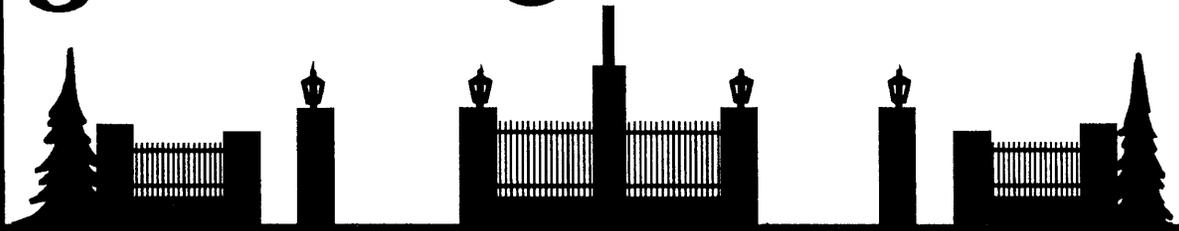


# Guildwood News & Views



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## Guildwood gears up for clean-up day and membership drive

**WE ARE  
LOOKING OUT**



**FOR YOU!**

Guildwood has two major events coming up this month. The first one is our **clean-up day on May 11** from 10 a.m. to noon. We encourage all residents to come out and help pick up some of the litter and broken glass that

mars the beauty of our community. We've never tried this before but community associations in other areas of Scarborough have had great success with it.

The other big event is our **membership drive the week of May 20**. Our canvassers will start knocking on doors the day after Victoria Day. We hope you will welcome them with open arms and chequebooks. It's only \$10 again this year and there's no GST!

### Membership

Your membership is a token which says *"I support the efforts of the Guildwood Village Community Association"*.

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**May 11**  
**We need you!**  
**from**  
**10 til noon**

Come and join your neighbours to pick up the litter in our community. Bring your whole family!

Certain areas of Guildwood, those that are not boulevards of private properties, have a tendency to accumulate litter. High traffic areas are particularly bad.

Our anti-litter committee has identified a number of these areas and we look forward to your participation in helping us clean them up on May 11.

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recycled paper

## Membership (continued)

Your support encourages the volunteers who make up the executive and committees of the association to put in time and effort on your behalf. They, in turn, carry out the work that needs to be done to keep this a vibrant, caring community.

The most obvious benefit of an active GVCA is **delivery of News & Views to all residents** six times a year to keep you informed about what's going on in the area. The expense of producing this newsletter is always increasing so we need more support than ever. And then there's the expense of flyers when something important comes up between editions.

We try to keep Guildwood residents abreast of changes to the area by holding **information meetings on relevant issues**. In this way the GVCA is a strong voice for community concerns.

The association also fosters **community participation** in events like the membership drive, distributing News & Views, and our neighbourhood get-together, Guildwood Day. Guildwood Day is a special day for residents with its pancake breakfast, parade, games and races for kids, and barbecue in the evening.

And it's all free for members.

The members of the **GVCA executive work tirelessly on your behalf** by keeping themselves informed about

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all the local issues and fighting against anything that may be detrimental to our neighbourhood. The GVCA has such a good name as a strong and active community association that when its members voice their concerns, the politicians listen.

But the GVCA is only as strong as the community behind it. That's why we need you and your financial support. We have to pay

for everything we're doing now and we'd like to do more. We would like more social activities like the one we had last Christmas at the Guild Inn's Festival of Lights. And we'd like to have a permanent place for our files instead of passing them from one president to the next. We have lots of good ideas for this year but we can't do anything without you.

**Please join the GVCA or renew your membership when your canvasser comes knocking the week of May 20 and help to make this our best year ever!**



**Clean-up  
Day**

**May 11**

The top priority areas are:

- the boulevards of Guildwood Parkway from Kingston Road down to Prince Philip.
- the boulevards along Guildwood Parkway from Prince Philip to Chancery.
- the boulevards along Livingston Road from the south end of Toynbee Trail to Catalina.
- the park and walkway behind Guildwood Public School and St. Ursula.
- Westlake Road from Kingston Road to Galloway.
- the east side of the south end of Galloway, from Dearham Wood to Guildwood Pkwy.
- the parkette at the bottom of Morningside.

There are other spots that need attention also. How much we can clean up will depend on you and your neighbours. The more teams we have the more we can accomplish in the 2 hours between 10 a.m. and noon.

If you would like to form your own team and tackle an area of your choice please call **John Mitchell at 266-8604**.

The meeting place to form teams and get your assignments will be on the Holy Trinity church property on the south-east corner of Guildwood Parkway and Livingston Road. **If possible, please be there before 10 am to**

**get your instructions and assignment.**

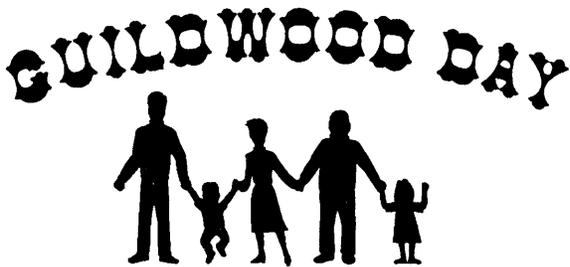
We will provide some rakes, brooms and plastic bags. We would appreciate it if you could bring additional brooms (corn), rakes and bring your heavy work gloves.

We will have available separate clear plastic bags for recyclable items such as cans and glass (clear and coloured).

There will be drop-off points for the collected bags of items/litter. The City will collect the bags during the afternoon.

The Local merchants' association might be reactivated and some interest was expressed in joining in with the clean-up effort.

**Caution: it may not be a good idea to get young children involved in the clean-up because of the risk of encountering broken glass or sharp objects.**



by Fred Drewry

**June 8** is going to be a sunny, wonderful day! That's because it's **Guildwood Day!** For those of you not familiar with our famous Guildwood Day, it's when the **whole community** comes out to play and have some fun. Watch your children be entertained, browse at the various displays and craft tables, and cheer the kids on in the races.

**Jim Collins** is once again organizing the race portion of the day behind Laurier and this year we're going to try to have a little more adult participation. With a bit of luck we may have all-day volleyball and softball and there will also be a tug-of-war going on. The format for the tug-of-war is not yet established but **Bob Johnston Chev/Olds** has promised to put up a team so we'll need some challengers. I think a team from those living west of

Galloway and a team from east of Galloway might be a good idea. Anyone wanting to join the fun can contact me at 287-2444.

I have called some people from within the village area for help with the running of the day and the response has been terrific. For all of you who said you'd help, I thank you very much.

Here are a couple of interesting prizes that can be won on June 8 - having your lawn cut for one month and two hours of general chores around the house. Both prizes courtesy of Ralph Osterwald's **Guild Home and Property Services.**

For the best decorated bikes and trikes in our parade we have added a new twist. As well as the usual first, second and third prize ribbons for each age category, there will be two "Best of Show" awards. A 25-inch stuffed rabbit, donated and crafted locally by **Sylvia Strutt**, will be given for the best bike in the parade that is traditionally decorated. A large trophy will be given for the bike best decorated using **recycled materials.** The parade will form up at the front of Laurier Collegiate at 10 a.m. in order to have a starting time of 10:20.

There'll be lots of food all day starting with the pancake breakfast beside **Mr. Grocer** around 8:45 a.m. as well as an all-day barbecue behind Laurier. **Pat Santoro's Petro Can** station will be having free hot dogs and balloons all day as well as free carnations for the women.

In the evening there will be a dinner barbecue beside Cory Cliff Lodge on the Guild Inn grounds. As usual this is free of charge to members of the **Guildwood Village Community Association** so make sure your membership is up to date. I will also have a great juggler on hand to help keep the kids occupied. During the BBQ we will also draw the winner of the gas barbecue with tank being donated graciously by Bill Killin at our local **Home Hardware.** Thanks very much Bill!

Watch for a more detailed outline of the day's festivities which will be delivered to your homes closer to June 8. And if anyone

wants to become involved and help out on the day, please **call me, Fred Drewry, 287-2444.**

## Spell Much? by Fred Drewry

So here's the story. Being the great salesman that I am and the new co-ordinator for Guildwood Day, I go and solicit some major sponsorship from a local car dealership. To my great delight I find a group of people not only willing to underwrite the cost of most of the children's entertainment but ready and willing to offer the services of their staff for any and everything we may need them for. Outstanding!! Then I wrote an article for the last issue of the News & Views telling the community of our good fortune. And guess what? **I spelled their name wrong!!** Hey, I can sell but I can't spell.

To all the generous people at **Bob Johnston** (Golly, there is a t in Johnston) **Chev/Olds**, and to Arch Evans in particular, my sinseer apallagees. And thanks again for your help.

## Good Green Stuff

### Don't cut down that tree!

If you're thinking about cutting down a tree this year, call the Metropolitan Toronto Zoo before you do. They are looking for deciduous or evergreen trees between 15 and 30 feet in height. The zoo will pay for the removal and planting on the zoo site and they will even repair the hole.

Call Verne Brinsmead at 392-5974 or Bob Smith at 392-5954 to discuss possibilities. Every tree saved from destruction will enhance the zoo's appearance and provide habitat for wildlife.



## Where's that composting article?

Editor's Note: I realize we promised an article on composting this month. But we haven't gotten around to writing it yet. Sorry. We ran out of time. But if you're really keen on composting, call the Recycling Council of Ontario at 960-0938. They can give you more information on the subject and they'll send you a booklet called "Be Good to Your Garden" as well as composter design sheets.

## Recipe for spring cleaning

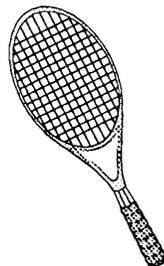
Here's an all-purpose, non-toxic household cleaner for all your cleaning chores:



1/2 cup ammonia  
1/2 cup white vinegar  
1/4 cup baking soda  
1/2 gallon water

From Pollution Probe

## Kiwaniwood Tennis club



There may be people living here who are not aware that Guildwood contains a community tennis club. These courts are located on **Sylvan Avenue** beside **Elizabeth Simcoe Public**

School. The courts were built through the efforts of the Guildwood Village Community Association and the Kiwanis Club - hence, the name **Kiwaniwood** - but are the property of the City of Scarborough.

The courts are open to the general public until 4 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding holidays. Membership fees range from \$15 for a child under 16 to \$95 for a family of two adults and any children under 18.

Club members spend \$5,000 to \$10,000 every five years to renew the surface. The courts are currently being rebuilt using a

new construction process which should resolve the annual frost damage problem.

If you would like more information about our community tennis club please call Francis Akai, President (264-3020), Rob McGowan, Executive Vice-President (266-7319), Bob Yungblut, Past President (267-3193), Bill Schachow, Secretary or Louise Schachow, Treasurer & Membership (269-5312).



Thanks to **Sheila and Russ Lindsay**, who arranged with a number of neighbours to play some pick-up hockey. No Wayne Gretzkys in this gang, but a good time was had by all thanks to Sheila and Russ' idea.

Bob and Anne Taylor-Vaisey

### **Anne Petite -- President extraordinaire**

The January Annual General Meeting saw the Handing of the mantel of president to a new president, David Schachow. Anne Petite was president for two years, and in that time she elevated our association to new heights of accomplishment. She deserves the community's most sincere thanks.

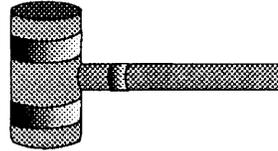
She is a fervent believer in community and community spirit. As president, she was unselfish in the time she gave, efficient in her handling of issues and responsive to ideas.

On top of that, in 1990, she produced the News & Views.

We were fortunate to have Anne as our president from 1989-1991. Thanks for a job well done, Anne. You'll be a tough act to follow.

Bob Taylor-Vaisey

Editor's note: At the March meeting of the GVCA executive, Anne was presented with an inscribed gavel to thank her for all her work.



## **NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Over the past few weeks since the last issue of the News & Views, your community association volunteers have been caught up in whirlwinds of activities. The advent of spring has brought on new projects to tackle. I am very pleased that three people have volunteered to serve on the executive and help share the load: John Mitchell, who is chairman of the litter committee; Bill Schachow, who does the computer layout for the News & Views and other materials; and Madge Taylor, who offered to be secretary for the year.

The best reward for a volunteer is to be told that your work is appreciated. For that reason, I thank everyone who called to congratulate Kathryn Stocks and Bill Schachow for the superb News & Views they put together.

By the way, News & Views is published every couple of months. Between issues, we have to rely on the popular press to get our message out. The Sunday edition of the Mirror is delivered free of charge to residents, but they are lacking carriers. If you are able to help - and want to make a little extra money - call the Mirror circulation office at 493-6515.

One final note on the News & Views: more than 350 residents sent Guild Inn forms or letters to Mayor Joyce Trimmer! She is the only person who sits on both Metro and Scarborough councils, so her role is vital in saving the Guild Inn. If you have not sent in your form from the

last News & Views, please do so.

**development at 60 Sylvan Ave. "...has been resolved amicably"**

The development of the private property at the extreme west end of Sylvan Avenue, immediately to the north of the park, has been resolved amicably. The owner had originally proposed constructing a huge, intrusive house part way up the slope. After more than two years of discussion, an agreement has been reached. The

executives of the GVCA and the Scarborough Village South Community Association, along with local residents, notably Theresa Farrell, negotiated with the owner for a house which will have minimal obtrusive impact on the neighbourhood.

A few short items: watch for the GVCA billboard which will soon become a permanent fixture in the Mr Grocer store (thanks to **Graham Arnold** for providing the space and **Ted Huisman** for preparing the board); the police substation at 4040 Lawrence is in

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operation, and the official opening is scheduled for May 25; the high school has set up the Laurier

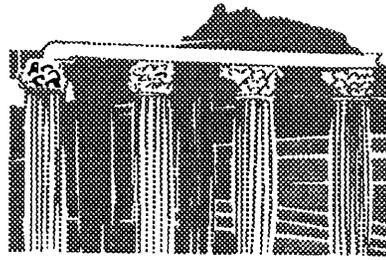
Environmental Club under the guidance of **Mr. K. Spreitzer** and **Mrs. D. McClelland**; congratulations to **Jean Witherspoon** and **Marjorie Wanless**, who both received the Scarborough Volunteer Award for their work with a number of causes in the community.

When the executive was elected earlier this year, I told the assembled members that they would be called upon to participate in their community. I hope that everyone joins in the community's first clean-up day, and purchases a membership when a canvasser knocks on your door.

As I said several paragraphs ago, volunteers are rewarded when they know that they are appreciated. Please take a moment to pick up the phone and call someone on your Association executive and say 'thank you for volunteering.'

And thank you for your support.

David Schachow, President



## Update on the Guild Inn Proposal

The GVCA's Select Committee on the Guild Inn,

lead by **Bob Taylor-Vaisey**, submitted its response to Metro in the form of a 63-page report on April 7. The report outlines in detail all the committee's objections to Giant Step Realty's proposal to redevelop the Guild Inn.

Metro was supposed to make a decision on the proposal on April 18 but they met with Giant Step and an agreement was made to extend the 45-day review period.

During the next six weeks the proposal will be studied by a number of committees. By May 1, Metro staff are required to submit a report to the Commissioners of Parks and Planning. On May 6 there will be a meeting of the Metro Parks committee.

May 13 will see a meeting of the Economic Development and Planning Committee. On the following day, May 14, the Guild Board of Management will meet. During that week the Metro

Waterfront Committee will also meet.

Between May 27 and June 4, there will be a joint meeting

between Parks and Planning. On June 11, Management Committee of Metro will deal with the proposal and, finally, it will be reviewed by Metro Council on June 19.

The Guild Inn Committee has asked for written notice of all the meetings and is planning to make presentations at them. If anyone wants to participate at any of the meetings, they should contact Bob Taylor-Vaisey at 264-4601 for more detailed information.

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## **Where our politicians stand On the Guild Inn Plan**

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**Brian Ashton**, Metro Councillor for this area, sent a letter out to all residents in Guildwood outlining his opposition to Giant Step's proposal for the Guild Inn.

"While we all understand the need for improvements to the Guild Inn to make it a viable operation," Ashton wrote, "I believe the current proposal **far exceeds** good planning both environmentally and financially."

Ashton says he will not support the proposal and will work to try to convince Giant Step to down-size their plan to a level acceptable to the Guildwood community.

**Dr. Bob Frankford**, MPP for our riding, made a short speech in the Legislature on April 2 about the Guild Inn. He, too, supports the community's stand against the Guild Inn proposal.

"I believe that there is a wider interest across the province in maintaining this unique amenity, particularly in light of Mr. Crombie's report on the waterfront," he said.

Dr. Frankford has also written to the Minister of Municipal Affairs pointing out that there are seven provincial appointees to the Guild's Board of Directors. Since the decreasing number of members makes it difficult for the Board to function at such an important time he requests that the appointments be made and that they represent the cultural community, environmentalists and local residents.

**Mayor Joyce Trimmer** sent a letter to the GVCA to say she has received numerous forms and letters from concerned residents about the Guild Inn. She has replied to every letter individually and is forwarding copies of them to the Chairman of Metro Council because the proposal must be approved by Metro.

### **Crombie encourages community input on waterfront issues**

**David Crombie**, in his third and final year as chairman of the Royal Commission on

the Future of the Toronto Waterfront, spoke about his visions for the waterfront at Laurier Collegiate on February 26.

He discussed some of the nine principles developed in his interim report, Watershed, that all levels of government should be working toward when making decisions on waterfront development. Those principles are: clean, green, useable, diverse, open, accessible, connected, affordable and attractive.

The report makes 80 recommendations for improvement of waterfront areas, including development of a Waterfront Trail system to improve public accessibility.

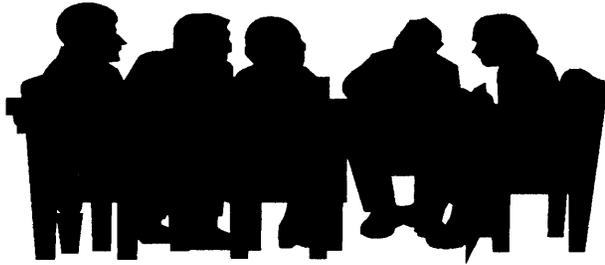
A more specific recommendation states that "the City should be certain that local interests are fully considered when it is evaluating redevelopment proposals for the publicly-owned Guild Inn site."

When asked how his vision of the waterfront would influence land use and development, Crombie replied that it's important for the community to be part of the decision-making process.

"Waterfronts are more special than other places," he said. "People expect a higher performance of development on the waterfront. You'll be establishing something that will be here for the next three to five generations."

"There is no right way to handle things so the report doesn't deal with specifics. It just says each area should be true to itself and invite its citizens to give their opinions on their waterfront."

**Bob Taylor-Vaisey** and his Guild Inn Committee are to be commended for the many hours they spent drafting the response to the Guild Inn proposal that was submitted to Metro. We really appreciate the tremendous effort they have made to have this proposal changed before it drastically changes our community. **Thanks especially to Bob, Bill Tatham and Bert Ferrin.**



**Executive Committee**

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|              | Don Willie        | 265-8049 |

**Meet our Secretary and some of our Members at Large**

**Madge Meddows-Taylor:** Madge volunteered to fill our vacant position of secretary and we welcome her with open arms. She has lived in Guildwood for 11 years and she works as a legal secretary. This is her first year on the executive and we look forward to working with her.

**Paula Bate:** In addition to having a full-time job as a buyer for CIBC, Paula finds the time to be on the executive and look after her two active boys, one a wolf cub, the other a scout. On the day the Scout-Cub Directory is

distributed, the Bate house is open for hot chocolate after the route is completed. She and her family moved to Guildwood from the Beaches ten years ago.

**Sam Borgh:** Sam and his family have lived in the area for 11 years and this is his first year on the executive. He helps out the Scouts by organizing the distribution of their directory. By day he's a professional engineer working at Canada Packers.

**John Mitchell:** John started out on the GVCA executive 11 years ago as a member at large. After that he was vice-chairman and then chairman for two years. Now we're glad to have him back as chairman of the litter committee, a post he took on after David Schachow became president. John has lived in Guildwood for 19 years and he works as a manager of computer-related policies at an insurance company.

**Ted Huisman:** When he moved to Guildwood two years ago, Ted got involved in volunteer work. He's now a block captain with Neighbourhood Watch and a member of Block Parents and the Dutch-Canadian Legion. He retired four years ago and now Ted is busier than ever. This is his second year on the GVCA executive and as a member at large he is currently working on signs for Guildwood Day.

More introductions in the next issue.....

