



Bayview Village Association

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Newsletter

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Doug's NOTES

The BVA Dessert Social for all new residents and BVA Volunteers was a success. Great way to meet neighbours, make connections and encourage community involvement.

Our BVA membership campaign continues – I encourage you to send in your membership form – our directory is being prepared for printing, and only members will receive a copy. Your membership supports efforts to keep our community safe, clean, and informed. Remember you can renew at our website www.bayviewvillage.org.

The 2nd Annual Cookie Exchange was another great event put on by the BVA.

And the Book Club is all set for some great reading over the winter months! More events are coming soon - and if YOU have a suggestion for an event, an activity, a workshop, etc – please let us know.

Also included is an update about the Page Ave. School property – a community meeting will be held sometime in the first few months of the new year. Your BVA will continue to monitor this issue.

Cheers, *Doug*

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BABY, IT'S COLD OUTSIDE

And as heating costs rise here are 4 easy (and fairly inexpensive) ways to control costs

Dress warm. Yes, this one is obvious – keep warm by simply putting on more clothes. A light sweater will add about 2 degrees of warmth and a heavy sweater about 4 degrees.

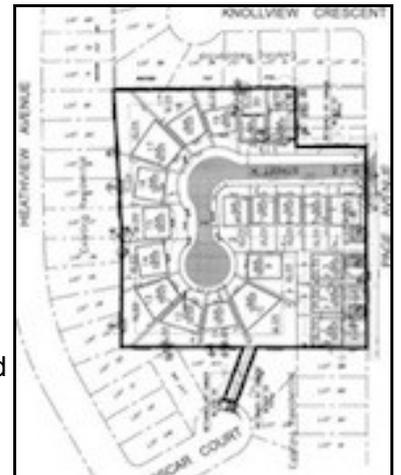
Reverse your ceiling fans. Many ceiling fans come with a switch that changes the blades' direction. In a counterclockwise direction the blades will produce cool breezes. When going clockwise, they produce warm air.

Clean the filter in your dryer: Important for better energy efficiency, it will extend the life of your dryer and because lint is highly flammable the buildup of lint in a dryer has been the cause of many house fires.

Install a programmable thermostat so that you'll never forget to turn the heat down. They are widely available for as little as \$50, and the average family saves \$180 a year with one.

PAGE AVE SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The former Page Avenue School property was sold a few months ago to Sorbara Group. They have submitted a plan to Toronto Council for a "21 house subdivision of 2 storey single detached homes on a new public street". The proposed new street is a short cul-de-sac in the same location as the existing school north entrance and ends within the property. Eighteen of the proposed new lots front onto the new street and the remaining three lots front onto Page Ave. Twelve of the 21 lots back onto existing lots on Oscar Court, Heathview Ave and Knollview Cres. The maximum proposed height of the homes is 8.8 metres and the proposed lot frontages range from 13.7 metres to 20.0 metres with the average at 15.8 metres. The proposed lot coverage is 35%. Three mature trees; a red oak, a bur oak and a sugar maple are located on the Page Avenue frontage of the property and are proposed to be preserved.



Unresolved issues include: current zoning allows for only 30% coverage (the proposal is for 35%), lot frontage, parkland requirements (which can be met through payment or dedication of land), etc. The staff report going to North York Council (before going to full Toronto Council is at www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2011/ny/bgrd/backgroundfile-33985.pdf) The report also indicates that there will be a local community meeting held with Councillor Shiner - notice will go to residents living within 120 metres of the site. BVA is continuing to monitor the process and has provided feedback to the councillor.



LET'S BEAT THE FLU! GET YOUR FREE FLU SHOT.

Everyone is at risk of getting the flu. The flu shot is the most effective way to prevent illness. Because the viruses that cause the flu change frequently, it is necessary to get a shot every year to be protected. Your family doctor can provide the shots – they are also available at Flu Shot Clinics run by Toronto Public Health at www.toronto.ca/health/flu/pdf/flu_schedule_2010.pdf

ATTENTION ALL SKIERS --- I "LOVE TO SKI" – By Warren Baldwin

The downhill ski season in Bayview Village begins in a few months!! Odd as that may seem, Bayview downhill skiing is excellent - thanks in major part to a club that a Village neighbor introduced me to a few years ago. *Love To Ski* operates out of Collingwood – but starts at the very doorstep of Bayview Village.

Love To Ski's well-equipped buses (includes restroom facilities) leave Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 AM from a local church parking lot (just south on Bayview) and heads north to one of the private club ski hills (several different ones participate so we get a variety over the season) in the Collingwood area. You park your car in the church lot for the day, load your ski bag in the bus cargo bay, join your ski friends on the bus and relax for the ride.

I have been doing this for several years now and, as my neighbor said when she introduced me to the club, it is a totally stress-free and comfortable way to get a ski day or two in each week at some excellent skiing facilities north of Toronto. The cost is quite reasonable, the bus is very comfortable and on the way up, I take a mug of coffee and a couple sections of the newspaper, and sit back and enjoy the ride. At 4:00 PM, the bus departs the ski hill and, after a full day of skiing, I am delighted to have somebody else take care of the driving on the way back to Toronto.



Love To Ski has a website (www.collingwoodnow.com/luv2ski) - with all the details of membership costs, and the schedule. The ski season starts around the second week of January and runs to about third week of February, in other words six or seven weeks, depending on the conditions.

Group lessons (½ day or full) are available and are scaled to your ability level. For me, the lessons have been a great way to enjoy group skiing with a professional instructor who provides you with some helpful pointers as well as providing a ready-made set of fellow skiers to enjoy the slopes with for the rest of the day. Bottom line, it's an easy way to spend a terrific day on the slopes and keep your ski fitness level at its best. See you on the slopes!! And on the bus!



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – BY RON CHOI

LOCK THOSE DOORS - Several residents have expressed concern about an individual who has been trying front doors to see if they are locked. While we are not aware of anything illegal occurring we do want you to be aware. Make sure you keep your doors locked – and remind family members to do the same.

DON'T LEAVE YOUR CAR TO WARM UP IN THE DRIVEWAY – Police remind you to NOT take a chance. Many people have seen their cars being driven away while they linger inside over a cup of coffee waiting for their car to get warm

LIGHT THE NIGHT - Toronto Police have a Light The Night program – they are encouraging home owners to make sure exterior lights are on – it discourages thieves. We ask Villagers to do their part to fight crime.



FROM MARY'S GARDEN:

To add colour to your winter garden – consider attracting birds. Feeding birds is also an easy, affordable and rewarding way to add natural beauty to winter gardens. Northern cardinals, goldfinches, chickadees, bluejays and other birds can be found in our neighbourhood. Help them out this winter and put out one or two bird feeders outside and remember to keep them filled – while it often takes a few days for birds to find a new feeder they will keep coming back – so be patient. Consider offering suet as a special treat to provides these beauties with much needed energy. Suet balls and feeders can be purchased at pet food stores – and add interest to your

garden this winter. ✿ **GARDEN TOUR 2011: WE ALREADY HAVE SOME GARDENS SELECTED FOR THE BVA GARDEN TOUR FOR 2011!**
 IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING (OR HAVE SUGGESTIONS) PLEASE CONTACT ME - MARY AT 416-229-0094.

HISTORY 101: BAYVIEW VILLAGE -

When a picture is worth a thousand words!!

This very early 1950's picture shows the 401, Bayview and Sheppard Avenues – and just a very few houses.
 Little traffic – no condos – no shopping centre.

Future home of
 Bayview Village



Interested in more great pictures showing the history of Bayview Village? Looking for a special gift for the holidays? 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.

BAYVIEW VILLAGE BOOKCLUB -

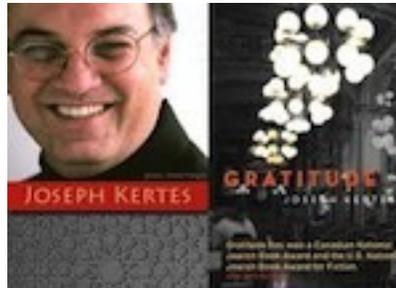
MONDAY, JANUARY 10 AT 8PM

There will be no meeting in December (to give you a chance to read up for our Jan meeting).

Join us for - January's meeting will be at 37 Heathview. We will be discussing *Gratitude* by Joseph Kertes. **We will have a special guest at this meeting, the author himself.** We are asking everyone to contribute \$5 towards a thank-you gift for our guest. There is no book club set for this but copies are available at the library.

Some other books on the list for 2011 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 PLEASE CONTACT JANE AT 416-226-1390 OR jrobertson@rogers.com



Joseph Kertes and his latest novel "Gratitude"

About The Author

Joseph Kertes, born in Hungary, escaped with his family to Canada after the 1956 revolution. He studied at York University and the University of Toronto, where he was encouraged in his writing by Irving Layton and Marshall McLuhan. Kertes founded Humber College's distinguished creative writing and comedy programs and is Humber's Dean of Creative and Performing Arts. His first novel, *Winter Tulips*, won the Stephen Leacock Award for Humour. and the novel *Gratitude*, won a Canadian National Jewish Book Award and the U.S. National Jewish Book Award for Fiction.

JOIN AN EXCITING RESEARCH PROJECT LINKING VOLUNTEERING + HEALTHY AGING



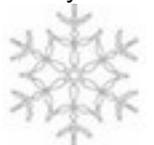
Baycrest Hospital invites you to join an exciting new research project focusing on the link between volunteering and healthy aging. Need participants who are: • Aged 55 or older • Not working and not in another formal volunteer position (informal volunteer roles, such as family caregiving, are allowable) • Willing to contribute 3 volunteer hours per week over a 12 month period

Free parking will be provided for all BRAVO participants. Call the Baycrest Volunteer Office at 416-785-2500 ext. 2572; Email: bravo@baycrest.org Web: www.baycrest.org/bravo This project is funded by the Government of Canada.

SNOW REMINDER

When shoveling your driveway snow is NOT to be pushed onto the street. It should be piled up on either side of your driveway/walkway. City sidewalks get cleared after the snow has stopped and when there is an accumulation of 8 cm (3 inches) Nov, Dec and March and 5 cm (2 inches) in January and February.

Snow Trivia: Largest snowflake on record measured 38 cm in diameter (allegedly fell in 1887 at Fort Keogh, Montana) ✿ Snow is white because visible sunlight is white ✿ It is never too cold to snow since moisture can exist in the air even at the lowest temperatures but most snowfalls occur when the air is -9 C or warmer,



since air can hold more water vapour during warmer temperatures ✨ Snow makes things quieter because the air pockets in fresh snow absorb and trap sound waves ✨ In an average year, one septillion snowflakes fall in Canada (that's the number one, followed by 24 zeros) ✨



Bayview Village Association Membership Application 2011

Membership is open to all residents of Bayview Village.

www.bayviewvillage.org

Reasons to become a member: You will have a voice, as well as give your support to the efforts being made by the Association to keep Bayview Village a great community and a beautiful neighbourhood! A large membership shows government agencies and politicians that we care strongly about issues that affect our community.

Membership is just \$20.00 /year. Additional contributions are very much appreciated.

To Join: Complete this form, enclose a cheque for the total amount and mail or drop-off at one of the addresses listed below. Make cheques payable to "Bayview Village Association", **OR** use our secure website (www.bayviewvillage.org)

Please allow us to list all information for the directory. This allows neighbours to get to know each other, helping to keep Bayview Village a safe, strong and friendly community.		
Address: (House number & street)		
Last Name, #1 resident:		
First Name, #1:		
Occupation, #1: (optional)		
Company #1: (optional)		
Last Name, #2 resident:		
First Name, #2:		
Occupation, #2: (optional)		
Company #2: (optional)		
Home Phone Number:	()	
Year moved into Bayview Village:		
Membership fee	\$ 20.00	<p><i>How do you want to be listed?</i></p> <p>a) List all information in directory..... <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>b) List my initials, address and Phone No. only..... <input type="checkbox"/> E.g., H.R.....1Clarinda Dr.....416-123-4567</p> <p>c) List only as "member"..... <input type="checkbox"/></p>
Voluntary contribution	\$	
History of Bayview Village Book \$20 <small>(See information overleaf)</small>	\$	
TOTAL AMOUNT enclosed	\$	

- ◆ The information we collect is used to prepare an annual directory for members.
 - ◆ BVA does not distribute or sell its membership information. ◆ Only members receive a directory.
- THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION!**



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Drop off addresses:

- 23 Arrowstook Rd.
- 30 Restwell Cres.
- 15 Morewood Cres.
- 14 Viamede Cres.
- 60 Sumner Heights Dr.
- 1 Clarinda Dr.

Check our website at:

www.BayviewVillage.org