



Bayview Village Association Newsletter

Working Together to Shape the Future

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April 2015

7TH ANNUAL BVA PERENNIAL SWAP

Saturday, May 30 from 10 am to 12 noon.

NEW LOCATION: the front lawn of Forest Grove Church.



Are your daisies threatening to take over your house? Do you have Hostas in serious need of thinning? Then join us at our Perennial Swap. This is an opportunity to get some planting tips, save money, recycle your plants with neighbours - and have fun. You can thin out your overgrown plants and share their beauty with others.

What is a Perennial Swap?

It's for anyone interested in swapping their bright and beautiful perennials for others. You can divide and share a favourite plant grown too large - or dig up one you have tired of. You can swap as many perennials as you bring.



Just bring your 'old perennials' 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.



From Jan's Desk:

How fast the time has gone by as my two year role as President of the Bayview Village Association comes to an end in June at our AGM. I have truly enjoyed getting to know many of you in our neighbourhood. I have learned a great deal about our vibrant village, it's development plans and guidelines, its strong partnerships with local businesses and services, it's friendly and loyal members and it's offering of social events. We will be celebrating 60 years of this wonderful community with a variety of related activities through 2016. The Village has seen many changes over that time period and we hope to share, with many of you, those past accomplishments and our rich history.

Last week I attended the Parent Council meeting at Elkhorn P.S. one of our many partners, and, on behalf of BVA, donated enough of the books about the history of the Village so that each grade 5 student will receive one for their graduation in June. We felt that it is important for our young people to know about their village's beginnings so that they can appreciate the growth that has occurred.

I also lent their school library 6 presentation boards that display our history and memories through an array of articles and photos starting from the 1950's. These boards provide much more than just our history. They are a living document of the values and styles of those early times. The founders and planners are mentioned in those pieces of information. The boards will also be offered to Bayview Middle School for display in their library for the month of June. For July and August I will be contacting the Public Library at Bayview Village Plaza for a chance to share our history.

60 YEARS

**Bayview Village turns
60 in 2016!**

The boards will be given wider viewing at some of our 60th anniversary celebrations.

If you are interested in helping out on our 60th celebration events please contact me as an undertaking such as this requires many hands to make it as successful as we wish it to be for you. Perhaps you only want a small role or are happy to get more involved we will welcome any support. Thank you.

As for our AGM we will be looking for someone new to join our Executive in the role of Secretary and someone else as the Chair for Events. Please let me know if that is something you would like to do.

Jan

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



IT'S SPRING - THE BICYCLES ARE OUT!

Cycle Rules to Live by:

Cyclists age 14 years of age and over may not lawfully cycle on Toronto's sidewalks. If you are 14 years of age or older, you may be fined \$60 for cycling on a sidewalk. If you are cycling recklessly or negligently, the fine may be increased to \$90

Ontario's bike helmet law requires all cyclists under 18 who are riding or operating a bicycle to be wearing an approved bike helmet. **Parents are liable to be fined** (\$60 + \$15 = \$75) for not ensuring their children under 16 are wearing a helmet. 16 and 17 year olds can be fined directly.

Lights: A steady white light on the front of the bicycle and a red rear light or reflector if you ride between half an hour before sunset and half an hour after sunrise, and at any time when your bicycle is not discernible at 150 metres or less. A rear light is far more visible than a reflector, and can cost less than \$10.

All bikes must have: a bell, gong or horn in good working order.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH BY MAUREEN RUMBALL

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

Ravine Reminders: the city of Toronto advises us that there no open fires, cutting down of live trees or encampments permitted in the city ravines. If residents notice violations the city parks department and the TRCA are equipped to deal with it. Call 311 to report incidents.

Toronto Police wants to alert you to a "Canada Revenue" tax scam

Scam artists are calling, texting and sending emails to people for money, claiming to be from Canada Revenue Agency. These crooks bullying people into thinking they owe taxes or that they need to turn over personal information. "They start yelling at people, 'if you don't pay up we're going to come and arrest you.'" **DO NOT BELIEVE THEM - HANG UP.**

CANADA REVENUE will not send emails containing any links • never request taxpayers to attend and purchase any gift cards • will not request personal information of any kind from a taxpayer by email or text message • never divulges taxpayer information to another person unless formal authorization is provided by the taxpayer • never leaves any personal information on an answering machine or asks taxpayers to leave a message with their personal information on an answering machine

GET A FREE TREE PROGRAM

Urban Forestry plants trees on City-owned land in front of residential, industrial and commercial properties for free. Periodically, Urban Forestry will canvass neighbourhoods for tree planting opportunities. Trees many benefits include:

- Reduce cooling and heating costs
- Filter air pollution
- Generate oxygen, absorb harmful pollutants
- Cools streets and provide shade in summer and protection in the winter
- Increases property values



- Reduce storm water run-off and the cost of water treatment
- Provide habitats for birds and other fauna
- Add living beauty to our neighbourhood

To learn more about the Get a Free Tree Program and the species available, call 311.

CALLING ALL TORONTO FOODIES



The Local Dish –The City of Toronto is inviting you to help develop Toronto's largest collection of local food recipes. The collection, called *The Local Dish*, will be hosted on Pinterest, making it easy to share recipes, photos and instructions. Locally-grown food travels fewer miles from field to table, so it's fresh and nutritious and it helps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Each month, starting in May, The Local Dish will feature a locally-grown vegetable or fruit and accept your favourite recipes. Pin it, dish it, enjoy it! #LocalDishTO. Learn more at livegreentoronto.ca

GREEN LAWN PRACTICES REDUCES AIR POLLUTION - AND CAN IMPROVE YOUR FAMILY'S HEALTH



Do you use a lawn care contractor who uses **leaf blowers**? If yes, **each year YOU are responsible for 6.5 litres of raw gasoline** and oil spewing into the atmosphere and up to **50 lbs of toxic dust** emissions (scientists now call it Ultra Fine Particulate [UFP]). Many of the hydrocarbon components in gasoline cause cancer the dust contains pulverized soil, mold, fungi, animal feces, fertilizer and street dust.

The hydrocarbon concentration in the exhaust of a 2 cycle driven leaf blower is **3,500 times** the maximum permitted from cars to pass the government emission test. Remember, when you smell that sickly sweet odour from leaf blowers you are ingesting mega doses of gasoline into your lungs and much of the dust gets past the protective cilia in your body's air ways

YOU can cut emissions by 50% by insisting contractors follow GREEN PRACTICES:

- Do not use leaf blowers from Mid May through September when no leaves are on the ground
- Leave grass clippings on the lawns as mulch (gardeners recommend this).
- Sweep grass clippings from walks and drives.
- Low velocity air from 4 cycle rotary lawn mowers can assist in blowing clippings off paved surfaces.

If your contractor says no, is our health not worth less than 10 minutes of your time with a broom?

**Have some weeding/planting to do? Need assistance with general cleanup?
Looking for someone to care/water your plants – then consider:**



***BVA GREEN PRACTICES* : our initiative to hire a student for Lawn Care work this season. You will support local students and get the help you need. Our Bayview Village Students adhere to GREEN PRACTICES**

Any resident who is interested in employing a student may contact us. The work can 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.



Check BVA Website or call Monty McDonald 416-221-2569 / Sharon Johnson 416-225-4214

EVENTS IN & AROUND BAYVIEW VILLAGE.

FINAL MOVIE NIGHT OF THE SEASON AT FOREST GROVE



Family Movie Night on Friday, May 15 at 7:00 PM Great start to Long Weekend at Forest Grove United Church, 43 Forest Grove Dr. The movie title is posted the church's website at www.forestgroveunited.com. Children and adults of all ages are invited. Admission by donation to the North York Harvest Food Bank.

For information and to RSVP – so we can have enough popcorn – by contacting either Marty Smyth 416-568-9879; martysmyth@gmail.com or Jean Probyn 416-222-4033; jean.probyn@rogers.com

BAYVIEW VILLAGE ASSOCIATION BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, May 26 at 8 PM Location: 38 Citation Drive

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

At least one-third of the people we know are introverts. They are the ones who prefer listening to speaking; who innovate and create but dislike self-promotion; who favor working on their own over working in teams. It is to introverts—Rosa Parks, Chopin, Dr. Seuss, Steve Wozniak—that we owe many of the great contributions to society.



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

RSVPs requested! For information contact Jane Robertson 416-226-1390/ jrobertson@rogers.com

Tuesday May 26, 6:30 – 8:30 pm Sunnybrook Hospital Speakers Series: Drug Safety

3 speakers on issues of drug safety. Free admission/free parking, McLaughlin Auditorium, E Wing, 2075 Bayview.

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EAST DON PARKLAND PARTNERS UPCOMING EVENTS

- **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



Sat, June 13: Planning a Garage Sale? – you might wish to take advantage of The Gerber Group's Bayview Village Community Garage Sale. Gerber Real Estate will advertise the event in The Toronto Star and Kijiji plus have signs on Bayview, Sheppard & Finch. They will also deliver Bayview Village Maps showing participant's location to help shoppers find every Garage Sale. To get on the map register your participation with Veronica@TheGerberGroup.com Or call Veronica Gerber directly at 647-964-6246 or call John Gerber directly at 416-587-2263.

Tuesday, June 16: Bayview Village Annual General Meeting – your chance to learn more about your community, find out about future plans, meet new neighbours, and get involved. Watch for details.



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