



Bayview Village Association Newsletter

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JUNE 2014

BVA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 7:30 PM at Bayview Middle School

Meet your New Bayview Village Association Executive, meet your neighbours, enjoy some refreshments, learn about safety in our community and pick up safety tips.

Guest Speaker:

PC Kelly Downie, Toronto Police Crime Prevention Officer

Home Safety/Safe At Home in Bayview Village



In addition the following firms and agencies have been invited to be part of our Safety Fair - Several have now committed to being there - please come out and learn more.



ADT Security
3M Security film
Crime Prevention Association of Toronto
Crime Stoppers
Information + Privacy Commissioner's Office
Financial Services Commission
311.com , City of Toronto Info Services

Toronto Police, 33 Division, Traffic
MADD Toronto Chapter
SafeTech Alarms
WOBI (Ward Off Burglars)
Philips Home Healthcare Solutions
Paragon Security

Bayview Village Association Executive:

Want to learn more about our community? Want to help keep our community vibrant and active? Have ideas to build our community? Concerned about traffic, the environment, development, transportation, public safety, or the need for recreational activities and social interaction in our community? Interested in meeting others with similar interests? Then join the BVA Executive. For more information contact Doug Stephens at 416-221-4335 or stephens@rogers.com or come out to our June 17 AGM.

EVERY FRIDAY IS FARMERS MARKET DAY



FROM 3 TO 7 PM

Members of BVA met with staff at Concord Adex Park Place condo development on their idea of hosting a farmers market on their property. After several months planning we helped kick off the event with a Spring Market last week. There was a big crowd and lots to see and do. BVA ran a very busy craft table for children. The weather was beautiful and the music was great.

And now every Friday until October 17 we will have a **Farmers Market** – take advantage of the opportunity to enjoy local produce raised by Ontario farmers. This month they have fruit, meat, cheese and wine. Vegetables coming soon. Check it out! So close – so good.

IT'S BACK! - THE BVA SHREDDING EVENT

Saturday, September 27 - Location to be announced

Area residents can bring their confidential papers for shredding and disposal. BVA hosts this event to help residents securely dispose their papers and to help avoid identity theft.



We have contracted with a professional shredding company to be on site for 3 hours to ensure your papers are disposed with care. Start sorting your papers

Cost \$5 per box (standard file box measure approx. 10"D x 15"W x12"H - bring as many boxes as you like. More details in our September BVA newsletter

Jan Says: *What a Year!*



The end of my first year as President of the Bayview Village Association has come. And what a year it's been!

I've had the opportunity to work with a group of caring and dedicated volunteers who take a sincere interest in the community they live in and the people they serve. I've had the pleasure of meeting, interacting and learning from the people that live in this community. I've received both suggestions and praise from members. I've been fortunate enough to be involved in the planning of numerous community activities that have been executed throughout the year, such as our Newsletters, socials, Skating Party, Perennial Swap, Halloween Party, All Candidates Meeting, Community Cleanup, Earth Hour Walk, Book Club, Student Gardening Group, focus groups, Gardening Support Group, and Cycling Group. And now I'm looking forward to next year when we can extend our initiatives. Have a great and safe summer. Thank you all for your support of your BVA.

Note: There are still spots remaining for our Thursday focus groups at Timothy's at Bayview Village Plaza: Join me for a drink and snack, in exchange for an hour of discussion about our community.

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.

Also, we are now offering a Garden Group that will meet and share gardening tips, plants and support. A new Cycling Group has also begun and still looking for more members. If you are interested in either of these new initiatives please email me at jdsiegel@yahoo.ca or call 416 512-1055.

Thank you in advance. I look forward to meeting with you.

Jan Jan Siegel, BVA President jdsiegel@yahoo.ca

BAYVIEW PARKING PROHIBITION

Coming to the North York Community Council on June 17 is a motion to approve the installation of No Parking Anytime on the west side of Bayview Avenue between Sheppard Avenue East and Finch Avenue East. Currently, parking is prohibited at all times of the east side of Bayview Avenue.

Staff is recommending this parking prohibition motion to "address the issue of daily on-street parking activity on Bayview which is currently disrupting the flow of traffic, particularly for TTC Buses".

Anyone who regularly drives on Bayview hopes it will help relieve congestion. More solutions are needed.

HYDRO POLES UPDATE

Toronto Hydro Update: Work continues on installing new hydro poles and upgrading or replacing transformers, electrical cables, and pole support wires (guy wires). In 2012 new poles were installed along some streets but wires, transformers were never replaced. Toronto Hydro has informed us that the work will be completed – with higher rated performance equipment. So while the delay was a concern we may ultimately benefit. No longer will some of us be two pole families!

NORTH YORK GARDEN CLUB -- FOR THE LOVE OF GARDENING!

Admire a neighbour's front garden? Let them know by nominating their Garden for the 4th Annual North York Great Front Gardens Contest. This contest recognizes gardeners who beautify our city. Your help is needed to make sure that all the great front gardens in North York are nominated.

To nominate a garden, just send an email to info@northyorkgardenclub.ca with:

1. Garden address
2. Nearest major intersection
3. Gardener's name (optional)
4. Category – 4 categories:
 - Residential, traditional - garden with a lawn
 - Residential, environmental/ alternative - a garden with little or no lawn
 - Condos, townhouse complexes & apartment buildings - street front gardens
 - Non-residential spaces – schools, places of worship, businesses, hospitals, etc.

All gardens in Bayview Village are eligible. Deadline is Monday July 7, 2014.

Questions? Contact the North York Great Front Gardens Contest at info@northyorkgardenclub.ca



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH BY RON CHOI

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

Rascally Raccoons Wreck Roofs

During the past few weeks, in the north-west part of the Village, there have been many incidents where raccoons have damaged roof shingles. On one street more than 50% of the houses were impacted. Please inspect your roof for damage when you get a chance.



We advise you not to feed raccoons and to use raccoon-proof birdfeeders and covers for roof vents, chimneys, etc. Raccoons are not pets and can be dangerous when trapped. Please share this information with your neighbours.

If you wish to contact Councillor Shiner to take action: email councillor_shiner@toronto.ca, Call 416-395-6413, Fax: 416-397-9290, mail 100 Queen Street West, Suite B39, Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

UP AND RUNNING!

BVA STUDENT GREEN PRACTICES LAWN & GARDEN CARE WORKERS

Are you tired of pushing that lawn mower, digging out those weeds, trimming bushes, and planting flowers and trees? Then, join some of your neighbours who have already said goodbye to back breaking yard work and hello to relaxing while admiring their pristine lawn and garden.



On behalf of the Environmental Committee of the Bayview Village Association, we have a program open to all Bayview Village and Willowdale residents. This program offers you a chance to employ a student for yard work this season. The work can include duties such as mowing lawns, weeding, raking leaves, plant, bush, and tree pruning and planting. An opportunity may include the odd job or a seasonal contract. All work performed will adhere to Green Practices; keeping the air we breathe cleaner and the youth active and healthier within our community.



We have 4 eager, trained, local students at work and looking for customers. They follow GREEN PRACTICES (mow lawns with electric or low polluting 4 cycle driven mowers, use battery operated edgers and hedge trimmers, leaver clippings on the lawn, use rakes and brooms to remove clippings and fertilizer overspray from walks and drives).

Want to take the GREEN to the next level? Contact Monty McDonald at 416-221-2569 or at Monty.McDonald@hotmail.com

Many thanks for your interest and participation in this program.
Monty McDonald and Sharon Johnson, BVA Environmental Committee

BVA CYCLING CONNECTION

CYCLING THE EAST DON PATHWAY

Interested in cycling?

I am looking for cyclists to join me in a ride along the east Don River pathway to Lake Ontario. The ride is best experienced on a weekday morning (low pedestrian traffic), weather permitting. The easiest entry point is Edward's Garden parking lot (Leslie/Lawrence, south-west corner).



If anyone is interested, email me to arrange a suitable time. Martin Kofsky
mmkofsky@rogers.com

Toronto Cycling Maps

Toronto has more bike trails than ever before. To get a FREE cycling map either Download the map of the full City of Toronto: www.toronto.ca/cycling Or pick up a free printed maps at Civic Centres, libraries, community centres and bicycle specialty shops.

The website also has a link to **Ride the City**: an online bike route planning tool. **Ride the City** uses Cycling information, and user feedback to suggest bike routes.

EVENTS IN AND AROUND BAYVIEW VILLAGE

BAYVIEW VILLAGE BOOK CLUB



June 23 2014, 8 pm

A Lost Lady By Willa Cather

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First published in 1923. It tells the story of Marian Forrester and her husband, Captain Daniel Forrester who live in the Western town of Sweet Water, along the Transcontinental Railroad.

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

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 & HOME SAFETY FAIR

At Bayview Middle School – learn about local news and issues, hear from guest speaker PFC Kelly Downie Toronto Police Services – 33 Division, get involved, 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.

Tuesday, July 1, Canada Day at Mel Lastman Square

5100 Yonge Street. Free Admission

Celebrate Canada's 147th birthday at Mel Lastman Square with an evening of live music and dance performances, family activities and a spectacular fireworks show choreographed to music.

Check the city of Toronto website at www.toronto.ca or call 311

Sunday Serenades: July 6 - August 17 at Mel Lastman Square

From 7:30 to 9 pm Free Admission at Mel Lastman Square 5100 Yonge Street

This summer spend Sunday evenings dancing to some of Ontario's very best live swing, big band and jazz acts.

Cooking Classes

Interested? Both LCBO and Loblaws offer cooking classes at Bayview Village Shopping Centre. Various times and dates and prices. Drop by their stores and pick up the information.



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