



Bayview Village Association

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Newsletter

'It's better in Bayview Village'

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DOUG'S NOTES

Best wishes for a safe and healthy New Year from your Bayview Village Association.

The last few weeks have been busy ones for our Municipal & Government Affairs Committee. They are dealing with a number of different concerns but in particular their focus has been on the Page Ave School Lands and the Concord-Adex Lands. It is their hard work over the last few years that has managed to help preserve our community and ensure our issues regarding traffic, density, safety, school accommodation are heard. While development is usually never stopped it can be shaped – and that is our goal. If you have an interest in joining any of our committees please contact me. Volunteers are the backbone of a strong community. We need you!

And a quick thank you to all pet walkers who so diligently “Stoop & Scoop” in this cold weather. Please keep up the good work and the walking (your presence helps to keep our streets vibrant and busy). Remember Stopping & Scooping is an absolute must.

Cheers, *Doug*

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PAGE AVE SCHOOL LANDS: FURTHER UPDATE

As we reported in our last newsletter an application for an amendment to the zoning by-law and subdivision approval for 21 single detached dwellings on the former Page Ave School lands went to North York community council in December 2010. It was approved – along with the need for a community information meeting with Councillor Shiner; and a final report to be ready before this summer. And that notice will now go to all single family homes within Bayview Village. **The meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 15 at 7 p.m. at Bayview Middle School**. Please attend this meeting. BVA (through BVA's Municipal & Government Affairs Committee) continues to monitor this application.

CONCORD ADEX LANDS (AKA: Canadian Tire Lands): FURTHER UPDATE

BVA's Municipal & Government Affairs Committee attended the fall consultation regarding the developers proposed new configurations. We, along with other concerned groups, raised many issues including amount of dedicated parkland, school attendance concerns, traffic and safety, building height (especially as it impacts view and sunlight), public use of lands, building design, and of course density. A staff report was being prepared and a Community Information Meeting is proposed for March of this year. BVA will continue to monitor this development on your behalf.



LET'S BEAT THE FLU! GET YOUR FREE FLU SHOT.

Everyone is at risk of getting the flu. The flu shot is the most effective way to prevent illness along with frequent handwashing. Because the viruses that cause the flu change frequently, it is necessary to get a shot every year to be protected. Public health has noted that many people have not yet received their free flu shot – and that there has been a considerable increase in the number of people with the flu.

Some develop complications and require hospitalization. Be safe – go to your family doctor.

Need Help for A Special Diet?

Whether you need to help yourself, family member or friend with a special diet or just want advice about healthy eating during the flu season there is a program for you. The Province of Ontario provides access to Registered Dietitians to help you through *Eat Right Ontario*. Speak directly to a Registered Dietitian and get your questions answered on everyday food choices, disease prevention and popular nutrition topics. Call toll-free† at 1-877-510-5102. Phone

service is available Monday to Friday 9am-5pm ET, with evening hours Tuesday and Thursday to 9 pm ET. Outside these hours you may leave a voice mail message and a Registered Dietitian will return your call the next business day. The website also has an email service. This program is free.


They also have an excellent website at www.eatrightontario.ca providing information on ♦ Digestive health ♦ Vitamins and minerals ♦ Dental health ♦ Breastfeeding ♦ Weight management ♦ Caffeine ♦ Cancer prevention ♦ Food safety.

FAT TIP: There's almost 5 times more fat in a piece of chicken breast with the skin on it compared to a skinless piece.



FROM MARY'S GARDEN: Spring Is Coming

Get out your calendars – here are the dates for our upcoming 3rd Annual Perennial Swap-Saturday, May 14 and BVA 6th Annual Garden Tour - Sunday, June 26.

GARDEN TOUR 2011: If you are interested in participating (or have suggestions) please contact Mary at 416-229-0094 



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – BY RON CHOI

DON'T LEAVE YOUR CAR WARMING UP IN THE DRIVEWAY: We keep repeating this alert. Cars continue to be stolen while people leave them running unattended – especially during very cold weather. One incident a couple of years ago saw a couple return from a brisk walk around the block only to see both of their cars being driven off down the street! Not a pretty sight.

BEWARE OF IDENTIFYING TOO MUCH INFORMATION WITH PHOTOS TAKEN WITH SMARTPHONES – Did you know that a simple photo taken with your Smartphone may contain exact details of where it was taken? And if that photo gets uploaded onto the internet – or emailed to someone who may take advantage - all sorts of details about you may be revealed. How is that possible – through **GEOTAGGING**.

WHAT IS GEOTAGGING?

- Geotagging is the process of adding geographical identification to photographs, video, websites and SMS messages. It is the equivalent of adding a 10-digit grid coordinate to everything you post on the internet.
- Geotags are automatically embedded in pictures taken with smartphones. Most people are unaware of the fact that photos taken with their smartphones and loaded to the Internet have been geotagged.
- Photos posted to photo sharing sites like Flickr and Picasa can also be tagged with location, but it is not an automatic function.
- One of the simplest ways to avoid displaying too much information is to disable the geotagging function on smartphones.
- Since most smartphones automatically display geographical information, it takes a little more effort on the user's part to protect their privacy.

Remember even if YOU do not post your photos to websites you or your children may send them to others who do! You may want to send someone your photo and actually be sending them address!

If you don't know how to disable this feature contact your local Smartphone provider and they will assist. Also be aware that even when you change this feature – pictures taken previously may still contain location information and you will need to ask about removing that from your photos.

For more information go to: (and yes – the name of webpage is correct!) <http://pleaserobme.com/>

Bridge Club Successful Bid!

BVA Bridge Club Duncan Stratton of Windham Drive successfully bid and made a **no trump grand slam**. This is an exceptional accomplishment in the game of bridge and we felt other bridge players in the Village would be interested in celebrating this feat. It earns a lot of points for the player and his partner so, needless to say, they were overall winners. As for the other pair, well... there is always another game.

The BVA Bridge Club is a community activity which has been running many years. Members play in each others homes during the year and end with a dinner/awards night in June. Lots of fun. If interested in joining, all levels of players welcome - please call June McKee at 416-221-3160.

Snow Clearance Reminder

Snow from your driveway is NOT to be pushed onto the street. It should be piled up on either side of your driveway/walkway. If you experience a problem please contact the city directly at **3-1-1** for advice.



HISTORY 101: BAYVIEW VILLAGE - Another fabulous picture

Looking east along Finch Avenue from Page Avenue; Top is from 1960, the bottom from 2010. Shows a comparison of views looking east along Finch Avenue from Page Avenue towards the bridge over the East Don River and Leslie Street. As you can see there were no apartment buildings on the horizon and the north side of Finch was open fields. There were no sidewalks – just ditches along the road!

CREDITS: Top image photographed by Ted Chirnside. Both from the LonePimate photostream on Flickr

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holidays? 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.



Bayview Village BookClub - Monday, February 7 at 8 pm

February's meeting will be in the Hearth Room at Forest Grove United Church. We will be discussing Jasper Fforde's book, *The*

Eyre Affair. The book club set is on order. For more information contact Jane at 416-226-1390 or jrobertson@rogers.com



TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY - BAYVIEW PLAZA BRANCH

Did you know that there is a small branch of the library at Bayview Plaza? (Enter on the north side – on the out side) While small it does provide a nice collection of books – with some available in other languages and a relaxing place to read. Also books from other locations maybe ordered for pickup. They offer limited programming. However there are two upcoming events that might interest – one for young children – one for adults. For more information contact them directly – or drop by: 416-395-5460

Hours: Monday:	10:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Tuesday:	12:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday:	10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Thursday:	12:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Friday:	10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Saturday:	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
		Sunday:	Closed

PUPPET SHOW: DANDY LION SAT MAR 19, 2011 2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. 60 MINS:

Dandy Lion, who should be king, was born with dandelions in his mane. But, he refuses to be bullied by the other jungle animals because he is different. Even when they laugh and ask how he can be king with dandelions in his hair, Dandy Lion finds a way to turn the unruly jungle crowd into his friends.

Tea and Books WED APR 06, 2011 2:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M. 60 MINS:

Please join us for a lively discussion of new books and old favourites featuring the books of this year's author highlighted for the Keep Toronto Reading Festival. Light refreshments will be served.

FOREST GROVE UNITED CHURCH-FAMILY MOVIE NITE

Saturday February 5th, 6:30pm -9:00 pm

An evening movie night has been planned for that might be a perfect family night. This is a chance to get together and watch the family movie on the big screen. "Despicable Me" is a very funny movie with a great message. We will arrange the sanctuary so that kid's can come in their pajama's with blankets or sleeping bag, (a sort of 1/2 sleep over). We will have popcorn and juice boxes for the kid's, coffee for the adults. Also, if you could make a donation to "Sleeping Children Around the World" www.scaw.org it would be greatly appreciated. To let them know are will attend please email Marilyn Bartholomew marilyn@forestgroveuc.com

Toronto Info and Customer Service - Call 3-1-1

3-1-1 is the customer service information and support initiative of the City of Toronto. 311 improves accessibility to non-emergency City services and information and increases the City's effectiveness in responding to public inquiries.

Not sure how to report a pothole or a broken streetlight? Need to order or exchange a Garbage/Recycling Bin or report missed collection? Simply call 311. This service is available to assist you 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

More than just a phone number, 311 Toronto provides access to a wide range of online services, including self-service requests and tracking. You can also contact 311 by e-mail or fax.

BVA DIRECTORY UPDATE

Thank-you to everyone who entered the BVA Directory Cover Contest for our 2011 Directory. The cover designs were excellent and it was a very difficult decision. Congratulations to this year's winner, Colin Anderson of Viamede Cres. We would also like to give an honourable mention to Jennie Strunc who was a very close second. We are always delighted to see the talents of our residents – we are truly a gifted community.

Here's a preview of the new directory cover. The new directories will be delivered to members at the end of January/beginning of February. If you are not already a member please consider becoming one – memberships have been delivered to all homes and are also available on our website.



Upcoming Events

Saturday, February 5 – Forest Grove United Church: Family Movie Night

Monday, February 7 – BVA Book Club

Tuesday, February 15 – Public Meeting at Bayview M.S. for the Page Ave Lands

Saturday, March 11 – Bayview Library: Puppet Show

Wednesday, April 6 – Bayview Library: Tea & Book Discussion

Saturday, April 16 – Bayview Village Spring Clean Up

Saturday, May 14 – BVA 3rd Annual Perennial Swap

Sunday, June 26 – BVA Annual Garden Tour



PRESTO CARDS MAKE THEIR WAY INTO TORONTO

David Zimmer, MPP (Willowdale) has informed us that PRESTO cards for the GO Train are now in use at Don Mills Station. Soon the service will be available at the Finch station. For those of you who use the GO system it will make life a little easier. Especially as people increasingly commute across transit systems. For details go to: www.prestocard.ca

PRESTO allows commuters to travel between multiple transit systems using a single card. Users load it up with a dollar amount and "tap on" when boarding a bus or train. The fare is automatically deducted from the card. This eliminates the need for exact change, tickets or transfers to get on a bus, GO Train or subway.

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