



Bayview Village Association Newsletter

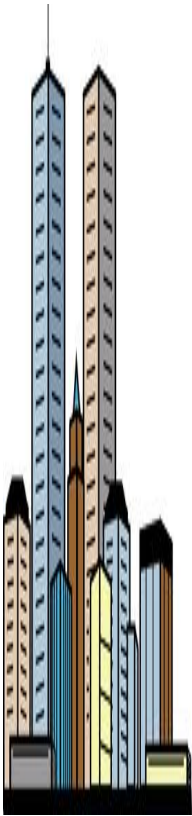
Working Together to Shape the Future

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May 2013

Bayview Village Association Public Meeting:

Thursday, May 16 at 7:30 pm at Forest Grove Church (43 Forest Grove Dr.)
to update you on developments in our ongoing fight against the
proposed 1200 Sheppard Ave E. redevelopment.



You have received flyers and newsletters over the last year outlining our plans to fight the proposed redevelopment at 1200 Sheppard Ave E. We believe the proposal of nearly double the planned density for the site, and 5 very tall towers of 21, 27, and **three** at 39 stories high, will negatively impact residents and will establish precedents for even larger projects. In addition this project will cast long shadows that will block sunlight on our lawns and gardens, add more cars to our already congested roads, lead to overuse of local facilities, and impact ravines and wildlife as this development encroaches on valuable conservation land.

In order to be heard at the Ontario Municipal Board and make a strong legal argument we continue to raise funds. Many of you have stepped forward and donated. If you have we thank you very much and hope you will encourage your neighbours to donate. If you have not had a chance to donate please take the time to do that now.

You can donate by Paypal, by visiting our BVA website: www.bayviewvillage.org, or by cheque made 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. All information is kept confidential.

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 Drive
15 Morewood Cres. 60 Sumner Heights

HERE IT IS!

OUR BVA ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN TO REDUCE EMISSIONS FROM 2 CYCLE ENGINES.

Our recent directory and prior newsletters tell us how those two 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 breathe in these toxic gasoline components. Go to the BVA website for past newsletters and articles to read more details on the health effects and why 400



municipalities in the US have either banned or severely restricted the use of 2 cycle driven leaf blowers.

Here is what **YOU CAN DO** to improve the environment and safeguard the health of you, your family and your neighbours:

LET'S 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 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. Although BVA is running the desk, the offer is not restricted to BVA residents, tell your friends.



SPEAK WITH THE LAWN MOWING CONTRACTOR YOU HIRE ABOUT THE 50% SOLUTION: 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. If you 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, **does he care enough about your health** let alone the health of his employees that he would do it? Unfortunately a number of contractors I talked to wouldn't listen to what I had to say or said it would take too much time to use a broom. If he says no, who is 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 will get a list together for a future newsletter.

IT'S NOT JUST YOU



Toronto's Transportation Services report agrees that our neighbourhood experiences some of the most traffic congestion in the city. No surprise – Bayview and Sheppard tops the list.

The 10 most congested intersections were identified "based on traffic volumes, field observations, requests from the public to address congestion as well as staff knowledge of the most congested intersections and road networks," the report states.

Toronto's worst intersections

1. Bayview Ave at Sheppard Ave E
2. Yonge St, Hwy 401 to Sheppard Ave E
3. York St, Front St to Gardiner Expy
4. Sheppard Ave W at Allen Rd.
5. Leslie St, Hwy 401 to Sheppard Ave E
6. Lake Shore Blvd, York St. to Bathurst St
7. Kennedy Rd, Hwy 401 to Sheppard Ave E
8. Markham Rd. Hwy 401 to Sheppard Ave E
9. Dufferin St at Finch Ave W
10. Black Creek Dr. at Lawrence Ave W

UPDATE ON SUMMER CONSTRUCTION

We have already told you of the sewer and watermain replacement that will be taking place on Bayview this summer (from Sheppard to just north of York Mills. This will likely mean Bayview Ave traffic will become even more of a nightmare. Work is scheduled from May to mid-August of this year.

Starting in August 2013 similar watermain/sewer replacement work will begin on Yonge St between Finch and Steeles. Original Plans called for year-long lane closures and traffic delays. Ward 23 Councillor John Filion has held community meetings and is working with city staff to develop a new plan to lessen the impact of this work. We applaud his efforts.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT AT FOREST GROVE (LAST NIGHT THIS SEASON)

What a great way to kick off the May 24th Long Weekend!

The latest Walt Disney animated adventure movie, "Wreck-It Ralph", will be shown on the big screen at Forest Grove United Church, 43 Forest Grove Dr, on Friday, May 17, at 7:00 PM. Children and adults of all ages are invited to this relaxing and fun evening. Admission by donation to the North York Harvest Food Bank. Let us know if you are attending – so we can have enough popcorn – by contacting either Marty Smyth 416-568-9879; martygsmyth@gmail.com or Jean Probyn 416-222-4033; jean.probyn@rogers.com.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH BY RON CHOI

If you have neighbourhood safety concerns please contact me

at: ronald.choi@yahoo.com

4 Break & Enters last month in Bayview Village!

Toronto Police ask you to keep doors locked – even when you are at home. There have been robberies when residents are outside, working in the garden - Don't leave ladders outside – they have been used to gain entry. And keep cars locked – unlocked cars are used to gain entry to garages and thefts of bicycles, machinery, etc can occur. And LIGHTS ON: a house with lights on gives the appearance of someone being at home – outside lights also improve safety... solar lights and energy-smart lighting are low (or no!) electricity users.

Toronto Police also remind you to not drive while distracted. Texting, talking on the phone, adjusting onboard electronics all contribute to road safety. And remember it is WALKING and BICYCLE SEASON: Be alert.



WALKING NEWS: Pedometer Lending Program

Is now at all Toronto Public Libraries have pedometers available to be loaned out. Great way to track your walking. When you borrow the pedometer, it comes in a video cassette case, together with a [Walk Into Health booklet](#) (PDF) that you can keep. The booklet has information on walking guidelines, places to walk and a printable calendar to track your walking progress.

**Bayview Village Association invites you to the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & STRAWBERRY SOCIAL
Tuesday, June 18, 2011 at 7:30 pm
at BAYVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL - 25 Bunty Lane**



- ✧ Election of 2013-14 Executive ✧ Meet Neighbours
- ✧ BVA Update on Local News & Initiatives ✧ Latest news on developments
- ✧ Delicious Strawberry Desserts

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN BVA EXECUTIVE

A regular infusion of new volunteers with fresh and exciting ideas is essential for the health of any community organization. Volunteering on the Executive Committee is a great way to meet your neighbours, keep tabs on issues impacting the Village and contribute to the vitality of our community, develop leadership skills, and improve the quality of life in Bayview Village. The BVA Nominating Committee is currently recruiting new volunteers for 2013-2014 Executive Committee.

If you are a Bayview Village resident interested in learning more about this worthwhile volunteer opportunity, please contact Jane Robertson, Chair, Nominating Committee, 416-226-1390 or jrobertson@rogers.com

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

• NORTH YORK FARMERS MARKET

(EVERY THURSDAY from May 30, 2013 to October 31, 2013) 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM)

At North York Civic Centre – Yonge and Empress.

Sponsored by: North York Farmers Market Association

Email: willowtreefarm@sympatico.ca

Phone: 905-985-7493

• BVA BOOK CLUB: MONDAY, JUNE 10 AT 8 PM: AT 1 CLARINDA

Our June book is *Payback: Debt and the Shadow Side of Wealth* by Margaret Atwood. This month we are going non-fiction with Atwood's book written a part of the Massey Lectures. The book has been adapted as a documentary last year that appeared at the Sundance Festival.

For information contact Jane Robertson 416-226-1390 or jrobertson@rogers.com

• REPLACE YOUR 2 CYCLE ENGINES: May 25-26 or June 1-2, 2013 AT CANADIAN TIRE 1019 SHEPPARD EAST THROUGH THE BVA Recycling Program of 2 Cycle Engines

• 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 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.

• BVA AGM & STRAWBERRY SOCIAL TUES. JUNE 18 AT 7:30 PM AT BAYVIEW M.S.

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