



Bayview Village Association

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Newsletter

'It's better in Bayview Village'

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DOUG'S NOTES

YOUR BVA EXECUTIVE HAS BEEN BUSY! Please check the events listed throughout the newsletter – we hope you can join us for at least a few of them.

PAGE AVE SCHOOL LANDS: YET ANOTHER UPDATE

BVA Exec attended the Feb 15 public meeting and we are guardedly optimistic about the plans for these lands. There was a presentation made by developers and much discussion after. The plan is for 21 single detached houses to be built that are of complimentary style and of similar heights to the existing neighbourhood.

Still being considered is the potential for gaining a parkette within the development. The recommendation by the city is that it be situated along Page Ave. and with landscaping and benches. The amount required under the current policy is 5% of the land (approx. 0.085 Ha or 0.21 Acres) or a cash equivalent or any combination. Your BVA Executive supports that a variation of Option 2 which shows a parkette located on Page Ave – however we ask that the FULL parkette (i.e., .21 acres) be at this location rather than any cash equivalent as the full-sized parkette would be of most benefit to the immediate area impacted by the development (cash could be used elsewhere in the ward). We also support the recommendation from the meeting for a traffic study to examine the encroaching traffic. Residents of the Village are well aware that traffic has increased over the years – not all of it local. If you have any concerns – please let me know.

ALSO: We also want you to know that the Toronto Catholic School Board has announced that the St. Joseph Morrow Park (girls secondary school, on Bayview – south of Steeles) will be relocated to the site of Blessed Trinity and that the school will become a JK to Grade 12 school (with the secondary school being for girls only). Blessed Trinity is located on the east side of Bayview just north of Finch – and while outside of Bayview Village your BVA Exec are aware changes to these schools will have an impact on our community.

Cheers, *Doug*

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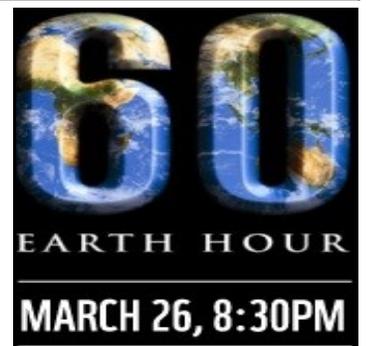
BVA is hosting a Community Walk for Earth Hour

– Saturday March 26 at 8:15pm

BVA is joining the world to celebrate Earth Hour. Turn off your lights, computers, and all non-essential appliances and meet us at Forest Grove United Church.

Bring a travel mug (we supply hot coffee/hot chocolate), flashlights, and dress for an evening walk. We will follow a route along some of the streets in the village. Come by yourself, bring a friend, or your whole family. Our actual walk will begin at 8:30 but if you want refreshments be there early. In case of rain (or heavy snow) we will stay at the church and have activities inside.

If you can't join us for the walk remember to celebrate Earth Hour. Be creative. You can do lots of fun things in the dark! Plan a candlelight dinner for your sweetie or some friends. Play board games, tell stories, hold a candlelit storytime for the family, sing songs with your kids and neighbours. Go for a walk! Whatever you're doing, let us know.





IN MARY'S GARDEN: THE JOY OF SPRING

The joy of Spring is rejoicing in all the bulbs and plants in your garden and becoming reacquainted with them as the snow recedes. I think that Spring is such a wonderful time of year for gardeners, as you see what secrets are buried beneath the frozen ground. I take great pleasure from every bud that sticks its head out of the earth and brings forth the colour and fragrance of the early gardening season.

Now is the time to uncover any plants that remain under leaf debris. Gently rake the garden before the shoots of bulbs get smothered by last falls' covering. Cut back any perennials that you may have left to provide an ornamental show for the winter, making sure to be careful to cut and not to pull at them so as not to disturb the root structure. As the ground is rather wet at this time of year, you can easily pull out weeds that amazingly enough still seem to thrive. Maintaining a diligent weeding regime will put you in good stead for the rest of the growing season.



Now is the time to assess your composting situation. Turn your compost bin and begin to look at adding the leaf debris you have raked up to your bin, or if it is decomposed, gently turn it into your garden, watching out for tender buds and perennials.

Spring is a wonderful time to plant any new shrubs or trees. The cool temperatures and typically rainy spring weather allow for the roots to get a strong footing in your garden. Make sure you wait until the soil is not too wet.

Enjoy the opportunity to assess whether you would like to change or add any garden beds. Many gardeners are incorporating vegetables into existing gardens, or changing some of their difficult plant choices for a simpler garden approach. Whatever your garden incorporates, I hope you have fun playing with your garden in this glorious season.

3rd Annual Perennial Swap-Saturday, May 14 and BVA 6th Annual Garden Tour - Sunday, June 26.

GARDEN TOUR 2011: If interested in participating (or have suggestions) please contact Mary at 416-229-0094 .✿

PLANTERS - VOLUNTEERS, PLEASE

BVA is looking for volunteers to take on the tending of one or more of the community planters. These beautiful additions to the Village need some maintenance throughout the growing months. It could be a great volunteer opportunity for a family to take on or for a group of neighbours. We are working to have the soil refreshed and considering some new plants. Weeding and watering are the two main concerns. Please contact Tim Lee 416-225-9706 or timlee@sympatico.ca

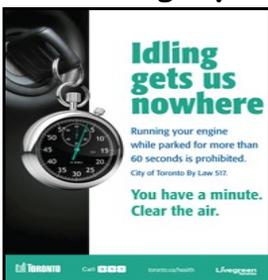


NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – BY RON CHOI

Lock Your Cars: A simple reminder – but one we want to repeat as again a resident has reported someone having gone through their unlocked car looking for valuables. Unlocked cars may have money, equipment, extra sets of keys, identification, etc – if you see a neighbour has left a car/trunk door open, or keys left in the lock – Be a GREAT neighbour and let them know.

And remember – leaving garbage bins and/or recycle bins at the end of your driveway past pick-up day announces that you are likely away. The bad guys think of this as an invitation. Arrange for a neighbour to help you out and wheel them up to your garage or side of the house. We're all in this together!

New Idling Bylaw - One Minute Max



Toronto's idling control bylaw has been improved! City Council has approved the following: The legal idling time for vehicles is now one minute in a 60 minute period. No exemptions for transit vehicles or for very hot or cold conditions. Only police and emergency vehicles exempt.

Eliminating unnecessary idling is part of Toronto's overall action plan to reduce the emissions that contribute to climate change and poor air quality.

Questions?: You can contact the City's Permit Parking Office at 416-392-7873 or by email at pparking@toronto.ca regarding the compliance and enforcement of the by-law.

BVA DESSERT SOCIAL

BVA is hosting another Dessert Social on April 8 at Forest grove United Church (in the Hearth Room) to welcome new members and to get to know neighbours. This is a great way to meet new friends and to learn more about our community. If you are interested in attending please let us know. It is always good fun. Contact Lisa Stonehouse at lisa.stonehouse@gmail.com or 416-590-1298.

HISTORY 101: BAYVIEW VILLAGE - Now That's Construction!

We've been putting up with construction along Finch for a few months – a quick drive turns into a long one, stuck as two lanes are forced into one, barely moving – but let's look back to what it was like in 1960! Check out the picture on the right. Gulp!

The top picture is from 1960, the bottom from 2010. In 1960 they were actually constructing the entire road over the East Don River. There were no apartment buildings on the horizon and there was mud everywhere. Getting stuck there – meant really getting stuck!

CREDITS: Top image photographed by Ted Chirnside. Bottom image by the LonePrimate: Both from the LonePrimate photostream on Flickr

Interested in learning more about the history of Bayview Village?

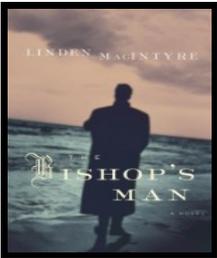
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FROM FARMLAND TO ONE OF CANADA'S MOST PICTURESQUE COMMUNITIES.

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! 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- Mon, April 4 at 8 pm



The BVA Book Club continues to attract new members and grow. We usually are able to arrange for a set of books to be available from the Toronto Public Library for those interested.

In April we will feature 8pm - *The Bishop's Man* by Linden McIntyre. This challenging book was a winner of the Giller Prize. For more information contact Jane at 416-226-1390 or jrobertson@rogers.com

The May meeting will be Monday, May 2 at 8pm. We will be discussing *The Debba* by Avner Mandelman. This book was long listed for the Giller prize this past year and the author will be joining us.

Free Public Skating at Bayview Arena (3230 Bayview Ave, 416 395-7825)

Free Public Skating: Sunday 2:30 to 3:30 pm Wed & Fri evening 7 to 9 pm

MARCH BREAK: TUES, THURS & FRIDAY AFTERNOON 2 TO 4 PM

TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY - BAYVIEW PLAZA BRANCH

PUPPET SHOW: DANDY LION SAT MAR 19, 2011 2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. 60 MINS:

Dandy Lion, who should be king, was born with dandelions in his mane. But, he refuses to be bullied by the other jungle animals because he is different. Even when they laugh and ask how he can be king with dandelions in his hair, Dandy Lion finds a way to turn the unruly jungle crowd into his friends.

Tea and Books WED APR 06, 2011 2:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M. 60 MINS:

Please join us for a lively discussion of new books and old favourites featuring the books of this year's author highlighted for the Keep Toronto Reading Festival. Light refreshments will be served.

BVA DIRECTORY

All BVA members should have received their copy of the BVA 2011 Directory. It includes the directory of member's names and contact AND a terrific listing of both local and emergency contacts. Just one more reason to become a member of your Bayview Village Association. Not to late to a get a directory – become a member!

GIBSON HOUSE

5172 Yonge Street Call: 416-395-7432 gibsonhouse@toronto.ca Accessible north of the construction site.

● March Break Family Discovery- A Drop-In!

Monday to Friday, March 14 to 18 - 12 to 4:30 p.m.

Take a discovery tour of the historic house, explore different themes each day. Experience hands-on activities daily and make a craft to take home. Themes: Maple Monday, Toy Tuesday, Woolly Wednesday, Thready Thursday and Fireside Friday. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Adults \$6.30, Seniors & Students \$3.26, Children \$2.75

● March Break Adventure - Just for Kids (Pre-register)

Wednesday, March 16 or 17 – 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Imagine a visit to the Gibson's farmhouse in the late winter of 1851! Children will enjoy baking delicious treats in the historic kitchen, creating an old fashioned toy and exploring the life of a child of the 19th century. Pre-registration & pre-payment required. For ages 7-11 yrs. Hearth cooked lunch included. \$25 per child per day (plus tax).



BAYVIEW BOUTIQUE, BBQ & BASH

Saturday, May 7th from 11:00am -3:30pm

Bayview Middle School is once again hosting their famous Boutique, BBQ & Bash. It's being held just before Mother's Day so this is a great opportunity to pick up something unique from the wonderful vendors - everything from crafts to jewelry and from clothing to children's toys and books. The day will include a Talent Show, a Vendor's Market, a BBQ, and a raffle + more. This is a great day to take the whole family. All of Bayview Village is welcome to attend

WHERE IN BAYVIEW VILLAGE IS THIS?

Bayview resident Colin Wilkinson snapped this unique picture on a walk this past year. It puzzled us at first but we then figured out that it is actually a very clever birdfeeder made by recycling a pop bottle. And we think it is designed to keep squirrels out! Kind to the environment and the birds.

If you have an interesting photo taken in Bayview Village please send it to me – codd.judi@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

Details of many of these events are included in this newsletter or will be coming to you soon in an upcoming edition. Remember all previous newsletters are online at our website.

Saturday, March 11 – Bayview Library: Puppet Show
Saturday, March 26 – BVA Community Walk for Earth Hour
Monday, April 4 – BVA Book Club: The Bishop's Man
Friday, April 8 – BVA Dessert Social
Wednesday, April 6 – Bayview Library: Tea & Book Discussion
Saturday, April 16 – Bayview Village Spring Clean Up
Monday, May 2 – BVA Book Club
Saturday, May 7 – Bayview Middle School Boutique, BBQ & Bash
Saturday, May 14 – BVA 3rd Annual Perennial Swap
Saturday June 21 – BVA Annual General Meeting
Sunday, June 26 – BVA Annual Garden Tour



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