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# 40 Homewood Community Newsletter

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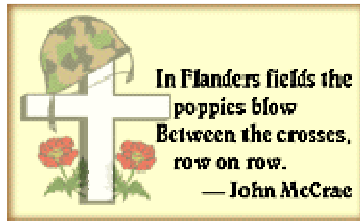
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November 11, 2007  
**LEST WE FORGET**



November 9, 2007

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## In Memoriam

It is with sadness that we mourn the death of Ron Browne, President/Vice-President of our Board of Directors who died on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

An original owner, Ron gave his time for 30 of those 35 years to serve on the Board and played a great part in seeing that this building was well run.

A donation to the Canadian Cancer Society was made on behalf of the Board of Directors and owners of York Condominium Corporation #75, 40 Homewood Avenue.

Rest in Peace, Ron

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## Maintenance Fees for 2008

At the Budget meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007, the maintenance fees for 2008 were announced.

The big increase in maintenance fees is due to the high costs of Utilities. Details on the costs of Hydro, Water and Gas can be found in the 2008 Budget package under the President's Report on Page 2.

The amounts are as follows:

Small Bachelor	05, 11, 105, 107	213.08
Large Bachelor	08, 10	273.12
Small Monette	09	256.66
Large Monette	07	316.71
Small 1 B'room	03, 06, 12, 103, 108, 112	319.61
Med. 1 B'room	102	374.82
Large 1 B'room	04, 14, 15, 104, 110	413.56
Small 2 B'room	16, 17, 111	389.35
Large 2 B'room	01, 02, 110	478.33

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## Exercise Room

The refurbishment and expansion of the Exercise Room that was approved in 2005 is in the process of going forward.

Further information will be reported in more detail in the next newsletter.

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## Ongoing Activities



**Bridge** in the recreation room, Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.



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

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*To everyone who has a birthday this month.*

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Don't forget to set your clocks **back one hour** on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 2:00am.

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## Food Bank



It is once again time for us to help those who are not as fortunate as we are

**Anna Pacitti** has very graciously agreed to convene our Food Bank drive for us this year.

Anna will be sitting in the lobby from 5:00 pm until 7:30 pm each evening for the week of November 26<sup>th</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup> to accept your food donations.

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## Didja know?

**"Stewardesses"** is the longest word typed with only the left hand.

And **"lollipop"** is the longest word typed with your right hand.

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.

**"Dreamt"** is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt"

**"Typewriter"** is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.

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## Harassment Policy

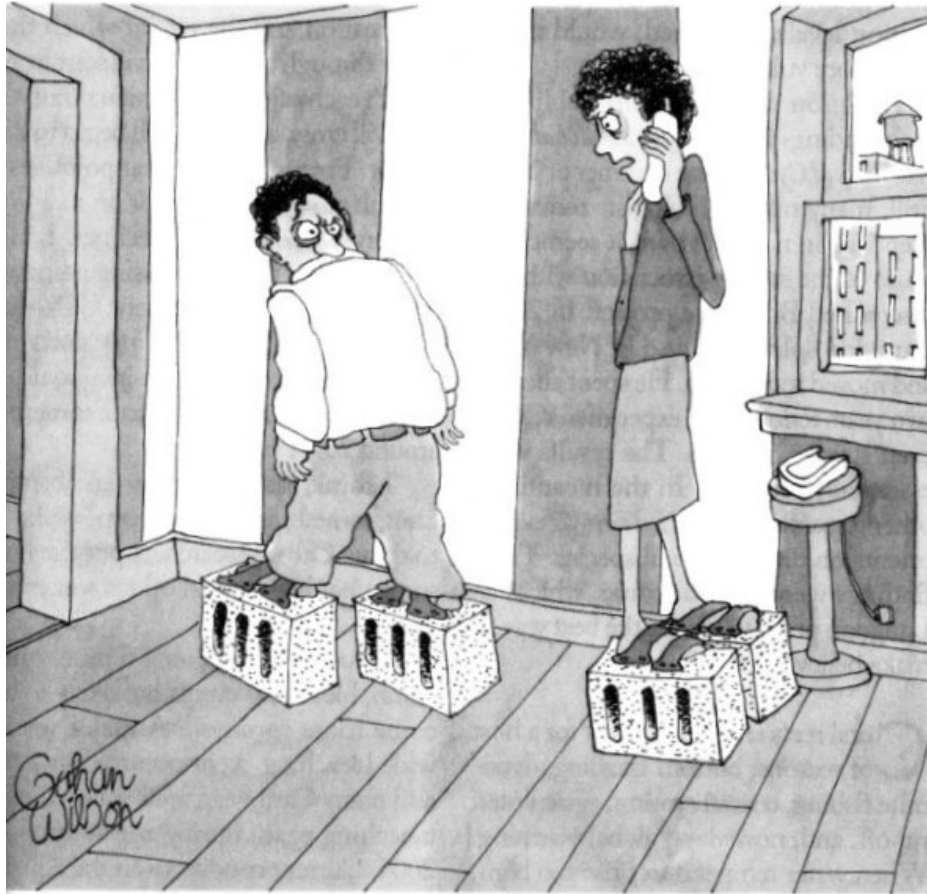
YCC #75 has a harassment policy. If anyone is interested, they can pick up a copy from the office.

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We will not be having a Christmas Dinner this year.



*"It's the people downstairs complaining about noise again."*

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## Motto to live by

Life should NOT be a journey to the  
grave  
with the intention of arriving safely  
in an attractive and well preserved  
body,  
but rather to skid in sideways,  
chocolate in one hand,  
latte in the other,  
body thoroughly used up,  
totally worn out  
and screaming "WHAA HOO, what a  
ride!!!!!"

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## Here Kitty, Kitty

Please don't leave your door open and  
let your cat out to roam the corridor.

Some of your neighbors might be  
allergic and do not love your pet as  
much as you do.

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Thank you to Antonio  
and Eugene for  
decorating the lobby  
and making it look so  
festive.

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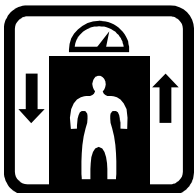
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## I ♥ My Computer



Does a clean house indicate that there is a broken computer in it?

I asked the Lord to tell me  
Why my house is such a mess.  
He asked if I'd been 'computering',  
And I had to answer, "yes."  
He told me to get off my fanny  
And tidy up the house.  
And so I started cleaning up...  
The smudges off my mouse.  
I wiped and shined the topside.  
That really did the trick...  
I was just admiring my work...  
I didn't mean to 'click.'  
But click, I did, and oops I found  
A real absorbing site  
That I got SO way into...  
I was into it all night.<<Sigh>>  
Nothing's changed except my mouse  
It's very, very shiny.  
I guess my house will stay a mess...  
While I sit here on my hiney.



## Elevator Pads

New elevator pads have been ordered for the freight elevator.

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## Brrr It's Getting Cold

It is getting to be normal October weather (we have been so spoiled) and the time for heating has come. 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. ♦

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## WATCH OUT!

Reminders to be careful from time to time are good. Here is a hypothetical scenario we should watch out for.

**Submitted by Florence Rice.**

A friend went to the local gym and placed his belongings in the locker. After the workout and a shower, he came out, saw the locker open, and thought to himself, "funny, I thought I locked the locker. Hmm." He dressed and just flipped the wallet to make sure all was in order. Everything looked okay - all cards were in place. A few weeks later his credit card bill came - a whopping bill of \$14,000! He called the credit card company and started yelling at them, saying that he did not make the transactions. Customer care personnel verified that there was no mistake in the system and asked if his card had been stolen. "No," he said, but then took out his wallet, pulled out the credit card, and yep - you guessed it - a switch had been made. An expired similar credit card from the same bank was in the wallet. The thief broke into his locker at the gym and switched cards.

Verdict: The credit card issuer said since he did not report the card missing earlier, he would have to pay the amount owed to them. How much did he have to pay for items he did not buy? \$9,000! Why were there no calls made to verify the amount swiped? Small amounts rarely trigger a "warning bell" with some credit card companies. It just so happens that all the small amounts added up to big one!

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## Recycling Corner

By Bill McGuire



### LOOSEN UP!

LOOSE is definitely in—at least, when it comes to the contents of our recycling bins.

My apologies to the vast majority of you who follow the rule.

However, a casual inspection of our recycling bins on any given day usually reveals the presence of a number of plastic bags containing presumably recycling materials.

This is unhelpful to the sorting process to which all the content of the recycling bin must be subjected. The sorting process is geared to handle LOOSE materials. Having to open and empty plastic bags is an impediment to the functioning of the process. The plastic bag itself is a contaminant since it can not be recycled by the City of Toronto. Often the easiest way for the City to deal with bagged materials is to discard the unopened bag and treat it as garbage.

SO, please empty those plastic bags when depositing your recyclables into the recycling bins. You can deposit the plastic bag into a brown garbage bin—a knot or two in it would discourage its being blown away by the wind.

Even better, put it into your pocket for later re-use or, if it is clean, take it to a Dominion Food Store for recycling.

Those of you who are aware of this problem which probably include most of the readers of this article, could help by spreading the word to your friends. Some people are just simply unaware of it.

**THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING**

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## Come One, Come All

Submitted by Connie John

**Wednesday, November 7, 7:30 pm**

You are invited—whether owner or tenant—to a residents' meeting in the recreation room (B1). The purpose of the meeting is to talk about Bylaw Revision, and here's the background

Our board has been advised by our lawyers that the rules which govern 40 Homewood and which are found in your little yellow book (entitled Condominium Documents) are sorely out of date. In fact, these documents have not been revised since they were written in 1972.

Some of the articles in our bylaw no longer conform to the most recent Ontario Condominium Act, others have been found illegal, while still others are no longer necessary.

To assist this process, three of us have decided to form a Residents' Bylaw Revision Group, and the November meeting will be the first of several open, public meetings to discuss the issues at hand. We need to hear from you, the residents, about the matters which are of concern to you and which might be subject to a new rule or regulation.

At the meeting, we shall introduce ourselves and tell you why this matters to us. We will also outline the hierarchy of rules which govern us, from the Condominium Act to the Rules and Regulations. We will tell you how things stand now, and what we would like to achieve by the time of the next AGM in June 2008.

Bylaw creation and passage is complicated, and with good reason. One must be thoughtful and conservative in offering changes. Any suggestions this group makes must go to the Board for approval. Then, the suggested changes and additions must be approved by 50+1 percent of the owners. After that, they must be registered and only then do they take effect.

So please, do think about what would make living at 40 Homewood more amenable to you and come to the meeting. We can't please everyone and we won't all agree, but we should have a good time, thinking about our home and its future.

**Joel Dick, Connie John and Charles Marker**

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

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## Old" Jokes

Morris, an 82 year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical. A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm. A couple of days later, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, "You're really doing great, aren't you?"

Morris replied, "Just doing what you said, Doc: "Get a hot mamma and be cheerful."

The doctor said, "I didn't say that. I said, "You've got a heart murmur; be careful."

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## RECIPE EXCHANGE

Submitted by John Donat

### Pumpkin Crunch

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- 1 – 1lb (13oz.) Can pumpkin
- 1 – 12oz. can evaporated milk
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 1 cup nuts - chopped
- 1 cup melted butter

Mix first five ingredients and pour into greased, parchment lined 9X13 cake pan. Spread half of cake mix (dry) over batter, sprinkle with nuts and remaining cake mix. Pour melted butter over top. Bake in 350° oven for 50 mins. When cool, loosen pumpkin crunch from side of pan with a knife. Invert pan into platter (the top becomes the crust) Top with sweetened cream cheese or whipped cream

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Undue noise seems to be the problem that residents complain about the most. It is almost impossible to know where the noise is coming from. If it sounds like it is coming from the unit above you—that is not necessarily the case. It could be one floor up or down and three units over for example. As this is a condo building, we all have to endure unwanted noise from time to time. People have to do renovations, put up pictures, install carpet, etc. As long as it is not done after 6:00 pm weekdays and not at all on Sundays and holidays, there shouldn't be any complaints..

It might sometimes be necessary for residents who are doing extensive remodeling to hammer or drill for a long period of time. Keep in mind this is only temporary. The renovations will be done eventually.

As well, please keep in mind that the above noted times also apply to TV's and stereos. It is not necessary to play them so loud that your neighbours can hear them.

With everyone's cooperation, the need for so many complaints might no longer be an issue.

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To **Mary Davis, Dara Douma** and **Popi Tzalis** for giving their time to hand out candies in the lobby to the children on Halloween

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## Note from the Editor

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