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HOMewood

Community Newsletter

October, 2017



**Happy Thanksgiving
October 9th, 2017**



October 19th, 2017



October 31st, 2017



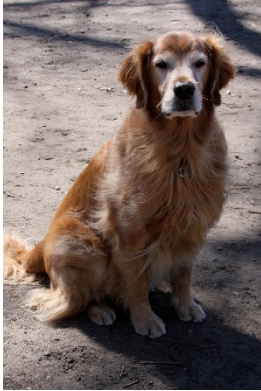
**Halloween
Goodies**

We have two volunteers who are willing to sit in the lobby on Halloween night for a couple of hours and distribute candy to the children and wannabee children in the building

As in the past, any donations towards the Halloween celebration would be appreciated. Please bring them to the Management Office

IN MEMORIAM "TIMBER"

February 14, 2006 – September 10, 2017



It is with a saddened heart and deep heartache that we inform you of the passing of "Timber", building mascot and friend to all at 40 Homewood Ave. Timber was a unique friend, a

who loved life and most of all loved people. He was a kind and gentle soul, who greeted everyone with a big smile and hearty wag.

He never chased a bird, a squirrel or even a cat, he calmly approached life with love, respect and the patience of Job. He was one who truly appreciated all who came to say hello and enjoyed bringing a smile to you all. His spirit is with us and we remember his vibrancy in saying hello to all as they entered and exited 40 Homewood.

To my friend, companion and soulmate
– I love you Timber! You are missed!

Taras



Our TV System

Submitted by Brian Brenie

The Board and Management are in discussion with Stubbs (our current cable tv company) and other cable tv suppliers including Bell Fibe and Esuite to renew our cable television contract for January 1, 2018. Technology has been changing but our building's wiring makes it difficult for some supplier to offer the option of a set top box that Stubbs has been offering us over the past five years. Recent deregulation of the cable industry in Canada combined with a variety of cable packages being offered by various suppliers may seem like we have many choices but the cable wiring limits our options considerably. The Board will be scheduling an owners' meeting to discuss our options before year-end.

Please watch for notices announcing a meeting where we'll discuss cable tv, windows, garbage, recycling and other topics that may be raised.

The Amazing Human Mind

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Up for Grabs



During the clothing drive, we received the above two walkers. The Green Committee has put them aside and they are free for anyone in the building who wants them. Please contact Martha at ☎ 416-921-1233



October is National
Breast Cancer
Month in Canada

Wear a pink ribbon
for awareness



Don't forget
to set your
clocks **back**
one hour on
Sunday,

November 5th, 2017 at 2:00am.



"Good Eats, Cheap Eats, Sweet Spots"

by Cammy Lee-
Bostwick

Happy October Everyone!

What a way to begin the month having just come off the hottest days of summer! Some of you may know this about me but those who do not, I am a total beach bum! So I thoroughly enjoyed swimming in Lake Ontario during our last heat wave. And on the last hot day, as the breeze was turning a bit cool, what I craved for (while my body was still wet) was actually...soup.

I chose "Com Tam 168" at 1018 Gerrard Street East just past Gerrard Square. What I had was not on the menu. Under the soups I ordered the small vegetarian soup with fresh vermicelli noodles, or "pho rau cai" (\$8.50) and added shrimp (\$4.00) in a chicken broth (see pic).

When it arrived, it was visually stunning: with deep fried tofu cubes, savoy cabbage, baby Shanghai Bok Choy, carrots, onions, broccoli, shredded thai basil, shrimps, it was piled high with scallions, dehydrated fried onions, and cilantro, on fresh vermicelli. The fresh variety is a slightly thicker noodle but I recommend it over the thinner noodle. Such a feast for the eyes! And quickly after, the warmth and waft of reduced chicken stock reached my nostrils...

Beware: this is hot! The soup stock is not too salty but very flavourful. The vegetables were bright and cooked to a proper doneness. Com Tam is

generous with their shrimp; I didn't count how many but they were medium sized, nice and pink. Because the noodles are fresh, they continue to cook as you eat and expand...so it may seem like you are eating the never-ending bowl of soup. So good was this, that another restaurant patron asked me what I ordered so I told him, and added "Just tell the staff I'll have what she's having!". Staff at Com Tam are super friendly and accommodating to special "off the menu" dishes like mine. Three quarters of the way through, I ordered another bowl of soup stock which came with more scallions and fried onions (\$1.00). In fact the pic you see is what it looked like after I added the broth..and yet it still looks like a full size soup. (I got too excited, was too hungry, and started eating before I remembered to take a pic for you!). For \$13.50 I really got two soups as I took the rest home.

The decor is pretty basic: bright and open with chopsticks, soup spoons, and sauces on every table. Staff are friendly and quick. All in all, after a full day that ended with a dip into Lake Ontario on probably the last hot day of our protracted "summer that ran into the fall", this soup hit the spot! (And the restaurant patrons who ordered as I did were pretty happy with it too!).



WASTE REDUCTION

Monthly Challenge:

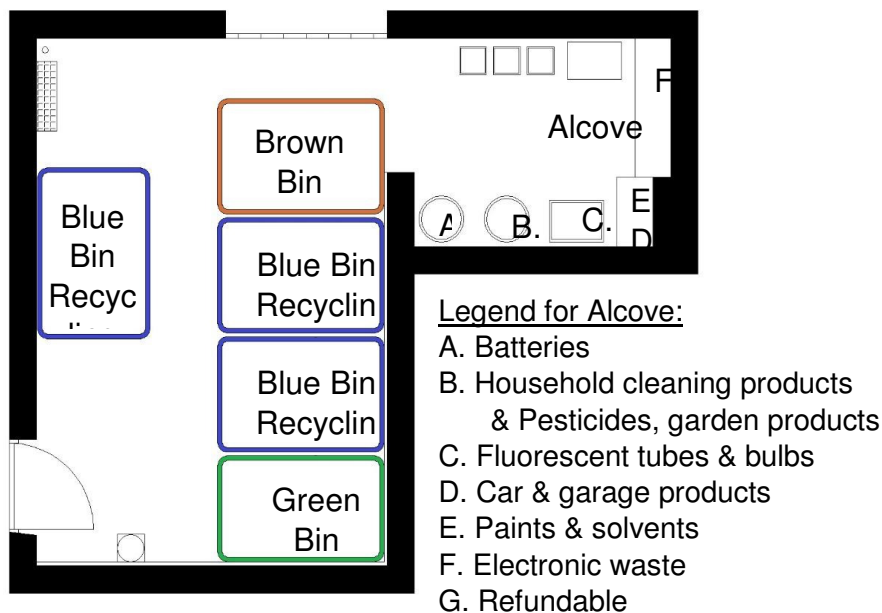
Properly Dispose Specialized Waste

Your Goal: Use the Specialized Waste Disposal Area to further reduce garbage going to the landfill

In addition to Landfill, Recycling, and Organics Collections, 40 Homewood also collects many specialized waste items for proper disposal.

The specialized waste collection is in the alcove, in the recycling room, behind the garbage bin.

We also collect refundable alcohol bottles. Although these bottles are recyclable, when they get returned to the Beer Store they get reused. A beer bottle, on average, will get reused 12-15 times before it ends up in recycling.



Here are some tips to try:

- **REDUCE** specialized waste going to the landfill. Use the specialized recycling area.
- **REUSE** beer bottles, place them in the specialized waste area to be returned to the Beer Store for reuse instead of recycling them.
- **RECYCLE** electronic waste, place it in the bright green bins.

When in doubt...

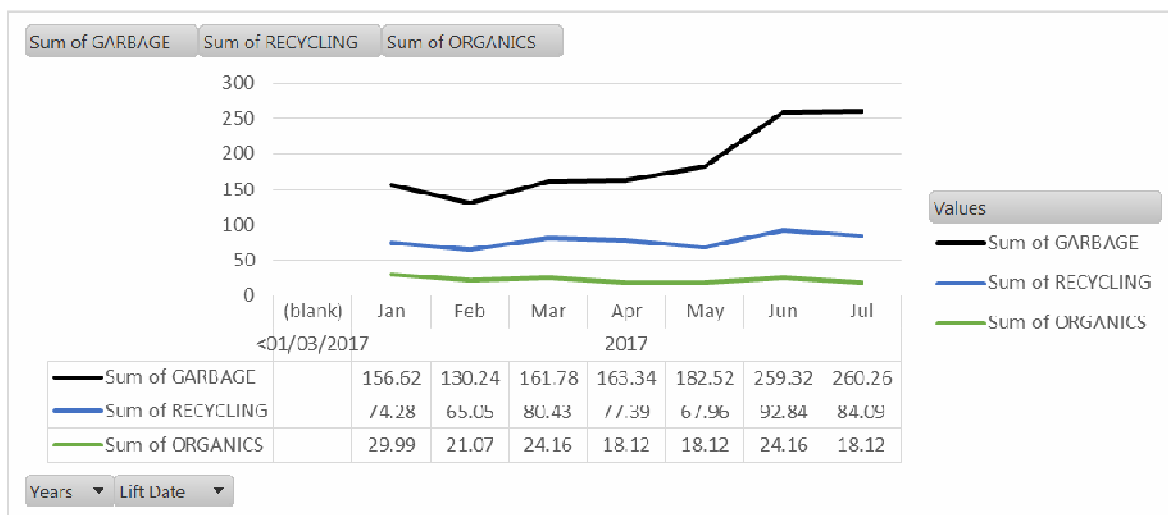
About what to do with waste, consult the Waste Wizard: Toronto.ca/wastewizard.

Our Garbage Costs have Risen

Last year Mayor Tory challenged us to increase our waste (garbage) diversion from the landfill. According to the City, apartment and condo residents divert only 27% of household waste while our single-family home neighbours divert 65%. We need everyone in the building to help us do better.

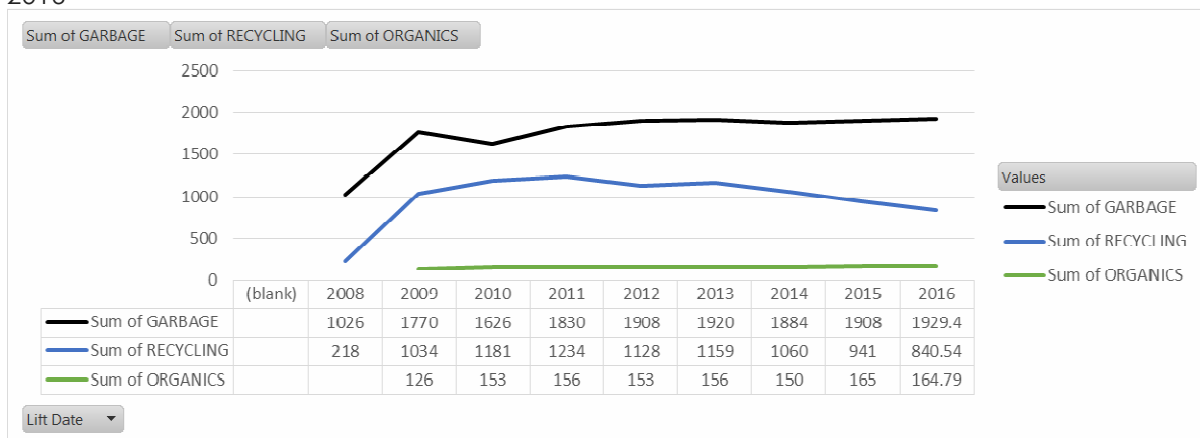
We've seen a sharp rise in garbage at 40 Homewood since the start of the window project earlier this year. The report below was sent to the Green Committee by the City of Toronto in September. The garbage is measured in cubic yards. There was an increase of 76.8 cubic yards, or 30%, from May to June, which was also reflected in the month of July.

Report: Bin Lifts for 40 Homewood from Jan – July 2017



Additionally, we've noticed a steady decline in recycling efforts since its peak in 2011, as illustrated in this report from the City.

Report: Bin Lift Summary for 40 Homewood from 2008 - 2016



This year the city has started strictly enforcing waste removal. They inspect the blue (recycling) bins now and if they find non-recyclable materials in one of our bins that bin is set aside and will be picked up by the garbage truck. We will incur a garbage removal cost. All the good recyclable material that was in the blue bin will go to landfill. Additionally, the inspectors are checking our garbage bins and issuing fines when recyclable materials are in the garbage. Building staff do not have time to sort garbage from recyclables so we ask that every resident do what they can to assist.

Here's what you can do to help.

1. Put your garbage in the chute. The building gets charged less for pickups of compacted garbage.
2. Place organic materials in the Green bin instead of throwing them out.
3. Use the recycling bins.

If you do not have a green bin collection receptacle, or a blue bag to gather your recyclables, please ask for them in the Office. They are free.

When in doubt, about what to do with waste, consult the Waste Wizard:
Toronto.ca/wastewizard.

Submitted by Brian Brenie and Liza Ricciuti

Brushes & Cocktails



The now monthly Brushes & Cocktails paint night along with a glass of wine and much laughter was a great success in September. All who attended were a little surprised with themselves and their creations. And now the Wednesday night, October 4th, promises to be another interesting project using glow in the dark paint. Spaces are limited so if you haven't reserved your spot yet, do it soon so you won't miss out on this wonderful event.

You must e-mail Donna Y no later than 2 days before the scheduled paint night. The November paint night is on the 1st of the month so we suggest you reserve your spot for this paint night in October.



October



November

Email:

2brushesandcocktails@gmail.com
to make sure you are counted in for any of the paint nights that tickle your fancy. Materials have to be purchased in advance.

Window Project Update for October, 2017

submitted by Timothy Oakes

Work continues on the window replacement project, despite the many unexpected delays over the past few months.

The west side of the building is nearing completion. Caulking on Lines 1, 3, 5 and 7 will be finished by the first week of October, as will the plaster repairs and priming of the walls.

Lines 9, 11, 15 and 17 are expected to be completed by the end of October. Installation of the screen doors will begin in November on all completed west side units.

Weather permitting, work will begin on the east side bedroom windows and north/south facing bedroom windows of the corner 2 bedroom units.



Spotty Wisdom

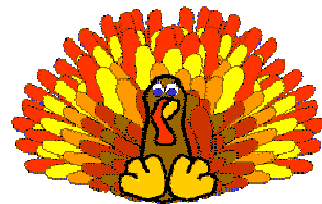
This month Spotty
says:

**Borrow, borrow from the bank and
anxieties shall always be yours.**



Smoke Alarms

The "time change" is a good opportunity to put new batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms.



Thanksgiving Turkey

The turkey shot out of the oven and
rocketed into the air

It knocked every plate off the table and
partly demolished a chair

It ricocheted into a corner and burst with
a deafening boom

Then splattered all over the kitchen,
completely obscuring the room

It stuck to the walls and windows

It totally coated the floor

There was turkey attached to the ceiling,
where there'd never been turkey before

It blanketed every appliance

It smeared every saucer and bowl

There wasn't a way I could stop it
that turkey was out of control!

I scraped and scrubbed with displeasure
and thought with chagrin as I mopped

That I'd never again stuff a turkey, with
popcorn that hadn't been popped;



Recycling - Loose in the Blue Bin

Do not put anything in the blue recycling bins that is enclosed or tied in a bag. Everything has to be loose or it will render the whole bin not useable and we will be charged for it. Recycling is free.

Our garbage costs have gone up this year and we need to be more diligent as to what goes in the blue bag.



E-Waste

Electronic waste bins for City pickup are available in the Green Room.

October is



The Green Committee

Lisa
Michael
Chris
Bill
Martha
Brian

Would like to Thank everyone who made a contribution to the clothing drive. We had a very successful turnout and are so happy to help our community. Oasis Clothing Bank will use the donations to help improve lives across our city. "

Don't Forget!

● Reminder to check channel 13 for parcels that the office has received for you. The office will hold them for 15 days only. If you're expecting a parcel please check regularly. The space for storing parcels is very limited in the office.

● Reminder to not let people follow you into the building. If you see someone follow you in please advise security to verify they are residents.

"Old" Jokes

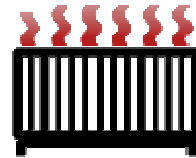
An elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%

The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again."

The gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!"



Building Heating



The heat in the building will be turned on soon. Our heating system is in our ceilings and works best if everyone keeps their room temperature around 20-22 degrees.

If you don't turn your heat on it affects the upstairs neighbour. They may try to compensate and turn their heat up higher which will cause their upstairs neighbour to be too hot. That neighbour may turn their heat down to compensate.

As you can see what you do with your heat setting causes a domino effect through many units with some opening windows because it's too hot.

Even though the building has a system that governs how hot the heat can be turned up we still receive complaints of units being too cold or too hot because some don't keep their heat in a normal 20 - 22 degree range all winter long.



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