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CHANGES IN GUILDWOOD

Proposed changes for the Guild Inn, the new Rosa and Spencer Clark Parkette, the portables in place for the Montessorri school, the proposed extension of the boundaries for the G.V.C.A., new residents of Guildwood - these are all symbols and signals of change in the community. If you are a new resident of Guildwood, welcome! We hope that you truly feel at home here.

The Guild Inn. Thanks to all the people who turned out for the meeting on the Guild Inn, and particularly to those who signed the comment sheets. You will be contacted very soon for further comments. For further information on the Guild Inn proposal, there's more inside the newsletter.

The Rosa and Spencer Clark Parkette. Such a pleasant little area to see as you drive down the parkway. It's a great introduction to the community. But the parkette is not a permanent fixture in Guildwood. The land really belongs to the Scarborough Library Board and the long term plans are to build a library on that site, possibly within the next five years. We've been given the parkette and allowed to use the name on the understanding that we, in the community, recognize that when the Library Board wishes to use the land, it's their right to do so. They are under no obligation to continue to use the name of the parkette. In the interim, we'll enjoy the space - and the library in the plaza.

The proposed extension of the boundaries of the Guildwood Village Community Association. When the G.V.C.A. was first formed, Galloway was designated as the eastern boundary. At that time, there was another association east of Galloway. Over the last 32 years, that boundary has remained constant much to the consternation of residents east of Galloway - they've always considered themselves to be part of Guildwood.

A group of residents asked us to consider extending the limits of the G.V.C.A. to include the area extending to Greyabbey Trail. The meeting to consider their request will be on October 3rd. Their letter to us follows on the next page.

Meeting

*To consider the motion to extend
the geographic boundaries of the G.V.C.A.
October 3, 7:45 P.M.
Laurier Collegiate*

Letter received from East Guildwood

On behalf of the residents of East Guildwood, in February, 1990, a group of residents from Guildwood, east of Galloway, approached the executive of the Guildwood Village Community Association (G.V.C.A). The association was presented with a request to extend the present physical boundaries to include the area east of Galloway to the ravine behind Grey Abbey Trail. Since we are residents of the geographical community of Guildwood and share common concerns about the proposed waterfront development, the Scarborough Transportation Corridor, the Guild Inn expansion, and community security, we feel that the area would be best represented by one strong unified association.

At our initial meeting with the G.V.C.A. executive, we were asked to show that at least 60% of our community supports our request and to demonstrate a willingness to be involved with the community. We have accomplished this by having our petition taken by 39 volunteer canvassers to all 800 homes of which 678 were available to respond. Of the 678 homes over 90% signed the petition. Since February, at least one member of our committee has attended every G.V.C.A. executive meeting. Two members of our petitioning committee sit on the Guild Inn Advisory Committee, and organized the advertisement of the General Community meeting held May 17th. An energetic group from our area, organized and ran the community barbecue on Guildwood Day, June 9th. One of our members solicited some of the donations for the auction. We have compiled a list of 76 people who are willing to become involved with the association in varying capacities.

Having demonstrated our support, our interest and our commitment to the community, we have requested a notice of

motion, proposed and seconded by members of the G.V.C.A., be published in this issue of the News and Views. This motion to extend the boundaries of the association is outlined in Article 2 of the G.V.C.A. constitution, will be formally presented at a general meeting scheduled for October 3rd, 1990 at Laurier Collegiate.

*We are asking your support for this motion. Our community is facing challenge to maintain and promote that special quality of "community" that is so **unique** to Guildwood. Together, we can do that best by speaking as one strong unified voice. Your support October 3rd will give us the opportunity to give you and the association our support and our commitment. Thank you.*

To include the proposed area within the official boundaries of the G.V.C.A., the constitution must be amended. Any amendment to the constitution necessitates a general meeting of the membership at which time the amendment will be introduced, discussed and voted upon.

The proposed amendment:

"That Article 2 of the Constitution be amended as follows:

i) replace the first three lines of the word description with:

Commencing at the centre line of the mouth of the creek east of Greyabbey Trail;

Thence northwest to the railway tracks;

ii) replace 'April 1983' with 'September 1986'. "

Proposed by David Milovanovic.

Seconded by Donna Milovanovic.

This is a very important meeting for the association. Very thoughtful consideration needs to be given to this amendment. Please plan to attend.

(The G.V.C.A. constitution is available in the library with the Guild Inn information.)

Guildwood Day, 1990

By Doug Peters, Guildwood Day Coordinator

Our BIG DAY for the year is once again behind us, and, as in previous years, it is time to take stock of the happenings and start to plan for next year.

What better way to start than to say the day was perfect weatherwise ... especially after the rain we experienced the day before. Did we keep our fingers crossed? You bet ... come to think of it, some of us even kept our eyes crossed, believe it or not.

The **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**, as usual, was a resounding success and once again we have to thank the **Guildwood Presbyterian Church** choir for their superb efforts in getting it all together. Some of our local politicians joined the residents and also enjoyed the fare.

The opening of the **ROSA AND SPENCER CLARK PARKETTE** went off as planned with the **Pipes and Drums** band helping to create a feeling of excitement. After the short speeches by **Mayor Trimmer** and our other politicians, the Pipes and Drums once again played then gave us a ceremonial march around the plaza parking lot. More of their music created a festive atmosphere for those enjoying their pancakes. **Don Willie** was the M.C. for the event; thank you Don for your efforts in "handling" the celebrities and keeping things on track.

The **BIKE PARADE** with the **Dixieland Band** playing atop the flat-bed trailer from **OK Express**, the three groups of baton twirlers from the **Seven Oaks Baton Club**, the **Malvern Majorettes** and "Elainettes", the **Scarborough Fire Department** pumper, "**Whiskers & Wags**" our costume characters from the Scarborough Animal Centre, the decorated floats by **Frechette Lawncare** and the colourful clowns, made

a spectacular show for all to see. Our combined thanks to all who so willingly participated. To the kids who rode their decorated bikes and trikes as part of the parade, our thanks to you and to your parents and/or grandparents. Did you see yourselves on T.V? Our sincere thanks to **Scarboro Cable** for their excellent coverage ... to **Fred Drewry** for being the capable "Parade Marshal" ... to **John Mitchell** for spearheading the prize/ribbon distribution ... to **Don and Margaret Willie** for assisting in the judging and prize giving.

We did have our **FUN RUN** this year, but missed the excitement of lots of participants. More people next year? Thanks to **Bob Taylor-Vaisey** for organizing the event and seeing it through.

As usual, the kids had a whale of a time with the free pony rides, face painting and balloons. Even with the 5 cent fee for the fish pond this year, there was no dearth of fun and enthusiasm. All the prizes for the event were "hooked up" in short order, thanks to **Jean Witherspoon** for having this "fishy" event well under control. Our caricature artist, **Vince Vaitiekunas** didn't have a chance to massage his over-burdened fingers because of the constant demand for his sketches.

The **FLEA MARKET** (8 vendors) and **CRAFT SALE** (18 vendors) were well represented and from the constant milling around of people it was apparent that the vendors were happy to be kept busy and the attendees were glad that they were there. The **Boy Scouts** baked goods were so popular that they were cleaned by day's end. Other booths busy with the constant barrage of questions were: Scarborough Y.M.C.A., Neighbourhood Watch, Re Max Realty, Mr. Build (handi-man experts), Kiwaniwood Tennis, Safer Ltd., and Weall & Cullen. We hope you had all your questions answered. My thanks to

Chris Lewis who so willingly helped me to put this event together.

"**SPARKY**" the talking robot, courtesy of the **Scarborough Fire Department** was a big hit with the kids (and adults). Our special thanks to our Fire Department for providing us with this superb attraction and especially to **Steve Doran** and his partner for keeping "Sparky" under control.

As in previous years, we were once again well fed at the **SNACK BAR**. Our thanks to the **Holy Trinity Church** for organizing the scrumptious fare.

Our walk-about magician, street juggler and clowns were also a hit with everyone as they performed wherever there was a crowd.

The **FUN RACES** were full of would-be sprinters and sprintees. The sack, three-legged and lime-on-a-spoon races as well as the shoe and balloon toss were loads of fun. **Jim Collins** capably organized and handled the event. Thanks Jim for your marvellous job and to all your helpers for these fun events.

Prior to June 9th, when we detailed all the day's events in a flyer, we requested all those who attended to register their names at the entrance to the fun fair to be eligible to win a prize "just for being there". When she volunteered to do the job, little did **Jean Peters** know what a mammoth job this would be ... from 11 a.m. non-stop till way past 3 p.m. She and her team handled the names, allotment of prizes and distribution of balloons most efficiently. Thanks Jean.

The **THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNITY BARBECUE** at Corycliff was a huge success and one of the highlights of the day. **Susan Briggs, Lynda Blumson and Barb Starnes** from East Guildwood volunteered to organize this event for us since we were without our regular, competent "chef", Ches Petite. After a briefing from Ches, Susan and her group did a marvellous job of

organizing the event and created a great festive atmosphere for the **500** people who attended. Words cannot express our gratitude to this group for coming forward to help - and what was more to marvel at, was that they had never done anything like this before. Many, many thanks from all of us to Susan, Lynda, Barb and their group of efficient volunteers. And particular thanks to **Graham Arnold**, our local Mr. Grocer, who provided most of the food and drink, at cost, for the barbecue. Our chief receptionist/money collector/register coordinator was once again, **Jean Peters** who handled it all neatly. Thanks again Jean.

Of course, we know that the highlights of the barbecue event were the gas barbecue raffle and the auction of the wing chair with matching stool. The winner of the barbecue (for a 92 cent ticket) was **Angela Martin** of 26 Livingston Road. At last observation, Angela was still in shock! Our thanks to **Bill Killin**, of Home Hardware, who sold us the gas barbecue at cost and also helped sell the tickets for us. Speaking of giving things to us, our abundant thanks to **Mr. Rafeek Mohammed** of **Mohraf Re-Upholstering** who contributed the beautiful wing chair and stool. As you know, we auctioned this for \$520 and the proud owners are **Mr. & Mrs. Pat Santoro**, our local PetroCan boss.

To our corporate sponsors and local merchants too, we extend our sincerest thanks for their contributions to and participation in Guildwood Day. They donated most of the prizes that helped to make the day such a success. **Karen Huffman**, our plaza florist, created a very attractive window display of the chair to be auctioned prior to Guildwood Day, as well as contributing floral bouquets and boutonnieres for the politicians. **Jeff Zabanek**, of the Guildwood Shopping Spot, did a marathon job of collecting memberships from his fellow merchants in and around

the plaza. For those of you who won complimentary dinners at the local restaurants, we hope you have enjoyed the occasion while taking advantage of your winnings. All the prize winners have been contacted and while most them have picked up their winnings, some prizes are still with us.

Our thanks to the **management of the Guild Inn** for the use of the grounds for the barbecue ... and particularly to **Mr. Martin Roberts** of Corycliff for his help during the setup as well as allowing us the use of his facilities.

The signs you saw at strategic locations announcing Guildwood Day were made by students at **our local schools**. Thank you kids and teachers for your participation - we'll be using those signs again. Hope you enjoyed the party pizzas.

The **Dixieland jazz band** was definitely a rousing part of our day. They not only played for the bike parade but also entertained the folks at Extencicare, then returned to the school to give us more jazz. What a group! Thank you **Rob McGowan** for the upbeat tempo that got the day off on the right note.

Thanks to the **Superintendent of Huntingfield Manor**, 71 Guildwood Parkway, who very willingly allowed us to tap a hydro outlet so we could have a P.A. System for the opening of the Parkette.

"Cruisin' Craig" our very capable and professional D.J. was with us from start to finish and provided every service we asked of him in a most efficient way. His background sound certainly provided the right atmosphere.

Ian Galbraith and his **Boy Scouts** deserve our kudos for doing a marathon job in setting up the vendors' tables and then cleaning up at the end of the day.

All of this would not have been possible without funds ... your membership fees! Our overwhelming

thanks to **Bill Tatham** for his efficient coordination of the membership drive. Continuing on the monetary front, our thanks to **David Schachow** for keeping us posted as to our Income and Expenses and for expeditiously handling the Accounts Payable department to get the cheques away. Who wouldn't be happy with an immediate cheque for services rendered, eh?

I could not conclude my round of thanks without mentioning **Ted Huisman**, **Lynda Hanley** and our President, **Anne Petite**, who so capably helped me in doing all the things that I requested them to do. They were always there when I needed them and most efficiently carried out their tasks. Ted especially for his school liaison, Lynda for her rapport with the local merchants and Anne who picked up the odds and ends. Thank you Ted, Lynda and Anne.

THE SUCCESS OF THE DAY could only have been measured by your turnout and enthusiasm. If we thought that Guildwood Day 1989 was great, then the day this year was a **HUGE SUCCESS**. The attendance more than doubled, the Presbyterian Church choir and the Holy Trinity Church both reported record sales. Twice as many people came to the Barbecue. More children were in the bike parade. People were having such a good time at the games, they didn't want to leave. There were loads of glowing comments.

One small glitch in the day. We had planned - and promised - more games such as Horseshoe Pitching, Sliders, a Casting Competition, and we couldn't follow through. There just weren't the volunteers to supervise. That's a problem we'll have to address seriously next year if we want an **EVEN BETTER GUILDWOOD DAY**.

If I've had a memory lapse and I've missed anyone from my list of thanks, then please accept my sincere apologies and a zillion thanks. Your

executive will soon be starting to plan for 1991, so please give us your ideas and suggestions, but best of all, some assistance so we can have another great day.

***** AND NOW, DOUG *****
OUR THANKS TO YOU

Guildwood Day was a success because you've done a superlative job of organizing and coordinating and getting people to work together. We are truly sorry that you've resigned as Guildwood Day Coordinator, but the "How To" Book that you've created will certainly help your successor to get started. On behalf of everyone who has enjoyed Guildwood Day for the last two years, a hundred and one thanks for giving us the opportunity to have so much fun. (A.P)

*The Guild Inn
 Site Proposal Plan
 Committee Update*

Monitoring the progress of the Guild Inn development plan has been a much longer and more complex process than any of us had anticipated. The committee has met regularly with the IBI group of consultants to review each aspect as the reports became available. Minutes of each meeting as well as the reports we've received are in the library. We are now waiting for an update on the traffic study as well as the initial presentation of the market survey.

Bob Taylor-Vaisey, Chair of this committee, has prepared the following chronology of meetings.

May: The first general public meeting was held. Comments were

collected and recorded. Meeting with the IBI group to review comments. Select Committee of GVCA commissioned to monitor development.

Comments recorded at the general meeting showed the following concerns:

Traffic	23%
Size	18%
Environment	15%
Parking	12%

Landscaping, Lease Agreement, Recreation Centre, Artists Village, Drainage, Cultural Centre, all were of less concern.

June: Meetings with IBI Group to discuss how IBI is to respond to comments, how to interact with GVCA. Traffic study forwarded for comment. Presentation made to Scarborough Waterfront Committee.

July: Traffic study reviewed with IBI and further details requested. The following reports presented to committee: Geotechnical, Vegetation, Artifact Relocation, Pedestrian Circulation and Public Access, Cultural Centre Proposal to Guild Inn Board of Management.

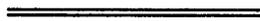
August: Lease Agreement obtained, reviewed, placed in library. Committee's terms of reference finalized.

Current status and next steps: Finalized Geotechnical, Traffic and Marketing studies expected by committee end of September, 1990. Cultural Centre concept still under consideration by the Guild Inn Board of Management.

Committee meetings continue to be held every 2 weeks for updates on critical issues. Meetings to be arranged with further agencies and interested residents. A response to the proposal will be submitted upon receipt of all the documentation.

Note from Don Willie, G.V.C.A. contact with the Guild Inn Board of Management Scarborough Mayor, Joyce Trimmer asked for and has been provided

with a complete copy of the transcript of the general meeting. She will be kept informed of the concerns of the community as Scarborough Council prepares to deal with the Giant Step Realty proposal. (The transcript of the meeting is available in the library.)



The Guild Inn Committee is fortunate to have a number of experts in various fields in Guildwood who have volunteered to assist in assessing each study as it becomes available. If you've tackled the Lease Agreement and you've wondered what it really means, you'll probably be pleased to know that one of our experts has agreed to prepare a "Layperson's Guide" in readable, understandable language! Watch for it in the library.

We will continue to keep you informed of the development plans through the documentation in the library. It's there so that everyone can get up-to-date information. **If you have any questions or comments, please contact Bob at 264-4601.** When all the information is finally available, there will be a second general public meeting - probably around the end of October.



***A Note From Neighbourhood Watch
by Jeanne Gagne***

I would like to thank all the residents of Guildwood Zone 1 for supporting the Automatic Police Dialer, particularly the block captains and assistants. For those people who have not yet signed up, please call me, **Jeanne Gagne, 269-6078.**

Here is a brief explanation, in case you haven't heard about the dialer. If there is a missing child or a number of burglaries with a pattern, or if there's been a sexual assault etc ... the Police

Dept. will keep us informed by calling our community using the signed consent forms, via the automatic dialer.

Some individuals merited special mention from Constable Stan Thompson for their exemplary effort informing the community at the time of the June '89 sexual assault. They were Anne Petite, Ann Redford, Madelaine Fitzsimmons and Jeanne Gagne. Scarborough Councillor, Fred Johnson also applauded these individuals and the volunteers who delivered flyers and took part in the phone chain to get the man's description out to the community.

The kind of participation displayed in these and other incidents in Guildwood play a great part in keeping our community safe and in decreasing crime.

Breaking and entering incidents down to 3 in Guildwood Zone 1 for the period December '89 to June '90 - a dramatic decrease from 14 over the same period in 88-89.

Keep up the good work! Keep your outdoor lights on all night and **keep neighbourhood watching.**



***Thinking of returning to school?
Want to have a better job
or go to College?***

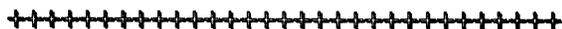
Consider Scarborough's daytime courses for Adults. For further information, contact Scarborough Centre for Adult Studies, **396-6921.**



What's a community?

A community is like a VCR - what you see is what people put into it.

A community is like a kangaroo's pouch - it's a place to hide when the world is "agin" you.



GOOD NEIGHBOUR, TAKE A BOW!

Is your neighbour a really great person, someone who deserves some recognition - child, teen or adult? 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:

Staff Sergeant Rob McGowan, who has recently been transferred downtown from 42 Division in Scarborough. Sergeant McGowan has consistently looked after us here in Guildwood. We'll miss his presence in 42 Division, but we're pleased that he is still a resident here. On behalf of the association and the community, thanks for all your efforts over the last few years.

Anne Petite

On June 3rd we heard a loud cracking noise in one of the trees on our front lawn. A deep, dangerous crack had opened up on both sides of the trunk.

Our neighbour, **Colin MacPhee**, came over with a long ladder and a strong chain which he secured around the two main branches of the tree. We felt sure that this would prevent any trouble until we could hire someone to take the tree down.

A few hours later, a tornado-like wind hit Guildwood. The tree rocked back and forth but Colin's chain held tight. Thanks to his intervention, there was no damage.

After the tree was removed, another neighbour, **Barry Morgan**, carried the logs across to Colin's house, where they will be split and sold as

firewood at the Church of the Holy Trinity.

We thank Colin and Barry for all their help.

Jack and Margaret Webb

Many thanks go to Crime Prevention Officers, **Stan Thompson and Rick Richardson**, and 42 Division Police Officers of Guildwood Village for their successful efforts to reduce crime in the village.

Jeanne Gagne

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