



Bayview Village Association

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Newsletter

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Join Us for Our 2nd

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, 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 on our walk and help us learn about the night sky.

Bring a travel mug (we supply hot coffee/hot chocolate), flashlight, and dress for an evening walk. Come on your own, bring a friend, or the whole family. The walk begins at 8:30 - for refreshments arrive by 8:15. 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 friends. Play board games, tell stories, hold a candlelit storytime or sing-along. Go for a walk!

Bayview Village Spring Clean Up

Sat. April 21, 2012 - 10:00 am to 1 pm

Meet us at the Forest Grove ravine entrance (near church) at 10am. Please bring your own gardening gloves (or heavy duty gloves) we will have garbage bags. We can sign volunteer-service hours sheets for highschool students.

This is a great family activity.

For details: Contact Simin Molookzadeh at: s_molookzadeh@yahoo.ca or 416-730-0927

Friends and family welcome!



Doug's Notes

DEVELOPER'S DREAM

becoming BAYVIEW VILLAGE'S NIGHTMARE

Well, folks – this is one of the reasons you support the Bayview village Association – to keep you apprised of what is happening in and around our community. And certainly, things are happening.

Last month we alerted you to a new development at 1200 Sheppard Ave. Our concerns appear to be justified. The plans below provide an idea of what this development may bring. VERY large buildings, much more traffic, blocking of views, shadows being cast over many Village streets, over crowding, heavier use and impact on ravine system and parks, etc., etc.

1200, 1210 & 1220 Sheppard Ave. E.

(North side of Sheppard - just east of Leslie)

The application calls for redevelopment of this site. With plans to demolish 1200 Sheppard East and building six additional residential buildings rising from 27 stories to 43 stories on three 8-9 storey podium bases. The buildings at 1210 and 1220 Sheppard East will be maintained. The developer (Amexon) plans to redevelop the entire site with 2,098 condominium units with a density of 4.1 FSI.

A low **retail building** (34,000 square feet) would run along the western edge of the site starting from the property line to the south and running north along the railroad tracks for about 140 metres. The proposal calls for building within five metres of the railroad tracks.

Our MAGA Committee (Municipal & Government Affairs) have met with the City's planning department to review the application. Councillor Shiner will be organizing a public meeting. We will of course be at this meeting but we urge residents to attend. Our best approach is to have a large number of residents at the meeting expressing their concerns. And for you to voice your concerns.

MAGA also reports the following updates:

Page Avenue Development

Construction of houses, roads, sewers, and other services will begin this Spring. This will be a very active construction site. Children should NOT be playing on this site.

18-26 Rean Drive (south side of Sheppard)

Toronto Council decision is being appealed to OMB (hearing date is April 10) on grounds that Section 37 contribution was doubled at last minute without mutual agreement.

2-14 Cusack Court (south side of Sheppard)

Application has been received to demolish all houses on this court and erect a 6/8 storey mixed use building with 163 dwelling units and 1800 square metres of ground retail space.

1 Adra Villaway (west side of Leslie Street, just north of Sheppard)

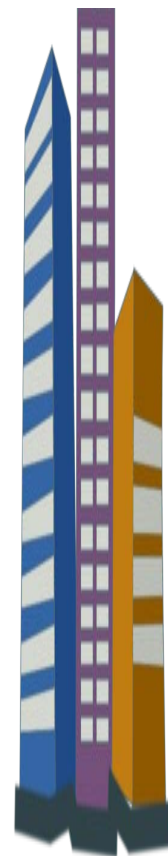
A rental housing demolition application and an application to amend the official plan and zoning by-law have been submitted to replace the existing 121 rental townhouses on site to permit 4 condominium apartment buildings ranging in height from 12 to 27 storeys for a total of 857 units, a 12-storey rental apartment building comprised of 139 units and 30 townhouse units. The proposed 169 rental units would be owned and operated by the Toronto Community Housing Corporation. The development would provide 1,121 parking spaces.

It's going to be a VERY busy year for MAGA - we can use your help.

While we know it is impossible to stop all development and change your BVA has been able to make a difference on the size, shape and impact of the developments around us. Please contact me if you can lend a hand. WE MUST WORK TOGETHER.

Doug

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DESSERT & COFFEE SOCIAL

Join us for another Bayview Village dessert and coffee event on Friday, April 27 in the Hearth Room at Forest Grove United Church. A fun opportunity to meet your neighbours, learn more about our community, talk about local issues, and have a good time.



ALSO A GOOD CHANCE TO TALK ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA --

EAST DON PARKLANDS



Some good news: Toronto Regional Conservation Authority (TRCA) has begun construction to undertake bank stabilization work within the East Don Parklands, south of Finch Ave East and west of Leslie St. The work will take approximately four weeks to complete. Final site restoration (e.g. tree planting, asphalt repairs, etc.) will be done following construction, as weather permits.

During construction, equipment will access the work area via the path which requires, for public safety, the closing of the trail connection between Finch Ave and the main entrance off of Alamosa Dr. Signs will be posted at the end of the construction site and at the major trail entrances and trail connections. TRCA requests that the public exercise caution and stay clear of the site while the work is underway.

The project will restore a section riverbank where erosion is threatening the formal trail and a buried sanitary sewer pipe. Restoration methods will employ materials and techniques appropriate for the current flow regime

If you have questions contact: Patricia Newland, Project Manager, Environmental Engineering Projects, TRCA, Tel: 416-392-9690 Email: pnewland@trca.on.ca



DON'T DUMP IT HERE

Dumping of garbage on city streets, boulevards and private property is illegal. Anyone found dumping garbage on City or private property will be prosecuted and fined. Please report illegal dumping to 311. If you see someone illegally dumping record and report their license plate. BVA has arranged for signs to be placed on Forest Grove where there have been a number of incidents of illegal dumping. To report illegal dumping call 311.

To report overflowing litter and recycling bins, loose litter, etc. call 311 or complete an online Self-service Request.

BAYVIEW VILLAGE BICYCLES & SIDEWALKS.

A City bylaw allows cyclists with a tire size of 61cm or 24 inches OR LESS to ride on sidewalks. The bylaw allows young children to cycle on sidewalks while learning to ride. The bylaw is based on wheel size because it is difficult for Police to enforce age-based bylaws, as most children do not carry identification.



Many cyclists ride on the sidewalk because they are afraid of cars. In addition to it being illegal it has also proven to be very risky. Cycling on the sidewalk is a contributing factor in 30% of car and bike collisions. Collisions occur when cyclists ride off the sidewalk into the roadway or when motorists are exiting a laneway or driveway.

www.toronto.ca/cycling/safety/sidewalk/sidewalk.htm



IT IS A CRIME TO USE YOUR CELL PHONE, OR TO TEXT WHILE DRIVING

We continue to see too many people doing this dangerous act. A Vancouver Deputy Police Chief was just charged after crashing into another vehicle while on his cellphone. It is not safe – please warn your family of the dangers and encourage them to drive carefully. Also remember to drive slowly through residential areas.

BAYVIEW VILLAGE MAH JONGG CLUB

The BVA Mahjong Group: Call Jane Robertson 416-226-1390 or 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.

BAYVIEW VILLAGE BOOK CLUB – Mon, February 26 at 8 pm

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



HEALTHY COOKING CLASSES

Loblaws offers a one-hour cooking class every Thursday from 1-2 pm. The cost is \$10 but each person receives a \$10 Loblaws Gift Card – so more or less **free**. Two recipes are demonstrated and each registered person gets to try a good-sized sample. You also receive the two recipes. Different chefs appear each week, a dietician is on hand to help with the nutrition, allergy, and health questions and there are many great cooking tips passed along. The coordinator of the cooking class is Chef Vanita who is very helpful to all and a great chef herself. Her knowledge and expertise has solved many culinary questions. You need to register at the customer service desk at least the day before.

FROM MARY'S GARDEN



This month we are issuing a weather warning for your garden. Temperatures have been amazing – we barely had winter. But don't be fooled – it is too soon to be planting seedlings, flowers, etc. The nights are still cold and of course frost can still happen. Soil can be loosened up – debris can be removed. But for actual planting wait a little while longer.



The BVA Garden Committee is working on both 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

Mark your calendars:

4th Annual BVA Perennial Swap is Saturday May 12

7th Annual BVA Garden Tour is Sunday, June 24.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – BY RON CHOI

A BV neighbour has alerted us about a home improvement problem. She paid full price for some home improvement work but the work was incomplete and she did not get a written contract prior. This Villager wants to use her experience to warn others. Always check references, always get a signed contract and don't sign with someone just coming to the door. Beware – Be warned.

There have been a number of incidents of residents being misled and fooled into thinking the work is required by the city or by Enbridge, Bell Canada, Rogers, etc. You can always call those companies and check. This is not how they do business.



History 101

Sheppard and Old Leslie, 1956, 2010

A view of what was Oriole in 1956 (Oriole was a village that existed until the mid 50's at the intersection of Old Leslie Street and Sheppard Avenue). 1956 picture by Ted Chirnside – 2010 Picture by the Lone Primate: whose photostream is available at:

www.flickr.com/photos/loneprimate



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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