

Guildwood News & Views



Winter Edition—2003

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Guildwood Village Community Association Annual General Meeting

Tuesday March 25, 2003
7:30 pm
Church of the Holy Trinity
Guildwood Village

Topics of discussion will include:

- Election of Executive Officers
- Approval of 2002 Financial Statements
- Discussion of 2003 budget

Further items of interest or concern to Guildwood residents

Positions For Election

President

The President shall act as chairman for all General Meetings, shall exercise general supervision over the affairs and activities of the Association, shall ensure that an Agenda is prepared for each General Meeting and for each Executive Meeting and shall serve as ex-officio member of any committee.

Vice-President

The Vice-president shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence, or when specifically asked by the President to do so.

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall:

- a. Maintain appropriate books of accounts and financial records;
- b. Deposit all funds in a financial institution approved by the Executive Committee;
- c. Submit a financial report to each Executive Committee meeting;
- d. Submit appropriate financial statements to the Annual General Meeting for the preceding fiscal year;
- c. Assist the President in the preparation of budgets.

Secretary

The Secretary shall:

- a. Make a record of minutes of the Executive Committee meetings and General Meetings;
- b. Be the custodian of the minutes and other official documents of the Association, including the membership roll;
- c. Attend to correspondence as directed by the Executive Committee.

**Nominations for these positions can be made by contacting
Lori Metcalfe at (416) 266-7092.**

Guildwood Village Community Association

Executive Committee

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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

Congratulations

Special congratulations go to Lorraine Dilling and Wally and Doreen Young for receiving the Queen's Jubilee Awards.

Lorraine Dilling received the award for her work with the MS Read-a-thon program. She is also well known in the community for her years as the librarian at Jack Miner Senior Public.

The Young's received their awards for their participation as Foster Parents. Wally Young is also known for his tireless effort keeping the Rosa and Spencer Clark garden well maintained.

A Message From The President



Your GVCA executive committee has been very busy this fall and winter organizing events, attending meetings, and generally keeping up-to-date on the Guild Inn proposals and decisions that will impact our community. We are currently planning for the upcoming Annual General Meeting, yearly Membership drive and Guildwood Day.

In November the GVCA and the neighbourhood churches held a Community Memorial Service to celebrate and remember the life of Frank Brinkhof. Several members of the community participated in the service and were able to share their thoughts and memories of Frank. His many contributions to our community were greatly appreciated.

In the fall, several meetings were held with some home owners on Tivoli Court to address concerns regarding property encroachments on land with in the Scarborough Transit Corridor. The issue has been resolved to the satisfaction of the concerned residents and the City.

In December, the annual Christmas Celebration took place on a very cold and windy night on the Guild grounds. Approximately 75 neighbours gathered to sing carols and socialize. Thank heavens for the hot chocolate and the tent.

An East Waterfront Workshop to develop a Culture and Heritage Plan as well as a Waterfront Reference Group Public meeting regarding the City of Toronto Waterfront Development took place in December. Representatives from the community association attended both meetings to make sure our concerns about the waterfront area and the bluffs were addressed.

In January, a meeting with our community partners took place at Sir Wilfrid Laurier C.I. to address concerns regarding students at the plaza during lunch hour and after school. The meeting was useful as we identified the problems, from both an adult and student perspective. A plan of action was developed to address these concerns. We plan to continue communicating regularly with Laurier staff, students, the police, merchants, plaza management and community members.

The recent news of closure of the Guildwood GO south parking lot has caused some concern for Guildwood residents. Councillor Soknacki is aware of our concerns regarding the increased entry and exit traffic from the soon to be expanded north lot onto Kingston Rd., the future land use of the south lot and the general inconvenience to the local commuters who have been using the south lot. Hopefully a suitable solution can be reached before the scheduled closing of the south lot.

The future of the Guild Inn and the results of the Request for Proposal will be shared with the community as soon as the formal report recommending the preferred proponent is written. The GVCA executive committee has met regularly with Councillor David Soknacki and more recently with Glenn Garwood from the Economic Development and Culture Department. We have received information regarding the RFP process, the four proposals that were received and the process involved in choosing a preferred proponent. I am confident that the interests of our community, the City and the proposed developer can be taken into consideration to ensure an acceptable revitalization of the Guild property. I encourage the Guildwood Community to keep an open mind as the process unfolds. Let's keep what is special about the Guild property, while moving forward with a proposal that will ensure it's viability in the future.

More detailed information on some of the above points as well as dates for upcoming events are included in this issue. Find a comfortable chair, pour yourself a cup of coffee or a glass of wine and enjoy a good read.

Donna Milovanovic, President

Membership Drive

April 26 - May 11, 2003

We are looking for volunteers to canvas for our membership drive.

If you would be interested in helping us,
please call the GVCA hotline at
(416) 410-2755.

Hollywood North Comes to Guildwood

Hollywood north seems to have arrived to Toynbee Trail. Without regard for this quiet neighbourhood, the film/production companies have invaded the street without concern or respect for those of us who do not appreciate the congestion. We have a city council so hungry for money that taxpayers seem to have lost their individual rights. If an individual wants to complain about filming in his/her area, they must have unanimous protest from other neighbours, otherwise the City of Toronto does not act on an individ-



ual complaint.

The City of Toronto issues filming permits up to twice per calendar year to the same location. Barely four months ago, the residents of Toynbee Trail were subjected to seven months of ongoing production at one location and on January 20, 2002 another production took place at the very same address.

Toynbee Trail is a very narrow street, no sidewalks and students walking constantly to and from school (Laurier Collegiate). In councillor Soknacki's 2002 Winter newsletter

he states that "When my office gets a copy of the application for a film license we see if there have been any complaints on the issue, and the same check is done by the City Film Office." In this particular shoot on January 30, 2002 his office was not aware that there was a request for a permit, until a resident of Toynbee Trail called his office.

If you disagree with this constant intrusion in our neighbourhood please show your support by calling Councillor Soknacki's office at (416) 396-7222.

Denise Bothe

GO Station South Parking Axed! ?

It was with some surprise that I learned from Councillor David Soknacki's Winter 2002 news paper of the plans to close the south parking lot of the Guildwood GO station. After the August 2003 completion of the expanded north parking lot those of us living south of the tracks will have to access the parking lot from the Kingston Road entrance by Bob Johnson Motors. Those using the south parking lot (about 220 to 250 cars per day) will have to spend time (possibly 10 to 15 minutes extra each way) combating rush hour traffic on a major artery. How, with the stated objective of getting cars off the roads and taking public transit instead, can this be considered an improvement?

Having this in mind I contacted GO transit, Councillor Soknacki, the Mayor and Steve Gilchrist, MPP for this area, to get some background on the decision making involved in the plan. The responses were quick in coming. The Scarborough Mirror and Toronto Star were also contacted. The Mirror ran a story on the front page of the January 19th, 2003 edition. A reporter from the Star made contact and is working on a story. He lives in Guildwood and is really familiar with the issue.

Steve Gilchrist did not know of the plan until he read it in David Soknacki's paper, but he did some research and found out that GO had been paying rent to the City of Toronto, which owns the land on which the parking lot is situated, of \$96,000 per year but it was usuriously increased to \$200,000 by the City. The City would not sell the south lot to GO.

GO Transit responded that the matter was not finalized and that negotiations were ongoing, but that the fate of the south parking lot is dependent upon a mutually satisfactory agreement with the City. Separately, Gordon Chong GO Transit Chair, indicated that the City was asking too much and this prompted GO to purchase the old lumber yard for expansion. Gordon Chong also was quoted in the Scarborough Mirror as saying that residents will have to get used to driving around to the north lot and that if people don't like change they can't accommodate them. That's a strange concept of providing service, but that's how it is folks!

At the time of writing this (early February) the mayor's office had not responded to either of the two e-mails I had sent. David Soknacki's office has responded with the news that he has met with GO Transit officials in the first week of February. There is a chance that about 200 parking spaces may be salvaged; this will be announced after publication of this story.

**This is your community
and your voice has to be
heard on this issue.**

This is your community and your voice has to be heard on this issue. It may not be just a matter of parking. What will the City do with the land if

GO gives it up? If it is worth \$200,000 in rent perhaps it will be sold, but for what and to whom? Make your voice heard, call or write or e-mail GO, the Mayor, and your councillor.

We know GO does eventually listen, after all they built an entrance to the north lot at the end of Payzac Avenue but did not open it up after local residents protested. So lets make our voices heard!

Reg Wolfe

Guildwood Day—Who Cares?

Guildwood Day is a story of caring people, uniting in celebration of their community.

During the summer of 2000, I wrote in the News & Views about the magic of Guildwood Day, and the way it develops a life of its own. It really seemed like magic, my first year at the helm. The many who help make it happen really believe in their community. They understand Guildwood Village is a commu-



nity with a vision and collective resolve and they roll up their sleeves like nobody's business. Guildwood Day represents a village in harmony and people who care.

The opportunity to serve this community has been an enjoyable, enriching experience. I have enjoyed meeting and liaising with all involved in the organization and execution of this worthwhile Guildwood Village event, and realize that it would be rather selfish not to share this

opportunity with others. As I make preparations for the 46th annual Guildwood Day this year, I contemplate passing the torch for 2004. The only thing missing right now, is who will receive it.

What does it take? ...someone who cares, someone with resolve, a little planning, but most of all, someone who cares. That's the magic of Guildwood Day.

If you would like to assist with Guildwood Day this year, or coordinate it next year, I'd be happy to hear from you.

Stephen Stamatyades (416) 269-4411

Let's Keep our Community Safe

Guildwood Village is similar to a small town – that's why most of us enjoy living here! Our residents are caring and involved community members who show regard for our neighbours, businesses and surrounding environment. When something unfortunate happens in our neighbourhood, it is quite unsettling.

In December some residents witnessed a fight among several youth at the Guildwood Plaza. This was a frightening event to some of our community members. The police were called and the issue was dealt with. According to police records, this was the second altercation in the plaza since school commenced in September 2002.

Residents were concerned and asked the GVCA executive to assist in addressing the situation so that this type of behaviour would not escalate. A meeting was arranged with community partners – the principal of Laurier Collegiate, student representatives, school liaison and crime prevention police officers, local business owners, plaza property managers, school council representatives and members of the GVCA executive.

There was a very healthy dialogue among the meeting participants. Business owners and property managers explained their position - they want the students as customers. The Guildwood Plaza will continue to have security patrols at lunchtime and after

school hours, to help move the students along so that they do not congregate in large crowds and impede other customers.

Two incidents over four months among a population of 1400 students is not perceived to be a large problem but we as a community need to take some responsibility and report anything that we believe to be dangerous or illegal activity. Mr. Gold, who recently became the principal of Laurier, explained that problem students are being dealt with expeditiously and that he would keep on top of the situation. The school liaison police officers indicated that they are working with students to build a healthy sense of social responsibility. The day we held our meeting, some Laurier students had organized an effective presentation with skits about bullying.

Police indicate that there is not a major problem with youth in our neighbourhood. Most of the students at Laurier are hard working, well-mannered kids who are doing their best to be responsible citizens. They may dress and act a little bit differently than we did, but they are young people who have dreams and aspirations.

Parents and students at the meeting indicated that they would like young people to feel welcome in our community because this is their neighbour-

hood too. All agreed that students need to be respectful of others around them and that fighting and bullying are not acceptable behaviours. But respect goes in both directions. Students stated strongly that they appreciate being treated fairly and equally by Guildwood residents and business owners.

Large groups of youth congregating in any one place can be a bit daunting to some folks and because we have a high school in the centre of Guildwood, large groups are what we see. We were encouraged by participants not to be intimidated by the young people – but to welcome them. By smiling, making eye contact and acknowledging their presence we are sending a message to them that we value young people as part of our community and when they feel value and respect, their behaviour and attitudes will improve.

I challenge the residents of Guildwood to be visible in the community at all times. If we avoid going to areas where the students congregate, we are essentially giving up a part of our neighbourhood. Disorderly behaviour is reduced in communities where residents of all ages connect with each other and work towards positive solutions.

Lori Metcalfe
Neighbourhood Watch
416-225-1102 or

Worth Repeating Guildwood Recollections

1958—Those were the days... Of dust everywhere; of broken springs and axles bouncing over the bumpy rutted roads; daily jaunts to the Scarborough Post Office on Kingston Road at Eglinton to pick up mail; and then afterwards the utterance of mild (?) oaths when the keys wouldn't open the iced-up locks of the mail boxes located on Guildwood Parkway at Chancery Lane. The time of pitch black spooky nights without the friendly glow from the street lamps; the time of break-ins and cat burglars and when every other house owned a dog to alert the street of any unusual night-time activities in the area. The time when there were no Schools; the time when the Anglican Church Services were held in the Public School on Dearham Woods near Poplar Road.

1958—The year when the Guildwood Community Association was formed by the early residents of the Village.

I became Secretary of the Association when the second President, Bob Humphreys, chaired the meetings. Monthly meetings were held in an old mansion located on the site of Sir Wilfrid Laurier C.I. With excellent attendance at each meeting.

It took me 15 minutes or so to read the Minutes of the Meetings and I remember well the Executive pleading with me to shorten the Minutes, but I was adamant as everyone expected to hear what they had contributed to the previous meeting—and believe me, everyone had something to say! If anything was omitted, the Executive were quickly notified of the exclusion..

Many topics were discussed—whether certain areas should be zoned commercially, whether maisonettes should be constructed on the Parkway, whether high rise buildings should be erected in some areas, etc., with the General Meeting requesting the Executive to further explore these matters and to report back to the next General Meeting with their findings.

To keep the neighbourhood children out of mischief, the Association underwrote the flooding of a skating rink on the property directly behind the Guildwood Public School. Harvey Brown of Cadbury Court and his committee kept the rink in excellent condition. The first

Teen-Age Club in the village was sponsored by the Association under the Directorship of Barbara Brown. I helped with this club at the outset. To add a cheery note at Christmas time, the Teen-Age Club sang carols through the Village for several years.

We were all eaten alive by mosquitoes and the Association undertook to sponsor Mosquito Spraying. The Pied Pipers of the Village were Milan Zachary of Somerdale Square, and Rudy Bowman of Cromwell Road, who operated the Milan and Rudy Texaco Service station on Kingston Road, just west of the Guildwood Gates. The spraying machine was mounted on the back of their jeep and they took it in turns to fog the Village, followed by all the neighbourhood kids on bikes, tricycles, scooters, whatever. It is a wonder these kids reached maturity after breathing in all the chemicals which spewed forth from the machine and which blanketed the Village in for over half an hour. When the various teams of men hand-sprayed the Village, they didn't have such a following. It was much more fun to trail the jeep!

Various social events were organized by the Executive of the Association. The most popular ones were the Dances which were held about five times a year in the old Mansion. Unless tickets were reserved the first day they went on sale one could be disappointed as accommodation was limited to a certain number. Barbara Brown's phone rang itself off the hook just prior to these occasions

Those were the days—everyone knew everyone else, and everyone joined in the fun.

The Executive of the Association requested several of the tradesmen in the area to sponsor baseball teams. Among the first to sponsor a team were Bob Wells, a Realtor who live in the Village, and Milan and Rudy's Texaco Service Station. When the Shopping Centre was erected, the Guildwood Drug Mart sponsored several teams.

When the Shopping Centre first opened, Dad used to walk our German Shepherd "Bonnie" through the woods to the cliff, ending his stroll at the stores, buying a pack of cigarettes from the Variety Store, the first owners being the Wal-

laces who lived on Somerdale Square. He would continue to Hunt's where Bonnie sampled cookies, and on to the Drug Store, where the two Irving's (pharmacists) stuffed her with chocolate bars. How thankful we were that there was no liquor store in the Village.

Those are just a few of the activities of the Association "away back when"...but some of us remember this area when it was "away, away, back when." Access to this section was down Livingston Road, which curved and twisted through the bush ending at the Guild Inn. Many picturesque cottages housing artists and craftsmen were dotted through the woods and summer homes of Toronto executives were located on the quaint streets bounded by the Guild property on the East, Livingston Road on the West, on the North by what is now know as Guildwood Parkway, and on the South by the Lake.

If was a veritable paradise with the deep purple violets, forget-me-nots, trilliums, jack-in-the-pulpits, and the lily of the valley blooming in the woods. The scent from the lilacs and flowers from the cottagers' beautiful gardens wafted on the breeze. The stillness was broken only by the fluttering of the many species of birds which inhabited the area. It was a botanist's and bird watcher's delight.

In the midst of this idyllic setting was situated the first school in this area, Guildwood School, a private school operated by Rosa and Spencer Clark in the mid '30's. It was housed in the old Mansion where later the Association meetings and dances were held.

Nita Zachary

This article was originally printed in 1984 and is the first in a series of articles by Nita Zachary we will be reprinting in future issues of the News and Views. Nita Zachary is still a resident of our wonderful neighbourhood.



Happy New Year from David Soknacki

This year we not only had a white Christmas, but also a snowy January. For our office snow means ploughs and many calls about City ploughing. So I thought I'd focus this column addressing some of the typical questions fielded by our office.

To begin, the City prioritizes street ploughing by the volume of traffic. So while it's usually good news to live in a quiet cul-de-sac like Regency or Avonmore or Lalton, the bad news is that these streets don't get the early attention given to busier roads. Top priority goes to the 'Snow Routes' - those roads on which it is illegal to park or stop if 3" (8 cm) of snow falls within 8 hours. In our area, these roads are limited to Kingston and Morningside. The second priority are called arterial and collector roads: in Guildwood they are Galloway, Livingston and Guildwood Parkway. Next are the interior streets.

Toronto Transportation's objective is to provide safe and passable road conditions at all times. When rush-hour snowfall or icing is predicted, the city sends response crews to standby positions across the city. Up to 201 deicers and 673 road snowploughs are assigned to manage a snowfall in Toronto. Of course there will be times when residents feel that the equipment is looking after every other street in the City except their's.

What to do? There are a couple of options. One choice is to call 416 388

SNOW (7669). This number offers specific, detailed and current information, available 24 hours per day. Callers select a number of menu options. For example they can find out about local snow clearing operations or leave a message. Snow clearing staff monitor the messages regularly and respond directly. Another option is to call our Constituency Assistant Joan Bannister (416 396 7222, email banister@toronto.ca). Joan can find out the situation in your area, and is able to contact the snow clearing operations staff on your behalf.

In addition to shovelling roads and windrows, the city operates 303 sidewalk ploughs and can deploy more than 400 additional pieces of equipment. Although many residents would testify otherwise, this sidewalk equipment is not designed to rip up lawns, hedges or stonework. Sidewalk ploughing usually occurs after the roads are completed, and operate on the same priority system. Usually sidewalk ploughing starts only after a snowfall of at least 3" (8 cm). Please note that while the City does plough sidewalks if at least 3" (8 cm) of snow has accumulated, it is otherwise the responsibility of property owners to keep their sidewalks cleared and ice-free.

I do want to specifically comment on the unsatisfactory snow clearance done on the night of 9/10 January, that resulted in major problems on Kingston and Guildwood Parkway. Along

with Councillor Ashton I have written and spoken with senior Works management to ask them for their plans to prevent any reoccurrence. Not to make excuses, but Works staff advise that they misjudged what they called 'local conditions' (it snowed less east of Victoria Park!), and instead of shovelling our area overnight, the crews just salted which turned the top layer of snow into ice.

Finally, I hope by now my newsletter, 16 pages in all, should be on your door step. We always get people who call long after the delivery date asking for their copy. So if your household does not receive a copy by the end of January, please contact my office so we can send you one.

As always I welcome your comments on any municipal matter and the opportunity to be of service. You may email me at councillor_soknacki@toronto.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.

And by the way, please do check out my website at www.soknacki.com.

David Soknacki,
Councillor
Scarborough East

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Dr. Pierre H. LeBrun, D.C. of the Guildwood Chiropractic Centre will be retiring in mid-February 2003. His colleagues, patients and staff wish him the very best with lots of luck and success

We would like to welcome Dr. LeBrun's successor, Dr. Todd Baron, D.C. He will provide the same level of care and compassion that the patients of Guildwood Chiropractic Centre are accustomed to.

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

Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Project

The Toronto waterfront revitalization project has been a hot topic in the city this year and the focus is slowly starting to head east. While the bulk of the attention on Toronto's waterfront has been and will continue to remain in the Portlands section of downtown, the city has started to look at their strategy for dealing with Scarborough's rather lengthy section of waterfront. Two meetings were held in December to begin public consultation: One hosted by the department of Economic Development, Culture, and Tourism and the other was hosted by the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation (TWRC).

The Department of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism hosted a workshop to help them define what their priorities are for the waterfront east of the Portlands. There were a number of speakers who discussed the History of the Scarborough Water-

ties. These ideas included: preserving the natural beauty of the Bluffs, creating a waterfront trail, finding ways to allow access to the waterfront without creating further traffic congestion, and ensuring the Guild Inn is restored to its former glory. The only weak point of the meeting was having city planners participate in what was supposed to be public consultation.

Once the press realized that North York was scheduled for public input into the TRWC and Scarborough wasn't, pressure was applied to hold a meeting locally. The obvious question was 'North York doesn't even have waterfront, why are they having a meeting and Scarborough isn't?' Obviously, there was no good answer to that one. The meeting itself centered on the downtown Portlands development and Robert Fung's reasons for initiating the TWRC. Some interesting facts are that they are estimating that

billion, and the estimated private sector investment sits at \$11.8 billion.

The one piece of good news for Scarborough residents is that Robert Fung announced that \$25 million has been allocated outside the downtown core. In Scarborough, a large chunk of that funding will go to assist with the Port Union waterfront development project.

John Stafford



Toronto East CAER Association

The **Toronto East, Community Awareness and Emergency Response Association (CAER)**, a voluntary association of chemical producing companies whose purpose is helping its members with Safe Practices and Emergency Readiness, held a public meeting at Joseph Brant Junior Public School on the evening of Wednesday, October 9, 2002 in order to communicate with the community.

CAER, an important part of **Responsible Care®**, a program pioneered by the **Canadian Chemical Producers' Association (CCPA)** and now being adopted worldwide, is a set of initiatives reflecting a total commitment to making the entire chemical life cycle safer.

CAER representatives informed the community regarding risks associated with certain of their operations, aspects of its own emergency plan and how it is integrated with the community's emergency response plan. They also identified and responded to com-

munity concerns as presented by **West Hill and Guildwood Village** community members.

Located in West Hill and extending from Kingston Road to the north, Lake Ontario to the south, just beyond the Highland Creek to the east and Galloway Road to the west, Toronto East CAER includes a growing number of chemical manufacturing plants. Founding members were AEP (Borden), Halltech, Rohm and Haas and Crompton, and presently include the Toronto Fire and Police Departments, F.J. Horgan Water Filtration Plant, Highland Creek Treatment Plant, Dupont, Valpar, Schenectady Canada, U.S.E. Hickson, and Digital Specialty Chemicals. The **Toronto East CAER Association** was responsible for fund-

ing a large part of the **Toronto Fire Department's new Decontamination Unit**.

Transportation Community Awareness and Emergency Response (TransCAER) another important component of **Responsible Care®**, is dedicated to community awareness and the safe and proper transportation and associated handling of chemicals. **TransCAER** assists in training the **First Responders** (fire, police and ambulance services along with any other interested parties) in communities all across Canada to ensure a safe and informed response when dealing with transportation related chemical emergencies. With **Police and Fire Departments** proactively cognizant of **CAER** member firms processes, it is anticipated that their prior understanding of a plant's systems and methods should prove invaluable in the event of an emergency.

CAER includes a growing number of chemical manufacturing plants.

CAER members participate in emergency response exercises and training, public information, and community advisory panels in order to mitigate the effects of chemical accidents and fires in the community. Certain safety measures are required of private sector CAER members producing and distributing chemicals. These members are required to observe best practice in storing and handling products throughout their complete process, particularly where the handling of dangerous goods is involved. CAER members participate in training, simulations and exercises in order to improve safety in the community.

One safety measure in place is a public-address siren intended to enunciate in the event of any incident deemed to be a hazard to the neighbours requiring shelter. This siren is comprised of two speakers with 5 enunciators each. CAER members have an agreement that the Fire Department is the authority responsible to determine which circumstances or emergencies require siren notification to the surrounding community. An escalating tone would indicate an 'Alert', during which the recommended action is to go indoors, shut windows, turn off air circulating systems (air conditioning and heating) and listen to the radio or television for information concerning the emergency or any further required action. A high steady tone represents the 'All Clear Signal'.

This public-address system is scheduled for testing twice per year and the most recent October test revealed that half of the speakers failed. The fault in the second siren has been corrected and tested and is fully operational again. There is a preventative maintenance program on the siren but this fault was not caught. There are plans to test the siren 3 times this year, with the community.

Designed to be heard within a one kilometre radius, the siren can be affected by prevailing winds which may carry the sound preventing it from being heard in certain areas. **Guildwood Village** residents, considered a 'less immediate' risk than the community adjacent to what is sometimes

referred to as chemical alley, may not even hear the siren.

Prevailing winds play a prominent role in disaster management involving significant emissions. The typical doldrums of summer represent the worst season for airborne contaminants, and large sitting air masses would allow contaminants concentric permeation of local atmospheric air. Windier seasons would generally carry contaminants away in a more rapid dispersion. Guildwood residents who saw the plume of the Hickson fire will remember how the northwesterly wind benefited them by directing the smoke over Lake Ontario. For a **City of Toronto** staff report on the U.S.E. Hickson fire to **Community Services Committee** from Barry H. Gutteridge, Commissioner, Works and Emergency Services and Alan F. Speed, Fire Chief, log on to: <http://www.city.toronto.on.ca/legdocs/2001/agendas/committees/cms/cms010705/it004.pdf>

GVCA members concerns and questions regarding the CAER Association, it's member company processes or systems can be addressed to vice-president@GVCA.com or 416 410-2755.

Stephen Stamatyades

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Community Clean-up Day

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Village Association

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Christmas Celebration

The GVCA hosted the annual Christmas Celebration on Sunday Dec. 8th at the Guild Park grounds in front of the Guild Inn. Approximately 75 adults and children braved the wind and cold to join their neighbours to sing carols and sip hot chocolate under the big tent. Santa Claus was able to take time from his busy schedule to visit the children, listen to Christmas wishes and give out candy canes.

A huge thank you to Peter and Carol Sherman who once again organized the evening. They were assisted by: Gerard Baribeau who set up the equipment, tents and prepared/served the hot chocolate; Pat and Richard Sands for helping with hot chocolate and distributing song sheets; JoAnn Vanderyagt who played the carols on the electric piano; Ross Armitage for taking pictures for the website; Sue Donahue for the signs around the community; Chris Hammel and the other folk who helped to make the Christmas Celebration a success. Thank you to all.

This was a fun family event and from the enthusiastic response of the participants and positive comments, a great success. Well done!

Donna Milovanovic
President, GVCA



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Featured this Season at the Toronto Public Library Video and DVD's

TPL has a wide range of videos and DVDs available to borrow free of charge. If you can't find the title you want on the shelf at Guildwood, you can request it from one of the other 97 branches in our library system. If an item is on shelf it takes approximately 7-10 days to arrive. For new and popular titles, your name is added to a waiting list and the title may take longer to arrive. You will be notified by telephone when the requested item arrives. Videos and DVD's are loaned for one week, can be returned to any library in Toronto and can be renewed twice (if not requested by another customer). Many TPL libraries have drop boxes for returning

items when the library is closed.

If you have Internet access at home you can place holds using your library card through the Toronto Public Library website (www.tpl.toronto.on.ca). Please be sure to select Guildwood as the pick up location. Items can be renewed through the website, by phone or in person.

Also note that the Guildwood Branch has 5 PCs with Internet access and 3 PCs with e-mail access where you can set-up and access a free e-mail account.

Some ideas for video and DVD Borrowing:

Classic films

– Red Shoes – with Jack Cardiff's brilliant cinematography (on video)
Maltese Falcon, Wait Until Dark and many, many others.

Do-it-yourself: videos on roofing, painting and plumbing

Children's videos – borrow some to entertain young visitors. We have many educational titles.

Non Fiction: cooking, yoga, tai chi, aerobics, dog training and much more.

Travel: order a video on an exotic tropical location.

Books

Guildwood library has the latest list of Best Sellers – come in and place your name on the waiting list.



News from Elizabeth Simcoe Junior Public School

Since 1989 Elizabeth Simcoe Junior Public School has been involved with West Hill Community Services-Operation Christmas. Through Simcoe's Angel Tree initiative, donations of new toys or clothing were brought to the school and delivered to West Hill Community Services, who then delivered these gifts to those families in our community who requested additional support during the holiday season.

For the first time we extended the Angel Tree to our neighbouring community. Flyers describing the Angel Tree program were delivered to approximately 1000 homes. We were pleased with the response from both the school and neighbouring community. A total of 233 gifts were donated.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this worthwhile cause. Both

Elizabeth Simcoe Junior Public School and West Hill Community Services appreciated your generosity. Special thanks go out to parent Vivian Riehl, co-ordinator of the Angel Tree and to our dedicated parents who braved the elements to deliver the flyers!

Simcoe is very proud to have been accepted by the Toronto District School Board as a Pollinator school who will focus on waste minimization and energy conservation as part of the TDSB's Eco-Schools project. Our long-range plan is to become involved in schoolyard greening. Students, staff, parents and community members will be involved in developing and implementing plans to reduce the amount of garbage we produce both in classrooms and in the lunchroom. We'll further enlist our student gardeners in planning to beautify our front lawn. Watch for further details!

We hope that everyone has had a safe and happy holiday and we wish you all the best for 2003.

Sue Pfeffer—Principal



News from Sir Wilfrid Laurier CI

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the GVCA community. My name is Andrew Gold and I began my appointment as Principal at Laurier in late October. I am very pleased to be working at Laurier. I know that the school has a long-standing reputation for strong academic programs along with a very active extra curricular program. I am a big supporter of the notion of a strong school and community relationship. During the past few months I have been meeting with vice-principals, department heads and assistant department heads, teaching staff, support staff, student leaders and school council to get an understanding of Laurier's strengths (those things we do best). Over that time I have also begun to develop a feel for the direction that the various members of the Laurier community feel the school needs to be heading.

Academic excellence is a key goal at Laurier. We have recently received two good news items in this area. McMaster University recently provided us with a list of names of students who received Entrance Awards. Seven Laurier students received scholarships totaling \$16,000. These students are to be commended for their hard work. They are studying in Engineering, Science and Social Sciences.

Congratulations are also extended to Ranjanalingam (Babu) Camalalingam. He was a participant in the Ontario Science Centre's OSCLUB project. This project gives students the opportunity to develop knowledge and skills in science, mathematics and technology. Ranjanalingam's work was recently displayed at the Science Centre in an OSCLUB showcase. As we receive more news of this nature, we will be sure to share it with you.

I have been fortunate to be able to observe a number of successful school events over the past few weeks. I am very proud of the wonderful staff and students whose efforts help make Laurier such a busy place.

- Mr. Shafransky, the TAP committee and the SAC organized a wonderful assembly in early Novem-

ber with a guest speaker who talked about respect and responsibility. It was very well received by staff and students. This was my first opportunity to see the whole student body together. I was very impressed with the behaviour of our students (as was our guest).

- Ms. Burnip and the Drama students provided the school with a wonderful Remembrance Day Assembly.
- Mr. Grosdanoff's leadership class ran a very successful Blood Donor clinic.
- A special thank you to Ms. MacInnis and her desktop publishing class for producing our new school newsletter.
- We had a very successful commencement with our highest return rate of graduates in years (approx. 60% - usual rate has been 45%-50%).
- We also had a seminar run by our Guidance Department for students planning on attending University next year.
- Our Grade 8 Parents' Night was well attended with positive feedback from many parents and students about our revamped format.
- Special thanks to our Grade 11/12 Peer Leaders and our Grade 9 volunteers. Ms. Cronish organized a very successful White Ribbon Day Assembly to address the issue of male violence against women.
- Mr. Roberts, Mr. Philippou and the Sr. Politics classes hosted a debate.
- Our hockey team, swim team, boys basketball and girls volleyball season are winding down. Many student spectators have been supporting teams at home games. It is great to see so many students involved in positive school activity.
- Our choir, band and orchestra put on a wonderful holiday concert in December.
- Mr. Grosdanoff's leadership class ran a very successful Christmas toy drive.
- We had a very successful Holiday Assembly. Laurier students did a great job under the direction of Ms. Wellsman and Ms. Burnip.

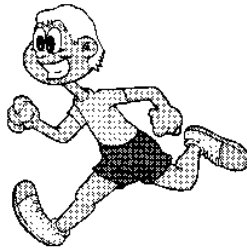
Our music students also performed under the direction of Mr. Atkins and Ms. Goble. Four of the local elementary schools also attended the performance.

- Laurier hosted the "Laurier Blue Devils Basketball Tournament" the first week of January. Eight Junior and eight Senior teams participated. It was a huge success. Thanks to Mr. Vallejo and Mr. Jovanov for organizing this very positive event
- Our E.S.P. group (Empowering Student Partnerships) ran a wonderful assembly for grade 9 and 10 students on bullying and harassment. They invited the South East Safe School Advisor to speak, performed skits which demonstrated various scenarios and talked about the role that all students can play in preventing these behaviours. They are attempting to increase their membership of students in the Junior grades in order to keep this program growing. Thanks to Ms. Bray, Ms. Wong and Mr. Shafransky the staff advisors.

We recently had a successful community meeting involving the Guildwood Village Community Association (GVCA), the local plaza managers and some merchants, community officers from 42 Division, school council representatives and student representatives. We discussed common issues concerns about how to help students continue to become responsible and respectful members of the community and make them feel welcome and valued. Some good actions have resulted from this meeting. We are working on a Student Council, school administration, plaza, and community meeting in the future. We are also planning a plaza/community assembly after March Break. The GVCA and Laurier will strengthen their communication ties by putting articles in each other's newsletters. We are hoping to increase community awareness of the good events happening at Laurier. We look forward to seeing you at school events in the future.

Andrew Gold

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

Neighbourhood Watch Crime Report

October	Break and enter - Toynbee Trail, Cadbury Court Attempt break-in - Lyncroft Drive
November	Robbery & Assault - 2 occurrences on Guildwood Parkway (woods behind school)
December	Robberies - Variety stores on Livingston Road and Dearham Wood
January	No incidents reported

Lori Metcalfe

A Dog's Eye View of the Glimmering Lights of Guildwood

For a few days around Christmas 2002, we four Guildwood dog-buddies ventured out with our walkers in tow, to admire the festive lights of Guildwood Village. We sometimes had snow on the ground, and after 6pm most lights were on, and it was a long trek, and sometimes the salt got in our feet, and sometimes we discoloured the snow, but we were pleasantly surprised with the twinkling lights and designs with which homeowners had brightened up their abodes. You wouldn't think there was an energy shortage going on. If old folks' homes can run bus trips around the streets of Guildwood to look at the lights, then we thought we could at least walk around the same streets looking.

We did a small survey as we went along, and thought that north Toynbee residents had done a good job. We liked the multitude of lights and star on the chimney at #147 and the Christmas department store window effect at #205. The houses on Toynbee at Livingston always put on a good display, and this year was no exception, and the houses opposite St. Ursula's School brightened up the neighbourhood too.

Catalina and Sylvan, being long streets, had lots of nicely lit houses, but # 166 Catalina with a well decorated tree in the front window and animals on the lawn, and the biggest illuminated Christmas tree in all of Guildwood at #162 (must have had a cherry picker to decorate it), along with nodding head animals at # 159 were our high-lights along there. Simple basic blue lights at 181 Sylvan caught our eyes as did the traditional look of #193. Number 3 Prince Phillip had an excellent display in all white lights, but we liked the lights and figures at # 18 Prince Phillip too.

56 Bournville took our fancy too, and way at the other end of the village, so did # 29 and 46 Greyabbey. The corner house of # 1 Fordover also put on a good welcome home display of the area and Fordover, Tivoli and Schubert all impressed us with the general participation level of brightening up their streets with Christmas lights. 68 Tivoli gets an honourable mentions, and the and the biggest illuminated Santa we saw was at 5 Tivoli, and the haunting all-purple lights of #18 got our attention. For the house that looked most like a church with its all white strings of lights and star on the roof we looked at 26 Poplar. Second place for the largest outdoor lit up Christmas tree we figured was 18 Sari.

For what it is worth, we dogs voted 18 Prince Phillip as the best decorated illuminated house for Christmas 2002. We're glad that we live in such a spirited and thoughtful neighbourhood, and appreciate the involvement of Guildwoodites in perpetuating the meaning of "village".

Happy 2003

Heinz, Neesa, Bumps and Daisy