



HOMEWOOD

Community Newsletter

February, 2019



February 14, 2019

Groundhog Day



February 2nd, 2019

It is said that if the groundhog sees his shadow, there will be six more weeks of bad weather, and if he doesn't, that spring will be here soon



Chinese New Year



Pig

February 5th, 2019
Year of the Pig



Pig

Kung Hei Fat Choi
Gong Xi Fa Cai

"Wishing You Success and Prosperity"

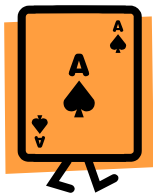


Family Day **February 18th, 2019** *Office Closed*



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Do you play Bridge?

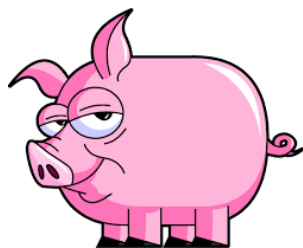
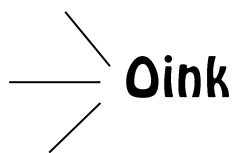
We are always looking for bridge players. If you are interested, please come down to the library on Thursdays at 7:00pm and join in an evening of bridge.



Rule # 7.4 prohibits the feeding of pigeons on the property? We have a resident who has been feeding the pigeons every day (sometimes twice) in the northeast corner for a while now. The writer says "My balcony is covered dotted with pigeon s**t and I'm sure my neighbours' balconies are as well. In the spring these pigeons will be nesting on our balconies too. I hope a little reminder will stop this activity."



SORRY, SON...THERE'S NO APP FOR THAT



Don't be a Blue Bin Hog

Flatten your empty cardboard boxes and put them in a blue bin in space-saving manner.



HINT: Flatten boxes before leaving your apartment. There is not much space in the Recycling room sometimes.

NOTE:

- Styrofoam blocks go into a blue bin.
- Nylon binding strips go into a brown garbage bin.



Contribute to the Newsletter

Residents are encouraged to make submissions to the Newsletter: **ideas, articles, reports, reviews, recipes, artwork, movie reviews, drawings, brain teasers, trips to places people might be interested in reading about, you name it!**

Thank you to Cammy Lee Bostwick who gives us a food review every month and Donna Y. who lets us know about what Brushes and Cocktails will be doing.

Send your contribution or contact the Newsletter— drop a note at the office or to newsletter40homewood@gmail.com

Changes in Security Guards

Now that we have 24 hour security, you will see some new faces from Regal Security.

Ragul, who has been our afternoon shift guard during the week, will no longer be working at our building and there will be a replacement guard starting the last week of January. Please check our website at <https://40homewood.org/management-office/support-staff-2> for photos and names of the guard, along with the times they will be working.



"Good Eats, Cheap Eats, Sweet Spots"

by Cammy Lee-Bostwick

Happy February Folks!

Continuing the New Year theme of home and the coziness we get when in the company of loved ones, remains this month's focus. And honestly, the meal that best captures such feelings for me is brunch.

The loved one that I shared probably my favourite meal with is my long-time friend and award-winning novelist Wayson Choy (see pic). We were due for a long catch-up session and decided on an old stand-by...cuz when you know you're in for a long meal you go to places that allow you to linger for hours. Which was exactly what we did.



So we met at The Mad Dog Cafe.
Located on Gerrard Street East just west

of Carlaw, it is an easy College Streetcar ride away.

I had the Veggie Dog (see pic) which came with two eggs, buttered toast, baked beans, hash browns, sautéed spinach, and grilled tomatoes for \$9.25. What can I say? Everything was great — as it usually is. I love hash browns made like "rosti potato". And baked beans, quite frankly, should always come with fried eggs! Such a great flavour combo of the comfort food of slow cooked beans with quickly fried eggs. The spinach could have been sautéed a tad longer and had more seasoning but that's not really a deal-breaker. Be warned too that Mad Dog is a cash-only establishment. The space is small but quaint, sunny, open, and very much a neighbourhood hang-out, with a small patio space out front in the summer.

As we sat and reminisced, talked writing, gratitude, and life in general, we ended up sharing a pastry (sorry no pic — ate too fast). As I walked by the dessert case my eye caught the glazed topping of a pecan square (\$3.50). Pecans were chopped and had a slick sheen that I just had to order it. Having a shortbread crust and just the right amount of sweet without being overly crumbly, this was arguably the BEST pecan square I've had! This alone warrants a trip to Mad Dog. As some of you may know, I don't really have a sweet tooth but I like what I like — and I like this.

Couple a satisfying nosh with one of the best people I can think of, and there you have it — my idea of "Home".

And since this is also the month of "Love" — I'll do something I don't usually do: recommend another restaurant. Beginning January 28 to February 28 Cafe Diplomatico on College Street

(also on the College Streetcar line — how lucky are we?) is offering a 3-course meal for two for \$49! I'll tell you about that one next month...oh...and the price includes booze!



Starting **Sunday, February 10th**, Gus Kieley will be conducting Bridge Classes on Sunday afternoons for people who would like to learn Bridge. He will be teaching you everything he knows about Bridge.

Sundays 2 - 4 PM

In the recreation room

The classes will be structured with the first 30 minutes being instructions for beginners only. The balance of the time would be spent actually playing. If

any experienced people would like to come down for the 2nd part, you would be more than welcome to help out the newcomers.

Please call Gus at ☎ 416-972-0610 or e-mail : newfiegun@hotmail.com.

Weather Advisory

Please do not open windows in your unit during the winter months, as this interferes with our radiant heating system and increases the risk of frozen pipes causing damage and insurance claims. Recently, we learned of a situation at another condominium where the resident went away for an extended period of time and left a window open, causing the pipes to freeze and burst, resulting in a major flood of many units. The very expensive cost of repairs was charged back to the unit owner. If you are going to be away for any length of time, please have someone check on your unit regularly and notify the office or security immediately if any problems are found.

This is also a good time to remind all residents to ensure that your unit insurance is up to date and adequate to cover these kinds of events.



OK, Show of hands...
Who's tired of snow?

Recycle Plastic Word Search

X R O Y K B D W F P X L G
 R C R W D Q Z E O C C S S
 E M C M C D I V O N I H F
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Here is a list of acceptable plastic items:

(Plastic) Berry basket	Grocery bag
(Plastic) Bread bag	Jar
Clean	Loose
(Plastic) Cup	Packaging
(Plastic) Detergent bottle	Recycle
(Plastic) Egg carton	Plastic
(Plastic) Empty pill bottle	Separate
(Plastic) Flower pot	Shampoo
	Bottle
(Plastic) Flyer bag	Squeezable
(Plastic) Food jar lids	Water bottle

People ask, "which plastics are accepted in the blue bin?"

Most items that are packaging are recyclable except black plastic. The city requires all plastic containers to be clean, or else it is **considered contaminated and the building can be fined.**



Questions and Answers to and from the Board and Management

prepared by Timothy Oakes

Q. Why have the office hours changed?

A. We have a new property manager and a new site administrator, who require uninterrupted time during the day to complete administrative work. To give them adequate time for their work, the office will close daily from 11:30 a.m until 2:30 p.m.

Q. Why is my ability to use the door entry system not working after Bell Fibe is installed in my unit?

A. The problem is with the Bell technicians. There is a copper wire in the phone jack in every unit that controls the intercom system. If you purchase Bell Fibe, please instruct the installer to leave the copper wire in place and do not disconnect it.

Q. What is the purpose of the room being constructed in the Meeting Room next to the Lobby?

A. This room is being constructed to securely store parcels that have, until now, been delivered to the office. Now that we have 24 hour security, they will take on the task of receiving, storing, and notifying residents of parcels for pick up at the security desk.

Q. Can I book the service elevator over the lunch hour?

A. Yes. Now that we have 24 hour security, deliveries and moves can be arranged during the day, including lunch hour.

Q. Why are we being asked to complete a form to receive electronic notices?

A. This is, in part, due to the new Condominium Act requirements and also because we are upgrading the building management software to accommodate most resident services electronically. Secondly, this is a Green initiative to reduce the use of paper in the office.

Q. When will the swimming pool be open for use again?

A. We have run into unexpected problems with the pool and are unable to provide a definite date as to when the pool will re-open. Some additional piping needs to be replaced and the pool must be repainted. Once the repairs and painting are completed, the pool will have to be filled with water using a hose (this will take 3 days) and heated before opening for use by residents.

Q. Are we required to have a defibrillator in our building?

A. Yes. The AED (Automated External Defibrillator) has been purchased and will be installed in the lobby. Security, management, cleaners, and board members will be trained in its use.

Q. Where can I find information about upcoming social events in the building?

A. Notices are listed in the calendar

section of the website,

<https://40homewood.org/information/calendar>

and most events are also mentioned in this newsletter.



Tuesday February 5th 3 Colour Challenge

Tuesday February 5th at 7:30-9:30 pm.
Reserve your spot no later than Feb. 3rd. We are twisting it up again.

It's a painting using only 3 colours, you get to choose your background colour and use black and white as the other 2 colours. This is a very meditative painting as you work your background and then add in the body.

Our paint nights do not emphasize talent so don't be intimidated, our concentration is always on Fun! Every level including the "never painted before" are more than welcome to join in, you will be walked through every step and one on one attention eases the nerves. The wine helps too! Available through donation, \$4.00 a glass. You can't beat that, a night in with neighbours! Invite your friends.

Your name doesn't have to be Picasso!
Come paint.



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 all the materials waiting for you when you arrive. Payment can be made via e-transfer to: reserve@brushesandcocktails.ca.

January was a month that you didn't want to miss, we did our first paint pour. What a blast had by all. The new exploration with a different way to create whetted the appetites of all our painters. They want more!

So we will be holding another paint pour event on a February 17th Sunday afternoon from 1-3:30. If you want to be a part of this creative event email info@brushesandcocktails.ca



Brushes & Cocktails also does private parties, corporate team building and customer appreciation 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 to get all the nitty gritty details to make a party - a happening. Check us out: www.brushesandcocktails.ca



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Spring Art Show in Recreation Room

April 13th, 2019

YARD SALE

June 15th, 2019

BBQ

July 13th, 2019

The Social Committee strives to provide quality wine for all our events. The price of the wine has been raised and the committee has been subsidizing the cost.

With some reluctance please note glasses of wine will be available with a donation of \$4 per glass in 2019. Please note what little profit the committee makes finances some of the following:

New glassware
Replacing tables
Table Cloths & Napkins
Subsidizing the cost per person for the catered bbq

The Committee members thank everyone for supporting our events in the building.

We are always open to suggestions for other events you think might be of interest to your neighbours and residents.