



Bayview Village Association Newsletter

Working Together to Shape the Future

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MAY 2014

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.



Jan Says: *Hello: I'm Looking For You!*

Now for something completely different: As BVA President, beginning in June, I want to meet with neighbours, to have tea or coffee, to get to know you and learn more about what you want to see happen in Bayview Village this year. I want to invite different groups of people, each week, who help to represent the overall make-up of our community, to share their input about our village – our community.

Please see the schedule below and come along for a friendly chat with neighbours - RSVP to me at jdsiegel@yahoo.ca or 416 512-1055 to join me. BVA member or not, you are welcome!

Thursday June 5.....new young families with children under 10 10:00 a.m.

Thursday June 12....new neighbours who have moved in the last 3 to 5 years 2:00 p.m.

Thursday June 19....neighbours who have lived in the village for over 10 years 10:00 a.m.

Thursday June 26.....neighbours, of any group type, unable to meet during the day time 7:00 p.m.

The first five people from each group to RSVP will receive a \$4.00 card to cover their drink at Timothy's at Bayview Village Plaza while we meet for an hour to share ideas / input / feedback that will lead to improving BVA social activities, neighbourhood support, and / or relevant issues. Thank you in advance. I look forward to meeting with you.

Your ideas count!

Please commit to this hour!

Jan

Jan Siegel, BVA President jdsiegel@yahoo.ca

**ONTARIO PROVINCIAL ELECTION
THURSDAY, JUNE 12**

Bayview Village Association will again host the Candidates Meeting in advance of the upcoming provincial election. We are currently working on finding an agreeable date for all concerned.

BVA has hosted Candidates meetings for every election since 1956!

Another example of your membership fees at work!

For up-to-date Election

Information: contact Elections Ontario re: voter's list, voting by mail, advance polls, voting in person at riding returning office, etc (8:30am – 4:30pm) 1-888-668-8683 (toll-free); info@elections.on.ca .



Check their website: wemakevotingeasy.ca



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH BY RON CHOI

If you have neighbourhood safety concerns contact me at:

bayviewvill@bayviewvillage.org



WINDOWS BLINDS AND SHUTTERS: NOT AN OPEN OR CLOSED CASE

Do you have window shutters or blinds? Some wonder whether to keep them open or closed. The policing and security professionals at CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) favour blinds open at a 45 degree angle as this provides for natural surveillance and in the process, can help to discourage trespassing or worse. The thought is that tightly closed blinds during day-time hours presents a 'nobody's home' appearance suggesting the home owner is away. This slightly open looks allows for better interior lighting but also prevents people from easily looking inside.

In the evening having blinds open at a 45 degree angle provide a balance between surveillance and privacy. A lit and fully exposed room should generally be avoided at night.

So as you see – the decision is not an open and shut case.

**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!

TO THE CLEAN-UP CREWS



Thank you to all the wonderful people who helped to clean up our community in April for the City-wide Community Clean-Up. Neighbours pitched in and cleaned up our ravine, the strip along Finch Ave., Newtonbrook Park, and some of the ramps leading to the 401. Scouts from the Willowdale 6th Troop took on Bayview Park and removed a lot of debris and winter garbage.

And many neighbours continue throughout the year – picking up garbage on their walks through the Village. Do your part to keep our community looking beautiful!

WHAT'S UP? HYDRO POLES!

Toronto Hydro is working in Bayview Village to rebuild the aging overhead electrical system. The rebuild includes replacing and installing new hydro poles, upgrading or replacing transformers, electrical cables, and pole support wires (guy wires) within the City of Toronto's public property allowance in front of or adjacent to the lot.

Throughout this Project, power interruptions may be necessary to switch from the old to the new system. Toronto Hydro will give advanced notice of any planned outage.

Note: some residents had Hydro Pole replacements installed in 2012 and yet, two years later, the services have yet to be replaced. Residents continue to have an old pole with the original transformer and wires and a new (2 year old) pole just sitting there. We have alerted Toronto Hydro and asked them to complete this project.



BAYVIEW VILLAGE TENNIS CAMP

Bayview Village is home to one of Toronto's leading Tennis Clubs. And once again they will be holding their Summer Junior Tennis Camp. Their first-class tennis camps and clinics are for players of all ages and skill levels from ages four to 18.



Registration: Bayview Village Tennis Camp www.BayviewVillageTennisCamp.ca

Did you know?: It was Bayview Village Association that worked to establish Bayview Village Tennis Club in 1974. We are proud to see this club continue to thrive and grow. To learn more about this great facility either drop by or check their website at: bayviewvillagetennis.com

WILLOWDALE: WE HAVE A HISTORY

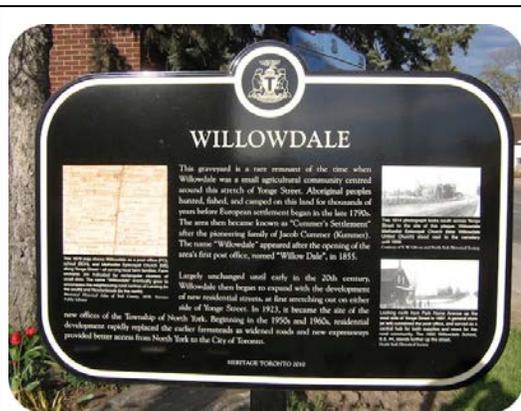
While there are many new buildings springing up it is important to remember the history of our Willowdale community. Two historic museums are located nearby: Gibson House (west side of Yonge at Parkhome) and Zion Schoolhouse (on Finch at Don Mills). Several houses still exist that were built in the 1800's or early 1900's. And there are several plaques honouring people (Prime Minister Lester B Pearson was born and raised on a farm at Bayview and Cummer) or places such as the one below.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR HISTORY?

Then you will want to read:

Bayview Village: Our History In Print: From Farmland to One of Canada's Most Picturesque Communities.

Enjoy the written history of Bayview Village and surrounding area from the earliest settlers to modern day times. Over 120 pages, with many wonderful pictures, the book is available for just \$20 (tax included). To order your copy contact: Bayview Village Association c/o Doug Webster, 7 Sutcliffe Drive, Toronto, ON M2K 2A5 or Call: 416-221-587



Willowdale plaque located on the northeast corner of Yonge and Church.

Wording on the plaque: to the right

Willowdale

This graveyard is a rare remnant of the time when Willowdale was a small agricultural community centred around this stretch of Yonge Street. Aboriginal peoples hunted, fished, and camped on this land for thousands of years before European settlement began in the late 1790s. The area then became known as "Cummer's Settlement" after the pioneering family of Jacob Cummer (Kummer). The name "Willowdale" appeared after the opening of the area's first post office, named "Willow Dale," in 1855.

Largely unchanged until early in the 20th century, Willowdale then began to expand with the development of new residential streets, at first stretching out on either side of Yonge Street. In 1923, it became the site of the new offices of the Township of North York. Beginning in the 1950s and 1960s, residential development rapidly replaced the earlier farmsteads as widened roads and new expressways provided better access from North York to the City of Toronto.

EVENTS IN AND AROUND BAYVIEW VILLAGE



BAYVIEW VILLAGE BOOK CLUB

Monday May 26, 8 pm *The Paris Wife* By Paula McLain 38 Citation

A deeply evocative story of ambition and betrayal, *The Paris Wife* captures the love affair between two unforgettable people: Ernest Hemingway and his wife Hadley.

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

June 23 2014, 8 pm *A Lost Lady* By Willa Cather 1 Clarinda

Friday, May 16, at 7:00 PM.

FINAL FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT OF THE SEASON AT FOREST GROVE CHURCH

The popular Walt Disney movie, FROZEN, will be shown on the big screen at Forest Grove Church, 43 Forest Grove Dr. This is a great way to kick off the Long Weekend! Children and adults of all ages are invited to this relaxing and fun evening.



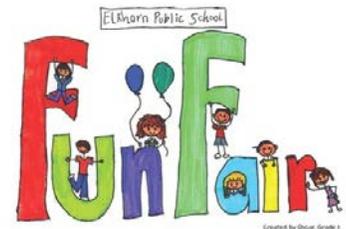
Admission by donation to the North York Harvest Food Bank (cash and/or food items). Let us know if you plan to attend – we want to have enough popcorn/snacks for everyone – by contacting either Marty Smyth [416-568-9879](tel:416-568-9879); martygsmyth@gmail.com or Jean Probyn [416-222-4033](tel:416-222-4033); jean.probyn@rogers.com.

SATURDAY, MAY 24TH ELKHORN PS. FUN FAIR

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

10 Elkhorn Avenue, Toronto ON, M2K 1J3

Bouncie Castles, BBQ, Games, Great Music, Races, Bake Sale, Fabulous Food, Face Painting, Book Sale, Prizes



Everyone Welcome!

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.

FREE COMPUTER COURSES: TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY NORTH YORK CENTRAL BRANCH

5120 Yonge Street - Various Times and Dates:

Computer Basics I & II, Word I & II, Web Basics, E-Books, Social Networking

To register and get more details please call 416-395-5674.



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