

# HOTT WIRE




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Resident Newsletter

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## This edition features:

Household Tips  
General updates  
Reminders

... and so much more!



Did you know? The first Japanese Somei-Yoshino Cherry Tree was planted here [Toronto] in 1959 and it was a present from the citizens of Tokyo. (Source: [www.highparktoronto.com](http://www.highparktoronto.com)).

Be sure to check them out while they're still in full bloom!

## GARDENING

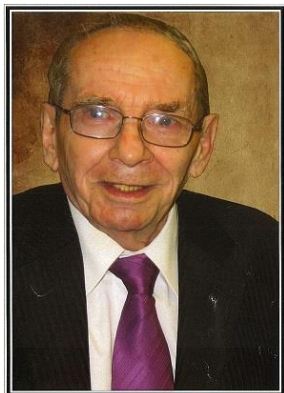
It's that time of year again! If you are interested in gardening at your property, or in helping us with some basic curb appeal, please let us know! We're gearing up for another HOTT season and would love to hear your ideas.

Sign up sheets for rooftop gardening plots (if available) are now in process.

### Houses Opening Today Toronto Inc.'s Position on Discrimination.

Houses Opening Today Toronto Inc. (HOTT) is committed to creating and maintaining a positive and professional environment that respects the dignity, self-worth and human rights of every individual, and is free from any form of discrimination or harassment.

*Members of the HOTT community have recently passed away. We honour their memory and we celebrate their lives.*



Jim (James) Lathem



Lizelda Cantabrana Ayon

## RGI Annual Income Reviews

Thank you to those who submitted the Household Income and Assets Review Form with all supporting documents on time.

Please be reminded that all persons in the household 16 years and older must complete an individual form annually. Don't forget, your household must report any changes to gross income within 30 days in order for your rent to be adjusted accordingly. Any false or incomplete information could result in your loss of subsidy! So, let's keep the office updated with any changes as soon as they occur.

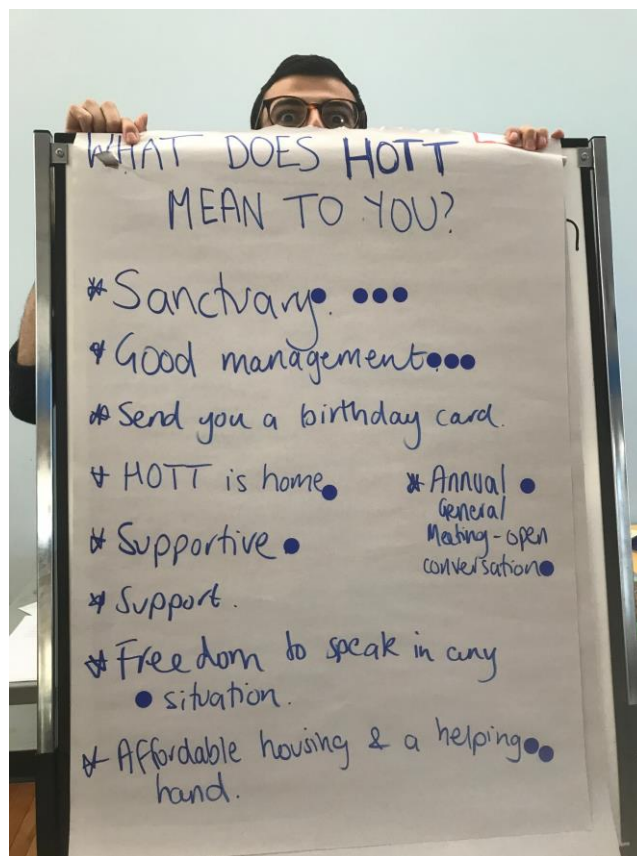


**Pet tip:** If your cat or dog has horrible breath, try adding some fresh chopped parsley to his/her food. It counteracts the bad breath smell, so you can cuddle closer. Also, don't forget to poop and scoop!

## Up to the minute

### Tenant Town Hall

Thank you to those who attended this year's Tenant Town Hall on May 14, 2018. Your feedback is appreciated and will have an impact on HOTT's planning moving forward.



### Tenant Relations Committee

The Tenant Relations Committee is looking for tenants to get involved. If you are interested, or would like more information on becoming a Tenant Relations Committee Member, please speak with one of the office HOTT staff members.



Please remember to call in any maintenance related work orders to 416-369-0366 ext. 21.

A note regarding maintenance requests:

Some maintenance requests take priority over others. HOTT endeavors to respond to your work order responsibly and as soon as possible.

Soon you will see calling cards to let you know we visited your unit. Your feedback on this new initiative is welcomed.

## EMERGENCIES

Emergencies can be called in to the emergency pager at 416-753-3828. Floods, loss of heat in winter and after hours lockouts are some examples of emergencies.

Remember to call 911 for life threatening emergencies.

### Smoke in your unit

For residents in elevated apartment buildings, please only open your windows and balcony doors if you have some non-fire smoke in your unit. If you open your front door to the hallway, it will set off the building's central fire alarm system and Toronto Fire Services will automatically be called by the monitoring companies. HOTT is billed over \$1,100 for each false alarm by the City, which we are then permitted to pass on to the resident who caused the fire alarm!

## Reminders

### Appliances

Apartments are allowed one refrigerator and one stove. Written consent from the office must be given for the installation of any additional appliances; air conditioners, washers, dryers, freezers, dishwashers. If you have one of these appliances or would like to install one, please speak to office staff.

### Guests

Guests are welcome! However, if you are in a subsidized apartment, guests must be reported to the office after 30 days. Residents in shared housing may have one guest overnight once per week. You are responsible for your guest's behaviour.

### Fire Safety

We care about your safety! Items left in hallways and common spaces or hanging from your door are considered a Fire and Safety Hazard. You will receive a request to remove your item prior to it being removed. Management is not responsible for your items left unattended.

### Heating and A/C Update

**Heat:** the City of Toronto requires the heat be kept on until June 1, 2018.

**A/C:** If your building has A/C it will be turned on after June 1, 2018. If your building doesn't have central A/C and you wish to install an A/C unit, please contact the office for further details **before** installing.





*One day of practice is like one day of clean living. It doesn't do you any good.*

*- Abe Lemons*

## Spring cleaning

Spring is the time we all do a little extra cleaning and begin to clear out items we no longer use. Before throwing anything out, please consider donating items for others to use. Larger items can be dropped off at local donation shops. This will help cut down on garbage and also benefits others who can reuse some of your gently used items.

Don't forget to use the handy **waste wizard** tool on the City of Toronto's website if you are not sure about where an item goes. Simply type in 'waste wizard' in Google and you'll get the link, or call 311. You could also try downloading a free recycling app to help you dispose of those tricky items properly. Feel free to ask the office for help.

**Cleaning tip:** Sprinkle a little baking soda in your kitchen sink and scrub with a cloth or a scourer and a little hot water. It will shine, deodorize and save you money!

## Time to paint



Many residents have expressed their interest and capability to paint their own unit. HOTT can supply residents with paint and the necessary supplies beginning in June 2018.

Please note that HOTT will only provide its usual unit wall colour – Muslin. We will also provide white for the trim. For other colour preferences, please contact the office for further details.

If you're ready to paint, simply let us know!

This is Muslin