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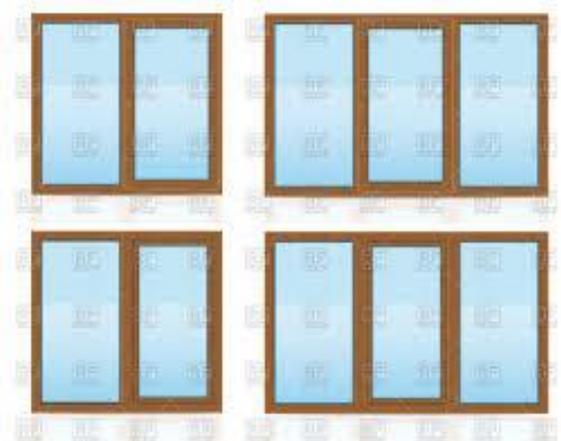
Community Newsletter

August, 2018



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closed on Monday, August 6th, 2018**



It's coming to a "close". Kudos to all of us for all the inconvenience we all experienced over the last two years. **GOOD JOB.**



Good Eats, Cheap Eats, Sweet Spots"

by Cammy Lee-Bostwick

Happy Summer 40 Homewood!!

Oh, and what a summer we're having!

Sunny days and warm temperatures mean the season of BBQ is fully upon us...

So as promised, this month I continue the theme of burgers, that is, the "Beyond Meat" burger at A & W (\$6.99). It comes with red onion, slice tomato, pickles, ice berg lettuce, and mayo on a sesame seed bun. First off, it is a pretty "high" burger (see pic). Already this burger is a cut above what you get at most other fast food joints. It looks like a regular beef patty...but many veggie burgers do. It is the taste that I'll be looking for.

As soon as I bite into the burger I get that BBQ char taste that is summer! How exciting! The texture is very meat like, and if I didn't know any better I'd be fooled. But having said that, I need to qualify somewhat. The toppings (tart pickles, tangy mayo, and red onion) sort of dominate. Apart from a char taste I don't detect the "Beyond Meat" patty. However, that is pretty much the same with a real burger too. It is the texture that gets top points here, for how many veggie burgers have I had that fall apart? This burger is like the real thing.

I just hope it isn't a limited time sort of offering. At just under \$7 it makes for a quick light snack!



An advertisement for the Oasis Bin, a green recycling bin. The bin is shown in a room with a list of items that can be donated. The text reads: "Donate used clothing any day." The list includes: Shoes, Boots, Silverware, Stuffed Animals, CD's, DVD's, Videos & Tapes.

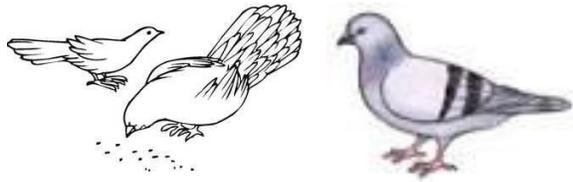
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- Stuffed Animals
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Donate used clothing any day.

I guess by now, many of you have noticed the Oasis Bin at the back of the building. It is at the end of the shed.

As you can see from the photo above, it takes many more things than clothing. It is so handy to dispose of things right away





Pigeons Nesting on the Balcony

According to the Toronto Wildlife Centre:

Pigeons have been living alongside humans for thousands of years, and have adapted their lifestyle to urban living very successfully. In their natural habitat, they would nest on the sides of tall rocky cliffs. Balconies and ledges on apartment buildings are very similar, so pigeons often choose to nest in these familiar places.

What to do if pigeons are nesting on the balcony

Be patient with a family of pigeons

If the babies have already hatched, really the only thing you *can* do is wait for them to grow up and fly away. Don't worry — baby pigeons grow up very quickly! The time between when they hatch from the egg to when they fly away from their nest is usually less than 4 weeks. Once they leave, the babies don't come back to the nest again.

The parents may try to start another nest in the same spot, even before the first babies have grown up and flown off.

Read on to find out how to keep them from nesting on your balcony in the future.

Can't I just move the nest?

No. Pigeons are very location-specific when it comes to their nest site. Moving the nest over even a few feet — say to a neighbouring balcony — can cause the parents to abandon the nest.

Baby pigeons **NEED** their parents — they cannot survive without them. Their parents feed them, keep them warm, and even after they've left the nest mom and dad show them how to fly, escape from predators, and integrate with the flock.

If you take the babies off of your balcony and move them, even if it's to a "nice" spot like the local park, they will die. The best thing to do is to let the parents raise this one set of babies. It will take less than a month, they grow up so fast. Once the babies have flown away, you can prevent the pigeons from nesting again in the future.

Keep things tidy

Clean up or put away any things you might be storing on your balcony that are providing shelter or hiding spots for the pigeons to nest. Sweep away any feces or nesting material. It's fine to do this cleaning while the babies are still on the balcony, just stay away from the exact spot the nest is in.

Remember, the parent pigeons may lay a new set of eggs before the first babies are grown up and gone. You will have to be diligent and go outside every day to sweep away any fresh nesting

material. Eventually, the pigeons will get the message that your balcony is not a good place to nest, and they'll go elsewhere.

What if they lay another set of eggs?

If they do lay a new set of eggs, provided you know that they were laid less than a week ago, it's fine to dispose of them. We recommend taking them to the local park and hiding them under a bush – that way they can go back to being a part of nature.

If there is a new set of eggs and you're not sure when they were laid, or you know they're over two weeks old, we recommend leaving them be and letting the parents raise that brood. Pigeons usually incubate their eggs for about 3 weeks, and then the babies take about 4 weeks to grow up after hatching.

How to keep pigeons from nesting in the future

There are a few different things you can try to make your balcony less attractive to pigeons looking for a place to nest. Remember to wait until AFTER the babies have grown up and flown away before implementing any of these measures. You don't want to separate the babies from their parents – they will die without their mom and dad.

Keep things uncluttered

Keeping things tidy and uncluttered is the first step. Pigeons like to choose a sheltered nest spot, so they like furniture and storage items to hide behind. Going out every day and sweeping off any new nesting material is the best thing you can do to prevent pigeon

nests. Even just your presence out on the balcony will be enough to discourage many pigeons from nesting. We usually find that nests are made when no one is using the balcony, either early in the season or when the occupants have been out of town for a while.

Scare the pigeons away from the balcony

The best thing to scare pigeons away from a balcony is frequent human presence. We usually find that nests are made when no one is using the balcony, either early in the season or when the occupants have been out of town for a while.

You can also use visual deterrents to keep pigeons away from your balcony, although it is important to make sure that they are secured and not making a lot of noise that will disturb your neighbours.

And no, those plastic owls don't really work. At least not for pigeons.

Be careful with pigeon netting

Completely netting in a balcony or ledge can be a very effective way of keeping pigeons from nesting or roosting in that spot. However, pigeon netting **MUST** be professionally installed and regularly maintained! When pigeon netting gets loose and floppy, it becomes a danger to pigeons, hawks, sparrows, and any other birds that might fly into it and get tangled up. It is also important to wait until any active nests are finished and all babies have flown away before installing pigeon netting. If the babies are

separated from their parents, they will die.

Please be mindful at all times of pigeons and if you are out of town, have someone regularly check on your balcony to ensure they are not nesting.

In our rules, which are available in the office on our website, Rule 7.4 states:

“Residents shall not feed pigeons, squirrels or other undomesticated animals anywhere on the property”

If you are interested in having pigeon netting installed, please contact the office for an approved contractor/supplier. Netting is installed at the expense of the unit owner. There are anecdotal reports of things like cayenne pepper and tobasco sauce being useful deterrents, and the internet is rife with articles about this subject.

We would like all residents to be mindful that pigeon droppings are fairly noxious and can cause respiratory problems for some people, so we need to work together as a community to minimize the problems that pigeons, and pigeon droppings, present.

As always, we thank you for your continuing cooperation.



Up for Grabs!!



During the last 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 Lisa at 📞 416-821-3563

For Lexiphiles (those who love words)

1. A bicycle can't stand alone because it is two-tired.
2. What's the definition of a will? (It's a dead giveaway)
3. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
4. A backward poet writes inverse.
- 5 In democracy, it's your vote that counts. In feudalism, it's your count that votes.
6. A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
7. A lot of money is tainted. 'Taint yours and taint mine'
8. If you don't pay your exorcist, you get repossessed.

9. With her marriage she got a new name and a dress.
10. Show me a piano falling down a mine shaft and I'll show A-flat minor.
11. When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.
12. The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.
13. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
14. You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budget.
15. Local Area Network in Australia: the LAN down under.
16. He often broke into song because he couldn't find the key.
17. Every calendar's days are numbered.
18. A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.
19. He had a photographic memory which was never developed.
20. The fortune teller who escaped prison was a small medium at large.
21. Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.
22. When you've seen one shopping centre you've seen a mall.
23. Those who jump off a Paris bridge are in Seine.
24. When an actress saw her first strands of grey hair she thought she'd dye.
25. Bakers trade recipes on a knead to know basis.
26. Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.
27. Acupuncture is a jab well done.

Neighbourhood Notes

by Charles Marker

New mural

Most residents will have seen the new mural on the Parkside (student

dormitory) at the southwest corner of Jarvis and Carlton. The final is somewhat different from the plan earlier presented. Lift your eyes and take a look!

City Councillor Kristin Wong-Tam had this to say in her Newsletter: "Ward 27 is pleased to welcome PATCH's new mural for Parkside Student Residence. The project is entitled 'Equilibrium' and is the work of renowned street artist, OKUDA, of Spain....The PATCH project is a social enterprise that works with local artists and designers to create public art projects in the City."

140 Carlton work

The huge (and noisy and dirty) construction next door to us on the south is 140 Carlton having to totally remake their underground parking garage. It was discovered to be in dangerous shape. The project has been four years so far and it's hoped that it will be done in one more year, according to the building manager.

Meanwhile, the east face of that apartment building has patches where the bricks appear to be painted over. It is not paint; it's sealant. There were leaks. So far, it's experimental to see if this will solve the problems and no decision has been made about covering that entire east face.

Adina's Photo & Frame: Good neighbor

Adina moved her business onto Homewood (#2, at the side of the Greendale Drugs) in 2017 after a long time on Grosvenor Street. Adina says that when she was new on Homewood, each morning she would find a variety of litter (needles, wastepaper, bottles,

etc.) around her place. Sometimes there were still people there who had been working or drinking all night. Every day, Adina cleaned up the litter and now, there is no longer "litter to attract litter," and the corner looks much tidier, thanks to her!

Celebrity Place

This is the name for the round towers behind us on Maitland Place. They, too, are replacing their windows. Unlike us, it seems that their reserve fund was not robust enough to cover the expense, and assessments have been made for all units.

L'Esprit

This is the name of the condo corporation which comprises 15 Maitland Place (the tower), 60 Homewood (the low-level units just north of us) and the three houses on the corner of Homewood and Maitland Place. As we can see, their underground garage roof is being replaced. It's a \$5,000,000 job, paid by reserve funds and scheduled to be finished in 2019.

After that, they will also be needing to replace windows.

Cabbagetown Neighbourhood Review

Especially for those who venture east

from Homewood, the Cabbagetown Neighbourhood Review is an interesting weekly newsletter of things going on, developments, businesses, etc.

It comes via email each Thursday from <https://cabbagetownreview.blogspot.com>

One feature some of us like: the weekly soups made and delivered by Cyril who ran the Merryberry restaurant on Parliament for seven years.

Allan Gardens benches

The city councillor's office reports that the dearth of benches in Allan Gardens compared to previous times is a "crisis" response to the fact that there was so much use of the benches by individuals indulging in "undesirable" behaviours. That fact discouraged people not indulging in such behaviours from using the park. The lack of benches further discourages them, of course. Will the crisis response become permanent?

Newsletter Committee



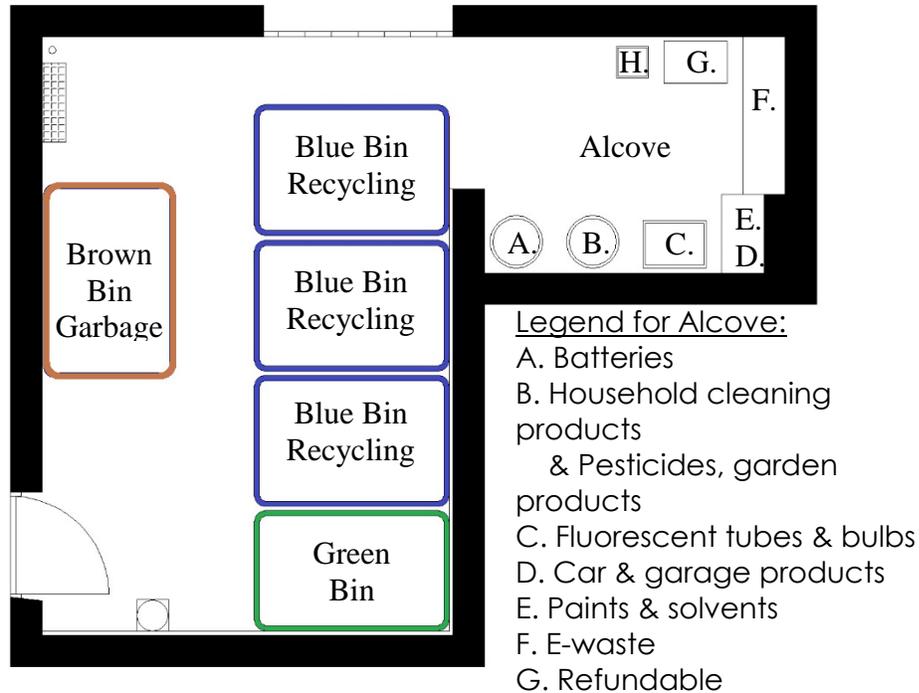
Is there anyone out there who would like to join the Newsletter Committee?

We need some more people on the committee

and of course, residents are encouraged to submit articles at any time i.e. ideas, articles, reports, recipes, artwork, drawings, Movie reviews, interesting trips, cute pets, jokes, lists of events going on in the City. You name it!

I will not accept—as usual—anything defamatory, insulting, ideological rather than factual, irrelevant to 40 Homewood and its residents, board or management

REVISED SET UP OF THE RECYCLING ROOM – AUGUST 2018



The green committee has proposed the above layout to prevent garbage falling into blue bins or vice versa. This is an especially noticeable problem on weekends when an extra blue bin is placed in our building's recycling room.

The new layout will be implemented in mid-August so please watch for the new location of the brown (garbage) bin to ensure you place garbage in the brown bin and recycling in the blue bins. Compost will continue to remain in its present location. We would kindly request residents to refrain from using the brown bin (garbage) but rather use the garbage chutes on each floor for bags of garbage. The chutes allow for garbage to be compacted thereby costing us less to haul away. This brown bin in the recycling room should only be used for larger items that would otherwise clog or damage the chute or for use by residents located on the first floor who do not have access to the chute for their garbage.

We would also like to point out that **wine, beer, and liquor bottles and cans** should be placed in **area G** rather than in the blue bins. Placing these items in the blue bins results in them being destroyed and recycled whereas placing them in area G would allow them to be brought back to the Beer Store where they will be recycled properly (e.g. washed) for reuse. Proper disposal of these items saves having to remanufacture bottles which can be reused about 10 times.

you and your friends are invited to...

THE 40 HOMEWOOD
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 18th
5pm to 9pm

Dinner served from 6:00 TO 7:30
in the Recreation Room and on the Patio

Tickets: \$15.00

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Caesar salad with
homemade dressing

Pasta Salad
with vegetables

Tomato platter
with pesto

Broccoli slaw

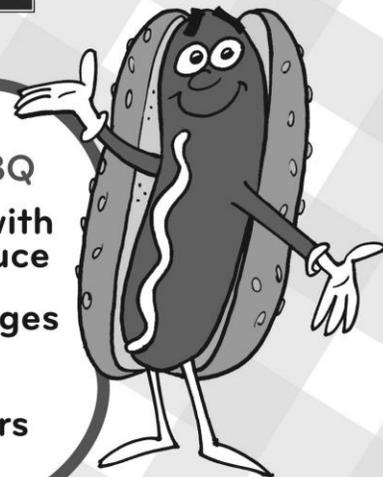
FROM THE BBQ

BBQ Chicken with
house BBQ sauce

Debrizini sausages

Burgers

Veggie Burgers



Wine available by donation

• sorry, no outside liquor permitted at this event •

This is an article from a newsletter of Megann Wilson, Councillor for Ward 23. It appeared in this Newsletter's Gmail in box and is very timely.

Megann Willson Campaign for City Council, Ward 23

Dear Friend,

News continues to develop around the latest move by the Ford Government. We now know that our Mayor was aware of what was coming, and that the plan, if it can be called that, was structured to ensure his campaign deadline remained unchanged. You also know that I have repeatedly fought for open, fair and transparent consultation with residents in our community. I stand by that principle. Nothing here was open, fair, or transparent.

I said this earlier today, and I will repeat it for good measure:

A small council will leave Regent Park with less representation, not more.

A small council will leave St James Town with less representation, not more.

A small council will leave Cabbagetown with less representation, not more.

A small council will leave every resident in our great city with less representation, not more.

I have worked through a number of significant mergers and business upsets in my career. This is no different. For the moment, this plan has been untested in the legislature. That means we are operating under the existing election rules until that changes. At the end of this process, I may be running in Ward 23...or our boundaries may be totally changed. That would double the efforts, resources, and expenditures needed. It favours incumbents even more, and moreover, makes it virtually impossible for grassroots candidates without party connections to win. So we have work to do.

There are rallies being held. I will instead be taking the time with family to talk about various options. In the morning I will meet with some of my team to do the same. Then, we will begin our work again, and I will be calling on each and every one of you to help.

One bright light out of today: although we already had two strong women running for Mayor, a formidable opponent, Jennifer Keesmaat, has emerged this afternoon. Jennifer, you may know, is our former Chief Planner. She is an

urbanist, in favour of transit, active transportation, affordable housing, and people. This gives me hope. Do expect to see me and my team at your doors again over the weekend.

This morning an idea was floated that perhaps Toronto should form, in essence, a City-State. It may have been tongue-in-cheek, but it is definitely something on which I would welcome your thoughts in the days ahead.

Hope continues to emerge,

Megann



Green Committee Recycling Survey

The Results are in: We're Above Average!

When we first signed up for the project with the Toronto Environmental Alliance (TEA), they performed a garbage audit. Here is a high-level summary of the findings.

- 40 Homewood has above-average access to waste services - with on-site collection of hazardous waste, batteries,

electronic waste, clothing and household goods donation bins and other special collection events.

- Above average waste diversion rate – Right now, we are sending just over 50% of our building's waste to landfill, and 50% is diverted from landfill for recycling and composting. This is above the average for high-rise buildings in Toronto - good work!
- However, we could be doing better by diverting even more from the garbage: of all the material we are putting in the garbage bin, **48% is organic waste** (food, tissues, etc.) that belong in the green bin, and **21% is recyclables** that belong in the blue bin.
- If we get all organics and recyclables out of the garbage, we're also helping conserve energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by approximately 75 tonnes of carbon -- equal to taking 16 cars off the road for a year!

Thanks to so many of you who participated in the Waste & Recycling

survey last month. We received answers from 25% of the units in the building (119 surveys), which provides a snapshot of opinions and attitudes.

Here are some highlights from the survey:

- Less than half of the those who took the survey say they *always* recycle (51). TEA asked why people sometimes don't recycle and the most common answer was 'Don't know what to put in the recycling bin'.
- Based on the responses, we will be increasing our efforts to educate residents about what to recycle. To be fair, it is complicated, and it changes frequently.
- 85% of respondents strongly, or mostly agree, that recycling and composting "saves our building money".
- Yes, we couldn't agree more! We pay for garbage (and bulk item) removal, but recycling and organics are free. The more garbage we divert, the less we pay to have it taken away.

We'll be combining results from the garbage audit, survey, and daily garbage logs to come up with some new strategies for the coming year. Stay tuned!

Welcome to our new Green Agent: Arlene

Arlene generously offered to keep our bulletin board updated. The messaging is cleverly disguised in Arlene's eye-catching and creative displays. Take a look next time you check your mail.

If you'd like to volunteer with the Green Committee, please send an email us at: 40hgreencommittee@gmail.com

You can volunteer even if you don't attend meetings. Extra hands are always appreciated at our events, or to help with some small tasks once in a while.



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