

Spring Newsletter, 2008

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"A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT..."

By the time you receive this, you will all know as much as I do, about your Board's plans for the budget and for the balcony project! This is because I am writing in mid-March and you will be reading it just before the budget and owner's information meeting scheduled for April 17th, 2008.

As I write, I am also preparing a letter that will explain in some detail the rescheduled balcony project. By the time you read this, you will know that most of us will be able to use and enjoy our balconies during the warmer weather in the coming spring and summer months. When the snow-banks are gone (and maybe before?) you can enjoy shopping the local garden centres for your favourite plants to decorate your personal equivalent of front and backyards.

By now, you will have received from our Treasurer Bob Howell the budget letter and summary, which this year proposes an 8% increase in our monthly common expenses. With this increase we will be able to absorb our constantly rising operating, maintenance and repair costs. At the same time, we can add to our reserve fund in anticipation of further major projects.

All these matters will be discussed in all necessary detail at the April 17th meeting. I look forward to seeing you all there!"

Bill Henderson, President

MARK THIS DATE



BUDGET AND OWNERS' INFORMATION MEETING THURSDAY APRIL 17TH 2008

Information about balcony upgrades will be discussed.

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7:00 p.m.

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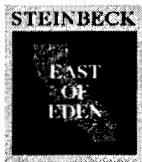
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CHANGE IN PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Brookfield has made a change in our Property Manager. Mr. Isan Murat will Be joining us on April 21st. Isan will be attending our April 17th Information Meeting so please take a few moments to introduce yourselves and welcome him to our community.

BOOK CLUB



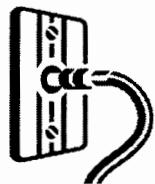
The Book Club meets on the third Monday of every month in the party room. For our February meeting, we chose two books because they were a "quick read". They were 'The Four Agreements, by Don Miguel Ruiz and 'Tuesdays with Morrie' by Mitch Albom. These books evoked more discussion than past titles because they dealt with self-growth and death, but from a positive point of view. Both titles touched us and caused us to reflect on our lives. Definitely a must read for all.

We will be discussing the titles listed below in the next few months.

April 21st – The Glass Castle, Jeannette Walls
May 19th – East of Eden, John Steinbeck
June 16th - West with the Night, Beryl Markham.

Everyone is welcome to join us.

THE CABLE GUY WAS HERE



Last February, residents in the 03 and 04 suites experienced interruption of their television reception. During repair work, the Rogers technician said that the problem was probably caused by someone 'mishandling' the digital cable terminal attached to their television.

If you experience difficulty with your cable please, please call Rogers Technical Support, 1-800-738-7891 first. Do not try to fix the problem. This could result in a service fee to you and an inconvenience to your neighbours.

There was no service charge for the February call, but the Rogers tech was trying to locate the suite that caused the problem.

MISDIRECTED MALES OOPS MAIL!



If you receive an envelope, or other piece of mail, in your box that belongs to someone else in our building, please leave it on the shelf beside the Management Office or as an random act of kindness deliver it to their suite. Do not throw it in the bin without knowing if the addressee still lives here in another suite.

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THE JOY OF VOLUNTEERING

 Why volunteer? Helping others changes the one who offers and the one who receives the assistance. Books on the subject such as 'My Heart & Hands' (Betty Steel), 'The Doer of Good Becomes Good' (Ronald Poplau), and 'The Kindness of Strangers' (Marc Freedman) suggest that while the receiver gets the needed support, the giver's life is also enriched.

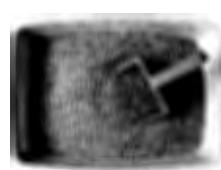
The Ontario Government recognizes that volunteers are a crucial part of our social infrastructure. Without the 400 million volunteer hours (year 2000) they provide, there would be huge gaps in community programs and services. Secondary school students are required to volunteer for a minimum of 40 hours in order to graduate. This is a good policy for the future of volunteerism and a learning experience as well. A growing number of elderly require support in their daily living activities. At 50 Quebec, we know that many residents keep an eye out for the seniors

in the building who are in need of periodic assistance.

Check the yellow pages of the small neighbourhood High Park telephone directory. There are over 50 organizations listed under Social Services, which would be happy to have an extra pair of helping hands. The Volunteer Centre of Toronto at 344 Bloor St. West, Suite 207 can be contacted at 416-961-6888.

PUT A SMILE ON THE SUPERS' FACES

Please, please, please! When you are disposing of kitty litter, please double or even triple bag it before tossing it down the chute. When bags containing kitty litter burst, they cause no end of grief for the Supers and can also damage the machinery in the compactor room.



VANDALISM = ZERO TOLERANCE



If you see any vandalism in the building—in the garage, stairwells or outside—please report it to the Management Office immediately. It is very important that the Management Office, and in some cases, the police are aware of it.

KEEPING THE BUGS AT BAY



It is essential that before glass bottles and tin cans are placed in the garbage chute rooms that they are thoroughly washed. Failure to do so will cause odours and attract bugs such as cockroaches — a situation we all want to avoid. Let's keep the exterminators away!



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APRIL SHOWERS

Please visit the library to see an artist's concept of our new landscaping for the front of the building. The design has been approved by the Board and we are all looking forward to see what "pops up" this spring.

Landscape Committee



A FLYING CARPET RIDE



Question: does anybody have any information about the framed carpet that hangs in the entrance to the building? If you know anything about the rug, its origins or background, please call the Management Office and we will share any information gathered in our next Newsletter.

THE REVIEW CINEMA A LITTLE BIT OF HOLLYWOOD NORTH RIGHT ON RONCESVALLES



The Review Cinema has re-opened on Roncesvalles south of Bloor. There will be more information on this neighbourhood gem in our next Newsletter. In the meantime, you can check out what's playing at: <http://revuecinema.ca/>

THE PARKDALE – HIGH PARK CARBON CHALLENGE

WHAT IS YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT?



For a greener, cleaner tomorrow, and to save money at the same time, Gerard Kennedy invites you to take part in the Household Carbon Budget. The purpose of this is to estimate the amount of your carbon footprint and where you can cut back with a few easy measures. The best part is that you can save money for yourself and for our YCC 323 (50 Quebec) building too.

To find out more contact:

www.gerardkennedy.ca and look for a link to carbonbudget.ca

**TAKE YOUR DISPOSABLE ELECTRONICS
AND CLOTHES TO HIGH PARK ON
ENVIRONMENT DAY – APRIL 20TH.**



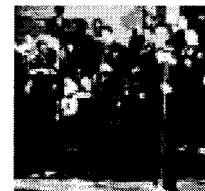
THE BOOGIE WOOGIE BUGLE BOY MAY HAVE DANCED HERE!

Palais Royale. The name of this classic ballroom evokes visions of dancing to romantic music in a beautiful setting. Opened in 1922 to coincide with the launch of the Sunnyside Amusement Park, it became Toronto's hot spot where big bands, including Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Benny Goodman and the Dorsey Brothers jammed. In the 1930's crowds of 1000 danced six nights a week and enjoyed an admission fee of ten cents, plus five cents a dance. The strongest drinks available were coke and ginger ale.

Sunnyside Amusement Park was demolished in 1955 to make way for the Gardiner Expressway and an expanded Lakeshore Blvd. The popularity of Palais Royale slowly declined, and the building deteriorated.

The City of Toronto declared it an historic site in 1974. However, it was not until the city negotiated a long-term lease with Pegasus Group in 2005, that restoration of the building was begun, and when it was completed, surpassed its original splendor.

The Palais Royale re-opened its doors in June 2007 and today is alive with dances, concerts, dinners and private events. It is located on 1601 Lakeshore Blvd. 416-533-3553.



VILLAGE PLAYERS BROADWAY IN BLOOR WEST VILLAGE



Back in 1974, a handful of very talented people who had an interest in theatre, decided to stage a live play. Their first home was the Wedgewood Restaurant at Jane and Bloor. They had such a great response that they decided to produce another play, and another and another. and as they say, the rest is history.

The Village Players, a non-profit community theatre became a reality. The only person that gets paid is the cleaner. They finally found a great location at 2190 Bloor St. West (just east of Runnymede) and with a lot of volunteers and a few gallons of paint and a lot of hard work

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VILLAGE PLAYERS

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transformed the premises to an acceptable theatre.

The Village Players have produced such great plays as Arsenic and Old Lace and Sweeny Todd. These are the only 2 plays that were repeated for their 25th anniversary. I have always been impressed by the talent that their volunteers bring forth and in many cases, set the stage, act in the play, produce it or direct it. Earlier this year they held a silent auction which raised \$2,500. This will help to pay their rent.

After a great response from area residents last season Solar Stage Children Theatre (SSCT) came back this season. There are 2 shows left: "Sing and Dance" with Jack Grunsky in April and "Rapunzel" at the end of May. Join in at the last Thursday of every Performance for "Talk Back Thursday". The questions are endless.

"Relatively Speaking" by Alan Ayckbourn, the last play for this season runs from April 25 – May 17th. They offer great low price (season subscription is available) and the theatre is within walking distance. For more information you can call: 416-767-7702 or go to: www.villageplayers.net



TAKE A HIKE

Has anyone ever suggested that you do that? Well here's your chance to comply and enjoy the experience at the same time.

The LCBO has produced a nifty, colourful brochure with details on Ontario locations, both near and far. The brochure also includes websites. The brochure GreenBelt Walks illustrates walking trails including the Bruce Trail, the Oak Ridges Moraine, the Trans Canada Trail, plus historic and cultural locations. The area covered is from Niagara-on-the Lake, to Tobermory, to Peterborough. Copies are available in the Management Office, and in the Library (meeting room).

MARK THESE DATES



TENNIS COURTS - open now, weather permitting.

SWIMMING POOL – to be announced.

*Look for the summer edition of Viewpoint 50 in July 2008.
If you have any ideas or suggestions please leave in the Management Office attention: Terry Graham*