

Guildwood News & Views



Summer Edition - 2004

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Guildwood Day 2004

In November of 2003 I responded to the GVCA executive's call for assistance in organizing the 2004 Guildwood Day. I volunteered to take the reins over from Stephen Stamatyades who had done a wonderful job in the past.

My background is that of 24 years of professional event and meeting planning. However I have never been involved in a community event. This activity for a newcomer proved to be challenging and rewarding.

I hope that I have upheld the traditions that had been set in place and that you all enjoyed the day.

At the end of the day, there were countless positive comments about the day but how can you go wrong with the weather being the way it was...sunny and mild. A few comments were made on how the day could be added to with the likes of:

A baby contest

A dog contest

Volunteers cleaning up the grounds through the course of the event

Continue with the pick up soccer game after the children's races

Availability of more garbage containers

Activities for the teens

Activities for the seniors

All of these are worthwhile suggestions for continual improvement to the day.

The day started off at 8:30AM with the Guildwood Community Presbyterian Church Pancake Breakfast followed by the Guildwood Day Parade which comprised of a fire truck, OPP officers on motorcycles, politicians (municipal, provincial and federal), The Blackwater Pipe Band, all of the kids on their decorated bicycles, Cuddles the Clown and the George Kash Band...truly a delight for the eyes and ears.

Next Laurier Collegiate opened up with a vendor fair, children's games, children's races, pony rides, a three ring petting zoo, tennis demonstrations, book readings, face painting, clowns, food...all you could ask for and maybe more. Inside Laurier Collegiate, there was 3 non-stop hours of entertainment including a major new performance by The Twisted Ones and 2 full-length shows by Mad Science.

Laurier was teeming with people all day long and the weather certainly helped bring

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It's summer in Guildwood Village. Greenery and multi-coloured annuals and perennials are everywhere. Neighbours are tending their lawns and gardens. For many it's home improvement time, as roofs, windows, and porches are renovated. Yes summer is too short at our latitude but we sure make use of these long, warm days.

As the new President of the GVCA, it has been my special privilege to meet and work with an incredible group of volunteers. Your Executive Committee (the Board of Directors of the GVCA) is made up of volunteers dedicated to maintaining and improving our community. It is through the efforts of this group that our community association remains vibrant and thriving. The Association provides family-oriented special events, responses to public policy initiatives and representation, on a very local level, to our elected politicians. If you have internet access, please surf over to www.guildwood.on.ca to have a look at all that our GVCA does and means.

Perhaps the biggest event of the year, Guildwood Day, on June 5th, was a tremendous success not only because of its organizer, John Harris, but also due to the many volunteers who contributed their time, energy and patience. Our Garage Sale Day attracted many buyers from both inside and outside of Guildwood. You can read detailed accounts of these events further on in this newsletter.

We are also involved in the process which may lead to a new Guild Inn. Counselor Soknacki is keeping us informed as the negotiations with an interested developer proceed.

You can read much about what our association does for our community, but what can you do for your community. If you are reading this newsletter, it's obvious that you have some interest in your neighbourhood. Have you renewed your membership in the association yet? Are you willing to provide some volunteer time to your community? Consider sending in the form on the back of this newsletter.

Finally, as President I want to keep in touch with you, the membership of the GVCA. I encourage you to write or email your informed opinions to me at the GVCA Post Office Box or to President@guildwood.on.ca.



Guildwood Garage Sale

The cool weather did not keep would be bargain hunters away from the annual Guildwood Garage Sale Day. The "merchants" on Sylvan, Sonneck Square, and many other streets were doing a brisk business. While it did not seem that there were the crowds of past years, individuals were overheard to be pleased with the return on their "investment" of time and energy. One resident, new to the garage sale phenomenon, was thrilled with the \$100.00 made in three hours.

And in a late breaking report from our roving reporter Reg Wolfe - a poster at Guildwood Jr. Public School announced that they had raised over \$6,000.00! Reg and his family of Somerdale Square also had a sale, the proceeds of which fund a bursary at the University of Toronto. This year they raised \$700.00 during a busy day on Somerdale Square.

Purchasers were seen hauling off everything from wheel barrows, to fitness equipment, kids' toys, to electronics, to massage chairs, pleased with the deals they had made.

The annual Guildwood Garage Sale is a fun event that gets everyone in the community spirit. It is a chance to chat with neighbours and meet new people, while making a profit on items no longer in use that could be someone else's "find".

Hopefully even more people will join next year's event, because when it comes to the annual garage sale it really is the "more the merrier".

Patricia Spindel

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everyone out to Guildwood day.

Evening BBQ

The evening commenced at 5:30pm in the southwest corner of the Guild Inn grounds. The GVCA executive along with Sheila White playing the trombone met guests. The BBQ was in full swing at that point with food and drinks being served at 6:00PM. The crowds were huge and hungry. We did not stop serving our guests until almost 8:00PM when the activity was ending. The Turnpike Trio who seemed to please the crowd if you went by their expressions provided entertainment. As usual the tug-of-war contest was a big hit with everyone. The winners are:

- Up to 12 – East of Livingston Road
- 11 to 18 – West of Livingston Road
- Adult ladies – West of Livingston Road
- Adult men – West of Livingston Road

Let's hear it for all who participated.

Heartfelt Special Thanks To All Those Who Made This Day Possible

To all the residents of the community who make this possible every year,
 Stephen Stamatyades – My Mentor
 Joyce DeSouza – Parade Coordinator
 Tom Caldwell/Richard Sands – Prize Purveyors
 John Stafford – Evening BBQ Coordinator

- Diane Foote-Taylor – Vendor Coordinator
- Gerard Baribeau – Children's Games Coordinator
- Monica Kinsmen – Volunteer Coordinator
- Deborah Tiller and Catelyn Brett – Children's Races Coordinators
- Ross Armitage – Photography
- John Mitchell – Photography
- Larry Sulky – Sound Equipment
- Bruce/Robert Brown – Sunshade for organizers tables
- The GVCA Executive
- Guildwood Community Presbyterian Church
- Holy Trinity Church
- The Guild Inn
- The Office of David Soknacki
- Mary Ann Chambers
- John McKay
- Tom Varesh
- Sheila White
- The more than 40 student volunteers
- All of the adult volunteers
- The Turnpike Trio who entertained us at the evening BBQ
- Mad Science
- Cuddles the Clown
- Blackwater Pipe Band
- The George Kash Band
- OPP
- All of the children who decorated their bicycles
- Red Line Promotions
- A&A Farmyard Friends
- Bob Johnston Chev Olds
- All of the vendors who participated
- All of the local merchants that donated prizes (*see page 6*)
- The Toronto Parks Department

Toronto District School Board
 The janitorial staff of Laurier Collegiate
 The City of Toronto
 Last but not least – Susan Donahue who set up the signage for the day
 And to all those that showed up on the day of the event to add their own magic to the mix.

As you can see from the list of participants this truly is a community event.

In conclusion, let me state that it has been an honor to serve the community by being involved with this wonderful day! My thanks go out to you all.

John Harris
 Guildwood Day Coordinator 2004

Be A Good Neighbour

If you have trees or bushes that extend over the sidewalk, please be sure to trim them back. Not only is this polite but it helps make our sidewalks safer.



A Special Thanks

A special thanks goes to Wally Young. Wally has been taking care of the garden in the park at Guildwood Parkway and Prince Phillip for a number of years.

He continues to ensure that the gardens are watered and weeded on a regular basis. It is thanks to his hard work and continuous efforts that the parkette is kept looking as beautiful as it does.

It is volunteers like Wally that make this community such a wonderful place to live.

The Guildwood Village Community Association on behalf of the residents of Guildwood would like to thank Wally for doing such a wonderful job.

Deborah Cameron



A Job Well Done

Special thanks to Ken and Pat Merrill for refurbishing the Guildwood Community sign at the corner of Guildwood Pkwy and Prince Phillip.

Ken and Pat have been Guildwood residents for the past twenty years as well as the building Superintendents at 71 Guildwood Pkwy for the same time. Their involvement within the community has centred primarily on the apartments, ensuring that the residents had a place that they could proudly call home. While out on the apartment grounds Ken couldn't help but notice the deteriorating condition of the sign board. Ken took action on his concern and sense of community duty and contacted the GVCA to volunteer his time and services to refurbish the sign.

During the last two weeks of May 2004, Ken adjusted his schedule and took the precious sunny moments the weatherman provided and washed, scraped and prepped the sign for painting. Accordingly, in time with the weather and his busy schedule Ken managed to get the sign painted for the Guildwood Day festivities.

The GVCA and the whole community owe Ken and Pat a congratulatory pat on the back for a job well done and helping keep Guildwood looking clean and refreshed.

Rob Kobayashi
GVCA Vice President 2004



Children's Games & Races Winners

3 & under Co-ed

1. Autumn Davis
2. Shahan Bandara
3. Jeffrey Clarke

4 & 5 year old Co-ed

1. Colten Miller
2. Zachary Davis
3. Noah

4 & 5 year old Girls

1. Victoria Mc
2. Grace Wright

6 & 7 year old Boys

1. Andre Jones
2. Ben Tinker
3. Reid Haues

6 & 7 year old Girls

1. Briana Jones
2. Lucy Gan
3. Sarah Ann Alfonsio

8 & 9 year old Boys

1. Connor Kinsmen
2. Niam Short
3. CJ McCartney

8 & 9 year old Girls

1. Sydney Marcous
2. Cheyenne Chung
3. Alana McNeill

10, 11 & 12 year old Boys

1. Wesley Wright
2. Robert Duckworth
3. Glen McKechnie

10, 11 & 12 year old Girls

1. Tanya Sanster
2. Alana Johnson
3. Sarah Morgan

13, 14 & 15 year old Boys

1. Aren Fener
2. Alex Fener
3. Vova Bogdashkin

Three Legged - all ages

1. Bradan Coutts/Scott Alexander
2. Wendy & Michael Morgan
3. Layla Halabi/Serena Singh

Shoe Toss - Boys

1. Brandon Chown
2. Steven Taylor
3. Scott Alexander

Shoe Toss - Girls

1. Sarah Morgan

2. Alana McNeill
3. Alana Rouette

Shoe Toss - Boys

1. CJ McCartney
2. Anthony Chinquee
3. Quinn Harris

Sack Race - 8 and under Girls

1. Alana McNeill
2. Danielle Content
3. Sarah Ann Alfonsio

Sack Race - 8 and over Boys

1. CJ McCartney
2. Alana Rouette
3. Sarah Morgan

Sack Race

1. Vova Bogdashkin
2. Hillary Johnson
3. Tara Fortune

Wheel Barrow Race

1. Vova Bogdashkin/Scott Alexander
2. Hillary Johnson/Tara Fortune
3. Scott Fortune/Spencer Robertson

Congratulations to all of the participants...everyone was a winner!

PRIZE DONORS FOR GUILDWOOD DAY 2004

Many local merchants and service providers donated prizes for the Guildwood Day Free Draw, which was an on-going activity throughout the day on the field behind Laurier on June 5th. More than 60 prize packages were won by member households of the Guildwood Village Community Association. More prizes were won at the evening bbq as spot dance gifts. The prizes alone were worth being a paid up member of the GVCA! The odds were great. Thank you to all donors of prizes. You did your part for Guildwood. Here are your names in lights.

PRIZE DONORS

GUILDWOOD PLAZA

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| Guildwood I.D.A Drug store | Guildwood Cleaners |
| Sunny's Bar and Grill | Carol Waldman (dentist) |
| Lady Guild Beauty Centre | Video 99 |
| CIBC | Kitchen Food Fare |
| Pizza Nova | Photo Express |
| Toronto Public Library | Muddy Paws (Pet Centre and Grooming) |
| Herbal Magic | Guildwood Dollar Store |

LIVINGSTON MEWS PLAZA

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| Guildwood Village Bakery-Deli | Guildwood Pizza and Burgers. |
| A.& A. Variety store | |

DEARHAM WOOD PLAZA

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| Dr. Artzemis (dentist) | Jug City |
| The Quilting Patch | |

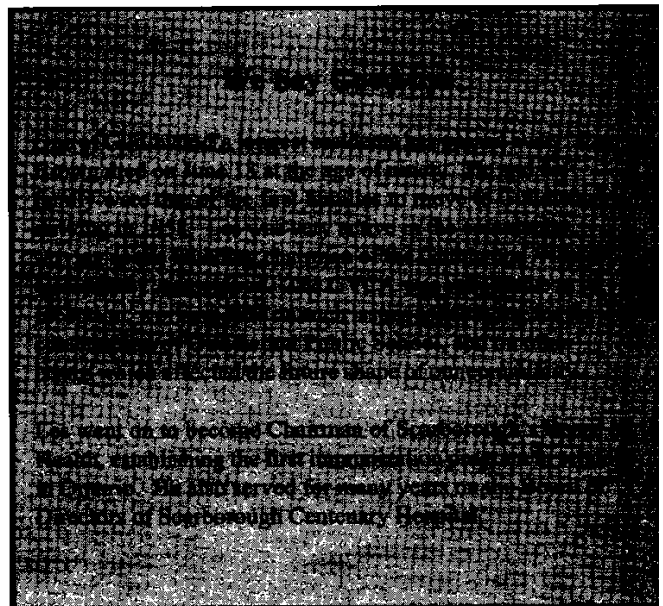
OTHERS (in Guildwood)

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| Guildwood Furnace Services. | The GVCA |
| Hot Frenzy (hats by Diane) | Gord Evans (resident) |
| Judy-Anne Tumber, Party Lite candles | |

OTHERS (outside Guildwood)

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| J.C. Auto Service (4233 Kingston Rd) | CIBC Wood Gundy |
| Wine of the World (5550 Lawrence E.) | Sisters Restaurant (Old Kingston Rd) |
| Midas Muffler (Kingston Rd/Payzac) | Bob Johnston's Chev-Olds |
| Grapefully Yours (3467 Kingston Rd) | Bruce Brown Perennials (Homestead Rd) |
| Rose Kehoe (Remax Real Estate) | Hon. John McKay M.P. |
| Hon. Mary Ann Chambers M.P.P. | David Soknacki (councillor) |
| Ledesma Landscaping/snow clearing | T.D Canada Trust, (Port Union/Lawson Rd) |
| Duckworth Fish & Chips (2638 Kingston) | |
| Chapman Building Supplies (4189 Kingston) | |
| Hepeco Credit Union (4218 Lawrence Ave) | |

Please support your local merchants



Veterans

Aristotle once said "we make war that we may live in peace". The Canadian veterans of two World Wars, Korea, and countless peacekeeping missions know the truth of that only too well. And those of us who have been fortunate enough never to have gone to war also understand the price paid by those who did in order to preserve our freedoms and our ability to live in peace.

Many current and former residents of Guildwood are veterans of the First and Second World wars, Korea, and United Nations peacekeeping missions.

The Guildwood Village Community Association would like to honour them by sharing their stories in this newsletter. If you are a veteran, or know a veteran, who currently or previously lived in Guildwood, we would like to hear from you.

Please send your stories to the GVCA P.O. Box 11001 or e-mail them to tspindel@rogers.com

We owe our veterans a great debt. In some small measure, perhaps telling their stories will begin to honour them for their service to us, to Canada, and to the world.

Caring For An Older Friend, Neighbour or Relative?

Older adults in our community and beyond have a wealth of wisdom to share with the rest of us. It is important that they remain a vital part of our communities. Too often, for lack of better alternatives to support them and those who care for them, they have been forced to live in long term care facilities, sometimes isolated from their friends, neighbours and communities.

Help is available in the form of community support services like meals on wheels, caregiver relief for adults with Alzheimer's Disease, in-home adult day care in the homes of trained care providers, escort, transportation to medical appointments, home-making, outdoor maintenance, telephone reassurance and many other services. These are provided by Scarborough Support Services (416) 750-9885.

Information regarding pension issues is available from Scarborough Community Legal Services (416) 438-7182.

In-home nursing, occupational therapy and physiotherapy support is available through the Scarborough Community Care Access Centre (416) 750-2444.

A range of other services and supports are listed on the 211 Toronto website.

Sometimes books can be helpful in providing information to caregivers. Some of these include:

Gentlecare: Changing The Experience of Alzheimer's Disease in a

Positive Way. (1999) Moyra Jones. Available through Moyra Jones Resources Ltd. 8264 Burnlake Drive, Burnaby, B.C. V5A 3K9 (604) 421-1680 (B) (604) 421-1753 (Fax) moyra.jones.resources.ltd@shaw.ca Also available on Amazon.com \$39.95 (The Gentlecare method has been shown to reduce catastrophic incidents, decrease family stress, reduce the use of psychotropic medications and increase community involvement).

Two other helpful books for people caring for someone with Alzheimer's Disease are:

The 36 Hour Day: A Family Guide to Caring for Persons With Alzheimer Disease, Related Dementign Illnesses, and Memory Loss in Later Life. (2001) Nancy L. Mace, Peter V. Rabins. \$7.99 on Amazon.com (also available in the Toronto library).

Alzheimer's Activities: Hundreds of Activities for Men and Women with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders (2001) by B.J. Fitzray is also a very helpful book for caregivers. (Available on Amazon.com for \$21.95).

For those with family members in nursing homes, there is a way of improving their quality of life called the Eden Alternative. This model is outlined in a book called:

Life Worth Living: How Someone You Love Can Still Enjoy Life in a Nursing Home - The Eden Alternative in Action. (1996) William H. Thomas. (Available in bookstores and on Amazon.com - 17.95).

Those experiencing problems with nursing home care may call the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care hotline 1-866-434-0144 and/or Concerned Friends of Ontario Citizens in Care Facilities for advice and assistance (416) 489-0146.

Patricia Spindel

Crime and the Justice System

On June 10, 2004, Mary Anne Chambers, the MPP for Scarborough East organized a town hall meeting on Crime and the Justice System, in part in response to the earlier interest in crime expressed at the annual meeting of the GVCA.

A panel provided the audience with information on a variety of topics. The Hon. Michael Bryant, Attorney General of Ontario spoke about the task force of senior prosecutors and police officers who worked together to be "more organized than organized crime" in dealing with guns and gangs in the Scarborough area. He also talked about the introduction of "sentencing packages" to help judges to understand the impact of crime on a community as well as individuals, when determining the length and type of sentence to be handed down. He also stressed the importance of preventing crime by getting to "at risk" youth early to provide services like addiction counselling.

Claire Fainer, Executive Director of East Metro Youth Services provided the audience with statistics indicating that our youth are in serious trouble emotionally. For instance, she said that 1 in 5 Ontario children and youth have at least one mental health problem, and of these only 1 in 6 get appropriate mental health care. Suicide is the second leading cause of death in 15 - 24 year olds. 80% of young offenders have mental health problems. 30% of students report elevated levels of emotional distress, and 1 in 5 young people report having assaulted someone in the past year, 13% with a weapon. She said that 14,210 15 - 24 year olds in Scarborough are at risk of serious mental health issues according to the Ontario Child Health study, and there is a 21% unemployment rate among this age group. Scarborough has 22% of Toronto's social housing, and there are 34,000 single parent households here. She says that the best responses to youth crime are early intervention, prevention, education, and jobs. East Metro has a VIP program that promotes youth leadership and civic responsibility.

The Hon. Monte Kwinter, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services said that legislation has been introduced making it mandatory for hospitals to report gunshot wounds to the police. The government has had to pilot its way through possible Constitutional challenges to pass this new law. Police are also tackling indoor grow operations that are linked to gang violence, that is bringing organized crime into neighborhoods. The government is also trying to introduce core rehabilitation programs into detention facilities to foster behaviour change in offenders and prevent re-offending. He also informed the audience that all youth justice services for 16 and 17 year olds have now been transferred to the Ministry of Children's Services from his Ministry.

John McKay, Federal MP for Scarborough East, says that he is not hearing that crime is a big issue at the doorstep in this riding during the Federal election campaign. He also commented that many people leave their doors wide open, so they must feel safe. He also pointed out that Scarborough has the second lowest homicide rate, and 5th lowest break in rate of the 28 municipalities. In 42 division we have the 6th lowest violent crime rate. The Federal

government is responsible for the Criminal Code, which has been amended to make belonging to a criminal organization a status offence. This legislation was recently used in the Malvern guns and gangs sweep. He also said that he recently met with Chief Fantino who told him that the disclosure rules were ridiculous, that gun offences require a minimum sentence of 10 years, and that illegal guns from the U.S. make up 50% of the guns on the street.

Sylvia Searles, the Special Assistant to the Mayor of Toronto said the City was trying to create a balance between enforcement and prevention and she discussed the Advisory Panel chaired by Chief Justice Roy McMurtry, the Community Safety Secretariat and its role in examining existing programs for effectiveness in preventing crime, and its focus on at risk youth. The communities of Malvern, Jamestown and Jane-Finch are receiving additional attention from the city. She also said that neighborhood action plans are fostering evaluation of the effectiveness of local programs funded by the city, and the impact of schools' zero tolerance policies. She said that the elimination of after school programs had caused more problems with youth and she was pleased these programs were being reinstated.

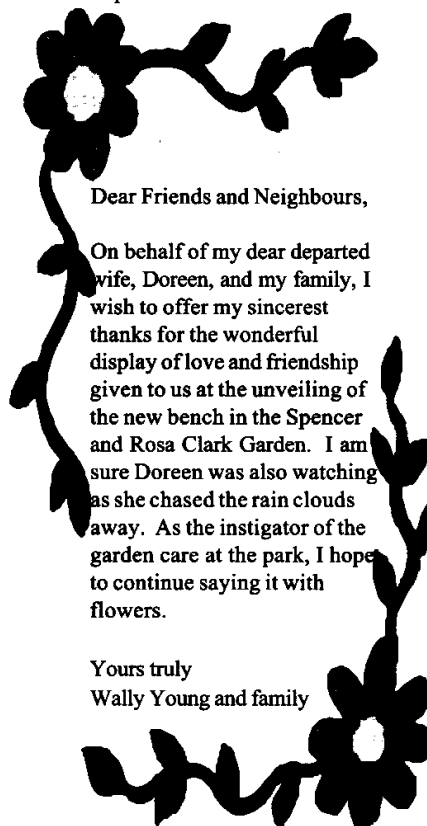
Police Superintendent Tony Warr, 42 Division, said that the police must work with the community to ensure that communities take back the streets so that the void created by police sweeps is not filled by more criminals. He said that violent crime has increased 6.6% but other types of crime are decreasing. He also said that guns had been used in 15 out of 27 homicides this year, and that 52 grow labs had been dismantled. He also referred to the prostitution problem on Kingston Road and said the police were attending to it. He felt the best ways to fight crime are by strengthening the homefront by teaching children decent values and he quoted a saying "Your children will become what you are, so be what you want them to become". He also said that 80% of firearm arrests had previously been arrested and ordered not to carry firearms. Gun related sentences are minimal with no prison time in most cases and he wants this to change. He also feels that the revolving door through the justice system demands that there be harsher penalties for serious crimes. He mentioned

the "disclosure burden" on police requiring them to complete significant amounts of paperwork which is keeping them from other tasks, as well as the volume of paperwork required to obtain search warrants.

Questions from the audience ranged from an appearance by the mother whose son was recently killed by a plainclothes officer, to questions about the Police Complaints System Review. Audience members also asked about whether or not police officers must regularly undergo professional development by law, and whether or not they undergo psychological testing. Concerns were raised about racial profiling, as well as deadbeat parents and the impact of relatives, especially fathers, being excluded from seeing children in rancorous divorce cases. One participant congratulated the police for their good work and received audience applause.

About 100 people attended the meeting held at the University of Toronto, Scarborough College Campus.

Patricia Spindel



Dear Friends and Neighbours,

On behalf of my dear departed wife, Doreen, and my family, I wish to offer my sincerest thanks for the wonderful display of love and friendship given to us at the unveiling of the new bench in the Spencer and Rosa Clark Garden. I am sure Doreen was also watching as she chased the rain clouds away. As the instigator of the garden care at the park, I hope to continue saying it with flowers.

Yours truly
Wally Young and family

A Message from David Soknacki

June 2004

Guildwood Villagers

Can you believe that I'm writing to residents about sidewalk snow shovelling in June?

During the budget debate Council decided that for existing sidestreet sidewalk shovelling areas like Scarborough, the ward Councillor can opt out of the program. There is no offsetting compensation for eliminating the program, and the decision is for the entire ward. It can't be decided on a street by street basis. So it follows how important it is to get an accurate reading of residents so I can correctly make a decision on behalf of the majority. I'm asking everyone who has an opinion on this matter - be it positive or negative - to contact my office. In addition to the contact information at the end of this article, I will also have a mail-in ballot in my June newsletter.

Just for some background information, snow clearance for seniors upon request will stay. Ditto for snow clearance on arterial streets (such as Markham, Lawrence, Kingston, and Morningside). Windrow clearance will stay for all streets in Scarborough. Although it is human nature to complain rather than complement, our database shows complaints outnumbering favourable comments by a ratio of ten to one for sidewalk snow clearance on local streets. But rest assured that I have not made any decision for the ward, and will not do so until the first week of July.

No discussion on the recent developments in Guildwood would be complete without thanks to the outgoing President of the GVCA. Over the past year my office has had the privilege of working with Donna Milovanovic as the President of the Guildwood Village Community Association (GVCA). She has been an effective advocate for her community. At the same time we welcome incoming President Harry Spindel.

Confirmation of the status of the southern Guildwood GO station parking lot was finally approved at Council in May. The report implemented the details of use and

tenancy as negotiated with GO Transit and discussed with residents. Also ratified was the sale to GO (actually the Greater Toronto Transit Authority or GTTA) of the 30 metre strip parallel to the tracks. The Report passed at City Council sets out that "GTTA acknowledges and agrees the property will not be used for any purpose other than as a surface parking lot for GO Transit patron parking, GO Transit directional signs and newspaper boxes."

There are a couple of cautionary notes. Firstly, the tenancy is on a month-to-month basis, and the rent is nominal. Secondly, the City Solicitor advises that a challenge to the restriction on uses may not survive the courts. However since both the City and GTTA have political accountability, residents can have some level of comfort that the use will be protected in the foreseeable future.

My office is in regular receipt of progress reports from City staff outlining their negotiations with Westeinde Developments concerning the Guild Inn. Westeinde recently submitted a term sheet to the City outlining their objectives from their perspective and what they are hoping to receive in terms of co-operation from the City. City staff is currently preparing a response for them. All parties are certainly aware that the mandate to negotiate from City Council has expired. It was originally granted by City Council last October for a period of six months and staff must report out on progress and seek new authority.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Guild Renaissance Group in late April I was pleased to hear that plans are well underway for an active summer on the Guild grounds. Plays and concerts will be presented in the Greek Theatre, and Art Naturally will again draw thousands to Scarborough's largest art show. Our office will be working with City staff to ensure that publicity is enhanced for the performances and show.

Those who drive along Westlake Road near the Guildwood GO/VIA Station will find large orange signs announcing its closure for six weeks. The City's Works Department has identified this roadway for major remedial work. The project involves completely closing Westlake from Galloway

Road to Sari Crescent. The roadbed will be replaced, a sidewalk will be installed on the south side connecting Sari Crescent to Galloway Road, and the ditch will be covered. The north side will also see some remedial work but the culvert will remain due to the large amount of water which runs from the adjacent woodlot during the spring and heavy rains.

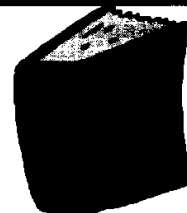
Residents on Toynbee Trail have expressed concerns about shortcutting on their street during the construction period. My office has alerted the Police for extra enforcement. As well, we have managed to get the 'Watch Your Speed' trailer installed on Toynbee in the spring. If residents still find a continued or specific problem, please inform my Constituency Assistant Joan Bannister (phone 416 396 7222, email banister@toronto.ca).

Back by popular demand is our spring garden contest. Once again my staff and I will be driving throughout the ward looking for homes, businesses, and institutions, which reflect through landscaping, flowers, plants, and lawns, a love of gardening and pride in home ownership. Our beautiful gardens enhance the attractiveness of Scarborough East and give all of us in the community something of which we can be proud. This contest can be fun for you and your neighbours. Feel free to call our office (Stephanie at 416 392 4008, email sford@toronto.ca) if you know of any property which deserves a nomination.

As always, I welcome your comments on any municipal matter and the opportunity to be of service. My regularly updated website at 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, 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. You can use any of the contact addresses or numbers above to provide us with your opinion on sidewalk snow shovelling.

Book lovers please note

A Gigantic Community Booksale will be held on Saturday, October 16th 2004 at Washington United Church at Kingston Rd and Golf Club Rd. This will be the 9th Annual Book Sale that has been used to support projects within the community. This year the proceeds will go to help Habitat for Humanity build more low cost housing.



To make this year's book sale a success we need a large supply of good new and used paperback and hardcover books. If you clean out your bookshelves over the summer months and put the books in boxes we will be happy to accept them in the fall and put them to good use. Further details will be in the next edition of the Guildwood News and Views. By attending the sale yourself you will also have the opportunity to obtain new reading material at bargain prices!

Unfortunately, we are unable to accept magazines, National Geographic's, Encyclopedias or textbooks as they have no resale value.

Mark down October 16th on your calendar now and start getting rid of some of your well read books to make room for new ones.

If you have any questions please call Graeme Hail at (416) 266-0959.

Graeme Hail



Girl Guides of Canada **Guides du Canada**

**FALL REGISTRATION****for Sparks, Brownies, Guides, and Pathfinders**

Tuesday, September 14, 7:00 to 8:30 PM, Washington United Church

(SE corner of Kingston Road & Scarborough Golf Club - parking off Guildcrest, one block south of Kingston Road)

WE'RE LOOKING FOR THE LEADER IN YOU!

Calling all potential leaders in Guildwood Village...our units (and our girls) need your help.

Last year we had a gratifying reponse to our call for leaders, but this year our need is even greater! Three of our units need leaders if they are to open in September. Our girls depend on the dedication and enthusiasm of volunteers such as yourself, so if you've been thinking about this, but haven't yet acted, why not make that phone call now, and find out what we're all about.



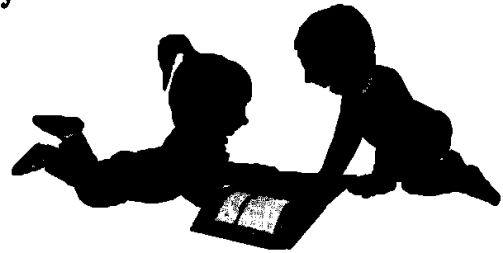
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Guildwood Library

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



Travel Resources at the Toronto Public Library

You can request travel guides, videos, DVDs and materials for learning the language of the country you plan to visit. Guildwood branch might not have the item on shelf but we can request materials from the other 97 branches in our library system. Customers are notified by telephone.

If you have Internet access at home you can research magazine and newspaper articles about your destination using your library card – through the Virtual Reference Library (<http://vrl.tpl.toronto.on.ca>).

Thinking of a trip? Here are some suggestions:

- Travel Guides: There are many to choose from including : Eyewitness Travel Guides, Lonely Planet, Let's Go
- Videos/DVDs: Learn about your destination before you travel. Enjoy the sights in advance.
- Language materials: Phrase books and dictionaries or a CD pack with phrase book

If you are travelling by car – borrow Books on Tape to listen to in the car. These are available in tape and CD format. Children can listen to stories while you travel. Or borrow a classic for everyone to listen to. Guildwood Library will have a display of these materials in May.

Local Art on Display at the Library

Guildwood Branch has an ongoing art display. Joan Salgo, Allan Good and Kay Long, Jacqueline Brunet and Don and Marlene Gaynes have all displayed their work in the library. Please come and enjoy our mini gallery with us.

TD Summer Reading Club – Fire up your imagination: Dragons, Books and Quests

Registration starts Monday July 5. Children are invited to drop into the library anytime and get a beautiful poster, stickers and more. The club is open to children of all ages. Young children can be read to and teens are welcome. It is a wonderful way to enjoy summer reading.

Dogs In Cars



As the hot weather comes around again, Toronto Public Health and Toronto Emergency Medical Services are reminding people not to leave their pets (or their kids for that matter) in their cars, even with the windows open slightly.

Many believe that by leaving the windows open a bit, their dog will be safe, but that is not the case. Dr. Dennis Cloud, a St. Louis veterinarian points out that “with all the car windows collecting light, our cars are built like a radiant oven. Even if the windows are left open a crack, it is not enough ventilation to prevent the inside temperature of cars in sunlight from zooming up to dangerous levels, sometimes in just a few minutes, plus air conditioners can quit, shade can shift, and pets inside hot cars cannot escape if they overheat”. Dr. Cloud also says he has seen more dogs overheat on moderately hot days when people leave them in the car thinking they will be okay. It is never okay to leave a pet in a car in the Spring or Summer with the windows open only a bit.

Each year we see dogs left sweltering in hot cars in the Guildwood Village plaza, while their owners go into a store “for just a few minutes”. Owners need to know that that few minutes can result in death for their beloved pets.

This year, let us all be aware of the Toronto Public Health and Toronto Emergency Medical Services warnings and not leave our best friends in sweltering cars, even for “just a few moments”.

Patricia Spindel