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Keeping Guildwood Clean

Thanks to all the participants who provided the energy and enthusiasm to make this spring's Community Clean-up another success. Thanks also to the local schools for their support, to Starbucks for the coffee and to the Guildwood Bakery for the goodies. The pile of garbage we collected was a testament to our success.

Many thanks to all the community members who contribute to keeping our community beautiful by picking up litter throughout the year. Thanks as well to those of you who have "adopted an area".

If you have any ideas about other ways to keep our community litter free give me a call at 416-269-4761. We're interested in ideas for eliminating litter in our community.

The next Community Clean-up will be held on Sunday, May 25, 2003. Don't forget to mark your calendars! See you there !!

Judy MacLeod



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Did you know that the Guildwood Village Community Association has it's own hotline? If you have any questions you would like answered or any issues you would like to bring to our attention, this is the number for you. Call and leave a message anytime. The messages are checked on a regular basis.

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President's Message

Fall has arrived, the school year is underway, routines are in place and the raking begins. Monthly GVCA executive meetings have also resumed and I am once again privileged to be working with an enthusiastic, creative and resourceful group of volunteers. Each member of the executive has volunteered to cover a specific area based on their interests and skills. The current executive has met three times since the AGM in June and several important and necessary tasks have been addressed.

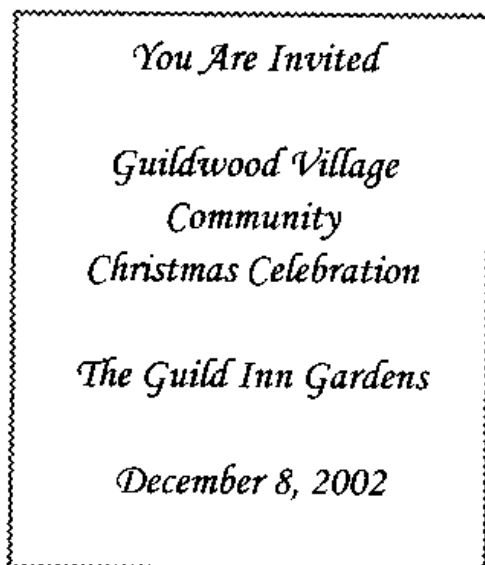
Firstly, the 2002 Membership Drive was successfully organized and implemented by Joan Beaton with help from Reg Wolfe and Richard Sands. A very grateful thanks to Joan for taking on this task for the community association and to all the membership canvassers. If you missed renewing your membership, an application is included in this issue.

Secondly, the "News and Views" is back thanks to Deborah Cameron, our new editor. This is the second of four yearly issues and it is full of community news. I would like to take this opportunity to commend Deborah and the "News and Views" Committee members for their work on this important job.

Have you checked out the GVCA Website? Thanks to Ross Armitage, our new webmaster, the website is up and running again. I personally found it user friendly and am looking forward to future postings. Well done Ross.

The next issue of the "News and Views" will be out in the New Year. Feel free to contact me at the GVCA hotline number with any questions, concerns, and suggestions. Since I won't be writing again until January 2003 I will take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Holiday Season and look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Celebration Dec. 8th.

Donna Milovanovic, President GVCA





The Beauty of Guildwood

My family moved into Guildwood approximately seven years ago. We were, like many, attracted to the area because of the village-like feeling and the natural beauty, especially from the many wonderful, mature trees. Since its real estate development in the 1950's and undoubtedly long before, the neighbourhood has had an abundance of large mature trees, giving shade, providing protection for many birds and largely contributing to the ambiance of the community. However, over the last seven years their numbers have started to dwindle. Some of this loss has been due to the age of the trees, natural destruction (wind, ice, etc.) and disease as is the natural order of things. (We have lost six to age and two to disease, three of which have been replaced to date). But I now fear that too many are being lost.

The ambiance of the neighbourhood is being eroded by the loss of these mature trees. Will property values be affected? I do not know for sure but my guess is yes. And I do know the Guild is not the same without them. We can paint the house in a day or two, cut and manicure the lawns and hedges in an hour or so to maintain our property, but the loss of a mature tree takes decades to replace and then only if replanted.

So what do we do? Let's not cut them down unless it is absolutely necessary, and if a tree must come down, let's replace it so that there is a continuity of developing trees.

Part of the beauty, and in my estimation a very large part, is the mature trees of our community. Preserving them preserves the beauty. Preserving them means caring for them and replacing them when they must fall, ensuring Guildwood's natural beauty in the years to come. Let's care together.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dennis - Regency Square



Guildwood Day – Evening BBQ

Smiles from ear to ear. The lucky folks who work the Evening Barbeque see nothing but smiles. With perfect conditions – warm, dry, and no bugs – the 2002 burger and hot dog feed was a huge success.

It is a tradition now for the **Bob Johnston Chev/Olds** family to be part of the BBQ. Staff and friends of Bob Johnston Chev/Olds set up, cook, serve and clean up. The BBQ would not be the same without their shining faces and enthusiasm. Thank you **Bob Johnston Chev/Olds**.

Thanks also to **Valu-mart** for your generosity, co-operation and spirit. Valu-mart supplies all of our food, drinks and supplies, at cost. For that the **Valu-mart** team – Frank Brinkoff along with Val Coates and Tim Arnold - have to put up with telephone calls, order changes and a mild degree of harassment.

Entertainment was delivered in fine style by **Foolish Behaviour**. Their renditions of good old rock 'n' roll were toe tappin' and sing along terrific.

Special thanks to Don Fawthrop for his terrific assistance on the hot side of the BBQs. It's only fair that the fun times should be shared around, and my new recruits for the BBQ team went home tired but eager to return next year. Trustee Patrick Rutledge earned an 'A' in bun opening.

Our refreshments team from Poplar Road Jr. P.S. conducted themselves responsibly and cheerfully. Thanks especially to my good buddies Courtney, Alannah and friends.

The traditional Tug of War took place with victories by both the East and West.

Thanks to everyone who attended and made the evening so successful.

Michael Ellis.



Guildwood's Crystal Ball

Stephen Stamatyades, Vice-President, GVCA

Guildwood Village residents have always had a healthy interest in community participation. This reflects their deep level of care for their community and their belief that it is worthy of the time and effort they invest, to make this a great place to live.

I have always maintained that a community is either what you make it, or, what you allow it to become. A great community is always the result of imagination shared, common vision embraced and concerted, conscious effort.

There are many ways in which this can be achieved, and often with different results. One way, is to have elected, or acclaimed executive members of a ratepayers association presume to know (and they may) community desires, concerns and priorities and proceed on this basis to accomplish what they will. Another way, is to present the questions of community desire, concern and priority to residents for their consideration, input and determination. Both are democratic, and both are likely to yield different results.

Community vision is not found in a crystal ball, but let's imagine for a moment. Gaze into the crystal ball and imagine this community 10, 50 and 100 years from now. What will it be like? What do you see? Are pesky little annoyances you would like to have seen gone, still there? Are there bigger foreseen problems which could have been resolved? Or, what about those things that we sometimes think we can only dream about or imagine, in our community - are they there? Big dreams and small wishes, all of which might be shared with our community, have they been realized?

Einstein had said; "I am enough of an artist to draw freely upon my imagination. Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world." Without imagination there can be no vision. Without vision, there is no clear direction. Without clear direction, no vision can be shared in common.

At their September meeting, Guildwood Village Community Association executive committee were presented with the idea of a community visioning exercise and, due to time constraints, engaged in a limited debate on it's merits. It was suggested that the idea be put to the community via the News & Views, to gauge the members interest.

The question is now put to you the residents of Guildwood Village:

Do you believe the GVCA will benefit from a simple, fun and interactive, Community Visioning exercise?

- Where the community is invited to have the opportunity to participate and communicate their thoughts and desires regarding Guildwood Village,
- Where you were invited to share your community beefs, or wishes, big or small,
- Where community vision is inspired, communicated and shared,
- Where community concerns are identified,
- Where community priorities are determined, and
- Where community willingness to participate is revealed.

If you believe it is important that we imagine and share what we should like to see in Guildwood's future, let us know. You can help make this happen by e-mailing webmaster@guildwood.on.ca or calling 416 410-2755 to say Guildwood Village is worthy of a Community Vision.



Another School Year Begins at Jack Miner

Our first month back at school has, as always, been eventful and rewarding. Community members may have noted on the first Friday of school a large contingent of Fire Trucks and Police Cars and Ambulance Attendants showed up at 405 Guildwood Parkway.

You will be happy to know that it was in response to a fire in our cafeteria. Thanks to the quick thinking of our caretaker, Mr. Steve Breen, and the quick arrival of emergency support, the fire was kept to minimal levels. Our students handled the process of exiting the building in an orderly fashion very well. (Curiously we had scheduled a fire drill for that day – never did we expect that the real thing would happen !)

Our students are busily preparing for our annual "Twoonie for Terry" cross country run. So community members may have seen them jogging along the parkway by the time this missive reaches you.

Once a month we have a Parent and Community Council meeting. It is the responsibility of the Council to advise the Administrative Team of the school. Community members are welcome to attend and indeed each school council must have a community representative. The Council met for its first meeting on Wednesday, September 18. Council meetings are advertised on the Council Bulletin Board in the foyer of the school.

We look forward to working with all our communities as we progress through another exciting year. Please feel free to drop in and say hello.

Peter Murphy
Principal
Jack Miner Sr. P.S.
416 396-6375

What's New at Guildwood Jr. Public School?

We're off to a promising start to the 2002-2003 school year with our 220 students actively involved in academic studies and extra-curricular activities. New purchases over the summer include six classroom carpets, \$4,300 for early literacy books in Kindergarten to grade 3, and \$1,100 for new sports equipment. Our K-4 Borrow-A-Book reading program is up and running. Classrooms, hallways, common spaces and outdoor areas are gleaming after our huge staff and volunteer effort in July and August to clean and tidy the school. Outdoors, the NYAD Daycare climbing playground has almost been completed for everyone to enjoy.

A whole-school focus on courteous and responsible student behaviour has seen pleasing results so far. Our **Meet the Teacher Barbeque and Curriculum Night** on September 19 was very well attended. Our grade 6 Leadership Team members are taking on new responsibilities around the school, while cross country, and boys and girls soccer teams are preparing for upcoming meets.

As the new principal of Guildwood Jr., I feel very fortunate to have such a dedicated staff and supportive parent group to work with. It is a sincere pleasure to be able to serve the Guildwood community where I have been a resident for the past 18 years. Here's to a great school year!

Pauline Tetley, Principal

The Guildwood School Council (GSC) is a vibrant group of parents, staff and community members who work together in an advisory capacity to support and enrich student's lives and education. Our first council meeting on September 17, 2002 was a big success as we welcomed both new and returning faces. Our principal has made a huge, positive impact on the school that the GSC welcomes and is committed to furthering. We look forward to another year of helping our children learn and grow.

Lee Crawford-McNeice
Chair, Guildwood School Council

News from Elizabeth Simcoe

We've had a very smooth opening to our new school year at Elizabeth Simcoe. Welcome to our new staff, students and their families. Simcoe's positive energy and enthusiasm was evident at our first school-wide event, the Terry Fox Run held on Fri. Sept. 13th. 260 JK-grade 6 students, staff and parents ran, walked and piggy-backed roughly 500 kilometres in half an hour, raising over \$500.00 toward cancer research. What a great way to build school and community spirit!

Student gardeners are working to beautify the landscaping, and the entire school population worked together to clean up our front and back yard in September

As you know, we are most fortunate to have a lovely schoolyard, which is used for its two soccer fields, baseball diamonds and playground area. Students run Kilometre Club around the perimeter twice each day. A wide range of athletic teams will be practicing on the field, before and after school. Two hundred students use the field daily at lunch and recesses. For the health and safety of our students, we respectfully ask all those who walk their dogs in the school yard to 'stoop and scoop' after their pets.

We have two very active community groups at Simcoe: the Elizabeth Simcoe Parents' Group (ESPG) and the Simcoe School Council. The ESPG's plans are underway for a busy fundraising schedule, including a danceathon in November. Proceeds will fund a number of enriching programs, including Scientist in the School, theatrical and musical performances, leased curriculum videos, and the Silver Birch Canadian Authors' book collection, to name just a few.

Following the elections in early October, our new School Council will get to work on supporting the staff in setting goals for school improvement as well as bringing in speakers of interest to the parents.

At Elizabeth Simcoe, we pride ourselves on being a community school. To volunteer in our automated library, in classrooms or during a variety fundraising initiatives, please contact our ESPG President,

Denbigh Dean through the school office at 416-396-6220.

Here's to a great school year!

Sue Pfeffer
Principal
Elizabeth Simcoe Jr. P.S.

Rosa and Spencer Clarke Parkette



For the last five years I have been organizing and tending the flower garden and watering the grass at the park. I have had some assistance at planting time and appreciate the

help. During the rest of the growing season most of the chores are done by me. Janet comes over every few weeks to weed and hoe the flower beds. The watering must be done regularly and the grass needs to be cut weekly. I am no longer able to keep this up. I would like to suggest the community have a garden club and arrange a schedule so that the work load is shared. Since our house is just 2 doors from the park I would not mind storing the hoses and fittings in the carport. I could also help in the beginning to co-ordinate with the parks department. I was successful in getting the parks department to build up the flower beds and it would be a shame to see them full of gravel instead of flowers. If you would be interested in helping out, please call the Guildwood Village Hotline.

Wally Young

Park Benches



Among the many enthusiastic walkers in the Guildwood community, I'm sure there are those who, like me, have enjoyed a brief rest on one of the park benches so thoughtfully provided by families in the

neighbourhood. What a wonderful way to memorialize loved ones who have died. A bench in Sylvan Park has likely been donated by the family and friends of John and Paul Knight who

both died at an early age. John (1956-75), Paul (1958-84). The simple statement on the plaque that reads, "they played here", says so much. This seat is located in a beautiful spot affording an open view of the lake and the recently completed scenic walking trail below.

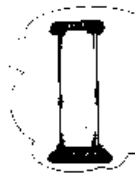
Two benches sit in Guildwood Waterfront Park, also facing the lake and the curvature of the bluffs. One is dedicated to Evelyn Porter (nee Buettner). Evelyn I believe attended Sir Wilfrid Laurier Collegiate at the same time as my son, which would be around 1974-79.

The other bench bears the name Ian Winton and the touching inscription "enjoy the moment." 1941-99. Ian also has two sturdy oak trees planted in the same spot.

I personally would like to thank the families and friends involved and would be most interested in hearing the background stories that led them to remember their loved ones in this way.

Janet Mason

Limited Edition Prints Launch Greek Theatre Fundraising



Dreams of an enhanced Greek Theatre seem a step closer. The Guild Renaissance Group (GRG) unveiled a campaign to raise \$425,000. It's anticipated these funds will be used in partnership with the

City of Toronto to bring the Greek Theatre to professional standards. Lin Whitman, president of the GRG launched the initiative at the Scarborough Arts Council's Art Naturally festival on the grounds of the Guild Inn on August 10. In attendance were city councillor David Soknacki, Scarborough East MPP Steve Gilchrist, as well as patron and world-renowned opera singer Ben Heppner. "The Greek Theatre is such a treasure and watching a performance there is just magic," said Whitman. "We'd like to raise enough funds to bring the stage up to professional standards and allow it to be used all summer by a greater number of performers."

"The first stage of our project is to sell limited edition prints of the Guild Inn by artist Roy Henry Wright," said Whitman. "We plan to raise enough funds to add lighting and sound equipment, as well as washroom facilities and possibly tiered outdoor

seating. With luck, this will be just the first stage of the Guild Inn's redevelopment as a cultural centre that will include an art gallery, studio space and a small indoor theatre."

Artist Roy Henry Wright, who makes his home on the Scarborough Bluffs, kindly allowed his watercolour paintings of the Guild Inn, Summer Renaissance and Winter Renaissance, to be reproduced as limited edition prints. Herb Riethmacher, President of Middleton Graphics Inc., assisted in publication of the prints.

The prints are offered in limited editions of 500. Each print, produced on archival paper and signed and numbered by the artist, is available for \$75.00, or \$150.00 framed. One hundred per cent of the purchase price benefits the Guild of All Arts. To purchase prints phone Linda Harris at 416-266-4973.

The Guild Renaissance Group liaises with cultural organizations and the City of Toronto's Economic Development, Culture and Tourism department, to ensure the arts remain a vibrant part of the Guild Inn.

Carolyn Houghton Egan

Best Wishes

Congratulations are in order for Doreen and Wally Young of Prince Philip Blvd. The Youngs celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary early in September. Wally served his country in the RCAF during the Second World War. Together the Youngs made up an award-winning team as foster parents for

countless babies and children throughout their married life. They are the kind of people who have made our neighbourhood become a community. Wally, as association members know has been responsible for the beautiful garden at the entrance to the village. His helper readily admits that Wally does 95 percent of the volunteer labour and for that we are all grateful. Please join me in wishing Wally and Doreen the very best of health and happiness for many years to come.

Fred Johnson

Message From David Soknacki

Dear Guildwood Villagers

Residents of the Guildwood community should be proud of the efforts of its Community Association. Over the past year the President and Executive of your Community Association has not only been vigilant on political matters, but also ensured many positive Guildwood social traditions continued, such as Guildwood and Environment Days as well as the Christmas festivities on the Guild grounds. So thank you to past President Gerard Baribeau and welcome to incoming President Donna Milovanovic.

An important outstanding issue in the Guildwood area is the status of the Guild Inn Request For Proposal (RFP). By the time you read this, hopefully the RFP will be in circulation among members of the hospitality trade, with a closing date for submissions in mid-November. We all would have liked an earlier closing date, but preparation of the final draft took longer than anticipated.

In another major project, the Toronto Region and Conservation Authority (TRCA) are in the final stages of completing their shoreline regeneration work at the foot of the Scarborough Bluffs in Guildwood area. A number of consultative discussions have been held with community members after the summer's public meeting. The TRCA is hoping to have their plans finalized this fall, at which time I will again reporting out to the community. Assuming the plans are not controversial, the TRCA would like to begin work next spring.

Traffic safety is a major responsibility for Councillors, so it is no surprise to advise that my office has been busy undertaking various traffic studies throughout Guildwood. Most recently in the Dearham Wood and Poplar Rd area an all-way stop was installed along with changes in parking regulations to make the area safer around Poplar Road Jr Public School. My office has asked the Toronto Police Services to be vigilant in their enforcement of these changes.

As part of the ward's demographic analysis, my office just received some detailed information about the Guildwood community. Did you know that: the top four ethnic groups are English, Canadian, Scottish and German? Or that English is the mother tongue of 91% of Villagers? Or that the average household income is about \$81 000? Finally, did you know that 21% of Villagers took the TTC to work? * all interesting stuff.

Finally, plans for 43 Division Police Station are coming along well - so far. The Community Liaison Committee has been meeting to iron out the details, and Council has passed the zoning amendments to allow a joint police-ambulance station.. However, we are again entering a budget cycle. Already a number of members of Council and Police staff have given notice that funding for 2003 will need strong support at City Council to continue funding this new project in times of constraint. I'll be certain to keep you posted.

As always I welcome the opportunity to be of service. Feel free to visit my website at www.soknacki.com, email me at councillor_soknacki@toronto.on.ca, phone me at 416 396 7222, or by fax at 416 396 4006. Alternatively you can visit Joan Bannister, my full-time Constituency Assistant on the second floor of the Scarborough Civic Centre at 150 Borough Drive.

Coming Event

CBC Radio and Church of the Holy Trinity (Guildwood) present "A Christmas Carol" Dramatic Reading with Music featuring the Scarborough Bel Canto Choir, Director, John Watkins. Saturday, December 14th at 3 p.m. at Wilfrid Laurier Collegiate. Tickets will go on sale in October.

For ticket info call : (416) 284-2597

WANTED

We want your submissions. Do you know someone who deserves a thank-you, someone who is celebrating a monumental event or someone who just deserves some recognition. Drop us a line or give us a call.

We are also looking for a youth liaison for the News and Views. Someone to write articles that would be of interest to the younger members of our community.

2002 Guildwood Day Prize Draw; PRIZE DONORS

The following companies and organisations generously donated prizes for the random draw held throughout Guildwood Day. The draw was free to paid up member families of the GVCA. We hope you can patronise these prize donors in the coming year.

TD Canada Trust, Port Union Road
CIBC Wood Gundy, Toronto
Fabutan, Guildwood Plaza
Pizza Nova, Guildwood Plaza
Angie's, Guildwood Plaza
Toronto Library, Guildwood Plaza
Guildwood Bakery-Deli, Livingston Mews
Steve Gilchrist, Ont. MPP
Kitchen Food Fare, Guildwood Plaza
CIBC, Guildwood Plaza
Grapefully Yours, Kingston Rd/Markham
Guildwood Cleaners, Guildwood Plaza
Anthony&Silvia Hair, Livingston Mews
Bob Johnston Chev-Olds.
Photo Express, Guildwood Plaza
Guildwood Pharmacy, Guildwood Plaza
Edward Jones, Kingston Rd/Markham
Quilting Patch, Dearham Wood Plaza
Parkway Travel, Guildwood Plaza
Guildwood Pizza, Livingston Mews
Sisters Eatery, Old Kingston Rd
Lady Guild, Guildwood Plaza
Play It Again Sports, Kingston Rd/Markham

Good Year Tire, Kingston/Morningside
Bob Edwards, Royal LePage
Dr. Atzemis, Dearham Wood Plaza
Video 99, Guildwood Plaza
Wine of the World, Port Union/Lawrence
Dr. Carol Waldman, Guildwood Plaza
Heritage Ford, Kingston Rd/Midland
A&A Variety, Livingston Mews
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Jug City, Dearham Wood Plaza
Hepco Credit Union, Morningside
Chapman Building Supplies, Kingston Rd
John McKay, MP.
Guildwood Air&Duct, Fareham Cres.
David Soknacki (Councillor)
Louise Miskew, Remax Realty

If you or your company wish to get recognition for donated prizes for Guildwood Day next year, please contact the Guildwood InfoLine at 416 410-2755 now.



Replacement of Pedestrian Crossover Approved on Poplar Rd.

For over a year, studies have been ongoing about replacing the pedestrian crossover at Poplar Rd and Dearham Wood in Guildwood, which a few interested parties at Poplar Road School thought was unsafe for their kids. Two studies were done by the City Traffic Engineering Dept regarding traffic use, infractions, pedestrian actions, and collisions at this intersection. The study also took into account the parking and traffic situation along the frontage of Poplar Road School (which fronts on to Dearham Wood) at admission and dismissal time. There has also been some local neighbourhood concern about the speed of traffic in the area. There was an opinion amongst some people that an All-way Stop Sign should replace the PXO (pedestrian crossover) at this intersection.

The Traffic Engineering Dept did two exhaustive traffic studies of Poplar Road and Dearham Wood dating back to February 2001. Their latest study

was in April 2002. They noted that in the last 4 years there were no collisions in front of the school, and that the 3 collisions at the intersection were all related to the stop sign and not the pedestrian crossover, and no pedestrians were involved in the collisions. As regards speeding vehicles, they deemed that speeds were 'within a tolerable range'. They noted that site lines and visibility of present traffic controls was good at the intersection, but recommended the moving of some paper boxes at the corner and some tree trimming on the boulevard. They concluded that because of the general ignoring of the No Stopping signs on the school side of Dearham Wood at admission and dismissal times, that the No Stopping be transferred to the other side of the street instead.

The Traffic Engineering Dept concludes that the existing pedestrian crossover (PXO) at Poplar Road and Dearham Wood/Cumber Avenue is operating in a safe and efficient manner and continues to be a suitable location for a PXO. Furthermore, our updated traffic counts and all-way stop warrant analysis at the intersection indicates that an all-way stop control is currently not warranted at this intersection. The Engineering Depts's comments about All-way stop signs are interesting:-

- 1)When used at the right location, the stop sign is one of the most valuable and effective devices available.....
- 2)Most motorists are reasonable and prudent with no intention of maliciously violating traffic regulations; however, when an unreasonable restriction is imposed, it does result in flagrant violations. In such cases, the stop sign can create a false sense of security in a pedestrian and an attitude of contempt in a motorist....
- 3)Unwarranted stop signs often result in an increase in speeds by motorists to make up time....
- 4)...unwarranted stop controls not only undermine the adopted All-Way Stop Control Warrant, but also contributes to unnecessary fuel consumption and higher levels of noise and air pollution. These pollutants most specifically impact those residents in the immediate vicinity.....

This PXO costs \$90,000 to install, and a stop sign costs \$800. Once taken away, a PXO won't be put back. Scarborough Community Council passed the

removal of the PXO on Poplar Road and installation of All-way stop signs in July 2002. Toronto Council approved it a month later. By the time you read this, the PXO will be gone. Welcome to Guildwood; home of the unwarranted stop signs.

Cuthbert Fazackerly (Guildwood resident).



The Village of my Youth

I have lived most of my life, on and off, in or near Guildwood village. Of course the area of my childhood was very different from the village today. It was just West Hill then and it was in the country. The word 'suburbia' did not exist; you either lived in the city or in the country. After experiencing city life for a few short years it was like heaven moving to an area with homes on two acre lots, empty fields, bush and streams to explore, a kids paradise.

Of course it was puzzling too at times. Why did my father have to dig a hole in the garden to get water - couldn't he just turn on a tap? How could I stay on the sidewalk like I was told to do at our old house, when we didn't have sidewalks? And oh that first winter, how come the 'necessary' was in the back yard and not in the bathroom?

Our neighbourhood had a real sense of community then. Often we would find a couple of zucchini, a lettuce or bag of apples on our back doorstep, gifts from a neighbour with an over-bountiful garden. The bread man just opened the back door and yelled "Bread!" and we came running to see what my mother would buy from him that day, hopefully something sweet and not just boring bread. The same with the Eaton's deliveryman. He just opened the front door, shouted "Eaton's!" and left the order on the hall table. People believed in helping each other too. You needed a plough to extend the vegetable garden? You were told, "Don't buy, borrow mine." I remember too a fire in a house on our street. Even before the fire trucks could get there the men were battling the blaze. Why? Because this was what one neighbour did for another then.

One of my favourite Sundays was when we had company. When the women had put the roast in the oven, had a quick gossip - I mean catch-up of events - and everything was ready for dinner we would take a walk to the Inn. We'd head down Poplar Road, then over to Galloway Road and through the bush. Guildwood Parkway only went as far as the Inn then and all there was around it was a few old summer cottages south along Livingston Rd. It was a really lovely walk in the fall. We collected leaves to press between waxed paper, collected pine cones and sampled the apples from the many trees that still exist in many gardens of the homes today. Then we rambled around the grounds and looked at the lake to see if it was grey or blue, hoping all the time that the mothers didn't want to visit the gift shop...again...and then home for roast beef with all the trimmings.

When I was in my early teens, the first homes appeared in the village. This was the first planned community in Ontario and even the churches, schools and shopping area were designated. We toured the first model homes to go up and I thought they were truly beautiful and all decorated with furniture too. I hoped at the time that one day I could own a home like these. Little did I know that one day I would own one of the very homes I had toured as a teenager.

Maybe after all the village hasn't changed that much, certainly in the things that really count. We still have lots of trees, we still have the wildlife I so enjoyed as a child - birds, racoons, the odd coyote, squirrels - OK they dig up plants but nothing's perfect. We still have a sense of neighbourliness and community, which was so much a part of my early days. These things haven't changed. I still think, after all these years, it's hard to find a better place in which to live.

Kathleen Wolfe

Next Issue

Watch for some articles by Nita Zachary in the next couple of issues. These articles were originally published in the Guildwood News and Views in the mid 80's and contain some very interesting histories.

Are you interested in getting fit, having fun and meeting some new people - all in your own neighbourhood?

Join my walking club!



We meet Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 pm sharp at Sari Crescent, across from the south Guildwood GO parking lot. We walk a beautiful 10 km route through central Guildwood and the Hill Crescent area. The pace is brisk and we are back by 10:40 pm. You can be at home, in bed, by 11:00—feeling good about yourself!

If you are interested in joining us, please call Adele at 416-269-7312.
Adele Tessier

The History of The Guild Inn

The History of The Guild Inn, by author Carole M. Lidgold is the only history ever published of the Guild Inn. The book contains information on how the Guild of All Arts began, as well as the love story of Rosa and Spencer. Did you know that they were the first bride and groom at the Guild Inn? Also included is a list of the architectural artifacts in the garden and their origin. There is also extensive information on many of the artists who once called the Guild Inn home. The book is available at a cost of \$20.00 from the Scarborough Arts Council at 1859 Kingston Road or by contacting the author at (905)426-6938.

Carole Lidgold

Coming Event

Heartstrings of Mexico
Featuring Mercedes Gomez,
accomplished Mexican Harpist.
Tuesday November 12, 2002
Cliffcrest United Church
1 McCowan Rd (McCowan/Kingston Rd)
8:00 pm
Adults - \$14.00, Seniors - \$14.00
Students - \$10.00

Neighbourhood Watch Returns to Guildwood

Guildwood Village is a healthy and safe community. One of the reasons we have less crime here is because we actively use our community - walking, jogging, biking, playing sports, dog-walking etc., using our streets, parks and shopping centres. The more we use our community, the less the criminal will! However, it is important not to become complacent. Crime can creep back into neighbourhoods when residents become disconnected from each other. Let's make sure that we know our neighbours who live on each side of us, across the street and behind us. Exchange phone numbers, business and cottage phone numbers too, in case of emergency. We may never need them - but what if we do?

Neighbourhood Watch is a program that grew in popularity in the 1980's as a response to rapidly growing property crime during that time. Telephone networks were set up among each block of neighbours in order to pass along any crime and suspect information. The program worked well, but was difficult to sustain as residents moved in and out of our community over the years. However, the concept of neighbour helping neighbour is always a good one. Most of us are already watching out for our neighbours on a more informal basis. Retired folks, stay at home moms/dads, residents working different shifts are

keeping their eyes and ears open for suspicious people, vehicles and activity.

Alarm systems do not necessarily prevent home break ins; even barking dogs are not always a deterrent. Toronto Police believe that the best form of crime prevention is the community watching out for each other. We know who lives on our street, what they look like, the vehicles they drive and what their daily routines are. It is important for all of us to keep a look out for things that don't appear right. Follow your instinct. If you see something suspicious, call the police non-emergency number at 416-808-2222. If you see a prowler on your neighbour's property, call 911 and indicate a crime is in progress. Don't hesitate to call the police at any time - even if you're not sure. Always err on the side of caution and let the police make the decision whether to respond or not.

We are once again introducing Neighbourhood Watch to Guildwood Village residents. Crime and suspect information will be passed along through email messages to interested residents and will also be published in the News and Views. It is useful for residents to know what's going on in our community in order to become aware of what to look for and ways to prevent it.

As the coordinator of Neighbourhood Watch for Scarborough (and resident of Guildwood) I receive the police reports from 41 and 42 Divisions every morning indicating all residential break and enters and robberies over the previous 24

hours. This information is passed along to community members to help keep them informed of the nature and methods of crime in their area. If you are interested in becoming part of the Guildwood Village email network, email me at lori@crimeconcern.org and please feel free to give me a call at any time if you have concerns about suspicious or unsafe activity in the Guildwood community. We have a close working relationship with police and city staff to help address your safety concerns.

Crime Report:

Since January 1st 2002, there have been 10 residential break and enters on the following streets: Morningside Avenue, Galloway Road, Lyncroft Drive, Fareham Crescent, Catalina Drive, Morna Avenue, Bourneville Drive, Toynbee Trail and Guildwood Parkway. Two breakins involved a garage and garden shed where bicycles were stolen. One house was entered through a second floor window using a ladder. In one instance a neighbour was able to give a detailed description of the suspect to police. There were also two incidents of personal robbery. Both of these occurred in the afternoon hours when young victims were accosted by other youth.

This crime report encompasses a territory of about 3500 homes. Comparing statistics, we are down slightly from last year.

Lori Metcalfe

Guildwood Public Library - Fall 2002

Phone: (416)396-8872

Monday and Thursday	12:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.
Wednesday	CLOSED
Tuesday and Friday	9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Saturday	9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.



Travel Resources at the Toronto Public Library

You can request travel guides, videos and materials for learning the language of the country you plan to visit. Guildwood branch might not have the item on shelf but we can request materials from the other 97 branches in our library system. If an item is on shelf it takes approximately 7 - 10 days to arrive. Customers are notified by telephone.

If you have Internet access at home you can research magazine and newspaper articles using your library card - through the Virtual Reference Library (<http://vrl.tpl.toronto.on.ca>). The Guildwood Branch has 5 terminals with internet access where you can research your destination. If you need e-mail, the Guildwood library has 3 terminals with e-mail access where you can set and access a free e-mail account.

Thinking of a trip to Mexico? Here are some suggestions:

Travel Guides: There are many to choose from including: [Eyewitness Travel Guides](#), [Lonely Planet Mexico](#), [Footprint Mexico and Central America Handbook](#), [Ulysses Cancun and the Riviera Maya](#).

Video: [Mexico and the Caribbean](#)

Language materials: [Latin American Spanish phrase book and dictionary](#), [Latin American Spanish or a CD pack with phrase book](#).

You can also research your destination using the Virtual Reference Library.

Some new Best Sellers to request at the library:

Jean M. Auel [Shelters of Stone](#)

Tom Clancy [Red Rabbit](#)

Janet Evanovich [Hard Eight](#)

Michael Moore [Stupid White Men:--and other sorry excuses for the State of the Nation!](#)

Rohinton Mistry [Family Matters](#)

Kathy Reichs [Grave Secrets](#)

2002 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The hot & busy summer of 2002 is almost over & so is the Membership drive. Normally, the annual membership drive is held at the beginning of May. However this year, door-to-door canvassing did not begin until early July. We did get a head start by selling 188 memberships at Guildwood Day and the BBQ. Thanks to Anna Shnurer, Reg Wolfe, Rose Mitchell-Spohn, Montague Barnes, Donna Milovanovic, Jacque Maclean, Adrienne Forrin and Fred Drewry who all came to the rescue on such short notice to help out at the membership tables. As previously mentioned door-to-door canvassing began in early July. Unfortunately, as we did not have enough volunteers, several routes did not get canvassed; Of particular concern is Morningside Ave and the area east including the streets Greyabbey Trail, Denny Court, Fordover Dr, Cushendun Rd, Moss St and Fintona Ave- none of which got canvassed at all.

West of Morningside, the following streets did not have canvassers: part of Bledlow Manor Dr, parts of Catalina Drive, Chantrey Court, Dearham Wood, part of Galloway Rd, parts of Guildwood Pkwy, Lausanne Cres, Navarre Cres, Poplar Rd, Portia St, parts of Regency Sq, Scarcliff Gardens, part of Sir Raymond Dr, parts of Toynbee Trail and Wooster Wood.

For our next drive in May 2003, we will be looking for much needed canvassing help. The more canvassers we have, the less each one will need to do. If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please call (416) 410-2755.

Now for the good news!

Thanks to your support & the efforts of those volunteers who managed to help in spite of the time constraints, the hot & sweltering temperatures, vacations, family issues, work schedules, health problems and busy lives, a total of 1,118 memberships have been purchased to date.

- A HUGE THANK YOU to the Area Co-ordinators Jean Witherspoon, Richard Sands, Reg Wolfe, May Halabi & John Mitchell for making all those telephone calls to potential canvassers, delivering their membership kits and then having the kits returned to them.
Also, thanks to Ted Huisman for helping with telephone calls & delivering kits.
- SPECIAL THANKS to the following folks who did double duty as both an Area Co-ordinator as well as a canvasser.....May Halabi, John Mitchell & Jean Witherspoon.
- Also, SPECIAL THANKS to the following who canvassed more than one route; Pamela Bourdon, Cecile Eberts, Anita Gagnon, May Halabi, Ann Jackman, Monica Kinsman, Donna Milovanovic, John Mitchell, Karen Neeson and Heather Talbot.
- MANY THANKS to all the other canvassers that made the drive so successful-
Tom Abraham, Mark & Carolyn Beard, Patty Blake, Betty Boonstra, Shelley Bowden, Mary Brilliant, Phyllis Broadley, Patrick Bulley, Eric Campbell, Kathy Chamberlain, Carol & John Collins, Andre Cote, Fred Cowin, Sandra Cox, Irene Dale, Denise Dennis, Gerry Domier, Mae Germain, Lynda Harding, Diane Henry, Ted Huisman, Brian Keen, Pam & Robert Kobayashi, Laurie Lockhart, Una MacDonald, Linda MacMillan, Karen Magill, Betty Mailey, Dorothy Malcolm, Beth Markle, Teri McIntosh, Lori Metcalfe, Rose Mitchell-Spohn, Frieda Morgan, Marion Morrish, Dan Niddery, Rodger Oliver, Linda Perkins, Elsa Poitra, Luke Real, Ann Redford, Jennifer & Laura Ricci, Anne Silliker, Gail Slocum, Barb Starnes, Paul Steverink, Herb Trew, Bruce Villeneuve, Lorraine Walker, Susan Welcome and Don Willie.
Thanks so much to all of you for taking time out of your busy schedules to help.

You did a GREAT job!

Although we didn't get around to everyone, we did hear from several residents (including 26/28/30/45/55 Livingston Rd. as well as 10 + 20 Guildwood Pkwy) who mailed their membership request in. Thank you for your support.

If you would still like to get your 2002 membership, please fill in the form found on the back page of this issue of the News & Views
OR
visit the Guildwood Village Bakery on Livingston Rd. where Pat & Gerard will be pleased to sell you a membership for just \$10.00

Joan Beaton



Guildwood Village Community Association Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Would you be willing to volunteer for the GVCA? Yes No If yes, in what areas?

Newsletter submissions Membership Canvassing Newsletter/flyer distribution

Guildwood Day Other:

Do you have any youth in your household who would be willing to volunteer some time?

Yes No If yes, in what areas?

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Guildwood Day Other:

Please return your completed application, along with your membership of \$10.00 payable to "GVCA" to:
Guildwood Village Community Association
PO Box 11001
97 Guildwood Parkway
Scarborough, Ontario M1E 5G5

Or drop it off at the Guildwood Village Bakery in the Livingston Mews.