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HOMEWOOD

Community Newsletter

 *November, 2012*



November 11, 2012
LEST WE FORGET



November 13, 2012



Don't forget to set your clocks **back one hour** on Sunday, November 4th, 2012 at 2:00am.

4😊 Turns 4😊 Anniversary Dinner

An oversight occurred in last month's review of the Anniversary Party. We forgot to thank Mark Daye for taking time out of his busy schedule to sell and keep track of who purchased tickets. Sorry Mark, and thanks.

security

Security phone line
416-923-2268
The backup number is
416-771-7529



LEST WE FORGET

By Jeffrey Amos

As someone born in the 1970s, I am fortunate that war has not touched my life directly. In fact, to someone of my generation, the idea of having to leave one's family and friends to fight in a war is an alien concept. However, it was not always so. Less than a century ago, war and conflict were regular and expected events all over the world, including Europe. Young men were frequently called upon to serve their country in battle, and many never returned home. It was, however, the two great wars, World War I and World War II, with 9 million and 50-70 million fatalities respectively, where the greatest number of casualties occurred. In the latter, millions died to stop fascism and dictatorship from engulfing the world. My late uncles Alexander and George Dobbs were two of the many who served, and many of us have family, living or since departed, who served. Although there have been notable regional conflicts since the end of World War II in 1945, no war or conflict has been as extensive or required us to pay so high a price. There are many who attribute this fact to the power of memory – memory of what we have learned, and memories of the millions of young people who died so that the world could be a better, peaceful place. It is essential not to forget.

Remembrance Day, which falls on November 11, was originally created by King George V as a day of remembrance for members of Commonwealth armed forces who died fighting in World War I. It is observed at the 11th hour (ie. 11AM), as this was the effective time of the armistice signed between Allies and Germany on November 11, 1918 that ended the war. Although its creation was tied to World War I, Remembrance Day in Canada is now intended to honour the memory of all soldiers and armed forces who died in wars and conflict no matter when or where they occurred (for example: World War II, Afghanistan, and conflict in which new Canadians fought back in their home countries). Remembrance Day is a statutory holiday in all Canadian provinces and territories with the exception of Ontario and Quebec, which is a matter of contention, as many people

believe that due to the nature of the day, all people should be given a day off work in order to attend memorials and pay their respects.

The main symbol of Remembrance Day is the poppy, which is worn on the lapel as a sign of remembrance and respect. This was popularized due to the poem *In Flanders Fields*, by Canadian physician Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, who served as a gunner and surgeon in World War I. Flanders Fields, being an area in western Belgium/northeastern France where much of the trench warfare took place, became a burial ground for countless young men who lost their lives, wooden crosses marking their graves. Poppies sprouted very thickly around the graves and McCrae noticed this. He took this image and composed in 1915 what many believe is one of the greatest war poems ever written. McCrae himself became a victim— he died of pneumonia in France in 1918 before he could see an end to the war.

This Remembrance Day, you are encouraged to wear a poppy or to attend a Remembrance Day Ceremony. It is important to remember – we must not break faith with those who died, since it is due to their sacrifice that we are able to live our lives in freedom and peace.

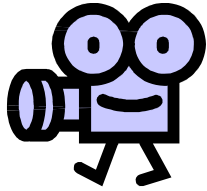


by Colonel John McCrae

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.



Don's Movies For November

*All movies at 7:30pm in
Recreation Room*

Thursday, November 1

THE UNINVITED (1944)

Ray Milland, Gail Russell, Ruth Hussey

Friday, November 2

WAIT UNTIL DARK (1967)

Audrey Hepburn, Alan Arkin, Richard
Crenna

Saturday, November 10

TWELVE O'CLOCK HIGH (1949)

Gregory Peck, Dean Jagger, Hugh
Marlowe

Friday, November 16

DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE (1941)

Spencer Tracy, Ingrid Bergman, Lana
Turner

Thursday, November 22

DR. NO (1962)

Sean Connery, Ursula Andress

Friday, November 23

TOMORROW NEVER DIES (1997)

Pierce Brosnan, Judi Dench, Teri
Hatcher

Thursday, November 29

SHOWBOAT (1951)

Howard Keel, Kathryn Grayson, Ava
Gardner

Friday, November 30

**SEVEN BRIDES FOR SEVEN
BROTHERS** (1954)

Jane Powell, Howard Keel

Pet of the Month



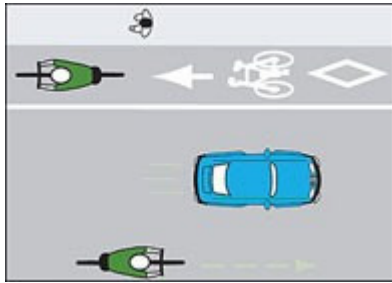
Spotty



I am Spotty and I am the son of George who got me from the Humane Society when I was 8 weeks old. I still remember being carried and being afraid. I remember being given food on my arrival and much cuddling. I remember crying for three days in my dad's room after he left.

I am now five years old and I love being in charge of the household. I know how to demand treats and when to demand the door to be opened to the balcony, and I also know when to ask for private attention. One of my unique traits is that I drink water by putting my front paw in the water and then licking it. I am cute and I know it.





Contra-Flow Bike Lane for Maitland Place

Maitland Place, the one-block-long street just north of us, has recently been resurfaced, so now the Transportation Department has installed (paint lines) a contra-flow bike lane which was approved by City Council in August 2009 (no typo!).

Maitland Place is two-way from Homewood to the driveway into 77 Maitland Place and is a one-way street from there going west to Jarvis. The contra-flow bike lane is on the one-way portion and allows bicyclists to legally ride west from Church Street along Maitland Street, crossing Jarvis and directly over to Homewood.

Bicyclists going the same way as the cars should not use the contra-lane.

DID NOAH FISH?

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?"

"No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms."



40 Homewood thanks **Dave Campbell** and **Martha McGrath** for volunteering to distribute candy to the children and wannabee children in the building on Halloween night.



Arts, Crafts & Photography Show

Last year we had two Arts and Crafts shows; this year we will have just one and it will be at the beginning of December. The show is for all residents (only residents and owners) who want to show and sell their work. Photography, Art, Crafts, Homemade Christmas decorations and Baked Goods would be suitable for the show. We are going to have refreshments so baked goods may be popular.

Please register your name at the office if you are interested in participating. Do not miss this opportunity and register straight away. The date of the show is Sunday, December 2, 2012, 1pm to 5pm.

For information please contact Margaret Osmond Tel 416 964 6622 or email at mosmo@sympatico.ca





Holiday Buffet Dinner

Sunday, December 9th, 2012

5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

*Catered by Absolutely
Famished*

*Mixed greens with red pepper,
cucumber, red onion, peaches,
dried cranberries Roasted and
steamed vegetable medley
Roasted Mashed turnip with
cinnamon Creamy mashed
potatoes with fresh herbs and
roasted garlic*

*Savoury stuffing with dried
apricots*

*Roast turkey breast served with
cranberry sauce and gravy
Baked salmon topped with a
yogurt dill caper sauce
Vegetarian sweet potato and
apple pie with puff pastry
Assorted holiday sweet platter*

Tickets - \$22.00 up until
4:00 pm November 30, 2012

Then, \$25.00 from
December 3 – 7, 2012
available at the office from
November 7, 2012

Allan Gardens Playground

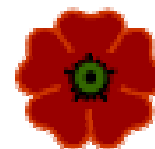
The new playground design has been approved and will be posted on www.ward27news.ca. The construction will probably occur during April-July 2013.

Our city councillor, Kristyn Wong-Tam, has an informative newsletter. You can add your name to the email list to receive this newsletter by writing to councillor_wongtam@toronto.ca.

Absent Neighbours

In the October issue, residents were reminded to advise neighbours of their going away so that the neighbours don't get worried when they don't see you.

Since the office is not permitted to enter a unit based on a neighbour's worry, everyone should be sure to have a contact person listed with the office. That way, if there is a concern, the office could contact that person to ascertain that things are okay.



Lest We Forget

Green Committee Page

Green Reminder On Junk Mail



The Green Committee reminds residents that they may direct the Post Office to leave no junk mail in their mailboxes. The steps are:

1. Place a note in your mailbox saying "No junk mail, please." Attach this via a sticky note or with Scotch tape and place it at the far end of your mailbox so the carrier will see it.
2. The carrier, seeing your note, will replace that with a Red Dot, which is an easy reminder for him of which mailboxes receive and don't receive the junk mail.
3. You will no longer receive junk mail, that is, mail that is not addressed to you.

If you find the flyers and other "junk" mail of interest, that's fine. Please remember that if you are just throwing them out, it's good to remove the paper stuff from the plastic wrapper. Paper into recycling, plastic wrapper into garbage!

Thanks to all for the continuing good job on recycling in its many aspects.

Rattling Windows

Now that the colder, windier season is here, you may notice one or more of your windows rattling. If so, contact the management office and they may be able to apply weather stripping to stop the rattling (and conserve heat!)

Heat

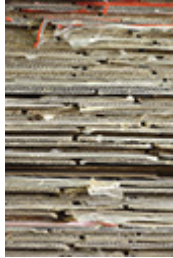
Heat (from electricity) is a very large component of our annual expenditures. Now that the heat is on, everyone is asked to be thoughtful about working with our heating system.

You control heat in the ceiling with your thermostat. Some of that heat comes down into your unit and some goes up into the unit above you. If you have your heat off, the person above will be cold and will likely crank up their thermostat. If you have your heat on high, the person above you will probably be too hot and will open windows to cool down.

So, it's best if you keep your thermostat in the "normal" or "comfort" zone.



Flattening of Cardboard Boxes



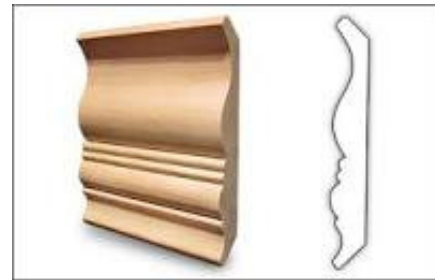
Please collapse your cardboard boxes before putting them in the blue bins. It really saves space and will allow us to recycle even more.

There are only 1, 2 or 3 blue bins in the recycling room at any one time. Therefore, space is limited. Unflattened cardboard boxes can quickly fill the bins. PLEASE FLATTEN YOUR CARDBOARD BOXES.

If you are physically unable to this, please contact the Green Committee, either at 40hgreencommittee@gmail.com (email address) or drop a note into the office and the Green Committee will endeavour to assist you.

Security Audit

As a third-party company tested and examined our newly installed fire alarm system, a third-party, independent company was hired a few weeks ago to conduct a security audit of the building. The results from this audit will help us to be more aware of what security vulnerabilities exist and how we might correct them.



Crown Moulding

Residents will know, first-hand or from notices, that the crown moulding is now being installed to cover the wires in the corridors that connect all parts of the new fire alarm system.

This work began about a week ago and might take up to a month-and-a-half. In order to do this most efficiently, some of the cutting and sawing will take place in the corridor being worked on; if all that work had to be done in another space in the building, the amount of time for the project might be doubled. Each corridor should be done in a day or less, so the noise in your particular corridor won't last a long, long time.

After the cutting, fitting and mounting, the next stage for the contractors will be to caulk and then paint the moulding. The work is being monitored by management.

December Calendar Dates To Note

Sunday, December 2, 1 pm - 5 pm: Arts & Crafts Fair

Sunday, December 9, 5 pm - 9 pm : Holiday Dinner
(Menu and other details are in this Newsletter issue.)

Monday, December 17, 7 pm: Budget meeting for owners and board



Fob Policies

In a broad survey of many security issues for the building, one of the concerns has been the number of fobs issued and not always accounted for in up-to-date records.

As a first step to correcting this possible problem, the board has approved a two-part policy:

1. Fobs will now be purchased for \$50 rather than “rented” with a return deposit.
2. Fobs obtained prior to September 24, 2012, will have the \$50 deposit returned upon surrender but only with a written receipt.

In most sales of units, the previous owner passes the fob(s) to the new owner. Owners who are renting to tenants may make their own arrangements for providing fobs to tenants.

In the coming months, residents and owners will hear more about fobs since we are looking at policies and procedures about access to fobs that will help improve security.



Questions to the Board or Management

Question: When will we have fob access to the library?

Answer: The initial quote for adding fobs and fob readers was very high, so we are seeking other quotes before deciding where

to purchase this equipment. The first plans for new fob readers are for the recreation room and the library.

In the meantime, these two rooms will be unlocked for resident entry from 9 am to 11 pm daily. In the case of the library, this will happen once the books are sorted, and the unlocked door will be the one in the side hallway leading to the recreation room.

The library furnishings are a work in progress with further decisions to be made as use begins.

Residents are asked NOT to make book donations until the library is fully organized and ready to receive them.

Question: Will we have the use of barbecues for the patio next summer?

Answer: Yes, we are purchasing two barbecues which will operate with gas, not propane. Further work will need to be done over the winter on a booking system. Also, the patio area will be one of the landscaping project focus areas in 2013.

Question: How do I book the multi-purpose room for a meeting?

Answer: Currently, residents may book the room through the office. Soon, we hope to be able to book, also, through security. And we are working on a plan to make the information about when the room is booked available for viewing so that residents will be able to check that before asking for a booking.



Bed Bug Protocol



Due to recent problems, we are reviewing the bed bug processes in place. These were mostly presented in the more comprehensive article in the October 2012 Newsletter, but are repeated here since there seem to be many questions.

If you suspect that you may have bedbugs, please contact the management office immediately with a description of what you are seeing and what you suspect. It could be that you have bites on your body that match the description of bedbug bites, or have seen insects that resemble bedbugs. Please do not be embarrassed to let the management office know – this problem is non-discriminatory and could affect anyone.

The management office will contact pest control to come and inspect the unit within a day. Based upon the results of the inspection, the management office will determine what the problem is (i.e., is it bedbugs, or an infestation of another kind?) and how to treat it in a timely manner, and the office will provide instructions as to what you need to do (i.e., how to follow the instructions of the exterminators in preparation for treatment, etc).

Some such inspections reveal that there are likely no bedbugs and the course of action doesn't need to go further.

(The cost of pest control is covered by the condominium corporation.)

In order to be proactive, if there is a bedbug infestation, the units on either side of the affected unit, and the units above and below, are also inspected. This may lead to spraying, and a follow-up is planned for about three weeks later.

Recently, five full corridors (the hallways, not all the units) were sprayed to prevent migration.

Also, every three months, all the common areas, including shafts, are sprayed to prevent migrations.

Some residents have suggested a level of awareness for all that would include identifying the units affected. This would violate personal privacy and would also then discourage some owners from coming forward to report a problem. We want everyone to share an attitude of "we're all in this together" and to promptly report problems without fear of embarrassment. So far, we are happy to report that all residents have been cooperative with the programs in place.

A TRIP TO SCOTLAND

By Jeffrey Amos

In early October, I had the opportunity to go on a trip that I've always wanted to take – to beautiful Scotland. One of the reasons that I wanted to visit Scotland is that I have some Scottish ancestry on both sides of my family. Of my 2 ½ weeks in the UK, I spent about 1 ½ weeks in Scotland and had the opportunity to see many of the sights, including going on a coach tour of the stunning Highlands.

Scotland, although being a part of the United Kingdom, has a rich history of its own going back for many centuries. Prior to the 1700s, the Kingdom of Scotland was an independent state until it joined England to create the Kingdom of Great Britain. Many Scots resented this move (especially the fiercely independent clans) and they still have their independent spirit – in fact, the talk of the news while I was there was the final agreement on the Independence Referendum that is to take place in 2014

whereby Scots will be given the opportunity to vote on whether Scotland should separate from the UK and become an independent country.

During my trip I visited St. Andrews' (the home of golf), Edinburgh (the beautiful capital city of Georgian architecture), Glasgow, Loch Ness, and the Highlands. The highlight of the trip was a 3 day coach tour of the highlands, including two days spent on the Isle of Skye. There are few words that can describe the natural beauty of the Isle of Skye – in fact, words do not do it justice. During the tour I also had the opportunity to visit Eilean Donan Castle, the most photographed castle in the world – and one of the most beautiful. Finally, the most stunning part of the Highlands is the valley of Glen Coe, a long, deep U shaped glacial valley which is less than 700 metres wide at its widest point, having mountains on both sides. The effect of driving through it is breathtaking, even more so when getting out of the vehicle to observe the scenery on all sides.

Before I left Scotland, I visited the town of Hawick, the hometown of my direct male ancestor Gilbert Amos (born 1790), who was a barrister in the town. An amateur genealogical trip through the town's graveyard yielded a few gravestones of families with the same last name, and other last names that show up in my family (Turnbull being very common). Here I was thousands of miles from home, but I felt a connection with the place I was visiting as a result of this wander through the cemetery. Imagine that? Scotland is definitely a place to which I will be returning one day.

If you have taken a vacation, know of some good restaurants, have any recipes or jokes worth sharing, please submit them. It is your paper.

Are You Considering A Unit Change That Includes A Common Element?

Within 40 Homewood condo units there are common elements such as windows, exterior walls, balconies and interior to the walls wiring and plumbing. Before making any "alternation, addition or improvement" to a common element you must seek approval from the board of directors. Section 98 of the *Condominium Act* states the board must be satisfied that the proposed change:

- i. will not have adverse effect on units owned by other owners;
- ii. will not detract from the appearance of the building;
- iii. will not affect the structural integrity of the building;
- iv. will not give rise to any expense for the corporation; and
- v. the owner and corporation enter into an agreement which is registered on title to the unit.

While the Act doesn't specify the exact wording for a section 98 agreement it must cover how the cost of the improvement will be allocated, specify who owns the improvement and set out respective duties for repair, maintenance and insurance coverage. There are also options such as "blanket" or "group" section 98 agreement that are sometimes used to reduce legal cost where there are a number of owners interested in making a specific improvement.

The board must ensure that section 98 agreements are registered on title and must also be reasonable in considering owners' requests. If you are not sure if a change you are considering includes a common element, please consult with the Management Office.

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