



Bayview Village Association Newsletter

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MARCH 2018

BVA DINES TOGETHER SERIES

Monday, March 26, 6:30 - 8:30pm,

Fresh Start Cooking Class at Loblaws Bayview Village



Looking for eat healthier in 2018? Start Join us for this class where you will watch and enjoy a delicious meal prepared by your Chef. Your in-store Dietitian will provide you with advice on healthy habits, mindful eating and tips for eating well. The PC Cooking School will help you keep to healthy eating.

An entertaining evening with your Bayview Village Neighbours, a great meal, good health and recipes to take home!! Book now – this sold out last time we offered the event.
TOTAL COST: \$17 per person.

MENU

Velvety and Broccoli and Spinach Soup
Fish with herb duxelle
Roasted vegetable medley
Peanutty Blondie Bars

Email Jan Siegel at jdSiegel@yahoo.ca or call 416-512-1055 to reserve your spot.

BVA Neighbourhood Watch presents

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EVENING

Join us

Friday, April 6, 2018 at 7:00 pm

At Forest Grove U.C, 43 Forest Grove Dr,



Are you prepared?? Ice Storms, Flooding, Prolonged Blackouts – Bayview Village residents have experienced all these and more in the last few years. Learn how to protect your family and your home in the event of an emergency

Presentation by *Office of Emergency Management, City of Toronto*

** To reserve seat(s) please RSVP by March 26, 2018 to: Sue Wires at 416-733-2520
suehalftime@yahoo.com

Everyone Welcome!!

This presentation is in partnership with in partnership with Forest Grove United Church

MAGA COMMITTEE UPDATE --

BVA's MAGA Committee has joined with other neighbours outside of our boundaries (condo boards, resident associations, etc.) to form Bayview Sheppard Neighbourhood Alliance ("BSNA"). This group wants to work cooperatively on issues that impact all. We believe BSNA will help to strengthen all our voices. Of course the major focus is the new Bayview Village Mall redevelopment proposal and ongoing concerns over traffic, safety and infrastructure.

Your BVA MAGA committee was present at the recent public meetings on the Bayview Village Mall redevelopment proposal.

- Area residents were very outspoken: Joan King, a long-time Bayview Village resident and former city councillor noted one of the biggest concerns is traffic in the already-busy Bayview/Sheppard area.
- Victoria Joly, Chair of BVA MAGA expressed our concerns that include the many hazards of increased traffic; the strain on the energy grid, water and other infrastructure systems; the violation of height and density limits; the shadowing impact on nearby homes; as well as a lack of appropriate park space.

MAGA is pleased the developer wants to place more of a focus on pedestrian safety as the added density would surely bring more cars and people to the area. Often developers ignore the impact of their plan on our community. BVA MAGA will continue to push for this along with our other issues.

Your BVA MAGA Committee IS VERY BUSY – we need your help. Can you volunteer? Contact Jean Probyn if you can spare some time: at jean.probyn@rogers.com or 416-222-4033

Bayview/Sheppard Update

IN ADDITION TO the Bayview Village Mall redevelopment proposal here are some of the other projects BVA MAGA is monitoring and communicating on – reading this list will show you the tremendous changes that have been taking place in and around our community.

TeaGarden Condos at the corner of Bayview and Teagarden Ct 12-storey building adds 111 new condo units to our massively growing area. The project was appealed to OMB where the City and the developer have now agreed on a settlement. Construction begins later this year.

On Bayview Ave between Blithfield and Canary two townhome developments are in the works. The first is for 21 three-storey townhouse units to replace single detached homes. Immediately south of that is a plan to add 11 townhomes. BVA worked with nearby residents to improve the original plans – working to lessen their impact on neighbouring homes.

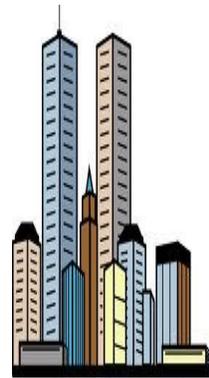
Back to Sheppard (on the south side, just east of Bayview) is Lotus Condos. It is under construction and is a 12-storey building, adding 244 new residential units, along with grade-level retail. Looks like it will be complete in 2018.

Just to the east of Lotus Condos, construction is underway at The Village Residences. This 9-storey, 186 unit condo, with grade-level retail and commercial space on the second floor also houses the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

One block east, construction on Vida Condos is well underway, it is a mid-rise 8-storey condo building with 163 condo units.

Immediately to the east is SIX25BV Condominiums, another 8-storey mid-rise adding 146 condo units, along with grade-level retail. Demolition is complete, however, the project has been appealed to the OMB, and revisions have been made. We are waiting for a decision from the OMB.

Moving east on Sheppard, is Concord Adex's: Concord Park Place, (on the site of the old Canadian Tire Lands). It has many projects underway or planned. One project of interest is the new Bessarion Community Centre and Park for the neighbourhood. We HOPE it will begin this year. It is planned as a 12,300-square-metre 4-storey Community Centre, housing a Toronto Public Library branch, a fitness centre, gymnasium,



pool, classrooms, and multi-functional community spaces. In addition, there will be a new 8-acre park to provide, finally some green space.

Also at Concord Park Place: 4 new proposed towers that will add hundreds of new residences next to Highway 401. The first two towers are 36 and 33 storeys, making a total of 692 new condo units. The other two will be built just to the west. And east of those four are two other towers that are almost complete at 35 and 36-storey towers – adding 350 and 374 new condo units respectively to total development.

To the east on the north side of Sheppard across from Leslie subway, is a development proposed back in 2011 by Amexon. **BVA went to the OMB** in protest and we had some success reducing the number of buildings and the height (instead of 43 the maximum will be 31) as well as other changes to reduce noise, wind effects, night lighting, etc. It will still add nearly 1,500 new residential units.

Eastward across the ravine from Central Park, and just a bit north on Leslie, is Scala - a terraced 18-storey condo building will contain 536 residential units, with a unique stepped-back aesthetic overlooking the ravine. It is projected to begin in summer 2018.

BVA ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The footbridge providing access to Newtonbrook Creek from Burbank Ave, (near Canary Cres) has been closed due to damage to the abutment, without a firm date of repair.



Of greater concern, is the state of the entire ravine (both the south and north side at the entry point from Forest Grove). The north side ends at Finch Ave, the south ends at the bridge over the East Don river. A large number of fallen trees caused by bank erosion from flooding during rain storms have not been removed. Many of the fallen trees have formed dams resulting in more severe

flooding often overflowing and eroding onto the pathways during storms. The erosion is now to the point where entire banks have fallen into the river, and overall disarray. Residents have brought this to the City's attention, and the answer has been that they wish to keep the ravine in its natural state. Therefore, plans to remove the trees, dams, and fix the erosion is not planned. The damage can be seen more on the south side of Forest Grove, but also exists on the north side. Several additional sections of the walking trail are in danger of collapsing into the river if no action is taken. Safety is a major issue.

Residents concerned about these developments should contact Councillor Shiner's office at 416-395-6413 and the City of Toronto at 311.

NOTE: TRCA (Toronto and Region Conservation Authority), on behalf of Sun-Canadian Pipeline Company Ltd., is preparing to carry out work along the East Don River, within the East Don Parkland. **BUT NOT IN** the area described above. This includes bank stabilization to protect a section of exposed decommissioned pipe infrastructure. Tree removal has begun though most work will take place over the summer. For dates and plans go to: https://www.bayviewvillage.org/East_Don_Parklands_Bank_Stab.pdf

HELP THE TRINITY SPRING MARKET:

Trinity Presbyterian Church York Mills (located just south of Bayview Village) has a very generous and active congregation that focus on helping those in need, including: Being instrumental in sponsoring a Syrian refugee family (the committee that has worked on this project is made up of many Bayview Village residents), sending underprivileged kids to summer camp, serving dinners to the homeless and this coming year supporting Eva's Place (offering retraining and emergency shelter to women) , and Oasis Addiction Recovery and Employment.



To continue their work they are holding a delicious fundraiser called the **Trinity Spring Market** – at this online market you can order great food products online: High quality soups, chili, meats (steak and chicken), and muffin batter and/or cookie dough (scoop and bake). You'll be able to bake fresh cookies for family, friends (or yourself) – 'just out of the oven' white chocolate macadamia, chocolate chunk, sugar, or peanut butter cookies ready in only a few minutes!! Or perfectly flavoured soups and chilis that will spark up any meal. Place your order online between March 16 and April 9 and it will be delivered to Trinity on Saturday, April 21 for easy pickup.

Order online soon at mytrinity.ca

WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN BVA EXECUTIVE

A regular infusion of new volunteers with fresh and exciting ideas is essential for any community organization. Volunteering on the BVA Executive Committee is a great way to meet your neighbours, keep up-to-date on issues impacting the Village, develop leadership skills, and contribute to the vitality and quality of life in our community. BVA is currently recruiting new volunteers for the BVA 2018-2019 Executive Committee.



If you are a Bayview Village resident interested in learning more, please contact Tim Storus, Chair, Nominating Committee, 416-222-8862 or timstorus@rogers.com

BVA BOOK CLUB

Join us Monday March 19 - we will be discussing "*The Couple Next Door*" by Shari Lapena

How well do you know the couple next door? Or your husband? Or even—yourself?

This domestic suspense about a young couple and their apparently friendly neighbors—a twisty, rollercoaster ride of lies, betrayal and the secrets between husbands and wives.....

Looks like an interesting book! RSVPs requested - For information contact Jane Robertson 416-226-1390 - jrobertson@rogers.com

BVA EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

BVA COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

Bring yourself, your family or a friend – and join in our annual community clean-up. All of Toronto is participating across the city. Details to follow.

BVA All-Candidates Provincial Meeting

Thursday May 17, 2018

At Grand Luxe, 3125 Bayview Ave.,

Timed before the June provincial election – join us to listen to the candidates for the new Don Valley North riding. (Note: a Municipal Candidates Meeting will be in the fall)



BVA – Fun Royal Wedding High Tea Celebration

Saturday May 19

We are going to get in the spirit of the royal wedding and enjoy HighTea. Fancy hats will be a must!! Watch for details.

BVA AGM + Social

Tuesday June 5, 2018

At Grand Luxe, 3125 Bayview Ave.,

This is a good time to meet your neighbours, be updated on BVA activities and community issues – and enjoy some delicious refreshments.

BVA - Staying In Touch

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