



# Bayview Village Association Newsletter

Working Together to Shape the Future

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## Tim's Thoughts:

I am privileged to serve as your President and to represent the interests of Bayview Village residents as we move into our 60th year as the Bayview Village Association (BVA). We are fortunate to have strong and experienced Committee Chairs and Committee members with exciting ideas and much energy.

We will be undertaking a strategic review of the role of the BVA in representing the interests of its members and will be engaged in a broad consultation with a view to developing a five year plan.

On a personal note I'd like to thank Past-President Jan Siegel for all her hard work over the past two years. Jan is continuing with us and is already very busy on plans to celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

As a 30-year resident of Bayview Village I know the importance of working together for a better community - If you would like to be involved and work on some of our projects please let me know.

**Tim** **Tim Storus, BVA President:** call 416-222-8862 or at [pres@bayviewvillage.org](mailto:pres@bayviewvillage.org)



## From Your BVA Environmental Committee: 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. We are entering into the high smog months and the hydrocarbon components in gasoline contribute to smog which causes respiratory

distress and many components are known carcinogens. 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.

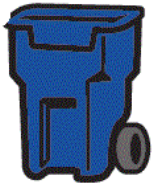
YOU can cut emissions by 50% by insisting contractors follow GREEN PRACTICES: + Do not use leaf blowers from Mid-May through September when no leaves are on the ground + Leave grass clippings on the lawns as mulch (gardeners recommend this). + Sweep grass clippings, from walks and drives. + Low velocity air from 4 cycle rotary lawn mowers can assist in blowing clippings off paved surfaces.

If your contractor says no, then ask yourself - are you and your family's health not worth less than 10 minutes of your time with a broom?

## From Your BVA Environmental Committee

You can also consider using: **BVA GREEN PRACTICES LAWN CARE PROGRAM:** our initiative for Bayview Village residents to hire a student for Lawn Care work. This is our second season and we currently have over 50 customers. You will support local students and get the help you need. Our Bayview Village Students adhere to GREEN PRACTICES. Any interested resident may contact us. The work can include duties such as mowing lawns, raking leaves, weed & garden debris removal, digging new gardens, shrub & tree pruning and planting, landscaping 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.



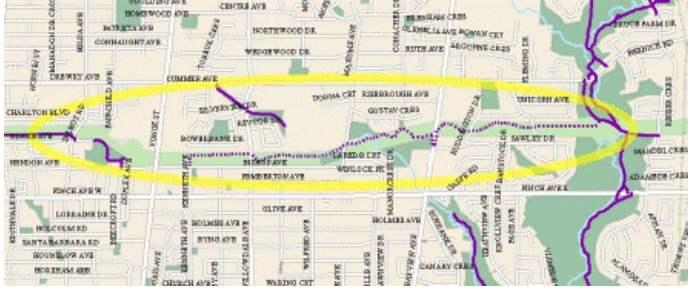


## BLUE BIN NEWS

Toronto's Blue Bin recycling program, one of North America's largest residential recycling programs, now accepts plastic film – the soft, stretchy type that includes bags used for dry cleaning, soil, sandwiches, bread, milk, bulk food and produce, frozen fruit and vegetables, as well as overwrap from toilet paper and paper towels. More details are available at [www.toronto.ca/recycle](http://www.toronto.ca/recycle)

## FINCH CORRIDOR TRAIL PROJECT NOW OPEN

The Finch Hydro Corridor between Kenneth Avenue to Pineway Blvd. is about 3 km in length, and is privately owned by Ontario Hydro. The trail is suitable for pedestrians, bicycles, and various mobility devices.



The traffic light for the trail on Bayview Ave, north of Finch at Ruddington is now operational. Other crossings are at Willowdale Ave, Maxome Ave, and Luton Gate.

The Finch Corridor has a number of opportunities to build trails in different sections – these trails will foster opportunities to create a network up to 30 km in length. Connections across the north of Toronto may also link with several new and existing multi-use trails and bike lanes, transit stations and community facilities. The new trail infrastructure will include trail amenities such as wayfinding signage and benches. The project will improve the pedestrian environment by providing safer road crossings.

## TORONTO SEEKS INPUT TO BUILD CYCLING NETWORK PLAN

The City of Toronto's Transportation Services is developing a new 10-year plan for Toronto's Cycling Network. Toronto residents are being asked to provide their input on the draft Cycling Network Plan map.



A technical analysis has designed the draft map which shows how Toronto's cycling network could be expanded and improved. More than 10,500 individuals across the city completed the Phase 1 survey and 3,600 used the City's smartphone app to submit data from 59,000+ cycling trips. This input has been used to develop the draft map that is now being circulated as part of the Phase 2 of consultations.

Bicycles are increasing being used as transportation in Toronto. Have your say in the future of bike trails, lanes, and infrastructure. Take part in the Phase 2 online consultation now underway, and will be available until July 31 at [torontocyclingnetwork.metroquest.ca](http://torontocyclingnetwork.metroquest.ca)

## TORONTO HYDRO HAS MORE THAN 160,000 STREET LIGHTS

And they need your help to identify street lights that are malfunctioning or out. Phone 416-542-8000 (press 1, then press 4) to report the following:

Street light out	Light is dim	Light on during the day
Trees blocking light	Damaged street light pole	Wires are exposed
Graffiti on street light pole	Hanging or broken light fixture	
Broken glass from a street light	Light flickering/turning on & off	

**BackYard/Front Yard Renovations:** Before starting any work in the yard or around your house, call 1-800-400-2255 for the location of underground power lines, especially if you're planning to use auguring or trenching equipment. Toronto Hydro service locators will confirm and mark Hydro owned underground electrical cables. For more information visit on1call.com



## BVA's 60th Anniversary January 2016 - December 2016

BVA will reach its 60th year in 2016 and we plan to celebrate, celebrate, celebrate! Here is a peek at some of the events being planned:

- ✦ grand social event
- ✦ Bayview Village Mall Education Week Showcase
- ✦ neighbourhood guided + self-guided tours of the Village
- ✦ variety of New Year celebrations, recognizing our Bayview Village International make-up
- ✦ and our usual, annual events

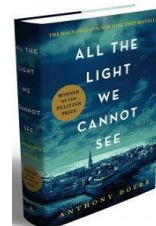
Stay tuned for ongoing information this Fall about the great year we have planned for the community. We look forward to connecting with everyone during 2016. If you wish to join our 60th Anniversary committee to help us plan this special year please send me (Jan Siegel) a note at [jdsiegel@yahoo.ca](mailto:jdsiegel@yahoo.ca).

## BVA BOOK CLUB

The BVA Book Club is back in action on **September 28 – 8pm at 7 Ambrose**

We will be discussing:

***All the Light We Cannot See*** by Anthony Doerr.



## BVA SHREDDING EVENT: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26: 9 AM TO 12 NOON

15 MOREWOOD CRES - IN THE DRIVEWAY

Bayview Village residents can bring their confidential papers for shredding and disposal. BVA hosts this event to assist residents to securely and safely 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

DETAILS:

1. Cost \$5 per box (standard file box measure approx. 10"D x 15"W x12"H
2. Please bring your papers in boxes
3. Bring as many boxes of paper as you have.
4. No need to remove binders, paperclips, staples.
5. Remove plastic bags, cds and non-paper materials
6. Please bring proof of residence



## CALLING ALL BRIDGE PLAYERS!

Bayview Village Bridge Club always welcomes new members! This is an excellent way to meet your neighbours. We play eight social games a year and have a 'kick off' party in the fall. Consider putting your name forward even if you don't have a partner, we'll do our best to match you up.

For more info contact:

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Kathleen Campbell: [kathleensara@rogers.com](mailto:kathleensara@rogers.com) 416 409-1427

P.S. Regulars: don't forget to turn in your score cards to 38 Citation Dr. before August 15

## MEL LASTMAN SQUARE: 5100 Yonge Street

### NORTH YORK FARMERS MARKET

Every Thursday from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM [www.northyorkfarmersmarket.ca](http://www.northyorkfarmersmarket.ca)

The North York Farmers Market is back at Mel Lastman Square! Join us every Thursday for locally grown, market fresh fruit, vegetables, local honey, flowers, herbs, baked goods, maple syrup and preserves.

## Dip Into Some Willowdale History This Summer: at Gibson House, 5172 Yonge St

Admission: Adults: \$6.19; Seniors (65 +): \$3.54; Youth (13-18 yrs.): \$3.54; Children (2-12 yrs.): \$2.65

Hours: Wednesday to Sunday: 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday: 1 to 8 p.m. (5 to 8 p.m. Pay-What-You-Wish)

In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of Canada's entry into World War I, Gibson House Museum exhibit features local stories of North York during the war, including the Gibson family's connection to the war and wartime.

### Gibson House Tea: Sunday afternoons from 1 to 5 p.m.

There's a seat for you at the harvest table in the historic kitchen on Sunday afternoons this winter. Relax and have a chat over tea and homemade cookies. Enjoy a tour of this lovely, 1850s farmhouse. Included with regular admission.

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