



# Bayview Village Association Newsletter

Working Together to Shape the Future

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

April 2013



## Join Us

### 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.

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

**Friends and family welcome!**

## It's Here: The BVA Environmental Plan



### to reduce Emissions from 2 Cycle engines.

Our recent directory and newsletters tell us how 2 cycle engines (the type that burn a mixture of gasoline and oil) are **trying to kill us**. 30% of the fuel goes out the exhaust and we then breathe in these toxic gasoline components. Go to the BVA website for past newsletters to read more details on the health effects and why 400 U.S. municipalities have either banned or severely restricted the use of 2 cycle driven leaf blowers.

Read below and learn what **you can do** to improve the environment and safeguard the health of you and your neighbours.

**Get rid of our own outdated 2 Cycle driven lawn and garden equipment. The Canadian Tire store at 1019 Sheppard East is partnering with BVA to **recycle your 2 cycle driven** lawnmower, grass trimmer, hedge trimmer, chainsaw, vacuum leaf blower.**



Bring your equipment to the BVA recycling desk at the west entrance of the Canadian Tire store on the weekends of May 25-26 or June 1-2, 2013. A BVA volunteer will fill out a special coupon **which entitles you to get any 2013 sale price up to the date of purchase of a low emission version of the equipment you brought in for recycle.**

The low emission versions will be electric or battery operated except lawn mowers where you also have the choice of a 4 cycle driven mower or a hand mower. For example in June you can get the same 50% discount that is in the April 12-18 flyer for a cordless grass trimmer. The BVA desk will have a book

showing all the previous sale prices. Although BVA is running the desk, the offer is not restricted to BVA residents, tell your friends.

**Take responsibility with the lawn mowing contractor you hire.**

Leaf blowers mostly operated by contractors are the major source of 2 cycle engine emissions in the village. These machines are not needed in the months of June through September when there are no leaves on the ground. Also these are high smog months. Not using them would reduce the quantity of unburned fuel emissions and toxic dust emitted this year by close to 50%.

Professional gardeners will tell you to leave the grass clippings on the lawn as mulch. Ask your contractor to leave clippings on the lawn and use a broom to sweep clippings from your driveway and patio back onto your lawn. If your contractor cares about your health and his/her employees' health it should be no problem. If your contractor says no – remember you are the customer. There are “green lawn care contractors” out there who have a code of practice that includes not using leaf blowers in the summer months. We'll have more information about these contractors in our next newsletter.

**FROM MARY'S GARDEN**

Join our BVA Garden Committee as we host our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual BVA Perennial Swap – If you are interested in joining our committee please contact me at 416-229-0094 email:

[viamede@rogers.com](mailto:viamede@rogers.com)



**5<sup>th</sup> Annual BVA Perennial Swap**

**Saturday May 11 from 10 am to 12 noon.**

Are your daisies threatening to take over your garden? Do you have too many ferns in your backyard? Is your Hosta in serious need of thinning?

Then come to our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Perennial Swap in the **Bayview Middle School** parking lot (thanks again to the school for their support).



**What is a Perennial Swap?**

It is for anyone interested in swapping their bright and beautiful perennials for another. It is a chance to divide a favourite plant that has grown too large –or hand - off one you have tired of and willing to share with others. Remember you can take home as many perennials as you bring. Or come to the Toonie Table where Perennials are just \$2 each.

So bring your 'old perennials' or \$2 and find something new.

It is helpful to bring along a box to help carry home what you swap. If you can label what you bring (or dig up) that would be wonderful and also please note whether it will grow in sun or shade or both.

**From jane's desk**

We have so many activities planned over the next few months. I encourage you to get involved – come out to meet your neighbours, swap perennials, help us clean-up our community, join our Book Club, take advantage of our partnership with Canadian Tire, and stay active in our ongoing opposition to Amexon 1200 Sheppard Ave E Revised Proposal.

We need your enthusiasm and passion for our beautiful community!  
Follow us on Twitter at @BVAssociation – we tweet regularly

*Jane*

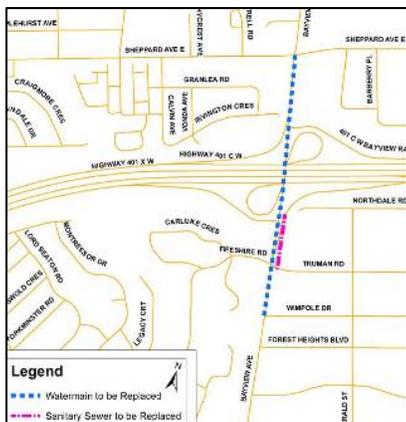
JANE ROBERTSON PAST-President

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Earth Hour Walk

WOW! What a night!!

We had a great time March 23<sup>rd</sup> when about 70 villagers joined us for our Earth Hour Walk led by Cathy McWatters and her husband Richard. They again brought their telescope and we had a chance to see the Moon and its craters and mountains in detail. Cathy gave a short talk so we knew what to look for.

In addition to constellations and planets - We caught a glimpse of a comet and saw an Iridium Flare – so cool!



## TRAFFIC WON'T BE GETTING BETTER THIS SUMMER

Beginning May 2013 and finishing August 2013 the city intends to replace the Watermain and Sanitary Sewer on Bayview south of Sheppard

The replacement is being done in order to improve water distribution system and drinking water quality. The project also includes the replacement of a sanitary sewer. Work will be carried out on Bayview Ave. from Sheppard Ave. E to Wimpole Dr. This project is part of the Watermain and Sewer Replacement Program.

For concerns or questions: call 311 or contact Councillor Shiner at 416-395-6413 or [councillor\\_shiner@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_shiner@toronto.ca)

## AMEXON 1200, 1210, 1220 SHEPPARD AVE. EAST

### Proposed Development Update:

On April 9 North York Community Council rejected the Amexon Revised Proposal. Their recommendation will now go to city council the week of May 7. The recommendations authorize staff to continue to oppose the revised development at the OMB hearing, which starts June 10.

**NOTE: We continue to need your support to oppose the revised proposal at the OMB.**

Please Step forward to donate to 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 over 60% of our fundraising target, thanks to many great folks in Bayview Village. That's great!
- **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.**

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**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.



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

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

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

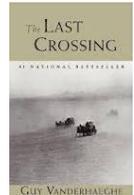
- **ENVIRONMENT DAY: Sat., May 4 10am – 2 pm**

Hosted by Councillor John Filion at Earl Haig Secondary School 100 Princess Ave.

- **BVA BOOK CLUB: MONDAY, MAY 13 AT 8 PM: AT 23 RESTWELL.**

Our March 2013 book is *The Last Crossing* by Guy Vanderhaeghe.

Vanderhaeghe is a Canadian novelist and short story writer, best known for writing Western novels. He has won two Governor General's Awards for his work. *The Last Crossing* is set in the second half of the nineteenth century, in the Canadian and American West and in Victorian England. The novel won the Canadian Booksellers Association Libris Award and was a national best seller. For information contact Jane Robertson 416-226-1390 or [jrobertson@rogers.com](mailto:jrobertson@rogers.com)



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

- **5<sup>th</sup> Annual BVA Perennial Swap Saturday May 11 from 10am to 12 noon.**

AT BAYVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

- **REPLACE YOUR 2 CYCLE LEAF BLOWER: May 25-26 or June 1-2, 2013 AT CANADIAN TIRE 1019 SHEPPARD EAST THROUGH THE BVA Recycling Program of Leaf Blowers**

- **ENVIRONMENT DAY Saturday, June 8 10am – 2 pm**

Hosted by Councillor David Shiner at Seneca College, Newnham Campus 1750 Finch Ave. E., rear parking lot (enter off Don Mills Rd.)

For a complete list of Environment Days in Toronto go to [www.toronto.ca/environment\\_days](http://www.toronto.ca/environment_days)

or call 311 Drop off for recycling: Computer Equipment & Peripherals, Audio/Visual Equipment, and Household Hazardous Waste. Items donated to local schools for reuse: Art supplies (e.g. pencils, markers, crayons, etc.), Buttons, keys, stamps, Clipboards, corks & cork boards, CDs & cases, Children's books, Costume jewelry, Dress-up clothing, Fabric pieces, yarn, etc.

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