report

The office and staff of 40 Homewood have recorded the number of waste bins collected each week for 6 months period. The Green Committee has analyzed the data and has the following results:

40 Homewood - Waste Bin Collection



By adding the recycling and compost, we divert 61% of our waste from the land fill. The whole in the center represents all other collections such as hazardous waste, e-waste, bulk items, and the Oasis bin for donations which cannot be quantified. This chart does not identify the recycling bins that may have been identified by the city as contaminated.

Our goal should be to compost more and to use the garbage chute. The city charges us more money for each non-compacted garbage bin. Please consider using smaller garbage bags and to use the chute located on your floor.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please reach out to the green committee at 40hgreencommittee@gmail.com.

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