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# President's Message



## Robert D'Addario

President, Guildwood Village Community Association

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This has been an exciting time for Guildwood Village! It was wonderful to see our community come out for

Guildwood Day and enjoy all of the games, food, vendors, parade, and evening barbeque. This was one of the most successful Guildwood Days we have ever hosted!

The GVCA knows the importance of hosting events that bring our community together. We know that the more we know our neighbours, the stronger our community becomes. A safe, fun, and connected Guildwood Village starts with you and your ongoing connection with all our residents.

An event as large as Guildwood Day requires action from so many of its residents. I would like to send sincere thanks to a few people, including:

### The Guildwood Day Committee

- Ashley Rycroft – Guildwood Day Lead Organizer
- Gerard Baribeau
- Tom Caldwell
- Shirley Chung
- John Hetherington
- Melissa Kitazaki
- Jim Whitney – GVCA Past President
- John Mason
- Dee Peroff
- Bruce Villeneuve
- James Gilchrist
- Angela Vanderburg
- Brad Warren

Special mention to the Guildwood communications team (Jim & Andrea Chestnutt) for jumping in with social promotion as soon as they joined the GVCA.

### Volunteer Students from Laurier CI

These students generously gave their time throughout the day, starting bright and early in the morning, to get the area behind the school all set up for the marketplace, helping to run the field games, helping at the evening BBQ and helping to tear everything down and pack it up.

### GVCA Board Members

We appreciate the GVCA Board members and their family members for helping to run the membership tables throughout the afternoon and evening. Thanks go to: Ryan Atkison, Andrea Chestnutt, Kelly Cole, (Treasurer), Jeff Garrah, (Vice President), James Gilchrist, Mikale Joly, Melissa Kitazaki, John Mason, Allison Murray, (Secretary), Timo Puhakka, Ashley Rycroft, Angela Vanderburg, Bruce Villeneuve, Jim Whitney (Past President).

*Thank you to all of our Guildwood community residents for attending and enjoying the day! Please email me if you are interested in volunteering for any future events; we always need help to support our community.*

### Guildwood Day Sponsors

The GVCA received generous financial support from several businesses in the community to help sponsor the day. We are very grateful to our sponsors and Guildwood Day would not be the success it was had it not been for their generous help. Sponsors are listed below in alphabetical order:

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Also, several local merchants generously provided products and services as prizes for the GVCA member draws that were held in the afternoon. Having local businesses give back to our community is key to events like Guildwood Day!

### Special Thank You

Gerard and Judy Baribeau have been involved with the GVCA and community-building activities for many years. One of their important contributions has been running the Guildwood Day field games (for more than 20 years now) and they have always done a great job to ensure the kids have fun and can go home with a little prize too. While I hope Gerard and Judy will continue to be involved in our Guildwood Day activities, this was their last year running the field games. So Gerard and Judy, the GVCA thanks you and the community thanks you – an entire generation of kids have grown up enjoying the field games as an important part of Guildwood Day because you have been so generous with your time. Now if any of you are looking for a great way to support your community please consider taking over the field games and reach out to me at [president@guildwood.ca](mailto:president@guildwood.ca).

Bruce Villeneuve (aka Scouter Bruce to many Guildwood parents, kids and now grown kids) takes care of moving most everything needed to make Guildwood day happen. Each year Bruce arrives bright and early behind the school with tents and tables and each year he is here to the end packing up the BBQs and returning all the tables and tents back into storage. Thank you Bruce – we couldn't do it without you!

Finally, a special thanks to Ashley Rycroft. Ashley was our Guildwood Day Chair this year and despite being new to the role, organized an extremely successful Guildwood Day 2023!

# Guildwood Blooming Boulevards Project

Would you like to join the Guildwood Blooming Boulevards Project for Spring 2024? The Guildwood Butterflyway will be submitting an application for a PollinateTO grant in the fall to provide FREE native plants for new boulevard gardens in Guildwood. This fantastic City of Toronto program provides funding for the creation of native pollinator gardens on city boulevards (the space between the sidewalk and the road). There is also a possibility, depending on interest, of applying for funding for "Pollinator Pathways", which are THREE OR MORE FRONT YARD GARDENS on the same street. So even if you don't have a boulevard, talk to your neighbours about creating a pollinator pathway before August 31st!



Toronto's Official Bee, the Bicoloured Agapostemon (Agapostemon virescens)

The native wildflowers that are provided are salt-tolerant and lower in height, as required by the city guidelines, and all support our birds, bees and butterflies.

Converting troublesome and sterile turf to a beautiful native plant garden is one of the best things you can do to support our native bees, birds, and butterflies and we are incredibly lucky to live in a city that has such a visionary pollinator strategy.

If you are interested please add your name to this form before August 31, 2023 (all information will be kept private):

<https://forms.gle/6nMNLWX3v3P1MiZ69>

For more information or any questions, please contact Allison Murray at [gwbutterflyway@gmail.com](mailto:gwbutterflyway@gmail.com)

# Keeping our Beautiful Shoreline Clean

Rosalee Mitchell Spohn



The Friends of Guild Park participated in the City of Toronto's annual spring cleanup by organizing a shoreline cleanup (also registered with Ocean Wise Shoreline Cleanup) along Guildwood's Lake Ontario shoreline. Nearly 5,000 items were picked up, including 606 food and drink related items, 267 smoking-related items, 212 bottle caps, 43 nurdles<sup>1</sup>, 2,442 pieces of plastic, and 407 pieces of foam. Thank you to everyone who joined the cleanup including Ward 24 Councillor Paul Ainslie, Deputy Mayor and Ward 25 Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, and former Scarborough-Guildwood MPP Mitzie Hunter.

The Friends' annual fall shoreline cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, September 16, Coastal Cleanup Day. More information will be available at [GuildPark.ca](http://GuildPark.ca) or [Facebook.com/GuildPark](https://www.facebook.com/GuildPark).

Please put garbage and recycling into the appropriate bins to ensure Guild Park and Guildwood's Lake Ontario shoreline are safe, clean and healthy environments for wildlife.

1 According to [nurdlehunt.org.uk](http://nurdlehunt.org.uk), nurdles are small plastic pellets about the size of a lentil. Countless billion are used each year to make nearly all of our plastic products but many end up washing up on our shores



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# What's on @ Guildwood Library



Matthew Parish, Guildwood Library

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Tuesday	12:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Thursday	12:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Friday	10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am – 5:00 pm

## July and August Programs

More program information is available on our website  
[www.tpl.ca](http://www.tpl.ca)

### TD Summer Reading Club

Come join the TD Summer Reading Club!!  
 Members get a passport and stickers to keep track of their reading progress.

#### Summer Wonder

We will be having a weekly program every Tuesday from July 11th to August 22nd, from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm .

Please contact the branch for more information.

Here is the weekly lineup and look at some of the performers we have booked!

**Tuesday, July 11** – Colour Their World:  
with Erica London

**Tuesday, July 18** – Author Visit –  
Runaway Rodents

**Tuesday, July 25** – Scientists in School:  
Science Meets Art

**Tuesday, August 1** – Crafts and Stories

**Tuesday, August 8** – Pawsitively Pets

**Tuesday, August 15** – Quantum Kids  
LEGO

**Tuesday, August 22** – End of Summer  
Bingo Party

*Space is Limited - Tickets handed out  
at 1:30 pm*

## September Programs

### Guildwood Discussion Group

Ages - Adult

Come to the library to discuss current events. Every third Friday each month from 2:00 pm – 3:00 p.m. Please contact the branch to register. Space is limited.

### Thursday Adult Afternoon Movie

Ages – 18 and Up

Join us every Thursday from 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm for a free afternoon movie. Talk to staff about upcoming movies. Space is limited.

## Recommended Books from Guildwood Staff

*Matthew recommends:*

**Billy Summers** by Stephen King

*Ruth recommends:*

**Where the Guilty Hide** by Annette Dashofy

*Georgia recommends:*

**Really Good, Actually: A Novel** by Monica Heisey

*Regina recommends:*

**Almond** by Won-pyong Son

*Ellie recommends:*

**The Don: the story of Toronto's infamous jail** by Lorna Poplak

*Sam recommends:*

**Between The Devil and the Deep Blue Sea** by André Lewis Carter

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# The Little Things That Run the World

Allison Murray



The Guildwood  
Butterflyway Project

When was the last time that you had to scrape bug splatter off your car's windshield? I bet you can't remember! Scientists call this the "windshield phenomenon" as a way of graphically describing the precipitous drop

in the abundance of insects over the last 50 years. In the decades since World War II, largely because of the widespread use of pesticides, insect populations in North America have plummeted. According to a February 2019 article published in The Guardian (an online UK media source):

"More than 40% of insect species are declining and a third are endangered, the analysis found. The rate of extinction is eight times faster than that of mammals, birds and reptiles. The total mass of insects is falling by a precipitous 2.5% a year, according to the best data available, suggesting they could vanish within a century."

**Why should you care, you might ask?** Many people actively dislike insects and do everything they can to avoid them or get rid of them, one way or another. In his address at the 1987 opening of the new invertebrate exhibit at the National Zoological Park in Washington, DC, American entomologist E.O. Wilson called insects "the little things that run the world" because of the amazing range of "eco-system" services they provide, toiling away unnoticed by most of us. Among these vital services are pollination of fruits and vegetables, decomposition, and biological pest control.

There are roughly 42,000 known vertebrate species (reptiles, birds and mammals including ourselves). In contrast, there about 1,000,000 known invertebrate species, which includes all the insects known to science. We haven't even begun to scratch the surface of identifying all the insect species, which are estimated to number around 30,000,000. Let's face it: there are way more of them than us, and they have survived through the millennia. We, by comparison, have only been here a short time and in that time, have done much damage to the planet and its creatures.

We can measure the results of our war on insects by looking at the decline in bird populations over the last 50 years. Since 1970, the North American songbird population has declined by roughly 35%, on average. This means there are three billion fewer birds today than there were in 1970. The decline in the bird population is largely due to the diminishing abundance of insects (although the following can also be considered to be

contributing factors: loss of grasslands and wetlands, urban development, habitat fragmentation, pollution, climate change and even outdoor cats). But back to insects: the average songbird in our area feeds its nest



of chicks somewhere between 6,000 and 9,000 caterpillars, maggots and grubs (let's just call them all larvae) between the day they hatch to the day they fledge. Larvae are eaten almost exclusively by baby birds because they are large, soft, and highly nutritious. All of these caterpillars, maggots and

grubs come from the eggs laid by butterflies, moths, flies, mosquitoes, beetles, bees, wasps, and other insects. The math is very easy to understand: no insects = no birds.

The sad truth is that without insects, not only would the birds have nothing to feed their young, there would be no fruits or vegetables which rely on insect pollination. All fish, mammals and reptiles would become extinct, and dead plants and animals would pile up without the beetles and flies that efficiently dispose of them. In short order, the world as we know it would crash.

**So what can you do?** The answer is pretty simple:

- don't use chemicals of any kind in your garden
- plant more native wildflowers, shrubs and trees that support insect species (and therefore birds and other wildlife)
- allow the leaves that provide shelter for insects to remain on the ground in the fall

Let's all learn to love the amazing "eco-system services" provided by the little things that run the world.

Why do the humans always call us **PESTS?** There would be no butterflies without caterpillars!

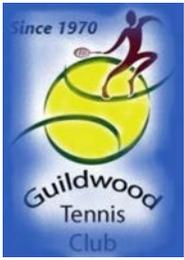
They haven't learned yet that 'We Are The Little Creatures That Run The World'



The ecosystem will cease to function without insects

pollinator friendly yards on facebook

# Guildwood Tennis Club



*Rosemary Enright*

With its bright, sunny, hot, breezy days and cooler evenings, summer is the perfect time to spend on a tennis court – especially if it is GTC. Interest has been so great this season that our membership is now closed. Our adult and junior programs are fully enrolled but there are a few spaces available in summer camps for juniors. This success can be attributed to the dedicated executive, our professional club instructor, and the team of volunteers who all work tirelessly to ensure that everyone’s goals are being met.

The Club officially opened the season at the beginning of May with a work crew installing windscreens and removing the winter debris from the courts. Once the courts were ready, tryouts were held for the adult and junior competitive Scarborough Tennis Federation (STF) teams. The day was capped with a barbecue and round robin for all members. What an enjoyable day for all who attended!



The momentum this opening generated continued through the following months. The juniors can be seen every afternoon enthusiastically participating in the progressive tennis lessons designed to improve their skill levels. Both the Junior and the High Performance Lessons have been very popular due to the hard work of the club pro, Jared Nicholson. As of June 12, our competitive junior STF teams ranked first and second out of seven teams in Scarborough! The Junior Fun Day which is held in July is enjoyed by all the young participants as they get a chance to exhibit their improved skills.

If you walk by the courts in the morning or evenings, you will witness the adult programs in action. You could catch a glimpse of adult lessons, a skill-specific clinic, a singles ladder match, an STF match, or one of the many scheduled singles and doubles round robins. The success of the Adult Program is reflected in the continued demand for, and participation in, these activities.

Spaced throughout the season are Club social events to encourage the mixing of members of different skill levels and ages. The Opening Day Round Robin, the Ladies Afternoon Round Robin, the Canada Day Mix and Match Tournament and Strawberry Fest are such activities. For the keen competitive player there are the singles and doubles tournaments in August and the finals in September.



*Ladies Afternoon*

The closing Corn Roast and Barbeque will be an opportunity to honor all those who have contributed to the success of the 2023 season. The club is also hoping to have the courts resurfaced in September. Other opportunities to interact with a wide variety of members like the Guildwood Cup and the Luck of the Draw Tournament may have to be postponed. The club officially closes at the end of October.

For more specific information check us out at [www.guildwoodtennis.com](http://www.guildwoodtennis.com).

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# Serenata Singers: A Sweet Success

LouAnne Massey



In May of 2019, the Serenata Singers presented its 43rd annual spring concert. Then COVID arrived and this well-established community choir was shut down. However, with determination, we converted the interaction to a Zoom format and soldiered on, creating a virtual mini-Christmas concert and two productions on YouTube. The choir was also forced to relocate since its rehearsal venue was being torn down. A new home was found in Scarborough Bluffs United Church and new recruits were solicited.

Finally, in May of 2023, the choir returned to a live stage with a resounding success in “Songs for a New World” with Jonathan Wong as Artistic Director and Stan Farrow as Accompanist. A successful appeal for Ukraine was held with all donations given to the Canada Ukraine Surgical Aid Program – a team of doctors who are partnered with Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre.

The concert featured a variety of music, with a salute to Stephen Sondheim, as well as over fifty percent Canadian music, both contemporary pieces and older favourites by artists such as Oscar Peterson. Two Canadian composers, E.K.R. Hammell and Alex Eddington, attended the concerts in person. Joshua Clemenger and Jamal Al Titi were guest performers.

The choir is composed of approximately 55 retirees who rehearse during the daytime. Post-pandemic, the choristers are once again able to entertain in seniors’ residences and recently performed at the Momiji Centre and the new Chartwell Guildwood Retirement Residence. The Serenata Singers gratefully acknowledge the support of the SOCAN Foundation.

Serenata Singers is always looking for new members and invites interested singers to go to its website ([serenatasingers.ca](http://serenatasingers.ca)) for further information and visit the choir in September for free trial rehearsals.

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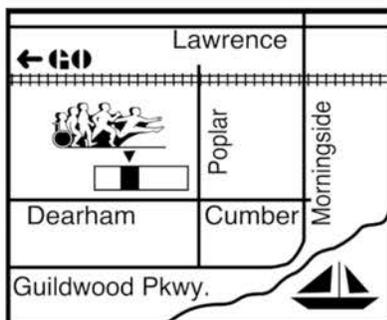
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# Singing The Praises of the Guild Festival Theatre

Tim Crouch



My wife and I moved to Scarborough in the middle of the Covid-19 pandemic. Like many millennial friends, we were searching for a change of scenery from the concrete jungle, and found ourselves in the Bluffs area. We haven't looked back!

As an arts and culture consultant and administrator, one particular itch I wanted to scratch was a way to get involved on a volunteer basis with the local arts scene. A musician colleague of mine saw my happy pictures on social media of our new home and area, and said "You know, you should really check out Guild Festival Theatre. They're looking for Board members." So, the universe provided.



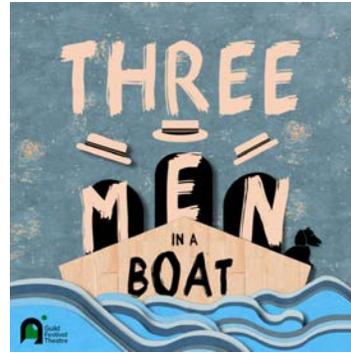
Guild Festival Theatre (GFT) has been enchanting audience members from the Greek Theatre in Guild Park & Gardens since 2011. It isn't just their amazing productions that attracted me. It is also a staff and board brimming with excitement and confidence. Led by co-Artistic Directors Helen Juvonen and Tyler Seguin, as well as General Manager Christine Luksts and Board Chair Mike Paduada, this is a team that truly loves what they do - and that's infectious, not just for me, but audience members as well. As a Board member, I feel I am supporting the growth of arts and culture in Scarborough through GFT, and making this area a better place to live.

The group continues to 'reimagine classics' with their outdoor performances, and through artistic collaborations and audience outreach, continue to push themselves to represent all of Scarborough. This is a worthy cause we can all be proud of.

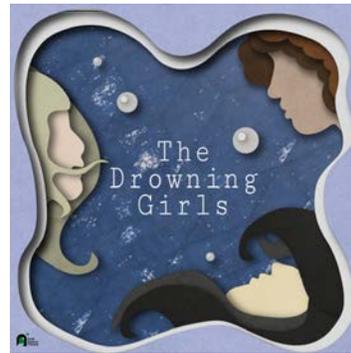
If you're interested in helping GFT achieve its mission, I urge you to check out upcoming productions, and reach out to let us know what you think. We are always looking for volunteers, and ways to grow the GFT community!



## Upcoming Productions:



*Three Men in a Boat (July 27 - August 13):* Award-winning writer and director team Mark Brownell & Sue Miner present a hilarious adaptation of Jerome K. Jerome's classic Victorian satire. Join our three intrepid bachelors Jay, George, and Harris (and their dog) as they spend a disastrous weekend punting up the river Thames.



*The Drowning Girls (August 17-27):* A true crime story about three brides with a gruesome connection: they were all married to and murdered by the same man. Hauntingly poetic and unnervingly playful, this award-winning play will bring a touch of mystery to the Greek Theatre.

All performances take place at the Greek Theatre in Guild Park and Gardens. For more information, visit [www.guildfestivaltheatre.ca](http://www.guildfestivaltheatre.ca)

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# Lessons About Mourning Doves – The Porch Chronicles

Ann Brokelman



As I get a bit older and experience back and knee pains, I find that bird watching in my yard makes more sense. It allows me the comfort of the chair, trees, and cool fresh breeze. I have spent hours on my

front and back porches watching a few pairs of birds nesting in my yard. While the starlings, robins, chickadees,



and orioles regularly use my yard and birdhouses to raise their young, and some of you know I've had an Eastern Screech Owl successfully raise several owlets, for just the fifth time in the last 16 years a pair of mourning doves has hatched several chicks in one of my front trees. Over the last

few years, I've learned so much about the development of baby doves and the behaviour of the adults by spending countless hours watching them.



This all began one day, a few weeks ago, while I watched through the window with excitement as a dove was picking up sticks from my front yard and only taking them as far away as my front tree. The male was chasing the female,

and significantly slowing down the nest building, while making that amazing cooooOOOOO-woo-woo-woo sound that only the males can make.

Shortly after, the male began to bring sticks to the tree, while the female dove wove them into a functioning nest. They built it in the perfect location for all of us. It was well protected from predators and the weather, while also being right in front of my porch, where I could sit, protected in all weather, and watch the activities.

While I've spent a considerable amount of time sitting there watching the family, I've also spent a not insignificant amount of time explaining to people walking down the street what I am up to on my front porch with a long lens on a tripod. When asked if they want to see the doves, most are amazed!

Some of my observation highlights: The two babies, twins, are fed at the same time! One chick will sit on each side of the adult, who will continuously regurgitate the food back and forth between them. This is very different from other birds who will feed only one baby at a time, before heading out to find more food for each baby.

Feedings last for about 5 to 15 minutes, or whenever the babies are full, and afterwards the chicks tuck under the chest of one of the adults. One time I saw the male, who was sitting on the nest, trying to also feed from the female and was kicking the babies to the side to make more room for him! Both the male and female will feed the chicks and they take turns on the nest about every three to four hours.



I have had many good laughs as the arriving parent will kick the nesting adult off the nest as it's 'their turn' to sit and have a break. That's not too different from many human parents I've known over the years! Feel free to visit [guildwood.ca](http://guildwood.ca) and go to "News and Views" to see a video of the feeding of the twins. <https://youtu.be/VVewzPLIOWk>

Many of us knew that mourning doves were ground feeders, as we often see them walking under bird feeders instead of towards them. But did you know that they stockpile seeds in a crop, which is an enlarged part of their esophagus, to digest later? Also, the babies are fed crop milk or pigeon milk, which is high in protein and fat. Pigeon milk is secreted by the adults' crop lining and then regurgitated into a chick's mouth with the rest of their food! Fascinating and gross!



*Two young doves have fledged the nest but are still being fed and cared for by the adult.*

My various birding books say they consistently lay two eggs, which take two weeks to hatch, and then another two weeks for the chicks to fly or fledge. They sure like the number "two".

Here's one final anecdote: I said before that the nest was well protected, but that doesn't mean it's perfectly safe. On the 13th day after the hatchings, I was having my coffee outside when suddenly a blue jay attacked the nest! The blue jay was bouncing from branch to branch trying to get close to the babies. Fortunately, the adults protected the babies, and everyone was safe!

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The “spring cleaning” season is upon us to freshen up our homes and property after the cold winter months and unpredictable weather. This is a great opportunity to implement some home safety concepts to better protect your family and property from crime.

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) is a program that assists in preventing crime to your home, business and/or property. There are many security measures that can be put in place, but with the addition of natural surveillance, access control and territorial reinforcement, your safety measures will be elevated.

Maintaining your property aesthetically and showing pride of ownership display that the owner has extra care and control over the property. Some quick tips include keeping

your gardens maintained, trimming shrubs no higher than two feet in height to avoid obstructing windows, and ensuring trees at the front of the property are pruned to allow clear sight lines.

Sight lines into your home offer natural surveillance within your community. Perpetrators will assess the risk of being caught. If they can be seen on your property and through the windows of the home, they may avoid it. Creating barriers around your home should be limited to establishing property lines and ownership, but still have some visibility so that natural sight lines can be established. Avoid having isolated areas on your property, particularly close to entrance and exit points. Utilizing LED lighting at all points of entry assists with optimal lighting during nighttime hours.

There are upgrades you can purchase for your home to enhance safety that include installing a solid wood or steel door at entrances, security strike plates, door lock wraps, additional locking devices for doors/windows, and security window screens.

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- Sliding Glass Doors Secured**  
Cover with security window film to help prevent shattering.
- Interior Lights & Radio**  
A couple of lights & the sound of a radio can make it seem as though someone is home
- Door Eye Viewer/Window**  
Ensure both adults & children can see out before they open the door
- Porch/Front Door Lights**  
Use high efficiency lights with motion sensors or a timer. Lights should be installed out of arm's reach of a would be criminal
- Deadbolt Locks on Doors**  
Deadbolts at least 1" into door frame and strike plate installed with at least 3" screws
- Driveway and Walkway Lights**  
Use high efficiency lights with motion sensors or timers
- Garage Door Securely Locked**  
When leaving the house ensure that the garage door has closed
- Mark Your Valuables**  
Use an identifiable mark or number to mark your valuables
- Alarm System Sign**  
A simple sign or decal may make a would be criminal think twice
- Easily Readable House Number**  
It's easier for police and other first responders to locate your home when the house numbers are large and well lit
- Trim Hedges & Trees**  
Trim hedges below 2ft allow clear visibility of home
- Exposed Fence Hinges**  
Secure Gates
- Casement or Double Hung Windows**  
Use various types of window stops for windows
- Sliding Glass Doors Secured**  
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Cameras and alarm systems can add an extra layer of security and will assist in investigations within your community on reported crimes or suspicious behaviour.

If you have plans to go away for the day or night, consider some of the additional tips shown on the diagram to assist in creating an illusion that someone is home. Perpetrators often will wait for an opportunity when they believe the home is empty, which limits their chance of being caught or encountering witnesses.

If you feel that you may be vulnerable to a home or business break in, please reach out by email to [leanna.gill@torontopolice.on.ca](mailto:leanna.gill@torontopolice.on.ca) to set up a meeting to review home safety tips or receive a complimentary CPTED audit.

If you believe a crime was committed, have information on a crime that was committed, or observe suspicious activity in your neighbourhood, please contact police. Some of the ways to contact police are as follows:

In the event of an emergency, please call 911. Less urgent matters, please contact the non-emergency number at 416-808-2222.

If your crime meets the criteria as found on our website (e.g. damage to property, local traffic issues, graffiti, lost property, and more), it can be reported online at <https://www.tps.ca/services/online-reporting/>

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# Music to Our Ears

## Scarborough Uke Jam at the Olde Stone Cottage Turns 10!

Jay Moonah



The Scarborough Uke Jam is celebrating its 10th anniversary this October, and as one of the co-founders I couldn't be more proud and excited!

The idea started, as many of the great ones do, over a few beers. I was sharing a pint (or, let's be honest, a few pints) at the Olde Stone Cottage pub with my very good friends and fellow Guildwood residents Paul Butters and Matthew Bartram (Matt has since moved to the west end, but we try not to hold that against him.) At that time, the three of us were semi-regular attendees of the amazing Corktown Ukulele Jam, which had become a hub of the burgeoning Toronto uke scene. However, we were aware that there were a decent number of folks in Scarborough and the eastern GTA who would love to have something similar a little closer to home. We hatched a plan to create a jam of our own right there at the Olde Stone Cottage, and with the blessing of Corktown leader Steve McNie, the Scarborough Uke Jam was born.

Inspired by the Corktown jam, our goal was to create a fun, low-pressure environment where like-minded uke enthusiasts could play and sing together. Although we call it a "jam", the main program is really more of a workshop format. Butters, as a trained music teacher and talented presenter, serves as the leader for most of our songs, with myself and Matt taking occasional turns as well. Along with the three original instigators, our leadership team is rounded out by the fantastic percussionist Paul Bailie (another Guildwoodian), and our executive officer Joyce Toye, who runs the projector, collects the cash, and generally keeps us from going off the rails.



Chords and lyrics for songs are projected at the front, and the presenter will usually give a brief lesson to teach

any unusual chords or parts in the new songs. Then we play – every song is terrific fun, and we always end up in laughs, cheers, and even occasional tears, particularly when commemorating a musical great as we did with the passings of Gord Downie, Eddie Van Halen, Tina Turner, Gordon Lightfoot, and many others.

After we do one to three new numbers we review songs from the previous session, then take requests from our back catalog of more than 500 songs. We also have one of the friendliest open stages around, where we welcome and encourage folks to play a favourite of their own for the rest of us to enjoy, if they are so inclined.



Jay Moonah and Paul Butters

Something that I'm still particularly proud of is how we managed to keep the jam going through the pandemic. Obviously singing together in a small room was definitely not something that could be done during a health emergency, so like many activities we had to find a way to move online. Zoom and similar tech were tried, but we didn't find it very conducive to our approach. Instead, using a combination of pre-recorded videos and chat (at first on Facebook, and later using YouTube videos and a service called Metastream) we managed to continue doing regular sessions with folks tuning in from home. And as a silver lining, we created about 150 play-along song videos that you can still find on our YouTube channel.

Now that the world has returned to a somewhat normal state, we are back doing what we do fortnightly at the Olde Stone Cottage, with an average of about 15 to 20 eager uke players. We gather every second Monday upstairs at 7:45 pm. While it helps to have at least a bit of experience playing ukulele, we welcome and encourage all skill levels. And even if you've never played but think you might be interested, come by and see what we're all about. The ukulele bug is one that is fun to catch!

For more information and schedule, please visit [www.scarboroughukes.com](http://www.scarboroughukes.com) or google "scarborough uke jam." Please note that Paul Butters offers individual beginner lessons and you can find further information about that on the website as well.

# Flying the Flag Proudly

A Guildwood flag has been donated by the GVCA to Toronto's Deputy Mayor Jennifer McKelvie (Councillor for Ward 25 Scarborough-Rouge Park) to thank her for her presentation at our Annual General Meeting on March 28th, as well as her continuing service to the community. And to keep things fair, we also donated a Guildwood flag to Councillor Paul Ainslie (Ward 24 Scarborough-Guildwood) to thank him for his service on behalf of our community. We are lucky that Guildwood's boundaries span two wards so that we have two councillors advocating on our behalf at all times!



## Guildwood's Got Talent



## Presenting Author Michelle Waitzman

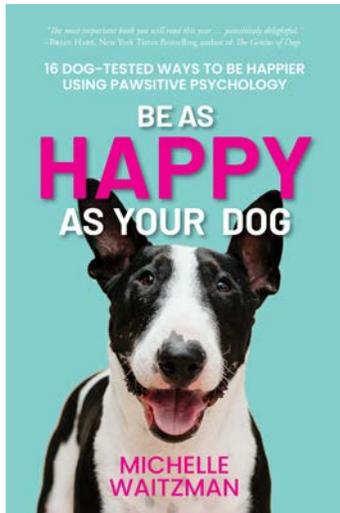
*Sheila McGovern*



Michelle has called Guildwood home for 10 years, and is often seen walking with her husband and their two

rescue dogs, Marlowe and Nuka. "Guildwood is a perfect place for dog lovers. We were planning to adopt dogs after finding a house, and this is one of the few remaining neighbourhoods where the houses don't take up the entire property. We have backyards here ... not to mention all of the wonderful parks and trails!" Seeing her dogs enjoy the beautiful surroundings gave Michelle an idea for writing a non-fiction book. "Nuka has endured pretty much everything life can throw at her. She was abandoned as a puppy – she was malnourished, infected with a rare parasite, had five surgeries and a severe autoimmune reaction and yet, still, she is happy every day and loves her life." Despite her rough start and medical challenges, Nuka gets excited about every walk and every meal, loves meeting new people, and can barely contain her joy when she gets to splash along the shores of Lake Ontario. Her never-say-die spirit was the inspiration for **Be As Happy As Your Dog: 16 Dog-Tested Ways to Be Happier Using Pawsitive Psychology**. The self-help book draws on the research of dog behaviour experts and leaders in the

growing field of positive psychology to examine why dogs always seem to be happy, and how people can add more happiness to their own lives by adopting a more dog-like attitude.



Anyone who lives with a dog has seen how they embrace every opportunity to enjoy life. They bounce back quickly from bad experiences and allow themselves to move on almost immediately—something humans often struggle to do. They use all their senses to take in what’s happening around them and experience it fully. A dog who is out for a walk is immersed in the walk, not wondering what’s for dinner, worrying about an

upcoming vet appointment, or plotting revenge against the squirrel that got away earlier. “I decided to investigate why dogs do a variety of things such as learning new tricks, wagging their tails, playing, going for walks, sniffing random objects, and so on. Then I reflected on what could be considered the human equivalent of doing those activities. How could we learn from our dogs and find ways to improve our own lives?” The book offers a variety of simple ideas to help people feel happy more often. For example, Michelle suggests that humans can “wag our tails” by making a point of celebrating all of the good things that happen to us every day. Dogs wag their tails every time you come home because they’re happy to see you. But how often do you tell the people in your life you’re happy to see them? Also, we expect dogs to be playful throughout their lives as we know they get a lot of joy from playing. So should we but often we feel bad about playing because we fear we are “wasting time” instead of being productive. However, psychologists have found that play is as essential for adult humans as it is for dogs.

As the author of four other non-fiction books, Michelle loves to immerse herself in researching a subject and presenting information in a way that’s both helpful and easy to understand. When she’s not writing books, she puts those same skills to work for companies and associations as a corporate writer, ghostwriter, editor, and plain language consultant. “As most authors will tell you, it’s pretty rare to make a living from your books,” she says. “But it is very satisfying to feel like you’ve made someone else’s life a bit better by sharing your insights on a subject.”

Michelle’s previous books include a camping book for couples called *Sex in a Tent*, a guide to immigrating to New Zealand (where she lived for seven years) called

*Moon Living Abroad in New Zealand*, and an examination of the amazing skills of a variety of animals in *Psychic Animals: Superstition, Science & Extraordinary Tales*. “I’ve always enjoyed writing and grew up wanting to be a writer,” she says. “But at first I thought that meant I had to write novels, so that’s what I started out trying to do. As it turns out, I’m a terrible fiction writer! I had no trouble coming up with story ideas, but when it came to crafting a strong plot, I was hopeless. After working as a TV producer for several years, I ended up discovering that I had a talent for sharing information in an engaging and lighthearted way. When I realized there was more than one way to be a ‘professional writer,’ I turned my disappointment into success.” Michelle believes that people often hold a fixed idea of what success looks like, and they might miss out on an opportunity to succeed at something they love because it doesn’t fit their expectations. “In *Be as Happy as Your Dog*, I talk about serendipity. Most people think it’s simply a happy coincidence, but it’s more than that. The definition of serendipity (according to the man who coined the term, Horace Walpole) is: ‘A state of mind whereby a person, by good fortune and through awareness and sensitivity, frequently finds something better than that which he is seeking’. You’ll notice that the person has to be more than just lucky—they need to have ‘awareness and sensitivity’ or they won’t even notice the opportunity.”

Michelle has certainly embraced the concept of serendipity. Her career path has taken several turns, from television to corporate communications to freelance writing and editing to speaking and training—and of course her unpaid but rewarding role as a dog mom. It just shows that while some people may discover a singular talent early in life and spend the rest of their lives refining it, others may find inspiration in a number of areas and prefer trying new things. There’s more than one way to be talented.

If you’re interested in finding out more about Michelle and her writings, feel free to check her out at [beashappyasyourdog.com](http://beashappyasyourdog.com) or [michellewaitzman.com](http://michellewaitzman.com).

**A note from the Editor**

We’d like to mention that the intention behind articles profiling the talents of local Guildwood residents in “Guildwood’s Got Talent” is simply to share success stories of our friends and neighbours without marketing any particular goods and services. If you would like to recommend someone that you think we should interview, please feel free to email me at [newsandviews@guildwood.ca](mailto:newsandviews@guildwood.ca). We welcome all suggestions to profile people from different arenas including sports, business, activism, the arts, and more!

# Tree Giveaway Success!

The GVCA gave away 800 native trees and shrubs!

The Laurier high school volunteers and other volunteers were great, as was super-volunteer Janis Maunder! Thank you!

We also collected a ton of food for the Daily Bread food bank which was dropped off at the Coronation fire hall.

We will do it again next year!

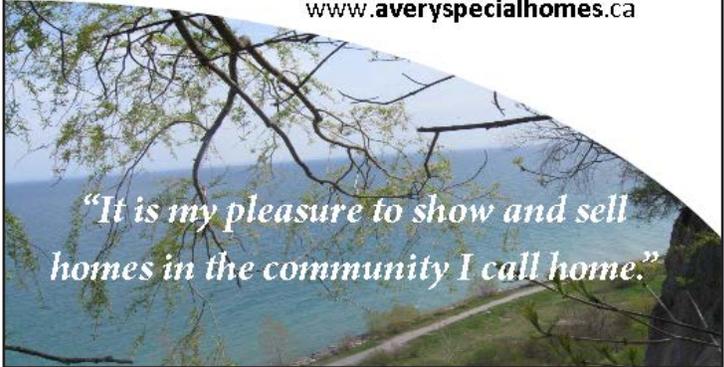



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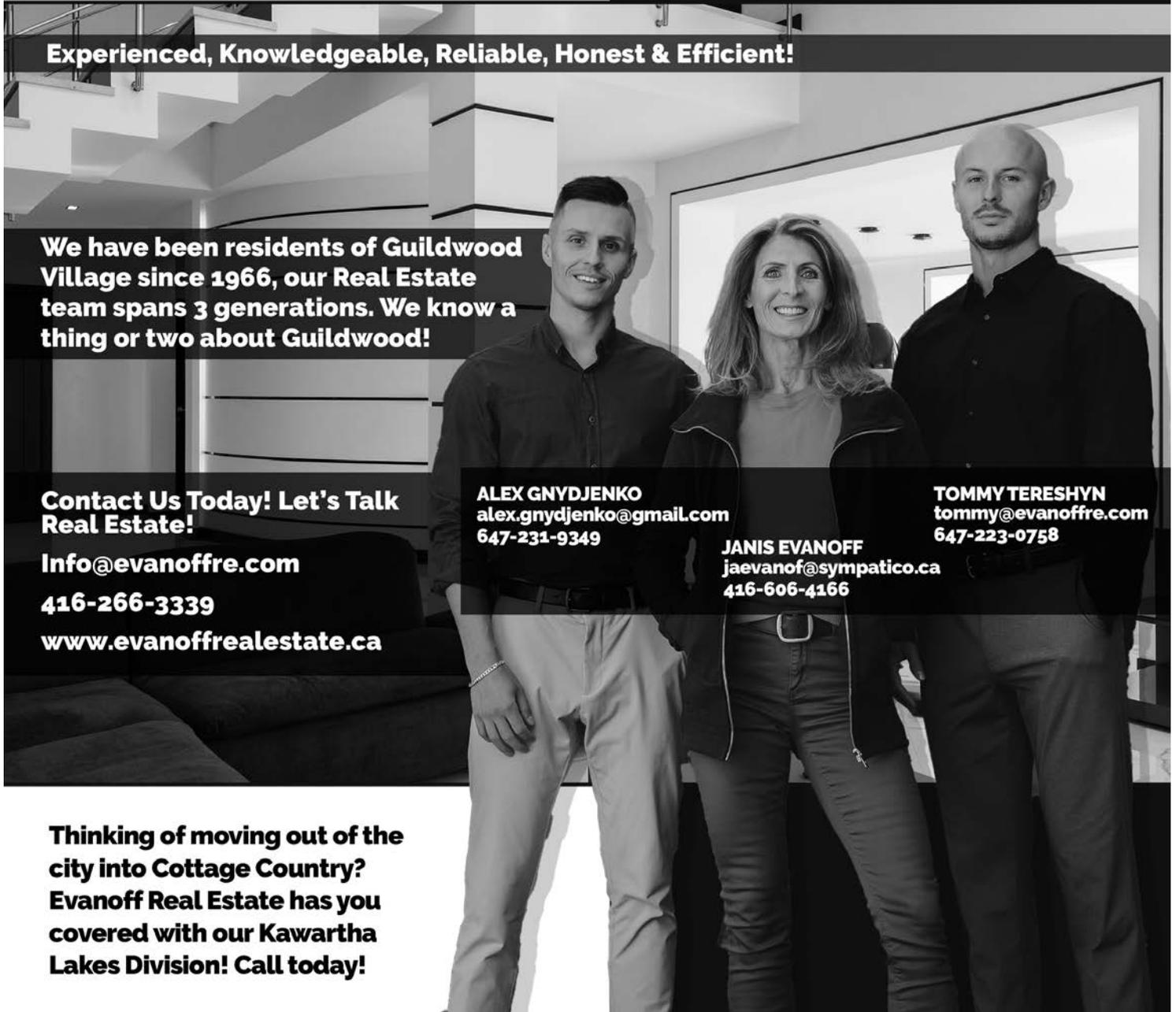
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# 2023 Membership Drive

Jeff Garrah



The GVCA Membership campaign was a great success again this year! We delivered 1,311 memberships – the total falling just short of last year’s number of 1,371. However, we actually sold slightly more memberships, as last year we had more new residents when the first year is free.

We’d like to extend our thanks to the amazing volunteers who donate their time and energy to getting out, meeting neighbours, reconnecting with friends and acquaintances, and explaining to new neighbours the value that the GVCA and associated activities bring to this wonderful neighborhood we call home. These volunteers go door to door, and typically speaking, knock on each and every door in Guildwood in a highly coordinated effort.

Over the past few years, the canvassing team navigated a number of issues including the pandemic as well as turnover and “retirement” of some long-term volunteers. We also had some “interesting” weather during our four-week campaign. It was either sunny and sweltering, or pouring rain. After a long and arduous winter, when the sun comes out, so do the people, but when it rains,

nobody wants to canvas, so logistics like these are always challenging and definitely impact the outcome!

We are always looking for more volunteers as some of our amazing crew have 3-4 routes, or in the case of Judy McAdam, took on the “tall” task of coordinating with the condo boards and setting up shop in the lobbies of 10/20 Guildwood Parkway to provide the opportunity for our residents on the hilltop to participate as well!

Other special shout-outs go to volunteers that took on more than their fair share of (3 or more) routes this year include:

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| Bruce Villeneuve   | Allison Murray   |

A sincere thank you to all the members, canvassers, coordinators, volunteers, and of course you the community, for your support. If you missed the opportunity to buy your membership and support the GVCA and all of our great initiatives, you can still do so at [www.guildwood.ca/become-a-member](http://www.guildwood.ca/become-a-member)

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# Shedding Light on Canada's "Musical Knight"

## Guild Park's connection with conductor Sir Ernest MacMillan

John P. Mason



A bronze plaque displayed amid two building keystones at Guild Park commemorates one of Canada's foremost musicians, Sir Ernest MacMillan.

*Bronze bas-relief of Sir Ernest MacMillan, circa late 1960s. Commissioned by Spencer Clark, created by Frances Gage, displayed at Guild Park*



Today, 50 years after his death, MacMillan's bas-relief portrait is largely overlooked by Guild Park visitors. But during the first seven decades of the 20th century, MacMillan and his work - as performer, composer, conductor and educator - couldn't be missed. His musical career was full of adventures and honours.

He remains the only Canadian musician to be knighted. This rare honour came in 1935 to recognize MacMillan's "services to music in Canada." That he earned this royal title at 42 indicates the impact MacMillan made on this country's musical landscape from an early age.

You could find MacMillan conducting concerts across Canada and on four continents, recording with orchestras, composing, and creating music courses for young Canadians. He even spent time at Guild Park, during the era when the property's former owners, Rosa and Spencer Clark, operated the Guild Inn on site.



Ernest MacMillan at the organ, the instrument he described as "my first love."

Photo Credit: From University of Toronto Faculty of Music <https://faculty100.music.utoronto.ca/>

MacMillan, born in Toronto in 1893, began playing music when he was five. His parents - a piano-playing mother and a prominent Presbyterian minister from Scotland - nurtured his precocious musical talent.

At 10, he debuted as an organist at Toronto's Massey Hall. As a young teen, MacMillan went with his father to Scotland, where he studied organ and, thanks to his abilities, was accepted into the music program at the University of Edinburgh.

MacMillan returned to Toronto in 1908. At 15, he was hired as organist and choirmaster at a local church. After two years, he went back to Britain, earning a music degree from Oxford before turning 18.

For the next three years he studied at University of Toronto (which in 1911 lacked a music degree program) and worked as musical director for a church in Hamilton. In 1914, MacMillan decided to move to Paris and study piano with a private tutor.

The young musician made the fateful decision to attend a major opera festival in Germany that August. While there, WWI broke out. MacMillan, a Canadian, was deemed an enemy alien. He was detained, fined, arrested and held captive at a civilian prisoner of war camp near Berlin for the next four years.



Ernest MacMillan, back row, far left, at civilian POW camp outside Berlin during WWI Photo: Library and Archives Canada

Coincidentally, many other musicians were also held captive at the same site. To maintain morale among the 4,000 civilian POWs, MacMillan and his colleagues performed makeshift concerts, gave talks about classical music, composed and conducted. It was the first time the young Canadian had ever led large groups of musicians and choirs. This marked the start of a conducting career that would serve MacMillan, fellow musicians and concert-going audiences for the rest of his professional career.

After the war's end, MacMillan came home to perform and teach as much as he could. In Toronto, he worked as a church organist/choirmaster, taught and developed music courses, became principal of the Royal Conservatory of Music in 1926, and the next year was dean of music at U of T (where a music degree was now offered).

On his frequent concert tours across the country, he was inspired to incorporate Canadian themes in his compositions, such as folk songs from Quebec and music of First Nations from B.C.

In 1931, MacMillan became the second conductor for the Toronto Symphony Orchestra (TSO), a post he held for 25 years. It was likely in the mid-1930s, after Rosa and Spencer Clark founded the Guild of All Arts in 1932, that MacMillan made his notable visit to the Guild.

“He spent one summer at the Guild Inn composing new music while relaxing beneath the trees” is the undated description about MacMillan’s stay from Carole Lidgold’s popular book, *The History of the Guild Inn*. The book mentions how the Clarks had hired one of MacMillan’s musical colleagues to teach at the Guild’s arts school in 1935. It was also an era when classical musicians would rehearse on the property, delighting the Inn’s guests.



*Canadian soprano, Lois Marshall, and Sir Ernest MacMillan rehearsing for a concert at the CNE Bandshell, July 1964. Photo by Barry Philp*

A generation before the Beatles brought their songs from the British Invasion to the Hollywood Bowl, the now-knighted Canadian MacMillan was a regular conductor at that iconic Los Angeles venue. When the similar art deco-styled bandshell

opened at Toronto’s CNE in 1936, the debut orchestral concert saw MacMillan lead the TSO in a rendition of “The Flight of the Bumblebee” and other popular classics.

He later conducted a series of TSO concerts at Maple Leaf Gardens. These attracted audiences of 10,000 as a fundraising project during World War II. MacMillan was also at the TSO podium for recording sessions in the 1950s with another renowned Canadian prodigy, pianist Glenn Gould.



*Photo by Karsh, 1964*

The energetic and avuncular conductor was known to dress up as Santa Claus when conducting Christmas concerts. Another way he popularized orchestra music was through his regular appearances on CBC and as the “classical disc jockey” for Toronto radio station CKEY. He is one of the few celebrities to be photographed by Karsh, the eminent Canadian portraitist, on three separate occasions.

Another Guild connection came in the 1960s. Spencer Clark commissioned Canadian sculptor, Frances Gage to create four bas-relief profiles in bronze of musicians MacMillan and Healy Willan (a colleague of MacMillan’s), and of painters A.Y. Jackson and Frederick Varley.



*Music Hall Wall at Guild Park, Spring 2023*



*Sculptor Frances Gage, left, shows her bronze bas-relief of conductor Sir Ernest MacMillan to the musician himself and his wife, Lady MacMillan. Photograph from October 1971, after MacMillan suffered a stroke. Source: The Toronto Star Collection, Getty Images.*

Gage recalls completing some of that project “in the little cabin at the Guild,” referring to the building now known as Guild Park’s Sculptor’s Cabin. She also got to present a copy of her artwork to MacMillan himself, before he died of a stroke in 1973, at the age of 79.

Gage’s sculptures of MacMillan and Willan are what Guild Park visitors can admire in a most suitable setting. Both musicians were also top administrators at the Royal Conservatory of Music. They worked at the original building, at College and University, which was demolished in 1968.

From that rubble, Spencer Clark salvaged two items: the red sandstone keystone from the 1886 Conservatory and the terracotta façade from the adjacent 1922 Music Hall. As part of his collection of architectural artifacts on the grounds of the Guild Inn, Clark mounted these pieces on a commemorative brick wall. That wall is where he installed Gage’s sculpted portraits of MacMillan and Willan, whom Clark described as “two of Canada’s greatest musicians.”

***MacMillan’s story is featured on an upcoming Sunday Stroll at Guild Park. This free guided walk is on Sun. Aug. 27 and hosted by Friends of Guild Park president, John Mason. Details at [www.facebook.com/guildpark](http://www.facebook.com/guildpark).***



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# The Community Supports Elizabeth Simcoe!



The Fun Fair committee of Elizabeth Simcoe Junior Public School organized an unforgettable event on Friday May 26, 2023!

Back in 2019, the school council embraced the idea of hosting a fun fair to energize our school and community for the upcoming summer months while also raising funds for our school. That's when the name "Spring Into Summer" was born. The 2019 Fun Fair turned out to be a remarkable success, surpassing all expectations. With great enthusiasm, we began planning for the 2020 Fair. However, due to the pandemic and uncertainties surrounding large gatherings, we had to pause the planning process.

In November 2022, we eagerly revived the idea of another "Spring Into Summer" Fun Fair. A dedicated and creative committee of 20 parents was formed, full of fantastic ideas.



The 2023 Fun Fair featured an array of exciting attractions, including a 19' Double Lane Slide, Tiki Trek Obstacle Course, Dolphin Cove Bouncy Castle, Soccer Penalty Kick, Basketball Double Shot, and Gladiator Joust inflatables and games! Attendees had the opportunity to unleash their creativity at the

Clay Emporium room and in our Mini Makers and Green Thumbs crafts rooms. Our exceptional face painting artists were a huge hit! Delightful treats were prepared by our amazing parent community and sold at the "Simcoe Sweet Treats" room, while our "Pizza Pie Shack" offered over 50 Pizza Nova Jumbo Sized Pizzas! The Ice Cream and Food Truck drew a crowd that lasted well past 8:00 pm, and everyone loved our "Pop and Floss" Popcorn and Cotton Candy. Bookworms were thrilled with our "Second Look" book sale, where they found great reads. Selfies

and group shots were taken at our "Strike a Pose" photo booth, complete with props to wear. Dj Mike had everyone on their feet dancing and grooving! We also had the pleasure of hosting various local vendors and businesses, who showcased their wonderful services and products.



We estimated an impressive attendance of over 800 people and are ecstatic about the overall success of the event. Such a large-scale event wouldn't have been possible without the invaluable support of our school administration, staff, parent community, volunteers, sponsors, and donors. We would once again like to extend our gratitude to our sponsors; The Carol Foderick Real Estate Group, The Guild Inn Estate, The Clay Emporium, Nikou Design, So Dance Studios, BWELL, Cunningham Taekwondo, The Folkes Team, GasGuru, Moore's Independent Grocer, Top roofers and the various families and companies that made donations.

We express our deepest gratitude to our incredible community and neighboring residents for their unwavering support.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone involved! We look forward to seeing you next year at what promises to be an even bigger and better event!





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Dear Guildwood Village Neighbours,

Wishing everyone a safe and healthy Summer!  
I look forward to seeing everyone at the  
Guild Alive with Culture Festival!

### Community Updates

The Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA) has informed my office the construction access at Navarre Crescent & Guildwood Parkway is not currently designated as a pedestrian route. Any maintenance to the route is to facilitate safe access for construction crews moving equipment to the Lake Ontario shoreline to address erosion issues and hazards. The TRCA is working with the City's Parks Department to better coordinate public signage at the gates.

Re-grading the slopes of the access point for a pedestrian route is not possible due to environmental impacts; however, upgrades to surfacing, drainage, and the addition of features like rest stops should be explored as part of the detailed final design.

New traffic lights will be installed at Guildwood Parkway & Rowatson Road to address safety concerns for pedestrians crossing the roadway. The item was approved at the June 2023 Toronto City Council meeting.

Toronto Hydro has completed an upgrade to the electrical distribution system to improve the reliability of electrical services in the section of Dearham Wood between Lausanne Crescent (West) and Schubert Drive (East).

Transportation Services (Toynbee Trail) staff will place the necessary measures, including a new sidewalk on the northside, and parking regulations to protect students on the north side of Toynbee Trail from Livingston Road adjacent to the St. Ursula Catholic School property. Currently, vehicles parking on both sides of Toynbee Trail during school drop-off and pick-up, creates an unsafe environment for students.

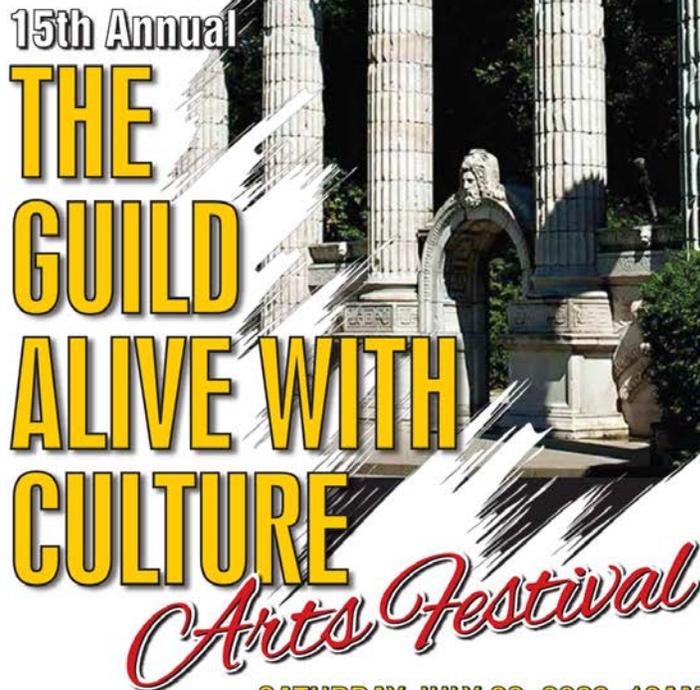
**Guild Alive with Culture Arts Festival**  
July 22 & July 23

Visit: [www.guildalivewithculture.ca](http://www.guildalivewithculture.ca)  
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**Environment Day**  
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# West Rouge Soccer Club



*Saadia Khan, Social Media & Digital Marketing Intern, West Rouge Soccer Club*

Summer is almost here and registration for the 2023 West Rouge Soccer Club (WRSC) Outdoor season is now open! Spaces are available for both our summer camps – GOing Places and Camp Evolve, which will take place at Adam's Park starting July until August.

Our GOing Places summer program is grounded in a gender-equity approach and is a tailored opportunity for girls to gain confidence and competence in social and sports settings. It aims to bridge the gaps between gender stereotypes in sports and provide an equitable, safe, and fun opportunity to increase the participation of girls in physical activity settings. The philosophy at GOing Places is to create space for girls to engage with and share positive sport experiences, and to inspire them to pursue existing and emerging sport opportunities with confidence and passion. GOing Places offers both half-day and full-day camps for its participants and is led by Camp Director Anika.



*GOing Places Camp Members*

Camp Evolve is an activity-based development camp presented by the WRSC that fosters an environment for participants' growth using a health and physical activity framework. This helps participants to develop essential fundamental movement, social, and creative thinking skills, with a focus on cooperative games and community building. The philosophy at Camp Evolve is to focus on the individuality of each participant and provide an engaging, fun, and inclusive environment for their development. Camp Evolve offers both half-day and full-day camps for its participants and is led by Camp Director Dylan.

During the Fall and Winter seasons, the West Rouge Soccer Club also offers indoor recreational and development programs. The indoor soccer season



*Camp Evolve Members*

commences in October and runs until the end of March. Last year, the club also partnered with Women and Sports Canada and Nike Toronto in collaboration with GTA Same Game Challenge, helping create equitable and inclusive sport opportunities for girls.

The West Rouge Soccer Club is a non-profit organization in Scarborough dedicated to providing any person, regardless of ability, the opportunity to participate in organized soccer activities at recreational and competitive levels. The WRSC promotes technical and tactical soccer skills, physical and mental development, self-confidence, teamwork and respect of self and others, all within the spirit of the game of soccer in order to facilitate all individuals to reach their potential. We value child safety above everything else, and hope to create an engaging, positive, and fun-filled environment for all our members.

Please visit <https://www.westrougesoccer.ca/home> to register for our GOing Places and/or Camp Evolve summer programs.

Follow us on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter: @westrougesoccer.

# Celebrating Community Spirit at the Guildwood Day Parade

*Jennifer McKelvie, Councillor, Ward 25, Scarborough – Rouge Park*



Dear neighbours,

I hope you are enjoying the fantastic weather and spending time with your family this summer. I want to express my gratitude for the incredible support you offered me while I assumed the responsibilities of Mayor. I am honoured to have had the opportunity to serve our wonderful city in this way, and truly appreciate all the kind words and notes of encouragement I received over the last few months. Throughout the remainder of the summer, I will continue to spend more time in Scarborough, and I look forward to meeting with neighbours and residents from our community.

## Guildwood Day Parade

I had a wonderful time at the Guildwood Day Parade and Marketplace in June. It was a day filled with joy, laughter, and a strong community spirit. I take immense pride in flying the Guildwood flag in my office, as it represents the unity and strength of the neighbourhood.

The Guildwood Day Parade was a grand display of everything that makes our community so special. From colourful floats and delicious food to thrilling games and a bustling community market – there was something for everyone to enjoy! It was an absolute delight to walk alongside you, my fellow residents, during the parade, engaging in heartfelt conversations and witnessing the genuine connection that binds us together.



*Thank you to all the incredible volunteers who came out to help our team on Guildwood Day!*

## Climate Action

The City of Toronto has adopted an ambitious strategy to reduce community-wide greenhouse gas emissions in Toronto to net zero by 2040. The City of Toronto is one of only three big cities in North America with this 2040 target. In 2022, the City's TransformTO Net Zero Strategy won the Environment, Climate and Energy Award at the 9th annual American Planning Association Awards for Excellence in Sustainability. Our TransformTO Net Zero Strategy is driving new and faster action to reduce emissions in the short term and is helping us achieve our climate and emission reduction goals. Toronto has been and continues to be a trailblazer in climate action. The city's emissions have decreased by 43 percent since 1990, meaning we are well on our way to achieving our next target of 45 percent by 2025.

Earlier this year, I joined Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland, MP James Maloney and MP Ya'ara Saks to announce a shared \$700 million investment between our two governments to add 340 zero-emission buses to our TTC fleet, along with the infrastructure to support those vehicles. The City of Toronto is glad to work with the Government of Canada to invest in cleaner and greener transit infrastructure. Transitioning the City's fleet to zero-emissions vehicles is vital in ensuring we reach our ambitious goal of net zero by 2040. The buses purchased through this investment will ensure that Toronto once again boasts North America's largest fleet of e-buses.



*The addition of 340 new zero-emission buses will once again make our fleet of e-buses the largest in North America.*

*From left to right in the photo: MP James Maloney, MP Ya'ara Saks, Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Mayor Jennifer McKelvie, Fortunato Monaco, Chief of Operations at TTC.*



# Vijay Thanigasalam, MPP Scarborough-Rouge Park



Dear residents of Guildwood,

It is great to connect with you again as I am happy to have finished another successful legislative session at Queen's Park. We delivered on some key projects that will grow Ontario's economy and

improve key government services such as healthcare and education. I also have had the opportunity to spend time in the community, and look forward to hearing from you all this summer!

## Building the Bridletowne Neighborhood Centre in Scarborough

I am honoured to announce that shovels are in the ground at the future site of the Bridletowne Neighborhood Centre, an innovative new project coming to Scarborough. This centre is a first-of-its-kind project in Ontario, designed to bring healthcare and community services together under one roof. That is why the Ontario government is investing \$22.3 million to support this project, in partnership with the Scarborough Health Network and other community organizations. This state-of-the-art centre will provide our community with:

- Health and fitness facilities
- Licensed child care
- Specialized treatment for chronic diseases
- Social services with a focus on physical and mental health
- Shared community space
- Senior supports

This government is committed to bringing high quality and convenient care to the residents of Scarborough. This is just another step in our plan to build Scarborough for the future!



Vijay and the Premier

## Ontario Launches Plan to Boost Math, Writing, and Reading Skills

There is no doubt that our students are struggling in school as recent EQAO data has shown that Ontario students, like those in other provinces and countries, require additional support to build foundational literacy and math skills. That is why the government has announced its recent plan to boost these skills by investing more than \$180 million in targeted support for students in the classroom and at home. In order to boost math skills, the government is investing \$71 million in 2023-24 which will:

- Hire over 380 new math educators.
- Double the number of school math coaches in classrooms.
- Expand live-teacher-led virtual tutoring and digital math tools that can be accessed anytime.
- Enhance skills of new teachers by covering costs to upskill in math.

In order to strengthen literacy skills, the government is investing \$109 million in 2023-24, the largest investment in Canada dedicated to supporting literacy development. This funding will:

- Support the largest reading screening initiative to identify challenges early.
- Hire over 690 literacy-educators.

This plan will prioritize foundational subjects such as reading and math to ensure our students can be prepared to succeed.

## Celebrating Sam Ibrahim and the Scarborough Shooting Stars

I am excited to see that our local Scarborough Shooting Stars basketball team, the first professional sports team based in Scarborough, is back for another season! This team was started by Sam Ibrahim and Niko Carino (also known as OVO Niko) and is making waves in our community by providing an amazing opportunity for our residents to catch a local game and cheer on Scarborough. More than that, they are determined to give back to this community by engaging with young people. Sam Ibrahim recently invested \$25 million into the University of Toronto Scarborough to start the Sam Ibrahim Centre of Inclusive Excellence in Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Leadership. There is no doubt that entrepreneurship has the ability to transform a community, which is why this project is such an important asset to Scarborough and our next generation. I am proud to continue working with Sam Ibrahim and his entire team as we look to put Scarborough on the map.

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**Congratulations to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 258!**

I would also like to congratulate all the members of our Royal Canadian Legion Branch 258 for their long-awaited grand opening. We had a wonderful celebration in this new location, recognizing their service to our community for the past 100 years. I want to specifically thank past president Richard Viles as well as newly-elected president David Adamson for their tireless service in making this new legion hall a reality. I am grateful for everything that this Legion has done for us, and I look forward to the many more memories to come!

I look forward to continuing our work and meeting with you all this summer. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to our office at 8130 Sheppard Ave. East Unit 105, by email at [vijay.thanigasalam@pc.ola.org](mailto:vijay.thanigasalam@pc.ola.org), or give us a call at 416-283-8448.

Vijay Thanigasalam 



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# Guildwood Village **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**July-Aug**  
**Aug**

**Guild Festival Theatre**  
Running till August 27, see page 13

**30**  
**JULY**

**Sunday Stroll at Guild Park – The Greek Theatre Story (free)**  
2pm to 3:15pm, meet at the sculptor's cabin

**27**  
**JULY**

**Scarborough-Guildwood By-Election**  
9:00am to 9:00pm  
<https://voterinformationselections.on.ca>

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**29**  
**JULY**

**Heritage Toronto's Architecture & Art Meet-Up at Guild Park (free)**  
Guild Park's Sculptor's Cabin, 11am to 3 pm  
Drop in anytime to meet Heritage Toronto's "emerging historians" and park volunteers

**We welcome our new communications team!**

We are happy to welcome Andrea & Jim Chestnutt, our new communications team, and Jyoti Janardan, our new Monthly E-News editor!

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# Crossword

Don Briggs



Answers at

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**Across:**

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ legs
- 6. Control the situation
- 12. \_\_\_\_\_ on the Storm - The Doors
- 14. Proof of being elsewhere
- 15. Without enough healthy red blood cells, you are \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. F1 drivers
- 17. British sports cars
- 18. Offer one's thoughts on an issue
- 20. \_\_\_ Brown & His Band of Renown
- 22. Scarborough Village Rec Ctr. has one
- 23. Abbr. to denote company's legal business structure
- 24. Place \_\_\_\_\_

- 27. WWE's John \_\_\_\_\_
- 28. Duncan Renaldo aka The \_\_\_\_ Kid
- 30. A hole-in-one
- 31. Gov't revenue source (abbr)
- 32. Pot pourri holder
- 33. At that place
- 35. French word for 52A
- 36. \_\_\_\_\_ Braxton
- 37. On Gerrard St., is \_\_\_\_\_ Gardens
- 39. Flow back
- 42. Tommy Smothers was skillful with this toy
- 43. See 2D
- 44. \_\_\_\_\_ of Okhotsk
- 45. Contrary to popular belief, it is not an insect

- 47. Cunning
- 48. Rory \_\_\_\_\_, 1950's western star
- 52. A Basenji is one
- 54. Total sum
- 55. Nero's garb
- 58. Boxing warm-up
- 59. \_\_\_\_ Fleming, original Jeopardy host
- 62. Fish from a moving boat
- 64. \_\_\_\_\_ caterpillars
- 65. Also
- 66. Portray feelings on stage
- 67. Honest \_\_\_\_\_
- 68. Centre of a hurricane
- 69. Daniel \_\_\_\_\_ wrote Robinson Crusoe

**Down:**

- 1. Co. with slogan, "pay me now, or pay me later"
- 2. With 43A, a piece of 1970's "fad" jewelry
- 3. Lyrical poems
- 4. Precious stone
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_ Lanka
- 6. Place to moor and supply boats
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_ Stewart, Rod's ex
- 8. City in France
- 9. Presidential nickname
- 10. Feminine-like behaviour
- 11. Indispensable quality of something
- 13. Foster Hewitt would say, "He shoots, he \_\_\_\_\_"

- 19. Closely confined
- 21. One from the northern part of the British Isles
- 22. Prolonged pain
- 24. One of MLB's Alou brothers
- 25. Make this noise, and you are blessed
- 26. Really small
- 28. Member of the Bible's 1st family
- 29. \_\_\_\_\_ dam
- 32. Under a tree
- 34. Site of 2016 Summer Olympics
- 35. Lump of earth or clay
- 37. Cut off
- 38. \_\_\_\_\_ -cloth
- 40. Scarborough's \_\_\_\_\_ Canto Singers

- 41. Type of window
- 45. "\_\_\_\_\_ of a gun!"
- 46. Decayed
- 48. Social system based on privilege, and lack thereof
- 49. Full of energy
- 50. What banks make \$\$ from
- 51. \_\_\_\_\_ feelings
- 53. Singer Eydie \_\_\_\_\_
- 56. Nickname for Chinese restaurant on Queen St. East
- 57. Low singing voice for a female
- 60. \_\_\_\_\_ Scheider from "Jaws"
- 61. Former Montreal Canadiens coach and player, \_\_\_\_\_ Blake
- 63. Brenda or Spike

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