



Bayview Village Association Newsletter

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BAYVIEW VILLAGE ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS - FAMILY PARTY

Bring along your ghosts, goblins, mermaids and magicians and join us for some indoor fun at Forest Grove Church for treats, games, music, and colouring, face painting, & pumpkin decorating. Costumes welcome.

All activities for young children. No charge.

Note: Parents, Grandparents & Caregivers: plan to stay with your little partygoer.



What A Wonderful Village it is...

How long have you lived in the Village? When did the Village begin? Who planned the Village?

How lucky we are to live in Bayview Village, a neighbourhood that is both beautiful and full of convenient amenities. We have an abundance of tree-lined streets that are presently full of gorgeous autumn colours. In spring and summer, we have such vibrant and well-groomed flower gardens to enjoy as we drive, or walk, through our safe streets. The longer we live here, the better acquainted we become with our: friendly neighbours, successful schools, local, available, varied and plentiful stores and services, parks and ravines and accessible travel routes, just around the corner.

Thank you to all of our residents who have spent many hours and personal effort to develop and maintain your properties, in some way, that adds so much to the beauty of our wonderful living environment.

I would love to hear from you about other positive aspects of our incredible community. Please email me your positive comments that I will then add to my next newsletter article to help share the great aspects of Bayview Village!

Join us in keeping Bayview Village a vital, safe and beautiful community. Become a member of Bayview Village Association online or use the form on the back page of this newsletter.

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NEW YOUNG PARENTS LIVING WITHIN BAYVIEW VILLAGE AREA

If you have newborns or toddlers... We are looking for you!



Are you interested in:

- Connecting with other young families in the neighbourhood?
- Finding out about the existing resources available to you?
- Sharing ideas / nannies / resources / tips?



If any of the above ideas are of interest to you.... Or if you have other ideas...

Please contact jsdiegel@yahoo.ca

President of Bayview Village Association

We are looking forward to hearing from you!

Scourge of the Leaf Blowers (Monty McDonald, BVA Environment Chair)



Over the past year, we have been informing you on the danger to human health of the emissions from 2 cycle gasoline driven leaf blowers that are mostly used by lawn mowing contractors. Over 400 municipalities in the US consider them such a health hazard that they have banned or severely restricted their use. We have

calculated that these contractor driven machines pump 7,600 litres of unburned gasoline and oil and kick up 30 tons of toxic

dust every year into the Bayview Village atmosphere. Even in the summer months when there are hardly any leaves on the ground, I observe them blowing every little leaf along with dry soil and mulch from flower beds and hedges. They continue to blow this material and the clippings off the lawn onto sidewalks and driveways eventually to the street. Then they blow the clippings down the street dispersing even more toxic street dust for us to inhale. **For those of you who consider that this pollution is unacceptable we proposed "The 50% Solution"** that would with minimal extra effort cut the annual pollution almost in half. Here it is:

- 1. Do not use leaf blowers for the months of June to September when there are no leaves on the ground.**
- 2. Leave grass clippings on the lawn (pros advise this because nutrients from breakdown of clippings go back into the lawn and will benefit your lawn).**
- 3. Use a broom to sweep excess clippings from sidewalks and driveways back onto the lawn.**

I spoke to a number of contractors in the North end of the village. Even though I demonstrated how it takes less than 5 minutes to sweep the sidewalk, walks and double driveway of a 60 foot lot using a corn broom (curling style sweep), only one was willing to participate. The rest refused to listen to the logic and do not care that they are polluting and affecting the health of their employees and their customers.

The World Health Organization and the International Agency for Research on Cancer

has declared air pollution is a greater cancer risk than 2nd hand smoke...

Read about our initiative to help protect you, your children and your grandchildren.

So members the ball is in your court.

1. When you renew your mowing contract for next year **insist that the contractor follows the clean practices mentioned above when he quotes for next year.**
2. Provide us your contractor's the name, address and phone number (email if you have it) by leaving a message on BVA website or phone Monty McDonald (416 221 2569). **We will contact them.** If the contractor agrees to follow "**The 50% Solution**", BVA will promote their name in our directory, website and newsletters at no cost.
3. If your contractor agrees not to use the blowers in summer months but won't sweep up, why not sweep it yourself? Grass clippings are 90% water. Leave them on the drive/walks for a few days and they dry up. Then it takes only 3 minutes to sweep. Is your improved health worth 3 minutes a week?



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH BY RON CHOI

If you have neighbourhood safety concerns please contact me at:

bayviewill@bayviewvillage.org

Keeping Our Children Safe

If you have any concerns over adults hanging around parks, children's playgrounds, schoolyards contact the Toronto Police Services at 416-808-2222 immediately. If you sense something is not right – pick up the phone. Toronto Police encourage parents and neighbours to be proactive. Certainly, if it is during school hours – also alert the school Principal or Childcare staff. Join us in keeping our children safe.



HEALTHY COOKING CLASSES



Loblaws offers a one-hour cooking class every Thursday from 1-2 pm. The cost is \$10 but each person receives a \$10 Loblaws Gift Card – so more or less **FREE**.

Two recipes are demonstrated and each registered person gets to try a small-sized portion. You also receive the two recipes. Different chefs appear each week, a dietician is on hand to help with nutrition, allergy, and health questions and many great cooking tips shared. The coordinator of the cooking class is Chef Vanita who is helpful to all and a great chef herself. Her knowledge and expertise has solved

many culinary questions. You need to register at the customer service desk at least the day before. Other cooking classes, for a fee, are available in the evening. Check at the store for a schedule.

You Won't Believe What Is Going On In & Around The Village

BAYVIEW VILLAGE BOOK CLUB

READING LIST FOR NOV 2013 - JUNE 2014

The book club sets for our book selections have been reserved at the library.

RSVP to Jane at jrobertson@rogers.com or Tsan -Tzu at 416-229-0588.

Nov. 18 2013 *Mistress Of Nothing* By Kate Pullinger 42 Palomino Cres

****Winner of the Governor General's Award for Fiction in 2009**

Jan ?? 2014 *The Alchemist* By Paul Coelho

Feb. ?? 2014 *Cutting For Stone* By A. Verghese

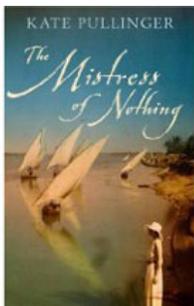
Mar. ?? 2014 *Balzac And The Little Chinese Seamstress* By Sijie Dai

Apr. ?? 2014 *Half Blood Blues* By Esi Edugyan

May ?? 2014 *The Paris Wife* By Paula McLain

June ?? 2014 *A Lost Lady* By Willa Cather

?? Will be posted in upcoming newsletters – stay tuned



GREAT BOOK EVENT AT BAYVIEW VILLAGE PUBLIC LIBRARY: WUTHERING HEIGHTS

Thu Nov 07, 2013 2 pm - 3:30 pm 90 mins

Professor Janet Melo-Thaiss, York University, will be exploring Emily Bronte's only novel, Wuthering Heights. Focusing on the tragic nature of the text, this lecture will explore themes of desire, beauty, violence and the sublime. Each of these themes respectively will be aimed at attempting to reconcile one of the most haunting and compelling love stories ever written in the English language. Call 416-395-5460 to register.

SAVE THESE DATES – Details in our November newsletter

Dec 6: 7 pm BVA Holiday Social: Join us to meet new friends and neighbours.

Dec 27: 7 pm BVA Annual Family Skating Party: Dig out your skates and join us. Come to skate, have a hot chocolate or both – we'd love to see you.





Bayview Village Association Membership Renewal/Application

2014

Membership is open to all residents of Bayview Village.

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JOIN ON-LINE.
All you need is a credit card. Go to www.bayviewvillage.org Follow the links to join or renew by using **PayPal™** secure service. (More information on back).

Please renew or join today and support the efforts being made by the Association to keep Bayview Village a great community and a beautiful neighbourhood. Strong membership numbers tell government agencies and politicians that we care about issues that affect our community. (See overleaf for more details.) **Membership is just \$20.00 per year.** Additional contributions are very much appreciated.

To Join: Complete this form, enclose a cheque for the total amount and mail or drop-off at one of the addresses listed below. Make cheques payable to "Bayview Village Association", OR use our secure website. (www.bayviewvillage.org)

<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> New Member	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>I may be able to volunteer some time. Please contact me.</i>
Please allow us to list all information in the directory. This allows neighbours to get to know each other, thus keeping Bayview Village a safe, strong and friendly community. Please note that email addresses will NOT be published in the directory.		
Address: (house number & street)		
Last Name, #1 resident:		
First Name, #1:		
Occupation, #1: (optional)		
Company #1: (optional)		
Last Name, #2 resident:		
First Name, #2:		
Occupation, #2: (optional)		
Company #2: (optional)		
Home Phone Number:		
Email Address: (optional, will not be published or shared)		
Year Moved Into Bayview Village:		
Membership fee	\$ 20.00	How do you want to be listed? <input type="checkbox"/> List all information in directory <input type="checkbox"/> List my initials, address and phone no. only E.g. H.R.....1Clarinda Dr.....416-123-4567 <input type="checkbox"/> List only as "member"
Voluntary contribution	\$	
History of Bayview Village Book \$20	\$	
TOTAL AMOUNT enclosed	\$	

♦ The information we collect is used to prepare an annual directory for members.
 ♦ BVA does not distribute or sell its membership information. ♦ Only members receive a directory.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION!



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