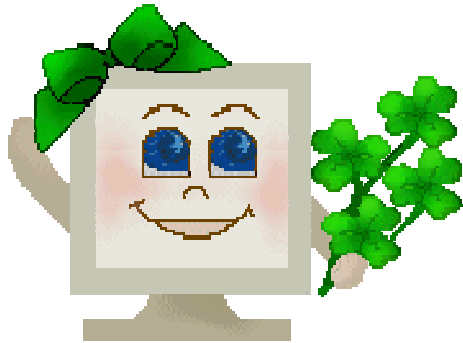


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# HOMewood

Community Newsletter

March, 🍀 2014



*Happy St. Patrick's Day*

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 🍀



March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
2:00 am



**Mardi Gras**

March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014



**Follow-Up  
On The  
Flood**

The flood on January 19th was the focus of a residents' meeting on February 10. As many of the concerns and questions stemming from it were related to insurance coverage, our insurance broker, Tom Gallinger, was present with information and answers.



If you were unable to attend the meeting and wish to know more, there is a full report on the meeting, written by Laurel Adams, on our website:

<http://40homewood.org/information/notices>

With the work mostly done, it appears the final bills will be between \$70,000 and \$100,000. We have a condo insurance deductible of \$5,000. The Board is concerned that the number of washers and dryers in units could cause similar damage.



They're baaaaack... 🍀🍀🍀 these pesky leprechauns that always infiltrate the March newsletter. Can't get rid of them. They are after the pot of gold.





## Don's Movies For March

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

Thursday, March 6  
**TIMECOP** (1994)

Jean-Claude Van Damme

Friday, March 7  
**ROBOCOP** (1987)

Peter Weller, Nancy Allen, Daniel  
O'Herlihy

Thursday March 13  
**TOP HAT** (1935)

Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers

Friday, March 14  
**FINIAN'S RAINBOW** (1968)

Fred Astaire, Petula Clark, Tommy  
Steele

Thursday, March 20  
**NONE BUT THE BRAVE** (1965)  
Frank Sinatra, Clint Walker, Tommy  
Sands

Friday, March 21  
**THE MAN WITH THE GOLDEN ARM**  
(1956)  
Frank Sinatra, Kim Novak, Eleanor  
Parker

Thursday, March 27  
**OVERBOARD** (1987)  
Goldie Hawn, Kurt Russell, Roddy  
McDowall

Friday, March 28  
Alfred Hitchcock's  
**LIFEBOAT** (1944)

Tallulah Bankhead, William Bendix,  
Walter Slezak

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## Elevator Update

The elevator modernization project start was delayed two weeks so workers who had just completed one project could get some vacation time, hopefully reducing the need to take vacation time during our project.

The new start date is March 3. They will begin work on Elevator #3. (The Service Elevator is #1, so count from there; #3 is the one that has not run since the flood.)

Each elevator is expected to take approximately 10 weeks. The total of 40 weeks takes us to December 5.

The contract between YCC75 and Direct Elevator specifies penalties for finishing late, so there is a good incentive for the company to proceed expeditiously.

Much of the work will take place inside the shafts or on the roof of the building so the work will not be as noticeable as with some projects.

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## SPRING IS ON THE WAY!

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## Annual General Meeting for 2014

The condo's Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 11, at the Primrose Hotel at the corner of Jarvis and Carlton. Stay tuned for exact times.

The meeting is for all owners and owners represented by proxy. There are two main tasks each year (and sometimes more): approval by owners of an auditor for the coming year and election of directors to the board.

This year, the terms of two directors will be up: Brian Brenie and Stephanus Greeff. We need to elect two directors to two-year terms, ending in 2016. Incumbents are allowed to run for re-election. One of those positions will be elected by owners living in their units ("owner-occupied"). Three directors, Laurel Adams, Timothy Oakes, and Charles Marker have another year in their terms, until 2015.

A preliminary notice of the meeting will be sent at the beginning of May, and it will include nominating papers for candidates for the board. Nominations will be due near the middle of May.

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## SPRING IS ON THE WAY!



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## IN MEMORIAM

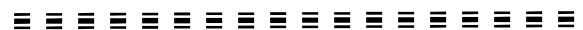


Many of you will remember former resident Russ Baxter, husband of Arthur Martin.

Russ died on December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Our condolences go out to Arthur and other members of Russ's family.

## Rest In Peace, Russ



Like all of you I came on the planet Earth and worked and studied the secret doctrines.  
Like all of you I suffered and sometime realized the fallacy of our existence.  
Like all of you I enjoyed many of you who kept me going at 40 Homewood.  
Unlike all of you I left the planet on February 25th and I wish all of you peace and joy on your journey on planet Earth.

Your neighbour,

## Bill Van Leeuwen

Bill will be missed by the many neighbours who knew him and others who only recognized him as the man who stood on his head in the gym.

## Rest In Peace, Bill

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## Rags in Bags

Our fifth Clothing Drive was another big success. Many residents collected their gently-used clothing and small household items to donate to the Clothesline program on Saturday morning, February 1.



Clothesline is a division of the Canadian Diabetes Association, which collects such them and re-sells to provide funding for its services.

The Green Committee will likely to plan another Clothing Drive for September. Stay tuned for an announcement closer to that time. For the next drive, we need to emphasize the need to put things in bags that are properly tied, not loose and open.

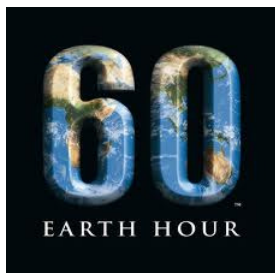


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## Earth Hour

Originally submitted to the old Newsletter  
by Jean Walker



On **Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014** for the hour of 8:30 -9:30 pm, cities around the world will turn off their lights for one hour to raise global awareness for climate change.

The City of Toronto is planning to turn all lights off, except for necessary emergency lighting; shutting down computer monitors, minimizing fan use; as examples.

How about joining 400 world cities in 75 countries for "Earth Hour" by turning off light switches, T.V.'s, computers, etc for one hour. The Board of Directors hopes that all units

will participate in this effort. The building will shut down as much as possible with due regard to the safety of our residents.

On **Saturday, March 29**, come to the **Recreation Room at 8.15 pm** to venture out to **Allan Gardens** for a view of the downtown during **Earth Hour** when many lights will be out. Return to the **Recreation Room** for refreshments!



## 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.



Did you know that **Go** is the shortest sentence in the English language?





## Fobs And Security

Management's work on fob updates and unit

information is a big and important project. Many of the resident forms turned in show there have been considerable changes in the information already on file. Out of date information is not very useful, so thanks for updating!

Our aim is to have an accurate list of fob possession and to make sure that it's as easy as possible to keep the list up-to-date. If it's not accurate and if it's not up-to-date, the building is insecure. Fobs get lost but not reported lost — especially if they are in the possession of someone who uses the fob very seldom. Most stray fobs become stray by accident, but there are also people who try to take advantage and make money for themselves by renting or selling fobs to people who want access to the building for all the wrong reasons.

The board has instructed our management staff of the following limits on fobs:

2 bedroom units — 4 key fobs  
1 bedroom units — 3 key fobs  
All other units — 2 key fobs

And at the discretion of the management.

Please note that the board and management are hoping that all residents will accept a little inconvenience in favour of greater security for all residents of the building.

If someone is a listed emergency contact and does not have a fob, that

person will be on the emergency contact list (where you've put their names) and can phone ahead or present a picture ID to the office or security to gain access to the building in an emergency (or possible emergency). Presumably, such a person already has a key to the unit itself.

The other major aim is a significant upgrade of our overall integrated data system, so that all the data submitted on the Unit Information Forms is both easily accessible to the office and easily updated (e.g., an accurate updated list of bike or car parking spots).



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**GREEN COMMITTEE MOVIE**  
**March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – 7:00 pm**  
**THE DARK SIDE OF CHOCOLATE**  
**Recreation Room**  
**A treat or two of chocolate**

**YARD SALE**  
**Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**BBQ**  
**Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**HOLIDAY DINNER**  
**Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

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## Pet of the Month



# FOX



Hi, my name is Fox and I'm a 12-year-old Pomeranian. My Mom, Linda, adopted me when I was just a ball of fur. I have an optimistic attitude and I love going outside, whether to relax on the balcony or for a walk to the park. I love to run and chase squirrels, birds and chipmunks. My Mom says I'm a lot of work with all the grooming I need. I have two layers of fur, a top coat and an undercoat, that keep me warm in the winter. I lose a lot of my thick fur in the spring. My Mom gave me the nickname "Sir Barks A Lot". If you see me barking and pulling my Mom around, please say hello to us. We are both friendly as long as you don't mind my bark of happiness. I can't help it, I love life so much. 🌿

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## Mold (Aka Mould) In Your Condo

Residents may or may not know much about mold in condominiums. If you want to find out more, the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation created the "Condominium Owner's Guide to Mold" which is an excellent and comprehensive resource:

<http://publications.gc.ca/collections/Collection/NH18-24-36E.pdf>

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## Grins & Snickers



Children have such a way of looking at things differently

TEACHER: "Why are you late?"

WEBSTER: "Because of the sign."

TEACHER: "What sign?"

WEBSTER: "The one that says, 'School Ahead, Go Slow.'"

TEACHER: "Cindy, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?"

CINDY: "You told me to do it without using tables!"

TEACHER: "John, how do you spell 'crocodile'?"

JOHN: "K-R-O-K-O-D-A-I-L."

TEACHER: "No, that's wrong."

JOHN: "Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it!"

TEACHER: "What is the chemical formula for water?"

SARAH: "H I J K L M N O!!"

TEACHER: "What are you talking about?"

SARAH: "Yesterday, you said it's H to O!"





## "Good Eats, Cheap Eats, Sweet Spots"

by Cammy Lee-  
Bostwick 🍀

Hello Folks!

This month's neighbourhood place is somewhat new (opened in the last year) and not particularly unique...it's the Starbucks (I know, yawn, right?) on Carlton, in the Holiday Inn, minutes from us. I decided to share this café more for what it used to be, and what it's become. I don't remember the name of the previously privately owned café, but it was such a lovely place. And Starbucks, is, well, Starbucks right? Yes, I agree. But if you go in the late morning as I did on a recent sunny day, there is terrific light inside, and lots of people watching to be had! What I didn't like about it is that the restrooms are in the hotel! This means that you need to go outside ("just for a couple of seconds", the cashier said) before entering the hotel. A major turn-off in -10 degree temps, right? Besides these observations, not much stands out about this place. So I thought I'd offer something different this month in terms of 'Good Eats'....something I made (cheaply) and so can you. You can't really go wrong with this:

### White Bean and Tuna Spread

1 can tuna  
1 can white beans  
1 small onion  
minced garlic(optional)  
small handful of both dill and cilantro  
juice of lime or lemon to taste  
olive oil  
salt and pepper

Basically, mash it all together, and adjust amounts to taste.

I put this on top of salads, or spread it on a toasted English muffin. And if you want, omit the tuna for a vegetarian version that's delicious too!

**Bon Appetit!**

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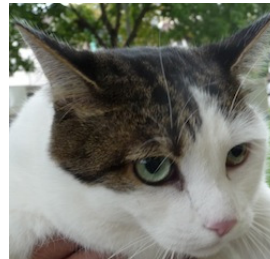


## Bridge

In the Recreation Room or  
Library— Mondays and  
Wednesdays at 7:30PM

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## Spotty Wisdom



This month Spotty  
says:

It is said "Research the self  
and the self will likely object."

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## Green Committee

**Help us celebrate the fifth anniversary of the 40 Homewood Green Committee with two special events:**

**On Tuesday, March 18, at 7:00 pm in the Recreation Room, come to see the 45-minute documentary film, "The Dark Side of Chocolate," followed by a chocolate treat or two.**

**On Saturday, March 29, join us in celebrating Earth Hour from 8:30 to 9:30. Come to the Recreation Room at 8.15 pm to venture out to Allan Gardens for a view of the downtown during Earth Hour when many lights will be out. Return to the Recreation Room for refreshments.**

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## The Wolf of Wall Street

By Jeffrey Amos

**Directed by:** Martin Scorsese

**Starring:** Leonardo DiCaprio, Jonah Hill, Margot Robbie, Kyle Chandler

**SYNOPSIS:** The Wolf of Wall Street is based upon the true story of Jordan Belfort (DiCaprio), who after being laid off from his job as a trader at a large Wall Street firm after 1987's Black Friday, starts working at a small storefront brokerage selling penny stocks. He is so successful that he starts his own brokerage, which with the help of his friend Donnie Azoff (Hill) later grows into one of the most unorthodox brokerages in New York. Belfort's decadent life of lavish parties, drugs, sex, plus his barely legal trading methods, end up bringing him (and most of his friends and employees) down in a most unusual way.

**REVIEW:** What a disappointment! I really wanted to like this movie, since it involves Martin Scorsese (one of the greatest directors in the history of film) and Leonardo DiCaprio (one of the best actors of his generation). However, I couldn't help feeling that the movie was nothing but a hollow spectacle. It is meant to be a black comedy about how greed and its excesses, although inherently bad, are celebrated by society. But it doesn't know when to stop – I got the point after one hour, and the movie goes on for 1 minute shy of three hours. Scorsese seems to throw everything at us but the kitchen sink: there are office orgies and dwarf tossing contests and more drugs go into the mouths and up the noses of the actors than almost any movie in history. My response when watching this was: "Oh, another scene of Leonardo DiCaprio snorting cocaine lines off a hooker's

breasts...zzzzzz". In Scorsese's previous films like Goodfellas and Raging Bull, he used shocking portrayals of sex, drugs and violence to serve the story – but here, after a while they seem almost to be the point of the movie – to the extent that it becomes very repetitive and, honestly, boring. In truth, the only redeeming part of this movie was the performances, especially that of DiCaprio. He plays Belfort with an intensity that reminds me of Al Pacino or Robert DeNiro when they were the same age. It's too bad that this excellent performance goes to waste in this dud of a movie. On an amusing statistical note, The Wolf of Wall Street has more uses of the f-word than any other movie in history. Viewer discretion is definitely advised!

**VERDICT:** 2 stars out of 4.      ★★☆☆



## American Hustle

By Jeffrey Amos

**Directed by:** David O. Russell

**Starring:** Christian Bale, Amy Adams, Bradley Cooper, Jennifer Lawrence, Jeremy Renner

**SYNOPSIS:** American Hustle is inspired by the late-1970s ABSCAM sting operation. Irving Rosenthal (Bale – sporting a bald head with a comb-over) and Sydney Prosser (Adams) are a couple of con artist partners (both in love and in business) who make money from loan scams. Once they are caught by the FBI, to avoid jail time they cut a deal where they are forced to work for FBI Agent Richie DiMaso (Cooper) to try to get politicians to accept bribes. One such politician is Mayor Carmine Polito (Renner) of Camden, New Jersey. Unfortunately, things do not go exactly as planned, and Irving's off-kilter wife Rosalyn (Lawrence) makes things more complicated. And yes, it's a comedy, but a black comedy.



**REVIEW:** This film was very enjoyable, but I feel that it is extremely overrated and not really Oscar material (other than the performances). The story itself, which is told in Russell's typical style of satirical comedy mixed with dramatic elements, is quite complicated and at times confusing. But this doesn't really matter. The film is a character study at its core and the acting is what really makes this movie work. In fact, this is David O. Russell's second movie in a row (after Silver Linings Playbook) to be nominated in all four of the acting categories at the Oscars. Christian Bale is unrecognizable as Irving Rosenfeld, a role for which he had to gain significant weight and shave his head (in order to have a convincing comberver). He is without a doubt one of the great chameleon actors of his generation. Amy Adams matches him as the attractive, but slithery Sydney. Jennifer Lawrence is a standout in a supporting role as Rosenfeld's brash and indiscreet wife Rosalyn, who almost brings the entire scheme down with her brash behaviour and her big mouth. A lot of the fun in the movie is in watching the chemistry and interaction between these unsavoury characters who are trying to get themselves out of the hole that they had have dug for themselves, often with hilarious results. In summary, I recommend American Hustle for the acting and the characters – just don't expect to be able to follow what's going on or to care that much about the plot.

**VERDICT:** 3 stars out of 4 ★★☆☆🧑

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🧑 Dermot McCann opened the morning newspaper and was dumbfounded to read in the obituary column that he had died. He quickly 'phoned his best friend Reilly.

'Did ye see the paper?' asked Dermot.

'They say I died.'

'Yes, I saw it.' replied Reilly. 'Where are ye callin' from?' 🧑

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## Cell Phones Won't Buzz Visitors In;

### Here's What to Do

*(The following is an excerpt from The 40 Homewood Welcome Book. There is lots of information in the Book. It's worth a review. Find a hard copy in the office or a link on our website: <http://40homewood.org/information/welcome-orientation> )*

If you are expecting guests or deliveries, you should let them know your buzzer code. If they forget, they can go to the front entrance and use the directory.

When they buzz your unit, pick up the phone to speak to them to confirm their identity. If they are strangers, hang up the phone and they will not be let in.

If you want to let them in, press "6" to open the door. If you are on the phone when someone buzzes your unit, press "3" to place the call on hold so you can answer the door.

You can allow entry from the front and back entrances, the garage entrance and the entry door from visitors' parking into the building. The Enterphone system will determine which door to open for your guest.

The Enterphone system works on phone lines that are owned by us. That means you do not need to sign up with Bell or another service provider to let guests in.

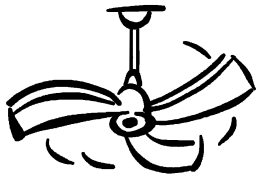
**If you only use a cell phone, you will need a phone (but not the monthly phone service) to plug into the wall jack.**

We do not register cell phones on the Enterphone system for security reasons.

You must be in your unit in order to let someone else into the building. Our staff and security personnel are prohibited from letting your guests into the building. For everyone's peace of mind, it's important that residents are in to let their guests in

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## Ceiling Fans For Two Seasons

*This article by Neil Gilson, a former resident, was published in the Newsletter in January 2008. Some may find its republication with minor editing useful. Those who use ceiling fans almost always find them helpful — for heating or cooling or both. Following Neil's article are further notes about cooling with ceiling fans.*

### Building Heating by Neil Gilson

When I moved into 40 Homewood almost ten years ago, I found it rather strange when someone told me that the radiant heating for my unit (as with all other units) was in the ceiling. I had seen places with radiant heating before, but it had always been in the floor. 🌱

So, since heat rises, how was I going to ensure that I would be comfortable? The owner prior to myself had a ceiling fan in the living area and also one in the bedroom. At that time, I assumed that the fans were used only in the summer to dispel the warm air in the rooms. I soon found out that this was not the case. The fans were used all year round.

When the fans were put on a winter setting to mix the warm air at the ceiling level with the less warm air below, the rooms became warmer. This also creates good air circulation.

At one point, I was curious as to the correct temperature in my unit, so I spoke to our Maintenance Man, Pete, who arrived with a sensor, and advised me that the temperature at the ceiling level was about 80F. With the ceiling fans going, the temperature in the entire unit became a comfortable 74 or 75 degrees Fahrenheit.

I understand that there are people in the building who are using space heaters to keep warm. This sort of action completely defeats the purpose of the system. If you set your thermostat at 23C (74F), install ceiling fans (which can be as inexpensive as \$35.00) and

set them on winter setting, you will find that your comfort will increase.

If you do not have fans in your rooms, I highly recommend that you have them installed where possible. It isn't expensive and will certainly reduce the amount of hydro used by your suite. Fans use far less power than space heaters, and will circulate the warm air better.

### Ceiling Fans for Cooling

**From About.com:** "During hot summer weather, to help produce a comfortable breeze or 'windchill' that cools the skin, blades should rotate in a 'reverse' counter-clockwise motion. The air movement has the same comfortable effect as when you fan yourself with a magazine to get relief from hot, stifling air."

Ceiling fans in themselves do not heat or cool a room, but the ceiling fan rotation allows improved air circulation, which can greatly improve the comfort of your living space."

**From MotherEarth News:** "The movement of air over the surface of your skin removes heat from a region physiologists call the boundary layer — a warm layer of air that surrounds us at all times. By stripping heat from the boundary layer, a ceiling fan makes us feel as if the air in the room is about 4 degrees Fahrenheit cooler."

"Ceiling fans come in a wide range of styles, colors, and prices. They can come with or without ceiling fan lights. Some are operated by remote control, others by wall switches in combination with pull chains. Most ceiling fans come with a switch to change the speed. In addition, most have two settings so you can control the direction in which the blades turn — one setting for winter (that brings warm air 🌱down) and another for summer. In the summer, you should be able to feel "cool" air moving if you stand directly under the fan."

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🌱O'Gara was arrested and sent for trial for armed bank robbery.

After due deliberation, the jury foreman stood up and announced, 'Not guilty.' 'That's grand,' shouted O'Gara, 'Does that mean I get to keep the money?'

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## News from eSuite

### More wi-fi

eSuite has installed wi-fi in two more common areas: the recreation room and the gym/exercise room. This is complimentary from eSuite and greatly appreciated by many residents of the building. Provided earlier were wi-fi connections in the meeting room, the laundry room and the library.

### New services

Watch for full announcements of new options to individuals in this building from eSuite. They will be adding several higher-speed (uploads and downloads) Internet services to those three they already provide. These will be DSL (phone line) services in order to get the higher speeds. They will also offer a competitively priced phone service.



## Questions to the Board or Management

**Question:** When will the next “annual” fire inspection occur?

**Answer:** The last “annual” was in the summer of 2013, and the 2014 “annual” will be in March or April, 2014. The main thrust is the examination of the entire fire safety system, and usually there are things to be corrected. The parts that have individual resident responsibility are the smoke detectors. Now is the time to check your smoke alarm. Make sure that it’s working

and, if it is not, check to see if you simply need to replace the battery.

**Question:** . When will the Recreation Room audio equipment be updated?

**Answer.** Management is currently working on updating the speakers and microphones, that is, the equipment needed for a meeting. There will also be some updating of the “entertainment system.” If you have some thoughts about the latter, please send them in writing (hand-written and delivered to the office or emailed to [board40h@gmail.com](mailto:board40h@gmail.com)).

**Question:** What about the rest of the “refresh” of the 1B level?

**Answer:** Initially, there will be some structural work in the laundry room, insulating pipes so that freezing weather doesn’t damage things. This will mean some closings or semi-closings of the laundry room (trying to avoid closing on weekends).

There are other structural improvements as well as cosmetic improvements to come. The Board will list and prioritize and attach money figures to see how we may proceed with things like the 1B hallway itself, the washrooms, etc. In addition, better access to the patio will be provided.



Yippee, I finally got the pot of gold past those sly little leprechauns and there was an army of them this year!!!!!!

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