



HOMEWOOD

Community Newsletter

February, 2015

*Happy
Valentine's
Day*

February 14th, 2015

Academy Awards



Join Don "The Movie Man" Sangster and your neighbours in watching them,

February 22nd, 2015

7:00 PM

In the Recreation Room

Refreshments will be welcomed

Pick the winners

Win a prize

Watch it on our big-screen TV

Chinese New Year



HAPPY CHINESE 2015 NEW YEAR

February 19th, 2015



**Kung Hei Fat Choi
Gong Xi Fa Cai**

Don's Movies For February

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

Friday, February 6

RANSOM (1996)

thriller starring Mel Gibson & Rene Russo.

Thursday, February 12

THE ROMANCE OF ROSY RIDGE (1947)

love story starring Van Johnson & Janet
Leigh.

Friday, February 13

HEART AND SOULS (1993)

romantic comedy starring Robert
Downey Jr. & Elisabeth Shue.

Thursday February 19

THE FRENCH CONNECTION (1971)

thriller starring Gene Hackman & Roy
Scheider.

Friday, February 20

BULLITT (1968)

thriller starring Steve McQueen & Robert
Duval.

Thursday, February.26

THE WOMAN IN BLACK (2011)

ghost story starring Daniel Radcliffe &
Ciaran Hinds.

Friday, February 27

HOUSE AT THE END OF THE STREET (2012)

thriller starring Jennifer Lawrence &
Elisabeth Shue.



Pet of the Month



Pumpkin



Hello, my name is Pumpkin. i live with
the Campbell family in #1017. i am a
1 year old, pineapple green cheek
conure. I'm a girl. i like to wake
everybody up @6a.m and i play all day.



Family Day

February 16th, 2015

Office Closed



"Good Eats, Cheap Eats, Sweet Spots"

by Cammy Lee-Bostwick

Hello Neighbours!

Along with frosty temperatures and bone-chilling winds seem to come a hankering for "comfort food". And nothing says comfort better than the old Quebecois standby: poutine.

First, a word about poutine; one whole book could probably be devoted to it, and maybe one already has. But this review is not about the "best" in this case, as much as "the best nearest us" especially for those times when you just want to get out, grab a brewsky, have some good dependable grub to go with it, and not have to go too far to get it.

When it comes to eating, oftentimes I am a purist; to me, great poutine comes down to 3 things: the fries have to be fresh cut, the gravy (which I call "ghetto gravy") is basic and tastes of meat, and of course, the cheese curds have to be the real deal. The downfall of many a poutine is gravy that is too salty, and versions that aspire to more than its humble beginning; while I love truffle oil on fries, poutine is greasy pub food that best stays that way. Save the duck confit for other things.

So just a short walk away on Carleton just east of Homewood is Stout Irish pub on the south side. For the money, and the location, I really think it's worth checking out. I've ordered "Sir Poutine" on a few separate occasions and it is consistently good. Though I always ask for extra gravy wherever I go, I forgot to ask here and it came with just the right amount. The fries have that crispy outside texture that come from double-frying. Gravy is perfectly seasoned and tastes of actual meat stock, and the curds are plentiful, melting in the ooey-goey way that only real cheese curds can. Portion size is not huge so not really good for sharing unless you are already full, and just want to have a pint and nibble. It's pretty reasonable at \$10 an order. But the good news is that if you go Monday-Friday between 4-6 it is \$8.

The environment is pretty standard pub digs, but as establishments seem to be updating decor and changing their looks (like the Firkin pubs), it is a relief to go to an old-school, yet clean Irish-style pub with the dark woods and interiors. In the front there is a fireplace with two club chairs, perfect if you just want to grab some drinks and hang out. We had poutine there once, and it was fine, but the coffee table is a bit low to handle any other dish comfortably. Otherwise, second floor seating is probably preferable in this weather to avoid drafts. Staff are good, not overly friendly but competent and regularly come around to check up on you.

It is always a good thing to have a neighbourhood watering hole that serves consistent fare in a cozy environment, especially in these frigid climes. I hope you enjoy it as I have. Cheers!





For Sale

Staples brand 8-Sheet Cross-Cut Shredder
Personal, individual size

Bought three years ago but totally unused, still in the box

Offered at best price

Phone ☎ 416-968-3458

Groundhog Day



**I'm a Groundhog,
not a Weatherman!**

February 2nd, 2015

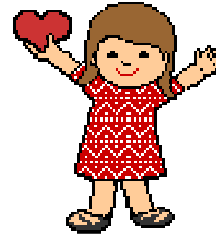


The residents of 40 Homewood outdid themselves once again with lots of donations of clothing and small household items on Saturday, January 17. The driver from

Clothesline, an arm of the Canadian Diabetes Association, reported that he'd not before seen such large quantities donated at one location.

Thanks to all who donated.

From the Mouths of Babes



Teacher: I'd like you to be very quiet today, girls. I've got a dreadful headache.

Mary: Please, Miss ! why don't you do what mum does when she has a headache ?

Teacher: What's that ?

Mary: She sends us out to play

Keeping Us Safe

submitted by Brian Brenie

Did you know that we have over 60 closed circuit cameras on the property to protect you and your investment here?

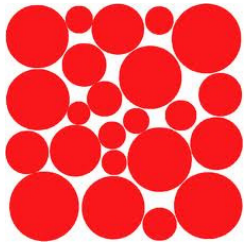
Watching the lobby and the cameras requires the full attention of our security personnel when they are not patrolling the grounds. Feel free to say hello to them when passing but PLEASE.....

Allow them to do their job and do not engage them in lengthy conversations.

Thank you for your cooperation

SPRING IS ON THE WAY!





Red Dots for “No Junk Mail”

For the last few years,
the Green Committee has made February
“Red Dot” month.

This is a campaign conducted by Canada
Post to help people avoid getting
unnecessary junk mail, therefore causing
less garbage.

**If you wish to stop receiving junk mail
(mail that is not addressed to you), you
may place a request form in your
mailbox. ▶▶**

It’s important that your form can be seen by
the mail carrier on the other side of the wall,
so make sure you put the form (“No junk
mail, please”) as far into the box as
possible. You may even wish to use a little
tape so that it doesn’t fall out or blow away.

When the the form is seen, the mail carrier
will affix a red dot on the inside of your
mailbox, and you’ll stop receiving junk mail



Spotty Wisdom

This month he
says:

Be true to your words and
respect will be yours.

**I DO NOT WISH
TO GET ANY
JUNK MAIL IN
MY MAIL BOX**



Congratulations!

At the Post Office you can find
out how many Red Dots there
are at a particular building. Our
building has 50% Red Dots,
which is higher than any other
building in the area!

Thanks to the diligent efforts of
the Green Committee



Update on Elevator Project

submitted by Timothy Oakes

We are nearing the completion of the modernization project on all of our elevators. The company performing the work, Direct Elevator, expects completion within the next couple of weeks.

Since the project began last year, we have made some alterations by choice, and a couple have been forced on us by changes in the TSSA codes (Technical Standards and Safety Association).

The installation of the digital monitors was an add-on approved by the Board of Directors after the project was started. Now we have been advised that it will be necessary for us to install smoke detectors on every floor near the elevator banks, which is not something that we expected so close to the completion of the project. We cannot receive final approval and license to operate the freight elevator from TSSA until this work is completed.

The code at present is such that these smoke detectors, once installed and linked to the elevator controls, will override the elevators in the event of smoke detection in the hallways and bring all of the elevators to the ground floor and hold them there until the problem has been resolved and the system reset.

We expect this work to take about a week to complete. In the meantime, we have valid licenses to operate three elevators, and we CAN use the freight elevator now for service. However, while in use, one of the passenger elevators will have to be shut down in or

to be in compliance with our present licensing.

There is no reason to believe that the project will not be fully completed by the middle of February with the issuance of the final operating license.

We thank all of you for your patience during this lengthy project and we hope you are pleased with the results.

Our aim is to begin installation of the LULA elevator between the second and third basement levels as soon as possible.

Look for notices that will be posted regularly to keep you informed of the progress of these projects.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Submitted by Timothy Oakes

New Requirements Respecting Carbon Monoxide Detectors

By Cheryl Wood on November 6, 2014

Carbon monoxide is referred to as the 'silent killer' because it is a colourless, odourless and tasteless gas. Recent changes to the *Fire Code* are designed to help avoid deaths due to carbon monoxide poisoning. What are the changes, and what impact will the changes have on condominiums?

Recent Changes to Fire Code

Bill 77, the ***Hawkins Gignac Act***, was passed last year in order to:

1. create a carbon monoxide awareness week; and
2. amend the ***Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997*** to include fire

safety and prevention relating to carbon monoxide, as part of the mandate of fire protection services.

As a result of Bill 77 and the changes to the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act*, Ontario's Fire Code was amended to include new requirements respecting installation and maintenance of CO Detectors. Section 2.16 has been added, which requires the installation of CO Detectors in every building that contains, '*residential occupancy and a fuel-burning appliance, a fireplace, or a storage garage*'. Section 6.3.4 has also been added, which deals with maintenance of the required CO Detectors.

Impact on Condominiums

For smaller condominiums (six units or less)* CO Detectors must be installed by April 15, 2015.

For larger condominiums (more than six units)* CO Detectors must be installed by October 15, 2015.

[*if the building contains a fuel burning appliance, a fireplace, or a storage garage]

Note that CO Detectors will not necessarily be required in every unit. For specific direction on this, we refer you to the website of the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs: <http://www.oafc.on.ca/carbon-monoxide>, which includes the following note:

"Testing and maintenance requirements that apply to smoke alarm now apply to CO

alarms.

Under the Fire Code amendments, CO alarms will be required in existing residential occupancies, where:

- *Single dwelling homes (e.g., privately owned homes) have an attached storage garage and/or a fuel burning appliance.*
- *CO alarms will be required only near sleeping areas of these occupancies and not throughout the entire home.*
- **Multi-unit buildings (e.g., apartment buildings or condominium buildings, hotels, etc.) have an attached storage garage and/or a fuel burning appliance/service room. Within these buildings, CO alarms will only be required:**
 - **Near sleeping areas of suites that contain a fuel burning appliance within the suite.**
 - **Near sleeping areas of suites that are adjacent to a storage garage and/or service room with a fuel burning appliance."**

We also recommend that you verify your specific requirements by consulting an architect, engineer, or other expert.

In our view, condominium corporations have the same obligations in relation to CO Detectors as they do in relation to smoke alarms. That is, condominium corporations have the following obligations:

- Take initial steps - over the next few months - to ensure that CO Detectors (if required) are installed and are operating properly. [Note: In cases where CO Detectors are needed, the requirements can possibly be met by replacing one or more existing smoke alarms with a combination smoke alarm/CO Detector.]
- Take reasonable steps annually, to ensure that any required CO Detector(s) are in place, and are operating properly - just as condominium corporations now do in relation to smoke alarms.

A key question that each Condominium Corporation will need to consider is: "*Should the Condominium Corporation add the costs of the installation and maintenance of the CO Detectors to the common expenses?*" Many condominium corporations may decide to arrange for the initial installation of CO Detectors on behalf of their owners - and may or may not decide to add the cost to the common expenses of the owners who receive the CO Detectors. This is something that can be considered on a case-by-case basis. If the Corporation is not taking on the responsibility for installing the CO Detectors, the corporation will need to give very specific instructions to owners about installation of CO Detectors (or replacement of smoke alarms with combination smoke alarms/CO Detectors) and then might need to inspect the installations. In addition, the Corporation will need to consider future maintenance, testing and replacement requirements (as

they currently do with smoke alarms). [Note: The specific procedures to be followed will need to be considered on a case-by-case basis.]

Again, for more information respecting Carbon Monoxide, its dangers and the changes to the *Fire Code*, visit the website of the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs:

<http://www.oafc.on.ca/carbon-monoxide>.



Newsletter Committee

Is there anyone out there who would like to join the Newsletter

Committee? We need some more people on the committee and of course, people are encouraged to submit articles at any time.

40 Homewood Green Committee

Is also looking for volunteers. If you are interested in helping us to save money and make a difference in our community, the Green Committee meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month at 6:00pm until 7:30 pm in the Recreation room.

Come and join us.

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