

January, 2018

~ HAPPY ~
New Year
★ 2018 ★

Merry Christmas – January 7th,
2018 to all of you who follow
the Eastern Orthodox Church.

Reminder to all

Please fill out your **Resident Information Form** and send or leave it at the office so we have a clear indication of who is living in our building and who we should contact in case of emergency. Thank you

Brian Brenie

IN MEMORIAM



**Jim
Mitchell**

We lost another original owner on December 7th. Jim Mitchell passed away after a long illness.

Jim was a member of the first Board of Directors and was the engineer for the building in the early days.

Jim had a varied career. He started out as a Stationery Engineer, He became a professional musician as a bass player in jazz groups. He taught music at U of T and in several elementary schools. He also taught private lessons on guitar. For a season, he played with the Halifax Symphony. Eventually, he retired after going back to being a Stationery Engineer.

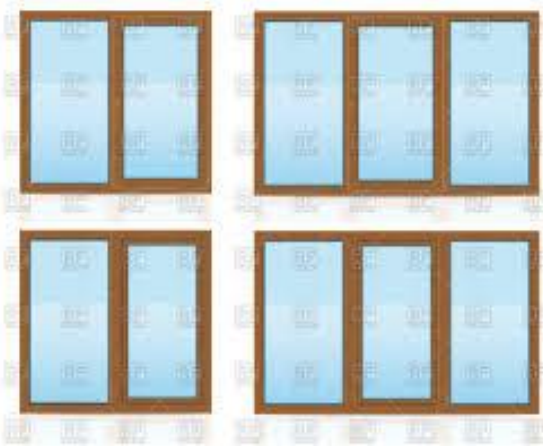
Condolences go out to his wife, Mary and his family and friends in the building.

REST IN PEACE, JIM



The Swimming Pool is open again.

Our pool was under repair for about a month as explained in last month's newsletter. On December 19th it was reopened and residents have expressed appreciation to the staff for taking care of this situation. The temperature is being maintained between 84 and 87 degrees F.



Window Project Update

Now that the cold weather has arrived the window project will be finishing up some last minute items such as some plastering, caulking and phantom screen installation that is needed to finish the west side installation. In January, the Board will be meeting with the Property Manager and the Contractor to plan the east side installation. Please watch for an update in the February newsletter or in channel 13 on your television.

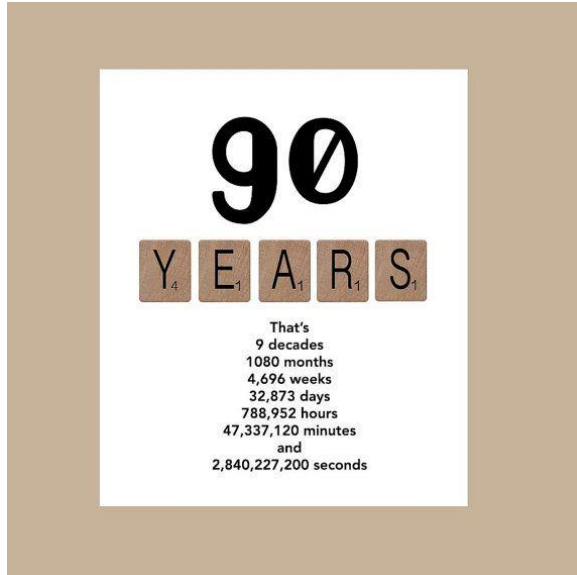
Fire Alarm Annunciator/Intercom Concerns

One Saturday night in early December we had an intruder pull the fire alarm on the first floor to allow them to escape through the fire door on the north end of the building. At that time the fire department attended and used the intercom system to notify residents but some residents informed the office and board that they heard no announcements. On December 27th the regular monthly fire alarm testing was performed by our contractor. This included the testing of the annunciator/intercom and all is functioning accurately.

Some questioned why the Security Guard on duty did not make an announcement that the alarm was a false alarm. It is our understanding that any announcements must be made by the fire department once an alarm is pulled. In case of fire in our building the fire department has advised on numerous occasions that usual safest place to be is in your unit until advised by the fire department. We regret that the announcements made by the fire department on the night of the false alarm were not heard by all but assure you that the system is functioning properly.

When an alarm rings a good procedure is to check channel 3 or the lobby channel to see the arrival and activities of the fire department. Their reaction can give residents a sense of the gravity

of the situation and an indication of whether to venture down the stairs or stay in place.



Congratulations!!
Angus Dalrymple

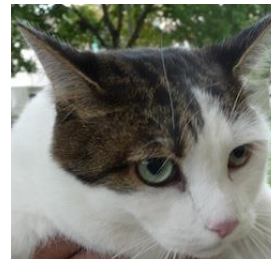


Contribute to the Newsletter

Residents are encouraged to make submissions to the Newsletter: **ideas, articles, reports, reviews, recipes, artwork, movie reviews, drawings, brain teasers, trips to places people might be interested in reading about, you name it!**

Thank you to Cammy Lee Bostwick who gives us a food review every month.

Send your contribution or contact the Newsletter— drop a note at the office or to newsletter40homewood@gmail.com



Spotty Wisdom

This month Spotty says:

MEOW

Beware of the sky as it holds more than you can see.

JANUARY



Good Eats, Cheap Eats, Sweet Spots"

by Cammy Lee-
Bostwick

Happy 2018 Everyone!!

Greetings and Blessings to All!

I start this beautiful new year with an eatery not too far from home...that is a blessing in and of itself, especially in these bone-chilling temperatures!

We start 2018 with a bit of a reprieve from the heaviness of holiday eating and opt for some lighter fare, and perhaps healthier also: I take you to "Swirl Crepe" on Yonge Street just north of Grosvenor. This place is a sit down restaurant but because they serve crepes, it has a cafe feel to it.

On a recent afternoon, I had the Shrimp and Avocado crepe for \$11.98 - it has shrimp, avocado, baby spinach, julienned carrots, red peppers, shelled edamame, in a chilli Thai sauce, also with wasabi tofu sauce. Let me first say, when it arrived it was visually stunning (see pic) and a bit awkward to eat. The crepe comes in a stand, wrapped in thin cardboard. I picked it up and thought it might be challenging but actually, only one drop of sauce fell on the table. The ingredients were impressive and extremely fresh. The shrimp was thick, plentiful and juicy. The ingredients may sound like a lot going on but the combination really works. The sauces take this crepe over the top. They

advertise that they use rice flour to make the crepes and honestly I did not detect a difference from a regular crepe. At first I thought this crepe was not enough for a meal, but then I realized that once I finished eating, I was satisfied, not full to the point of feeling bloated but it had been the right amount. Initially, I thought the price a bit much for one crepe, but if you look at it as a meal, and for me it was, then the price point is fair, given the high quality of ingredients.

The staff were incredibly friendly and warm, letting us know that during the week in the afternoons, they have specials. The selections are quite extensive so take your time perusing. The most popular crepes have a gold crown — and that is always a good place to start. The Shrimp and Avocado has one. And it did not disappoint!

Something fresh, healthy, and satisfying to start a new year with. I can't think of a better way to begin 2018!

So all of the very best for a healthy, happy, peaceful, and prosperous new year and always!





Canada Post Cabinet in the Back Door Lobby

One of our residents was speaking with the postal worker who delivers our mail and was told that we can post outgoing mail there. It goes in the slot where you return the key. He says he checks it every day.

Calling All Artists: Brushes & Cocktails Had a Great Start So We are BACK for 2018

Brushes & Cocktails a paint night program for all Homewood Residents and friends will be back starting January 10th 2018 at \$25.00 a night or 6 nights for \$20.00 each if you sign up for all the events by January 10th.

All materials are included. So come be creative with cocktails and friends. December 15th Dare to Get Dirty Charcoal Nude Night was a chilly but great event. It started out a little chilly, the thermostat was broken that night, so we did our best at keeping warm. The results were great! Our budding artists

really out did themselves.



I want to thank everyone who has attended the paint nights in 2017. It has been wonderful getting to know our neighbours while sharing a lot of fun and creativity along with wine of course. Brushes & Cocktails 2018 promises to be another exciting series of paintings, with a few more abstracts in the mix.

To participate you must e-mail
Donna Y at
2brushesandcocktails@gmail.com
no later than 2 days before
the scheduled paint night on
January 10th to make sure you
have a reserved spot and
supplies will be waiting for you.
Payment can be done at the
rec room at 7:00 pm. We begin
painting at 7:30-9:30. We hope
to
see you there.

**Happy New Year from the
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