



Bayview Village Association Newsletter

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Working Together to Shape the Future

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Bayview Village Association is hosting our 2nd annual

Family Skating Party

Thursday December 27, 7 to 9 pm

Bayview Arena: 3230 Bayview Ave

(west side of Bayview, just north of Finch) Free to all BV residents.



Bring your skates & join us for an evening of leisure skating.

Bring your self or a friend,

Bring your children and/or grandchildren.

Children under 6 must wear a CSA approved hockey helmet

Refreshments and a great time available for all.



Don't forget to bring skates



WATER METER PROGRAM

The City of Toronto has begun a mandatory water meter program to install new automated meters in every home and business in the city.



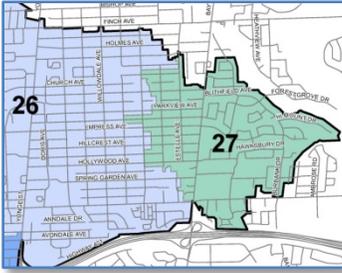
Under the new system, all customers will pay for the water they actually use. The City will replace existing meters with more efficient and up-to-date technology. Being aware of water use will enable residents to use water more efficiently and benefits all

Torontonians.

The new system will help to keep better track of water consumption across the city, detect water loss more quickly and eliminate the need for City staff to go to homes to obtain water meter readings. It will also provide environmental benefits. Residents will be notified by mail when installations begin in their area. For details go to: www.toronto.ca/watermeterprogram

BASEMENT FLOODING CITY CONSULTATION

The City of Toronto has experienced severe storms resulting in basement flooding and negative impacts on water quality in Toronto's rivers and streams. The city is investigating solutions to reduce the risk of future flooding in areas with a history of flooding, such as Bayview Village. BVA Residents should have all received notice of this consultation.



Public Information Centres (PICs) are planned for this study with the first planned for spring 2013. City staff and the consulting team will be present to answer questions and discuss the next steps in the process. Notification of the PIC will be advertised and notices mailed to those within the study area. www.toronto.ca/water/basement_flooding_ea.htm
For more information contact Mae Lee (Rigmea), Public Consultation Unit City of Toronto: [416-392-8210](tel:416-392-8210) E-mail: rigmea_lee@toronto.ca

Doug's Notes

Folks, a quick note to let you know I have just had some major surgery so I am taking a break to rest up. Past-President Jane Robertson is taking over my duties and will do her usual fantastic job. Thanks to all for their good wishes. Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Enjoy the holidays!

Doug

DOUG STEPHENS President

1200 SHEPPARD EAST AMEXON PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

BY ERIC BRISTOW

The Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) Preliminary Hearing took place on Nov. 22nd. At this Hearing, Amexon indicated they will be putting forward a revised proposal. The slightly revised proposal will be 5 towers ranging from 21 to 39 stories containing 1793 condos. This compares to their original proposal of 6 towers ranging from 27 to 43 stories, containing 2098 condos. Even with this 15% reduction, the resulting density is 90% above the maximum for this site, per the City Official Plan.

For Bayview Village residents, the issues of excessive tower height, shadowing, excessive density, traffic and other impacts remain. A full OMB Hearing for this Amexon Appeal will begin June 2013.

BVA thanks all those residents who have made donations for our legal opposition. This allowed us to have legal representation on Nov. 22 and be a 'party' in opposing this Amexon proposal. We have made good progress towards our \$ fundraising target, but we have further to go.

For those BV residents who have not yet donated, our fundraising efforts continue and we need your help to be successful. Your donation is an investment to protect our community.

Cheques should be payable to 'Bayview Village Association': Please write your name, address and phone number on the back of the cheque, and "1200 Sheppard" on the memo line.

Cheques can be mailed to: BVA, Bayview Village Postal Outlet, Box # 91065, 2901 Bayview Ave., Toronto, ON M2K 2Y6, OR drop off at:

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

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A QUESTION FROM OUR ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE: "What Is Bayview Village's largest polluter and major threat to our health and is in hibernation until Spring???"



It's The Two Stroke Engine: Most commonly used in leaf blowers

This engine has been with us for 130 years. It burns a gas and oil mix. For most of these engines in use today **30% of its fuel leaves the exhaust unburned** and enters the air we breathe. These vaporized hydrocarbons are toxic, some components react with sunlight to produce ozone which causes smog. Many gasoline components like **benzene and butadiene** are designated cancer causing. For this reason over 400 municipalities in the US have banned or severely restricted their use. Toronto's Medical Officer of Health recommended regulating their use back in 2003. Leaf blowers are the worst offenders in Bayview Village.

How bad is the pollution problem?

The Ontario Ministry of Labor standard for short term (less than 15 minutes) exposure in the workplace to the carcinogens noted above is **2.5 parts per million (ppm)**. Check your car's last emission test result. Car tailpipe hydrocarbon emissions must be less than 64 ppm. An average well tuned car reads **30ppm**. **A 2 stroke leaf blower exhaust with 30% unburned fuel pass through would read on average 16,000 ppm!!!** So someone (like the operator) standing beside the leaf blower is receiving **530 times** the dose he would get standing beside a car exhaust pipe and **6,400 times** the workplace standard. If you can smell the fumes from a leaf blower, remember that the human nose can only detect smells of more than 500 ppm!!! Children with smaller lungs are especially vulnerable.

Questions to think about:

Are you one of the estimated 60% of BV residents who use contracted lawn mowing services? Do they really need to use these blowers in the months of May through August to blow 50 or so leaves, grass clippings and toxic street dust around? You are the customer. Brooms and rakes have been with us for over 200 years.

BVA Environment Committee has a plan to improve your environment: Stay tuned!

CHRISTMAS TREES AND HOME DECORATIONS



Life after the holidays:

- If you buy a real Christmas tree, remove all decorations, nails, wire, and plastic bags and place tree outside for collection. Do not place your Christmas tree in a plastic bag or tree bag when placing your tree outside for collection on your garbage pick-up day (during the 4 weeks of January 2013 – check your [collection calendar](#) for your regular scheduled garbage collection day). Collected Christmas trees are shredded, combined with leaf and yard waste material and turned into finished compost.
- Keep the living alive: buy a potted Christmas tree or a large potted plant which can be transplanted into your garden in the spring
- Time it: put your outdoor lights and decorations on a timer so they're not burning on all night

CREATIVE ALTERNATIVES FOR GIFT WRAP AND GIFT CARDS

Most paper can be recycled in your Blue Bin ---- Better yet reduce the amount of new paper you use and save money: By using these creative ideas to wrap gifts

- Wrap your presents in newspaper (e.g., use the comic section, old calendars or magazines)
- Holiday gift bags can be exchanged and reused over the years
- Use fabric to wrap gifts, for example a new tea towel, tablecloth, napkin or pillowcase. Bath gifts can be wrapped in bath towels and gardening tools can go in composters, or flower pots.
- Use reusable containers such as baskets, wood boxes, cookie tins, decorative jars and old shoe boxes to contain your gifts. Decorate the container with fabric, poster paint or magazine cut-outs. These gift boxes be used again and again

- Make your own wrapping paper by decorating scrap paper, paper grocery bags or left-over tissue paper with ink or poster paint using rubber stamp as the pattern or design
- Create your own holiday greeting cards using cardboard packaging from consumer goods
- Call friends and relatives to wish them "Happy Holidays" instead of sending cards
- Save any cards or wrapping paper used during this Christmas holiday for next Christmas.
- Saved cards and wrapping paper can be used for creation of unique gift tags.



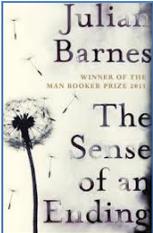
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - BY RON CHOI

REMINDER TO: LIGHT IT UP!

Toronto Police advise us to leave lights on now that it is dark so early – both outside lights and a few inside – and try using a couple of timers so they go on and off at different times. These lights help to keep criminals away and make our streets safer to walk. When residents are out walking our community is safer. And walking helps to improve health – So get out and walk!!

WHAT'S UP IN AND NEAR THE VILLAGE?

- **ROUGE PARK GUIDED WALKS** - located in North East Scarborough, Dec 22, 2012 to Jan 1, 2013
9:30 AM to 4:00 PM Free. Great for the family, dogs on leashes welcome. Details: www.rougepark.com/hike
Email: hike@rougepark.com 905-713-3184
 - **BVA SKATING PARTY: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27 FROM 7-9 AT BAYVIEW ARENA**
 - **WINTER HOLIDAY CONCERT: NORTH YORK LIBRARY: THURSDAY DECEMBER 27: 2-3 PM**
Cassava Latin Band to be held in the North York Central Library Concourse. 60 mins
Sing! Dance! Clap! Warm up the winter to the alluring rhythms of South America. All ages. Drop in.
 - **LEISURE SWIM SAT JAN 05 2 - 4PM AT Douglas Snow Aquatic Centre:**
located north of Sheppard Ave, on west side of Yonge St at North York Civic Centre Call: 416-395-7585
 - **MP CHUNGSEN LEUNG NEW YEAR'S LEVEE: SUNDAY JAN 5**
1:30 to 3:30 at the Grand Luxe Ballroom at 3125 Bayview Ave Please RSVP to 416-2232858 Mix & mingle
 - **BVA BOOK CLUB - MONDAY, JANUARY 14 AT 8 PM: LOCATION: 37 HEATHVIEW**
Our January 2013 book is *A Sense of an Ending* by Julian Barnes. The story of a man coming to terms with the mutable past, Julian Barnes's new novel is laced with his trademark precision, dexterity and insight. It is the work of one of the world's most distinguished writers.

For information contact Jane Robertson 416-226-1390 or jroberstson@rogers.com
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| February 18, 2013 | <i>The Postmistress</i> by Sarah Blake at 42 Palomino |
| March 18, 2013 | <i>The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie</i> by Alan Bradley at 38 Citation |
| April, 2013 | <i>A Complicated Kindness</i> by Miriam Toews |
| May, 2013 | <i>The Last Crossing</i> by Guy Vanderhaeghe |
| June, 2013 | <i>Payback: Debt and the Shadow Side of Wealth</i> by Margaret Atwood |
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- **MPP DAVID ZIMMER'S ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S LEVEE: SUNDAY JANUARY 20**
Event Starts: 02:00 PM at the At the Edithvale Community Centre, 131 Finch Ave W. Entertainment, holiday treats, and a chance to meet with other local residents to exchange good wishes for the year.

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