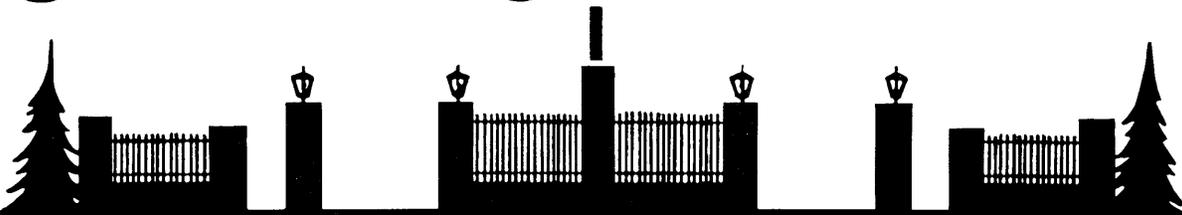


Guildwood News & Views



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Welcome to the new members of the G.V.C.A.

The extension of the Guildwood Village Community Association boundaries, the Guild Inn development proposal, the sad state of the Gates of Guildwood, our new M.P.P. at Queen's Park, a litter eradication committee - all these things tell us that nothing is static in the community of Guildwood Village!

We've grown. The area east of Galloway, south of the tracks, over to and including Greyabbey Trail is now within the boundaries of the Guildwood Village Community Association ... another 800 residences, an additional plaza, elementary school, and day care will now be a part of the association and receive the News and Views. New opportunities and challenges to maintain a strong association.

The site plan proposal for the development of the Guild Inn is taking much longer than we had anticipated. This is a complex proposal, that will be subjected to the scrutiny of a variety of municipal agencies. Many different studies are required to satisfy the requirements of the agencies as well as the Board of Management and the community.

Many of us in the community have been concerned about the state of the Gates of Guildwood ... and suddenly those big stone pillars that are the leitmotif of our community are in a crisis situation.

No longer are we represented at Queen's Park by someone from the community. Not only will we have to get to know Bob Frankford, but he will have to get to know us.

The quantity of litter in Guildwood has multiplied to the point where a non-resident writes to us. Is this the kind of change we want for Guildwood?

G.V.C.A. Night

at

The Guild Inn Festival of Lights

Sunday, December 9th, 1990 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Join us on the front lawn for a festive evening. Come meet your neighbours, enjoy the the lights, a cup of hot chocolate and a Christmas Carol sing.

Help the environment - bring your own mug.

Limited parking available at the Inn.

Don't forget your membership card!
New members welcome.

East Guildwood Joins G.V.C.A.

by Kathryn Stocks

The residents east of Galloway Road are delighted that they are now voting members of the Guildwood Village Community Association.

Susan Briggs and **Beth Markle** spearheaded the campaign with enthusiasm and energy. They attended dozens of meetings and Susan, along with **Barb Starnes** and **Lynda Blumson**, organized the barbecue on Guildwood Day to prove their commitment. They also gathered 39 volunteers to petition the area to find out if they had the support of the community. More than 90% of the residents agreed that membership in the G.V.C.A. was a good idea.

At the special meeting of the G.V.C.A. on October 3rd, we were nervous and excited as we listened to members question our proposal to change the eastern boundary. When the motion was passed, 21 to 3, we cheered and clapped. We were ecstatic that all our work had paid off and we had achieved our goal. It was truly a thrilling moment for us.

Now we are holding our first membership drive and we expect to bring large numbers of new members to the association.

For those of us working on the petition, it's been a wonderful opportunity to get to know people in the area we otherwise wouldn't have met. Now that we are members, we can devote our time and energy to the G.V.C.A. and we look forward to being part of such a strong community association.

Thanks, G.V.C.A. We appreciate your support and we're glad to join you.

Thanks as well to **June Wade** and **Fred Drewry** who were among the original petitioners.

Les Garland, the last president of the former East Guildwood Community

Association, presented the G.V.C.A. with a cheque for \$902.85 - the balance of the account for that former community association. That's a nice gift to the G.V.C.A.. Thanks, Les. (A.P.)

What's happening to the Gates of Guildwood?

I could hardly believe my eyes as I drove out on to Kingston Road through the gates. That massive pillar knocked down, lying on the ground. You take the gates for granted until something like this accident happens. Then, suddenly, you realize what the gates mean to Guildwood.

Many of us in Guildwood have been concerned about the gates for some time. If you just drive by without really having a good look, you may not have noticed that they are in bad state of disrepair. Extensive repair is needed: the stone work, the wiring needs re-doing, the wrought iron gates are rusted.

Why doesn't someone repair them? Well, it's just not that simple. They are on Scarborough land, but they are Metro's responsibility - and Metro has no money in the budget for this sort of thing.

The preliminary, rough estimate for total repair could be as much as \$250,000 - we're looking at a sizable amount of money. There's no point just doing a patch-up job. We want the gates to last for the next generation. They really are the symbol of Guildwood Village.

What to do? Take them down and get rid of the gate concept? Patch them up? Undertake a complete repair job and make this a community project? Look for alternative funding?

Do you think the gates are important to Guildwood? Would you care if they disappeared? Give me a call and tell me your thoughts. Anne Petite, 267-2430. We need to do something - and quickly.

**THE GUILD INN PROPOSAL ...
SUMMARY by Bob Taylor-Vaisey**

What is proposed:

Improvements to the Guild Inn property required by the lease agreement including:

- * A 437 room hotel with convention and executive seminar facilities
- * Outside tennis courts and indoor recreational facilities.

What the community is concerned about:

(Comments recorded on comment sheets at May 17th meeting)

- * Size and density (four times of present Guild Inn) **71%**
- * Increased traffic resulting from development **92%**
- * Removal of 400+ mature trees on site (100mm+) **59%**
- * Parking structures required for development **48%**
- * What the lease allows - the terms of the lease **24%**
- * The artists' village concept **19%**
- * How the development will be landscaped **26%**
- * Continued public accessibility
- * The viability of Giant Step to operate the facility.

A Guild Inn Advisory Committee was established by the G.V.C.A. executive to:

- * Gather all the facts
- * Monitor the site plan application
- * Communicate with Metro Toronto, City of Scarborough, other government agencies, the consultants for the developer, the developer
- * Communicate all information to the community
- * Hold public meetings as needed
- * Represent the community at all committee and council meeting
- * Prepare a final report to support the community's position with respect to the proposal.

The Committee has:

- * Met with Mayor Joyce Trimmer, Councillors Johnson and Ashton, the Scarborough Waterfront Committee, interested residents, the developer's consultant (IBI Group) and the Board of Management of the Guild

- * Ensured that all documentation is placed in the Guildwood Library (reports, minutes, lease agreement)

- * Critiqued the original traffic study, and the lease agreement

- * Received copies of the geotechnical, public access, vegetation and artifacts proposals

- * Met regularly.

At this time, the committee is waiting for:

- * The revised transportation study
- * The marketing report (which justifies the size of the proposed development)
- * The site services report (sewer capacity).

And then we will:

- * Hold a second public meeting
- * Present the community position to Metro Parks and Property, M.T.R.C.A. and the City of Scarborough.

Here are some of the questions asked by people in the community.

Who owns the property?

It is owned by Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto.

Who is responsible for the Guild?

The Board of Management of the Guild is responsible for the artifacts and associated buildings. The members of the Board of Management is appointed by the provincial government and Metro Council.

Who is the developer?

Giant Step Realty Corp.

What is the IBI Group?

The management consultants developing the proposal on behalf of the developer. The Guild Inn Advisory committee meet with representatives of IBI to review current studies and proposals.

What is the role of the Guildwood Village Community Association with respect to the Guild Inn Proposal?

Through the Guild Inn Advisory Committee, the G.V.C.A. monitors the proposal on behalf of the community. We communicate any activities or developments to the membership. We hold public information meetings. We represent the opinions of our membership before all municipal bodies e.g. Scarborough Planning Department, Metro Parks and Property.

The Lease Agreement stipulates our community involvement in the planning process.

Why does this process seem so complicated?

A number of different municipal agencies are part of the total process of the site plan application e.g. Scarborough Council, Metro Council, Metro Parks, Metro Traffic, Metro Planning.

What studies have been done to date by the IBI Group?

Reports on vegetation, public accessibility, geotechnical, traffic, artifacts.

What studies are to follow?

Site services (sewers, drainage), revised traffic study, marketing analysis report which will provide background information in support of the development proposal (size, density, traffic implication).

Why hasn't there been another**community meeting?**

We don't have all the information as yet e.g. the three studies mentioned above.

How do I find out more?

Go to the library. All relevant information is put there as soon as we receive it.

Who should I contact if I want to ask questions, or talk about my concerns.

Bob Taylor-Vaisey is chairperson of the committee. Call Bob at 264-4601 or phone anyone on the executive committee. (Telephone numbers listed on back page)

You can also write to our elected representatives to tell them about your ideas or concerns. (Names and addresses listed below). **We would appreciate copies of any correspondence to add to the community response file.**

***Writing to
Elected Representatives***

From time to time, I'm asked about writing to our representatives about various issues - names, addresses and what to say.

When you write, use facts to support your point of view. Keep a copy of your letter for future reference. If you telephone, make a note of date, time, who you spoke with and what was said.

Remember to include your full name and return address. An anonymous letter may make the writer feel better, but it goes immediately into the circular file.

Everyone on this list has very competent administrative staff. If you telephone, they can frequently answer your questions and suggest alternatives.

If you are writing about a **community** issue - such as the Guild Inn proposal, traffic concerns, basement apartments,

market value assessment, safety, zoning, the waterfront, parks etc. - it's a good idea to send a copy to the G.V.C.A. We can frequently write a letter of support, or offer further suggestions.

Mr. Brian Ashton, Metro Councillor
Metro Toronto
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Executive Assistant: Cam MacKinnon

Mr. Fred Johnson, Councillor, Ward 7
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Executive Assistant: Carole Ireland

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Mr. R. Frankford, M.P.P.
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Mr. Harold Adams, Trustee,
Separate School Board
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Scarborough, Ontario. M1E 2P3 281-6842

Ms. Joyce Trimmer, Mayor
City of Scarborough
150 Borough Drive
Scarborough, Ontario. M1P 4N7 396-7222

Library News

Senior Citizens' Christmas Party. Tuesday, December 4, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., featuring Miss Anita Scott, Queen of the Pearlies, and Guildwood Junior Public School Choir.

Refreshments are served and all Seniors are invited to come for a very enjoyable afternoon.

Just Kidding Around. Friday, January 4, 2:00 p.m. for ages 3 and up. Singing and dancing accompanied by catchy music played by Jeff and Yolanda King.

Litter

by David Schachow

A litter-free community - yes indeed!

We have a group of people who have decided to do something about litter. It's not a small problem, nor an easy one to tackle. Where is the litter coming from? Who is leaving it behind and why? And the toughest question - what can we do about it?

If you have ever needed a reason to become involved in your community, this may be it: an opportunity to work with a group of concerned neighbours who want to clean up Guildwood.

Ideas to share? Call David Schachow at 269-5312 or join us for our next discussion on December 5th, 7:30 p.m. in the dining room of Livingston Lodge.

A clean community. Isn't that one of the reasons you live here?

School News

St Ursula: Christmas preparations are in full swing. Students have been busily involved in Christmas Craft Clubs for the past month. The School/Community Association is planning a Toy & Bake Sale for December 6th. Several items will be raffled, including two tickets to a "New Kids on the Block" concert. On December 14th the school choir will be singing carols at the Guild Inn.

The students' preparations for Christmas will culminate in a beautiful Christmas Liturgy at St. Martin de Porres Church, 7:00 p.m., **Dec. 18th.** Most of the students will take part in this celebration of the true meaning of Christmas.

Montessori - Blaisdale's New Portable
by Eleanor Wilson, Principal

I have been principal of Blaisdale Montessori since 1969 and this is our

third year in Guildwood. The church hall still houses a class for younger children, 2 1/2 to 6, but we needed more space.

At Blaisdale, each child is individually taught at his own pace using hands on materials. If you would like to know more or visit the school, call 289-2273 and arrange a visit.

"Together, We Can Make A Difference"
by Aubrey Rhamey

We pride ourselves in giving our students an equal opportunity to learn. The facts prove otherwise. The child whose parents provide stimulating experiences, reading time and conversation time has a head start over the child deprived of this support. Let us work together to redress this inequality.

Church News

Holy Trinity Happenings. Thanks to all who attended our Christmas Bazaar on November 18th.

You are invited to join us for Christmas services. **Christmas Eve** two services: **7:00 p.m.** (modern, family), **11:00 p.m.** (traditional, carol singing beginning at 10:30). **Christmas morning** at **10:00.**

Guildwood Community Presbyterian Church.

December 2 at 11:00 a.m

- First Sunday in Advent
- The Candle of Hope
- Sacrament of Holy Communion

December 9 at 11:00 a.m.

- 2nd Sunday in Advent
- The Candle of Peace
- Youth Participation

December 16 at 11:00 a.m.

- 3rd Sunday in Advent
- The Candle of Joy
- White gifts presented

December 23 at 11:00 a.m.

- 4th Sunday in Advent
- The Candle of Love

December 24 at 6:30 p.m

- Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
- Lighting the Christ Candle
- Carols, Music and Scriptures
- Candlelight Christmas Service **9 p.m**
- Lighting the Christ Candle

Letters to the News and Views

Dear Mrs. Petite,

Usually I find it quite easy to write letters and to write in general, but I am having difficulty thinking of an appropriate way to thank the Guildwood Community Association for this year's John Larke Citizenship Award.

I am very proud of the D.I.S. program at Laurier. Those who know the program will say that it is an educational program designed to help younger kids recognize their values and make good decisions based on those values; but it also is a great confidence and morale builder for the people involved in it. The personal return from the program is unparalleled in the sphere of extra-curricular activities available to high school students. The attitude of the group is gregarious. I feel that I have gained something that most students never experience. In a way that saddens me, but at the same time I feel proud. To know what your values are and to have the confidence to apply them is a truly wonderful feeling. It is for this reason that I am honoured and pleased to accept the John Larke Citizenship Award. There is no award that I would have preferred more. On behalf of D.I.S. students at Laurier I would like to thank you and the Association for your strong support throughout the year.

Sincerely, Michael G. Hainey

With young people like this, the future is in good hands.

Dear Anne,

I have had occasion to visit the Guildwood area even more frequently this summer, and have noticed the increasing "litter" on the edge of lawns close to the road, on the roads, etc.

Guildwood is a particularly attractive area and we don't want to see this happening here. There is a good sense of community in Guildwood. Perhaps drawing people together for a little brainstorming might turn up some suggestions for future action. One for consideration would be putting more baskets around the heavily frequented areas, and a few signs with messages discouraging litterers.

The upturned basket and broken glass near Chancery is probably done at night. Hard to catch someone at it.

This kind of thing is bound to bring down property values. I hope that you can interest people in trying to stop the litter before that happens.

Good Luck! Fran Downer

THE G.V.C.A. ... REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

By Anne Petite

Unlike many community associations, the G.V.C.A. has been alive and functioning continuously for 32 years. We continue to be respected at Scarborough Council as a professionally run organization. We're not just issue-driven - the association has always tried to address the needs of the community even when there is no issue threatening us. We continue to operate in an ethical, professional and financially responsible manner.

This year, the association became incorporated. This limits our liability in case of accidents. Of course, we carry insurance, which includes an endorsement to cover Guildwood Day.

The executive committee meets on average, once a month - usually the second Tuesday - at Livingston Lodge. The minutes of the meetings as well as the current financial statement are always available to the residents of Guildwood.

Any member of the association can request to have an item put on the agenda for discussion. As of the last meeting, we decided that current minutes and financial statements will be available in the library. A copy of each News and Views goes to the Scarborough Library historical collection.

The constitution has been amended to include the new boundaries. Further amendments will be recommended and voted on at the Annual General Meeting in January to take into account the changing needs of the organization and the community. (The needs seem to have become increasingly more sophisticated).

With the extension of the boundary, the potential operating budget for 1991 could be around \$15,000 if we achieve a membership of 60% of the residents. The new executive elected at the Annual General Meeting late in January will work out a proposed budget for 1991 soon after election. We maintain a contingency fund of 5% of the membership revenue. Our account is with the National Trust Company, Kingston Road.

As you can see below, most of our income comes from memberships. Guildwood Day and the News and Views are the major expenditures and of course, the cost of both keeps going up. Both are important community-oriented functions of the association. Both contribute to maintaining community spirit.

We believe that the association should be a self-sufficient organization - that the revenue from memberships should cover all our usual operating costs including such items as postage, administrative supplies, additional information flyers. It's surprising how these items add up over a year. We ask for donations of prizes from local businesses for Guildwood Day. We have not accepted donations from developers.

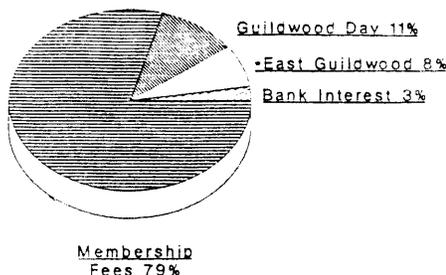
Current issues. The Advisory Committee continues to monitor the Guild Inn proposal. In support of the residents of Sylvan Avenue, the association continues to oppose the construction of the proposed residence at the western end of Sylvan Avenue. This issue will be heard by the O.M.B. on December 19th, at which time, I will represent the association. We continue to monitor the waterfront studies. Plans for Guildwood Day, June 8th, 1991, are under way. We wrote to council with concerns about the density of the proposed development of Palmerston Place. A steering committee has been considering how best to integrate the new area into the existing G.V.C.A. A social committee is considering functions for members - with fun as the goal - such as the December 9th carol singing, hot chocolate function at the Guild Inn.

Fred Johnson, Councillor for Ward 7, was invited to attend the last executive committee meeting on November 12 to give us an up-date on current issues affecting our community. You'll find the topics he addressed in the minutes deposited in the library.

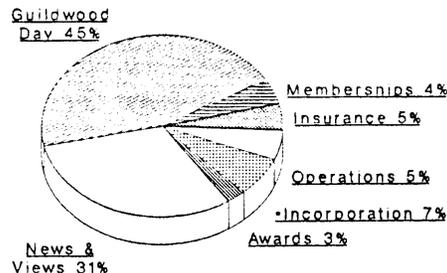
We anticipate a public meeting with **Brian Ashton**, Metro Councillor, about the middle of January. This will be an information evening about Metro issues of interest to us, such as the waterfront. Date will be announced later.

Below is the graphic presentation of the G.V.C.A. income and expenditures.

INCOME



EXPENDITURES



* One Time Income / Expenditures

GOOD NEIGHBOUR, TAKE A BOW!

Is your neighbour a really great person, someone young or not so young, who deserves some recognition? Someone who has done something that has gone unnoticed? Shouldn't the community know that there are marvellous people living and working here?

Well, the community **can** know. *News and Views* continues to feature its **Good Neighbour Recognition** corner in every issue, where you can honour your neighbour. Everyone, of any age is eligible for a place here. *Let's hear about all those good things that people do for each other!* Write or phone Anne Petite, 267-2430, with the good news. Be sure you enclose your own name and telephone number.

This issue's Good Neighbours:

Freda Dawes of Sylvan Avenue is lucky to have two sets of good neighbours - **Christine and Mel Walters**, and **Lilian Huang**.

The Walters are always there and helpful in every way. Mrs. Dawes particularly remembers the winter three years ago when her water pipes froze and her driveway was a sheet of ice. Mel appeared with water for coffee as well as helping to deal with the situation in general.

"Lilian could be my daughter", said Mrs. Dawes. "She is so kind and helpful."

Good neighbours make a strong community. Thanks for telling us about your neighbours, Mrs. Dawes.

Many thanks to all the people who volunteered to canvas the area east of Galloway for new memberships.

Susan Briggs

Margaret Webb donated several back copies of the *News and Views* to the association archives. Much appreciated, Margaret.

Our thanks to **Ed Fulton** for representing us for the last 20 years, first at council and then at Queen's Park. Best wishes, Ed, and good luck in any new endeavours.

Welcome to our new M.P.P., **Bob Frankford**. We look forward to meeting

Bob here in Guildwood.

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Here's an opportunity to get involved!

The nominating committee, chaired by Bob Taylor-Vaisey, is looking for people who are interested in being part of the new Executive Committee for the 1991 G.V.C.A., election at the Annual General Meeting at the end of January. Experience not necessary - just enthusiasm, curiosity, and a desire to be part of the action.

GVCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President:	Anne Petite	267-2430
Vice President:	Don Willie	265-8049
Treasurer:	David Schachow	269-5312
Past President:	Bob Taylor-Vaisey	264-4601
Guildwood Day:	Doug Peters	266-0775
Membership:	Bill Tatham	261-8867
Members-at-Large:	Ted Huisman	265-1956
	Paula Bate	287-2497
	Sam Borgh	282-4786
	Susan Briggs	281-9760
	Fred Drewry	287-2444
	Beth Markle	282-7931

Happy Holidays to Everyone in Guildwood! Again - Welcome to the New Members.