



# Bayview Village Association Newsletter

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## Join Us for Our 5th Annual Earth Hour Walk on Saturday, 28 March 2015 at 7:30 pm.

BVA is again joining the world to celebrate Earth Hour - With a Night Sky presentation and Earth Hour Walk



Turn off your lights, all non-essential appliances and meet at 7:30 pm at Forest Grove United Church (lower level, follow the signs). Bayview Village's very own Cathy McWatters – who is an Astronomy Educator, will lead us on our walk to discover the night sky and learn about the celestial events coming our way. With a clear sky we hope to have some great viewing opportunities.

Bring a travel mug (we supply hot coffee/hot chocolate), flashlight, and dress for an evening walk. Come on your own, bring a friend, or the whole family. The walk begins at 8:30.

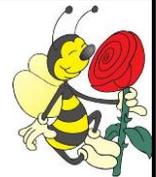
If you can't join us for the walk remember to celebrate Earth Hour.

Be creative: Hold a candlelit dinner – Tell stories in the dark - Play board games - Go for a walk!

### From Jan's Desk:



Can you smell it? Can you see it? Can you feel it? Yes, that just might be SPRING around the corner! I must say that since I bought a really wintery coat this year I did enjoy, well not mind, winter much better!!! However, I am definitely a Spring and Summer lover.



I can't wait to get into the garden. Looking forward to those first tulips, daffodils and hyacinths to poke through the loosening earth and for Mr. Robin to show up, too. By the way do you have any idea how many species of birds we have in our Village? Our committee for the planning of next year's Bayview Village 60th anniversary celebration is building our yearlong theme on birds of our area. If you know about the various types that appear here, and have any info about them, please send contact me at [jdsiegel@yahoo.ca](mailto:jdsiegel@yahoo.ca). Maybe you are an avid bird watcher and might consider leading an info session or even a walk, to highlight some of our winged neighbours.

We are hoping to create interesting and interactive events for each month of 2016. Stay tuned for coming details in our future newsletters this year!

*Jan*

Jan Siegel, BVA President [jdsiegel@yahoo.ca](mailto:jdsiegel@yahoo.ca) or call 416 512-1055.

### SCHOOL CONCERNS UPDATE



Residents are invited to a community meeting on **7pm on March 30th at Bayview M.S library.** with our new newly elected school board trustee, Alexander Brown. This meeting will discuss issues and concerns regarding education and the TDSB moving forward, specifically focusing on the needs of the Bayview Village and Alamosa neighborhoods. All interested are encouraged to attend.

Also note that for a two year period Bayview M.S. will host Avondale School students from JK to Grade 8 while their school is being rebuilt. This will make for a challenge for staff and students but they have a transition team in place and have been working hard to prepare.

Bayview residents please note there will be an increase in traffic and school buses - likely coming along Citation and turning onto Bunty Lane. We are hoping to get more details as to exact times of school operations so we can let you know when to anticipate the additional traffic.

## 784 Sheppard Avenue East - Mountain Equipment Co-op Update #2

On February 12, the Ontario Municipal Board approved the three minor variances that are required for the residential portion of the mixed-use development at 784 Sheppard Avenue East. Work is now proceeding on the 50-unit stacked townhome complex that will sit on the back (north) part of the 1.8-acre site.

The Park Towns development will comprise a combination of two- and three-bedroom units as well as four one-bedroom suites. All the units were presold.

Meanwhile, construction of MEC North York continues. With shoring for the underground parking garage nearing completion, a tower crane will soon be erected on the site. Form work, steel reinforcement and concrete placing for the structure's footings, walls and columns will then continue until early June.

MEC's North York store will be marked by a saw-tooth roof lined with clerestory windows that flood the retail floor with natural light. The building itself is designed to be almost 50 per cent more energy efficient than a comparable commercial building. When it opens next spring, MEC North York will join the co-op's growing portfolio of high-performance green buildings.

MEC North York will open in spring 2016. The Park Towns complex is scheduled for completion in summer 2016.

If you have questions about MEC's North York store or the Park Towns project, please contact the co-op's Public Affairs Manager Tim Southam at [tsoutham@mec.ca](mailto:tsoutham@mec.ca) or (604) 561-4528.



### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH BY MAUREEN RUMBALL

If you have neighbourhood safety concerns contact me at: [rumball31@hotmail.com](mailto:rumball31@hotmail.com)

#### **Avoid cybercrimes!**

One cybercrime that has been around for a few years is the phone call from cyber crooks claiming to be from the "Windows company" or "Microsoft" or some similar name. They tell you they have detected a virus on your computer and either offer to help solve your computer problems or sell you a software license. What they want to do is gain access to your computer, where they can do the following:

- Trick you into installing malicious software that can capture sensitive data, such as online banking user names and passwords.
- Charge you to remove this "virus" - that doesn't exist.

You can lose your identity and \$\$\$.

Get you to visit legitimate websites (like [www.ammy.com](http://www.ammy.com)) to download software to allow them to take control of your computer remotely and adjust settings to leave your computer vulnerable. Again you will be a victim.

**Don't follow their instructions. Hang up.**

## 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 Dr, 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.



## SIGNS OF SPRING IN AND AROUND BAYVIEW VILLAGE

### SAFE ROADS AND ROAD CONSTRUCTION

**PotHoles:** It is pothole season and they are coming up faster than daisies. In the first two months the city repaired 30,000+ and are working on fixing more now. This is one problem where you can help. If you see a pothole on a city street, call 311 or report it online or tweet the exact location to @311toronto. You can also report potholes from your smartphone using a supported mobile app. Visit [toronto.ca/open311](http://toronto.ca/open311) for details.

### Road Construction: it's back!

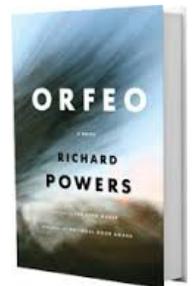
Bayview Avenue                      When: 2015-Apr-01 until 2015-Jun-30  
From: Truman Rd/ Fifeshire      To: York Mills Rd

York Mills Road                      When: 2015-Apr-01 until 2015-Jun-30  
From: Lesmill Rd                      To: Scarsdale Rd

## BAYVIEW VILLAGE ASSOCIATION BOOK CLUB

Monday, March 16 at 2-4 PM

The location will be 37 Heathview and we'll be discussing 'Orfeo' by Richard Powers. In *Orfeo*, Powers tells the story of a man journeying into his past as he desperately flees the present. Composer Peter Els opens the door one evening to find the police on his doorstep. His home microbiology lab--the latest experiment in his lifelong attempt to find music in surprising patterns--has aroused the suspicions of Homeland Security. And so...



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 requested!

For information and to RSVP contact Jane Robertson 416-226-1390 or [jrobertson@rogers.com](mailto:jrobertson@rogers.com)



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE TWO SURE SIGNS OF SPRING IN BAYVIEW VILLAGE.**

**Annual Bayview Village Spring Clean Up**

**Saturday April 18 from 10 am to 1 pm**

Join us for this fun and important activity. What a great way to contribute to the community, get exercise and make a difference. High school students can earn community service hours - bring your form for us to sign.

## 7TH ANNUAL BVA PERENNIAL SWAP

**Saturday May 30 from 10 am to 12 noon.**

This year our SWAP will take place on the front lawn of Forest Grove Church. Get some planting tips, save money, recycle your plants with neighbours - swap your perennials and have fun. You can thin out your overgrown plants and share their beauty with others. And start thinking spring!!!!



### From the BVA Environmental Committee:

#### Our BVA Green Practices Student Lawn Care Program

Is your yard filled with winter debris? Would you like help cleaning up your yard, preparing your garden, planting trees, shrubs and flowers? If so, call the **BVA Green Practices Student Lawn Care Program**. If you believe in green practices, and wish to offer a job to an underemployed segment of our population (that is, students in our community) we are looking for residents to participate in a successful initiative that launched in the spring of 2014. Any resident who is interested in employing a student may contact us. The work could include duties such as mowing lawns, raking leaves, weed and garden debris removal, digging new gardens, shrub and tree pruning and planting, eaves trough cleaning and heavy lifting. The work may include an odd job or a seasonal contract. We do not use Two-Cycle Engine Leaf Blowers, which emit toxic fumes and have a negative impact on the environment. All work performed is Eco-Friendly; keeping the air we breathe cleaner and the youth active and healthier within our community.



Please contact Monty McDonald by email, [Monty.McDonald@hotmail.com](mailto:Monty.McDonald@hotmail.com) or by phone, 416-221-2569 or Sharon Johnson, [sharonsusan.johnson@gmail.com](mailto:sharonsusan.johnson@gmail.com) or by phone, 416-225-4214 if you wish to employ a student for yard care this season.

## East Don



### SPRING EVENTS WITH EAST DON PARKLAND PARTNERS

East Don Parkland Partners is a local grassroots group of residents who have made a major difference to the ravine system running from Steeles down to Sheppard - right through Bayview Village. They have raised funds and planted thousands of native species plants, improved signage and conditions as well as advocated for support from all levels of government. Here are three upcoming events they are running - they are a great way to get involved, enjoy the outdoors and improve our environment.

- Sat May 2, 10-12 noon, Spring Tree planting, East Don Parkland, specific location TBD
- Sun May 3, 10-12 noon, Spring Flower Nature Walk. Meet: Second Cup on Steeles at Laura Leaf.
- Sat May 9, 10-12 noon, Spring Flower Nature Walk, Meet at Second Cup on Steeles at Laura Leaf. This is a Toronto Field Naturalists sponsored walk.

For details and to receive East Don Parkland Partners newsletters email Phil Goodwin [pcgoodwin@bell.net](mailto:pcgoodwin@bell.net)

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