



Bayview Village Association Newsletter

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Things Are Happening in Bayview Village

BVA ANNUAL CLEAN UP

SATURDAY, APRIL 26 10:00 am to 1 pm

Here is your chance to make a difference as residents and help us do some spring cleaning in the Village. Meet us at the Forest Grove ravine entrance (near church) at 10am.

Please bring your own gardening gloves (or heavy duty gloves), and sturdy boots, we will have garbage bags.

We can sign volunteer-service hour sheets for high school students.

Friends and family welcome!



BVA Spring Social Friday, May 9 at 7 pm Forest Grove Church

Brand new to the Village? Or a long time resident?



We want you to join us for an enjoyable evening, meet your neighbours, learn about what's happening in the area, have a coffee and some dessert and find out about how your BVA works for you.

We have so much to talk about.

6th Annual BVA Perennial Swap Saturday, May 24 from 10 am to 12 noon.

Are daisies threatening to take over your garden? Too many ferns in your backyard? Hostas in serious need of thinning? Then come to our 6th Perennial Swap in the **Bayview Middle School** parking lot.

What is a Perennial Swap?

It's for anyone interested in swapping their bright and beautiful perennials for another. It's an opportunity to divide and share a favourite plant grown too large – or pass along one you have tired of to others who will love it. You can take home as many perennials as you bring. Or come to the Toonie Table where Perennials are just \$2 each (some at \$5).

So bring your 'old perennials' or \$2 or two and find something new. Please bring along a box to help carry home what you swap. If you can, please label the plants that you bring and also note whether it will grow in sun or shade or both.



A letter from Jan

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU...

In my last newsletter to you I spoke about the glorious attributes of Spring, to help those who are not “winter lovers” get past the seemingly unending cold. One BVA member reminded me that there is much to love about the winter – from walks in the ravine, cross country skiing opportunities, spotting brightly coloured winter birds, the robust exercise of shoveling piles of snow, ...and so many health benefits. Their perspective reminded me that I, as President of BVA, represent ALL community members, people with many interests, attitudes and perspectives...so please keep in contact with us so we know what your needs and wants for this village.

If you would like to organize some winter events for next year PLEASE connect with us. If you or your neighbours have ideas for events or activities that you would like to have happen in the community, but haven't been tried, please don't be shy...your ideas matter! We want you to feel that this community is yours, filled with what makes you happy and involved! We recognize that the village continues to transition from those who have lived here for over 50 years to those who have moved in just recently and we would love to enhance the living experiences of all.

We are also always looking for new members of our Executive who want to be part of the “challenge and change” of the neighbourhood. As we are Bayview VILLAGE, our association continues to move toward the inclusion of the village concept. When people say, “It takes a village to raise a child” they are talking about everyone looking out for each other because we share the commonality of living together. Today's world seems to be so busy and sometimes we are overwhelmed by our own lives, yet, we all know that sharing common experiences with others can be so rewarding. Please consider joining us and help grow the village!

GET UP! GET OUT! GET ACTIVE!

Don't forget our Spring Social on Friday May 9 at 7 pm.

Jan

Jan Siegel, BVA President jdsiegel@yahoo.ca

DID YOU MISS THE PUBLIC COMMUNITY CENTRE MEETING IN MARCH?

Here are some highlights:

- Budget of \$30 million, funded with Section 37 contribution from Concord Adex and topped off with funds from development charges.
- Community Centre to have recreation facilities: gym[s], meeting rooms, running/walking track, aquatics facilities, library (expanded and relocated from Bayview Village Plaza) and daycare.
- Underground parking (first plan calls for 3 levels, operated by Toronto Parking) at centre and on-street parking (lay-by) at park.
- Tentative construction start Spring 2016.
- Tentative construction completion Spring/Summer 2018



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH BY RON CHOI

If you have neighbourhood safety concerns contact me at:
bayviewill@bayviewvillage.org

Graffiti – was recently spotted at Clarinda Park on signs and the children's playground equipment, It was reported by a BVA resident and reported to the city for cleanup. Graffiti was also found on some nearby homes and parked cars as well. All residents and the car owners should report graffiti on their properties to the police for further investigation.

- If you are witnessing graffiti vandalism in progress, please call 911.
- To report hate or gang-related graffiti, call Toronto Police at 416-808-2222.
- If you see Graffiti on City or private property call 311 or report online. May be reported anonymously.
- If you have information regarding graffiti vandalism, please call Crime Stoppers at 416-222-8477.



One Last Look At Winter 2014

It was a cold winter for the animals that winter in our ravines. Deer were starving as the available food supply didn't provide enough calories for them. So they lose weight. To help them along some neighbours provided feed in their yards or in the ravine and the deer in turn come around to eat it and the residents were able to enjoy seeing them and taking pictures.

Long time resident Norm Torrie sent us this photo when this young deer posed for a bit - so we can all enjoy the photo!

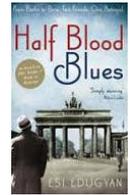
EVENTS IN AND AROUND BAYVIEW VILLAGE

BAYVIEW VILLAGE BOOK CLUB

Monday April 28, 8 PM *Half-Blood Blues' By Esi Edugyan* 37 Heathview

Half-Blood Blues, the second novel by an exceptionally talented young writer, is an entrancing, electric story about jazz, race, love and loyalty, and the sacrifices we ask of ourselves, and demand of others, in the name of art. Winner of the 2011 Scotiabank Giller Prize.

To RSVP or for more information call Jane Robertson at [416-226-1390](tel:416-226-1390).



READING LIST FOR MAY 2014 - JUNE 2014

May ?? 2014 *The Paris Wife* By Paula McLain
June ?? 2014 *A Lost Lady* By Willa Cather

Saturday, April 26, 10 am to 12 pm Community Tree Planting

Newtonbrook Park - Entrance and parking at Bayview Arena, 3230 Bayview Ave (Bayview & Finch)

A day to plant a tree and help to increase our tree canopy in Toronto. Considering that we lost 20% of our tree canopy this winter

Sat May 03, 2 to 3 pm Asian Heritage Month Event: Chinese Lion Dance

North York Central Library Concourse: All ages welcome to join an afternoon of entertainment watching the Chinese Lion Dance performed by Hong Luck Kung Fu Club. Afterwards the amazing crew will demonstrate the techniques and allow for audience participation. Drop In.

Wednesday May 14, 6 to 8:30 pm Toronto Police Safety Expo -

at St. Timothy Catholic School, 25 Rochelle Cres. (W of Don Mills & N of Sheppard)

FREE Safety Expo hosted by 33 Division Community Police Liaison Committee (CPLC) in partnership with Toronto Police, 33 Division. Come and see safety products and services on display and enjoy an interactive and informative evening. Light refreshments served. Contact the 33 Div Crime Prevention Officer for more info Kelly.downie@torontopolice.on.ca

Saturday, June 14 City of Toronto Environment Day in Willowdale

- Seneca College, 1750 Finch Ave. E., rear parking lot (enter off Don Mills Rd.) hosted by Cllr Shiner
- Earl Haig S.S. 100 Princess Ave. (Kenneth Ave., south of Empress Ave.) hosted by Cllr Filion

Tuesday, June 17, 7:30 pm BVA Annual General Meeting & Strawberry Social

At Bayview Middle School – learn about local news and issues, hear from a guest speaker, get involved, and become informed about what is happening in your community and what the BVA has been doing for you. Enjoy strawberry desserts, refreshments and a great evening.

April 19 to May 2, 9 am to 6 pm Willowdale Group of Artists

Juried art show, featuring works painted by some of Toronto's finest amateur and professional artists. North York Civic Centre 5100 Yonge St. A great way to spend an hour or two enjoying the arts. Afterwards go for a stroll along Yonge Street and enjoy the new cafes and restaurants in the area.

The community is coming together for The Spring Market

Saturday May 31st, 2014 1-5 pm

Being held at the Concord Park Place
Presentation Centre 1001 Sheppard Ave. E.
Family fun, music, farmer's market, face painting,
community associations and more.

**And in June look for a weekly Farmer's
Market on Fridays from 3 – 7 pm in the
same location.**

See You There!



Concord Adex Welcomes Spring to the City
New things are blooming at The Spring Market at Concord Park Place

On Saturday, May 31st, join us for a fun-filled day at
Concord Park Place as we welcome spring to the city

The Spring Market at Concord Park Place is an opportunity to gather as
a community and celebrate the joys of the season in our own backyard.
Immerse yourself in all spring has to offer at – live music, spring flowers,
a farmers' market, face painting and much more.
Spring is coming to the city, let's welcome it together!

For Garbage Only: Dental Floss Fact: goes into your garbage bin only! Do not flush –
each year Toronto spends thousands of dollars cutting dental floss from giant turbine blades
after residents flush the floss. Also on the garbage only list: Dryer sheets, baby wipes, and
cotton tipped swabs.



Not For Garbage: Dispose of CFL Bulbs and Tubes Safely: Both IKEA and Canadian Tire have boxes
located inside their store where you can safely leave these items. They will recycle the parts responsibly.
NEVER put them in your garbage.

YARD WASTE AND DEBRIS LEFT FROM THE ICE STORM



City's regular leaf and yard waste bi-weekly collection has begun. Residents may
set their leaf and yard waste out on our regularly scheduled Friday garbage. Any
leftover ice storm wood debris will be removed by these regular leaf and yard
waste collection crews provided the material is set out correctly by 7 am on
pickup day.

The diameter of branches must not be larger than 7.5 cm (3 inches). For limbs, trunks and stumps exceeding this
size, residents must make arrangements with a private company specializing in handling this type of waste.

Help Keep Our Roads and Streets Clean and Safe

Call 311 at any time or tweet @311toronto to report:

- Loose waste or litter on a public sidewalk or boulevard.
- Overflowing garbage bins in city Parks.
- Potholes: a danger to pedestrians, cyclists and drivers.
- Graffiti on a City road, sidewalk, or bridge.
- Minor sidewalk damage. If this represents a significant safety risk.
- Poster or temporary sign problems for the City to investigate as part of bylaw enforcement.



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