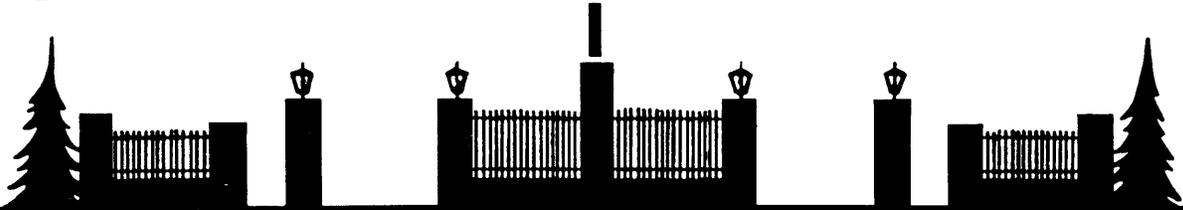


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New Year's Greetings to everyone in Guildwood!

It's the beginning of a new year and a new decade and in Guildwood, this is the year for a new executive committee for the Guildwood Village Community Association. Of course, the business of the association will continue on as usual because there are people who want to be involved and who are willing to give their time and interest to the community's business.

I have enjoyed being President of the association. It's been a learning experience, stimulating and challenging. I've met and talked with many people in the community; listened to many concerns; spent hours on the telephone; made new friends; had the privilege of representing the community at City Council; been part of the executive as we've taken new directions. One of my goals as president was to make more people feel a part of the community, to encourage a feeling of neighborliness. That's the reason for the Good Neighbour column in the News and Views.

Nothing can be accomplished without a good group of interested and competent people. In the last two years, we've had such a group in the executive committee. We have not only accomplished a few things, but we've had fun doing it. The wit and repartee during our executive meetings kept us laughing and working.

I've been one of the long line of Presidents of the G.V.C.A. To the next president - ENJOY!

THE GUILDWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Find out
How Guildwood is policed
A presentation
by**

Sgt. Harry Ward
Sgt. Rick Richardson
of 42nd Division

**Meet our new M.P.P.
Dr. Robert Frankford**

Election of the new Executive Committee

**Plan to attend
You can't afford to miss it!
Laurier Collegiate
on January 24th, 1991
at 7:45 p.m.**

The Gates of Guildwood

by Wesley Morris

The Guildwood Gates, ah yes, everyone knows the Gates. Been there for years. What about them?

Well ... We're in danger of losing them ... forever.

Many of us pass through the Gates every day but have little time to contemplate the feature that identifies our community. Time, air pollution and road salt are taking their toll on the Gates and something must be done immediately if we are to save them. Let me tell you a little history about the landmark we have all come to take for granted.

In 1956, Rosa and Spencer Clark, the owners of the Guild Inn, commissioned the architectural firm of Bruce Brown and Brisley (now Brown, Beck and Ross, one of the oldest continuing architectural firms in Canada) to design and oversee the construction of a set of entrance gates to the new Guildwood Village Subdivision, using the iron work purchased and saved from the destruction of Stanley Barracks. Before being installed in 1957, the main vehicle gates were restored and displayed in the Spring Garden at the south east corner of the 1957 National Home Show at the C.N.E. grounds, highlighting the theme of the new Guildwood Village Subdivision, "Your Gateway to Finer Living".

The two large vehicle gates parallel with the roadway, weighing one and one half tons each, the two pairs of pedestrian gates and the two curved, flanking quadrants, were forged in England in 1839 and shipped to Canada in 1841 for the newly incorporated City of Toronto. They were erected at New Fort, the main military fortification for the British Imperial Garrison, which played such a leading part in the Toronto's history. In 1871, the new Dominion Government took over the defence of the country and the fort was renamed - first Fort Toronto

and later in 1893, renamed Stanley Barracks in honour of Lord Stanley of Preston, Governor General of Canada. Lord Stanley was the original donor of the N.H.L. Stanley Cup.

The barracks quartered British troops formerly stationed at Old For York, which then became a government storehouse. Many of the original Corps of the Royal North West Mounted Police were trained in Stanley Barracks and the battalions that were sent west to deal with the Riel Rebellion in 1885 marched out from there. The Royal Canadian Regiment and the Royal Canadian Dragoons, both famous regiments in Canada's military history, were quartered for many years in the barracks and later, until 1947, they were occupied by the Canadian Armed Forces. In 1953 the barracks were demolished, leaving only the Officers' Quarters and Mess. That is now the Marine Museum on the grounds of the Canadian National Exhibition.

The four lanterns on top of the Guildwood Gates were originally from atop the cast iron lamp posts lining Sunnyside Boardwalk (opened 1922) at Lakeshore Boulevard West, then known as Boulevard Driveway, later demolished to make way for the Gardiner Expressway. Additional iron work was added to the lanterns to strengthen and embellish them. Four lanterns are also on top of the gates at the entrance of the Guild Inn on Guildwood Parkway.

Recent events such as the proposed Guild Inn expansion development and the T.T.C. bus crash into the gates poignantly brought to our attention the need for action.

Please hear my cry ... save our gates.

Note: Many thanks to Grace Ryan, Curator of the Guild Collection, for her kind assistance in supplying historical information for this article.

Thanks, Wes, for this very interesting history of the gates - new information, I'm sure, for many residents. (A.P)

Community Updates

The Gates ... What's New?

"The gates *are* Guildwood! We've got to save them!"

This is the message I've been getting from the fifty or so people who have called about our gates. There have been lots of offers to help and some good ideas about fundraising.

To date, this is what has happened. The lantern and the gate attached to the damaged pillar are now in storage. The veneer has been removed from the concrete core and also stored. It was found that the concrete core of the pillar is rotted and must be rebuilt before the veneer can be replaced to restore the pillar to its original appearance. The cost of this work will be covered by insurance.

The restoration of the complete structure is a more complicated story. First, firms skilled in restoration and approved by Metro will be asked to submit proposals. Once the proposals have been received by Metro, we will have some idea of the estimated cost of the entire job. This will be the time when the community, the Guild Board of Management, and Brian Ashton will have to meet to devise strategies and make plans to raise funds for the restoration.

That's the time, when we're faced with the cold, hard facts of the dollars required to "Save Our Gates", that we'll have to come together as a community and make some decisions at a community meeting.

Please keep calling. We'll need lots of support to preserve the gates. Anne Petite, 267-2430.

The Guild Inn Development

At last, we've received the Marketing Report from the consultants. This report contains the data that supports and

validates the development of an executive conference type of facility.

The Advisory Committee together with our experts in Guildwood will study the report. Then we'll get back to the community - probably through a public meeting.

About mid-January the geotechnical and revised traffic study will also be available.

Now we will have an opportunity to see why Giant Step is proposing a development of such grandiose proportions.

We also have more information on the proposed cultural centre and we will be meeting with the IBI Group to consider that aspect of the plan.

In another meeting with the developer, we will be asked to discuss the community's concerns and possible points of negotiation.

All reports are available in the library for you to read, study and comment on. Call Bob Taylor-Vaisey, 264-4601, for further information or to make comments.

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Membership Drive East of Galloway Very Successful

by Susan Briggs

Over 100 new members from the extended area, east of Galloway, have volunteered their services to help the G.V.C.A. from time to time. Now that's community spirit!

In mid-November, we held a **membership drive east of Galloway Road** to collect dues from those families eager to join the G.V.C.A., now that the Association's boundaries have been extended to include **all** of Guildwood,

Thirty-one **street captains** braved the cold and rain as they tried to reach each and every one of their neighbours to offer them a 1991 G.V.C.A. family membership for only \$10.00. What a bargain!

To date, **548** new memberships have been sold. Many thanks to all these people for showing such great community spirit!

A special thank you goes out to our hard-working *street captains* who have made this membership drive such a success. It's dedicated volunteers such as these who are the backbone of a strong community association.

If your household was missed during the recent membership campaign, you can join the G.V.C.A. by sending your cheque for:

\$10.00 payable to the Guildwood Village Community Association to Mrs. Susan Briggs, 4 Lyncroft Drive, Scarborough, Ont. M1E 1X7.

Please include, your full name, address, telephone number so your membership card can be delivered to you.

***** Please note:** A membership drive for the *original* G.V.C.A. area, west of Galloway Road will take place in May, 1991. Memberships for the new members east of Galloway are valid until 1992.

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Interested in Getting Involved in Education?

The Scarborough Centre for Alternative Studies offers a Co-op program for adults who wish to become educational assistants. If any parents (particularly those who have volunteered in the classroom) wish to explore the career of educational assistant through classroom learning and on-the-job training, please telephone S.C.A.S. (Special Services) **396-6785**.

Is Your Child Interested in German?

The Heritage Languages Department reports that classes will begin on January 19, 1991. For further information, please telephone **396-6858**.

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Litter in Guildwood

The litter committee - or is it the anti-litter committee - has met and brainstormed ideas. Their next meeting is on January 16th at Livingston Lodge at which time they anticipate developing some action plans.

Have you noticed the anti-litter posters in the plaza? Some cute rhymes courtesy of **Ted Huisman** encourage everyone to use the garbage cans. Thanks Ted.

Some questions to consider:

Why do people litter? Do these same people throw stuff around in their own homes?

Who litters? I've observed adults as well as the young tossing stuff down as they walk or drive around.

Why doesn't everyone litter?

How far from the fast food outlet do people walk before they throw out the package?

Why is there litter in one community and not in another? What does litter tell you about a community?

Why did we get more calls about the gates than we've ever had about litter in Guildwood?

If you have any ideas or if you would like to be part of the action, contact David Schachow at **269-5312**.

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Plaza Lighting

We've been concerned about the poor quality of the lighting of the Guildwood Plaza. **Bob Money** has been in contact with the management of the plaza to ensure that the burned out lights are replaced. We'll be writing to the plaza management to discuss the upgrading of the lighting, particularly at the back of the stores. The better the lighting, the less opportunity there is for vandalism to occur.

***The Guildwood Community Helps
The Four Million People in Canada
Who Have Arthritis !***

by Janet Browes

The Arthritis Society volunteers held another successful canvass in Guildwood in September. Under the enthusiastic leadership of West Hill Branch President, **Erika Dovey** and Fundraising Chair, **Aileen Johnson**, the team's efforts resulted in the best campaign ever.

As a thank you, the Branch took the volunteers on a tour of Centenary Hospital's Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy Departments.

The Arthritis Society is Canada's only non-profit organization devoted solely to funding and promoting arthritis research, patient care and public education.

The Society has Arthritis Bluebird Clubs - self-help groups for people with arthritis, their families and friends. Speakers and information are provided free of charge. The Club meets every third Wednesday of each month (excluding March, July and August) at 1:30 p.m. at Cedarbrae District Library. **The next meeting is February 20th.**

We welcome anyone in the community to help with the many tasks. If you are interested in helping, please telephone **Erika Dovey** at **265-2060**. For more information about the Arthritis Society, call **967-1414**.

(As a canvasser, I can attest to the fact that knocking on doors for the Arthritis Society is a rewarding experience. Almost everyone was ready to give because they or close friends or relatives have arthritis. A lot of people know the pain and debilitation caused by this condition. A.P.)

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Be a Volunteer with a Heart!

The Scarborough Chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario needs

people to help with the 1991 campaign. They are recruiting now for volunteers to assist with pre-canvass preparations or to help canvass. It's an opportunity to meet great people, share expertise or learn new skills. Be a volunteer with a heart. Contact **Pamella Conn** or **Isabella Lam**, **299-6621**.

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***The Scarborough Volunteer
Award Program***

The City of Scarborough, like other successful, thriving cities, relies on citizen volunteers.

To pay tribute to these people who volunteer their time and talent to others in the community, Scarborough Council has established the Volunteer Award Program.

To find out more about nominating a volunteer for this award who you feel deserves special recognition, please contact **Don Rodgers**, Director of Communications, at **396-7043**.

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For Your Information

Correction: In the last issue of the News and Views, an incorrect address was given for Bob Hicks, M.P.P. Here is the correct address:

Mr. R. Hicks, M.P.
255 Morningside Avenue, Suite 214
Scarborough, Ontario. M1E 3E6
Telephone: **281-6767**

Frequently asked questions about Scarborough services.

Where do I call for information about leaf pick-up, large items for garbage, re-cycling?

The Works Department Yard at **396-7372**

I have some questions about property

standards.

The Property Standards Division at 396-7071

Where do I get information about property taxes?

The Revenue Division at 396-7261

I need to find out about snow removal.

Call the snow(!) hot line at 396-7372

Street lights are out. Who should I contact?

Scarborough Public Utilities at 292-1530

The G.V.C.A. insurance coverage is now changed to the firm of Benness & Beers. We are looking forward to the good service offered by Benness & Beers.

The Guildwood Village Community Association is sometimes referred to as a Rate Payers Association. The G.V.C.A. is much more than a rate payers group - the association represents everyone in the community, not just the people who pay property taxes directly to the municipality. People who work and live here, home owners or renters, all are potential members of the association.

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**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:

The West Hill Branch of the Arthritis Society thanks all the volunteer canvassers who helped to make the September campaign such a success - and all the residents of the Guildwood community for their generous contributions.

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Here is your 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** on January 24th. Experience not necessary - just enthusiasm, curiosity, and a desire to be part of the action.

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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	Fred Drewry	287-2444
Membership:	Bill Tatham	261-8867
Members-at Large	Ted Huisman	265-1956
	Paula Bate	287-2497
	Sam Borgh	282-4786
	Susan Briggs	281-9760
	Beth Markle	282-7931