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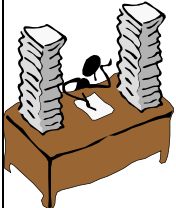
February 2015

From Jan's Desk:

Happy New Year everyone!

Here we are in a whole new year. What will it bring? One thing for sure that is happening is a busy BVA committee that has already begun to work on an array of fabulous activities and events, including a big Gala, to commemorate our 60th anniversary in 2016. So many changes have happened in the Village over those years and we hope to share some of that history with you throughout next year. We have some super ideas for planning a great special year of events that will help us all to celebrate together. Stay tuned for many more details throughout this year!

On a more current note, we have already had our Halloween Party, our Fall Social and our Family Skating party to start this BVA year off well. We have heard from many of you regarding various developments in the neighbourhood and we are always in touch, through our MAGA, municipal and government affairs committee, with Councillor Shiner's office and various Developer groups. Recently, we invited both Councillor Shiner and key individuals from MEC and Broccolini to our recent January Exec. meeting. Good discussion took place. I think you will be happy with the MEC neighbourhood partnership we have begun to establish.



So far we have had a great winter and as you can see it doesn't get dark until much later already so Spring must bejust around the corner! Stay safe! Be well!

Jan

Jan Siegel, BVA President jsiegel@yahoo.ca or call 416 512-1055.

Mountain Equipment Coop (MEC) Update: Exclusive to BVA

Site preparation has begun at 784 Sheppard Ave to make way for the new MEC store and townhouse complex. Your BVA Exec met with representatives from both MEC and the construction company to get a status update, establish contacts during the building phase, and discuss neighbourhood partnerships for the future.

We asked MEC for an update for residents - they have provided the following information:



MEC: 784 Sheppard E, Artist's drawing

784 Sheppard Avenue East - Update from MEC

Some Bayview Village residents may be wondering about the status of the store and townhome development at 784 Sheppard Avenue East on the former Sheridan Nurseries property. You may recall that, last February, Toronto City Council approved rezoning the site to allow for the mixed-use development, which will feature a 42,000-square-foot store over two storeys fronting onto Sheppard with 50 units of residential townhomes behind it. A total of 217 spaces will be provided in two underground parking garages accessible from a common ramp. Vehicle access to the site will be from Sheppard Avenue. Last April, the City also approved a minor variance to divide the property into two parcels, one for the store and the other

for the townhomes.

After some unforeseen delays, work on the MEC store is now underway. (MEC is a member-owned retail co-operative that sells clothing and gear for active outdoor lifestyles.) Excavation and shoring for the underground parking garage are proceeding in preparation for concrete forming in March, which will be evident by a crane going up on the site. The extensive concrete work needed for the parking garage means that the store won't start to take shape until the spring. From then, it will be another year of construction before the store opens, in Spring 2016.

Park Towns, the residential development, has yet to receive the approvals necessary for construction to proceed beyond the originally permitted below-grade activities. When the City approved the rezoning, the resulting bylaw allowing the development did not take into account how severing the property into two parcels would affect density (i.e., density was originally calculated for the site as a whole.) The bylaw also failed to take into account the smaller floor area of the four one-bedroom townhome units and the City's preference to designate Denrock Drive as the street frontage for the townhome development. It was in light of these omissions to the original bylaw that MEC applied for three minor variances for the townhomes. Approval of the townhome variances now rests with the Ontario Municipal Board, which is set to consider them on February 12. Out of an abundance of caution, MEC has also applied for a secondary rezoning that would essentially correct the omissions of the original bylaw. However, if the OMB permits the variances, MEC will abandon its application for a secondary rezoning.

If you have any questions or concerns about the 784 Sheppard Avenue development, MEC will gladly address them. Please contact the co-op's Public Affairs Manager: Tim Southam at tsoutham@mec.ca or (604) 561-4528.

Toronto Hydro: Power Outage Info:

remembering the number of power outages we have had the last couple of years we want to make sure you know that Toronto Hydro has developed a way you can get power outage info to your mobile device. Go to <https://outageregistry.com/> and learn more.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH BY MAUREEN RUMBALL

If you have neighbourhood safety concerns contact me at: rumball31@hotmail.com

ONCE AGAIN TORONTO POLICE HAVE ASKED US TO REMIND YOU OF THE FOLLOWING:

The Toronto Police Service has recently investigated several occurrences of motor vehicles stolen while they were left running to warm up. Drivers are reminded that when the temperature gets colder, criminals take this opportunity to seek out these motor vehicles to steal.

Idling vehicles are bad for the environment and idling unnecessarily wastes fuel. The best way to warm your vehicle is to start your car, let it run for 30 to 60 seconds to get all the fluids moving, then drive off gently.

Your engine will warm up faster, your exhaust system will get up to temperature faster, so the emission control systems can begin to function effectively. Another bonus is you will use less fuel.

Anyone with information on a crime should 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).



Forest Grove United Church Update

Forest Grove Church in Bayview Village has been home to other congregations for many years. Recently, one has relocated and now there is an opening for rent. If you or a faith group you know are interested please see the following information:

- ✚ Forest Grove United Church, at 43 Forest Grove Drive in North York, has a great opening for a Sunday afternoon worship time slot.
- ✚ Lovely Ravine setting in Bayview Village including a beautiful newly renovated sanctuary with modern chairs for a congregation of up to 200 people.
- ✚ Audiovisual equipment including Projector and microphones.
- ✚ Fully renovated MacManus pipe organ, and a grand Piano.
- ✚ Two private office spaces our Hearth Room, a fully equipped Kitchen, Main Floor Library, and Nursery room.
- ✚ Downstairs Gymnasium and Auditorium.
- ✚ Free ample parking.

East Don



NOTE: The East Don Parkland Partners is a completely volunteer group that has helped transform our local ravine with massive planting of native species, increased signage, nature walks, and events. Many residents in Bayview Village have been active with them and we all have benefited from their efforts. Each year they hold the Quest for Chowder to raise funds.

From The East Don Parkland Partners - It's that time of year again!

The Annual Quest for Chowder Saturday February 21, 2015, 2:30-5:30pm

In support of The Don River at the famous Rodney's Oyster House, 469 King Street W, Toronto. Join us for some oysters, mussels and, of course, our special Chowder!

For those who do not agree with the politics of shellfish, there is also a chicken dinner available (please reserve when you RSVP).



Cost: \$85 per person in advance (full payment), \$95 at the door. Proceeds going to the East Don Parkland Partners Natural Habitat Program.

Please RVSP by Feb 16 to 647-233-3954, or pccgoodwin@bell.net. Full payment in advance by cheque or e-transfer. If you don't want to pay full in advance the cost is \$95 but need a deposit of \$25 by Feb 16 payable to the East Don Parkland Partners, Mango Drive Toronto M2K 2E9. Can also e-transfer which is preferred. No credit cards for final payment at the event. Please RSVP sooner rather than later.

Cheers! Phil and Charleen Goodwin and The East Don Parkland Partners Team.



Winter Activities

Hikes – Birdwatching – Photography – Snowshoeing

With all walks be careful of ice, wear appropriate boots & gear, trails may not be shoveled or de-iced – walk with care.

East Don Parklands: Our own ravine system - runs from Steeles to Sheppard, right through Bayview Village – several access points – beautiful – 4 seasons!

Rouge Park: www.rougepark.com Located in the Rouge River Valley has guided walks available each week, easy access from a variety of TTC bus routes, and over 40-square-kilometers of rich biodiversity. Rouge River Valley is optimal for all outdoor enthusiasts. Call 905-713-6038 or check their website for directions.

Toronto Brickworks: www.evergreen.ca : great trails, skating park, Saturday winter market, children's activities, much more – on the Bayview Extension, south of Pottery Rd.

For more information on Toronto Trails: call 311 or check Toronto city website at: www.toronto.ca/trails

Skating: Call 311 for Info

Local rinks include: Outdoors: Mel Lastman Square – pleasure skating only

Indoors: Mitchell Field Community Centre, Bayview Arena Cummer Community Centre

Swimming:

At Douglas Snow Aquatic, 5100 Yonge St – behind North York Civic Centre. Call 416-395-7585 for details

Toronto Public Library:

North York Central branch 5120 Yonge Street

416-395-5535: books, reading clubs, homework help, access to computers, reading materials in many languages, free short courses, puppet shows

Bayview Village Plaza Library - 416-395-5460: Call or drop by this small library offers a cheery place to read or pick up books. Many services available.

BAYVIEW VILLAGE ASSOCIATION BOOK CLUB

Monday, February 16 at 8 pm

Our February meeting is at 1 Clarinda Drive and discussing *The Sound of Language* by Amulya Malladi.

In this luminous story of bravery, tradition, and the power of language, an Afghan woman and Danish widower form an unexpected alliance.



Escaping the turmoil and heartbreak of war-torn Kabul, Raihana settles with distant relatives in the strange, cold, damp country of Denmark. Homesick and heartbroken, Raihana bravely attempts to start a new life. Soon after arriving, Raihana finds herself in a language school, struggling to learn Danish, and finds both her new life and the life she thought she left behind bring new conflict.

Monday, March 16 in the AFTERNOON from 2 to 4 pm. The location will be 37 Heathview and we'll be discussing 'Orfeo' by Richard Powers.

April: *Clara Callan: A Novel* by Richard Wright.

May: *Quiet: The Power of Introverts* by Susan Cain. (Non-fiction)

June: *To the End of the Land* by David Grossman.

RSVPs always requested!

For information and to RSVP contact Jane Robertson 416-226-1390 or jrobertson@rogers.com

More or Less free

HEALTHY COOKING CLASSES

Loblaws offers 1-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 nice little portion as well receiving the two recipes. Different chefs appear each week, a dietician is on hand to help with nutrition, allergy, and health questions and great cooking tips shared. The coordinator of the cooking class is Chef Vanita. 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.

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