

# HOTT WIRE WINTER EDITION



## MEET THE BOARD



**Meet HOTT's active volunteer Board of Directors who governs HOTT and oversee the organizations activities.**

**From L-R backrow: Christian, Colin, Katie, Michael, JJ and Rishab. Front row: Lisa (Executive Director), Stephanie and Tara (not in photo).**

### DID YOU KNOW

Did you know that you can make your own liquid drain cleaner using baking soda and vinegar? Well you can. These inexpensive natural products may take a little longer to work, however it works just as well for half of the price as store bought cleaners. Step 1) Pour half a box of baking soda down the drain. Step 2) Pour vinegar over the top of the baking soda to create foaming action. Allow the foam to settle for five minutes or for maximum effect allow the drain to sit unused for 30-60 mins. Step 3) Rinse with hot water to help clear the drain.



## WHAT'S UP

### **HOTT CIRCLE PROGRAM:**

Postponed until further notice. Please contact the office if you are interested in helping us run this program.

### **OFFICE HOURS:**

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Mon-Fri 1-4pm

Jarvis -Tues 10am-3pm  
-Thurs 2-7pm



**HOTT office number:**  
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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.

# UP TO THE MINUTE

## WE'RE READY!

HOTT hosts topical workshops from time to time. Recently, after receiving feedback from tenants, HOTT staff developed an educational workshop on recycling, garbage, green bin and household hazardous waste. On January 30, 2018, HOTT staff hosted the last of 3 educational workshops at Jarvis and we are happy to say it was a success! We had hoped for better attendance at the first two workshops. Thank you to those who participated.



Join us for the next workshop! Keep an eye out for your invitation. Invitations may be done by letters, knocking on doors, phone calls and personal visits.

## 2017 Christmas Gathering

Thank you to those who attended HOTT's Annual Christmas celebration and helped make it a success. It's nice to have the HOTT community join together for an enjoyable evening.



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

Hope to see you at our upcoming meetings!



# HOTT CIRCLE



We have had some success with the HOTT Circle gatherings, and we have also learned what hasn't worked with this new venture. We are very much aware that organizing and hosting social activities is outside of our regular property management and support work. Based on initial suggestions from tenants, we experimented with activities such as movies, board games, outside games, bingo and meal making, which have all been well received. Please contact us if you are interested in helping to organize social activities in the near future.



## Just A Little Reminder

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

**Emergencies can be called in to the emergency pager at 416-753-3828. If it is health-related, or involves a life and death situation, IT IS AN EMERGENCY and you need to call 911.**

**Please call the office if you haven't received the handy maintenance and emergency contact magnet for your refrigerator. Thanks.**

## Tenant Town Hall

**Mark your calendar – the annual Tenant Town Hall meeting will be held on May 14, 2018 at the Ralph Thornton Community Centre. Signs will be posted in your property closer to the date with further details.**

**Please speak with an office staff person if you have any questions about this meeting or to confirm your attendance.**

**Food will be provided and tokens made available.**

*"Coming Together Is A Beginning. Keeping Together Is A Progress. Working Together Is Success."*



Check out the talent coming out of HOTT from all directions.

← Cathy is sharing another one of her paintings named "Beautiful Tree".

Bernard wrote this poem named "Undetected". →

Board Member Stephanie has shared with us with her homemade banana bread recipe. ↓

## UNDETECTED

We are all but spirits  
 Passing in the night  
 Here and there gone  
 Clear out of sight  
 Searching for what? Why?  
 Looking for the light.  
 You say where is the light to  
 accompany me, why  
 T'was spirits passed by  
 But you did not see.

By: Bernard



## BANANA BREAD RECIPE

### Ingredients

2 cups all-purpose flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder, 1 teaspoon baking soda, 1 teaspoon salt, 3 ripe mashed bananas, 1 teaspoon milk, 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon (or to taste), ½ cup soften butter, 1 cup white sugar, 2 eggs, 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips.

### Directions

1) Preheat oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C). 2) Grease a 9x5-inch loaf pan. 3) Mix flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt in a bowl. 4) Mix in bananas, milk, and cinnamon in another bowl. 5) Beat butter and sugar in a third bowl until light and fluffy then add eggs to butter mixture, one at a time, beating well after each addition. 6) Stir in banana mixture into butter mixture. 7) Then stir in dry mixture until blended. 8) Fold in chocolate chips until combined. 9) Pour batter into loaf pan and bake for 70 minutes. When cooking time is up, stick a toothpick in the center of the loaf. If the toothpick is clean that means your loaf is ready to cool off for 10 minutes before you cut into it.