
40 Homewood Community Newsletter

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Bulletin Boards



As we no longer can post events and happenings on the elevators, the bulletin boards are going to become important to check.

PLEASE DON'T TEAR DOWN A NOTICE THAT SOMEONE ELSE HAS POSTED. If you are not interested in something, someone else might be.

If you are trying to post something and there is no room, move things around. If you must tear something down, make sure it is for an event that has already taken place.

I can't believe someone used staples to adhere their notice to the bulletin boards. This way, the other notices cannot be rearranged. You risk having your notice torn down altogether. If there are not enough push pins, ask at the Office and they will give you some.◆

Local History

By Violet Green



A great deal of local history can be found in the cemetery. We have two close by, St. James at the corner of Parliament St. and Bloor East and the Necropolis along Winchester Street. I believe the Necropolis is full and only small squares were available for cremation urns about fifteen years ago.

Consider what is happening now that cremation is the normal for many funerals today. Grave digging as a job will die out. Stonemasons will no longer be required to erect a headstone or event a curb around a grave. The people who engraved or chiseled the information on the headstones will also lose their jobs. In addition to that, the flower shops will make fewer wreaths or even sell less bunches of flowers to be placed on a grave.

In the not too distant future, cemeteries will be ploughed in to make more room for buildings and when that happens, most of our local history will be lost forever.

Take a walk around the Necropolis and find the resting places of some of Toronto's pioneers. I think two men who fought the only duel in Toronto are buried there. Cemeteries are full of local history. In Moosenee, I felt very sad on looking around the local burial ground as not one person resting there had lived to be 30 years old.

Don't leave it too late to read some interesting historical information in our cemeteries—all for free.◆

40 Homewood On-Line

The Board of Directors has given **Rob Johnston**, Unit # 904 approval for an initial six month period, to create a Yahoo group for people in the building to communicate with each other on a more timely basis than this newsletter. The online address is <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/40homewood/>.

Feel free to post any questions that you would like to ask each other, want to borrow something, have you experienced something in your apartment that you think others should know, any renovations you want people to see. There is a section for posting pictures.◆

Brrr It's Cold

It has been so cold the month of January. I am sure everyone is aware that the heat in your unit is not regulated completely by the thermostat in your unit. It is regulated by the person below you. If you have your thermostat turned low, the person above you will be cold. Some people have had to purchase space heaters to compensate. This in turn raises our hydro costs which are high enough. Please be considerate of your neighbors and turn your heat up.◆

Hugs

Submitted by Sylvia Keshen

It's wondrous what a hug can do,
A hug can cheer you when you're blue
A hug can soothe a small child's pain
And bring a rainbow after rain.

The Hug, there's just no doubt about it
We scarcely could survive without it.
A hug delights and warms and charms,
It must be why God gave us arms.

A hug can relax the language barrier,
And make the dullest day seem merrier,
No need to fret about the store of `em
The more you give, there more there are of `em
So stretch those arms without delay
and give someone a hug today.

Ongoing Activities



Bridge in the recreation room,
Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:30 pm.



Movies with Don in the
recreation room, Thursdays or Fridays at
7:30, Notices posted every week.

Upcoming Activities



Join your neighbours in
watching the

Academy Awards

February 29th, 2004
7:30 PM

In the Recreation Room

Have some
refreshments

Pick the winners

Win a prize

Murder Mystery Evening/Dinner

Plans are in the works for another **Murder Mystery Evening/Dinner** on March 7th, 2004. Get ready for "The Last Train from Paris". Hopefully we can duplicate the success of the first one.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO TAKE THE PARTS OF THE CHARACTERS AND ASSIST WITH SETUP. See the Office.

Welcome 

Let's welcome **Toivo** and **Elina Wanne** to the building. They are new to Canada from Finland.


HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To everyone who has a birthday this month

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For Sale

- *Panasonic Panablack 27" TV*
 - *Panasonic Mini Stereo System with 3-CD Changer*
 - *Wicker Rocking Chair*
 - *Panasonic DVD--Video/CD Player*
- If interested, contact: ☎ 416 972-1436

For Sale

SINGER Feather Light Sewing Machine
Call **Violet Green** ☎ 416-923-6885 for details.



Got the Winter Blahs?

By Pamela Brunton

Help is but a few minutes walk away. The Mid-Toronto Community Centre has scheduled two Fitness Classes a week. They also have the services of a highly qualified mature and bubbly fitness instructor who holds many certificates. Gayle demonstrates how it is possible to warm up, limber up and move arms and legs to the accompaniment of music without the use of expensive equipment.

This is not a swanky Fitness Club. Classes are held in a spacious "No Frills" church hall. Of course it takes a push and a shove to bundle up and make the effort during the winter weather but it is very much worth it. All adults are welcome. Think about it! Try it! First visit FREE.◆

Location: St. Peter's Anglican Church
188 Carlton Street
Entrance, East side door

When: Tuesdays & Thursdays
1 PM to 2 PM

Charge One dollar per visit



Recycling Corner



Q. What is so difficult about recycling?
A. Nothing.

Q. Why are there so many recycling mistakes?
A. Who knows?

The biggest error seems to be plastic shopping bags in the recycling bins. It is certainly not hard to just dump your items out of the bag into the bins and then throw your bag into the brown bin as you re-enter the building.

Another important thing to remember is that ice cream, yogurt, cottage cheese and margarine containers are NOT recyclable. Just put them in with your regular garbage that goes down the chute.

Not everything plastic or glass is recyclable. There are so many objects spotted in the bins that should not be there.

Please consult your "We Recycle" cards which tell you which items are recyclable. If you don't already have one, they are available in the Management office.

Recycling cuts down on our garbage costs which in turn helps to reduce our maintenance fees. But, more importantly saves the environment from the impact of absorbing our garbage.◆



To 40 Homewood resident, **Natalie Glebova** who placed third runner-up in the **Miss Universe Canada** Pageant on January 25th, 2004.

To **Liz Madden** who celebrated her one year anniversary working in our Management Office as of January 20th 2004.◆

Caring for our Lawns

By Violet Green

I know it looks inviting to walk across our lawns when the snow is there, looking like a pure white blanket. Also for young people to make their own patterns, but there is another way to consider our green grass.

First, replacing the patches of grass is expensive. Next, the gardens are over the garage roof. There the earth is not more than three feet deep to nourish our trees and the summer flowers.

Underneath that white blanket are many small insects, whose job it is to aerate the soil and fertilize it. It is a very busy place of work for the good of our trees and environment.

Please consider how you would feel if some big giant's foot stamped down hard on your home. You are not being kind to nature when you tread on living creatures or when you allow your pets to urinate along the edge of the lawns. You are simply raising the cost of our garden expenses which will in turn raise our monthly maintenance fees.



Call Violet

For those of you who don't know, as a result of a couple of small strokes, **Violet Green** is a shut-in these days. She would appreciate a call from those of you who want to say hello. ☎ 416-923-6885

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Thank You

To **Marianne Gallagher**, who very kindly volunteered to walk dogs for seniors in this very inclement weather

AND

To **Chris Lambert**, who actually got out and assisted our very busy staff in shoveling the snow.

Update on Allan Gardens

By Bob Leah

A public meeting to discuss visions for the revitalization of Allan Gardens took place on January 26th, 2004.

Despite the weather, a number of Homewood neighbourhood residents attended, including four members of the Homewood Neighbourhood Association.

Response to the presentations on the **Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow** was lively and, for the most part, positive.

Input from neighbourhood residents was recorded. This meeting is the first of others to follow.

Do you have input/ideas for the future of Allan Gardens? Express them, using a form available at our Management Office.

For additional information, please contact the Office of Councillor Kyle Rae at ☎ 416-392-7903. or email: councillor_rae@toronto.ca ♦

Note from the Editor

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First of all, I want to thank everyone who has enthusiastically submitted articles to be published month after month.

But, although the response to this newsletter has been very positive, submission of input has been sparse. This is meant to be a publication for everyone. Surely many of you have something you would like to share.

There are copies of this newsletter thrown in the garbage in the mail room by people who are not interested in reading it but this number is minimal. I think it is of interest to most people, so why not participate.

I look forward to hearing from YOU!!!

Martha
