



# Bayview Village Association

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## Newsletter

'It's better in Bayview Village'

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### Winter Magic in the Village

## Decorating Challenge 6<sup>th</sup> Annual

Bayview Village Association is again holding the **Winter Magic in the Village** decorating challenge. We invite residents to celebrate the holiday season in December with home outdoor decorations. Share your holiday spirit with your neighbors and you could win a great prize!

Once again we have lined up excellent judges who will pick a winner in each of the following categories:

1. Most original display
2. Best use of nature
3. Best use of colour
4. Best non-electrical display
5. Merriest Street in the Village

Nominations: Nominate yourself by emailing:

Decorations must be up by Sat December 20, 2009

How you decorate is up to you. Residents should note that judging will occur during the evening so displays need to be adequately lit. Winners will be announced on our web site in time for our residents to view the winning decorations. So, get your whole family involved and join in the fun and the magic.

#### TO ENTER

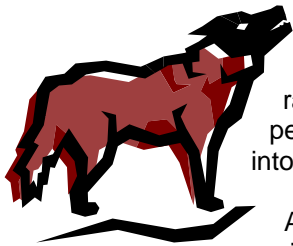
Send an email with your name and address to

[bayviewvill@bayviewvillage.org](mailto:bayviewvill@bayviewvillage.org)

or call Lisa at 416-590-1298 or

[lisa.stonehouse@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.stonehouse@gmail.com)

**BY 10pm on Dec 15**



#### LOCAL WILDLIFE

Residents should be aware there have been several sightings of **coyotes** in our ravine. If you are out walking you should be on the lookout. For those of you with pets – ensure they are on a leash and under your control. Do **not** let them wander off into the brush.

Also note – Several residents have commented that our local deer population is already coming up to browse near houses. This does not usually occur until the snow reaches depth. Perhaps it is the coyotes making the deer look for safer places to feed.



#### *A MidSummer Night's Dream*

On December 2, 3 and 4 Earl Haig S.S. school show will present *A MidSummer Night's Dream*. This is the perfect play for the holidays - There will also a Silent Auction with some great items - All proceeds go back to the school. Tickets are just \$15.

## A WORD FROM JANE

**BVA Membership Campaign:** Send in your membership form quickly as we hope to get the directory out in early January. Only members are in the directory and only members get a copy of the directory. You should have received your form in the mail – but if not please use the one included in this newsletter.

Thank-you to everyone who entered our 2010 Directory Cover Design contest. The designs were excellent and the judges had a tough time choosing their favourite for the theme 'Life in the Village'. We are looking forward to revealing the cover – in your mailboxes – early in the new year.



**BVA Book Club** – our next meeting will be at 8pm on January 11, 2010 at 5 Sutcliffe. We will be discussing *The Brain That Changes Itself* by Dr. Norman Doidge.

**December Cookie Exchange:** Monday evening December 14th. See below

**MAGA news** - development continues on the south side of Sheppard. At the community meeting last month, Concord/ADEX presented their latest version of the plan with a reshaping of the park lands. So far no school boards have expressed interest in building a school in that development. The proposed community centre is still on the drawing board.

P.S. Thanks to all the ghosts and goblins (and volunteers) who turned out for the BVA Halloween party. We had a great time – and it was fun and safe for all.

*Jane*

Jane Robertson, President – BVA [jrobertson@rogers.com](mailto:jrobertson@rogers.com) 416-226-1390.

## Bayview Village Association (BVA) -50+ Years of Service

**BVA: The Early Years:** Established in the fall of 1956, the first BVA meeting was attended by residents of 35 of the 74 households in the area at the time. One of the first issues back in the mid 1950's was to successfully counter a school board proposal to build a school in what is now Bayview Village Park. Other accomplishments include introducing city water to a neighbourhood served by wells, putting in sidewalks and sewer connections, and installing a stop sign at Citation and Burbank and another at Burbank and Forest Grove.



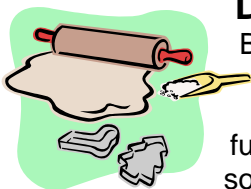
In addition to this newsletter, organizing All-Candidates Meetings for every election, community events, Garden Tours, Perennial swap, neighbourhood clean-ups and beautification projects the Association has tackled many tough issues on your behalf since those early days.

All of this has only been possible through volunteers and a strong membership – Remember to join.

Interested in learning more about The History of Bayview Village? Then order:

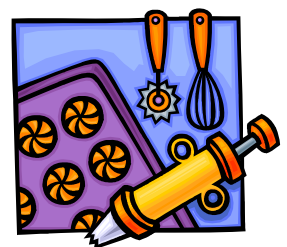
***Bayview Village: Our History In Print: From Farmland to One of Canada's Most Picturesque Communities.*** Enjoy the written history of Bayview Village and

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.



## December Cookie Exchange: December 14th

BVA is holding a Cookie Exchange. It will take place on Monday evening December 14th. Call Lisa (416-590-1298) or Jane (416-226-1390) for more information. This is a chance to meet new friends, enjoy some holiday fun and take away a lovely selection of cookies. Note: You will have to do some baking of your own before you join in on the fun. That is part of the fun of a cookie exchange!!



## STEELES AVENUE - TO BE RE-SURFACED - - - - - FINALLY!!

For several years Steeles Ave has been singled out as the worse road in the GTA. Potholes, uneven surface, cracks, and loose gravel have damaged cars and pedestrians. Because this street lies between Toronto and York there has been a battle as to its repair. Councilor Shiner has brought us news that North York Transportation Services hope to start resurfacing the North York portion of Steeles Ave from Hwy. 400 to Dufferin St. and Hilda Ave to Victoria Park by May 2010 with an anticipated completion date of mid to end of July 2010. The Scarborough portion of Steeles Ave from Victoria Park to Kennedy Rd and the Etobicoke portion from Albion Rd to Hwy 400 will also be resurfaced. HURRAY!

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING RE SALE OF SCHOOL AND LAND ON PAGE AVE.

The Toronto District School Board is holding an information meeting on Monday, December 7 from 7pm to 9pm at Bayview Middle School. School board staff will be there to provide information & answer questions. For your information: this school has been a closed for over 20 years – and has been leased out to a private school.

## GREAT IDEAS CORNER:

### Dryer Lint – there are some uses (believe it or not)!

First, keep a coffee can, or other small container, near your dryer for easy collection of dryer lint, preferably after every dryer use.

- **If all natural**, lint can be added to your compost pile.
- Help your neighborhood birds build their nests. Fill an onion mesh bag with a mixture of nesting material, including small pieces of dryer lint, small pieces of yarn or string (no bigger than the length of your thumb), hair from your hairbrush or dog hair. – You can hang the bag from a tree and watch in amazement as local birds flock to get this premium nest material.
- Line plant pots with dryer lint, then add potting soil & plants. The lint keeps the soil in, and the water out.
- Use dryer lint as a kind of indoor mulch to help conserve moisture for your indoor tropical plants. Just spread the dryer lint on the surface of the plant soil; water the plant as usual.
- Conserve moisture in outdoor container plants, or around the base of small specimen plants, by mulching with dryer lint.



IF YOU HAVE a tip, trick, remedy to share: Just send to [jcodd@yorku.ca](mailto:jcodd@yorku.ca)



## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - BY RON CHOI

### ITS DARK OUT THERE

Now that it gets dark very early remember to adjust any timers you might have to switch on your lights. A home with lights on – looks active and is less likely to be broken into – and a well lit street encourages your neighbours to walk – remember a community with local people walking is known to be a safer community.

There are many different outdoor lights that are low energy – including solar lights. Do not have them pointing up into the sky or into neighbours properties – but do keep your house looking bright.

### SNOW REMOVAL

A strong recommendation to arrange for snow removal if you intend to be away from your home for any length of time over the winter. Nothing says “no one is at home” then a driveway and walkway that has not been shoveled. Theives are on the lookout for signs of absent homeowners.

### CAR THEFT

Keep you cars locked at all times. Do NOT leave cars with their engines running in the driveway while you wait inside. Many people have looked out the window to see their cars being driven away while they were indoors staying warm.



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## Bayview Village Association Membership Application 2010

**Membership is open to all residents of Bayview Village.**

**TO JOIN ON-LINE.**

**All you need is a credit card.** Go to [www.bayviewvillage.org](http://www.bayviewvillage.org) Follow the links to join or renew by using **PayPal™** secure service.

**Reasons to become a member:** You will have a voice, as well as give your support to the efforts being made by the Association to keep Bayview Village a great community and a beautiful neighbourhood! A large membership shows government agencies and politicians that we strongly care about issues that affect our community.

**Membership is just \$20.00** /year. Additional contributions are very much appreciated.

**To Join** fill out this form, enclose a cheque for the total amount, and either mail, or drop-off at one of the addresses listed below. Make Cheque payable to "Bayview Village Association", **OR** use our secure website at [www.bayviewvillage.org](http://www.bayviewvillage.org)

*Please allow us to list all information for the directory. This allows neighbours to get to know each other, thus keeping Bayview Village a safe, strong and friendly community.*

<b>Address:</b> (House number & street)		
<b>Last Name, #1 resident:</b>		
<b>First Name, #1:</b>		
<b>Occupation, #1:</b> (optional)		
<b>Company #1:</b> (optional)		
<b>Last Name, #2 resident:</b>		
<b>First Name, #2:</b>		
<b>Occupation, #2:</b> (optional)		
<b>Company #2:</b> (optional)		
<b>Home Phone Number:</b>	(      )	I may be able to volunteer some time to BVA. Please contact me <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Year moved into Bayview Village:</b>		
<b>Membership fee</b>	<b>\$ 20.00</b>	<b>Please check one:</b> <b>a) List all information in directory.....</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>b) List my initials, address and Phone No. only.....</b> <input type="checkbox"/> E.g. H.R.....1Clarinda Dr.....416-123-4567 <b>c) List only as "member".....</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Voluntary contribution</b>	<b>\$</b>	
<b>History of Bayview Village Book \$20</b>	<b>\$</b>	
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT enclosed</b>	<b>\$</b>	

◆ The information we collect is used to prepare an annual directory for members.

◆ BVA does not distribute or sell its membership information. ◆ Only members receive a directory.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION!**

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 Toronto, ON, M2K 1H0

**Drop off addresses:**

- 23 Arrowstook Rd.
- 15 Morewood Cres.
- 60 Sumner Heights Dr.

- 30 Restwell Cres.
- 14 Viamede Cres.
- 1 Clarinda Dr.
- 23 Millgate Cres.

Check our website at: [www.BayviewVillage.org](http://www.BayviewVillage.org)