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# HOMEWOOD

*Community Newsletter*

 *November, 2013*



**Remembrance Day**  
**November 11, 2013**

**Happy Diwali**

**November 3, 2013**



Don't forget to set your clocks **back one hour** on Sunday, November 3rd, 2013 at 2:00am.



**November 27, 2013**  
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**December 3, 2013**



At the suggestion of a resident, as of last month, we have a new feature in this newsletter. A calendar on the back page.

Please give us input. Do you like it? Is it too crowded? Is it easy enough to read? Is there any other information that you would like to see in it?



## Laundry Room Use

When the laundry room is at its busiest (especially on weekends and at other times) and you see that someone

has left their clothes in a machine for a long time after the cycle is finished, it is OK to remove them to use the machine.

This is a reminder that we all need to be considerate of others and remember that the machines are there for everyone. If you do remove someone else's clothes out of necessity, please put them on a table; that's considerate too.

If you don't want someone else touching your clothes, remove them yourself in a timely manner. There is a clock in the room and all the machines have timers which clearly state how long the cycle has to run.

Over-loading the washers makes more wear and tear on the machines than necessary. That's why there are indicators about how full to pack them.

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## Spotty Wisdom

Cherish every moment, we are told, as the night might not be.

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## Blue Jasmine

By Jeffrey Amos

**Directed by:** Woody Allen

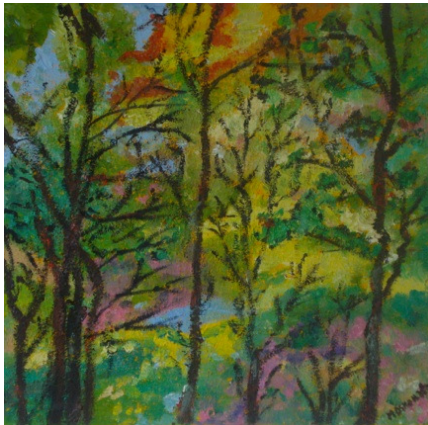
**Starring:** Cate Blanchett, Alec Baldwin, Sally Hawkins, Bobby Cannavale, Peter Sarsgaard, Andrew Dice Clay

**SYNOPSIS:** Jasmine (Blanchett) a former New York socialite, arrives in San Francisco to stay with her sister Ginger (Hawkins) and her two children in an attempt to rebuild her life. Jasmine and her former husband Hal (Baldwin), a businessman and real estate developer, lived the high life in New York and were admired by Ginger and her ex-husband Augie (Andrew Dice Clay) until Hal's downfall led to Jasmine's world being shattered. Jasmine attempts to start again in San Francisco but seems unable to accept her new reality or to deal with life as it unfolds around her.

**REVIEW:** I enjoyed this movie very much, especially Cate Blanchett's performance, which has led to early buzz that she'll be the frontrunner for the Oscar for Best Actress. Woody Allen, whose films have been hit and miss in recent years, has struck gold in casting Blanchett. In essence, she plays a totally disagreeable and unsympathetic character who has no sense of understanding of her circumstances until it's too late. But Blanchett is so good that she makes us sympathize with such a character – someone who is greatly the cause of her own misfortunes. The other performances are also very good, including English actress Sally Hawkins as Ginger and Andrew Dice Clay (yes, the foul-mouthed misogynistic comedian from 20 years ago) in an excellent, sympathetic role as Augie. Boy, how things have changed for him. In

typical Woody Allen style, there is a lot of character development - characters are given their own subplots (such as Ginger's affair). The main story makes use of flashbacks, juxtaposing events in the present with those in the past in New York. The synopsis above is only a broad outline of the story and it's important to know that the revelations of past events are critical to understanding Jasmine's present emotional state and behaviour. To give away anymore would be criminal. Catch this film while it's still in theatres.

VERDICT: 3 ½ stars out of 4 . ★ ★ ★ ½



## Arts, Crafts & Photography Show

By Margaret Osmond

**Date:** Sunday November 10

**Place:** The Recreation Room

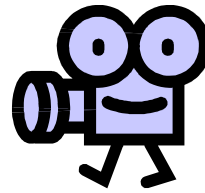
**Time:** 1pm To 5pm

If you are interested in participating, give your name to the management office

or

Call Margaret Osmond at 416 964 6622

Tell all your friends and let's make the show a success. It is just in time for the holiday season



## Don's Movies For November

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

Thursday, November 7

**THE ADVENTURES OF TARTU** (1943)

Robert Donat, Valerie Hobson, Glynis Johns

Friday, November 8

**SPIES OF WARSAW** (2013)

David Tennant, Janet Montgomery

Thursday, November 14

**ANGELS IN THE OUTFIELD** (1951)

Paul Douglas, Janet Leigh, Keenan Wynn

Friday, November 15

**NEVER WAVE AT A WAC** (1952)

Rosalind Russell, Paul Douglas, Marie Wilson

Thursday, November 21

**ANNIE OAKLEY** (1935)

Barbara Stanwyck, Preston Foster

Friday, November 22

**ANNIE GET YOUR GUN** (1950)

Betty Hutton, Howard Keel

Thursday, November 28

**A NIGHT TO REMEMBER** (1958)

Kenneth More, David McCallum

Friday, November 29

**THE IMPOSSIBLE** (2012)

Naomi Watts, Ewan McGregor

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## **Pet of the Month**



This feature is pretty popular with readers, and there are certainly many more pets who might love to have their time in the lime-light!

All that's necessary is that an owner write a couple of paragraphs about the pet (or "by" the pet) telling a bit about him or her (breed, type, age, prominent behaviours, individual foibles, etc.) and submit a photo.

If anyone would rather have a Newsletter reporter do a brief interview, write it up and snap a picture, that can be arranged.

Contact the Newsletter at [newsletter40homewood@gmail.com](mailto:newsletter40homewood@gmail.com)

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## **Smoke Alarm Inspection Results**

Many residents received notices after the recent alarm testing that their smoke alarms were defective. It turns out that some only needed a new battery, not a whole new device. The contractor did not take the time to distinguish between those that simply needed a new battery and those which had a greater defect.

Residents are reminded that they are responsible for having functioning smoke alarms all year, not just during the week of the inspection. The battery should be checked from time to time and replaced when necessary. The purpose of functioning smoke alarms is to save lives!

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## **Noisy Tapper**

Half the building was awakened in the midnight hours on Sunday-going-to-Thanksgiving Monday by a person pounding or tapping on (probably) a floor or wall.

Some residents are astounded that just a short time in this concrete structure would leave a person unaware about the ease with which certain sounds travel, but this person appeared to be totally oblivious.

Sometimes it is very difficult to locate the source of a noise, such as this time. The tapping went on a wee bit and then would stop for 20-30 minutes so anyone (security, residents) looking for it would be stymied. Usually, 90% of us think — at first, at least — that the sound is from the unit directly over our heads. Often NOT true!

So, if Unit 620 phones security and says, "There's lots of pounding from Unit 621," that may not be the case. Security listens there, but the sound may come from several floors up or down or sideways.

It's a drag, but anytime such a sound seems VERY close to you, if you can dress decently and try to find it, you can help security to intervene at a proper location.

Some people have an aversion to the sounds made by "white noise" machines. The human mind can be trained, however, so with a little stick-to-it-iveness, you may find that a white noise machine will help drown out some of the background sounds that might otherwise assault you. Try it! Marsona is a name brand and sells through Amazon online.





## Questions to the Board or Management

**Question:** Some of us think it would be nice to ban rentals of building units and only allow owner occupancy. Can this be achieved?

**Answer:** No. Gerry Hyman, condo lawyer, recently answered that question in his Toronto Star column, "Condo Law."

Here is his answer:

*"A court in 1974 held that the right to sell or lease one's property is "a fundamental incident of ownership" and cannot be prohibited even by a declaration provision. More recently a court held that a rule requiring a unit lease to be for a term not less than six months was valid. The court endorsed the purpose of the rule which was to prevent the leasing of units for short terms producing transient use similar to a hotel operation."*

40 Homewood has a rule banning initial leases less than six months. Other rules about leasing may be found in Section 4 of our current rules.

**Question:** Can the entrance doors from Resident Parking (1B) also be automated with push button features?

**Answer:** The Board has added those two doors to the list that will be automated this year. Now there are four entrances (Garbage/Recycling Room, office, Visitor Parking and 1B Resident Parking) to be done. The parking entrances have two doors each, so there will be six doors fitted for accessibility at a cost of around \$10,000.

**Question:** I've been on the waiting list for a bike parking space for a long time. When will I get a space?

**Answer:** For those parkers who did not respond by the October 25 deadline, individual letters

have been sent indicating that their bikes will be removed in a few days. The freed-up spaces will then be assigned to those on the waiting list. It's hoped the list will be emptied, but it's not certain yet.

**Question:** When will something be done about the leak in the women's shower room?

**Answer:** Management is arranging for the ceiling to be removed in that room. Several engineers and many attempts have not found the source of the leak, and this drastic alternative should help identify it. While the sauna and showers will not be usable during the destruction/construction of the ceiling, it's expected that access through the room to the swimming pool will be maintained.

**Question:** What was wrong with the pool?

**Answer:** The boiler was not properly heating the water. It took some time to make a proper evaluation about the worth of investing in various repairs versus purchasing a new boiler. Finally, when it was found that the repairs would cost over \$5,000 and a new boiler was under \$7,000, a new boiler was purchased and installed and the water was heated so the pool could be re-opened.

**Question:** Is there any end to the money spending?

**Answer:** It seems not. This 41-year-old building needs repairs and replacements just as our 40-year-old or 70-year-old bodies do. The Board has approved an expenditure of \$23,000 (+ tax) for concrete repairs in the back, around the satellite dish and other places. What's going to come up next week is not always predictable!

**Question:** When will the BBQs be removed for the winter?

**Answer:** Since they are still being used and since they are gas, they will be left out and may be used during the winter unless some dire weather dictates otherwise. Those who are hardy may also continue to eat at the patio picnic tables.

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## Owners' Meeting: Budget And Elevators

There will be an open informational meeting on **Monday, November 25, at 7.00 pm** in the Recreation Room for presentation of the proposed 2014 budget and for a talk with our elevator consultant/project manager, Ian Hambly.

The Board's draft of a budget for 2014 will be presented and there will be time for questions, comments and suggestions from owners. The Board will finalize the budget at its meeting November 27, and it will be mailed to all owners soon after that.

Ian will describe the work that will be done in 2014 to modernize the elevators. When it starts (probably February), it will be a 40-week project with one elevator out of service at a time, about 10 weeks each.

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## IN MEMORIAM

### Lorraine Folds



There will be a Memorial Service for Lorraine Folds, who died in June, at the Church of the Redeemer, Avenue Road and Bloor on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm.

If you are planning to attend, please respond to Bruce Jones at [brucetoronto@sympatico.ca](mailto:brucetoronto@sympatico.ca) or Candice Green at [candicegreen.private@gmail.com](mailto:candicegreen.private@gmail.com).

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## Holiday Dinner

**Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013**  
**5:00 pm to 9:00 pm**  
**In the Recreation Room**

**Tickets available in the office from**  
**November 18 — November 29**  
**\$22.00 (Early Bird Price)**  
**December 2 — December 6 - \$25.00**

### Menu

**(catered by the fabulous ABSOLUTELY  
FAMISHED)**

- ◆ Mixed greens tossed with cucumber, red pepper, red onions, raisins, dried cranberries, sunflower seeds and mandarin oranges
- ◆ Roasted and steamed vegetable medley
- ◆ Roasted mashed turnip with butter and cinnamon
- ◆ Creamy mashed potatoes with fresh herbs
  - ◆ Roast turkey breast served with cranberries and gravy
  - ◆ Stuffing with dried fruit
- ◆ Baked salmon topped with a yogurt tarragon caper sauce
- ◆ Vegetarian root vegetable pie with cranberries in puff pastry.
  - ◆ Brownie Platter
  - ◆ Festive Cookie Plater





## Parking Reminders

- ◆ Please do not STOP or park in the driveway to the garage. Please ask your delivery people, your friends who may be picking you up or anyone else not to stop in the driveway for any reason. Cars come from both directions off the street and turn into the driveway. It's dangerous to have a car sitting there impeding traffic flow!
- ◆ If you're a resident with a monthly parking permit in the residential parking area, please do not park in Visitor Parking. These spots are for visitors, including vehicles belonging to contractors, etc. They need to be available for visitors.

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## Neighbourhood News

If you're interested in keeping up with what events or changes there are in our local area, here are some good sources.

City Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam's Ward 27 News:  
<http://ward27news.ca/>

Cabbagetown Blog:  
<http://www.cabbagetownnews.blogspot.ca/>

Visit Cabbagetown:  
<http://www.oldcabbagetown.com/>

Church Wellesley Village  
<http://www.churchwellesleyvillage.ca/>

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## Treasurer's Report

by Stephanus Greeff,  
Treasurer

### Nine Month Financial Update

The first nine months of the year have resulted in a surplus of \$114,000 in the building operating account (i.e., we spent \$114,000 less than budgeted) and a deficit of \$12,000 for the garage. The budget plan projected a deficit of \$24,000 to this point in the year (though it was expected to break even by year's end) with the garage close to breaking even.

The operating surplus is mostly due to the savings in hydro costs as a result of the expiry of the fixed-price contract in December 2012. The garage deficit is a result of slightly fewer parking spots being rented out.

Some expense lines are a little over budget, which are being offset by underspending elsewhere. The mild winter and summer contributed to significantly lower utilities costs.

Due to the operating surplus, the board has decided to charge some reserve fund projects to the operating fund, including landscaping, brickwork repairs, booster pump replacement, etc. This will allow us to maintain cash in the reserve fund for future spending, such as elevator modernization and window replacements.

The management and the board are working hard to ensure that the building is well-maintained and that everything is in working order.

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# Election Day



**For Toronto Centre Riding -  
November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

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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.

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## What Happens To The Waste?

By Charles Marker and John Kell

We all learned many interesting facts and tidbits at the presentation on October 29 by Charlotte Ueta of the City's Solid Waste Management Department, sponsored by the Green Committee. About two dozen interested participants came, including several from our neighbour building, 15 Maitland Place.

Charlotte has been a real booster to our recycling efforts as a very knowledgeable resource person at the City. She was pleased with a tour of our 2009 "Green Room," (credit given to our first Brookfield property manager, Stephen Hill).

Charlotte's presentation included slides and a description of the steps in sorting and

making ready for re-use the material that we deposit in our green organic bin and in our blue recycling bin. The blue bin things, especially, go through many steps in the process of sorting and re-sorting. There are high-tech machines that do a variety of things but our two sorting plants also employ many people who sort by hand. Many items have to be excluded and sent to landfill in order for the final recycling product to meet "contamination standards" for private companies to buy the material for re-use.

Costs to the City are only partially offset by the revenue from selling bales of paper, metal, juice containers, etc., to the private sector.

Questions, answers and general discussion were followed by conversation over a cup of Arlene's punch and an assortment of homemade (NOT!) cookies.

The Green Committee members are Jim Lee, Arlene Adair, John Kell, Martha McGrath, Charles Marker and Bill McGuire, and the committee is always interested in additional volunteers for our important work.

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## In Flanders Fields

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.

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## Captain Phillips

By John Kell

"Captain Phillips" stars Tom Hanks, and the newspapers refer to it as "Captain Tom." It is a tour de force for Hanks this time and a fitting role for him as a believable character.

Directed by Paul Greengrass, it is a suspenseful, sitting-on-the-edge portrayal of real life hero, Captain Richard Phillips, who lived through the reality that Hanks plays to the hilt.

The real Phillips is once again sailing the seas after his near death ordeal three years ago, and the movie is based on his book, "A Captain's Duty: Somali Pirates, Navy SEALs, and Dangerous Days at Sea."

The Somali hijackers are equally believable even though the players in the movie are from Minnesota where a large community of Somalis live today. In this life and death struggle aboard a life boat, the lead pirate is played by Barkhad Abdi, who leaves the scene of the crime after taking over the ship and holding Capt. Phillips for ransom to the tune of 20 million dollars.

It's rated 3½ stars out of 4 and worth the price of admission. An Academy Award nomination for Hanks seems to be likely with this not-to-be missed action paced adventure!

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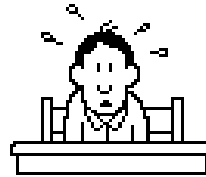
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## BRAIN TEASERS

What do you think the following mean?

1. CUS TOM	2. B BA BACK
3. acriml	4. 22 Arizona



The math teacher saw that little Johnny wasn't paying attention in class. She called on him and said, "Johnny! What are 2 and 4 and 28 and 44?"

Little Johnny quickly replied, "NBC, CBS, HBO and the Cartoon Network"

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The answers to the Brain Teasers are:

1. A custom  
2. Quarter Back Half Back Full Back  
3. Criminal  
4. Tucson Arizona

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## Lest We Forget

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# November, 2013

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>French Conver. Group</b> 7-8pm	<b>Bridge</b>	Gov. Doc. Comm.	<b>Bridge</b>	<b>Movie</b> <i>The Adventure of Tartu</i>	<b>Movie</b> <i>Spies of Warsaw</i>	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Art &amp; Craft Show</b>	<b>Remem- brance Day</b>	Green Comm. Meeting	<b>Bridge</b> Five Year Planning Comm.	<b>Movie</b> <i>Angels in Outfield</i>	<b>Movie</b> <i>Never Wave at A Wac</i>	
<b>French Conver. Group</b>				Social Comm.		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<b>French Conver. Group</b>	<b>Bridge</b> Board Meeting	Gov. Doc. Comm.	<b>Bridge</b> News Letter Meeting	<b>Movie</b> <i>Annie Oakley</i>	<b>Movie</b> <i>Annie Get Your Gun</i>	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<b>French Conver. Group</b>	<b>Bridge</b> Election Owners' Meeting 7pm	Green Comm. Meeting Fire Test	<b>Bridge</b> Board Meeting	<b>Movie</b> <i>A Night to Remember</i>	<b>Movie</b> <i>The Impossible</i>	