



Bayview Village Association

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Newsletter

'It's better in Bayview Village'

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A WORD FROM JANE

THIS IS OUR SPRING ISSUE – WITH A LOT OF OPPORTUNITIES TO MIX AND MINGLE WITH FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS AND ENJOY THE GLORIOUS WEATHER.

- ❑ Do you want to use a multi-million dollar military satellite system to find plastic tubs hidden in the woods? We are setting up an Intro to Geocaching session - call Jane if you are interested in attending.
- ❑ Community Clean Up Day - Saturday April 25. Remember to join us. Details below.
- ❑ Saturday, May 2 is our 1st Annual Perennial Swap. Help make it a success.
- ❑ A quick note to dog owners - we love having dogs in the village. Your daily walks help to keep our neighbourhood safe, healthy and active. Remember all dogs should be on a leash whenever they are out of doors (unless, of course, they are in a fenced-in yard). Sometimes our 4-legged friends can be too enthusiastic when encountering youngsters or someone a bit unsteady on their feet. So remember the leash and keep walking!!

Jane

Jane Robertson, President – BVA jrobertson@rogers.com 416-226-1390.

Bayview Village Spring Clean Up

Saturday April 25, 2009

12 noon to 3 pm.



We will meet at the Forest Grove ravine entrance (near Forest Grove United Church) at 12 noon. Bring gardening gloves (or some form of heavy duty gloves) - we'll have garbage bags.

Free refreshments available after 2pm!

Friends and family welcome!

PERENNIAL SWAP - SATURDAY, MAY 2 10AM TO 12 NOON

BAYVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL (parking lot)

Too much tarragon? Hostas taking over? Tired of spreading daisies? This is an opportunity to divide up some of your plants and perhaps pick up something new and unique. Come to our 1st annual Perennial Swap.

What is a Perennial Swap?: It is for anyone interested in swapping their bright and beautiful perennials. It is a chance to divide a favourite plant that has grown too large – or to hand-off a plant that you have tired of but are willing to share with someone. Remember you can take home as many perennials as you bring. So come with your 'old perennials' and find some 'new ones' from other Bayview Village Gardeners. It is

helpful to bring along a box to help carry home what you swap. If you can label what you bring (or dig up) that would be wonderful and also please note whether it will grow in sun or shade or both.

4TH ANNUAL BAYVIEW VILLAGE GARDEN TOUR

SUNDAY, June 21st -

Join us for our annual garden tour. This event is a great chance to get ideas for your own gardens, to meet neighbours, and to visit some local gardens that our committee has discovered. Join us and you will be in for some beautiful surprises.

If you are interested in participating or volunteering to assist on this year's tour, please contact Mary Anderson at 416-229-0094. Help us have another successful event!

"Guide Passes" (tickets) for the garden tour will be on sale in the first week of June at Sheridan Nurseries. The cost is \$10 per person. A great event – bring a friend – and make it even better!

NEWS FROM EDON (the newsletter of the east Don Parkland Partners eletter: to subscribe send an email to Phil Goodwin at pcgoodwin@sympatico.ca)

This group, under Phil's leadership, has been responsible for major improvements to the ravine system passing through the Village. Every year hundreds of new plants (native species only) have been planted, signage has been added and the entire water system has been improved. The group provides some educational walks as well as opportunities to get volunteer for plantings. Think about getting involved.

Park Plantings And Walks

Wildflower Walk – Saturday May 9 10am – 12nn. Meet at the Second Cup on Steeles at LaurelLeaf, just west of Leslie. Want to see that elusive blue beach tree or spy a Jack in the Pulpit? Then join infamous park explorer, Ontario Jones in his Raiders of the Lost Parks adventure!

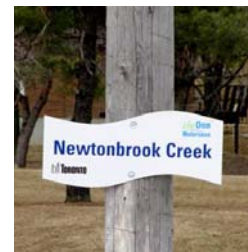


Wildflower Walk #2 – Sunday May 24 1:30-3:30pm. Meet at the Second Cup on Steeles at LaurelLeaf, just west of Leslie. Join infamous park explorer, Ontario Jones again for his second adventure this spring. Boy we are lucky to have this guy. He is really in demand!

Wetland Wildflower Planting Sat June 6 10-12nn – We return to the site of our earlier April 18 planting and continue to work on this wetland. We will be adding some neat wildflowers and grasses. When we are finished with this place it will look better than the Royal Botanical Gardens!

SIGNS OF THE TIMES - OUR NEW DON WATERSHED SIGNS!

10 years of asking and we finally have the Don Watershed signs up. You will start to see them all over the city like this one for Newtonbrook Creek located at Bayview and Finch. Also on Forest Grove in the village. The goal is to make people aware of the Don and see how far and wide it stretches from Lake Ontario through our cities, right up to the Oakridges Moraine.



HISTORY 101: BLAST FROM THE PAST



In 1960 one of the things you could not do on a Sunday was go to a movie in Toronto (or anywhere else in Ontario). In December of 1960 Toronto voters elected to strike down one of the “Blue Laws” that had prevented Sunday movies. While it took Toronto a few months to iron out all the issues (questions as to whether this included burlesque shows and issues over staff salaries) but in 1961, on the last Sunday of May, we headed for the movies.

The closest movie theatre for Bayview Village was the Willow Theatre on Yonge – south of Church St. I am sure some of you have very fond memories of this venue. Here are two pictures – of the exterior and interior (which had sort of neon-like blobs on the wall – each giving off a different coloured glow – purple, blue – I recall thinking as a youngster that it was beautiful!!).



INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE HISTORY OF BAYVIEW VILLAGE? Then order: ***Bayview Village: Our History In Print: From Farmland to One of Canada's Most Picturesque Communities***. Enjoy the written history of Bayview Village and surrounding area from the earliest settlers to modern day times. Over 120 pages, with many pictures - available for just \$20 (tax included). Makes a great gift! To order your copy contact: Bayview Village Association c/o Doug Webster, 7 Sutcliffe Drive, Toronto, ON M2K 2A5 or call: 416-221-5870 - or order when you renew your BVA membership.

BORDERLESS SONG : A MUSICAL OPPORTUNITY IN THE VILLAGE

Saturday, May 9, 2009 - 8 PM Forest Grove United Church, 43 Forest Grove Dr.
Presenting the outstanding team of:

Mihoko Watanabe, flute & Christopher Burton, piano with violist Carol Gimbel

Adults \$25.00 Students, Seniors \$15.00 Under 12 free

Works by Fauré, Duruflé, Desmarais, Fukushima, Takemitsu





NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - BY RON CHOI

Ontario Seat Belt Campaign, is running from **Wednesday, 2009 April 15 to Sunday, 2009 April 26**. It is estimated that for every 1% increase in seatbelt use, 5 lives are saved in Ontario every year.

The Spring Seat Belt Campaign will focus on drivers who fail to properly and safely secure their children in their vehicles. Child Safety Seat clinics have consistently indicated that 80% of car seats are installed or used incorrectly. Seat belt usage is the single most effective way to reduce vehicle related injuries and fatalities.

Check those Bills – they might be fake!

Counterfeit money is a growing problem – police are advising residents to be watchful: It takes only seconds to verify if it is a fake:

1. A holographic stripe that changes colors as you tilt the bill.
 2. A watermark portrait visible when you hold the note up to the light. The watermark portrait will be the same as the portrait printed on the front of the bill.
 3. A color shifting security thread woven into the paper, the tread goes from gold to green.
 4. A see through number when you hold the bill up to the light.
 5. Raised ink that you can detect by running your finger over the bill. The words "Bank of Canada", the large numbers, the portrait, and the Coat of Arms. These will feel thicker to the touch.
- If you get a fake, contact the police, only turn the bill over to the police.
 - Make note of the details of the transaction.

How To Build A Community

JUST A FEW IDEAS - TRY SOME AND MAKE YOUR WORLD A LITTLE BETTER

Turn off your TV • Leave your house • Know your neighbors • Look up when you are walking • Greet people • Sit on your front step • Plant flowers • Use your library • Play together • Buy from local merchants • Share what you have • Help a lost dog • Take children to the park • Garden together • Support neighborhood schools • Fix it even if you didn't break it • Have pot lucks • Honor elders • Pick up litter • Read stories aloud • Dance in the street • Talk to the mail carrier • Listen to the birds • Help carry something heavy • Start a tradition • Ask a question •

UPCOMING EVENTS (DETAILS INSIDE)

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Bayview Village 4th Annual Garden Tour: June 21st, 2009

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