

# HOTT WIRE




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Resident Newsletter

## Contact:

Blantyre office:  
Monday to Friday 1-4pm

Jarvis office:   
Tues 10am-3pm &  
Thurs 2-7pm

HOTT office number:  
416-369-0366







Web page: [www.hott.ca](http://www.hott.ca)

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## This edition features:

-  General Updates
-  HOTT Summer BBQ
-  Staff Recipe Pick
-  Staffing update
-  Laundry Dos and Don'ts
-  + so much more



## Pet tip

Remember to secure your pet if you have a scheduled work order in your unit. Maintenance staff will not enter unless your pet is; behind a closed door, on a leash, in an animal crate or otherwise secured. We care about the safety of our staff, contractors AND your pet. Thanks!

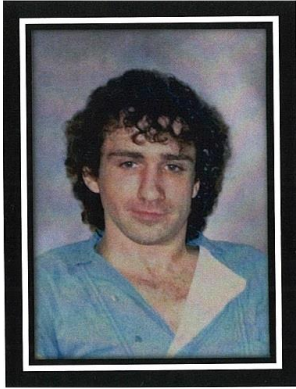
Best wishes for a wonderful, exciting and successful school year from all of us at HOTT!

FREE AGO tickets are available in the office. Quantities are limited. Please speak to an office staff person if you are interested.

## 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.*



**Paul McCallion**



**Kerry Romain**

### Cross Stitching Workshop

HOTT's summer placement student, Halyna, hosted a cross-stitch workshop on August 9, 2018 at our Jarvis street location. Residents who participated enjoyed a live demonstration and got a good start to their own pieces. We look forward to seeing the finished products. Thanks, Halyna!

#### A note from Michele:

When I first started with HOTT, it was in the 90s, then again for a few stints and once more in 2017.

I have been privy to meet some special people in my life and I count many of you in that group. Thank you for all your kindnesses, for making me feel welcome and for being part of my landscape while I worked at HOTT.

Before that, I had worked for three different Councilors over a span of 8 years and when it was all done, I thought my political life was over. Turns out I was wrong.

I have no idea what my future holds and while scary, is also exciting. If you see me out and about, say hi and we will greet each other like old friends.

## Up to the minute

### HOTT Summer BBQ

Residents, friends & HOTT staff gathered at Woodbine Beach Park once again to enjoy an afternoon of fun and good food. A little rain didn't keep us, or the sun, away!

### Staffing Update

There have been a few changes in recent months. Here's a quick recap:

Mohammed is HOTT's new Maintenance Coordinator.

Beatrice's contract with HOTT ended.

Michael is on leave.

Paul passed away surrounded by his loved ones.



Lara joined the HOTT team in July 2018 as an administrative assistant for a one-year contract.

Welcome, Lara!

Michele is no longer with HOTT and has moved on to a new role with the City of Toronto.

Halyna completed her practicum with HOTT.

**We are currently hiring more staff to join our team.**



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.

## 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.

Please do not misuse the emergency pager.

Remember to call 911 for life threatening emergencies.

### WHAT NOT TO DO!



### Help us, help you

The pictures above show common problems and potential hazards that need to be avoided. Please do your part in keeping common areas free of debris, chute rooms properly used and electrical work untampered with. Thanks!

## Good to know!

### Smoke in your unit?

We care about your safety! PLEASE NEVER tamper with the smoke & heat detectors that are either hardwired into the property or battery operated. If detectors are beeping, call 416-369-0366 x21 and leave a clear message with your property address and unit number. HOTT Staff will get back to you as soon as possible and deal with the issue.

**PLEASE BE AWARE, there is a \$50.00 HOTT charge for disconnecting a detector or disabling the fire system.**

Fire Safety is essential! Remember, it's both the landlord's and resident's responsibility to comply with the Fire Safety Code.

The penalties for violating the requirements under the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act (FPPA)* are:

**\$50,000 and/or 1 year in jail for an individual, and \$100,000 for a corporation**

### What do you think of HOTT's new Maintenance Cards?

We have been using them to confirm when we've been in your unit. Your feedback is welcome.



## Chickpea Mango Salad

- 1 can chickpeas (garbanzo beans) – drained and rinsed
- 1 yellow mango – peeled and cut into bite-sized pieces
- 1 handful of chopped fresh cilantro
- 1/3 of a red onion – cut into small pieces
- 1 handful roasted cashews
- Olive oil
- Sea salt & pepper to taste

### Preparation

Add the following ingredients into a medium sized bowl: chickpeas; mango; cilantro; onion & cashews. Mix together. Then, sprinkle olive oil onto the ingredients, and gently stir. Add salt and pepper to taste. Wait 30 minutes and then eat. Yum!

## Laundry room etiquette

Sharing laundry spaces shouldn't be stressful! Here are a few helpful Dos and Don'ts to keep in mind:

### DON'T

Leave your clothes in the washers or dryers after the cycle has finished

Throw other people's clothing onto the floor

Be greedy with machines. Always share.

Overload machines with items or use too much detergent

Leave clothing or laundry baskets in the middle of the floor in the way of others

Make someone else clean up after you

### DO

Be timely in removing clothes from washers and dryers

Give others 15-20 minutes of leeway after their cycle has finished before removing their clothes from the machine

Keep the laundry room neat and tidy

Clean up all spills and messes

**Empty the lint tray when done using the dryer**

Be respectful of other people's clothing

Rinse your clothes items if they are heavily soiled first – **before** – using machines

