



# Bayview Village Association Newsletter

Working Together to Shape the Future

[www.bayviewvillage.org](http://www.bayviewvillage.org)

March 2013

Join Us for Our 3<sup>rd</sup>

## Annual Walk for Earth Hour

### - Saturday March 23 at 7:30pm

BVA is joining the world to celebrate Earth Hour.  
With a Night Sky presentation and Earth Hour Walk

Turn off your lights, computers, all non-essential appliances and meet us at **Forest Grove United Church at 7:30 pm**. Bayview Village's very own Cathy McWatters – who is an Astronomy Educator, will lead us on our walk and help us learn about the night sky.



### Comets and the Cosmos:

Learn about the comets that are going to be visible this year (including one that might be available for viewing during the evening)

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 8:15. 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: Hold a candlelit dinner – Tell stories in the dark - Play board games - Go for a walk!

### From jane's desk

Looks like spring is almost here! With spring comes more events in Bayview Village! Please join us at our annual events: March 23 **Earth Hour Walk**, April 21 **Spring Clean-Up** and **Perennial Swap** in May.

And I encourage you to read our update on the Amexon 1200 Sheppard Ave E Revised Proposal – we need you to continue to support your community at upcoming key meetings in March and April and to write or email city officials.

Follow us on Twitter at @BVAssociation – we tweet regularly

*Jane*

JANE ROBERTSON PAST-President

# 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 hour sheets for high school students.

This is a great family activity.

For details: Contact Simin Molookzadeh at: [s\\_molookzadeh@yahoo.ca](mailto:s_molookzadeh@yahoo.ca) or 416-730-0927

**Friends and family welcome!**

## **BVA MUNICIPAL AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS (MAGA) REPORT BY DAVID MAGILL**

Sheridan Nurseries/Mountain Equipment Coop (MEC): MAGA attended the Mar 4 public meeting – there is No “new” news. City Planning staff and MEC representatives made presentations, followed by our questions and answers. Major concerns raised were MEC’s plan not to develop the housing portion on their own, but instead sell the land for someone else to develop; vehicular access to/from the site; and increased traffic on Sheppard. Next steps are for MEC to respond to concerns; city planning staff will then prepare a final report - likely go to North York Community Council this fall. We will post copies of the presentations to our website.

Chief Planner Roundtable: Chief Planner Jennifer Keesmaat is hosting a series of Roundtables. Two sessions have already taken place. The next one is “The Next Generation Suburbs” is April 2 and will be streamed on RogersTV – Details and link to the RogersTV archive site at [www.toronto.ca/planning/chiefplannerroundtable](http://www.toronto.ca/planning/chiefplannerroundtable)

Feeling Congested: This City of Toronto Website offers excellent background on issues and options. Copy of presentation made to public meetings available by clicking on “presentation” tab on “Have Your Say” page -- [www.feelingcongested.com](http://www.feelingcongested.com) March 15 is deadline for public feedback through interactive form on website.

## **FROM MARY'S GARDEN**



It looks like spring is heading our way!

But don't be fooled – it is too soon to be planting seedlings, flowers, etc. The nights are still cold and frost can still happen. However, you can get your garden **Spring Ready**: Loosen up soil – Remove fallen twigs, branches and other winter debris - Prune deciduous trees and shrubs (except those that flower or flow with sap in spring) - Pull out annual and perennial weeds when they appear.

If you would like to get involved in the BVA Garden Committee 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 11 from 10am to 12 noon.



## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - BY RON CHOI**

### **A NOTE FROM TORONTO POLICE SERVICES:**

From April 1 to June 30 our local police are holding: **Operation Hands On Drive**: Targeting distracted driving (i.e. phones, ipads, other devices or distractions). Texting while driving is as dangerous as drunk driving. Put away the phones and other devices and pay attention to driving.

Remember to practise good driving habits in front of your children. They are keen observers and you are their role models.

# Amexon 1200, 1210, 1220 Sheppard Ave. East - Proposed Development Update

By Eric Bristow – Chair of BVA 1200 Sheppard Committee

We invite you to come out to the following two key meetings regarding the 1200 Sheppard Ave E:

## Tuesday, March 19 at 7 pm Community Consultation Meeting hosted by City Planning

- **Come out in force, to voice your issues, concerns and opposition to the Amexon revised proposal.**
- **When** - Tuesday March 19, starting at 7 pm
- **Where** - North York Civic Centre, 5100 Yonge St., in the Council Chambers

## Tuesday April 9 - North York Community Council meeting

- All community members are encouraged to attend this meeting, where the City Planning Report on the Amexon revised proposal will be considered, with a vote of recommendation to the full City Council which will then consider the matter about the 3rd week of April. **TIME TO BE CONFIRMED**
- There is an opportunity for community members to make deputations. Your BVA will make a deputation.

Three actions that each Bayview Village resident can do to help:

1. Attend the two upcoming March 19 and April 9 meetings noted above.
  2. Read the Feb. 28 BVA written submission to Councillors Shiner and Carroll and City Planning, outlining why BVA opposes the Amexon revised proposal...go to [bayviewvillage.org](http://bayviewvillage.org)
- This is BVA's input to the City Planning report on Amexon's revised proposal, expected the end of March. Then write your own email letter, outlining why you are opposed to the Amexon revised proposal for 1200 - 1220 Sheppard Ave. East, and send it to:

- City Planner: [lpoule@toronto.ca](mailto:lpoule@toronto.ca) 416-395-7136
- Councillor Shiner: [councillor\\_shiner@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_shiner@toronto.ca) 416-397-9290
- Councillor Carroll: [councillor\\_carroll@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_carroll@toronto.ca) 416-392-4038

Please Copy • Eric Bristow, Chair of the BVA 1200 Sheppard Committee: [bristow4@sympatico.ca](mailto:bristow4@sympatico.ca)

3. Step forward and make a donation to fund our well organized and well managed opposition to this Amexon proposal.

- Join your many neighbours in our Bayview Village community, through a donation. If you have donated, thank you very much!!
  - We are now at 55% of our fundraising target, thanks to many great folks in Bayview Village. That's great, and 45% of the way left to go.
  - **To donate by Paypal** ([www.bayviewvillage.org](http://www.bayviewvillage.org))
  - **To donate by cheque:** Fill out the form below, make your cheque payable to 'Bayview Village Association', with name, address and phone number on the back of the cheque, and "1200 Sheppard" on the memo line.
- Mail your cheque and this form to:

BVA, Bayview Village Postal Outlet, Box # 91065, 2901 Bayview Avenue, Toronto, ON. M2K 2Y6.

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**Bayview Village Association will keep your information on this form confidential.**

For more information:

- David Magil: [416-221-3762](tel:416-221-3762), [dmagil@rogers.com](mailto:dmagil@rogers.com); (Chair, BVA Municipal & Government Affairs Committee)
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- Jane Robertson: [416-226-1390](tel:416-226-1390), [jrobertson@rogers.com](mailto:jrobertson@rogers.com).

## WATER METER PROGRAM

The City of Toronto is currently working in Bayview Village replacing new automated water meters in every home and business to provide an equitable system for all Toronto Water customers. This is a mandatory program and is free. BV residents have been booking their installation and from all reports it has gone smoothly. If you haven't yet had your meter replaced you can book online at: [torontowatermeterprogram.ca](http://torontowatermeterprogram.ca) or call 416-236-3837. The call centre is open Monday to Friday 7:00 am - 9:00 pm, and Saturday 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

## THE BIG MELT

All the snow and ice that has collected on lawns and sidewalks is melting and heading into our ravines. Keep children and pets away from rivers and streams which are now deeper and faster moving. And remember that any water that goes through our ravines ends up in our water system – help keep it clean – don't dump chemicals down drains – dispose of toxic substances call 311 for help.

## YOU WON'T BELIEVE WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE VILLAGE

### • SING 'N SPELL: SAT MAR 16, 2013 AT BAYVIEW VILLAGE TORONTO LIBRARY:

From 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Join Cindy Cook from Polka Dot Door! 60 mins  
A musical participation concert using puppets, songs, spelling games, dancing, riddles and different languages to show children of all ages that reading is FUN!

### • COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 19 AT 7 PM

Public Consultation About 1200 Sheppard Ave Development Proposal at North York Civic Centre, 5100 Yonge St., in the Council Chambers

### • BVA BOOK CLUB MONDAY, MARCH 18 AT 8 PM: AT 38 CITATION DR.

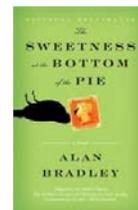
Our March 2013 book is *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan Bradley.

For information contact Jane Robertson 416-226-1390 or [jroberstson@rogers.com](mailto:jroberstson@rogers.com)

April 15, 2013 *A Complicated Kindness* by Miriam Toews at 53 Citation

May 13, 2013 *The Last Crossing* by Guy Vanderhaeghe at 23 Restwell

June 10, 2013 *Payback: Debt and the Shadow Side of Wealth* by Margaret Atwood at 1 Clarinda



### • BVA EARTH HOUR WALK & PRESENTATION Saturday, March 23 at 7:30 pm

At Forest Grove Church. Great family event.

### • BVA BRIDGE CLUB: LUNCHEON & CARD PARTY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup> AT FOREST GROVE UNITED CHURCH 11:30AM - 4PM

This is going to be fun. A spring get-together to enjoy Bridge and Good Company.

Door Prizes     Art Sale     Tickets \$15



Everyone is welcome but let us know if you plan to attend so we can save a seat for you.

Contact either Joan Lago 416-491-0029 or June McKey 416-221-3160.

### • North York Community Council meeting Tuesday April 9 -

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### • BVA Spring Clean-Up Sat. April 21, 2012 - 10:00 am to 1 pm

Help clean up the village as we tackle ravines and parks - Great family event -

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