

# Guildwood News & Views



Spring Edition—2003

## Upcoming Events

- April 26 - May 11 -  
Membership Drive
- April 26 - Guildwood  
Clean-up Day
- May 31 - Guildwood  
Garage Sale Day
- June 7 - Guildwood Day

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## Membership Drive

April 26 - May 11, 2003

Annual Fee: \$15.00 per household

We are looking for Area Coordinators and canvassers for our Annual Membership Drive.

If you would be interested in helping us,  
please call  
Judy-Anne Tumber  
(416) 264-6016  
or email  
jatumber@rogers.com

## A Day in the Gardens of Guildwood

Make it happen!

Residents can be proud of a number of special events in our community organized by the Guildwood Village Community Association: Guildwood Day; Garage Sale Day; Christmas Celebration; and Spring and Fall Cleanup Days.

I am proposing another - *A Day in the Gardens of Guildwood* to be held each July. On this day, participating homeowners would open their gardens to visitors. The day would be sponsored by garden-related firms willing to donate prizes for all participants and special prizes to homeowners judged with first, second and third place gardens. Judging would be done by the visitors.

Pictures of the three award-winning gardens would be shown in the sponsors' stores, News and Views, the village website (guildwood.on.ca), and quite likely in local newspapers. It may also be possible to have a TV or radio personality, or political representative present the prizes at the end of the day.

To make this day a success, we need people willing to open their gardens and people willing to assist with the organization of this event.

The benefit to all residents is pride of neighbourhood, an opportunity to learn and share your interest with neighbours, and the making of new friends.

But nothing will happen without you. If you would like to participate by opening your garden or by helping with the organization, or both, please contact me at 416-264-2126 or GVCA executive member and past president, Gerard Baribeau at 416-264-4527.

Cleve Pendock

## Guildwood Village Community Association

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<b>Christmas Celebration</b>	Peter Sherman
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<b>Membership List</b>	Fred Cowin
<b>Guildwood Day Parade</b>	Joyce DeSouza
<b>Environment Clean Team</b>	Judy MacLeod
<b>News &amp; Views</b>	Denise Dennis

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Please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with any submissions you wish returned.

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Did you know that the Guildwood Village Community Association has its 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.

**(416) 410-2755**

**Spring Clean up Day**  
**Saturday April 26th, 2003**  
**9:30—11:30 am**  
**Church of The Holy Trinity**  
**Livingston Rd and Guildwood Parkway**  
**Gloves and Garbage Bags Provided**

**Help Keep Guildwood Clean!!!!**

## A Message From The President



The Guildwood Village Community Association Annual General Meeting took place on the evening of Tuesday, March 25th, 2003. The purpose of the AGM is to inform the community about the business and activities of the community association for the previous year and to elect the officers for the current year. The News and Views is delivered to 3500 homes/apartments in Guildwood Village. Notice of the AGM was posted on the front page of the last issue which was delivered to most homes by the second week of March.

Twenty-seven people attended the AGM, 12 of which were executive committee members and two were our guests Councillor David Soknacki and MPP Steve Gilchrist. The executive committee has been working very hard on your behalf to keep you informed, via the News and Views and the website. Some of our tasks this past nine months included; organizing community activities such as the Christmas Celebration and Guildwood Day; dealing with community concerns such as the Guild Inn, the Guildwood GO south parking lot, the waterfront trail, filming in our community, crime and safety, and the list goes on. It is difficult for the executive committee to determine if we are representing the community when we receive limited feedback from the members.

I would like to thank the community members who did attend the AGM. Your interest, suggestions and support were greatly appreciated. The meeting was delayed 20 minutes due to an insufficient number of paid members in attendance as set out in our constitution. Afterwards we were able to complete the business of the AGM, discuss the proposed budget which resulted in a change of the membership fee for 2003 to \$15.00/family, and elect the GVCA officers for 2003.

On behalf of the GVCA, I would like to thank Stephen Stamatyades for serving as vice-president this past term. Stephen has indicated he will continue as Guildwood Day coordinator for this year but he unfortunately will be unable to do so for next year. The GVCA is looking for a volunteer who is interested in assisting Stephen in the planning of Guildwood Day 2003 with the intent and willingness to take it over for 2004. It would be a shame if this was our last Guildwood Day. We welcome John Stafford in his new position as vice-president.

Upcoming events include: the Guildwood Clean-up Day, Sat. April 26th; the membership drive which begins April 26th and runs until May 11th; Guildwood Community Garage Sale, May 31st; and Guildwood Day, June 7th.

I look forward to meeting you at some of these events.

Donna Milovanovic  
President, GVCA

### Holy Trinity Church, Guildwood Holy Week Services

- April 13, 10:30 am - Passion Sunday, - Palm Processional and Dramatic Presentation
- April 17, 7:30 pm - Maundy Thursday, Remembering the Last Supper and Washing of Feet
- April 18, 10:30 am - Good Friday, Meditation on the Cross
- April 19, 9 pm - Holy Saturday, The Lighting of the Easter Candle
- April 20, 8 am and 10:30 am - Easter Sunday, - Celebration of the Resurrection

*You are invited to join us.*

### West Hill United Church Holy Week Services

- Thurs. April 17, 7:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Service
- Fri. April 18, 11:00 a.m. - Good Friday Service
- Sun. April 20, 7:00 a.m. - Sunrise Labyrinth Walk (back parking lot)
- Sun. April 20, 10:30 a.m. - Easter Communion Service

## Musings of a door to door News & Views Distributor

Delivering the Guildwood News and Views door to door is a doddle of a job once every 3 months. But I sometimes think I'm glad I don't have to deliver the Mirror three times a week, every week, for a year. Delivering the N&V is just a matter of sticking the pamphlet into the letter box isn't it? There's no need to talk to anybody, it's free, and you're out of there in a few seconds. You can't say that when you're a door to door canvasser for the Guildwood Village Community Association asking for the yearly subscription can you? When you're a canvasser, you have to talk to people. Not only that but you have to get them to open their wallet. And some residents might make excuses as to why they don't want to open their wallet. Come to think of it; why do these people live in Guildwood if they don't want to partake of the neighbourliness. Thinking some more, the N&V isn't 'free'. Neither is Guildwood Day, or the Christmas carolling at the Guild grounds. We rely on the annual subscription from Guildwood residents as we wouldn't be able to pay for any of the other things going on here without it.

These are some of the background thoughts going on as one goes door to door delivering the N&V. But I'm a visual person, and that gets me to

thinking about things I see on my travels. 'No junk mail or flyers' I sometimes see. I wonder what category the N&V fits in, if any of those two. I deliver it anyway. Some households make it difficult to deliver however. They don't seem to have a mail box or usable milk chute to leave mail in. I don't know how the mailman does his job here. Perhaps these homeowners don't get bills and things. Or perhaps they retrieve their mail from the post office themselves. Then there's one house with a basement door mail slot. The N&V goes in there, and it sounds like it goes directly into the recycling box. What a waste! Mentioning mail slots, I notice that some are too small, some are too stiff to push open without getting ones fingers caught, some are uninsulated or double flapped and wasteful in household heating, and some are too accessible to household dogs. I'd rather have the mailbox on the outside of the house, but even some of those are too small, and screwed on too high up the wall to see what is really in there.

With home improvements going on these days, some home owners have enclosed their front porches. This is fine in many respects, but often the mail slot is in the inside door, and one has to traverse the

cases of empty beer bottles, recycle bins, garden pots, hockey sticks and array of smelly footwear. Apart from that, one feels like one is intruding into their house to get to the mail drop.

One of the biggest advantages of going door to door in Guildwood though, is to see close up the front gardens and handiwork that has gone on at the front of the houses. In the warm months, flowers and bushes and landscaping come into prominence, but one can see interesting things even when there's a foot of snow on the ground .... like wrapping the wing mirrors of your driveway parked cars in a plastic bag so you avoid having to scrape them of snow and ice, springing the car wipers forward overnight so they're not touching the windshield and hard to clean up in the morning, the non-skid rubber matting that can be put on front porches, and boot and shoe scrapers that really look like they'll do the job. Which gets me to thinking again; what happened to Wendel Clarke's words "Be nice, clear your ice". Twelve hours after a snowfall, don't we still have to have cleared our sidewalks, or did we lose that law too in amalgamation? Regardless, it's still the law in Guildwood to my way of thinking.

Muddling along as always,  
Cuthbert Fazackerly

### **Guildwood Annual Garage Sale.**

**Saturday May 31st 2003 (rain day Sunday June 1st)**

- \* Sponsored by Guildwood Village Community Association. No cost to participants!
- \* Advertised by the GVCA in the Scarborough Mirror and Toronto Star.
- \* Sell your 'stuff' in your driveway , or get together with neighbours and have a combined sale.
- \* 100's of garage sales all over Guildwood.
- \* Customers come from all over Toronto to get Guildwood bargains.
- \* You keep the profits from your sales.
- \* A fun day to meet people, recycle used items, and bargain.

**\*Clear out the house, Buy things you need, Recycle, Have fun, Bargain, Make money!!!**

## West Nile Virus Concerns

A number of Guildwood residents have contacted your association inquiring about measures to deal with the exposures to infected mosquitoes posed to the community from the large quantities of standing water which occur at various locations within the Village. Early in March the GVCA executive contacted Councillor David Soknacki who forwarded our inquiry to Dr. Shella Basur, Toronto's Medical Officer of Health. Following is a portion of the reply from Karl J. Kabasele, Physician Specialist & Associate Medical Officer of Health Healthy Environments Toronto Public Health.

John Mitchell

*Thank you for your inquiry about standing water on the properties surrounding the Guild Inn in Scarborough. As you point out, there are pools of water in the woodlands surrounding the Guild Inn each spring and early summer. This is expected because of melting snow and spring rainfall that saturates the ground. This does present an opportunity for mosquitoes to breed, and in fact the mosquitoes that do breed here are sometimes referred to as 'snow melt mosquitoes'. There are many types of mosquitoes, and these mosquitoes are not specifically known at this time to*

*carry West Nile Virus (WNV).*

*Culex mosquitoes are the main carriers of WNV. Catch basins are a significant source of Culex mosquitoes. Catch basins contain standing water that is not easily removed (i.e. source reduction strategies not practical). Therefore, Toronto Public Health is recommending that the City control Culex mosquitoes using larvicides in catch basins. Source reduction in other settings (e.g. around the home, business, City property) is still an important part of the overall WNV control strategy.*

*To better understand the significance of other mosquito breeding sites, the City will undertake mosquito surveillance in natural areas. This will include the mapping of natural bodies of water and identification of areas of concern. We will continue to conduct mosquito surveillance with the assistance of Health Canada and Brock University to evaluate if any other species of mosquitoes in the City carry WNV.*

*Some bodies of water in natural areas serve an important function in protecting water quality, and therefore should be preserved as much as possible. The City has no plan to use larvicides in natural areas in 2003, but*

*rather encourages property owners and managers to focus on addressing standing water where possible. To address City-owned properties, an interdepartmental WNV working group will be convened to get the assistance of land managers from Parks and Recreation, TTC, Toronto Zoo, and WES to undertake appropriate source-reduction measures. As the Guild Inn lands are managed by P&R, they will be addressed in this process.*

*To address the concern about the disappearance of crows in the area of the Guild Inn, our bird surveillance data from 2002 does not identify that area as being of particular concern for crow deaths. The evidence shows that there were extensive crow deaths City-wide and no one particular area of the City was identified with a disproportionate number of bird deaths. Toronto will continue to conduct bird surveillance as part of the 2003 WNV program.*

*Please note that our WNV information line (416-388-7600) will be available to the public in the late spring, and other helpful information will be posted on the Toronto Public Health web site. Should you have any questions on any aspect of the WNV program for 2003, please contact me at 416-338-8041.*

## News and Views Distribution

When I took over the news and views distribution last year, I wasn't sure what I was getting myself into. In fact I was quite surprised at how large Guildwood is, and how many people live here. Fortunately, there are a large number of volunteers who distribute the News and Views, many of whom have been doing this for several years. The GVCA runs because of people like these and I would like to thank everyone for their continued contribution. In particular, I would like to thank the 6 'area coordinators' for their help as they are the ones who bundle the newsletters for each of the routes and deliver them to the distributors.

I have some statistics about the News and Views that you may find interesting:

There are approx 3500 residences in Guildwood  
We have divided the distribution into 90 'routes'  
There are approx 70 distributors  
There are 6 area coordinators

I mention that there are 70 distributors and 90 routes to help point out that we could use some more help in getting the News and Views delivered once every 3 months. The routes are set up to take about 20-30 minutes to deliver.

If you would like to give us a hand getting the News and Views delivered, please email me at [johnkstafford@rogers.com](mailto:johnkstafford@rogers.com) or call me at 416-264-8898.

John Stafford - Vice-President

## West Nile Virus—What We Can Do!!!!

As I write this, the city is gripped in fear over Sudden Acute Respiratory Syndrome. No doubt, that will soon fade from the news and be replaced with West Nile Virus fear. Many Guildwood residents have voiced concerns already.

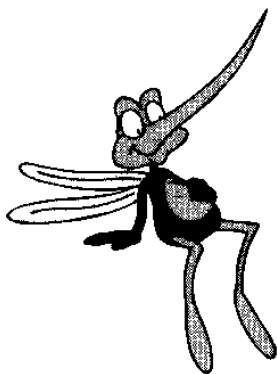
As indicated in the letter from the Ministry of Health, we need to take precautions and address the issue of standing water on our own properties.

The most obvious solution, is to avoid being bitten. Here are a few ways in which we can reduce the risk of being bitten.

- When possible stay indoors during peak mosquito times. Usually between dusk to dawn.
- Use an insect repellent containing DEET.
- Wear light coloured clothing. Wearing long sleeves and pants can also help.
- Avoid scented soaps and perfumes when planning to be out of doors.
- Use mosquito netting to protect small babies sleeping outside.
- Wear a hat when out of doors.
- Install bat and bird houses on your property. Both bats and birds eat millions of mosquitoes.

My in-laws brought back an interesting item when they visited Guyana a few years ago. They look like horses tails made out of straw. As you walk outside, you swish this around your body or your head to keep the bugs at bay. We've used them up north for

both mosquitoes and blackflies with a lot of success. Perhaps we can take a lesson from these.



The second tip, is to discourage mosquitoes from breeding. Mosquitoes can breed in any source of stagnant water. This can be any pool of

water from a thimble size up that has been standing for more than four days. There are a number of ways that you can eliminate mosquito breeding on your property.

- Empty out any pools of standing water including flower pots, gardening cans, wheelbarrows, puddles, rain barrels and old tires.
- Replace the water in your bird bath at least every other day.
- Drill holes in the bottom of any containers you plan to leave outside.
- Keep your swimming pool aerated, cleaned and chlorinated even if isn't in use.

- Immediately remove water that collects on pool covers.
- Turn over wading pools when not in use.
- Clear leaves and twigs from eavestroughs, storm and roof gutters.
- Check flat roofs frequently for standing water.
- Turn over your compost frequently.
- Fill in low depressions in lawn areas.
- Clear out dense shrubbery where mosquitoes like to rest.
- Drill holes in the bottom of recycling and trash containers to allow water to drain.
- Repair any leaking hoses, water pipes or joints.
- Repair and replace torn screens in doors, windows and vents to prevent mosquitoes from entering your home.
- Make sure drainage ditches are not clogged

Hopefully, with these measures, we can all enjoy a healthy summer. After all, Guildwood is just too beautiful a place to be in summer, who wants to spend it in the house hiding from the mosquitoes.

Deborah Cameron

### Guildwood Day 2003 Saturday June 7th

#### Held at Sir Wilfrid Laurier CI:

Parade  
Children's Games  
Pony Rides  
Vendors Tables

#### On The Guild Grounds:

Evening BBQ and entertainment  
Don't miss the tug of war

Volunteers needed to help with Guildwood Day.

For more information, please contact Stephen Stamatyades at (416) 269-4411.

## A Message from David Soknacki

Just when many thought that final negotiations for the renovation of the Guild Inn property were to begin, it seems that the City's Legal staff have raised so many concerns that a revised Request for Proposals must be issued, this time with a return date of May 15th.

Here are some of the details. You may recall that four proponents had submitted their ideas to the City earlier this year. As part of the detailed review, confidential discussions took place between City staff and the proponents, and among City staff in order to bring a report for the community and Council to consider. The plan was to make the decision to start formal negotiations with one of the proponents.

However, the City's Legal staff pointed out very clearly that in various respects each of the four proponents did not fulfill the legal requirements of the application. Of course I pointed out that the City's application form does state that the City can waive any condition. In return City staff are very conscious that they are under intense scrutiny after the MFP and Union Station problems. Therefore they will not recommend any deviation from the strict letter of the law.

In my discussion with colleagues at Council, friends have advised that given the legal issues raised, it would be faster for staff to make some changes to a few paragraphs in the Request for Proposals, and then reissue the document with a very tight deadline. As well, staff have agreed to some approximate dates: issuance on April 15th, return on May 15th, and presentation of recommendations for Committee on June 3rd, which could go to Council for June 24th. Essentially it will be a three month delay to get it right.

Next in order of importance to Villagers is the matter of the south parking lot at the Guildwood GO station. This matter was first raised in my newsletter in January, and residents have raised concerns about the inconvenience caused by the potential closure. By way of background information, there

are approximately 430 parking spaces on the south side, of which about 120 are in the kiss-and-ride section. On an average day, almost 300 spaces are used on the south side. GO is building a lot of 570 spaces on the north side. In response to the need from Villagers, we have an undertaking from the City's Facilities and Real Estate staff that a minimum of 200 spaces will be maintained on the southern side, specifically as an extension of the kiss-and-ride section. At the same time the City is negotiating with GO Transit to sell to GO Transit the southern parking lot (along with other City properties used by GO). If the transaction is successful, then GO will consider the continued operation of the south parking lot as additional parking capacity since there is a real parking problem at their Rouge station lot. If this second option is successful, then the Guildwood south lot will remain open, and there will not be a requirement to extend the kiss-and-ride section. I think it fair to thank our MPP Steve Gilchrist for his assistance on working on the GO Transit 'side' while I worked on the City 'side' of this matter.

On another subject some Villagers have contacted my office with concerns over mosquitoes breeding in pools of water in the many parks of the Village, and have commented on seeing fewer crows and blue jays. The City's Department of Health responded by explaining first of all, that while these pools of water do present an opportunity for mosquitoes to breed, the mosquitoes that do breed here are sometimes referred to as 'snow melt mosquitoes'. There are many types of mosquitoes and these ones are not specifically known at this time to carry West Nile Virus. Secondly, to address the concern about the disappearance of some birds in the area our Health Department's surveillance data from 2002 does not identify the area as being of particular concern for crow deaths. The evidence shows that there were extensive crow deaths City-wide, no one particular area of the City was identified with a disproportionate number of bird deaths. As well staff have identified the forested areas of the Village as meriting careful review, so the

City bird and mosquito population surveillance in our areas as part of the 2003 West Nile Virus program.

Finally, a word about spring and gardening. This year we will be participating in a number of activities during Compost Day on May 24. One of the places for compost pickup will again be at Sir Wilfrid Laurier CI on the Guildwood Parkway. Please remember to bring your shovels and containers.

As always I welcome your comments on any municipal matter and the opportunity to be of service. My recently updated website at [www.soknacki.com](http://www.soknacki.com), contains information on local organizations, news and events at City Hall. You can also communicate by email at [councillor\\_soknacki@city.toronto.on.ca](mailto:councillor_soknacki@city.toronto.on.ca), phone me at 416 396 7222, or send a fax to 416 392 4006. Alternatively you can visit Joan Bannister, my full-time constituency assistant on the second floor of the Scarborough Civic Centre.

David Soknacki, Councillor  
Scarborough East

### Deterioration of the Historic Guild Inn

The GVCA response to the further delay caused by the March 25th announcement of a revised Request for Proposal (the third such proposal) included: verbally expressing our concerns regarding the deterioration of the buildings on the property to Councillor Soknacki at the AGM; a follow-up letter to the councillor and city staff outlining our concerns, specifically damage to the roof structures, walls, windows and foundation; a request for the city to conduct a building inspection to assess the damage; a request for a plan of action from the city to begin work to repair the damage to the Bickford Inn and Studio, which will protect the buildings from further deterioration. Our letter included six photographs showing areas of disrepair. If you are interested in seeing photographs of the deteriorating structures, log on to our website, [www.guildwood.on.ca](http://www.guildwood.on.ca).  
Donna Milovanovic,  
President, GVCA

## LOOKING BACK, LOOKING FORWARD

2002 Financial Statements, 2003 Forecast

In the twelve months ended December 31, 2002, expenses exceed revenues by \$4,610. Membership revenues collected for 2002 came in at \$11,607. A \$1000 contribution from Odyssey 5 for filming that had taken place in Guildwood. Some interest income brought the total revenue to \$12,742. Expenses for those 12 months totaled \$17,354, with the largest two components being Guildwood Day costs and printing costs associated with News and Views. Guildwood Day expenses are in line with prior years' Guildwood Day expenses. There were two editions of News and Views published in 2002. The costs of these two expanded issues were \$5,842. In 2001 News and Views was not published.

Since the 1980's or before, the annual membership fee has been \$10.00. Statistics Canada reports that the purchasing power of a \$1.00 1986 is reduced to \$0.643 by January of 2003.

Since at least the early 1990's there has been a \$5000 GIC set aside as a membership contingency to cover any 'emergencies'. To have the same purchasing power as \$5000 1986 dollars had in 1986, the contingency should be at least \$8000 in 2003, and possibly considerably higher.

Maintaining the same level of community 'services' (namely the Guildwood Day activities, Guildwood Christmas Celebration, and publishing 4 issues of News and Views in 2003), the budget committee foresees expenses totaling \$21,750. While the carried forward surplus from previous years is \$19,332, this amount is inclusive of the membership contingency, as well as working funds to cover expenses in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter before funds are collected from the membership drive.

While it is possible to draw down the carried forward surplus somewhat, continuing to run a deficit year over year will result in the demise of the Association due to lack of funds. There are three ways to 'balance the books' and ensure that the Association

has funds available to pay all its current commitments and obligations, maintain the level of activities and services as in 2002 (with 4 issues of News and Views vs. 2) as well as have some additional funds available should it become necessary to take steps ensure that the interests and opinions of Guildwood residents are heard or even just cover a large one-of expense, perhaps new signage that "You are Now Entering Guildwood Village". The three ways that have been discussed to some degree in previous GVCA executive meetings are: (1) other sources of revenue (2) increase the membership base or (3) increase the membership fee.

1) Other sources of revenue include the inclusion of advertising in the News and Views for a fee. This topic was discussed last year in some detail, but was temporarily set-aside until more information, costs, and opinions were obtained. Some of the issues were the administration of the 'sales' and collection side; whether the Constitution even allows such; whether it should be open to business located within Guildwood Village, those that serve the community but are outside the Village, or those whose principals reside in Guildwood; what sort of business/entities should advertising be sought, and should any be turned down; also, what additional costs would be incurred by opening the News and Views to advertising. Another important input is yours - WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT YOU - THE GUILDWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNITY - HAVE TO SAY ON THE TOPIC, it is YOUR newsletter after all. This topic is sure to be discussed fully at a future GVCA executive meeting.

2) For the 2003 proposed budget, we have assumed that 1400 memberships will be sold. That in itself is an increase of 20.6% over the 1160 memberships in 2002.

3) The other option is to increase the membership fee. It has been \$10.00 for at least 20 years, and while other costs, notably paper, have gone up tremendously over those 20 years, the fee has remained fixed. A motion was put forward, and passed, at the AGM

held on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2003 to increase the membership for the 2003 year to \$15.00 per household. Assuming we do meet our goal of 1400 memberships in 2003, at \$15 per membership, \$21000 will be collected as membership revenue, and thus our projected expenses would only be \$750 above revenues for 2003.

To summarize, having no nest egg to fall back on should unforeseen expenses, is not a good way for the Association to carry on business, nor is it a financially responsible way to ensure the Association's continued existence. Should the need arise, but no funds be present, it could prevent the Association from properly executing its mandate to promote community activities, interest and participation in local municipal affairs and to represent the interests of the members of the Association to all levels of government and other organizations. Should costs go down significantly, or other ways to raise the funds is found, the membership fee may go back to \$10.00, but until then, beginning with the 2003 year membership in your Guildwood Village Community Association has been set at \$15.00 per household.

I would enjoy any thoughts for or against (none indifferent please) on the fee increase, advertising in your News and Views, or any other topics raised in this article. I can be reached via e-mail at [treasurer@guildwood.on.ca](mailto:treasurer@guildwood.on.ca) or via snail-mail through the GVCA at

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Rob Taubmann,  
your GVCA Treasurer.



## Go South Parking Lot at Guildwood—A Reprieve

At the Annual General Meeting of the GVCA held on March 25, 2003 Steve Gilchrist MPP announced that the GO Transit authority is in negotiations with the City of Toronto to purchase the south parking lot, along with all other city owned GO parking lots. The market value evaluation is currently being performed and when complete the deal will close.

It is possible that without the intervention of your association that we would have lost the south parking lot. Our voices were heard because we were talking as one and not as individuals. The actions of Steve Gilchrist, MPP and Councillor David Soknacki were instrumental in bringing about this result, however it was because of our action as a community association that helped to get a hearing.

Reg Wolfe

### FYI

The Guildwood Village Community Association is currently working with Councillor David Soknacki on the filming issue. Our goal is not to get rid of filming in Guildwood but to have the current procedures and policies enforced. This should alleviate many of the problems that we have been hearing about.

## Filming in Guildwood—The Other Side

**Dear Editor:** I read with interest in the Winter Edition of the Guildwood News and Views an article written by a Toynbee Trail area resident entitled “**Hollywood North Comes to Guildwood**”. While I can empathize with the writer that film and television production sometimes causes both a distraction and a minor inconvenience, I think the article reinforces some widely held misconceptions about our industry. The film business is a billion dollar a year industry and employs more than 35,000 people in the GTA. Toronto Economic Development ranks Film & Television production as the 5th largest economic engine contributing to our local economy. Film production is a clean, non-invasive, non-polluting, well paid and highly sought after industry; not like some industry’s that preceded film that operated in non-descript, isolated bunkers and spewed toxins into our air and water.

My wife and I are both film workers, live in Guildwood and coincidentally bought our house from a film worker who has since moved to a larger house in the Village. When we walk or shop in the area we are constantly encountering other film workers who also call Guildwood home. As Canadians we have done better than most countries competing for film dollars because of our ability to film in communities such as ours. Communities across the GTA that realize the nature of film and the economic impact on all of us; not just the City or big US producers but for us, your friends, relatives, neighbours and taxpayers.

Specifically, the City of Toronto has a very well crafted film policy that allows for two film occasions per calendar year in a geographically defined area; not the same address as stated in the article. Thereafter any subsequent request to film in the area would require the written consent of the “*majority of those affected*”. The City’s Film & Television Office responds to each and every valid complaint and does not rely on the unanimous objections of a neighbourhood to intercede on behalf of residents.

Film producers are required to notify area residents a minimum of 48 hours in advance of any intended film activity. While isolated incidents have occurred from time to time, rarely would a film company elect to film without a film permit as it is both illegal and would nullify the insurance coverage in force that is a requirement of all film companies.

Contrary to the suggestions made in the article, if you encounter a film company that is acting irresponsibly, you should contact the Location Manager or the Production Manager by the telephone number listed on the Notice of Filming and voice your concerns. If you are not in receipt of a telephone number, any film worker on set can summon a Locations person to assist you. If you are not satisfied with the resolution suggested or if you are at an impasse by all means contact the Toronto Film & Television Office at 416.392.7570. If you still don’t receive a satisfactory resolution to your concerns, contact your Councillor whose office will intervene on your behalf.

If all of my arguments still don’t satisfy the anxiety brought on by the sight of all those film trucks, take solace in the fact that your property taxes would be exponentially higher if it weren’t for the billion dollar a year shot in the arm the film industry makes.

Most film workers have a great deal of respect for the neighbourhoods they are in and conduct themselves as such. After all, when was the last time a construction company hand delivered you a notice inviting you to voice your concerns before they came to dig up your street?

Sincerely,  
Chris & Lucille Kenyon

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Mon & Thurs. 12:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
 Wednesday Closed  
 Tues & Fri 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
 Sat 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Community Garage Sale and Guildwood Day

Guildwood Library will have a Book Sale Saturday May 31 inside the library. It will be part of the Guildwood Community Garage Sale.

Guildwood Library will be at Sir Wilfrid Laurier C.I. to help the community celebrate Guildwood Day. Guildwood Library staff will be delighted to tell you about what is new at the library. Children can come and get a preview

of the TD Summer Reading Club. Saturday June 7 – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Summer Reading Club** – Twenty Thousand Reads Under the Sea – starts Friday July 4.

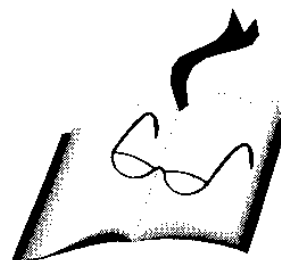
Children are invited to drop into the library anytime during library hours to read great books, get a beautiful poster, stickers and more. The Club is open to all ages. Parents and caregivers may read to small children and teens are welcome too.

Children receive a log book to record their reading during the summer. It is a wonderful way to enjoy Summer reading. Please see notices in the library for details.

Last summer children read over 1000 books.

**Party for Guildwood Summer Reading Club Members** – Friday August 22 – 2:30 p.m.

Children are invited to attend a party to celebrate the end the Summer Reading Club Certificates will be presented to children who have read the required number of books during the summer. Refreshments, games and fun for all!!!

**Neighbourhood Watch Crime Report****January****Break and enters:**

Burnage Court – broke lock to shed, snowblower and power tools stolen

Wythenshaw Wood – entered garage and attempted to steal snowblower

**Robbery** of youth - noon hour

**February**

**Robbery** (2 occurrences) of youth on same day – noon hour

**March****Break and enter:**

Guild Inn

Greyabbey Trail – electronics, alcohol, jewellery, cash stolen

**Home Invasion** – Catalina Drive

**Robbery** of youth

**Listen, Observe and Report - For Everyone's Sake!**

There have been several robberies of young people in the Guildwood community over the past few months. In two cases, the victims were too frightened to report the crimes to the police.

It is important for parents, grandparents and other community members to communicate with the young people in our neighbourhood. Every child, whether they are a teenager or younger, has the right to live in a community where they feel safe and secure. It is essential that our children know that robbery and intimidation are crimes that cannot be tolerated. Unfortunately, there seems to be a code of silence among youth, especially when they are convinced that they might be further victimized by the criminal. Listen to your children, try to read between the lines and gently prod them for more information. We, as caregivers, must strive to protect our young people and report all incidents to the police at 416-808-2222.

A few concerned Guildwood residents and business owners have formed a Crime Prevention/Safety Group for our community. We are working to address issues of safety with all of our community partners, including the schools, so that crime does not increase in our neighbourhood. Some students at Laurier have organized a wonderful program called ESP - Empowering Student Partnerships which organizes and promotes student-led safety projects.

If you would like to get involved in our community safety group or if you would like to participate in the Neighbourhood Watch network, please contact lori@crimeconcern.org or 416-225-1102.

Lori Metcalfe

## News from Sir Wilfrid Laurier CI

Spring is upon us and the final school term is about to begin. The past couple of months since the last newsletter have been full of positive activities and events at Laurier

- Our Sears Drama Festival group performed Woody Allen's play *God in our auditorium* on Thursday, February 20. The regional competition was held at Woburn on March 3. At this time we are waiting for the official results.
- FLOW Radio did a multi media presentation as part of African Heritage Month.
- February 26 was our United Cultures Club International Luncheon.
- Wednesday, March 5 was our Honour Society Reception for students who received Honours standing for the semester 1 report card.
- We had wonderful results from the Winter sports season. Special thanks to our staff who volunteered their time.
- Junior Boys' Basketball Team were Regional Champions (Coach: Mr. Jovanov)
- Senior Boys' Basketball Team finished second in a heart breaking final game (Coach: Mr. Vallejo)
- Hockey Team finished second in a wonderful final game (Coach: Mr. Shafransky)
- Swim Team had many successful results (Coaches: Ms. Heard and Mr. Grosdanoff)
- Bantam Boys' Basketball Team made it to the semi-finals (Coach: Mr. Vallejo)
- Bantam Girls Volleyball Team made it to the semi-finals (Coaches: Ms. Bauer and Ms. Gage)
- Our E.S.P. group (Empowering Student Partnerships) has been attending conferences on leadership and safety. Laurier's E.S.P. group was recently featured in a very positive article in the Scarborough Mirror. Currently they

are working on arranging a plaza/community assembly.

Finally, Laurier welcomes our new School Based Safety Monitors (formerly known as Hall Monitors), Mike Connely. Mike has been working as a Hall Monitor at North Toronto C.I. for the past year. Mike is a retired police officer from 42 Division. We look forward to having Mike as part of our community and the assistance he will provide in helping make Laurier a safe and welcoming environment.

We look forward to seeing you at school events in the future.

Andrew Gold



## News from Laurier Students

### Oh Zeus!

A story has to have a beginning, middle and an end, right? Not if you're (in) God.

For this year's Sears' Drama festival a troupe of Laurier students have recreated Woody Allen's play *God* with hilarious results.

The play opens in the middle of a conversation between Hepatitis the writer, played by Charles Skelton, and Diabetes the actor, played by Joel Drewry, who are discussing the play's ending like always. When they pull a graduate of Brooklyn College, Doris Levine (Ashley Ross), up from the audience to discuss grave philosophical questions strange things start to happen. Trichinosis (Scott Cole) throws a new spin on things with his "Deus Ex" machine that may be the ugliest contraption ever built. The play within the

play makes you wonder about those ancient Greeks and ends, unsurprisingly, in chaos.

Patrick Chapin does an excellent job playing Lorenzo Miller/Chauncy. His hilarious acting is heightened in the scene where he goes off the stage and ad-libs with the audience. Lee, unfortunately, does not stick around after the play! Jessica Drewry, in her role as Bursitis/God, gives a very comical performance. It isn't easy being God, as she shows in her final scene. The chorus must also be commended for their precise, though not at all involved, performance. Very well done indeed! The performance is wonderful and reflects dedication shown by all the cast and the directors, Ms. Burnip and Rob Yaneff, that must be commended.

Jaclyn Mika

### Elizabeth Simcoe thINKs Green

Elizabeth Simcoe Jr. Public School has recently been designated as a collection site for the thINK FOOD project. The mission of this project is to help alleviate hunger and divert waste from landfill sites by collecting and recycling used inkjet cartridges to raise funds for food banks.

A drop box is located in the lobby of the school, which is located at 166 Sylvan Ave. We appreciate your efforts in helping both the environment and the food banks.

*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 10km route through central Guildwood and the Hill Crescent area. The pace is brisk and we are back by 10:40 pm. You can be in 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

## **Guildwood Junior Public School Second annual Garage Sale/ Spring Carnival**

May 31st

in conjunction with  
the Guildwood Community Garage Sale.

The following will be available to the public on that day:

Garage Sale Items  
Table for Rent  
Games for the Kids  
Raffles  
Popcorn, Candy Floss and Sno-Cone Machines  
Full B.B.Q.  
and possibly ????? Krispy Kreme Donuts.

## **Outside Looking In**

Hello Guildwood,

I have been reading, and thoroughly enjoying, your website.

You may recognise our names because recently we have very cheekily been entering your Caption Competition (but we haven't won yet!) But I thought maybe you wondered why you were getting entries from here, and who we were.

We are the Hardie family and we live in Mirfield, which is a small town in Yorkshire, England. It is a lot like Guildwood, except that it is much older (Mentioned in the Doomsday book 1086). My name is Lynne and my husband is called David. We have 2 daughters, Beverley & Joanne, who are married to Stephen & Jonathan, and they also live in Mirfield. Like Guildwood we have green fields and woods and parks. But where you have a lake, we have the River Calder, and the Calder & Hebble Canal running through the town. The original name for Mirfield was Mire Field. Mirfield is in a valley and on the hillside above us is Kirklees Priory from where Robin Hood fired his last arrow, and his grave is in the grounds.

I feel like a Peeping Tom looking in on you, but sometimes here in England we imagine Canadians either live in Big Cities or Pine Tree clad mountains in log cabins and wear lumberjack shirts! (Campbell's Kingdom and Rosemarie have a lot to answer for.)

I love your website, and from reading your News & Views I feel that I know your village.

The caption photos show people of all ages taking part in an event and enjoying themselves. They say a picture paints a thousand words. Your village seems a lovely place to live and bring up your children. A lake, plenty of green spaces, but most of all, a strong Community which is evolving and adapting to accommodate and support everyone.

Treasure what you have, and never take it for granted.

Please keep on being just as you are, and I hope you don't mind me looking in occasionally.

Thank you,  
Lynne Hardie