



Bayview Village Association

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Newsletter

'It's better in Bayview Village'

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TEA TASTING EVENING WITH THE BVA!

Green Tea - White Tea - Earl Grey - Ceylon - Jasmine - Estate Blends - Herbal



So many tastes and interesting ways to brew this refreshing drink.

Interested in improving your tea knowledge? Or in sampling a few different teas and trying some delicious scones? Then join the BVA's private **Tea Tasting Evening** at the Tea Leaf in Bayview Village Shopping

Mall on **Sunday April 18 at 7 pm**. You will learn about the history of tea, how different teas are grown, why there are so many types and a whole lot more. You will also be sampling several different teas. And of course, the evening will finish with Tea and Scones - with Devon cream and jam!



COST: \$25.00 per person. (Limited Space- reserve early - in advance)

CALL/EMAIL: Lisa - 416-590-1298 lisa.stonehouse@gmail.com or Judi - 416-225-5162 jcodd@yorku.ca

All are welcome - be prepared for a wonderful evening with us all

Bayview Village Spring Clean Up

Saturday April 24, 2010 - 11:00 am to 3 pm.

We will meet at the Forest Grove ravine entrance (near Forest Grove United Church) at 12 noon. We will a limited number of light gardening gloves available and ask that you bring gardening gloves (or some form of heavy duty gloves). We will have garbage bags.

Free refreshments available after 2pm!

For more details: email Simin Molookzadeh at: s_molookzadeh@yahoo.ca

Friends and family welcome!



A WORD FROM JANE

The Bayview Village Book Club continues!! Our next meet is Monday, April 26, 2010 at 8pm at Helen Greenberg's house (5 Canary Crescent). We will be discussing *'The Accidental'* by Ali Smith.

Upcoming Books and Meeting Dates. Please join us.

Monday, May 31, 2010: discuss *'The Book Thief'* by Markus Zusak. (Location to be determined)

Monday, June 21, 2010: discuss *'We Need to Talk About Kevin'* by Lionel Shriver. (Location to be determined).

Sept. 2010 (date and location to be determined), discuss *'She's Come Undone'* by Wally Lamb.

Mike Filey, well known Toronto historian, is speaking at Church of the Incarnation Community Seniors club, on Tuesday April 13th at 2p.m. Admission \$4.00 All (ages) welcome. Location is 15 Clairtrell Road, 1 block west of Bayview, north off Sheppard. www.incarnationtoronto.ca or 416 221 7516, or Jane at 416 223 1663.

In December, the TDSB notified the community that Page Ave. Public School has been declared surplus and would be put up for sale. The site had already been offered to the various levels of government and other school boards as required by provincial regulation – all have chosen not to purchase this site. The school has been closed since 1981 and eased to a private school until 2012. The land is zoned neighbourhood residential. Many questions and concerns were raised at the public meeting. We are continuing to monitor this issue for you. And we have made it clear that we expect to be kept informed.

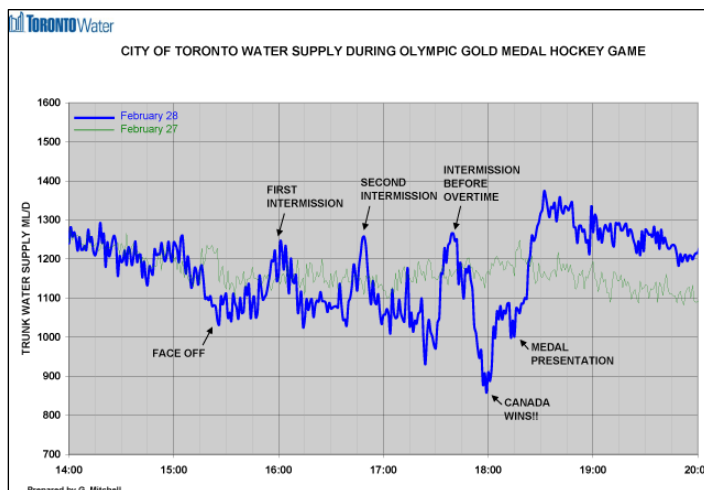
The city did a traffic study along Sheppard Ave. and results were shared with the BVA and other neighbourhood, associations along Sheppard. We continue to voice our concerns about traffic and have been encouraging lowering speed limits and greater police scrutiny at key locations in the village.

Jane

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

TORONTO HELD ITS BREATH

During the Gold Medal men's hockey game at the very end of the winter's Olympics, Toronto's eyes were glued to the television. As this graph of the city's water usage during the game clearly shows, Torontonians were coordinated that night in the timing of their trips to the washroom,



with large spikes in water consumption coinciding with each intermission and a huge dip following Sidney Crosby's winning goal. It is your guess as to whether this was due to flushing, making tea, or everyone needing a shower to relax after the excitement.

MEMBERSHIP & DIRECTORY UPDATE

All members should have received their copy of the 2010 directory.

Congratulations to Phyllis Barrow, the winner of the cover design contest! And a special thanks to all those who submitted entries. We continue to be impressed

with the talent of Village residents.

Thank-you to everyone who helped with the directory and the membership campaign.

Derryn Gill, Jean Probyn, Ken Kurkowski, Katie Strunc, Ken, Borden, Lillian Rowley, Hart Robinson, Thea Robinson, Cameron, Steve Kerper, Poonam Jain, Lisa Stonehouse, Sophie Stephenson, Doug Webster, Elize Blodgett, Ron Choi, Linda Lazarou, Doug Stephens, Zel Bocknek, Maureen Rumball, Phyllis Barrow, Brian Cheung, Jean Petropoulos, Harvey Beecroft, David Ogus, Dr. John Hart, Elizabeth Britnell, Frank Pastor, Irving and Celine Kessler, Mary Ensor, Kyoung Soon, Penny Richardson, Yellena Ivkovich, Simin Molookzadeh, Ron Wong, Alexandra Orban, Colin Anderson, Sheryl N..

If you would like to be on the directory committee for the 2011 directory or if you have suggestions on how we can improve the directory (fonts? layout? contents?), please contact me. (Jane - 416-226-1390 jrobertson@rogers.com).

TORONTO POLICE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Every three weeks, the Toronto Police will post questions on various policing issues on their website. A summary of result will be published at the end of the period

We encourage Bayview residents to visit the "[Have Your Say](http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/surveys/)" section on the Toronto Police website, and provide the Service with their opinions <http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/surveys/>)

GREEN TIPS

Limiting car idling not only improves air quality, but also saves you money - Idling for just 10 minutes a day for a year uses an average of 100 litres of gas. At the approximate cost of 90 cents a litre, turning off your car rather than idling would save you \$90 annually!

Passing of Former BVA President

We sadly inform the community of the passing of William (Joseph) Milks. He had served as President in 1977-78. Mr. Milks contributed greatly to our community and he will be missed by family and friends.

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 - books will be available both at the BVA Garden tour and BVA AGM in June!!



In Mary's Garden

SPRING GARDENING ADVICE COLUMN BY MARY ANDERSON

Spring is one of the most exciting seasons for a gardener, as life begins anew in your flowerbeds. After a season of dormancy, it is exciting to get out in the fresh air and prepare your gardens for the coming year. Below is a list of things one can do to ensure you have a healthy garden.

- Remove debris from your flower beds, taking care of new shoots and bulbs showing through. Uncover your roses, pushing back the earth mounded up in the fall.
- Clean up your gardening tools, sterilizing the pruning shears and clippers and oiling the joints
- Prune back lavender and heather plants and cut back bulbs once they have finished blooming
- Turn your compost pile and if ready to use, spread over your garden beds, working it in to the soil (ensure your soil is not too wet.) Use manure, if you don't have compost. I prefer sheep manure
- Sew hardy annual seeds into the garden
- Plant lily and other tender bulbs

Now is also the time to divide your perennials if they looking like the will be too large for the space they are in. If the new growth is visible, use a garden fork or a spade to dig up the entire plant. Inspect the plant for where the roots follow the shoot and look to either divide by hand, or with the use of a fork. For perennials such as Hostas, I use a sharp knife to make sure I get a good clean cut right through the clump, with reduced risk of loss to the plant. I love dividing my perennials as it ensures that I add symmetry to my garden beds through repetition of colour and form. If however, you have too much of a good thing, look at dividing to take to the Bayview Village Perennial Swap. When potting divided perennials up, add some soil to the bottom of a pot, place the roots in and cover with more soil. Make sure that the plant has the soil packed in fairly well. Always water transplanted perennials regularly with a transplant fertilizer for the first few weeks to ensure stability for the root system.

2ND BAYVIEW VILLAGE PERENNIAL SWAP

Bayview Village Association is hosting a **Perennial Swap on Saturday May 15th** at Bayview Middle School Parking lot from 10am to 12 noon. Come with perennials you have divided and get ready to swap them for perennials you don't have in your stock. It is a great opportunity to share ideas and get advice from other gardeners in the village.

5TH ANNUAL BAYVIEW VILLAGE GARDEN TOUR

This year is the 5th Bayview Village Garden Tour on Sunday June 27th, 2010, from 1 We are celebrating with a lovely array of gardens in the village as well as some public that bring a new dimension to horticulture in Bayview Village. There will also be a special addition of live music to accent the tour at selected venues throughout the afternoon. Please mark this date on your calendar and come out to see those hidden gems of the Village. Tickets are \$10, and will be on sale in June at Sheridan Nurseries.



– 5pm.
gardens

VOLUNTEER STUDY NEEDS YOU!!

Are you a Boomer (age 55+) or know someone who is, and is in good health, who is not currently volunteering? Sign up to volunteer at Baycrest and be a part of a new, very exciting study, supported by the Government Of Canada, that will examine the health benefits of volunteering.

To do so, please contact one of the following:

alefkovitz@baycrest.org

Volunteer Office: 416 785 2500 ext. 2572

sbernstein@baycrest.org

Director of Volunteers: 416 785 2500 ext. 2577

[We look forward to hearing from you.](#)



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - BY RON CHOI

The Toronto Police Service informs us that there have been attempts to defraud the public by some moving companies who post advertisements in local papers, free newspapers, and online.

The company will quote a very low cost, have the client sign a contract on the day of the move, which is usually not read by the client, they ask for a deposit up front, before any work has been done, as they are halfway through the job, they increase the cost of the job, if a client refuses to pay the increase, the company threatens to hold the client's property in storage or to unload their possessions into the street until the customer pay in full.

Here are some tips: Before hiring contact the **Better Business Bureau** to see if there is a complaint history for the company, use a moving company that has been used by friends or family, ask the company for **verifiable references**, limit the amount of any deposit that you provide, beware of very low rates which sound too good to be true, ask for contracts prior to the move date, when presented with a contract, read it **thoroughly**, don't sign anything you disagree with.

GREAT IDEAS CORNER:

LEFTOVER COFFEE GROUNDS can go in the greenbin but why not put them to use at home?



Four Uses for Coffee Grounds

1. In your garden – old coffee grounds make a great fertilizer. And in particular enhances carrot and radish growth. Before you plant, mix your carrot and radish seeds with used coffee grounds and plant them all together. The grounds will increase your carrot and radish size and amount and will keep underground pests away from veggies.
2. Ant Repellent - Ants dislike the smell of coffee. Try spreading coffee grounds over each ant hill each day. After about a week of doing this, most of ants will find a new place to live!
3. Cat repellent in the garden — To discourage cats from using your garden as a litter box - Simply mix the coffee grounds well with used orange peels and then spread them around the outside of your garden. Since cats dislike coffee and citrus smells, this mixture will keep them away!
4. Dust inhibitor —Cleaning a fireplace is a pain as the ashes that build up are light and airy, often flying all over your house. Before you clean your fireplace, take a good amount of wet grounds and gently place them over the top of the ashes and soot. They will quickly begin to soak up some of the dust, allowing you to clean your fireplace without the mess and the headache.

IF YOU HAVE a tip, trick, remedy to share: Just send to jcodd@yorku.ca

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