



# Bayview Village Association

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*'It's better in Bayview Village'*

## Newsletter

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**First Annual Bayview Village On Ice:  
BVA December Skating Party**

## Join Us for Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Walk for Earth Hour

**- Saturday March 31 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 at 8:15 pm**. Our very own Cathy McWatters – who is an Astronomy Educator, will lead us.

Bring a travel mug (we supply hot coffee/hot chocolate), flashlight, and dress for an evening walk. Cathy will lead us along the streets in the village. Come on your own, bring a friend, or your whole family. The walk begins at 8:30 - for 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. Plan a candlelight dinner for your sweetie or some friends. Play board games, tell stories, hold a candlelit story time, sing songs with your kids. Go for a walk!



**Pothole and car meet up in  
Michigan.**

### TORONTO QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

POTHOLES are opening up everywhere.

Why has this happened and what can I do? Who can I call?

Potholes occur when water penetrates the top layer of asphalt through cracks in the road. After the moisture freezes and expands, sections of the pavement are forced up. The weight of vehicles going over this section of road breaks the pavement and the asphalt is forced out.

This is one problem where you can help. If you see a pothole on a city street, call 311 or report it online at [www.toronto.ca/311/selfservice/pothole\\_repair.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/311/selfservice/pothole_repair.htm) You can also report potholes from your smartphone using a supported mobile app. Visit [toronto.ca/open311](http://toronto.ca/open311) for details.

## Doug's Notes

Thanks to Simin Molookzadeh and her team for all their fine work on the BVA Skating Party in December. We had a good time and everyone thinks it should be repeated this coming year.

**DEVELOPMENTS:** We are looking into a number of building development applications. Watch for details. Also see this newsletter (page 4) for information of an upcoming traffic study being done by the city.



**DOG WALKERS:** Just a reminder:– To scoop the poop as you go – it's not a good idea to leave it for the next time you walk by. And also a thank you to you: we do love all our pet walkers – you are out there in rain or sleet, hot or cold, day or night – getting exercise and helping to keep our community safe and active.

**BVA NEWSLETTER EMAIL PILOT PROJECT.** Many residents have asked to receive this newsletter via email. We are offering you a chance to receive the newsletter as a .pdf document. This will NOT replace the postal delivery we now use. If you are interested please send an email to [bayviewvill@bayviewvillage.org](mailto:bayviewvill@bayviewvillage.org) By the way the last 2 years of newsletters are available at [www.bayviewvillage.org](http://www.bayviewvillage.org)

Cheers, *Doug*

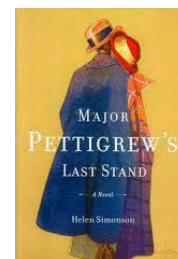
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## You Won't Believe What Goes On In and Around Bayview Village!

### BAYVIEW VILLAGE BOOK CLUB – Mon, February 27 at 8 pm

Monday, February 27 8 PM - 1 Clarinda Drive. We will be discussing **Major Pettigrew's Last Stand** by Helen Simonson. In this book you will travel to Edgecombe St. Mary, a small village in the English countryside filled with rolling hills, thatched cottages, and a cast of original characters hilariously as familiar as the members of your own family.



There is a book club set (12 copies) available let Jane know if you would like to borrow one. For more details contact Jane Robertson 416-226-1390 or [jrobertson@rogers.com](mailto:jrobertson@rogers.com)

Monday, March 26 8PM - 42 Palomino Cres. We will be discussing **Shanghai Girls** by Lisa See.

### BAYVIEW VILLAGE MAH JONGG CLUB

The BVA Mahjong Group: Call Jane Robertson 416-226-1390 or [jrobertson@rogers.com](mailto:jrobertson@rogers.com) for details. *Mah Jongg* is a game of skill, strategy and calculation and is terrific to way to keep work on your analyst skills.

### TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY

#### NORTH YORK CENTRAL BRANCH

**ADULTS: COMPUTER TRAINING:** This branch offers Adult Computer Training - please stop by or call for more information.

**WORLD WIDE WEB:** Fri, Feb 24 and Tue Mar 20 1:45 pm - 3:45 pm  
Explore recent changes in creating and sharing information on the World Wide Web.

**EXCEL:** Wed Feb 22, Wed Mar 21 1:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.  
Learn the basics of using Excel for creating spreadsheets. Basic keyboarding and mouse skills required.  
Call 416-395-5674 to register.

**TEENS:** Jewelry Making Workshop for Teens  
Wed Mar 14, 2012 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Come to the library for a jewelry-making workshop with Anna Kwang. Materials include: high quality glass beads, and silver plated metals that are lead-free, nickel-free. Visit [www.flickr.com/photos/serenade-jewels](http://www.flickr.com/photos/serenade-jewels) to get an idea of what your final product could be. All materials provided. Space is limited - To register, call 416-395-5674.

**YOUNG CHILDREN:**

Every Saturday 11:00am – 11:30 for 0 to 5 years old  
Family Time Stories, songs and rhymes for children with parents and caregivers.

## BAYVIEW VILLAGE LIBRARY

Sat Mar 10, 2012 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. For young children

Alistair Ant presents Sing Along with Rob Joy

"One of Toronto's biggest names in Pint-sized entertainment", Rob Joy has a knack for making adults and kids smile. A fun and interactive show where puppet sidekick "Sluggo" is bound to make an appearance or two.

## SEEING STARS IN THE VILLAGE

Bayview Village Park is one of the sites used by the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada for City Sky Observing. They begin around 7:30 pm in winter and sunset during warmer months. You can try different telescopes and eyepieces – and learn from RASC members about the equipment as well as about the universe all around us. In February the observing will take place the first clear night on either Feb 27, 28 or 29. For details go to [toronto.rasc.ca](http://toronto.rasc.ca)



## FROM MARY'S GARDEN



Spring may be just around the corner – or already happening. Our unusual winter sightings of early flowers and an opportunity for garden preparation. In recent years the planting season has gotten early – due to the cultivation of hardier varieties as well as earlier warm-up.

And while we may yet see winter you can Remove debris (sticks, stones, garbage etc.); Fix mole damage and or tunnels and apply blood meal to prevent further damage, (moles are controlled by getting rid of grubs once soil temperatures warm); Aerate if compacted; Prune dead wood and broken branches.

The BVA Garden Committee is hard at work planning the Perennial Swap and the Garden Tour. If you would like to get involved or have your garden be on our tour please contact Mary at 416-229-0094 email: [viamede@rogers.com](mailto:viamede@rogers.com)

Mark your calendars:

4<sup>th</sup> Annual BVA Perennial Swap is Saturday May 12

7<sup>th</sup> Annual BVA Garden Tour is Sunday, June 24.



## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – BY RON CHOI

**CAR ALERT:** On Citation Drive recently one car had its license plates stolen and another, all its wheels. Police advise having adequate outdoor lighting, using wheel locks and keeping cars in garages,

### DOMESTIC WATER HEATERS:

There are a lot of unscrupulous individuals preying on households by pretending to be from the Gas Utility. They come dressed in a white coat with an orange jacket. They have an identity tag and say they have come to inspect the water heater. They then say the tank is old and can be replaced at no charge. As a truck is in the area it can probably be changed that same day. The homeowner is then asked to sign a contract.

This all seems above board. However it is far from ethical. By having the tank installed straight away, a homeowner loses their 10-day cooling off period in which they may cancel the order.

Simply put, do not let anyone into your home. Do not sign a water tank rental agreement unless it is with a reputable company and you have had all the terms and conditions explained to you.

## LITERARY STARS IN OUR MIDST

Did you know that long-time Bayview Village resident, Moira Mudie, has published her book: **Chi of the Dragon?** It is about the magic behind the art - the philosophy and symbolism of Oriental Art. This book is beautifully illustrated with her paintings.



Moira teaches her art at the Toronto Botanical society and out of her home in the Village (and taught at University of Toronto's Continuing Education). She is a very unique person, becoming renown as an expert on Oriental art, speaking Mandarin and leading tours to China, while being a Westerner herself. More about her book is on her website at [www.moiramudie.com](http://www.moiramudie.com)

This wonderful book is available from Chapters – at Bayview Village.

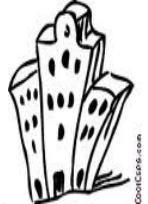


## UPDATES OF INTEREST

**TORONTO HYDRO INFRASTRUCTURE:** You may have noticed TO Hydro working in the Village. They have been upgrading overhead electrical cables, transformers and/or replacing poles within the City of Toronto's public road allowance on Blithfield Ave, Burbank Dr. (near Blithfield), Buntly Lane, Palomino Cres., and Bayview Ave. The current electrical system is nearing the end of its life expectancy and needs to be replaced. The project aims to improve long-term service reliability in the neighbourhood.

The only problem is that this project is ON HOLD. As are all similar projects across the city pending an appeal to raise rates. All projects will be reassessed and a decision will be made on each. We are hoping that this partially completed project is completed shortly. Questions should be directed to the Power Up team at 416-542-3366 or [capitalprojects@torontohydro.com](mailto:capitalprojects@torontohydro.com).

**1200 SHEPPARD DEVELOPMENT:** BVA has become aware of a recent application for 6 buildings for up to 1,098 units. The proposed height is 43 storeys. Your MAGA Committee is working to obtain details. They will be meeting with the city to better understand what has been proposed. And will continue to monitor and voice concerns. As we learn more we will report back.



**TRAFFIC STUDY IN THE VILLAGE:** MAGA is also aware of a traffic study to be done by the city on Heathview and Page. We would be interested to know if residents would support a "no left turn between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m." on Page. Please contact David Magil at [dmagil@rogers.com](mailto:dmagil@rogers.com) or 416-221-3762.

## HISTORY 101

### HISTORIC ZION SCHOOLHOUSE

The Schoolhouse is located at 1091 Finch Ave East. It is a designated heritage site. Zion Schoolhouse is owned by the City of Toronto since amalgamation in 2000, and is managed and operated by Toronto's Cultural Services.

The citizens of the farming community of L'Amoreaux built the schoolhouse in 1869. It is the last unaltered one-room schoolhouse in the North York community and represents an important stage in Upper Canada's educational history. The school was closed in 1955, and after a period of abandonment the building was restored and reopened as a heritage site in 1986. There are still residents living in the area who attended the school.



One-room schoolhouses were once scattered throughout Upper Canada, serving the outlying and rural communities around larger towns from the mid-19th to mid-20th century. They represent an important stage in the development of public education, since prior to 1850s education was not free, and often was unavailable to children of poor families or in remote locations. In 1844, Egerton Ryerson was appointed as the Superintendent of Schools for Upper Canada. He promoted the establishment of an education system that would be free, universal and accessible; the 1871 School Act Amendment prompted the development of a province-wide system of common schools that were non-sectarian and open to all children.

The one-room schoolhouses were built with government grants, and offered basic education to children from 6 years up to high school entrance (grade 9 and beyond). The schools were located in every 3rd concession, and so provided access to rural children. Attendance became mandatory, and these schoolhouses remained an integral element of universal public education well into the 20th century, when the growth of towns and transportation allowed for the centralization of schools in the mid-1950s.

The term "Zion" was chosen by the Primitive Methodists who settled in the region, and refers to the Old Testament term for a holy place, or holy mountain. When build the school was located along a dirt road – totally surrounded by farmlands. Zion Schoolhouse is available for prearranged tours: Book by calling 416-395-7435

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## INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR HISTORY?

Then you will want to read: ***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, the book is available for just \$20 (tax included). To order your copy contact: Bayview Village Association c/o Doug Webster, 7 Sutcliffe Drive, Toronto, ON M2K 2A5 or Call: 416-221-5870

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