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Newsletter

'It's better in Bayview Village'

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A WORD FROM JANE

ABOUT: A VERY SPECIAL BVA BOOKCLUB EVENT

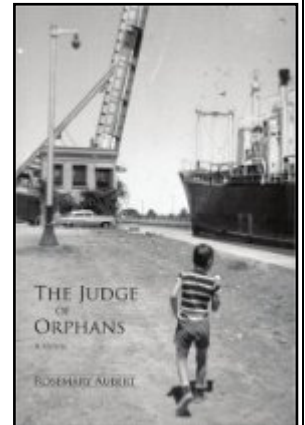
Our next BVA BookClub meeting will be on Monday Sept 14th 8pm at 1 Clarinda Drive. We are reading *The Judge of Orphans* by Rosemary Aubert and the author will be attending. The book is available in the library (26 copies in the system) or can be ordered through Chapters. Non book club members are welcome - please RSVP to Jane at jrobertso@rogers.com or call 416-226-1390.

PICK UP A COPY OF THIS BOOK – START READING AND ATTEND THE SEPT 14TH MEETING.

Jane

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4TH ANNUAL BAYVIEW VILLAGE GARDEN TOUR: A BLOOMING SUCCESS!

Thank you to all who volunteered their time and their outstanding gardens for our 4th Annual Bayview Village Garden Tour. With both beautiful weather and a great turnout, no one could have asked for a better day. Mary Anderson (Garden Tour Coordinator) reports planning for next year has already begun – **Mark your calendars for June 27, 2010!!**



BE A GREEN GARDENER

With gardening season comes headaches in terms of weeds and bugs. Here are some great natural ideas to keep your garden in full bloom.

Wasps: This works! Crumple up a brown paper bag into a ball and hand it near where you spot wasps. They are fooled into thinking another group of wasps have set up home – and leave within a day or two.

Weeds: Mulch (lots of it) in flower beds goes along way to reducing weeds and also helps retain moisture; Special tip: Wet newspaper then put layers around the plants overlapping as you cover with mulch (weeds get through some gardening plastic but not through wet newspapers)

Mosquitoes: Place a dryer sheet in your pocket. It keeps mosquitoes away (avoid direct contact with skin as prolonged contact may result in an allergic reaction to the dryer sheet)

Squirrels: Keep squirrels away by sprinkling cayenne pepper around your plants and bulbs

Fruit Flies: 1/2" apple cider vinegar and 2 drops of dish washing liquid, mix well or take a banana peel and put it into a plastic container put the lid on and punch holes in it. The idea is that the fruit flies are attracted to the banana peel so they go into the container but they can't come out. So you trap them.

Slugs: Crushed Eggshells will create a jagged barrier for a slug trying to enter your garden. Slugs won't touch objects that are sharp and abrasive since it literally kills a slug to repair deep scratches on their skin.

Passports and the New Enhanced Driver's License

If you going to the United States and are travelling by land you can use one of Ontario's new enhanced driver's licences, instead of a passport. BUT: If you are travelling by plane, in or out of the United States, you must have a passport. The enhanced driver's license can not be used when flying.

Effective NOW!!

Ants: Baking soda is poisonous to ants, sprinkle it around your plants to ensure ants will stay away. Flour & Baby Powder will keep ants from reaching your plants, ants will not cross the powder - so circle your plants with it. Also you can use coffee grounds, chili powder, cinnamon, peppermint or black pepper. All deter ants and if you pour coffee grounds directly on an anthill, they will eat the coffee grounds and implode. Fill a spray bottle with 1 part vinegar and 1 part water and spray on plants. The acid in vinegar kills ants.



Watering: Irrigate in early morning (especially roses and other plants prone to fungal diseases) or at night to keep evaporation to a minimum. Replace water-wasting fine mist and overhead sprinklers with soaker hoses. Cover exposed soil with five cm. of organic mulch (leaves or shredded bark) to conserve moisture. Water lawns thoroughly once or twice weekly instead of a brief, daily irrigation, so moisture absorbs deeply into soil, promoting healthy root growth.

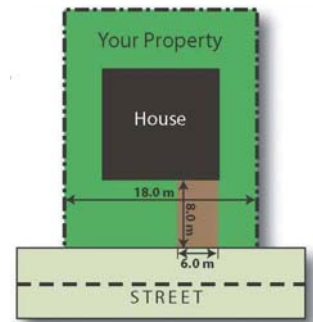
DRIVEWAY UPDATE

The City of Toronto has harmonized the requirements for the widths of driveways and the amount landscaping in the front yards of residential homes in the city. These widths are determined by a formula that considers a number of factors.

Front Yard Soft Landscaping

- A minimum of 75% of the front yard not covered by a permitted driveway shall be soft landscaping (see below)

SOFT LANDSCAPING is defined as: trees, shrubs, grass, flowers, vegetables, and other vegetation, but does not include hard surfaced areas such as but not limited to driveways, parking areas, decorative stonework, walkways, patios, screening, or other landscape architectural elements.



Driveway Dimensions

- Minimum driveway width: 2.6 metres
- Driveway width maximums provided the landscaping requirements can be met:

LOT FRONTAGE	MAXIMUM DRIVEWAY WIDTH
Less than 6m	2.6m
6m to 23m	6.0m
Greater than 23m	9.0m

Information above has been taken from city's brochure: available online at http://www.toronto.ca/building/pdf/brochures/technical_bulletins/landscaping_driveway_width.pdf

If you have questions or concerns – please contact the city directly at 416-395-7000.

HISTORY 101: THE MILKDOOR – DO YOU STILL HAVE ONE?

In Toronto, there used to be more than 500 dairies – delivering and distributing milk, cream, butter, cheese and other dairy products. The need for so many dairies came in 1932 after the government ordered pasteurization of raw milk, in an effort to stem the tide of bovine tuberculosis, (infecting humans resulting in serious infections and even death).

"In those days, there were no supermarkets and stores didn't really have refrigeration equipment," says Bob Stewart, who comes from a long line of farmers who started a milk delivery business in St. Catharines in 1932.



Many homes in Bayview Village were built with milkdoors – small doors, about 18 inches high and 12 inches wide, located usually near a side entrance. This was considered quite modern and meant that homes did not have to have their milk left outside on the doorstep. The milkman (and the vast majority were indeed men) delivered 2 or 3 times a week. Households left their order inside the milkdoor and the milkman filled the order. Residents could open their side of the door and there was their milk, cottage cheese, cheeses, and cream. At the time many women tended to work in the home and families did not always have a second car – so it was a great way to get fresh products.

Stewart says most home delivery died because companies like his family dairy couldn't compete when grocery stores began selling large jugs of milk below cost. The cost of trucks, refrigeration equipment, gas and employees would likely make it very difficult to return to the days when Milkdoors were in use.

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.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - BY RON CHOI

KEEP YOUR GARAGE DOOR CLOSED

Open garages give racoons and other pesky critters a chance to prowl through garbage bins. The results are never very nice (especially this summer!) And don't forget **Back doors**: In the summer, as we make great use of your backyard, people tend to unlock their backdoor. Worth remembering to doublecheck that all your doors are locked before you go out.

WASH THOSE HANDS

Hand washing, done correctly, is the single most effective way to prevent the spread of communicable diseases. Good hand washing technique is easy to learn and can significantly reduce the spread of infectious diseases among both children & adults. (From Toronto Public Health)

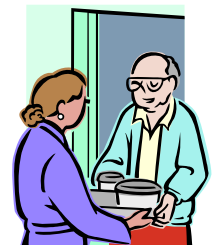


Follow these steps to keep hands clean:

- Wet your hands with warm running water.
- Add soap, and then rub your hands together, making a soapy lather. Do this away from the running water for at least 15 secs, being careful not to wash the lather away (if teaching young children ask them to sing the "Happy Birthday" song and to keep washing their hands until they are finished singing).
- Wash the front and back of your hands, as well as between your fingers and under your nails.
- Rinse your hands well under warm running water.
- Pat hands dry with a paper towel/or hot air dryer.
- Turn off water using same paper towel and dispose in a proper receptacle.
- Remind family members of the importance of washing hands—before and after eating; before and after using washroom facilities.

RESEARCH ON THE BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING: IN OLDER ADULTS - CAN YOU HELP?

We invite you to join an exciting new research project (called BRAVO) looking at the link between volunteering and healthy aging. The study is funded by the Canadian Government and Baycrest Hospital (one of the worlds' best known hospitals). The study needs participants - Can you or know someone help? Details below



Participants must be 55 years or older, not working and not doing other formal volunteer work and able to contribute 3 volunteer hours per week over a 6 month period.

Compensation and free parking will be provided for all BRAVO participants - Call Baycrest at 416-785-2500 ext. 2572 or email alefkovitz@baycrest.org and ask about BRAVO.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW BVA 2009-2010 EXECUTIVE

On our back page you will see the 2009-2010 Bayview Village Association Executive Committee elected at the Annual General Meeting in June. These are all residents of the village who are volunteering to help keep our community safe, active and involved. We thank them all for their efforts. Keep the list handy in case you need to contact them this year.

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