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President's Message



Robert D'Addario
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On behalf of the GVCA Board of Directors, we would like to wish you all health and happiness for 2024!

This new year is already off to a positive start! Planning has already begun for our Annual General Meeting in March, Guildwood Day in June, our ongoing advocacy and action plan for the success of Guild Park and Gardens, along with a variety of events in between. Thank you to our volunteers that dedicate their time and efforts into making all events a success.

As we continue to look forward and enhance the voices of Guildwood Village residents, we have the opportunity to meet with our neighbouring community volunteers to discuss collective issues and promote community events about three times per year. As President of the GVCA, I meet with the Presidents of West Rouge Community Association, Centennial Community and Recreation Association, and Highland Creek Community Association alongside Councillors Ainslie and McKelvie.

During these meetings, we share collective concerns with our local politicians and ensure that we are all aware of the positive contributions and events in our respective areas. We know that the majority of events are powered by volunteerism in collaboration with our business partners and sponsors. Our neighbouring community associations support Guildwood Village and applaud our approach to challenges, strong Board of Director governance, effective volunteers, increasing business partnerships, and ongoing community events.

Growing in partnership is key to our collective success, so I do encourage you to explore their respective events as they serve our communities as well.

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The GVCA is looking for a new Treasurer to take over those duties as of March 2024. If you'd like to hear more about this position, please contact the President and Treasurer at president@guildwood.ca and treasurer@guildwood.ca or call 416-410-2755.
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2024 GVCA Membership Drive

Jeff Garrah



Planning for the 2024 membership drive is well underway and the Guildwood Village Community Association (GVCA) is looking forward to another successful year. The strength of our organization is directly linked to our membership numbers. The GVCA membership campaign was a great success

again this year! We delivered 1,346 memberships – the total falling just short of last year’s 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 neighbourhood 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. This marks a continued return to our normal community participation rate (up from 266 and 590 during the 2020/2021 campaigns, respectively) and we continue to be among the largest community associations in the city – thanks to you!

Our 2024 membership card cost will remain unchanged at \$20. Memberships will first be available for sale from our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday March 26, 2024. Our annual membership drive will run from April 12 to May 12 when our volunteer canvassers will be knocking at your door to invite you to buy a membership. Memberships can also be purchased at Moore’s Your Independent Grocer in the local plaza, and Guildwood Physiotherapy (84 Dearham Wood Rd). If purchasing a card at our vendor partners, please have either the exact amount in cash or a cheque, (payable to GVCA) as payment. Cards can also be purchased through Square on the GVCA website www.guildwood.ca.

There are many benefits to having a strong community association in Guildwood, and to being a member. You are supporting your community association and as a result the GVCA is able to organize and fund special activities for the community, such as Guildwood Day and the evening BBQ, which is free for GVCA members, the Guildwood Day prize draw and many other well-attended activities focused on our beloved Guildwood. We also plan special activities with our business partners and other local volunteer organizations. Finally, the stronger we are as an association, the more clout we have when addressing community concerns with all levels of government.

The GVCA is always looking for new volunteers to help out with the membership drive, as we continue to have some of our longest standing and amazing coordinators and canvassers retire. If you are interested in becoming an area coordinator or canvasser and can spare 3 – 5 hours in the spring to canvass a street and sell memberships please contact us at membership@guildwood.ca. Our volunteer canvassers tell us that it is a great way to meet and connect with neighbours, as well as get a little exercise and support the GVCA.

We are looking forward to seeing you during the 2024 membership drive.

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Warm Up a Cold Night in Support of Youth

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The next annual **Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY)** walk takes place Saturday, February 24, 2024. This is a national event held in communities across the country in support of local charities. Community members are invited to participate in a fundraising walk on what is historically the coldest day of the year, so that they can experience for a short time what it's like for people without a home.

Please consider supporting this important fundraising event for the Kennedy House Youth Shelter. All contributions go directly to supporting our clients by providing warm coats, hot meals, and a safe place to sleep.



Kennedy House: a beacon of hope for youth

But the Kennedy House Youth Shelter also offers so much more. We provide crisis counselling, emotional support, and employment coaching to youth aged 16-24, and help them find permanent housing. At the Shelter, the youth

also discover friendship, understanding, and guidance. Many are young refugees who are all alone and struggling to establish themselves in a strange country.

In the words of one Shelter client, "I had nowhere to go but luckily, I found an empty spot in Kennedy House. They made me feel welcome with a clean environment, hot shower, and delicious food. It gave me opportunities to create new friendships, join different programs, and find my home!" For many young people in our community, Kennedy House is a beacon of hope.

Volunteers wanted!

We are looking for volunteers to help at this year's CNOY event, and fundraisers to gather donations and walk either the 2k or the 5k route, both of which start from St. Barnabas Anglican Church at 361 Danforth Ave. Walk as a team with your friends and family or walk alone and meet new friends!

You can register to walk and fundraise, or donate to a walker, at cnoy.org/location/torontodanforth. To volunteer at the event, please reach out to our office by calling (416) 299-3157 or emailing info@kennedyhouse.org. We are grateful for your support!

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Beating the Winter Blahs

Josee Jauvin



When we think of our health we tend to think of the state of our bodies and organs; however, health is multi-dimensional and includes many different facets to consider in our overall well-being. From a holistic point of view,

our emotional, spiritual, social and cognitive fitness can oftentimes impact us at the physical level. Just think of the turmoil that stress can wreak on our digestive function!

In 2010, Julianne Holt-Lunstad published a review of studies which all pointed to the fact that poor social support is a contributor to physical disease, and that loneliness exceeds alcohol consumption, physical inactivity, obesity and air pollution in contributing to increased mortality. In November 2023, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared loneliness to be a “pressing health threat” and encouraged people who are experiencing it to “search for the healing power of relationships”. A Statistics Canada survey from 2021 found that one in 10 Canadians over the age of 15 identified as being “always” or “often” lonely. The WHO also stated that one in four older adults report feeling socially isolated and nearly one in 15 adolescents feels lonely. These are sobering thoughts.

When winter takes hold, we often cocoon at home and hibernate; cutting us off from friends and neighbours. We also tend to feel more isolated and move around much less in the cold weather. So here are a few suggestions to help you stay connected with other people, lift your mood, elevate your spirit, challenge your mind and help you stay fit during these last months of winter!

Five FREE healthy activities to do in and around Guildwood

1. Visit your local public library branch

If you haven't already visited your branch of the Toronto Library located here in Guildwood, then you must! At the heart of our community, Guildwood library offers a welcoming atmosphere for everyone to relax, open a book, connect or even socialize! Our library not only offers knowledge and entertainment, easy access to information, but countless resources that are FREE: Books, audiobooks, magazines, newspapers or internet kiosks. It is a wonderful place which fosters the love of reading and where you can discover new hobbies such as cooking, computer skills or history, health, nutrition, or any other interest.

Believe it not, your library is also good for your health! Reading stimulates our brains, enhances our memory and cognitive function as well as our vocabulary. A visit to the library encourages walking and movement, instead of

surfing the net at home, but if you have difficulty getting to the library, the Home Library Service can deliver books directly to your home!

Importantly, libraries contribute to our overall well-being by providing us with safe and calm meeting spaces, which offer a welcome hideaway from daily stress. You can connect with others and socialize in this community hub where countless programs and workshops are offered for children, teens, adults and seniors. Our Guildwood branch offers Book Club meetings, programs for kids, and discussion groups. Of interest, our branch offers a Tech Support Drop-in on Tuesday nights from 7:00p.m. - 8:00p.m. You can bring your tablet, phone or laptop and have one-on-one tech support and have your tech questions answered...for free!!

In summary, we can think of libraries as being more than just repositories of books; they're holistic wellness centers! So the next time you visit our Guildwood library, know that you're investing in your health, mind, body, and soul.

2. Become a volunteer:

According to the Mayo Clinic, research has shown that volunteering improves physical and mental health. Volunteers report better physical health, especially for people 65 and older, as it reduces stress, increases positive feelings and combats feelings of isolation and loneliness. By spending time in service to others, volunteers report feeling a sense of purposefulness and appreciation which can have a stress-reducing effect. Reduced stress further decreases the risk of physical and mental health problems, such as heart disease, stroke, depression, anxiety and general illness. The research also states that, in addition, people who volunteer have lower mortality rates than those who do not (even when accounting for differences in age, gender and physical health).

There are so many opportunities to give back as a volunteer right here in our community. There are numerous schools, associations, senior residences, food banks, churches and sporting events that welcome volunteers. The Scarborough Boys and Girls Club located on Galloway Road has an online application form that you can submit by going to www.esbgc.ca/volunteer-services.

Also looking for volunteers are the three nearby Scarborough Health Network hospitals (Centenary, General and Birchmount Hospitals), who are currently trying to rebuild their volunteer program after the devastating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Programs such as Canada Connects helps new immigrants

and refugees settle into their communities and they always need volunteers to share information about the area, schools and transportation as well as help new Canadians to practice their English-speaking skills, or simply offer a sympathetic ear.

And last but not least, the Toronto Volunteer website (www.volunteertoronto.ca) can assist in finding a volunteering opportunity near you that is also in line with your interests. Please keep in mind, however, that some volunteer programs, especially the ones where there is contact with vulnerable persons, may require applications, references and police checks before they can accept you.

So go ahead, make a change: volunteer and support your community as well as your health as a bonus!

For the following suggested activities, please remember to check with your physician before initiating any new exercise which could cause injury.

3. Take a walk through the Guild

Even in the colder months, taking a walk outdoors is a great way of staying healthy and active. We are very lucky here in Guildwood to have 88 acres of gardens and trails overlooking the bluffs where we can admire the lake view, hear the birds and connect with urban nature. A couple of points of interest along the way could include a visit to the beautiful artwork displayed in the Clark Centre for the Arts

or the statues throughout the Guild Park and Gardens.

Walking in winter can be especially good for your health. For starters, a study in the American Journal of Human Biology found that people burn 34% more calories when they hike in cold weather than in milder weather. There are also several other studies pointing to the fact that walking in cold weather boosts your mood and immune system, reduces depression and improves sleep quality.

If you're not used to winter walking, start with short walks and increase the pace and time as you get used to it. Establish walking goals and use a step counter, on your phone or watch, to help challenge yourself and measure your progress. Make sure you wear suitable footwear, dress in layers for insulation and keep your hands and head covered. Using a lip balm will also keep you from getting chapped lips! Plan a safe route and avoid icy areas. You might even want to consider purchasing detachable gripper cleats for your boots to help increase your traction on slippery surfaces. It's always best to take a walk with a neighbour, a friend, a family member or a walking group, but if you're walking by yourself, enjoy a podcast or an audiobook, and the friendly conversations or social interactions along the way. If you're wearing earphones, however, make sure you remain vigilant and can hear sounds around you such as vehicles driving by. Then after an invigorating walk, enjoy the rush of endorphins: the brain's feel-good chemicals!

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4. Learn how to play pickleball:

It's no surprise that pickleball is the fastest growing sport in North America (as described in our Winter 2023 News & Views issue by Anne-Marie and George Eadie!). It's a sport that is played on a small court, usually doubles, so it's not as physically demanding as other racket sports. Pickleball can be enjoyed by beginners and players of all ages. It's also a very social sport, where you can show up by yourself and comfortably meet people and make new friends. The health benefits that can be gained from playing pickleball are numerous. On top of the obvious moving around the court and shedding calories, it sharpens reflexes and improves your balance, agility and strength. Pickleball will boost your confidence and social skills and is a welcome cure for isolation, depression, and winter blues.

Pickleball is also an affordable sport. Toronto Community Centres, such as Heron Park, Birchmount, Malvern or the Pan Am Centre offer free drop-in programs for all ages and levels. The drop-in schedules are found online on the centres' websites. Furthermore, most community centres have spare paddles and balls if you wish to try it out first without purchasing a paddle. Some facilities have designated times for beginners where you can learn the game safely at your own pace with other new players. I encourage you to pick up a paddle and try it out for yourself!

5. Go skating!

As Canadians, most of us spent hours on outdoor ice rinks when we were kids, but somehow never kept it up despite

the wonderful health benefits that can be gained from it. Skating is a great cardiovascular workout which improves circulation, strengthens leg muscles and bone density. It improves overall balance, which is repeatedly tested on skates, and engages most muscle groups.

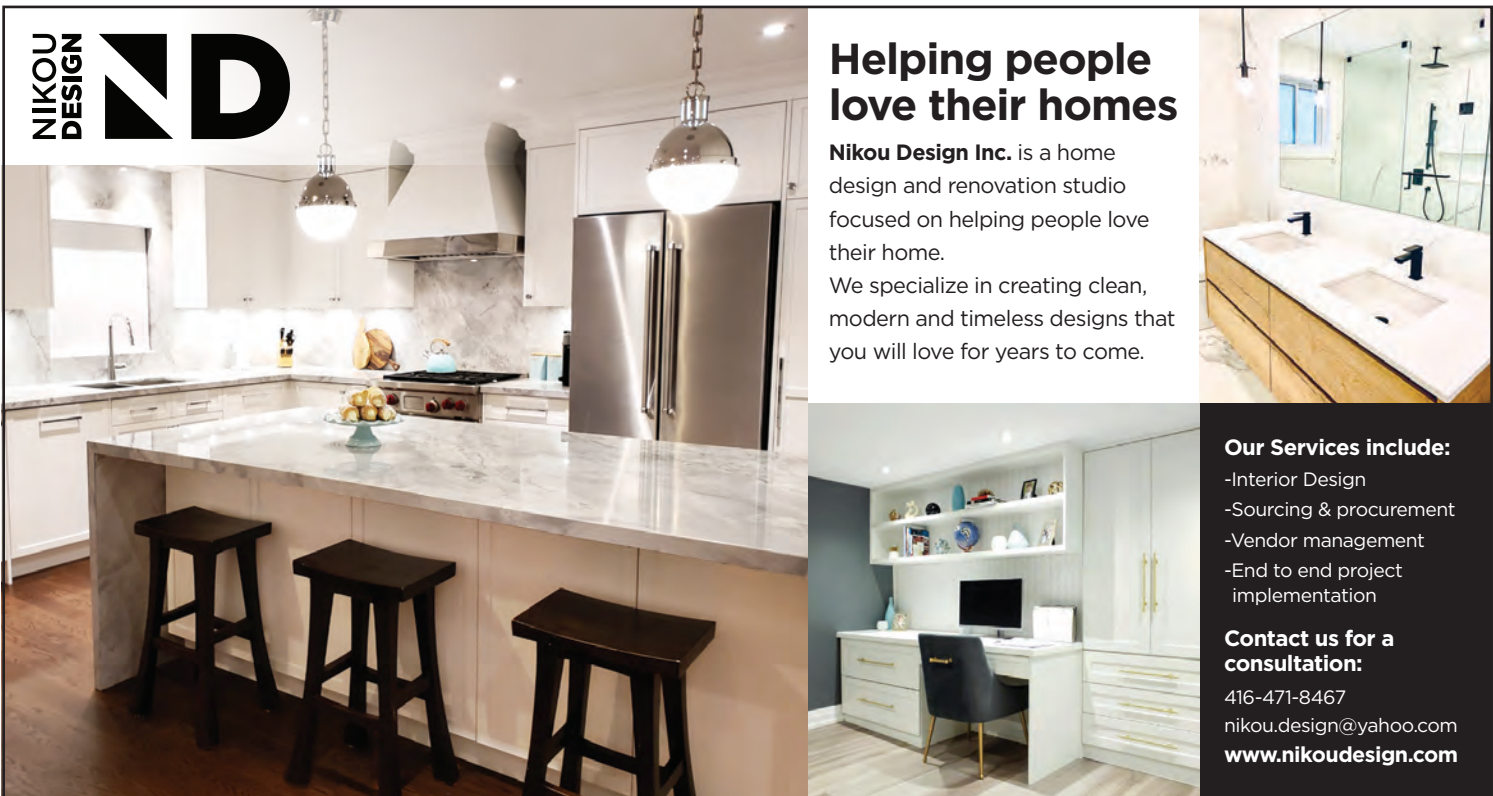
When we learn to skate or when we return to skating as adults, wearing the right skates with the right fit is very important as well as wearing warm gloves and clothing. A proper helmet is a must. In fact, Community Centres, etc., likely will not let you skate without a helmet. Knee pads and elbow pads are recommended. Even the most experienced skaters can fall. The presence of other skaters at the rink enhances the overall experience for all skaters and adds a sense of community and camaraderie.

The community centres mentioned above, as well as Scarborough Village, all have Learn to Skate programs for beginners and free skating sessions. If outdoor skating is your thing there are always the community rinks, The Scarborough Civic Centre as well as Nathan Phillips Square.

6. Indoor swimming

If unleashing your inner Elvis Stoiako or Tessa Virtue just doesn't cut it, well... there's always public swimming with indoor pools at many local rec centres.

In conclusion, take advantage of the remaining weeks and months of winter to reconnect with your community here in Guildwood in a healthy and vibrant way!



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Guildwood Tennis Club



Rosemary Enright

As I write this news item about Guildwood Tennis Club, the sky is grey and the wind is stripping the last remaining leaves off the trees. Snow will soon carpet the ground. The tennis courts are silent and empty,

nets have been removed, wind screens taken down and all equipment stored. Even the Memorial Garden is at rest!



Before you know it, Guildwood Tennis Club will be opening up for the 2024 season, for months of tennis playing, laughter, competition and comradeship. We, the executive, hope that you will join us!

Plans are being made to provide a comprehensive program for both juniors and adults. These programs will include progressive lessons, summer camps and competitive opportunities



for juniors, along with instruction, competitive and social play for adults. And, of course, round robin encounters for all members. There will be in-house competitions and Scarborough wide competition for both juniors and seniors.



Registration for our club will be open soon. Our website (<http://www.guildwoodtennis.com>) contains all the information you will need about programming, times for activities, and registration. We suggest that you check the website frequently as spots for programs fill up quickly.

So, get out those rackets and tennis balls and we hope to see you on the newly resurfaced courts this year!



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Keeping our Shoreline Clean

Rosalee Mitchell Spohn



When the Friends of Guild Park organized a shoreline cleanup in September 2013, just months after the group had formed, we could not have imagined the impact that these shoreline cleanups would have. During that first cleanup, we recorded 1,167 items that were picked up from along Guildwood's Lake Ontario shoreline. Initially, only those items being reported to the Great Canadian Shoreline

Cleanup were counted. Partway through 2016, we started counting every item being picked up so that we could learn what was being retrieved along the shoreline in our neighbourhood. To date, we have now recorded having picked up 297,722 items; mostly made of plastic.

Many species of wildlife can be found along the shoreline. It is not uncommon to see a variety of dragonflies during the month of August. *Anisopteramulticolor quisquiliae lacontarioensis** was created with (mostly) plastics found in that area as a reminder to keep our shoreline clean for the wildlife that either lives there or migrates through our neighbourhood.



*Here is a photo of a dragonfly, *Anisopteramulticolor quisquiliae lacontarioensis*, created with items found in shoreline cleanups along Guildwood's Lake Ontario shoreline.

A big thanks goes to:

- everyone who has joined one of our cleanups over the years.
- the City of Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the office of Councillor Ainslie for their ongoing support.

A note about upcoming events:

The Friends of Guild Park plan to do a shoreline cleanup during Clean Toronto Together weekend in April. For the past many years, we have held this cleanup on the Sunday, the day after the Guildwood Village-wide cleanup. This past spring, both events ended up being on the Sunday because the Saturday GVCA event was postponed. There was some talk at that time of doing both events on the same day for 2024. As of now, no decision has been made by the Friends of Guild Park as to which date our shoreline cleanup will be happening. More information will be available at GuildPark.ca and Facebook.com/GuildPark in the spring. Please plan to join us, if you can!



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 Guildwood Staff*

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Thursday	12:30 pm – 8:30 pm
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Saturday	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sunday	closed

Tuesday Night Tech Night Support Drop In

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2023 PUMPKIN PARADE

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Sabrina Hayden



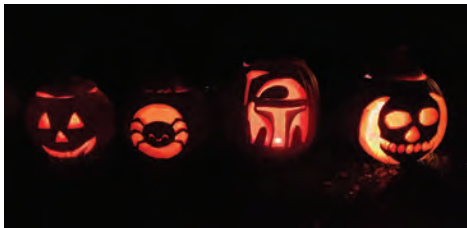
The Pumpkin Parade at Elizabeth Simcoe Park on November 1, 2023 was a fun community gathering, drawing over 200 participants, each bringing their uniquely carved Jack O' Lanterns for a final festive display. The event provided

a heartwarming opportunity for neighbours to come together, share in the creative spirit of Hallowe'en, and let kids enjoy some carefree fun amidst the illuminated pumpkins.

Pumpkin Parades are part of a broader initiative across the Greater Toronto Area, spearheaded by the City of Toronto. These events are not just about celebration; they

also contribute to environmental sustainability. As the City of Toronto website explains, the city "provides organic disposal bins for easy cleanup post-event. The collected materials are then processed into compost, enriching the city's parks and gardens." In this way, Pumpkin Parades showcase the charm of local gatherings, not just bringing people together for a good time but also leaving a positive impact on the community and the environment.

Julia Lakats, a local RE/Max Realtor, made sure everyone stayed cozy with hot chocolate and "monstermellows" – a thoughtful touch that added to the event's warmth. An additional thank you to the Elizabeth Simcoe School Council for sponsoring this amazing event!




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Another Record Season for Guild Festival Theatre

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Thank you Guildwood! 2023 was another amazing season for Guild Festival Theatre (GFT) with glowing reviews and thousands of people attending

our performances in the park. We always say that the Guildwood audience is simply the best and you've proven it yet again!

We're also excited to announce GFT's 13th season! (drum roll please...)



Family Fest (July 10-14) The third annual Family Fest offers free performances and activities for audiences of all ages. Expect to see some familiar faces and be surprised by new acts in the park!



Three Men on a Bike (July 18 - August 4) The sequel to last year's hit *Three Men in a Boat!* Join Jay, George, and Harris as they spend a disastrous holiday bicycling through Germany. Starring Guildwood local, Azeem Nathoo, reprising his role of Jay!

Isle of Demons (August 8-25) This riveting story by Governor General Award-winning playwright Robert Chafe, tells the incredible, yet true, tale of Marguerite de la Roque who was abandoned on a remote island in the Gulf of St. Lawrence in 1542.



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It's hard to believe, but 2024 will be our 5th season leading GFT - talk about time flying by! As we get ready for the summer, we're excited to continue reimagining classics for a modern audience. Whether you're looking for family entertainment, playful comedy or something a little darker, we hope you'll join us for a fresh adventure in Guild Park this summer.

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Guildwood's Got Talent



Presenting Laura Alary



If you see Laura Alary talking to herself while walking around the streets and paths of Guildwood, chances are she is working on a new story and playing with words to see how they sound when spoken aloud. A Guildwood resident since 2008, Laura is the author of fifteen books for children, with more on the way.

Born and raised in Halifax, Laura moved to Toronto to study, first at Knox College, then at The University of St. Michael's College, where she earned a Ph.D. in 2003, one month before welcoming her first child to the world. The shift from academic work to parenting involved many trips to the library and hundreds of picture books, song circles, and story times—adventures which brought Laura back in touch with her childhood delight in folk and fairy tales and prompted her to try telling, and eventually writing, her own.

With her young family expanded to three children, Laura moved to Guildwood, and began to hone her storytelling skills at Guildwood Community Presbyterian Church, where she directed children's programming for eight years. She also spent many Monday mornings—puppets and percussion instruments in hand—singing with young children at the neighbourhood pre-school drop-in.

When her first book (*Is That Story True?*) was published in 2010, Laura celebrated with a community launch at the home of friends on South Marine Drive—a memorable day filled with live music, lots of children dancing and jumping on the trampoline, and the chance to read her own book aloud to a crowd for the very first time.

As her own children grew and moved through Elizabeth Simcoe Junior Public School, Laura brought her own love of reading and stories into the school through her work on the Scholastic Book Fair, as a literacy support volunteer, and ultimately through classroom visits as an author.

Walking is an important part of the creative process for Laura and in all seasons and every kind of weather she enjoys roaming the neighbourhood while pondering ideas for stories. A few of her books have a direct Guildwood connection. *Here: The Dot We Call Home* was inspired by a question from a teacher at Elizabeth Simcoe J.P.S. about how to help young children understand the daily Land Acknowledgment. From the seed of that question grew a book about how each of us is both a descendant and an ancestor, and how caring for our planet begins right here where we are.

One of Laura's favourite Guildwood memories is doing a virtual presentation on her book *What Grew in Larry's Garden*, a story about tomato plants as a tool for building community, only to discover that during the presentation a neighbour had dropped off a tomato plant on her front porch!



The cycles and systems of the natural world often inspire Laura's writing. *Sun in My Tummy*, a book about how the food we eat connects us to other living things and ultimately to the sun, was sparked in part by the experience of growing raspberries in the backyard and talking with young school

children about where their food comes from. Laura appreciates living in a place where birdsong, pollinator gardens, mature trees, and beautiful green space are so abundant.



Laura's most recent books include: *What Grew in Larry's Garden* (IODE Jean Throop Award Winner), *The Astronomer Who Questioned Everything: The Story of Maria Mitchell* (shortlisted for the Science Writers and Communicators of Canada 2022 Book Awards), *Sun in My Tummy* (Finalist for the Norma Fleck Award for Canadian Children's Non-Fiction), *Here: The Dot We Call Home* (Spirituality & Practice Best Books of 2022 Award Winner), and most recently, *All the Faces of Me*. You can find out more about these and other books at <https://lauraalary.ca>

Clark Centre for the Arts Upcoming Events

Wawa Aba & Sepow - Part of Building Black Civilizations: Journey of 2000 Ships

Date: January 2 to December 15, 2024

Location: Lobby - Clark Centre for the Arts

JOURNEY OF 2000 SHIPS

Using over 500,000 black LEGO® elements, Ekow Nimako Studios presents Building Black Civilizations: Journey of 2000 Ships, an expansive reimagining of the mysterious sea voyage of Mansa Abu Bakr II, the visionary 9th ruler of the medieval empire of Mali.

With various upscaled geographical and architectural sculptures, this body of work explores key speculative events and regions of the historic voyage of Mansa Abu Bakr II's fleet of 2000 vessels that left the west coast of Africa in the 14th century never to return.

By blurring the lines of historical fiction and fact, through the dynamic lens of Afrofuturism and Africanfuturism, Ekow Nimako masterfully presents an uninterrupted and un-coopted narrative of Black Civilizations, that simultaneously imagines a bold and liberated future.



Wawa Aba

This artwork gives representational form to the mythologized aspects of the Journey of 2000 Ships series. It presents a detailed conceptualization of Mansa Abu Bakr II's personal vessel, with the supposition that the advanced solarship was designed by the monarch himself. The use of modular, photovoltaic sails enabled the ship to travel on sea or above it, and emblazoned on its foresail is the eponymous Adinkra symbol – which means the seed of the wawa tree– but also stands as a cultural symbol for toughness and perseverance.

Sepow

This artwork forges a strong thematic connection between the narratives of Ekow Nimako's initial Civilizations series, and Journey of 2000 Ships. The Bandit Queen of Walatah

was a mythological heroine of the Sahara who lived during the years of the prosperous medieval Kingdom of Ghana. Speculatively, it was her legend that eventually spawned the folk hero of England known as Robin Hood. In her time, both on land as a desert rogue and over the seas as a rebel pirate, The Bandit Queen not only formed a notorious clan of free-women warriors, but she also took the Adinkra symbol Sepow (the executioner's knife) as her insignia. Historical accounts suggest her tribe favoured the austere phrase: "Justice sought, justice brought".

To learn more about Ekow Nimako, please visit his website at <https://www.ekownimako.com>.

Black Girl Film Camp Exhibition

Dates: February 2 to 28, 2024

Opening reception: February 3, 1 to 3 p.m.

Location: Gallery 191

This interactive exhibit aims to celebrate and amplify the inter-generational voices of Black individuals and communities throughout Canada influenced by the medium of film. The exhibit will feature a diverse range of photography, film, visual art and music that will engage visitors of all ages and backgrounds. Through a combination of storytelling, art and sound this will create a dynamic and immersive experience focussing on themes surrounding black history, inclusion, and progress. Curated by Monique Armstrong.



Getting to Know the Guildwood Village Community Association

Sheila McGovern



About Us

The Guildwood Village Community Association (GVCA) was formed in 1958. It is made up of you, your neighbours, and thousands of other families in Guildwood. Led by a group of dedicated volunteers, and

with hundreds more who contribute throughout the year, we are committed to organizing and promoting community activities, to encouraging and enabling involvement of residents in issues which affect our community, and to representing the interests of the community in dealing with governments and other organizations.

More specifically, the GVCA:

- works with elected officials in different levels of government and other organizations regarding land development, traffic and transit concerns, parks and recreation, and other important issues that affect our community.
- keeps you informed through a variety of media including the quarterly issues of the Guildwood News & Views, special flyers, posters, public meetings, email communications, e-news and Facebook postings. If you would like to receive emails on important issues, special events or meetings, please send a message to communications@guildwood.ca.
- organizes events like the annual Guildwood Day, Clean-Up Day, Candy Cane Hunt and other special Guildwood Village projects.
- responds to residents' concerns and promotes action to ensure Guildwood remains a great place to live.

In the next few issues, we'll be introducing you to the people who were elected to the board and are working diligently behind the scenes with the Association to support our community! We asked them to tell us about themselves as well as to describe the role they play in the GVCA, what they most enjoy about their work with the board, and what they see as the greatest challenges ahead.



Presenting: Robert D'Addario, President

In his role as President, Rob is responsible for overseeing all of the subcommittees, finances, and future planning of the GVCA. He hosts monthly meetings to discuss subcommittee reports, the Association's financial position, residents' concerns, conversations that are occurring with local politicians, and planning for the future.

Guildwood Village has always had a special place in Rob's heart as he grew up in Guildwood Village. Rob decided to purchase a home here when he was married because of the proximity to water, surrounding nature, and family. Rob lives here with his wife, Jennifer, and four children, and he is humbled to see how connected his entire family is to the area. Rob currently holds the position of Superintendent of Education with the Toronto Catholic District School Board which means he oversees approximately 30 elementary and secondary schools, including adult education.

Rob decided to join the Association because he's well aware that "the grass is not greener on the other side, but rather greener where you water it. Being involved and invested in Guildwood Village is how we can work together on any events and improvements." He believes that the Association's greatest challenge is to increase resident involvement within the organization. This includes volunteering time which he realizes is difficult for many residents. Rob hopes to continue working with the GVCA to ensure that:

- our natural landscape and shoreline are protected
- residents feel they have a voice
- the Guild Parks and Gardens are promoted, and
- we create opportunities to connect.

You can reach Rob by sending an email to president@guildwood.ca



Presenting: Jeff Garrah: Vice President and Chair of the Membership Committee

By working with the GVCA in these important positions, Jeff gets to truly roll up the sleeves, learn about things impacting or potentially impacting life in the Guild, and try to influence awareness and change. As Membership Chair, he thoroughly enjoys getting to know numerous members of the community through our annual membership drive, and ultimately Guildwood day festivities. "Through the annual drive we fund all of the activities that the GVCA supports, and during the 3-4 month period of the drive, the volunteer coordinators and canvassers literally visit and/or speak with each and every household in the area, meet new families and folks just moving in, or some that have lived here for most of their lives."

After leaving his hometown of Kingston, Ontario, and studying Computer Science & Economics at Queen's University, Jeff spent most of his career working for Fortune 500 companies in sales, marketing, leadership

and consulting capacities. During the last 11 years or so of a 20+ year career, he has worked with, and advised, businesses of all shapes and sizes in multiple industries (with a specialization in Healthcare & Life Sciences, across North America) on how to attract, keep and grow their customer/patient relationships, improve revenue operations and drive both top & bottom line growth.

Jeff's family (including his wife April, three lovely kids and a few family pets) have been residents of Guildwood for over nine years. April grew up here, and her family has lived in this community since the 1950's! "We have established a great network of friends here and love that the sense of community spans generations, cultures, and all other conceivable demographics. We are active members in the community, and support and participate in any and all community information sessions and events from community consultations to shoreline clean-ups, to the GVCA. We have such an amazing community here with a balance between old and new, nature and development. I think our biggest challenge will be to evolve to meet the needs of changing demographics, while also maintaining the core of what makes this place such an amazing home. As a family we love Guildwood and want to contribute to continuing to make this the best place to live in the GTA!"

You can reach Jeff by sending an email to vicepresident@guildwood.ca



**Presenting: Melissa Kitazaki,
Director at Large**

Melissa is fairly new to the Board but in a very short time frame, she has volunteered on the Guildwood Day committee, acts as an Area Coordinator for the membership

drive every year, and organized Guildwood's Cleanup Day last year. Melissa feels that the best part of volunteering with the Association is getting together with fellow GVCA members to plan events for our community. "I also like being in the know about issues of importance to our residents, and learning how to liaise with our local government to ensure Guildwood is heard and has a seat at the table."

By the same token, she believes the Association needs to plan even more events so that residents have something great to look forward to all year long. One of the greatest challenges would be getting more participation through our annual membership drive to ensure the budget is there to fund these initiatives.

Melissa and her husband, Darryl, have lived in Guildwood since May 2016 with their Quaker Parrot named Trixie. They have a lot of family in Scarborough and have always loved the small-town vibe of Guildwood. Melissa originally intended to become a lawyer but decided to change

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directions when she discovered that she could exercise both her right and left brains by becoming a Realtor. This allows her to help clients make their properties look beautiful while advocating for them during contract negotiations. "It was the perfect combination for me, and this upcoming May I'll be celebrating my 10th year in the business. On a side note, people often ask about the origins of my last name. My father is Japanese and my mother is French-Canadian. I have deep roots in Canada - my dad's parents met in an internment camp in British Columbia in WWII. I am 4th generation Canadian and Toronto has always been my home." Melissa says she wants to support her community by giving back.

You can reach Melissa by sending an email to mkitazaki@bosleyrealestate.com

There are many volunteers who work together to make Guildwood a great place to live, including those on the GVCA and those who work in the background supporting various events and initiatives. If you're interested in learning more about Guildwood or how you can become more involved in the community, please reach out to any GVCA member or visit the GVCA website (<https://www.guildwood.ca>).



Presenting: Ryan Atkison, Director at Large / Volunteer

In this role, Ryan contributes a voice to current issues, and brings forward residents' concerns to the Board's attention. He also supports the GVCA membership drive which has been a valuable way to connect with diverse community members. "It's incredibly important to proactively contribute to a positive community environment, and I believe that the GVCA is an ideal way to do that."

Ryan says that the best part of working with the Association is developing a better connection with our community, and being able to contribute solutions to current and upcoming issues. "I've learned a lot about Guildwood's history since joining the board, and it's been a great way to learn about the great work being done by our neighbourhood volunteers!"

Ryan believes that the greatest challenge facing the GVCA in 2024 will be to find ways to engage with new community members. "As new and diverse people join the Guild community, we need to understand how we can bring value to them, and how we can support their sense of belonging within Guildwood."

Ryan and his wife, Erika, moved to Guildwood in 2017, initially on Greyabbey Trail, and then moved to Toynbee Trail in 2019 when preparing to welcome their first child. "We chose Guildwood because of the reputation and connectedness of the community, and felt it was an ideal neighbourhood to plant roots and raise our family."

Ryan works for the Canadian Sport Institute Ontario which supports Canada's Olympic and Paralympic athletes, primarily based out of the Toronto Pan Am Sport Centre (TPASC). "I'm grateful to work so close to home, and we're fortunate to have a world-class facility right in our backyard. TPASC feels like an extension of our community, and I often encounter community members at the facility."

You can reach Ryan by sending an email to ratkison@csiontario.ca

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Music to Our Ears

Presenting local musician: Jay Moonah

Sheila McGovern



Guildwood resident, Jay Moonah, has been active on the local music scene since the 1980s. Growing up here in Scarborough, he began performing in bands while attending Sir Oliver Mowat high school, playing mostly classic rock covers including songs by Pink Floyd, The Rolling Stones, Rush, among others. His first bar gig at the age of 17 was at Woody's Landing on Kingston Road (now known as Karla's

Roadhouse), and he's been rocking out in various guises ever since.

In 2014, Jay decided to go solo and indulge his long-running interest in the blues. He created "Broke Fuse", a one-man-blues band featuring guitar, harmonica, and a foot percussion rig that includes a suitcase and a tambourine.



Broke Fuse has played far and wide, including many local events such as the Poplar Road Strawberry Festival, Guildwood Day, Guild Alive With Culture, Guild Festival Theatre's Family Fest, and the opening of the Guild Park

Pollinator Garden.

Jay has also made time for recording. The debut Broke Fuse EP *The Underground* was released in 2015, with the follow-up *Broke Down + Blue* arriving in early 2017.

In the summer of 2017, Jay teamed up with legendary blues guitarist Mike McKenna, veteran of such seminal bands as McKenna Mendelson Mainline, Luke & The Apostles, Downchild, Ugly Ducklings, and the Guess Who. Jay and Mike formed the McKenna Moonah Blues Duo, performing classic blues, Broke Fuse originals, and songs from across Mike's storied career.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, under the Broke Fuse moniker Jay created and released two LPs: *Why Should I Be Blue?* (2020) and *Rocket Ride* (2021), as well as the instrumental EP *Splashdown* (2022). All three releases were extremely well received, garnering stellar reviews, international airplay, chart-topping success on the *Roots Music Report* Canadian Top 50, and a series of award nominations, including the Independent Blues Awards, Blues & Roots Radio's International Song Contest, and a Maple Blues Award nomination in the New Artist category. Broke Fuse was also selected to play at the Toronto Blues Society's International Blues Challenge "Road to Memphis" event in 2022, and for an official showcase at the Folk Music Ontario conference in London this past October.

In addition to Broke Fuse and McKenna Moonah Blues Duo, Jay Moonah also performs regularly as a member of Mike McKenna's Slidewinder Blues Band and Rockabilly Blue, and is a co-founder of both the Scarborough Uke Jam, and the Dinner and a Song concert series.

You can find Jay's performing schedule and music links at www.brokefuse.com.



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Advocating for an Even Better Guild Park

John P. Mason



For the first time in recent memory, City of Toronto officials have announced new “community benefits” at Guild Park & Gardens - a series of programs and plans specifically designed for the hundreds of thousands of visitors and local residents who now come to the site each year.

The plans unveiled in late 2023 come after a decade of advocacy by volunteers from the GVCA, Friends of Guild Park, Guild Festival Theatre and the Guild Renaissance Group. These efforts continue to receive strong community support, based on the comments received from readers of *News & Views*.

The officials in charge of the landmark park in the heart of Guildwood Village are considering ways to bring:

- new features,
- new funding, and
- potential food service

to better serve the increasing numbers of people who use Guild Park.

The City is making public benefits at Guild Park a priority after more than \$25-million in public and private money went to restore and reopen three history-filled buildings at Guild Park.

New Features

Recreation Classes: Yoga is the first public recreational program that the City of Toronto plans to hold inside the privately-operated Guild Inn Estate (GIE) event facility, according to local Councillor Paul Ainslie. He told the GVCA in December that City “staff are working towards implementing recreation programs” at GIE.

The initial yoga program will be run by the City’s Recreation Department of Parks, Forestry & Recreation (PFR). Registration fees will be at the usual City-approved rates, which include discounts for senior and other qualifying participants. City Recreation expects to schedule more public programs at GIE in the future.

Volunteers suggested that participants of the City’s recreation programs would benefit by having limited food services available on-site before / after the classes. City officials said offering items such as tea, coffee and/or light snacks is already under consideration.

Additional Public Washrooms: Guild Park lacks enough washrooms. PFR looks after two permanent public washrooms for the 200,000+ visitors who come to the site year-round. (In addition, the site has washrooms at Guild

Park’s Clark Centre for the Arts, plus seasonal outdoor facilities.)

In 2018, PFR stated that building more washrooms at Guild Park was a “high priority.” By early 2023, City officials had postponed the start of this project to 2028, due to Covid and the City’s lack of money.

No one active in Guild Park agrees with this delay. Councillor Ainslie and park volunteers are requesting City officials - including the 2024 Budget Committee - to fund this project sooner.

New Funding

To continue improving Guild Park – with more public washrooms, benches and signs – the City of Toronto requires a better way to allocate money to the 88-acre site. The issue of park financing is bigger than Guild Park itself. Research from Park People finds that existing parks at all major cities across Canada are chronically underfunded. The situation facing Toronto parks, such as Guild Park, is made worse by this city’s poor financial position and a growing urban population that increasingly uses public green spaces.

Guild Park’s financial situation is made more precarious because:

- Park improvements were neglected for decades. After the original Guild Inn closed in 2001, the City chose to allocate very few dollars for park features, such as benches, signs or public washrooms; and
- In more recent years, the City’s funding for Guild Park hasn’t kept pace with the big upswing in the site’s public use. About 200,000 people came to the site in 2023, attracted by its unique features and all the public and private events (**see sidebar, How popular is Guild Park?**)

After the reopening of three restored buildings on-site, which began in 2017, Guild Park is now attracting more events, programs and visitors than at any other time in the past generation. Yet City budgets allocated to Guild Park aren’t enough to pay for features – public washrooms, signage, benches and food service – that people expect and are available at comparable City parks (**see sidebar, Limited Funding, Limited Future**).

The GVCA and Friends of Guild Park strongly support having the City use the revenue it earns from Guild Park to pay for improvements at Guild Park. Allocating funds in this manner is supported by Toronto Mayor Olivia Chow, Councillor Ainslie and other City officials. It’s also supported by the owners of GIE, the private operator of the restored Guild Inn.

The City earns revenue at Guild Park in two ways. A modest amount is from fees and permits charged for on-site events. This amount isn't easily available because the City doesn't track permit fees for individual parks. The second revenue source is the "rent" included in the 40-year lease with GIE, administered by the City's Corporate Real Estate Management (CREM). This amount is potentially significant for Guild Park, though calculating the amount is complex. In simple terms, the City receives about 10% of GIE's total annual revenue in years when GIE's revenue exceeds \$6 million.

According to CREM, GIE reached the \$6 million revenue threshold for the first time in 2023. The rent due to the City for 2023 would be about \$600,000, assuming the City's 10% share of that total revenue. Applying this rent each year to Guild Park would accelerate the site's revitalization. CREM is investigating ways to direct all or a portion of this revenue to the park, potentially as a temporary pilot program.

One possibility is to set up a "reserve fund" for site improvements. If this proceeds, volunteers will advocate allocating this reserve fund to:

- Specific Guild Park projects that enhance visitors' overall "park experience", and
- Projects-based priorities set by all park stakeholders, not decisions by one City department.

It will be important to ensure this new funding doesn't

replace funds already designated for the general operations of the site.

Potential New Food Service

City officials no longer require GIE to run a public restaurant as part of its ongoing private event operations. The original lease stated GIE would provide "a first class restaurant," but City officials have changed their position.

Past actions indicate the City's priority is to generate the maximum amount of rent from GIE, by encouraging the private operator to hold as many profitable events as possible. While this arrangement benefits both the City and GIE, volunteers kept asking for a comparable benefit to the public. Toronto taxpayers are entitled to some benefits since they subsidize the \$220,000 or so in municipal tax relief that the City provides each year to GIE.

This public benefit may come in the form of a small-scale "coffee kiosk" to be operated as an independent business in the space leased to GIE. To gauge interest in running a food/beverage service onsite, reps from the City and GIE will circulate a request to the Toronto business community.

To those Guildwood Village residents with an interest in knowing more about this opportunity and having input into the formal Request for Expressions of Interest, please email secretary@guildwood.ca.

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How popular is Guild Park?

To get an idea of how valuable Guild Park is as a destination in the City of Toronto, Friends of Guild Park collected information and a series of insights to estimate the number of people who come to Guild Park.

We found that Guild Park has more than 200,000 visitors a year! This makes the site among the most used urban parks in the city.

Unlike Montreal, Vancouver and other municipalities, the City of Toronto doesn't routinely track attendance at its 1,500 parks. Surprisingly, Toronto's park officials measure the amount of grass to cut and the size of gardens to plant, rather than counting the "customers" who enjoy the turf and flowers.

Another measure that's lacking at Guild Park is knowing how visitor counts have changed over time, especially since before Covid. Recall that 10 years ago, every building at Guild Park was boarded up and closed to the public. At that time, on-site events were rare and the park operated on a shoestring budget. We know indirectly - from the amount of garbage collected and even the frequency of graffiti - that Guild Park has experienced a remarkable and rapid increase in visitors.

We calculated the 200,000+ visitors using estimates based on the best available data, tempered by experience Friends of Guild Park volunteers have in organizing on-site events.

Here are some notes to keep in mind.

1. The 88-acre site is open year-round, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
2. There are about a dozen ways to access Guild Park by foot or vehicle.
 - From Guildwood Parkways, there is/are:
 - The forest boardwalk
 - The monument trail
 - Two paved driveways
 - The unimproved construction road
 - The gravel parking lot entrance south of Galloway
 - The informal pathway to the east forest
 - From Laurier High School -
 - two informal entries along the school fence
 - From Livingston Drive
 - The forest trail near the Bluffs
 - From the waterfront
 - The informal trail that connects to Guild Park from the east and west.

3. Guild Park attracts three main types of visitors:
 - Guests attending private events held at the Guild Inn Estate
 - Attendees of public events / activities at the park. This includes people visiting the Clark Centre for the Arts, festivals, performances at the Greek Theatre and tours.
 - People who visit with no specific agenda; be this as a group, walking a pet or visiting as an individual enjoying the sights. It also includes the students from the two adjacent schools who regularly visit Guild Park before, during and after class.

200,000+ Visitors at Guild Park, 2023

People came to attend/visit:



Limited Funding, Limited Future

After decades of limited investment in Guild Park, the site's visitor facilities compare poorly to the type of park facilities that the City provides at High Park, Canoe Landing and comparable destinations.

Guild Park's current facilities allow it to hold popular events such as:

- The weekend-long arts festival, Guild Alive with Culture, organized each summer through the office of Councillor Alnslie
- Volunteer-organized activities, like the GVCA's Guildwood Day BBQ attended by about a thousand GVCA members;
- The award-winning summer-time performances produced by Guild Festival Theatre at the Greek Theatre;
- Tours and activities on-site that welcome local and world-wide visitors, such as Doors Open, Heritage Toronto and Arts in the Parks.



Toronto's past and present are reflected by Guild Park's features and the visitors who discover the site.



Hundreds of thousands of people visit Guild Park year-round. Summertime arts events at the landmark Greek Theatre are popular for all ages.



Guild Park attracts three types of visitors: People who attend public activities such as the GVCA's annual Guildwood Day;

Guests at weddings and private events;



Those enjoying quiet time with family, friends and nature.



But the site's capacity to host additional or larger events is limited by its limited infrastructure. If conditions remain unchanged, Guild Park risks losing its appeal as a venue for major events.

The recent story of an arts festival organizer is telling. She brought her event to Guild Park for the first time in 2023. Despite the site's beautiful outdoor stage and natural setting, the 300 event participants reported they had an overall poor experience. The reasons were Guild Park's:

- Ineffective direction signs - attendees, many first-time visitors, didn't know where to go,
- No place to buy food or drinks - people left early because they were hungry or thirsty, and
- Inadequate public washrooms - guests couldn't access the facilities. Those who did locate the "universal" washrooms found them poorly designed.

Rather than returning to Guild Park, the arts organizer plans to hold future events at other Toronto parks, places with the type of facilities that visitors expect at City-operated sites.



To cope with public demand at Guild Park, the City rents a washroom trailer for the site each summer.

Guildwood Gives Back

Secret Santa Initiative

Chrystal Bryan



The Lido Motel Secret Santa was an initiative that began in December 2020. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, the neighbourhood schools could not do their annual fundraising campaigns to support our local agencies. On a hope and a prayer, I reached out to the members of the West Rouge Facebook page to see if anyone would be interested in sponsoring families living in the Kingston Residences (otherwise known as the Lido Motel). As a result, and to our delight, ten community members created an organizing committee and the project began! Each year I am so thankful that 10 – 13 community members step up to help – their primary role is to act as a group leader to about 8 – 10 families in need of sponsorship. They request support for these families through daily Facebook posts and flyers that are distributed throughout the community.

In 2020, members of the community sponsored 34 families. We partnered with the City of Toronto, where we learned more about our neighbours who live in the Lido Motel. Many families are there as transitional housing while waiting for Toronto Housing apartments which usually takes about a year. They represent families from all walks of life – some who have lost their homes due to financial strife, newcomers to Toronto, those who have worked their way out of homelessness, among other reasons.

In 2021 and 2022, the operation grew as we sponsored over 100 families each year. When community members sponsor a family, they buy them the essential winter items that the family identifies on a wish list such as coats, boots, pjs, mitts, hats, sweaters/hoodies, tops and bottoms, linens, pots and pans, kitchen utensils, plates, cups, socks etc. Each family is also provided with a food hamper of non-perishable items and a gift card for food and/or drugstore products. To date, we have sponsored over 250 families!



Last year, it came to my attention that many neighbours in our Guildwood community supported these families through this initiative, so we officially brought them into the “Secret Santa family”. The following areas

now support this program: Guildwood, Centennial, West Rouge, Port Union, West Hill and Highland Creek. The communities have been incredibly generous!

Carol Foderick Real Estate joined our group last year to provide us with a delivery truck. We all met at Sir Oliver Mowat Collegiate Institute on a Saturday before Christmas and a convoy drove behind the truck down to the Toronto Housing Building on Kingston Road to deliver the packages. This is strictly a community initiative. We do not have a significant company sponsor to assist; we do it all ourselves. A few companies have taken on a family to sponsor as we work hard to get our families sponsored when they are not. Our Guildwood Knotty Knitters helped by providing us with hats for all the unsponsored family members.



We work as a committee to raise funds and do all of the shopping to ensure that each family is covered. This year, we had 81 families requiring sponsorship and secured 61 sponsors. The committee raised over \$6,000.00 in cash and \$1,400.00 in gift cards to help support the 20 families that did not get a sponsor. We are pleased to say that with this incredible support, we were able to complete every family’s wish list once again!

This initiative has taken on a life of its own, and we are truly grateful to those who help make it a great success. If you would like to contribute in any way, please keep an eye out for notices on Facebook pages starting in early November 2024. I’m pleased that the old African proverb “It Takes a Village” is alive here in Guildwood Village.



Guildwood Gives Back

Thank You For Your Donations, Guildwood!

Susan Avery



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of my fellow Guildwood residents who rose to the challenge of keeping Scarborough warm once again. Our annual coat drive wrapped up its 12th year in early December. I see first-hand the generosity and kindness of our amazing community, as new and gently used coats, boots, hats, mittens, scarves and socks arrive on my front porch. The inquiries generally begin around the end of October as the closets switch over from lighter clothing, with the reality of colder weather setting in for the season.

I am often asked why I started this coat drive, how do I continue to get donations every year, and what happens to everything after they hit my front porch. Here is the back story. I was in an accident prior to entering real estate. I recovered, but I was left with cold sensitivity. I needed to be warm and moving or deal with some crazy pain so I was always bundled up. Fortunately, I had everything needed to keep me warm.



As a Realtor, I would create a plan with my clients to get homes decluttered and ready for sale. Closets are often full of clothing with many items in great condition, but no longer needed. Many of my clients were happy to donate, but did not want them going into landfill.

I drove to work, and along the way, I would see children, teens and adults in the winter months lacking the basics of a coat and boots walking, hauling groceries or waiting for the bus. They were freezing. A light went on! A coat drive would be a welcome solution.

A realtor in our office at that time ran a holiday food drive for our local food bank at Lawrence and Galloway. It was supported by our brokerage as well as the local Scarborough Realtors Breakfast Club. A coat drive, I thought, might get similar support and after a phone call to the Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities to verify the need and reception, I started spreading the word.

I began with flyers in the local banks, the grocery store and Michael and Ivy's dry cleaners. I encouraged

donations through my monthly newsletter. The Royal LePage Connect Realty office agreed to be a 2nd drop off point, and many of my fellow Scarborough realtors collected from their clients as well. The advent of Facebook resulted in several Guildwood groups that supported us and the mission grew. Over the past few years, a simple postcard has been sent out to the community requesting donations which is often attached to a donation bag with a note of thanks.



I deliver a load over each of the four weeks that the coat drive runs. Donations are dropped off at the food bank on Lawrence near Galloway, taken in, sorted and handed out as the need arises. Initially there was a clothing bank, where patrons could come and select a few items, however, the space is no longer available.

The dedication of the staff and volunteers at SCHC is remarkable! They work tirelessly together to help people every day. The services they provide are incredible and for all ages. If you aren't familiar, check them out on Instagram or their website. I have yet to meet anyone there who was not warm, kind and full of gratitude for the kindness and generosity of others.

I am simply the start of the coat drive. It is the support and donations from our wonderful community, Scarborough residents near and far, Royal LePage Connect Realty, fellow Scarborough realtors, and ultimately The Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities getting them directly to those in need that leads to such a successful campaign. It takes a village and we have that in spades!



My heart is full. My gratitude endless. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you GUILDWOOD!

Guildwood Gives Back

A Successful Food Drive

Carol Foderick



On Sunday December 3rd, the Carol Foderick Real Estate Group hosted the 12th Annual Guildwood Area Food Drive. Turnout for the event was unprecedented with over 1,000 homes participating in this year's collection, which represents a little over 1/3 of all houses in the entire neighborhood.

Collectively, over 12,000 lbs of food was donated to Feed Scarborough/ Scarborough Food Security Initiative which operates six food banks in South Scarborough as well as Canada's first online foodbank. It was the largest collection in the history of the initiative!

My husband Regan O'Halloran and I live on Heathfield Drive, started this food drive over a decade ago with just a few bundles of bags dropped to a handful of neighboring streets. With the help of many volunteers over the years, the scope of the food drive has now grown to one of the largest privately-organized initiatives in the city. This

event is made possible by the staff at the Carol Foderick Real Estate Group who donate & hand-staple over 3,000 brown paper donation bags, as well as many volunteers from within the community that deliver and pick up the donation bags.

With food insecurity at an all-time high across the country and especially here in Scarborough, Guildwood donations will go a long way to helping to make these long winter months ahead a little bit easier for people in our community. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to help! Please use this link to donate: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/m/58513>

Supporting Food Banks with Collected Cans

Gerard Baribeau - with assistance from Sue Koch



Many years ago, starting in the early 90s, Sue Koch's mom, Norma, and a neighbour, Lorraine Walker, started to collect **aluminum cans** (pop, beer, etc.) from neighbours, relatives, and shops.

When enough bags are collected, they are toted off to the metal recycler and the money raised goes to the Scarborough food bank at Galloway and Lawrence (Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities – back then – West Hill Community Services.) If the cans weren't crushed, Norma and Lorraine had to do it. Norma continued collecting until her death – Lorraine passed a few years earlier.

Since their deaths, Norma's daughter, Sue Koch and I, with neighbours supplying the cans, have continued this worthwhile practice. As things have become more stressful and the demand at the food bank grows – we continue to reach out for more donations. You can drop cans off on the front porch at 62 Somerdale Square (crushed would be appreciated). If you want to drop off deposit cans or bottles – we take them to the Beer Store and the deposits received go toward the food bank donation. We typically get around \$100 three or four times a year – based on the current drop offs.

Thanks for "donating" your cans and deposit items. After the VERY successful food bank drive (thanks Carol Foderick and the team of volunteers collecting 12,000 lbs of much needed food) earlier in December we are hoping more cans will be donated to this little project – eager Villagers wanting to help others.





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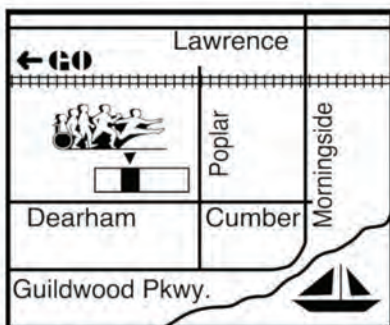
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An Update from Vijay Thanigasalam, MPP Scarborough-Rouge Park



Dear residents of Guildwood,

I want to wish you and your family all the best as we mark a new year. I am looking forward to seeing what 2024 has in store for Guildwood and the wonderful people that call it home!

Reflecting on the Year that Passed

I would like to start by reflecting on the year that passed, as I was humbled to be appointed as Ontario's Associate Minister of Transportation.

In September of 2003, I came to Canada at the age of 14, just a week before starting high school. Therefore, last year marked 20 years since I first came to this country and I have been welcomed with open arms. Everything that we have accomplished is because of your support and I will always be grateful for your kind words and necessary feedback.

Making Transit More Affordable with One-Fare

As the Associate Minister of Transportation, I am proud to be taking the lead on our government's One-Fare program, which will put an average of \$1600 back into the pockets of transit riders. By early 2024, we will be getting rid of double fares when switching between transit systems. We are making life easier and more affordable for commuters here in Scarborough and across the GTHA.



I am proud to be taking the lead on our government's One-Fare program, making transit more affordable across the GTHA.

Breaking Ground on the First-Ever Medical School in Scarborough

I was proud to mark an historic milestone late last year as we broke ground on Scarborough's first-ever medical school! The Scarborough Academy of Medicine and Integrated Health (SAMIH) – a cutting-edge facility dedicated to shaping the future of healthcare in Scarborough.

This new medical school in our community will be the training ground for the next generation of healthcare professionals, training physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and physical therapists. With the steadfast support of our government, we're ushering in a new era of healthcare excellence in Scarborough, for the benefit of all residents.

Ontario and Toronto Reach a New Deal

I am proud that our government announced a new deal that will help achieve long-term financial stability and sustainability for the City of Toronto. This deal takes meaningful action to address the City's financial challenges and advance key provincial priorities. The deal includes:

- Provincial supports for shelters, homelessness prevention, and transit
- Uploading the Gardiner Expressway and DVP to the province
- Toronto to meet the province's housing targets
- Moving forward with rebuilding Ontario Place

We will always stand up to ensure that our government is working for the people of this city.

I look forward to seeing you all again soon! 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, or give us a call at 416-283-8448.

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An Update from Andrea Hazell, MPP Scarborough-Guildwood



Dear Residents of Scarborough-Guildwood,

I hope the holiday season was filled with warmth, joy, and the company of loving family and friends. May the new year continue to be full of light and great cheer.

What Have I Been Up To

On October 18, I hosted the Small Business Week Forum at Queen's Park. The event was amazing. It offered an opportunity for many Scarborough small business owners to come together and have a space to network and learn. On November 16, I hosted a Diwali Celebration at Queen's Park. It was a wonderful celebration of the festival of lights with my constituents that celebrate the holiday. On November 18, I hosted a Senior's Day Brunch for seniors residing in the Scarborough-Guildwood community. It was a very informative and heartwarming event. It gave me a chance to have a friendly conversation with my senior constituents and truly learn the many concerns and issues important to them. Additionally, I had the pleasure of attending the Cathedral Bluffs Symphony Orchestra's Concert Fairytales on December 16th. The concert was an enchanting night of musical storytelling through music by the Cathedral Bluffs Symphony Orchestra, directed by Martin MacDonald! It included excerpts from Tchaikovsky's ballets, works of Humperdinck, Liadov, Mendelssohn and the Beauty and the Beast. It was a truly spectacular night! On January 6, I hosted my first Annual New Year's Levee at Centennial Recreation Centre. It was truly a pleasure to meet with Scarborough-Guildwood residents who enjoyed the entertainment along with the food and refreshments.

Ontario Science Centre

On Sunday December 17th, I hosted a Save the Science Centre Rally at the Ontario Science Centre amid rainy weather. We had an amazing turnout of people passionate about the cause. There was so much energy and passion to go around! Learn more about it at: <https://savesciencecentre.com/>

Upcoming events

Please keep your eyes out for our future events.

My Work at Queen's Park

I am the Ontario Liberal Party's Critic for Transportation, Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, and Infrastructure, as well as the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs, where I have the opportunity to scrutinize the government's financial record.

Holding the Conservatives to account on the Housing Crisis The Conservatives talk a big game on housing, but they haven't gotten anything built over the last five years! I rose in the legislature to set the record straight. Watch the video at: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=rNHtr9H6xVA&feature=youtu.be>

Response to Ministerial Statement on National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women Wednesday was the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, and I rose in the Legislature to voice in remembrance of the 14 women murdered at the Ecole Polytechnique massacre. We all must do more to address violence against women. Watch the video at: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=4flw2vfnzKA&feature=youtu.be>

Join the Conversation

Your thoughts, ideas, and concerns matter greatly. Please reach out to our constituency office at 416-281-2787, email at AHazell.mpp.co@Liberal.ola.org, or find me on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter @AndreaHazell to share your input. I'm here to listen.

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Dear Guildwood Village Neighbours,

Wishing everyone a wonderful and healthy Winter season!

Hope everyone had great winter holiday celebrations and are staying warm, safe, and healthy!

Here are some helpful links to help you throughout the winter:

- City's winter maintenance: www.toronto.ca/snow
- Map of salted/plowed road/sidewalk: www.toronto.ca/plowto
- COVID-19 & Flu vaccinations: www.toronto.ca/immunization
- Outdoor Activities: www.toronto.ca/recreation
- Frozen Pipe prevention: www.toronto.ca/frozenpipes

Happy New Year!

Toronto Activities

Check out the Festival and Events page at www.toronto.ca/events for a delightful selection of activities this season.

My Calendar:

To keep up to date with the events I will be hosting and attending. You can view them on my calendar: www.paulainslie.com

Stay Updated & Get Involved!

Scan this QR code if you would like to subscribe to my community updates, monthly eNewsletters, submit feedback on City services, and volunteer in my office.



Community Updates

Sidewalk Installation on Toynbee Trail

The construction of the sidewalk on Toynbee Trail from Livingston Road along the south side of St. Ursula Catholic School property has begun, with an expected completion date for the end of December. Outstanding restoration (i.e., sod) will be completed in Spring/early Summer 2024.

Guild Park and Gardens Resource Group

City staff and I continue to meet with the Resource Group bi-annually to address all topics surrounding Guild Park and Gardens. We have done important work and continue to work together. Membership at the table includes GVCA, Friends of Guild Park, and Guild Renaissance Group, the Guild Theatre Group. City Staff from Several Divisions participate from: Parks, Culture, Real Estate, Recreation, and my office. The last meeting was held on November 28th at the Clark Centre for the Arts. We are working towards making the Guild Park and Gardens one of the best locations in the city!

Restaurant at GIE

Although the City permitted Guild Inn Estates (GIE) to discontinue operation of the restaurant based on evident losses being incurred, GIE continues to host public events including on New Year's Eve, Valentines, St Patrick's Day, Easter Brunch, Mother's Day Brunch, Father's Day BBQ, Christmas Brunch. Cooperative work between the City and GIE is planned to consider publishing a request for expression of interest ("REOI") to assess whether there are any operators interested in a potential sub-tenancy opportunity to sell coffee, tea, and light fare on premises.

Seasonal Event Tent

The City intends to renew a 2-year license agreement with GIE to erect the tent, on a seasonal basis (May-Oct), in order to support hosting outdoor events. Initial noise complaints have been remedied and engagement with Heritage Toronto is underway to secure the permits necessary to facilitate the license agreement. GIE has re-committed its willingness to respond to any emerging feedback provided by the local community on the tent's operation during the season. There has been a suggestion by the community to explore the potential to extending the tent further to permit greater occupancy. The City and GIE will be assessing this possibility in consultation with Heritage Toronto.

Funding Request

The Community has requested the City to investigate the potential of allocating some or all the City's share of revenue at the Guild Inn Estates (GIE) back into the broader park's operating budget. The desire is to specifically leverage the Guild's success towards increasing PFR's ability to optimally care for the balance of the surrounding park. City staff are investigating this possibility as part of the 2024 budget process.

Yard Compound and Washrooms

I was extremely disappointed that this project, that was to come into being in 2023 - 2025 was pushed to 2028 - 2032 by our Finance and Treasurer Services last winter during their budget review, where projects across the city were delayed due to financial constraints. The project includes - new washrooms available to the public and a new Yard for Parks Staff. I am continuing to work with the Guild Resource Group and Financial Services, requesting to have this important project implemented sooner. If you would like to send me a note in support, please send it to councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca with the subject line, Support for the Sooner Implementation of the Guild Park and Gardens Yard Compound and Washrooms.

Current washrooms onsite:

Clark Centre: open 7 days/week: 9AM-4PM - 6 washrooms in total (one accessible washroom per floor) and all the washrooms are gender neutral. Both washrooms in the park under the GIE Gazebo are open and accessible. Unfortunately, the washroom does experience graffiti, staff are on top of this.

New Recreation Programs at GIE:

Staff are working towards implementing recreation programs in Guild Inn Estates and are currently, firming up the plans to introduce yoga. Information will be provided to the public shortly.

If you have any community questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me and my Constituency Office. We are dedicated to providing assistance and support in these matters.

Constituency Office Email: councillor_ainslie_CO@toronto.ca
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Advancing Transit and Housing in Scarborough

Jennifer McKelvie, Deputy Mayor, Councillor, Ward 25, Scarborough – Rouge Park



Dear Residents,

Happy Family Day! I hope everyone is enjoying the winter season. Don't let a little cold weather keep you from staying active this winter. The City of Toronto's parks, outdoor ice rinks and trails offer

endless opportunities for outdoor fun, from disc golf, to drop-in skating, to tobogganing! To learn more about winter activities, visit the City of Toronto's website:

toronto.ca/welcome-to-winter.

Eglinton East Light Rail Transit

In December, Toronto City Council committed to advancing significant work on the Eglinton East Light Rail Transit (EELRT). This priority project will provide higher-order transit service to an additional 71,000 people in Eastern Scarborough and to communities that historically have had limited transit options and more significant barriers to access shopping, school and employment.

To date, the City of Toronto has completed critical design work and set aside more than \$1.2 billion for the EELRT, and we have asked the Province of Ontario and the Federal Government to do their part to provide funding for improved higher-order transit in Scarborough.

The Province of Ontario and their agency, Metrolinx, are currently exploring options to extend rapid transit along Sheppard Avenue and leading other transit work which may impact the design of the EELRT. In order to keep moving the EELRT work forward, Toronto City Council has asked the Province and Metrolinx to decide and communicate their intentions to the City as soon as possible.

Housing

The 2020-2030 Housing Action Plan will expand housing options in the City of Toronto by setting a target of 285,000 new homes over 10 years. This target includes 65,000 affordable housing units, including 18,000 supportive. The plan includes Expanding Housing Options in Neighbourhoods and to date, City Council has voted to approve garden suites, multi-tenant housing, and multiplexes, citywide. To learn more, visit toronto.ca/EHON.

In Scarborough—Rouge Park, the City of Toronto is creating approximately 86 new supportive housing units with 24/7 on-site supports for residents. Phase one is complete, and phase two of construction will be completed in the spring. The City has also released a housing dashboard to provide information about housing projects across Toronto. To learn more, visit toronto.ca/housingdata.

Vacant Homes Tax

The City of Toronto requires homeowners to declare the occupancy status of their properties by Thursday, February 29th. This declaration will determine whether the residential property is subject to the City's Vacant Home Tax.

The goal of the Vacant Home Tax is to help address the ongoing housing crisis in Toronto by encouraging owners of vacant residential properties to make these spaces available for rent, and to disincentivize speculative purchasing. Any and all revenue accrued by this tax will be allocated towards affordable housing initiatives.

For more information, or to declare your occupancy status, visit the secure online declaration portal at toronto.ca/VacantHomeTax.

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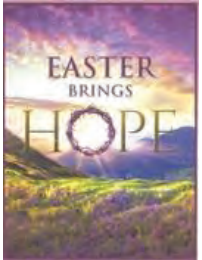
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 <p>Black History Service Sunday, February 18 In person at 8am and 10:30am Guest Speaker: Wanda Taylor 10:30am service is livestreamed to YouTube</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Family Day Winter Fair Monday, February 19 @ 1pm Hot Chocolate – Games Music and more</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sponsor:</p> <div style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">  <p>McDougall & Brown Funeral Home - Scarborough Chapel by Arbor Memorial</p> </div>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Good Friday Service Friday, March 29 @ 10:30am Worship Service</p>
<p>Monthly Workshops on the third Thursday of the month. Contact Denise to RSVP @ (416) 261-9503 or at denise@trinityguildwood.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Friday, March 29 @ 12:00noon Egg Games, Painting Decorating, Colouring and more</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Eggstravaganza</p> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, March 31 @ 12noon Easter Eggstravaganza for Children, young people, and families</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Easter Sunday March 31 Traditional Service @ 8am Modern Service @ 10:30am Celebrating the Resurrection</p> 
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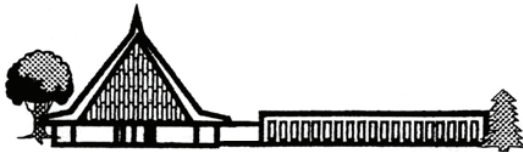
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Wednesday, March 27th at 7:30 pm

Maundy Thursday Service
March 28th at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service
March 29th at 10:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday Service
March 31st at 11:00 a.m.

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Crossword

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Across:

- 1. Character on "Frasier"
- 4. A type of shark
- 8. GVCA hosts one, usually in March (abbr)
- 11. Productive thought
- 13. Augusta is the capital city of this U.S. state
- 14. The face of Progressive Insurance
- 15. Immerses briefly
- 16. Looks at flirtatiously.
- 17. _____ Costello
- 18. Dinners
- 20. Highest degree of effort
- 22. Hamilton Ti-Cat great, turned wrestler, Angelo _____
- 23. Popular seasoning brand (2 wds)
- 24. Mixture of metals
- 26. Pig _____
- 27. Shoe part
- 31. Great lengths of time
- 32. Very dry
- 33. Bank job eliminator
- 34. M*A*S*H star
- 38. Plays a role

- 39. Billy-Joe never lived to hear it
- 40. The Hunter constellation
- 41. Trick or treaters often dress as him
- 43. Going on a drinking spree
- 45. Saturday Night _____
- 46. _____ bathroom
- 47. Ms. Thunberg, Swedish activist
- 49. Useful to a DIY'er
- 50. Lead singer of Van Halen
- 51. Conservation area in Milton
- 52. Entrance _____

- 55. Wedding words
- 56. Game steeds (2 wds)
- 58. A seat that's often hard
- 59. Youngster
- 60. Mountains extending across five U.S. states
- 61. "_____ of a Preacherman"
- 62. Lou Gehrig disease (abbr)
- 63. She's a saint

Down:

- 1. Gets free of
- 2. General dislike or disapproval
- 3. _____ Marx
- 4. Falls behind
- 5. _____ and vinegar
- 6. Excessive artery enlargement
- 7. Fits one inside another
- 8. Add ice cream to a soft drink to make _____
- 9. Opposite of a matte finish
- 10. Where the river enters the sea
- 12. Snakes
- 13. Mental attitude

- 19. It can confirm one's degree compares favourably to Canadian standards of education (abbr)
- 21. They work at hospitals (abbr)
- 23. A municipality in Quebec
- 25. Put ammunition in
- 27. Swedish made car
- 28. Largest member of the dolphin family
- 29. For example, Bethlehem (2 wds)
- 30. Company that makes good jam
- 34. Heatedly exchange views
- 35. Roman numeral 53
- 36. _____ Be Cruel, sang Elvis
- 37. _____-Gardien, a municipality in Quebec

- 39. Was Johnny Bower's hockey sweater number
- 40. Alarm clocks can be set _____
- 42. _____ Gardner, once Sinatra's wife
- 44. Sometimes, we find ourselves _____
- 47. Holds on tight
- 48. Exhibition of cowboy skills
- 49. Assails with snowballs
- 51. _____ & The Gang
- 52. 1968 song by Arthur Brown
- 53. Sounds made upon seeing a mouse
- 54. Municipality in Ontario
- 56. Important school organization
- 57. _____ -whal

Guildwood Village **UPCOMING EVENTS**

25 MAY	Guildwood Garage Sale Day Sell your treasures or buy new ones! Starting at 9:00am Throughout Guildwood Village
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1 JUNE	Guildwood Day
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**Guildwood Village Community Association
Annual General Meeting**

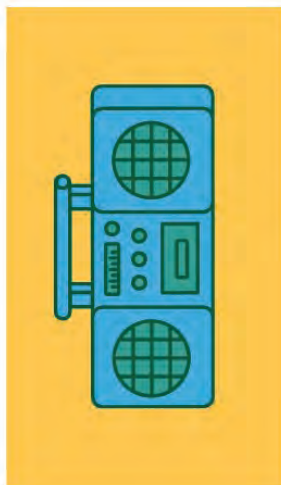
Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

All Guildwood residents are welcome to attend but only members in good standing can vote.

To become a member, please sign up at <https://www.guildwood.ca/become-a-member>

Please check the website for updates and location at <https://www.guildwood.ca/meeting-minutes>

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