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GUILDWOOD DAY



WHAT A GREAT GUILDWOOD DAY THAT WAS!

by Fred Drewry

Another Guildwood Day has come and gone but it will be remembered for a long time by those who took part in the day's activities. Saturday, June 8th had to be one of the nicest days we've had so far this year in terms of sunshine. I like to think it was my great promoting of the day that was responsible for the terrific turnout for all of the events but in reality I know it was mostly the weather.

I was far too busy during the day to get a handle on just how much fun people were having. The only way I can measure the success of the day is by the many compliments people have paid to me and also by the number of people who came up to me and volunteered to help next year. Sounds like a great day. Sure hope you all had a great time.

The choir group from Guildwood Community Presbyterian Church who run the

Pancake Breakfast tell me it was their greatest turnout ever! I'm told the parade was as good as it's ever been. The kids on their decorated bikes were outstanding! **Joel Drewry** and **Katrina Thorn** are the first kids to get their names on the MR. GROCER CUP; Joel for the best decoration using recycled materials and Katrina for the best traditional decoration. For all you parents who may have helped with the decorating, good show!

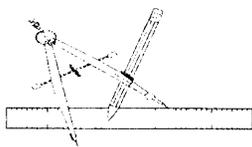
The children's entertainment, sponsored by **Bob Johnston Chev/Olds**, was enjoyed by both the adults and the kids! The group from the Holy Trinity Church who ran the snack bar behind Laurier were cooking up such a storm that they sold out by 3:00 p.m. The races are always a great deal of fun and this year was no exception.

The fun-filled day was capped off by a wonderful barbecue where we went through 1,200 hamburgers, 600 hot dogs and 50 cases

of pop! We also gave out dozens of door prizes donated by local merchants and drew the winning ticket for the gas barbecue donated by our local Home Hardware. Congratulations to Brooke Mills of Catalina who paid 84 cents for the winning ticket.

**GUILDWOOD. NICE PLACE
TO COME HOME TO, EH?**

PUTTING IT



ALL TOGETHER

by Fred Drewry

For an association like the GVCA to put on an event like **Guildwood Day** is no small feat. There are a few prerequisites. I'm going to list a few of the more important ones.

You need **people** who care enough about where they live and what's going on to join their community association. You need **local merchants** and **professionals** who care enough, even in rough economic times, to show their support through gifts and cash donations. (Those with the colourful blue signs were the givers.)

You need major players like Graham Arnold of **Mr. Grocer** who cared enough to donate all the food for the evening barbecue. Major players like the outstanding group at **Bob Johnston Chev/Olds** who cared enough to pay for all the hired children's entertainment and participate in the parade and the activities behind Laurier as well as cooking up all the

food for 1,000 people at the evening barbecue.

You need an organization like the **Guild Inn** whose people were gracious enough to let us use the grounds beside Cory Cliff Lodge for our barbecue.

And you need **VOLUNTEERS**. People like Doug Peters, Ted Huisman, Bob Taylor-Vaisey, John Mika, Jim Collins, Arch Evans, Grace Wuthrich, Paul Wing, Jean Witherspoon, Cathy Moraes and Don Willie. Each of these people and the many more volunteers that I called on, put in sweat, time and thought. No small mention should also be given to the **Boy Scouts** and their leaders for their toil!

And special thanks go to my wife, Nancy, for keeping the kids out of my hair, taking on an extra workload, and just putting up with me during those last hectic weeks.

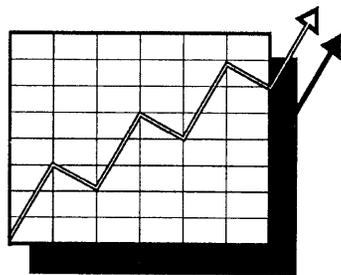
Did I put on Guildwood Day? No. A bunch of people who care put on Guildwood Day and I, on behalf of you, thank them.

Editor's Note: Fred Drewry is far too modest. He organized Guildwood Day, drummed up the volunteers, visited local

merchants for sponsorships and prizes, arranged for the ponies and the motorized mini cars, bought the ribbons, and really ran the whole show. For months he put a tremendous amount of time and energy into the event and on the day itself he could be seen running around, megaphone in hand, guiding the activities and making sure we all knew what was happening next. I think he did a fantastic job and on behalf of everyone who enjoyed themselves that day, I'd like to say **THANK YOU, FRED!** You are one heck of an organizer and we really appreciate all your efforts!

IT'S OUR BEST MEMBERSHIP DRIVE EVER

by Joan Beaton



I am pleased to report that we had a very successful membership drive for 1991. As a result of our recent efforts we have reached a record high number of 1,103 memberships west of Galloway Road. This represents a 70% participation of our single family dwellings. In addition there are a further 561 members east of Galloway for a grand total of 1,664 GVCA memberships.

We welcome our many new members and thank our sustaining members for their continued support.

The success of our drive is a direct result of the efforts of many volunteers. Each has performed their individual contribution and together they formed an enthusiastic and dedicated team. I personally appreciate their commitment and hard work for a job WELL DONE. Thank you to the following:

AREA CO-ORDINATORS - Betty Boonstra, Bev Churchill, Susan Connelly-Castorina, Ann Harvey and Jean Witherspoon.

CANVASSERS - Betty Boonstra, Ron Burch, Shelly Bowden, Mrs. Cooper, Jim Collins, Tony Castorina, Joyce Campbell, Barb Darnley, Cecile Eberts, Deborah Folkes, Debra Feeney, Adrienne Forrin, Norma Gibb, Wanda Gregory, Mrs. Gouveia, Ted Huisman, Elizabeth Hogle, Jane Holland, Mrs. Hinds, Sherry Harding, M. Bernice Harper, Stu Logan, Anneli Legault, Norma Lacelle, Mr. Mewdell, Freda Morgan, Mr. Morin, Donna Milovanovic, Louise Miskew, Brian Mills, Nancy and Rod McNair, John Mitchell Frank

Munkley, Marion Morrish, Barry Neilson, Mrs. O'Callaghan, Linda Prentice, Mrs. Poitras, Kathy Pearce, Mr. Poitras, Anne Petite, Debra Preston, Sandra Pritchard, Mrs. Quell, Dorle Ramanujam, Maureen Recchia, Janice Ricketts, Sally Skinner, Ms. Steverink, Bill Schachow, David Schachow, Helga Sowa, Betty Snowden, Cathy Shuck, Doug Smith, Anne Silliker, Diane Smith, Jean Stirling, Ilsa Schneider, Mr. Tezuka, Heather Talbot, Wendy Truscott, Adele Tessier, Linda Tenpenny, Judy Tovee, Don Willie, Mrs. Wilson, Jean Witherspoon, Rhonda Young, and Marion Zawacki.

SPECIAL THANKS ALSO TO: Carolyn Beaton, Ken Beaton, Susan Briggs, Donna Brown, Les Brown, Hugh and Patricia Cairns, Fred Drewry, Bill Schachow, Anna Shnurer, Barb Starnes, Madge Taylor, Glen Witherspoon, Sharon Wagner, and Sheila Wilson.

If you have been missed and wish to become a member, it's not too late! Please clip and mail in the form on page 8 with a cheque for \$10 and we will send you your membership card.



Help!

Now that we've thanked all the people who helped make our membership drive and Guildwood Day successful, we're going to ask for more help. Your community association relies on its dedicated volunteers to distribute News & Views to all the homes in our neighbourhood. These "behind-the-scenes" workers perform a very important job and their help is very much appreciated.

Unfortunately, some of our volunteers will soon be moving out of the area or are busy with other projects. Many thanks to the

following people for all their help this past year: Les Garland, Cathy Francisty, Elizabeth Marshall, and Yvonne Knobloch.

Volunteers are now needed to deliver the newsletter to **Schubert Drive (west side)** - 18 homes, **Wooster Wood** - 24 homes, **Lausanne** - 23 homes, **Cumber** - 25 homes, and **Fordover** - 32 homes.

If you could spare some time to deliver the community newsletter to your own neighbours on your own street, I'd love to hear from you! Please call **Susan Briggs**, 281-9760.



GUILDWOOD GIRL WINS GOLD MEDAL IN DIVING

Fifteen-year-old **Michelle Rosenitsch** of Wooster Wood competed in the Provincial Diving Championships in Nepean, Ontario, on June 8 and 9. She was awarded a gold medal for her first place score of 399.65 on the one-metre springboard and a silver medal for her second place score of 382.40 on the three-metre board. At the closing ceremonies Michelle was named the most outstanding female diver in the province of Ontario for the 14 to 15-year-old age group.

She will be representing Ontario in the 1991 Canadian Amateur Diving Association's national championships which will be held in Thunder Bay in July. Michelle is a member of the University of Toronto Diving Club and is a

grade 9 student in the Academic Program for Gifted Athletes at Earl Haig Collegiate.

Congratulations, Michelle, on your superb performance in Nepean and we wish you all the best of luck at the national championships.

THE *Green* PAGE

THE BASICS OF HOME COMPOSTING

by Wally Young



Wally Young, a Guildwood resident and volunteer with the Metro Master Composter Program, has kindly come forward and offered to help his neighbours with their composting problems by writing a series for News & Views. Here is his first instalment:

Composting is the natural breakdown of organic matter by bacteria and other organisms. The result is a dark soil-like material called humus. This can be used in your garden or on your lawn to return the nutrients and at the same time reduce the amount of waste in landfill sites.

The five basic essentials for good composting are:

1) **FOOD** - a proper mix of materials to obtain the correct balance of nitrogen and carbon. A rule of thumb is to mix equal parts by volume of greens (for nitrogen) and browns (for carbon). Greens could be fresh cut grass, browns could be dried leaves, and kitchen waste is a mixture of the two.

2) **AIR** - in order for the organisms to work they require OXYGEN. This is accomplished by turning or aerating the pile.

3) **WATER** - the materials in the pile should be about as wet as a wrung-out sponge. If it is too wet the organisms will not be able to get enough oxygen and if it is too dry they will not be very active and the process will slow down.

4) **SURFACE AREA** - the greater the amount of surface area exposed to the decomposer organisms, the faster the process will work. So by cutting or chopping material into smaller pieces you can speed up the composting process.

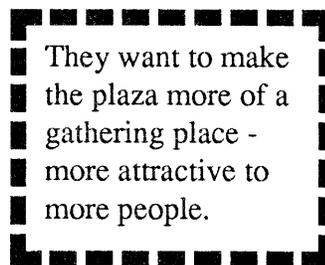
5) **VOLUME** - the ideal minimum size for a compost heap is about three feet square and high. This will allow the pile to generate enough heat to speed up the process and also destroy unwanted bacteria and seeds.

The more work you put into your compost pile the faster it will produce valuable humus for home use.

If anyone has any problems or questions regarding home composting drop a note off at 71 Prince Philip and we will try to resolve it for you.

manages the property. Mr. Hovey met with the merchants and heard their suggestions. The result is paint and a general clean-up.

Mr. Hovey and his wife joined the throng at the plaza on Guildwood Day. He also sent a crew of maintenance people to the plaza during the day as his contribution to our community festivities. **Thanks for your assistance, Mr. Hovey.** We hope you and your wife had a good time.



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Thanks to all the merchants in the Guildwood Plaza for supporting Guildwood

Day. They are always generous with their contributions and, in return, we need to support them so they can continue to stock the merchandise that's useful to us. They want to make the plaza more of a gathering place - more attractive to more people. That's why they sponsored the Dixieland band to play at the plaza during Guildwood Day. It was a terrific idea. The plaza really came to life.

Bill Killin at Home

Hardware tells me that the Guildwood merchants are planning more meetings to talk about ways to bring in the community. **Jeff Zabaneh** (The Shopping Spot) and **Graham Arnold** (Mr. Grocer) are both interested in hearing from residents. Let's co-operate by letting the merchants know what we'd like to see and have

available in the Guildwood Plaza. Here are some questions to consider. You can either telephone me, Anne Petite, at 267-2430 or drop off your responses in the library. I'll pass on your ideas to the plaza merchants. Or you can talk to them yourself about your suggestions. (See next page).

TREES - PAST AND FUTURE

Most of the magnificent blue spruce trees in Guildwood were planted in the early 1960s. That means that most of these trees are in their early thirties. What are we planting now for the next 30 years?



MERCHANTS WANT TO KNOW HOW TO IMPROVE GUILDWOOD PLAZA

by Anne Petite

Guildwood Plaza is taking on a new look thanks to Mr. Gordon Hovey who

* Would you like to see the Guildwood Plaza as the centre of the community - a place to shop, to eat, to meet friends?

* What do you like best about the plaza?

* What would you like more of? What would you like less of?

* What could the merchants do to encourage you to go to the plaza?

* Do you find the plaza a friendly place? What might make it more so?

Hi



Guildwood has taken on the characteristics of big city living - people walk right by each other without so much as a nod, a smile, or a greeting. People pass by - there's no eye contact, no recognition that we all live in this pleasant residential community, that we are all neighbours. Say "hello" to others in the plaza and watch the looks of utter disbelief, surprise, and sometimes pleasure. Sad that we build up such walls of defence that we don't greet the people we meet on the street and in the plaza - our neighbours in Guildwood.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by David Schachow



Have you ever known a busier community? First, there was our first clean-up day on May 11. More than fifty people turned out to make Guildwood clean and green. Organized by John Mitchell and the Anti-Litter Committee, groups of volunteers armed with

garbage bags, recycling bags, rakes and gloves made several pre-identified areas spotless. Among the targets: Guildwood Parkway from Kingston Road to Morningside; Galloway Road from Dearham Wood to the parkway; Livingston from Toynbee to Catalina; and Westlake from Kingston Road to Livingston. A number of participants asked us to do this again in the fall. Thank you to John and the committee, who put in many hours of their time planning, organizing, then picking up.

A couple of weeks later, our membership drive kicked off west of Galloway. Joan Beaton, a tireless member of the executive, put together an organization of co-ordinators and canvassers like we have never seen before. In no time at all, Joan's team set a record for number of memberships sold: over 1,100. Great work, Joan!

By the way, it is also thanks to Joan that your News & Views gets delivered. She has set up a network of volunteers throughout the western half of Guildwood, to complement the one that already existed in the east. Every publication you receive from your association - News & views, Guildwood Day flyer, meeting notices - is delivered by one of these energetic volunteers. (By the way, is your mailbox visible? It's not hidden behind overgrown bushes or in a secret location, is it?)

Next came the focal point of our year: Guildwood Day. Perfect weather, tremendous organization, great publicity (how could you miss those signs along the parkway?) and co-operation with the merchants all combined to produce the best Guildwood Day in years. Over a thousand people showed up for the parade, games, craft tables, pancake breakfast and evening barbecue. Fred Drewry and his team put hundreds of hours into making this day successful, and were joined by dozens of volunteers on the day itself. Thanks to everyone who helped, and especially to Fred. As trustee Aubrey Rhamey said: "Guildwood

Day - probably the best yet." No doubt about it.

Your community association is strong because of the vigilance of its members. Joan Beaton noted that the new crosswalk in front of Jack Miner ended in grass on the north side. Days later, a cement extension appeared so that pedestrians would not have to cross mud or snowbanks. Marion Zawacki noticed that there were no garbage receptacles in Elizabeth Simcoe Park. Following a letter to City Councillor Fred Johnson, one has appeared beside the tennis courts, and more will (we hope) arrive soon.

Guildwood Parkway is getting a facelift. In mid-June, new curbs were installed along much of the road, and broken parts of the sidewalk were replaced. The crosswalk in front of Jack Miner is operating (please teach your children how to use it properly) and the all-way stop at Galloway Road has been installed. May the Guildwood Speedway rest in peace.

The dirt road immediately south of the CNR tracks, running east from Morningside is used as an access road by CN. It is also a notorious dumping ground for garbage. At the request of your association, on behalf of some residents, Metro Councillor Brian Ashton is working to have a locked gate installed to prohibit unauthorized access.

The GVCA bulletin board in Mr. Grocer is for community association use only and shouldn't be used for private messages. We would also appreciate it if residents would refrain from putting their for sale signs and garage sale signs up on the Welcome Home sign in the parkette at Prince Philip.

Congratulations to Guildwood resident Faye Wadsworth who recently received an Award Citation from the City's Recreation, Parks and Culture Department. Faye was honoured for her contribution to the sport of

ringette in Scarborough.

Are you concerned about the condition of the Gates at the top of the parkway? Let me know - we may need your help in the near future.

Have a safe summer.



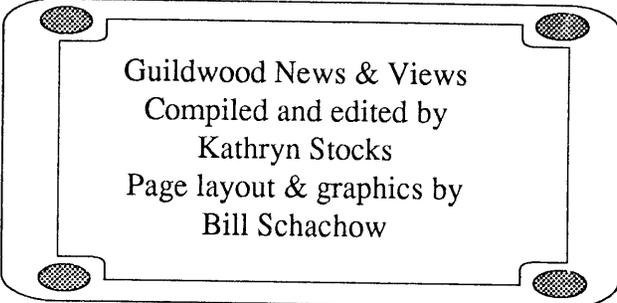
Anna Shnurer wants to thank the **Grannums, the Petites, Don Willie, the Wolfendens** and everyone else who looked after her house and ran errands for her while she was in hospital and recuperating at home.



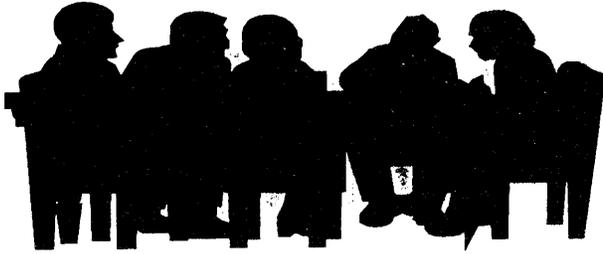
GUILDWOOD STUDENTS WIN EDUCATION AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students for winning the Excellence in Education Award: **Daniel Auchincloss** of Alternative Scarborough Education 1, **Sean Hanna** of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and **Heather Lin** of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

The award recognizes students in the Scarborough public secondary school system for their exceptional involvement and service both at school and within the community.



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Yes, I want to join the GVCA

I was missed in the Guildwood Village Community Association Membership Drive but want to join. Enclosed is a cheque for \$10 made out to the GVCA.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Code _____ Telephone: _____

Please clip and send to GVCA, P.O. Box 440, West Hill, M1E 4Y9

Your membership card will be mailed to you.
Any questions, call Joan at 265-5942.

Meet more Members at Large

Susan Briggs: This is Susan's first year on the executive but she worked hard the previous year to get the area east of Galloway Road into the GVCA. She also helped organize the barbecue at last year's Guildwood Day and she is a member of the Guild Inn Committee. Susan enjoys being a member at large because it gives her the opportunity to help out wherever help is needed. She has just finished working on the membership drive. Susan has lived here for 10 years and her days are filled looking after her four children.

Donna Milovanovic: Donna has lived in the area for most of her life. She is currently on infant care leave from her teaching job at Jack Miner Senior Public School and she spends most of her time looking after her two young children. As a member at large she organized the GVCA night at the Guild Inn's Festival of Lights last Christmas and she is currently involved with the membership drive.

Bill Schachow: Bill is a new addition to the executive as a member-at-large. He has lived in Guildwood since 1963, was one of the founders of our local community tennis club in 1970 as its first president. He and his wife Louise have continued to be on the tennis executive since the first year. Bill has also held several positions in the Scarborough Tennis Federation and is currently the Administrative Director. Bill retired from IBM in 1987 and now occupies his and his wife's time with a microcomputer consulting, word processing and desktop publishing business.

THE EDITOR GETS THE LAST WORD

This is our last issue until September. Hope you've enjoyed reading the News & Views as much as I've enjoyed putting it together. Many thanks to my cohort Bill Schachow for taking the stories I give him and making them look so interesting and readable with his great layouts and graphics.

Have a wonderful summer everyone and we'll see you in the fall!

Kathryn Stocks



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