



Bayview Village Association Newsletter

Working Together to Shape the Future

www.bayviewvillage.org

June 2013

Bayview Village Association invites you to the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at 7:30 pm

at BAYVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL - 25 Bunty Lane



- ✧ Election of 2013-14 Executive
- ✧ Meet Neighbours
- ✧ Latest news on developments
- ✧ Delicious Strawberry Desserts

✧ BVA Update on Local News & Initiatives

Free – Bring Your Neighbours

From jane's desk

Another busy month - your executive has been spending many hours working on the 1200 Sheppard redevelopment as well as other developments and city consultations. I ask you to consider pitching in and joining BVA Executive. We can use you!

Here are details about Joining and about 3 upcoming consultations you should be aware of:

ON JOINING THE 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 neighbours, keep tabs on issues impacting the Village, develop leadership skills, and improve the quality of life in Bayview Village. Our Nominating Committee is currently seeking new volunteers for 2013-2014 Executive Committee.

If you are a Bayview Village resident interested in learning more about this volunteer opportunity, please contact me at 416-226-1390 or jrobertson@rogers.com

CITY CONSULTATIONS

BAYVIEW FINCH HYDRO CORRIDOR - DOGS OFF-LEASH AREA PROPOSAL

Monday June 24 6:30 to 8 pm Bayview Arena 3230 Bayview Ave. An area of the Bayview Finch Hydro Corridor, located on the west side of Bayview, south of the new bike trail and adjacent to Bayview Arena is being considered for an off-leash area for dogs. City of Toronto representatives are hosting a public information meeting to Review proposals; Receive comment/input from the public; and Discuss next steps.

For information contact Roger Macklin, Parks Supervisor 416-392-2532 or rkmackli@toronto.ca

The meeting notice requests that you: Please leave your dog at home

MAKING SPACE FOR CULTURE PUBLIC MEETING

Monday June 17, 2013, 6:00 - 8:00 PM at Hillcrest Library, 5801 Leslie Street

The city has identified its role in supplying "affordable, sustainable cultural space" for use by cultural industries, not-for-profit organizations and community groups.

To help guide future potential investment when opportunities arise, Toronto's Cultural Services has embarked on a ward-by-ward consultation and planning process to determine local priorities. More information: www.toronto.ca/culture/cultural-spaces.htm.

INVESTIGATION OF FLOODING AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Most of Bayview Village is included in an area the city is reviewing to assess the flooding problems during heavy rainstorms. It plans to develop solutions to alleviate future basement and surface flooding. The study also will incorporate the assessment of remedial measures to improve the quality of stormwater runoff within the study area. For details contact: Mae (Rigmea) Lee 416-392-8210 or rigmea_lee@toronto.ca

WHEN BEING #1 IS NOT A GOOD THING

Last month we told you about Toronto's worst intersections - 3 of them in our area (Bayview & Sheppard, Yonge & Sheppard, and Leslie & Sheppard). Another Transportation Services report lists the worse crossing intersections for pedestrians, as measured over a period of 2007-2011. Unfortunately, an intersection in our community is listed as #1.

The city has some immediate and long-term solutions, which have been approved at the committee level.

Your BVA has always argued that increased traffic along the Sheppard corridor is creating safety problems for our residents. We continue to push for additional measures to keep residents safe.

From the report: *Pedestrian Safety City of Toronto's 10 Priority Intersections*

Rank #1 Highest Priority Intersection: Sheppard Ave E & Ambrose Rd/Provost Dr

8 of the 9 pedestrian collisions were a result of improper driving or a failure to yield to pedestrians by drivers turning left or right. 3 of the collisions were southbound left turns not yielding to pedestrians or making improper turns.



CUT THAT GRASS - PULL THOSE WEEDS

A reminder: Residents are responsible for cutting grass and weeds on their property. Keeping lawns maintained helps to keep our communities safe – it sends the message that we care and watch after our property. It also helps to maintain property values.

There is a city Bylaw regarding the height of grass and weeds. If residents do not comply after a notice is issued the City can do the work and the costs and administration fees are added to the property taxes. For details or concerns please call 311.

KEEP IT CLEAN!

Ensure that all service people working for you (gardeners, outside workers, roofers, etc) do not leave coffee cups, litter, etc on lawns and sidewalks. Several neighbours have been performing double duty picking up after others.

If you see graffiti vandalism on any property, City or private property, call 311.

And as always Poop & Scoop. Thank you to all pet owners for doing your part to keep the Village clean and safe through your regular walks with Rover. Woof! Woof!



UPDATE ON PROPOSED 1200 SHEPPARD AVE E. REDEVELOPMENT

Just to remind you that we continue fighting against the proposed redevelopment at 1200 Sheppard Ave E. We believe this 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. 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 it encroaches on valuable conservation land.



The OMB Appeal is scheduled for 15 days – over the period of June 10 to July 12, 2013. Once the appeal is over the OMB will make a decision however they may not announce it for some time.



To make a strong argument at the Ontario Municipal Board we continue to raise funds to cover the costs involved. To those who have already donated 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.

To donate by Paypal, by visiting our BVA website: www.bayviewvillage.org, or by cheque made payable to 'Bayview Village Association'. 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.

Mail Cheques 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 Hts

YOU BETTER WATCH OUT!

Our BVA Environmental Chair *Monty Emerson's Words of Wisdom About Poison Ivy*

"Every year I see a patch of poison ivy in our local ravine. It is west of the trail just south of the path leading up to Oscar Court. For a number of years authorities were marking and spraying with roundup but GTA workers said there were complaints about using spray and letting nature take its course. The watch word now is: "**Leaflets 3, let it be**" "



Poison ivy has a compound leaf with three leaflets, the centre one having a long stalk. This is key. Other features can vary - the leaf edges can be smooth or toothed edged. The plant can grow as a low groundcover but can also grow with upright like a shrub and can even climb trees as a vine.

It is the plant's oil that causes problems. The oil may stick to clothing, shoes, tools, or picnic baskets, and is easily transferred to hands and face by touching, handclasp, to others. Pets can also have reactions.

Contact with poison Ivy can cause serious skin reaction, severe itching, and lead to further infection, etc. To obtain medical advice and information from health care practitioner at any time call the Ontario Ministry of Health toll-free number 1-866-797-0000



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH BY RON CHOI

If you have neighbourhood safety concerns please contact me at: ronald.choi@yahoo.com

Toronto Police Service has informed us that there has been an increase in break-and-enters during the nighttime hours in the Bayview Ave/Steeles Ave East area, while residents are home and asleep. Ensure doors and windows are secure (including car and garage doors) when going to bed and activate your alarm system if applicable. Leaving exterior lights on can also deter potential criminals.

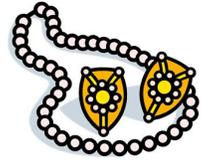
Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 416-808-3304, Crime Stoppers anonymously at 416-222-TIPS (8477), online at www.222tips.com, text TOR and your message to CRIMES (274637).

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

- **THURSDAY, JUNE 13 JEWELRY SALE (NEW & PREVIOUSLY ENJOYED) + STRAWBERRY SOCIAL**

AT 2-4 pm at Forest Grove Church

A great way to spend a June afternoon – pop by for refreshments, yummy treats, and a chance to meet some of your neighbours. Door prizes, Fun, Friends, Cost \$10
All welcome



- **MONDAY JUNE 17, 2013, MAKING SPACE FOR CULTURE PUBLIC MEETING**

AT 6-8 PM at Hillcrest Library, 5801 Leslie St

- **TUESDAY JUNE 18 BVA AGM & STRAWBERRY SOCIAL**

AT 7:30 PM AT BAYVIEW M.S. DETAILS ON THE FRONT PAGE

- **FRIDAY, JUNE 21, MAKE MUSIC TORONTO**

FROM 5:30 PM TO 8:30 PM AT MEL LASTMAN SQUARE - 5100 YONGE ST.

Make Music is a free musical celebration that takes place each year on June 21 – the first day of summer – in communities around the world. Created in France in 1982, the event has spread to more than 110 countries and 460 cities. These are Free concerts in public outdoor spaces. All musicians, both amateur and professional will share their love of music in many different styles. This year, the party's taking place right here in North York!

- **MONDAY, JUNE 24 DOGS OFF-LEASH AREA PROPOSAL INFO MEETING**

6:30-8PM AT BAYVIEW ARENA

- **EVERY THURSDAY until October 31, 2013 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

NORTH YORK FARMERS MARKET - At North York Civic Centre - Yonge and Empress.

- **EVERY FRIDAY: JULY 5, 12, 19 & 26! CULTURA FESTIVAL**

FROM 6 TO 11 PM AT MEL LASTMAN SQUARE - 5100 YONGE ST.

Cultura is a weekly Friday night Summer festival in July that brings the community together for a celebration of music, food, performance, art and film

- **ENVIRONMENT DAYS**

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.

Follow us on twitter: @BVAssociation

Twitter helps us share the latest news, pass along stories of interest & stay in touch.
Keep the conversation going!



Check our website at: www.BayviewVillage.org