



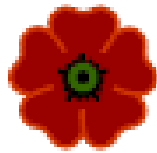
HOMEWOOD

Community Newsletter

 *November, 2018*



IN FLANDERS Fields



Lest We Forget



Don't forget to set
your clocks **back**
one hour on
Sunday, November
4th, 2018 at
2:00am.

Happy Diwali

November 7, 2018

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.



WELCOME

to Our New Property Manager



Kambiz (Kam) Fahimi

On Wednesday October 10th, we held a meet and greet from 5:30 to 7:00 to introduce our new Property Manager, **Mr. Kambiz Fahimi**, to the residents of our building.

About 50 people turned up for some soft drinks and finger foods. It was a very enjoyable 90 minutes and the residents enjoyed meeting Kam as much as he enjoyed meeting them. We look forward to a long and mutually satisfying relationship with Kam in the office.

The building has been without a full-time Property Manager since the beginning of August. The Board of Directors interviewed a number of potential hires over several weeks before offering the position to Kam.

Kam comes to us, and to Crossbridge Condominium Services, from another property management firm and brings

with him years of experience building vibrant communities wherever he has worked.

His first full day was Tuesday, October 9th and he will be in the building daily from 9:00 to 5:00 (7:00 on alternating Wednesdays) except for the times when he will attend at Crossbridge offices for Management courses.

Please join me in welcoming Kam to our family at 40 Homewood.

Brian Brenie, on behalf of the Board of Directors



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 the goodies.



Smoke Alarms

The "time change" is a good opportunity to put new batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms.



THE 40 HOMEWOOD

art show & SALE

November 17th, 2018 11:00 -4:00 p.m.

in our rec room on 1B

Hosted by the Social Committee

The artists and art lovers alike at 40 Homewood are really looking forward to our 2nd art show & sale. It was such a great event that we all want more. This will be a perfect opportunity to pick up a few unique gifts, discover the talented artists and artisans that make up our community. With a small café set up it's a great time to meet new people and visit with friends and neighbours.



November 17th is coming soon. Original art, photography and handmade jewellery and quilts will be on show and for sale. If you haven't registered to participate you need to get on it soon.

For artists, if you haven't yet registered to show your work, please note the deadline is **November 15**. To register, email Donna at:

artshow@brushesandcocktails.ca For those who can't wait here's a sneak peek of some of what is coming your way.



How to Donate in the Oasis Bin

Need to make room in your closet? That old shirt doesn't fit anymore? Help our community by donating any time, any day in our own backyard.



If the bin is full or the hatch is jammed please contact the Green Committee at 40hgreencommittee@gmail.com or call Oasis at (416)-751-0553.

What to Donate in the Oasis Bin

Acceptable items:

- o Mens, Womens, Childrens Gently Used Clothing
- o Shoes & Boots
- o Bedding, Drapery, Linens
- o Purses, Briefcases, Luggage
- o Dishes
- o Glassware
- o Cutlery
- o Silverware
- o Pots & Pans
- o Toys & Games
- o Stuffed Animals
- o CD's, DVD's, Videos & Tapes
- o Electronics & Stereo Systems
- o Small Sports Equipment
- o Lamps
- o Artwork
- o Housewares

Please wrap and secure any breakables and remove dead batteries from any devices.

Thank you for your donations!



Emails
by Esther Podoliak

An email can have a pothole --
that causes a negative reaction,
left to fester without the mitigation
of body motion or voice modulation.

But an email can be a garden too --
sending flowers that we grow,
that we might never say out loud
because we are too proud.

Reading my inbox is an attraction.
It seems that I have formed an
addiction,
for when my inbox hasn't been fed,
I go and read my sent box instead .

2016, Revised Oct. 2018

2019 Budget Consultation with Owners

On **Wednesday, November 28th**, the Board will share its plans for 2019 with a focus to the budget.

We hold this consultation annually to hear your thoughts on our planned budget and your suggestions for inclusion.

Mark your calendars to be there starting at 6:30 and ending at 7:30 in the Recreation Room on B1.

Come and find out our preliminary budget outlook and how it will affect your common element fees for next year.

See you there.



Donating Books to the Public Library

By Charles Marker

Our own 40 Homewood Library has limitations on space and types of books.

The Toronto Public Library (TPL) also has some type limitations, but quantity is not an issue.

TPL does not add donated books to their collections. They sell the books and thus help support the TPL.

Criteria for materials dropped off at your local branch library:

- Very good condition and less than five years old
- Only English and French books, CDs and DVDs
- Preference: popular fiction and nonfiction in hardcover or paperback
- Other things not accepted (e.g., magazines, computer books, texts, encyclopedias and multilingual materials)

Looser criteria apply to materials dropped off at the Toronto Reference Library (789 Yonge, just north of Bloor):

- Good condition; age of donated material not an issue
- In addition to books, CDs, DVDs in English or French, material in all languages will be accepted, including those exceptions listed above

If you have bulk items or boxes of books, they can be dropped off at the Shipping and Receiving Department of the Reference Library on Asquith Avenue (south side of the Reference Library) on weekdays between 9 am and 3 pm.

Further information is available at the TPL website

<https://tplfoundation.ca/donate-books/>



Free Weight Missing

One of the very heavy free weights has gone missing from the gym.

Please, if you are the strong person who has borrowed the **70 pound** free weight return it.

This will save staff time having to look through the video to track down the borrower.

It will have a stencil on it saying YCC75.

The Young Soldier's Burden

(A mother's watchful eye) Published 2010
by Donna y aka (R.M.Jacobs)
From Still In Arms

With each plotted step
he staggers.
Buffed body bends under
the weight
of his kit bag.

Strong shoulders
trained to carry heavy loads,
pulled downwards,
shoulder blades
cutting into his back
while straps constrict
his arms.

He carries innocence
packed neatly next to
a bedroll plagued
with nightmares
of sights and sounds,
folded in with faces
all best forgotten.

Tightly shoved into
empty spaces
is the dare to dream of
an unknown future.
Lying flat at the bottom
are the hours and days of boredom
laced with high alert.
Signaled by exploding I.E.D.s that
maimed friends and comrades all
crumpled up,
next to the uniform of his dead brother
that always rests on top.

All carried home
woven into every sinew.
Left to unpack
the weight of memorials

that need to find a
dwelling place
where past and present
don't collide.

You can find more of Donna Y's work at:
jacobsverse.wordpress.com

Gym Update



Help us keep the gym air conditioners working properly.

This month, a new air conditioning unit was installed in the original gym. This machine cost more than \$10, 000 and we'd like to ask that you do not touch the louvers (air deflectors). The air conditioner in the other gym room (near the women's locker room door) has been damaged by manually closing the air deflectors and we are unable to get the air deflector motor and parts to fix this at this time.

If the air flow is a concern to you please advise the office and they will see what they can do to remedy the situation. Thank you.



Agreement to Receive Notices Electronically

Due to recent changes in the *Condominium Act*, we now have an opportunity to send notices to you by email rather than relying on Canada Post. If you still prefer postal delivery, we will respect your decision. Ideally, we would like all residents at 40 Homewood with a valid email address to sign up for this option. Doing this will ensure you remain informed about happenings in your home in a timely manner. It will also streamline our office processing of notices and cut down on printing expenses and time.

The Board recently passed a resolution confirming email notification is the preferred way of communicating electronically with our owners, staff, and board.

Please retrieve the form at:
<http://40homewood.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/2018-Forms-Agreement-to-Receive-Notices-Electronically.pdf>

Complete the form indicating email communication and either bring it to the office, or you can scan it and attach it in an email to be sent to:
yorkcondocorp75@gmail.com

To assist you with completing the required fields, the Condominium Corporation's name to include is YCC75. Check the "I agree" statement, sign and date it before submitting it back to the office.

If you cannot print it, there will be copies available in the office.

We recently included this instruction in this year's AGM package and the office has received about 40 replies. If you are one of these few owners, thank you and you needn't submit another form. We will include your email when we create a distribution list for this group of people.

PLEASE have the form completed and returned to the office by November 9th.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Window Washing



Each unit's non-accessible bedroom windows will be washed during the week November 5-9.

To protect your privacy, please remember to keep your bedroom shades closed during this time period.



Does Your Home Need a Home Air Purifier?

At a recent discussion with a group of owners and residents it was mentioned that Oreck air purifiers do a great job with cigarette and other smoking odours in the home.



If you are a heavy smoker and concerned that neighbours may be impacted by the smell of the smoke

you create you may wish to consider an Oreck air purifier.

I have seen them on sale at places like Home Depot and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

They could help keep your neighbours happy.



Recreation Room

The recreation room is available for use by all residents and

we are glad to see it in use by our neighbours. Unfortunately, recently we have noticed things missing from the room.

There used to be 16 wooden chairs to go with the 4 square blue tables. Recently, we noticed 4 chairs missing. If you have borrowed these chairs please return them immediately. If not returned by November 10th we will review the video record and proceed with legal action against the responsible party.

When you rent the room for a function in addition to the \$50 room rental fee you place a deposit with the office to ensure the room is left clean and tidy afterwards. When the office or security verify the cleanliness after the event your deposit cheque is returned to you.

You are responsible to put things away and to take the garbage and recycling up to the recycling/garbage room on the first floor. Not doing so could result in forfeiture of your deposit.

Our two cleaning staff are very busy during the day and they do not have time to clean up after people using this room for private functions. We appreciate your continued cooperation in this matter.

Please remember to clean up after you use this room.

Below is a picture of things not being put away recently.

Brian Brenie





Good Eats, Cheap Eats, Sweet Spots"

*by Cammy Lee-
Bostwick*

Greetings and a Happy November to All!

Well, fall is surely upon us now... So as the mercury drops, I keep it local and take you on a short trek west along Carlton/College to Bay. And just south of there, is an Afghan restaurant: Silk Road Kabob House.

Located at 736 Bay Street on the ground level retail space of a condominium, it is a small bright space with a few tables. Given all the condos in the area I see it as a take out place with very reasonable price points.

I ordered the Borani Eggplant (\$8) at the cash (see pic). When it's ready, they call and you simply pick up your tray and take it to your table. The eggplant arrives on a separate plate in marinated slices. Bathed in tomato sauce, onions and spices, it is cooked to that melt-in-your-mouth done-ness. Displayed the way it is, the eggplant almost looks like ribs or slices of meat. In fact, there is a meatiness to eggplant making it a satisfying alternative if you are vegetarian/vegan or just trying to limit that protein. The heat level is perfect for me — a definite kick and I'd have to admit, my maximum. On another plate comes a generous portion of rice and salad with extra dressing. I thought it would be tzatziki but it wasn't. Pretty basic salad with iceberg lettuce and

tomato. Some of the rice was a bit hard. But with such a large serving, there was enough rice that was fine. Not a stand out clearly; what was impressive however, was the eggplant. Together, they make for an affordable meal whether you eat in (as I did) or get it to go.

Other offerings include wraps as well as their classic kabobs. With only one vegetarian kabob option (\$10) of marinated pieces of paneer ("cottage cheese" — their description not mine), I opted for the eggplant which comes under the "Authentic Dishes". And I was not disappointed. They also have Spinach Qorma (\$8) — definitely warranting a follow-up visit.

With its bright lights and take out feel, Silk Road is surely not the kind of place to linger in. But on a recent evening out with a friend, we did just that — getting caught up for close to 2 hours while staff and the few patrons there were friendly and unobtrusive: another reason to return.



 **Lest We Forget**



November Poppies & Poetry

November is going to be a very different paint night. We are going to paint a poppy for Remembrance Day, along with poetry readings of favorite war poem. Donna will be reading works from her Chapbook "Still In Arms" a Mother's perspective of her child serving, along with readings from other poets she has encountered through the military journey including Suzanne Steele warpoet.ca

We invite you to just come listen bring a poem you want to share you don't have to paint, but beware, there will be painting going on too.



The evening begins at 7:00 to pay in cash, 7:30 – 9:30 pm we are painting. Reserve your spot so you are sure to have the materials waiting you when you get here. Payment can be made via e-transfer to: brushesandcocktails@gmail.com when you reserve.

For those of you who like things more private, Brushes & Cocktails does private parties, corporate team building events

or for any occasion. It's sure to be a hit with your guests. Everything is set up and ready to begin whenever you are. Contact us tonight all the nitty gritty details to make a party a happening. Check us out:

www.brushesandcocktails.ca

What an intimate fun evening we had to get into the spirit of Halloween. Donna was dressed up for the occasion, right down to the "bare bones" of painting. Michael Csiki was the "painter of the night" winning a free paint night. Michael, we are always excited to see what you paint up!



4 0 H O M E W O O D

Holiday Dinner

Saturday, December 1st, 2018

5pm to 9pm

in the Recreation Room

❁ *Catered by Absolutely Famished* ❁

• *Dinner served at 6pm* •

❁ M E N U ❁

Caesar salad with homemade dressing

Roast turkey breast served with homemade cranberry sauce and gravy

Fresh salmon with a yogurt tarragon crust

Roasted garlic mashed potatoes with fresh herbs

savoury turkey stuffing

Roasted and steamed vegetable medley

Pasta tossed in sundried tomato pesto with roasted vegetables

Vegetarian curried butternut squash with raisins and
black beans in puff pastry

Festive dessert platter

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

• no outside liquor permitted at this event •

Tickets: \$25 • Available as of Nov. 5th in the office

Last date for purchase: Wednesday, November 28th

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