



Bayview Village Association

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Newsletter

'It's better in Bayview Village'

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DOUG'S NOTES

We have a busy month ahead – so I'll get right to it and describe some of the highlights.

Municipal Election - Candidates Meeting

Thursday, October 21 from 7:30pm to 10pm

at Bayview Middle School, 25 Bunty Lane.

Bayview Village Association will again host the Candidates Meeting for the upcoming Municipal election. Candidates for Mayor, Councillor, and School Board Trustees have been invited. This is your opportunity to hear from those running and to ask your questions. It promises to be a lively session.



YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEES AT WORK!

Our BVA membership campaign will be starting soon. Your membership form will be delivered to you and we encourage all residents to renew as soon as possible. Your support helps to keep Bayview Village active and strong. And remember you can now renew online at our website www.bayviewvillage.org.

Also in the works for October is a Halloween celebration for all little GHOST AND GOBLINS – date and location to be announced soon.

Both the BVA Book Club (next meeting is Oct 18) and our Bridge Club are underway – check this newsletter for details and contact information.

Cheers, *Doug*

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MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION UPDATES – RE BURBANK DRIVE

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the construction in the area please direct your calls to Councillor David Shiner at 416-395-6413

Burbank Drive: Burbank has undergone what is considered, by the city, to be normal scheduled maintenance to re-surface the road. At the same time, the city has rebuilt the medians to do them properly. The work is complete. Bayview Village Association did not request this work to be done.

With resurfacing, the height of the medians are 50 mm give or take 6 mm (i.e., about 3 inches or less). It is possible to drive over them to get around parked or stalled vehicles. It is possible to pass bicycles – though, as always, drivers and bicyclists must be cautious. Contractor's have replaced/repared damaged sod and are watering it until it has rooted. After that time it is the home owner's responsibility to provide normal maintenance.

BROKEN OR NON-FUNCTIONING STREET LIGHTS

To report a street light being broken (light out, light is dim, light on during day, graffiti, etc) just go online at:

WWW.TORONTOHYDROENERGY.COM/STREET_FORM.ASP



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – BY RON CHOI

3 big items – please read carefully

CAR-HOPPING & HOW TO STOP IT: LOCK YOUR CAR DOOR

"Car-hopping" is where burglars check for unlocked vehicle doors and then snatch prized items. It occurs many times a day, every day in the GTA - most often in parking lots and driveways. And since it has been observed that 1 out of every 7 cars is left unlocked this crime could be dramatically reduced by simply locking your car doors.

Thieves focus on computer equipment, GPS units, satellite radios, wallets, sports equipment and anything else of value. Sometimes they use the garage opener to access garages and make off with bicycles and golf clubs.

ANYONE HOME?: To help keep would-be thieves away Toronto Police recommend leaving on outdoor lights – it gives the impression of someone being home – and makes streets and sidewalks safer for all.

ATTENTION: FACEBOOK USERS (BE COMPUTER SMART!!)

Anyone using Facebook (social website on the internet) should be aware that thieves have been monitoring accounts looking for people who post that they are going to be out of town – or away from their home for a period of time.

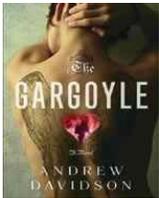
Parents take note: their students might innocently post about 'being away camping', 'going on a trip', or somehow indicating an absence. Have a talk with them about what can/can not be posted.

EVENTS -IN & AROUND BAYVIEW VILLAGE:

BAYVIEW VILLAGE BRIDGE CLUB

2010 season starts in October.

New players welcome! Please call Lillian Rowley, 416-225-6140, or June McKey, 416-221-3160, for more information. Former players please call to confirm your return for another year.



BAYVIEW VILLAGE BOOK CLUB - MONDAY, OCTOBER 18 AT 8PM

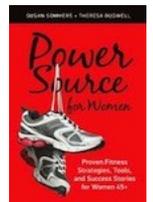
The next meeting of the Book Club will be Monday, October 18 at 8pm. We will be discussing 'The Gargoyle' by Andrew Davidson.

For our November 22 meeting at 8 pm we have chosen: 'The Colony of Unrequited Dreams' by Wayne Johnston. Some other books on the list for next year include: 'The Help' by Catherine Stockett; 'The Bishop's Man' by Linden McIntyre and 'The Eyre Affair' by Jasper Fforde. If you have any questions (or for location) please contact Jane at jrobertson@rogers.com or 416-226-1390

THURSDAY OCTOBER 7 FROM 7 TO 8 PM: Book Signing: Power Source for Women

Congratulations to Bayview Village resident Theresa Dugwell who has just published *Power Source for Women*. This book is designed to help women get in touch with their current fitness level — with over 70 strategies to motivate, start and maintain a long-term fitness plan. Theresa hopes to encourage women 45+ to achieve and sustain optimum health as they age.

Join Theresa at our local Chapters book store as she holds a book-signing event. Drop by and say hello – always nice to meet a neighbour.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16 10AM TO 12 NOON COMMUNITY PLANTING - IN THE RAVINE

Organized by our good friends - the East Don Parklands Partners: A Community Planting: Join us to continue enhancing the new wetland, south of Cummer Avenue. The event will include tree and shrub planting as well as general restoration and maintenance of the parkland. Enter the East Don Trail at Cummer Avenue, and look for signs to the site. Shovels and gloves will be provided. A note about the "East Don Parkland Partners": A local group of volunteers who work and fundraise each year and have had an enormous impact on our ravines – restoring growth and acting as stewards for the future – for our future.

THURSDAY. OCTOBER 21 MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES MEETING from 7:30 to 10pm at Bayview Middle School. Come and meet the candidates for Mayor, Councilors and School Board Trustees. Hosted by BVA.

Monday, October 25: Municipal Election – Vote for Mayor, Councillor, and School Board Trustee - The city will be sending information in the mail with details of where to vote and about advanced polls - www.toronto.ca/elections/ (don't forget to come to the BVA Municipal Candidates Meeting)

THURSDAY FARMERS MARKET AT Mel Lastman Square (west side of Yonge St at Empress/ParkHome)

Continuing every Thursday through until the end of October from 7 am – 2:30 pm Fresh fruits and vegetables, baked goods, honey – locally grown. Hosted by the North York Farmers' Market Association

LET YOUR INNER DESIGN SHINE: BVA GRAPHIC DESIGN CONTEST

Bayview Village Association is holding a contest to find a design for the cover of the 2011 BVA Membership Directory. All budding artists/designers are invited to participate. Your work should be appropriate for a cover approximately 8" X 5" (which will also need to contain the name of the directory which we will add) and the design theme is "Life in the Village".



The Winner will receive a \$100 Gift Certificate and their name and design will be on the front cover. All designs will be judged by the BVA Executive. Submissions can not be returned and must be received by November 15, 2010 – send via email: bayviewill@bayviewvillage.org or to:

BAYVIEW VILLAGE ASSOCIATION, BAYVIEW VILLAGE POSTAL OUTLET, P.O. BOX 91065, 2901 BAYVIEW AVENUE, TORONTO, ONTARIO, M2K 2Y6



History 101: Bayview Village - Looking "Down" On Toronto

Bayview Village residents really do look down on Toronto. By that I mean no disrespect– it is just that our city has a 200 metre (640 ft) elevation drop from Steeles Ave in the north to Lake Ontario. Over the last 10,000 years erosion has created a number of steep banked ravines along the city's waterways. Much of this is thanks to the several ice ages which blanketed North America.

The last ice age scraped the rocks in a north-north-east to south-south-east direction. At the end of it, all the waters in central Ontario (and the great lakes) drained to the east, toward the St Lawrence River. After the weight of the glaciers left this area, the land slowly began to rise. Which is why – we look "down" on the rest of the city.

Interested in learning more about The History of Bayview Village? Then order:

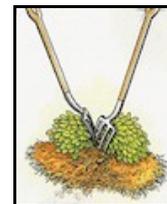
BAYVIEW VILLAGE: OUR HISTORY IN PRINT: FROM FARMLAND TO ONE OF CANADA'S MOST PICTURESQUE COMMUNITIES.

Enjoy the written history of Bayview Village and surrounding area from the earliest settlers to modern day times. Over 120 pages, with many pictures - available for just \$20 (tax included). Makes a great gift – holidays are coming! To order your copy contact: Bayview Village Association c/o Doug Webster, 7 Sutcliffe Drive, Toronto, ON M2K 2A5 or call: 416-221-5870 - or order when you renew your BVA membership. The book will also be available at the upcoming Municipal Candidates Meeting on Oct 21!



FROM MARY'S GARDEN:

Fall has arrived, and with it the opportunity to do some division of perennials, such as Day Lilies and Irises. It is important to split these overgrown plants and transplant them about six weeks before winter arrives. Now is also the time to plant spring bulbs, such as tulips, daffodils and narcissus. You can plant these up until the frost has come, sometimes even into the end of November. Your efforts will be appreciated in the spring when you are ready to see signs of life and colour after the winter.



There is still time to plant spring blooming perennials and shrubs. It is important to make sure that the roots have six weeks to establish themselves before freezing weather sets in. Make sure you water these new additions to your garden, so that they have adequate moisture to carry them into the winter.

By raking and shredding your leaves, you can create mulch which you can apply to protect perennials from harsh winter conditions while adding nutrients to the soil. Ensure that you cut roses back in the fall and mound them up with new soil or mulch to protect the root ball from frost and snow. Do not allow leaves to collect on your lawn, as they can promote rot and mould on the grass which can destroy the lawn you worked so hard to maintain. Applying a fall fertilizer to your grass can improve the root structure before winter comes.

Garden Tour 2011: We are already scouting out gardens for the BVA Garden Tour for 2011! If you are interested in participating (or have suggestions) please contact me at Mary at 416-229-0094 or viamede@rogers.com

Where In Bayview Village is This?

Wherever we go in the village we come upon scenes and settings that are either acts of mother nature or ones which residents have installed or worked with nature to enhance.

This bird, perched on a rock surrounded by flowers and grasses, is a favourite of ours. The artist has obviously been inspired by nature. See if you can spot him on your next walk.

If you know a unique Village scene – let me know – maybe we can share it.



CONTROLLING HYDRO COSTS

Take advantage, when you can, of lower rates available during off-peak times.

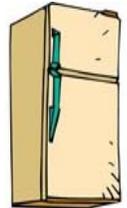
Check your hydro bill for details – there are three Time-Of-Use periods.

Time-of-Use pricing means that the price you pay for electricity changes depending on the time of day. If you can do: your laundry on the weekend – or turn on the dishwasher during the mid-peak or off-peak time – you can lower your electrical bill.

	<u>Summer May 1 – Oct 31</u>	<u>Winter Nov 1 – Apr 30</u>	<u>Weekends/Holidays</u>
Off-peak	9pm to 7am	9pm to 7am	
Mid-Peak	7am to 11am; 5pm to 9pm	11am to 5pm	Offpeak through whole day
On-Peak	11am to 5pm	7am to 11am; 5pm to 9pm	

GARBAGE & RECYCLING - CHANGES TO DISPOSAL OF OVERSIZE ITEMS

Box springs, car seats, furniture, lamps, luggage, mattresses, patio furniture, skis, toilets, etc. Things that would never fit in your Garbage Bin, even when empty, are considered oversized can NOW be left next to your Garbage Bin for free regular pick-up, without requiring tags or special arrangements. Please take apart or separate large heavy items, if possible. Some items, must be separate as described below.



How To Place Items at Your Curb

Place oversized items 0.5 metre (2 feet) away from your Garbage Bin (not in it).

- TOILETS - Tanks must be removed from bowl.
- CARPETING, UNDERPAD AND LINOLEUM - Items must be tied in rolls measuring no longer than 1.2 metres (4 feet) and weighing less than 20 kgs/44 lbs.
- METAL COLLECTION - Recycle metal items such as appliances, barbecues (no propane tanks), bed frames, bicycles, furnaces, hot water heaters, metal bath tubs & storage sheds.
- FRIDGES, FREEZERS, OVENS, ETC For safety, remove doors and locks.
- SOFA BEDS - Separate the metal frame from the sofa.



Yard Waste: As you clean up your gardens for the winter you may have considerable yard waste. It is illegal to burn however the city does provide removal service.

Secure brush and branches in bundles and set out at the curb on your yard waste collection day in accordance with your local collection calendar. Bundles must be no longer than 1.2 metres (4 ft.), no more than .9 metres (3 ft.) in diameter and weigh no more than 20 kg (approximately 44 lbs.). There is no item limit for yard waste.

Times to Put Out Garbage/Recycle/Waste, etc: Remember items can be placed at the curb – NOT earlier than 8pm the night prior to the COLLECTION DAY and must be in place by 7am on Collection day.

Check our website at:

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