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## President's Message



**Robert D'Addario**

President, Guildwood Village Community Association

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

We are pleased to present to you our Spring edition of the News and Views. On behalf of the GVCA Board of Directors, we are truly excited to continue our planning towards Guildwood Day on June 1st, 2024. We are happy to announce that this will be the 50th Anniversary of Guildwood Day! There will be games, prizes, entertainment, food, and of course, our annual parade. We hope to see you there!

As the weather gets better and allows us to explore more of the Guildwood Village, I would encourage you all to visit our local Pollinator Habitat. This project was initiated due to the Emerald Ash borer infestation. The City removed 165 trees and 66 trees were injected with a systemic insecticide in an attempt to preserve them.

The Guildwood Village Pollinator Habitat includes:

- A short winding path
- A wood post and paddle fence in the shape of a canoe surrounding the entire area
- Informative signs about urban biodiversity and the effects of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) on ash trees
- A raised wood boardwalk and
- Pollinator plants, trees, shrubs and wildflowers

The Guildwood Village Pollinator Habitat connects to Guildwood Village Park at 219 Livingston Rd. More information can be found at <https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/planning-development/construction-new-facilities/improvements-expansion-redevelopment/guildwood-village-park-pollinator-habitat/>

Take time this spring to explore the natural beauty of Guildwood Village.

## Pollinator Week Tree and Shrub Giveaway June 15th!

*Allison Murray*



This year, to celebrate Pollinator Week at Guild Park, the Guildwood Village Community Association and Friends of Guild Park are giving away 1,000 native trees and shrubs! This fantastic event comes to you courtesy of the City of

Toronto's Neighbourhood Tree program.

Native trees and shrubs are critical to the survival of our birds, insects and wildlife, providing shelter and food throughout the seasons. They are equally important in helping us increase our tree canopy in Toronto, which improves the air quality and environment for all of us. Trees come in 1/2 gallon buckets and are small enough to carry on the TTC or sit in the back of a car. All trees and shrubs must be planted on private property within the City of Toronto boundaries.

**Advance ordering of trees and shrubs is required** and the deadline is May 31st! For full details and to order, please go to the GVCA Eventbrite page:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/guildwood-village-neighbourhood-tree-shrub-giveaway-2024-tickets-657724791557?aff=oddtcreator>

We invite you to bring a donation for the Daily Bread Food Bank and pick up a native wildflower (or two) while you are picking up your tree or shrub at Guild Park & Gardens.

# Elizabeth Simcoe Fun Fair Is Back!

*Robyn Bluestein and Chantal Elward*

We're back for another unforgettable year! Elizabeth Simcoe Junior Public School proudly presents our annual Spring into Summer Fun Fair on Friday, May 24, 2024 from 5-8pm! Prepare for an epic celebration, packed with exciting activities that are sure to please people of all ages.

Last year's Fun Fair was a massive success, with over 600 attendees, including parents, students and members of the local community.

Not only is this event a chance for people to get out, socialize, and enjoy themselves - but it also serves as a key fundraising endeavor for Elizabeth Simcoe Jr. P.S. This year, our goal is to raise money to purchase LEGO® Education SPIKE Essential Sets for both primary and junior levels at our school. As part of our Community pillar, another of our fundraising goals is to support our local community. If we surpass our initial fundraising objective, a percentage of the profits will be allocated to support a school in a neighbouring community.

This is an open invitation for all - bring your family and friends for an evening filled with non-stop fun, while helping to contribute to our school and the community. Let's create memories that will last a lifetime together!

This year's Fun Fair will feature:

- Bounce To It – multiple inflatables (slides, obstacle courses and games)
- Face Painting and Tattoo Fun
- Clay Emporium Pottery Painting
- Mini Makers – kindie and Junior Craft Room
- Green Thumbs – plant a seed and take it home to grow
- Bid to WIN – amazing items to bid on in the silent auction
- Strike A Pose Photo Booth
- Vendor Lane
- Second Look Books – find your summer reading at the gently used book sale
- Siren Zone – explore emergency safety vehicles; police cars, EMS, fire trucks and more
- Simcoe Sweet Treats Bake Sale
- Pizza Pie Shack
- Ice and Bites – ice cream and food trucks
- Pop and Floss – it's not a fun fair without popcorn and cotton candy!

Visit our Instagram page for Fun Fair updates and how to purchase your wristbands or tickets @esjpscouncil. Any inquiries regarding the Fun Fair, how to donate to the silent auction or sponsorship opportunities can be sent to the committee at [elizabethsimcoefunfair@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethsimcoefunfair@gmail.com).



*BelCanto* SINGERS

## Bel Canto Singers Celebrate Their 30th Anniversary

Bel Canto Singers' upcoming spring concert "Choir By Numbers", celebrates 30 years of making beautiful music together and includes nostalgic pop, Broadway classics, and choral favourites that reference numbers and the passing of time. This friendly and enthusiastic four-part choir is conducted by Music Director, Michael Morgan, and accompanied by Pianist, Matthew Coons.

Saturday, May 11, 2024

2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Scarborough Bluffs United Church

3739 Kingston Rd., Scarborough

Tickets are \$25 for an adult and \$5 for a child

For tickets, please call Kam Adams at 647-831-3245 or email her at [belcantotickets@gmail.com](mailto:belcantotickets@gmail.com)

You can also book tickets on [www.eventbrite.ca](http://www.eventbrite.ca) (link directly through our website at [www.belcantosingers.ca](http://www.belcantosingers.ca)).

Love to sing? Join us for fun, laughter and learning. Visit our website or call Michael at 647-564-6873

# 2024 GVCA Membership Drive

*Jeff Garrah, GVCA Membership Chair, 2024*



With the preview of spring we've had over the past few days/weeks, planning for the 2024 Membership Drive is well underway and the 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 last year where we delivered 1,311 memberships – that total falling just short of the previous year's 1,371. However, when diving into the numbers we actually sold slightly more memberships, as last year we had more new residents where the first year of membership 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 knock on each and every door in Guildwood in a highly coordinated effort. As such, we continue to be among the largest and most active community associations in the city thanks to all of you!

Our 2024 Membership Card cost will remain unchanged at \$20.

Memberships for 2024-2025 were available at the 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 sell you a membership. Memberships can also be purchased at Your Independent Grocer, and Guildwood Physiotherapy. If purchasing a card at our vendor partners, please have the exact amount or a cheque payable to GVCA. Cards can also be purchased through Square on the GVCA website at [www.guildwood.ca](http://www.guildwood.ca).

There are many benefits to having a strong community association in Guildwood, and to being a member. Namely, you are supporting your community association, and as a result the GVCA is able to organize, sponsor and fund special activities and events 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 the association membership, the more clout we have when dealing with all levels of government when addressing concerns affecting the community. With all of the changes in regulatory, demographic, municipal

and provincial mandates, more and more items are being brought forward to the association for review and commentary.

Over the last few years we have seen some changeover on the Membership committee and our coordinator and canvassing roles. 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 retire, which just happens over time. Coordinators organize and liaise with a group of canvassers for a specified area and canvassers are responsible for canvassing a planned route within a specified area. There are so many new families and people moving into the area, so 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](mailto:membership@guildwood.ca). Our volunteer canvassers tell us that it is a great way to meet new people, connect with neighbours, as well as get a little exercise in the spring time. It's also a great way to support the GVCA and to become more involved in the community.

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



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# *Music to Our Ears* **We Love the Night Life**

Jay Moonah



Live music in bars and other venues obviously took a big break during the pandemic, and has been a little slow to come back. Thankfully there are a number of bars and restaurants that are not too far from Guildwood where you can enjoy some great local musicians. Here's my very non-exhaustive list of places that were featuring live acts as of this writing – note that things change, so it's always highly recommended you check in with the venue before heading out.

### **The Olde Stone Cottage Pub**

3750 Kingston Rd, Scarborough, ON M1J 3H5

<http://www.stonecottagepub.com/>

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• 5 minutes drive from Guildwood, music Saturdays at 8 pm, check website or call

### **The Black Dog Pub**

87 Island Rd, Scarborough, ON M1C 2P6

<http://blackdogpub.ca/>

416-286-4544

• 15 minutes drive from Guildwood, music Saturdays at 9 pm, check website or call

### **Stone Well Pub**

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<https://www.facebook.com/stonewellpubinbirchcliff>

416-551-1091

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### **Frog and the Crown Restaurant & Bar**

1871 O'Connor Dr, North York, ON M4A 1X1

<http://thefrogandcrown.com/>

416-750-3764

• 25 minutes drive from Guildwood, music Saturdays at 2 pm, call for details

### **Castro's Lounge**

2116 Queen St E, Toronto, ON M4E 1E2

416-699-8272

<https://castrolounge.com/>

• 25 minutes drive from Guildwood, music most days, check the website

### **Outrigger**

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Instagram: @outriggerto

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### **Press Vinyl Cafe**

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<https://vinylrecords.fyi/>

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• 25 minutes drive from Guildwood, music Tuesdays at 7 pm, call or check the website

### **C.C.'s Bar & Grill**

1564 Danforth Ave, Toronto, ON M4J 1N4

<https://www.facebook.com/ccsbar.toronto>

416-466-8338

• 30 minutes drive from Guildwood, music every second Saturday, check Facebook

### **The Edge Lounge**

250 Bayly St W, Ajax, ON L1S 3V4

<http://www.theedgelounge.com/>

905-426-9692

• 25 minutes drive from Guildwood, music most evenings, check the website

### **Drums n Flats**

60 Randall Dr Unit 5 & 6, Ajax, ON L1S 6L3

905-619-2636

<http://www.drumsnflatsajax.com/>

• 25 minutes drive from Guildwood, various shows, check the website

### **The Duchess of Markham**

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## The Guildwood Butterflyway Project

Allison Murray



### Boulevard Gardening In Guildwood

Last fall, the Guildwood Butterflyway Project applied for a PollinateTO grant from the City of Toronto to cover the costs of native plants for 17 boulevard gardens in Guildwood. Unfortunately,

our application was declined, along with several others in Guildwood (for two pollinator gardens at local schools and one for a wildflower giveaway at Guild Park). The City staff mentioned that they were overwhelmed with applications for this popular grant program which is an important part of the City's pollinator strategy. Knowing that there were limited funds available, we weren't all that surprised when we received the news in January, although our 17 homeowners were, of course, very disappointed. However, it's important to know that, in Toronto, you don't need a permit to replace the turfgrass on your boulevard (which is the space between the sidewalk and the street), and there are many advantages to replacing it:

- Lawns do nothing to support pollinators or biodiversity. They are literally a sterile environment.
- Creating a boulevard garden with native plants decreases habitat fragmentation, allowing native pollinator species such as bees and butterflies to thrive using these "pollinator pathways".
- Native plants provide food and shelter for birds and other wildlife throughout the year, supporting resilience and diversity of the species that evolved in this climate.
- Replacing turfgrass with native wildflower gardens means lower maintenance overall.
- Imported ornamental flowers are not the best support for our native bees, birds, butterflies, and other wildlife. Boulevard gardens planted with native plants are both beautiful and purposeful.

### Call Before You Dig!

Before removing boulevard grass, we recommend that you arrange for an underground utility locator. This is a free service and is usually done very quickly after making the request via the Ontario OneCall web site: [ontarioonecall.ca](http://ontarioonecall.ca).

### Spring Native Plant Sale - May

This year, the Guildwood Butterflyway's annual spring native plant sale will focus on plants that are appropriate for boulevard gardens which means they are selected for salt-tolerance, low height, and low maintenance. Included in our sale are also many host plants for butterflies and moths. Most gardeners are aware of the close connection between monarch butterflies and milkweed, but there are many other species of butterflies and moths who cannot survive without the larval host plants that their caterpillars need in order to grow until they form their chrysalis or cocoon. Our plant list this year is carefully curated to include both boulevard plants and host plants.

Our spring sale will take place in mid to late May over several weekends. Full details with the plant list, prices, dates, times, and location are available on our web site at <https://gwbutterflyway.ca/plant-sale-spring-2024/>

### Pollinator Week Wildflower Giveaway - June

All funds raised by the Guildwood Butterflyway go back into the community in the form of donations of plants to schools and non-profit organizations, and this year we will again be holding a big native plant giveaway at Guild Park on Saturday June 15th at the start of Pollinator Week. This is happening alongside the native tree giveaway hosted by the Guildwood Village Community Association ([guildwood.ca](http://guildwood.ca)) and Friends of Guild Park ([friendsofguildpark.com](http://friendsofguildpark.com)). Check these web sites for more information!

### Boulevard Gardening Workshops

Blooming Boulevards, a non-profit organization based in Mississauga, offers excellent online workshops on the preparation, planting, and maintenance of boulevard gardens. For more information and to sign up for their courses, check out <https://www.bloomingboulevards.org/book-online>

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# Drumming, Drama, Displays and lots more coming to Guild Park

John P. Mason, President, Friends of Guild Park



Mark your calendars for summertime fun and festivities at the heart of Guildwood Village. This year, Guild Park & Gardens hosts lots of popular events for all ages and interests. Be sure to enjoy all that's happening on-site:

- guided walks and storytelling,
- theatre productions and music, plus
- the creativity of more than 100 artists, artisans and performers on display at July's weekend-long arts festival, Guild Alive With Culture.

This year's highlights at Guild Park include:

- Toronto Doors Open happens in May with free tours by Friends of Guild Park. Hear about the site's "Hidden Histories" and fragments from the city's overlooked past. Also, get an inside look at the park's Clark Centre for the Arts.
- Japanese drummers, Nagata Shachu, return to Guild Park for another workshop and concert. This free event, part of the City's Arts in the Parks program, is back due to popular demand,
- Award-winning Guild Festival Theatre presents its 13th season of outdoor performances at the Greek Theatre. The playbill for 2024 includes family-friendly events, a comedy about European misadventures, and the Toronto debut of a gripping drama from Canada's past.

Check out the listings below for details about more activities coming to Guild Park. Events and scheduling are subject to change. Check [www.facebook.com/guildpark](https://www.facebook.com/guildpark) for the latest updates and information throughout the summer.

## Weekly Gardening at Guild Park's Pollinator Garden

Friday mornings

Plan to help Guildwood Butterflyway volunteers tend this beautiful new garden. All are welcome. Bring your own favourite gardening tools. More details at <https://signup.com/go/dSxAXoD>

## Doors Open

Saturday May 25 & Sun May 26. Outdoor tours at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Doors Open this year uncovers "Hidden Histories" across Toronto. At Guild Park, each walk reveals fascinating stories from unique building fragments on-site. More Doors Open weekend activities take place at Guild Park's Clark Centre for the Arts.



## Guildwood Day for GVCA members

Saturday, June 1

A day-long community celebration with a local parade, kids' games and neighbourhood marketplace. The day wraps up with evening festivities at Guild Park. Free for members of the Guildwood Village Community Assn.

## Pollinator Week - Native Tree, Shrub & Wildflower Giveaway

Saturday, June 15, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (while supplies last)

Wildflower giveaway at Guild Park's Sculptor's Cabin.

Two free plants per person, first-come, first-served.

Native trees/shrubs (pre-ordered by May 31 on

Eventbrite [www.eventbrite.ca/e/guildwood-village-neighbourhood-tree-shrub-giveaway-2024-tickets-657724791557?aff=oddtcreator](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/guildwood-village-neighbourhood-tree-shrub-giveaway-2024-tickets-657724791557?aff=oddtcreator)) can be picked up at

same time and place (please bring your order receipt). Watch for signs and volunteers. Organized by the GVCA,

Friends of Guild Park & Guildwood Butterflyway Project.

## In-Park Poetry Readings by Tender Possibilities (Toronto Arts in the Parks program)

Sundays starting June 9, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. (continues every two weeks to August 18)

A summer-long series of six inspiring afternoon programs, each featuring a different poet exploring themes of discovery and renewal.

## Guided Walks at Guild Park

Last Sunday of the month, starts at 2:00 p.m. from the Sculptor's Cabin

Stroll and explore the grounds with volunteers from Friends of Guild Park. Each leisurely walk is about an hour long and highlights different aspects of the site's history and features. Free.

## Live Plays and Entertainment by Guild Festival Theatre

July 10 through August 25 (various dates & times).

Adventure describes this year's outdoor performances by Guild Park's award-winning theatre group. Family fun, comedy and a Canadian drama all come to the Greek Theatre. Tickets required. Schedule/ ticket info at [www.guildfestivaltheatre.ca](http://www.guildfestivaltheatre.ca)

## Japanese Drummers at the Greek Theatre (Toronto Arts in the Parks program)

Wednesday July 10th with a rain date of Sunday July 14th.

Public workshop at 6:30 pm; Performance at 7:00 pm.

Nagata Shachu's Taiko drummers return for their 3rd appearance at Guild Park. Come early for this





free popular event. Organized in cooperation with Guild Festival Theatre.

**Guild Alive With Culture Arts Festival**

Saturday & Sunday July 27 & 28. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Guild Park’s biggest weekend event. Meet more than a hundred artists and artisans. Browse their displays, admire their work. Enjoy lots of on-site entertainment, food and fun.

**Fall Shoreline Clean-up**

Saturday, September 21 – Morning  
 Help make Guild Park’s shoreline area better for wildlife by removing debris. Part of the nation-wide shoreline clean-up initiatives of Ocean Wise.

**The Clark Centre for the Arts at Guild Park**

Enjoy year-round programs of exhibitions, public art classes (pre-registration required), artists’ talks and special events. Activity / registration info available at [www.toronto.ca/explore-enjoy/history-art-culture/cultural-centres-galleries/clark-centre-for-the-arts/](http://www.toronto.ca/explore-enjoy/history-art-culture/cultural-centres-galleries/clark-centre-for-the-arts/) or drop by the centre.

Guild Park is owned by the Toronto & Region Conservation Authority and operated by divisions and departments of the City of Toronto. Active volunteers organize a variety of public activities on-site throughout the year. Permits are required for all commercial/ wedding photography on-site. For permit details, contact the City of Toronto 24-hour info line 3-1-1. The City of Toronto requires dog-owners to leash their pets at all times while at Guild Park.

**More Activities Coming**

Watch for these Guild Park events expected to be announced soon!

- **Monday Morning Seniors Walks** – Gentle outdoor exercise for older adults during July and August
- **Expressive Arts Workshop** – Have fun expressing your creativity. No experience necessary. Registration
- **City of Toronto Recreation Programs at Guild Park** – The City’s first public recreation classes expected to be offered in 2024. Registration
- **Heritage Toronto Tours/Programs** – Watch for special tours and events. Registration
- **Nature Talk 2024** – Find ways to bring more nature into your life.



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# Tax Time ... Still?

Kelly Cole



As I write this article in mid-March, tax season is upon us. By the end of February, you should have received your tax slips thereby giving you approximately two months to complete and file your income tax by April 30th.

So why write an article about taxes that you will be reading in May? Because right now, I'm busy volunteering with the Canadian Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP)

completing tax returns for the 2023 tax season. But from the months of May to December, I will be filing tax returns that range from 2023 all the way back to 2014 (10 years worth per person). I am a year round income tax volunteer with WoodGreen Community Services and after the April 30th tax season deadline, WoodGreen offers the ability for back taxes to be filed.

The CVITP program enables eligible people who have a modest income and a simple tax return to have their taxes done for free. You can find more information and eligibility criteria on the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) website, at <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/community-volunteer-income-tax-program/lend-a-hand-individuals/about.html>. In 2022, there were 5,300 CVITP volunteers in Ontario who filed 217,160 tax returns that helped 186,450 individuals!

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/community-volunteer-income-tax-program/free-tax-clinic-statistics/free-tax-clinic-statistics-province-territory-2022>.

The clients I help may include seniors, modest-income individuals, newcomers, persons with disabilities, Indigenous Peoples, students and youths. Their income is at or below \$35,000/year for one person and they have a simple tax return. Some community organizations have more lenient income guidelines such as WoodGreen where the income eligibility starts at \$40,000/year for one person.

A Simple tax return would not include the following tax situations:

- Filed for bankruptcy
- Have rental or business income to report
- Have capital gains or losses to report
- Have investment income of more than \$1,000 per year
- Need to prepare a return for a deceased person
- Have self-employment income/deductions to claim

If you are interested in receiving this free service and you are eligible, you can search on the CRA website for free tax clinics near you. They can be in-person, walk-in, drop-off, appointment only or virtual and are they're available all over the city (and country!).



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# Let Your Kids Discover the Magic of Theatre

Jeff Gillespie, Director



*"Theatre is magic, magic is theatre. Let the blessed magic of theatre begin."*

Theatricks Theatre Co. 4 Kids feels right at home here in Guildwood and ready for our third year. For many years, Theatricks programs have been successful creating a camp experience working as a group to improvise, refine and produce an original theatrical production. Founders Cathie Webb and Jeff Gillespie, Honours Graduates of Theatre from University of Guelph, followed their dreams to Toronto and are thrilled to continue to offer families quality creative fun with the passion and commitment of an amazing team of theatre educators.

## Super Summer Day Camps In July At The Clark Centre

There are two camps scheduled July 2-12 and July 15-26. During our two-week sessions, participants work together to create an original production with guidance from our creative and energetic staff. Through theatre games and activities that foster active participation, confidence building, and creative expression, kids will get the chance to partake in every element of our production including storytelling, playwriting, character development, set design, prop production, marketing, and dance. The two week day camp experience offers a special opportunity to develop a safe place from where the kids can let their creativity flow. Beyond the work we do on our craft in the studio, we also play a lot of team building and active summer camp games. There is always plenty of time spent running around outdoors as well as connecting to nature through walks and Beka's scavenger hunts.



## A Brand New Original Play Every Session

When kids come to camp for the first time, they are hooked right away because we tell them that they get to make up the idea for the play and all of their own characters. Our job is to create a safe space where kids feel comfortable and inspired to share their creativity and engage with others in the collective creative process. Once this spark catches fire, it is such a thrill to witness



the process in action. The campers and leaders work together to brainstorm ideas and vote to determine the most popular choices that we can

combine to create a new play. From there, the kids make a list of characters that would be essential to tell the story and they choose their characters from that list. But of course, there is always room for a kitten or a puppy or a magical unicorn in any story we come up with so ultimately every camper can pick their own character to develop. The group is divided into scene groups and they workshop a scene that they share with the other groups and provide feedback and ideas. This collective creative process is the heart of our play development as it invests all the creators in the building of the story. Along the way, we paint sets together, we design and source our costumes, we create props out of cardboard and other craft materials, and then we name and market our play with posters, and (spoiler alert) work on our traditional final dance number.



## Community Partners

We are blown away by the love and support we have received from the Guildwood community since we started our camps in 2022. With over 25 years of experience operating summer camps and children's theatre programs in The Beach, we knew that the program would be a success and that the Guildwood community would be a perfect place to expand our camp experience. The hardest part, coming out of the pandemic, was spreading the word that not only were day camps running but there was a super cool one right here in your backyard. Without a doubt, we could not have made it work without the support of our new friends in the neighbourhood. Families spread the word through traditional conversations about what they had their kids doing for the summer and also through social media channels. Karen Harkins and her amazing team at The Clark Centre for the Arts have been instrumental in making our space feel so special for the kids. They feel welcomed, loved, and safe as they participate in our programs in the beautiful building surrounded by nature. We are so lucky to have a strong

partnership with Guild Festival Theatre and their support to accommodate us on the Greek Stage during their busy rehearsal and performance schedule. It is such an energizing feeling to work next to other amazing theatre



people and to support each other in this community. Our performance day had a real cool vibe to it, with The Clark Centre for the Arts rolling out the red carpet for the actors,

and our friends Melissa Kitazaki and Aimee Talbot putting on a breakfast spread for all the parents to mix and mingle before the shows. Thank you to all of you for your continued support and enthusiasm for our camps, helping to create the magic of theatre for the kids.

### Leadership Training For Youth

Our model for leadership development envisions all campers as potential staff members at our camp one day. Indeed, the majority of our staff have been campers in our programs and have developed their skills through our Leadership in Training program at camp. To kick-start the program in Guildwood, we connected with local volunteer high school students and others from Laurier's IB program. We are happy to say that two of our original LITs are now paid staff counselors at our camp. This summer, for the first time in this location, we will have campers from our first year that will now begin their leadership training and follow in their footsteps. Each camper can take a look at the leaders and staff and imagine themselves in that role one day. I can honestly say we have the best camp counselors because they are fully invested in preserving and promoting the culture of the camp and helping shape the experience for the campers to be as fun and rewarding as it was for them when they were campers. We are always looking for motivated, artistic, high school aged volunteers so if you know someone please have them get in touch with us through our website or drop by our tent on Guildwood Day.

### Diversity, Equity, And Inclusion

At Theatricks summer camps, great care and attention are given to understanding, accepting, and valuing the uniqueness and diversity of all program participants regardless of their background, personal circumstances, or identity. Our program only works when it is deeply connected to making the learning and creativity personal and inclusive for everyone. It is within this environment that kids feel safe to express themselves and grasp the many rewards that a collective creation can provide, connecting them to each other and their community. One of the ways that we seek equity is through creating spaces in our programs offered in kind to deserving kids from partnered schools whose families may not have the means

to send them to a day camp. We appreciate the love and care from those educators entrusted with identifying and offering these spaces and have benefitted so much from the contributions to our camp from these families and amazing kids.

### For More Information

As we gear up for our camps in July and look ahead to summer in Guildwood, here's hoping the only bug your kid gets bitten by this summer is the theatre bug. To register for a camp this summer or other information, please visit our website here: [www.theatricks4kids.com](http://www.theatricks4kids.com)



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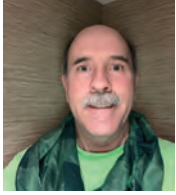
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# Getting To Know The GVCA

## Presenting Bruce Villeneuve, Member at Large / Director



Bruce has been an active member with the GVCA since 2001. His role is to provide support for all GVCA sponsored events wherever possible. A self-described “people person”, Bruce was inspired to participate on the board

because of a strong sense of pride in our community and a desire to help bring our residents closer together. He enjoys working with people who have the same level of enthusiasm and passion for our community as he does.

Going forward, Bruce sees the biggest challenge for the GVCA will be to gain community involvement in the organization. He would like to see new members who plan to raise their families here understand the value of our community events.

Bruce has lived in Guildwood with his wife, Tina, and two children, Christopher and Natalie, since 1996. With a degree in electrical engineering, he has worked for the same company for 38 years in the Fire & Security field. Some of our local parents might also know him as “Scouter Bruce” for his very active and appreciated involvement with the scouting community as a leader since 2001. Thank goodness for his high energy level!

## Presenting: Timo Puhakka, Member at Large



Timo has been with the GVCA executive ever since we began running advertisements in the News and Views. He served as Advertising Coordinator, Vice President, and then was President during the interesting times of the off-shore Industrial Wind Farm debate.

Currently, his role is to provide historical reference to the newer leadership.

What first inspired him to become involved with the committee was the need to address potential threats to the Guildwood community. He believes that someone has to act as a voice for our residents and he believes in doing his part. Timo says the greatest challenge this year will be to stop higher levels of government from changing the character of Guildwood. He sees the attempt to increase residential density in our neighbourhood as an existential threat. Timo says “we have faced this before, and we have succeeded before”.

Timo was raised in Guildwood and fondly remembers when there were medium altitude fireworks on Guildwood Day! This was in the 1960s when his late father was the Vice President of the GVCA and Guildwood Day was one of his responsibilities. Timo has worn many different hats in life such as a Toolmaker, an IMAX Camera Technician

(responsible for the Space Shuttle, In Cabin Camera), a Military Specification CAD Draughtsman, a Lighting Design Draughtsman, and to this day a Small Business Manager (Guildwood Physiotherapy) and a Property Manager.

What is the best part of working with the GVCA? “Camaraderie and friendship, and the occasional reward when some project or issue succeeds”.

## Presenting: John P. Mason, Director at Large



John was introduced to Guildwood Village and the Guild by the woman who is now his wife. Their first date in Scarborough was on a Sunday morning walk-about at the Guild Inn. The Inn was still operating for Sunday brunches but John felt it had seen better days. He thought the grounds

were quite magical and was curious about the many beautiful facades. The whole area was fascinating to him and seemed to have so much potential. After they moved here in 2001, they watched as the buildings at Guild Park almost disintegrated before their eyes over the next decade - by fire, vandalism and neglect.

In 2011, the National Trust for Canada included Guild Park on its Top 10 List of the Most Endangered Historic Places across the country. That was John’s call to action since he didn't want to live in a community with a heart that was falling apart and being, as the National Trust described it, an example of “demolition by neglect”. Collaborating with a friend, John created an advocacy video titled, “The Guild Inn: Save It!” which won a prize from Heritage Toronto (coming second to one from the National Film Board). That success tapped into a groundswell of support coming from the GVCA, the Guild Renaissance Group (GRG), Park People (an urban park charity) and many people who wanted to do something about the Guild. He joined the GVCA board and worked on its special task force on Guild Park's future. This group of four local volunteers proposed creating a new “Friends” group to bring Guild Park back from the brink of demolition. The GVCA accepted this proposal, then created a collaborative working group with reps from the existing Guild Park volunteer organizations. Based on further research into best practices of similar groups, and with strong support from the community and City Hall, Friends of Guild Park (FGP) was born in 2013.

“As FGP's founding president, I'm proud of the group's many successes - achieved by the team of committed and collaborative volunteers who've brought amazing ideas, energy and persistence to this landmark public destination - a place where art meets nature. None of this would have been possible without the terrific support - which continues today - from the GVCA.”

John enjoys being active on the GVCA board for the collaboration among volunteers and the important role that the GVCA plays in creating a strong sense of community spirit. As one example, the GVCA continues to work closely with Friends of Guild Park to foster a unified approach on the many plans to improve and revitalize Guild Park. Together with volunteer colleagues from GRG, and the Guild Festival Theatre, they've developed a combined community voice that brings activities, attention and advocacy to the site. Through a continuing liaison with the many City officials responsible for different aspects of Guild Park, their joint successes include:

- the opening of the Clark Centre for the Arts
- the naming of that facility and its Gallery 191 exhibition halls
- the rebuilding, reopening and operating of the Sculptor's Cabin, in partnership with the City
- the new Entry/Pergola for the Forest Boardwalk
- the improved electrical system at the Greek Theatre
- raising funds to install Guild Park's first official heritage plaque to recognize the site's historic significance, plus
- lots of walks, programs and events - from Doors Open to Arts in the Park events.

The GVCA has also provided opportunities for him to meet and work with talented groups of volunteer residents on projects such as:


- creating the Guildwood Village flag
- having the City install the community welcome signs
- being involved with the News & Views quarterly


publication

- helping with popular events, ranging from Guildwood Day and the GVCA annual meeting, to the GVCA's 60th anniversary gala reception.

John sees one of the greatest challenges the GVCA is facing is to develop the next generation of volunteers which is crucial to ensure our village continues to thrive and grow. It's clear that the best improvements happen when the community gets actively involved. Officials from all levels of government rely on the informed and persistent voices of resident associations such as the GVCA. Also, it's very challenging for individual residents to know how to make their views known to government officials and the GVCA brings important perspectives on issues to our neighbourhood.


The GVCA has more than 60 years' experience representing its members. It's one of the longest-serving community associations - and among the most active - in Toronto. The way the GVCA weathered the financial crisis from the pandemic is another mark of our association's strength and good management. The GVCA's annual membership fee is a small investment to keep the GVCA's voice strong and active. The GVCA also welcomes residents who can contribute some time. There's probably a local issue that interests you or affects your family, so we hope you consider playing a role. That's how John - and so many other GVCA members - got involved.






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# New GVCA Housing Sub-Committee

Jeff Garrah and John Mason



The GVCA is receiving many requests from members who are concerned about significant housing developments and zoning variance applications

in Guildwood Village. The big jump in these requests requires the GVCA to take a new approach to serving local residents.

In the past, one or two GVCA volunteers could handle each inquiry individually. This is no longer effective. Governments are quickly adopting new policies to face today's housing issues. These policies are intended to fast-track new housing options, especially in Toronto. This has led to substantially more construction, renovations and demolition across Guildwood Village.

GVCA members are telling us they're worried about how these new developments are affecting them as neighbours and affecting Guildwood Village as a neighbourhood. The GVCA is being asked to ensure that the municipal decisions about new development are made to enhance both our neighbourhood and our city.

The GVCA is effective when it takes an informed, community-wide approach to helping our neighbourhood thrive and grow. Rather than being anti- or pro-development, the GVCA advocates on behalf of our members on a wide range of issues affecting Guildwood Village. Our aim is to ensure that housing and related issues receive appropriate and fair consideration at all levels of government.

The GVCA's advocacy on housing is guided by the city of Toronto's Official Plan. That plan describes how development across city neighbourhoods is intended to fit the general character of each neighbourhood. This allows neighbourhoods to evolve under changing conditions. Given the flurry of development activity in Guildwood Village, it's important that GVCA has a strong and informed voice on today's housing discussions.

## Call For Volunteers

To do this effectively, the GVCA needs help from its members. Our plan is to create a special team of volunteers to deal with these many housing questions. This working group will identify better ways for our association to address the growing concerns and ensure appropriate housing is available in Guildwood Village.

Under the GVCA's direction and working to a specific deadline, this group will develop a fact-based, practical approach to handle current and future housing concerns in Guildwood Village. This team will actively engage with neighbours, policymakers and others involved in housing.

The GVCA anticipates this opportunity will interest GVCA members affected by local housing development, as well as those interested in long-term community, real estate, and planning issues. GVCA Vice-President Jeff Garrah has agreed to head this working group once enough GVCA members step forward as volunteers. If you are interested in finding out more about this GVCA initiative, or would like to suggest someone who might help, please email Jeff at [vicepresident@guildwood.ca](mailto:vicepresident@guildwood.ca).

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# The Business of Making Art



Tyler J. Seguin



Times are tough for the performing arts. While the pandemic has subsided, theatres across the country are struggling more than ever as the Ontario Arts Council and the Canada Council for the Arts have cut their budgets by \$5 million and \$10 million, respectively. In the midst

of an affordability crisis, venues are disappearing and companies that seemed too big to fail like Artscape and Just for Laughs have declared bankruptcy. And this isn't limited to government austerity: Scotiabank has stopped supporting the Contact Photography Festival, Bell no longer sponsors TIFF, and we've seen the same decrease in corporate support for the arts. When I speak with colleagues across Canada, it's the same story: increased costs, diminished budgets, and theatres on the brink of collapse.

Which makes me feel all the more fortunate when I consider GFT's incredible success over the last five years. We're one of the only companies whose audience has grown - nearly 400% over 2019! Our programming has also increased and we now employ over 100 artists and support staff to work on 70 events that bring thousands of people to Guild Park each summer.

I wish I could say that these successes have made things easy for us. However, even as GFT's audience and impact has increased, our support from funders has decreased. After a string of rejected grants this year, we wonder when governments are going to make good on their promises to prioritize Scarborough and invest in the cultural life of this incredible community. In 2023, the Toronto Arts Council dedicated just 3.6% of its budget to arts in Scarborough. And that is across all disciplines - music, dance, visual art, and theatre. Only 3.6% to a community that makes up 20% of Toronto's population.



Now you might reasonably ask - if GFT is doing so well, why would we need government support? We need it to fund programs like Family Fest, which we're committed to keeping free in order that everyone in our community can access arts and culture. We need it to support the playwright's unit, which amplifies Scarborough's unique voice. We need it to provide youth with training, mentorship, and early career opportunities.

As GFT continues to draw more visitors, we're working on several special projects to multiply our benefits to the community: introducing vendors to Family Fest, partnering with more local businesses on promotions, and introducing the Discovery Drive, an artistic tour of Guildwood that connects businesses, the park, and the GO station.

We absolutely love this community and are so grateful for your support. If you want to join us in building a flourishing arts scene here in Scarborough, here are a few things you can do:

- Promote local arts and culture and invite a friend to see a show in Guild Park this summer.
- Contact your city councillor, MPP, or MP and let them know that Scarborough needs more support from governments and arts councils.
- Volunteer with GFT and be an ambassador for the vibrant arts and culture here in Guildwood.

These next few years are going to be very difficult for performing artists all across the country, but we know that with the support of Guildwood, GFT will not just survive this storm, but thrive!



GFT is Scarborough's only professional theatre. Our plays and events at the iconic Greek Theatre attract tens of thousands of visitors to productions that reflect our diverse community. Join us this summer for five days of Family Fest, *Three Men on a Bike* (the hilarious

sequel to last year's hit *Three Men in a Boat*) and *Isle of Demons*, the incredible true story of a sixteenth-century noblewoman abandoned on an island in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

For more information about GFT and to book tickets for our summer season visit [www.guildfestivaltheatre.ca](http://www.guildfestivaltheatre.ca)

# Red Fox

Ann Brokelman



Spring has sprung, and I just love it. Warm air, blue skies, and the best part: a new round of migration is just around the corner. People often ask me why I take photos, especially why I take so many, and

wonder if I do it so I can sell my pictures. While I've sold a few, here and there, over the years, that's not why I've always got my camera. The main reason I'm out here is honestly quite simple: there's a thrill in finding something 'new.' Sometimes there's a new courtship behaviour I've never seen before, other times I notice a new feather colouration or colour combination, and every so often I still manage to spot an animal for the first time. While I admit that chickadees and sparrows all look the same, if I really look closely at my photos after a shoot, I can always find something to tell them apart. I think if I was trying to monetize my passion, it would take all the joy out of my hobby. I'll admit that I'm privileged in that I don't need the extra income as long as I don't buy a new lens or expect to go on birding vacations every few years!

Ok, on to the article topic at hand: red foxes! Red foxes are regularly seen in Guildwood and happen to be one of my favourite wildlife species. They are stunningly beautiful, athletic, cunning, and help control the local rodent population. While it may be hard to tell them apart, I've included a collage of fox photos (see next page) that focus on their faces so you can see the differences between them.

Ontario has three species of foxes: red, grey, and Arctic. There are a few populations of grey foxes across Ontario, but they are on the list of threatened and at-risk species. The Arctic fox lives in the tundra of northern Ontario, and the Canadian population is not considered to be at-risk. Red foxes, (*Vulpes vulpes* in the family Canidae) are by far the most common fox in Canada; they live across the entire Northern Hemisphere, in a few parts of the Southern Hemisphere, and even in parts of Australia. They are one of the most widespread species on the planet, living in forests, grasslands, mountains, deserts, and even tundra.

The red fox is a small mammal, smaller than most medium dog breeds, and is known for its rusty-red colour, sharp pointed face and a light build that allows it to be agile. While most red foxes have red fur, other colour variations may occur, including brown, silver, black, and cross. The cross fox is one of many different colour



versions of a red fox and it actually has a black cross on his back! Red foxes have black ears and paws and a white throat, tail tip and underparts. Many would argue that the fox's long, bushy red

tail, with a white tip, is their best feature. Did you know that even the other coloured foxes still have a white tip of the tail? Males are known as "dogs", females as "vixens", and their young are called "kits" or "cubs." They breed in late December, with a litter of 4–6 kits being born in the spring.

In children's story books, foxes are often seen as cunning and sly and make for good villains, but in reality they are actually quite shy, nervous, and highly secretive. They prefer to move around at dawn and dusk, and they eat many small mammals such as voles,



Red fox with meadow jumping mouse

mice, squirrels, and rabbits. They will also go after amphibians and reptiles, turtle and duck eggs, and most insects that are big enough to be worth the hassle, such as cicadas. They are omnivorous, however, and will round out their diet with various fruits and vegetables from your garden. I've also seen them walking along the roadside looking for, and picking at, roadkill.

In addition to their beauty, their behaviour always makes them a great subject for photography. They are amazing parents to their kits, patiently playing with them and teaching them how to hunt. Both parents will stay with the kits, taking turns hunting, until the young ones are a



few months old and ready to go off on their own. I can see one a month, or every day, and the excitement of seeing them never gets tiring. There is a magic in seeing one getting ready

to pounce, roll in the grass or snow, or slide down a bank just for fun. I've even caught them intentionally peeing in the water bowl I leave outside.

My favourite fox experience in the Guild was coming home from a photography walk, after seeing nothing all day, to find a red fox sleeping in my front yard. I don't even know if I pulled my car all the way into the driveway, I was so shocked at the sight. I watched as the vixen stretched on her back, rolled around, and casually got up and wandered away.

My happiest fox experience was working with the Toronto Wildlife Centre to successfully catch, treat, and release a mangy fox in Guildwood. This poor animal had been giving us the slip for almost two months, refusing to go into our traps, and disappearing for days at a time. We were genuinely getting worried that we wouldn't catch her in time when we found her under a bush. With the help of my friend Margaret Crewe, we managed to catch the animal with a net. After some cheering, a few fist pumps, and a 2-month stint at the wildlife rehab centre, we released her back into the wild where she belonged.

While I really hope you enjoy these amazing animals as much as I do, it's important to remember a few things we can do to help them:

- If the animal looks like they are losing their body or tail fur, they may have mange, fleas, ticks, or something similar. If possible, take a picture with your camera or phone and send it to the Toronto Wildlife Centre. If it's a decent photo, they should be able to see what the fox has and come up with a plan to help it.
- Seriously, no matter how much you want to: do not feed them. They are skilled hunters and do NOT need our help. It's imperative that they don't start associating people with a reliable source of food handouts.

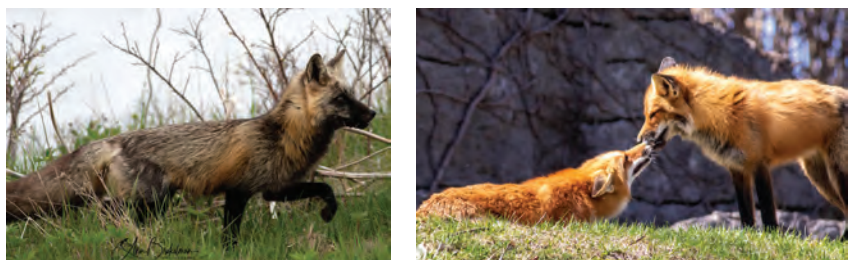
Thank you, as always, for taking the time to read my stories. If you've had any fun fox sightings of your own, or see an animal in need of help, feel free to reach out to me at [abrokelman@gmail.com](mailto:abrokelman@gmail.com). Enjoy a few photos of foxes in Guildwood.



## Faces of Foxes

Can you find the two that are not red fox?\*

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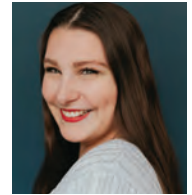


\*Top right: Arctic fox Bottom right: Gray fox

# Guildwood's Got Talent



## Presenting Coral Benzie



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Coral is a musical theatre performer specializing in acting, dancing and singing. Growing up in Guildwood, she always loved the close-knit community and sense of pride displayed in such a special neighbourhood. Both the Guildwood community and theatre community share similarities in that they are extremely welcoming, bring people together, and always make you feel at home.

As a child, Coral lived in this community with her parents and brother. She started her theatre journey by taking acting lessons in Guildwood from a local resident when she was only seven years old. In those classes, she learned the core principles of theatre and acting, and performed her first monologues and scenes; competing with them in the Kiwanis festival every year. She fell in love with performing and has never looked back.

Expanding her performance repertoire, Coral then took dance classes and vocal lessons and was accepted to Wexford Collegiate Institute's musical theatre program. Knowing that she wanted to do this professionally, Coral auditioned for many post-secondary performance programs and decided to attend St Clair College, where she earned a diploma in musical theatre performance.



Backstage during *Steel Magnolias*

Since graduating in 2018, Coral has been actively working in the industry in both community theatre and professionally. On average, she performs in three different productions

each year. Most recently she played Shelby in *Steel Magnolias* at the Scarborough Theatre. She is also a professional princess performer with More Than a Dream Princess Parties! You can find them via social media for birthday parties or special events @ [morethanadreampp](https://www.morethanadreampp.com).



Rapunzel with *More Than a Dream Princess Parties*

Coral says that some of the most rewarding work she has done has been touring professionally with children's theatre companies. They toured all across Canada performing in different schools and theatres for up to eight months at a time. These incredible opportunities included the To Be Determined Theatre Company in *The Berenstain Bears* the musical as Sister Bear (and others), and with Kid Safe Productions in *Emotion Commotion* as Raccoon and Owl. Performing in *The Berenstain Bears* will always hold a very special place in her heart as it was the first professional gig she ever booked, and it is how she met her wonderful fiancé. They are currently deep into planning a September wedding at the Guild Inn!



Coral is also extremely proud of the work she did on *Emotion Commotion* as it was based on mental health education and exceptionalities in children. Through songs and dialogue, her characters provided the audience with professional tools and exercises used by licensed therapists to help deal with extreme feelings such as depression, anxiety and uncontrollable anger. This show earned her three nominations for Broadway World Awards, including Best Solo Performance (Professional), Best Ensemble Performance, and Best Theatre for Young Audiences Production (Professional).

Most of all, touring with these companies and getting to see the entertainment and impact they have on children and small communities, like Guildwood, every day, only enhances her passion for theatre. Coral feels truly fortunate and incredibly grateful for being able to do what she loves every day and share her passion with the world.

And last but certainly not least, Coral says she wouldn't be where she is today without the love and support from her family, friends, and the Guildwood community ... where it all began.



Scarborough Players production of *Halfway There* (September 2023) by Brian Whitmore

# Our Rising Stars



## Presenting Bridget Puhacz



Bridget Puhacz is a visual artist whose practice is grounded in painting and printmaking, with a focus on the natural environment, the everyday, and the female perspective. In her first solo exhibition, entitled “She Speaks In Line,” Bridget focused on a selection of her print work that captured the essences of quiet moments and the complexities of female identities. The exhibition, at Gallery 1313 in the west end of Toronto, ran from February 28th to March 10th, 2024.

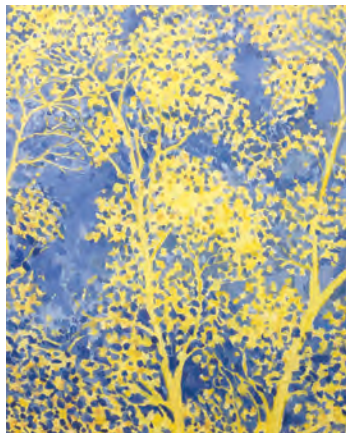


Bridget is happy to report that the exhibition went well and there were over 50 people at the reception. On the other days, there were approximately 10-25 people visiting the gallery, on average. She also sold two works, one entitled “Smoke Break” and the other “Leonard”. Currently in her final year of studies at Western University,

she is pursuing an Honours Bachelor of Fine Arts with a specialization in Studio Arts. As Bridget heads towards graduation, she has begun applying to various exhibitions, residencies, and other artistic opportunities, to advance her career. Bridget is also signed to Campbell Modelling agency based out of Tokyo, with an office in Toronto. In the fall of 2019, she had a unique opportunity to travel to Milan for



a three-month modelling assignment – resulting in her taking a gap year between high school and university. Some of Bridget’s other modelling accomplishments include being featured in a Real Fruit Bubble Tea commercial, photographed for the back cover of a Canada Sportswear catalogue, and walking in Fashion Art Toronto (FAT) over many years. According



to their web site:

“FAT is an annual multidisciplinary fashion event that showcases cutting-edge and avant-garde design in Toronto, Canada. The event celebrates the intersection of fashion and art, highlighting emerging and established designers who push the boundaries of creativity and challenge traditional notions of style and what clothing can mean.”



In true triple threat fashion, Bridget is also a musician in a band called “In Your Walls” where she plays bass guitar and performs vocally. They are an indie rock band based in the GTA with many upcoming shows this summer. You can find the schedule at <https://inyourwallsband.com/> . Growing up in Guildwood with her parents and two siblings, Bridget’s love of music was

originally inspired by her mother, Christina Puhacz, who is a piano teacher. She now works for her mother’s business as a piano teacher and intends to share that joy with her students. Bridget hopes to exhibit her artwork both in Canada and internationally and to release her band’s first EP this summer. We’ll be watching eagerly as Bridget’s star continues to rise!



# Guildwood's Got Talent



## Presenting Azeem Nathoo



Many of you will recognize Azeem from his performances on the Guild Amphitheatre stage in plays put on by the Guild Festival Theatre. He is looking forward to reprising his role as Jay in Three Men on a Bike; the sequel to last summer's Three Men in a Boat, for which he garnered two Broadway World Toronto Award nominations in the Best Actor and Ensemble categories.



Guild Festival Theatre's "Three Men on a Bike"  
Performers: Azeem Nathoo, Suchiththa Wickremesooriya (in orange), Jack Copland (in blue)  
photography by Helen Juvonen, production Design by Ina Kerklaan

Azeem graduated from the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA) in the year 2001 in England, where he "trode the boards"\* both in London and around the country. Since moving back to Canada in 2005, he has worked from coast to coast in theatre as well as on screen.

Azeem moved to Guildwood with his partner at the onset of the pandemic. There seemed to be a perfect balance between the diversity of the region and a growing arts scene. It also felt like a homecoming given his first foray into the arts community of Toronto was in publishing with the Scarborough Music Theatre. As a result of his involvement with community theatre, he was inspired to acquire some training and pursue acting as a profession.

Alongside his acting career, Azeem began his journey in artistic leadership as one of nine co-producers of a 2017 indie production of Tragedie of Lear at the Palmerston Library in Toronto, which garnered six MyEntWorld's Critic's



Photo credit: Dahlia Katz

Pick nominations. He was then mentored by Soheil Parsa as his Assistant Director for Modern Times Stage Company's 2018 production of Bloom at Buddies in Bad Times Theatre in Toronto.

From 2019 to 2022 he developed and produced his first play 1184 which was grounded in the convivencia or coexistence between Muslim, Christian and Jewish inhabitants of 12th century Andalusia. 1184 premiered at Theatre Passe Muraille's Mainspace, earning two Dora Mavor Moore Award nominations.

During this time, Azeem co-founded Phoenix Arts to provide Free Audition Clinics to performers in need during the COVID-19 pandemic. Later, Phoenix Arts would become a vehicle through which 1184 would be co-produced along with the Aga Khan Museum and continues to amplify voices of still marginalized communities. For more information on the production, see [phoenixartsproductions.ca/1184](http://phoenixartsproductions.ca/1184).

In continuing his journey as a playwright, Azeem was invited to Guild Festival Theatre's inaugural 2023-24 Creators' Unit to develop his second play 1462 which focuses on the rich history of female Muslim leadership in medieval times.

This year Azeem returns to co-direct Shakespeare for first year theatre performance students at George Brown College while also serving on the Board of Directors at Theatre Passe Muraille.

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# What's on @ Guildwood Library



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Ages – Newborn to 18 months

Children and their caregivers enjoy stories, songs and rhymes.

Drop in. Space is limited.

Contact the branch for exact date and times.

### Family Story Time

Ages – Newborn to 5 Years

Enjoy fun activities, stories, songs and rhymes at a staff-led story time for the entire family. For children 0-5 years with their parents and caregivers.

Drop in. Space is limited.

Contact the branch for exact date and times.

### Thursday Afternoon Movie for Adults

Ages – 18 and Up

Join us on a Thursday for a free afternoon movie.

Thursdays 1:30 – 4:00 pm

This is a drop in program. Contact the branch for exact date, times and movie titles.

## Recommended Books from Guildwood Staff

Matthew recommends:

**Murtagh** by Christopher Paolini

Lisa recommends:

**The Only One Left** by Riley Sager

Georgia recommends:

**The School for Good Mothers** by Jessamine Chan

Regina recommends:

**The Goodbye Cat** by Hiro Arikawa

Sam recommends:

**The Invocations** by Krystal Sutherland

Sapna recommends:

**Betting on You** by Lynn Painter

Kaya recommends:

**The Bittlemores** by Jann Arden

Raushan recommends:

**The Light We Carry** by Michelle Obama

Monday	closed
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
Sunday	closed

### Tuesday Night Tech Night Support Drop In

Come to the Guildwood library for a variety of topics.

Tuesdays 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Please contact the branch for specific dates.

Space is limited.

### Guildwood Discussion Group

Ages - Adult

Come to the library to discuss current events.

Every third Friday each month from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Please contact the branch to register. Space is limited.


### Silent Book Club

Come bring a book you are reading. We read for a few minutes and then everyone talks about what they have read or what book they would recommend to read. This drop in program is available to anyone 13 and up! We meet the second Thursday of every month from 7:00 – 8:00 pm

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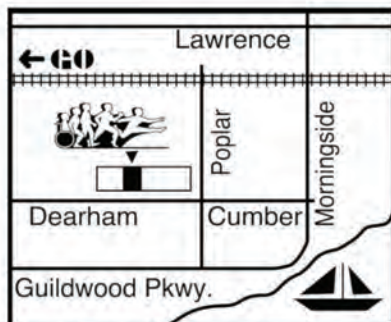
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# Wastewater Management ... Why it Matters

*Leslie Hetherington and Tracy Manolakakis*



The infrastructure that manages wastewater is designed to be exactly where we want it: out of sight and out of mind. However, beneath Toronto's streets are 523,000 sewer service connections to 5,141 km of local sewers that in turn connect to 401 km of larger trunk sewers. Thanks to 87 pumping

stations, the City of Toronto's wastewater reaches one of four wastewater treatment plants, which operate 24/7 to protect our drinking water and environment.

Just a mere three kilometres east of Guildwood, in West Hill and at the mouth of Highland Creek, is the Highland Creek Treatment Plant (HCTP) at 51 Beechgrove Drive.

## Keeping our water safe

Wastewater is liquid waste that is flushed down toilets and poured down sinks and drains. This material travels through the sanitary sewer system to HCTP or one of the other wastewater treatment plants. There it goes through several phases to remove solid material and be disinfected before it's released back into the lake. Solid material or "solids" that are removed from the water also go through treatment processes to reduce their volume, as well as any harmful bacteria and viruses.

Safe and effective treatment of wastewater is important to the continued health and well-being of Guildwood and other Toronto residents. The city's wastewater treatment process must follow strict regulations and meet or exceed standards set by The Water Resources Act in Ontario, as well as the federal government, to protect public health and the environment.

The 54-hectare wastewater treatment plant in West Hill serves 450,000 residences. To maintain a state of good repair and prepare for future challenges, HCPT has several significant capital projects that are ongoing, such as

- upgrades to its disinfection and dechlorination systems
- installation of two new fluidized bed incinerators which includes state of the art air emissions control technology
- refurbishment of liquid treatment equipment, and
- installation of a new liquid treatment process.

The GVCA has been part of the HCTP Neighbourhood Liaison Committee since its inception.

## How the HCTP protects you and the environment

Wastewater goes through various phases before treated water is released into Lake Ontario. These ongoing capital projects address key needs within phases throughout this treatment process.

Here's a glimpse of what happens during each phase:

1. Preliminary wastewater treatment – Removes large debris, including rocks, sticks, sand, silt and gravel that's washed into the sewer system. It also removes hygiene products, including tampons, dental floss and wipes,

which shouldn't be flushed but occasionally are.

2. Primary treatment - Uses large settling tanks to separate finer organic solid matter (human waste) from the wastewater. These separated solids are often called "raw sludge."

3. Secondary treatment - Using large tanks, plant technicians create and cultivate the optimal environment for microscopic organisms (microorganisms) to consume the dissolved, organic material remaining in the water, which they need to grow. These microorganisms also take in oxygen and exhale carbon dioxide, just like people do. At the end of this phase, another set of large settling tanks helps separate the treated water from the microorganisms. To do so, it directs the treated water to flow out the top and the microorganisms, now called 'waste activated sludge,' to settle at the bottom.

4. Water disinfection and dechlorination - The treated water, now called effluent, gets chlorinated to kill any remaining organisms. Then, just before it's returned to the lake, it gets dechlorinated to ensure no wildlife is affected. This effluent is rigorously sampled and tested to ensure it is safe and meets all provincial standards before it's returned to the lake.

5. Sludge disposal and fuel production - The waste activated sludge gets thickened to remove as much excess water as possible. It's then mixed with the raw sludge from primary treatment, and sent to another set of tanks.

These tanks are anaerobic digesters, that deprive the sludge of all oxygen, are heated in order to create the perfect conditions for different sorts of microorganisms to grow. These new microorganisms break the sludge down, producing methane-rich "digester gas." This new type of gas can then be compressed and used to replace natural gas that fuels the hot-water boilers, which heat the plant. The digested sludge, now called biosolids, leaves the anaerobic digesters, is dewatered again (using high speed centrifuges) and destroyed in the incinerators. Its ash is collected in large settling lagoons and hauled away once a year.

## Controlling noise and odours

To minimize impacts on the surrounding area, noise and odour are controlled throughout the wastewater treatment process. For example, at HCTP, odourous air is collected and treated using a biofilter, which is a large box full of an inorganic media. The biofilter is kept warm and humid so it will grow a thin layer of microorganisms on top. Then, during many stages in the wastewater treatment process, odourous air is captured and powerful fans suck it through the biofilter. To grow, microorganisms in the biofilter consume sulfur-containing compounds in the air which in turn remove the odour before it is released into the environment.

The next time you visit the great waterfront paths in East Point Park, a migratory staging area for monarch butterflies and over 178 species of birds (with ample parking for those wanting to go for a stroll) take a moment to stop and consider how this treatment plant is paramount in keeping our drinking water clean, while safeguarding wildlife. It has been actively doing so since 1956.



If you are interested in learning more about how the City of Toronto manages our wastewater, you can visit [toronto.ca](https://www.toronto.ca). If you would like to participate in the Highland Creek Treatment Plant Neighbourhood Liaison Committee please contact Tracy Manolakakis ([tracy.manolakakis@toronto.ca](mailto:tracy.manolakakis@toronto.ca)) for information on future meeting dates.

*The Water Resources Act is to provide for the conservation, protection and management of Ontario's waters and for their efficient and sustainable use, in order to promote Ontario's long-term environmental, social and economic well-being.*

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# Give a Bike a New Home

Rod McNair



For the past 37 years, my wife, Nancy, and I have been part of this wonderful Guildwood community. I have always been a fan of bicycles. As a child living in Scarborough, one of my major pastimes with friends was "riding around." Everyone I knew owned a tire patch kit and handled their own bike repairs. Bikes were considered to be an expensive commodity back then and I recall saving for years to purchase a new 3-speed bike from Eaton's; in 1964 the cost was \$64. That was a major expenditure for a 12 year old! Though it wasn't particularly fashionable, my friends and I rode, at times, to our high school – Wexford Collegiate Institute. Over the course of several years, before we had driver's licences, we pedalled to our friend's cottage on Lake Scugog. During those early years of cycling, I cannot recall ever seeing a bicycle in the garbage.

It's possible that, over time, bikes have become more complex. As the actual price of bikes dropped, fewer people did their own repairs, and bike shops charged more than a bike was worth to make some repairs. As a result, old bikes (sometimes needing only minor repairs) began appearing at the curb on garbage day.

In an effort to salvage some of these bikes, Nancy discovered a charitable organization called Bikes For Humanity. This organization was entirely run by non-paid volunteers who purchased a shipping container, found a place that offered free storage, and collected 500

Do you have a bicycle that is unused and gathering dust? All sizes of bikes are welcome. I will gladly pick up your bike and deliver it to Scarborough Access Bike Recycling where your bike will be refurbished by volunteers and given to someone who will give your bike a new life!



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Thanks from Rod and Nancy McNair.

bikes per container. All bikes were shipped to Namibia where the bikes were distributed to the most needy. The container became a bike shop. Locals were trained to repair the bikes. Nancy and I collected bikes and when we had 15 or so we filled our trailer and headed out to the storage container off Hurontario St. in Mississauga. Unfortunately, the Toronto chapter of Bikes for Humanity lost their free storage along with many of their volunteers, so my work with them came to an end.

I have continued to collect a few bikes because I cannot pass by those at curbside. We have found an organization in Scarborough that welcomes bike donations. Scarborough Community Access has two bike repair facilities at Danforth and Victoria Park as well as Lawrence and Orton Park. The repair shops are run by volunteers and the donated bikes are repaired and given, without cost, to those who need them.



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## The Rocky Horror Show

Book, music, and lyrics by Richard O'Brien



### Dates:

May 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 23, and 24, 2024 at 8:00 p.m.  
 May 12, 19 and 25, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

*It's just a jump to the left...  
 And then a step to the right...*

This year The Rocky Horror Show celebrates its 50th anniversary!  
 In this cult classic, sweethearts Brad and Janet find themselves

stranded in a storm at the eerie mansion of Dr. Frank-N-Furter just as he is about to unveil his latest creation: the muscular Rocky.

Join us as we Time Warp our way through a rock musical full of wild characters in this deliberately kitschy rock 'n' roll science fiction goth musical for the first time on the Scarborough Village stage.

Rated R. This production contains mature content unsuitable for young children, including sexual themes and language. The Rocky Horror Show is presented through special arrangement with Concord Theatricals [www.concordtheatricals.com](http://www.concordtheatricals.com).

**Tickets:** Regular - \$30 | Seniors (60+) & Students - \$27 | Groups of 10 or more - \$25 each

## Shakespeare in Love

Adapted by Lee Hall from the screenplay by Marc Norman and Tom Stoppard



### Dates:

June 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20 and 21, 2024 at 8:00 p.m.  
 June 9, 16 and 22, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

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**Tickets:** Regular - \$24 | Seniors (60+) & Students - \$20 | Groups of 10 or more - \$19 each

## Arsenic & Old Lace

by Joseph Kesselring



### Dates:

July 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18 and 19, 2024 at 8:00 p.m.  
 July 7, 14 and 20, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.  
**Wine and Cheese Reception:** July 5, following performance

This popular dark comedy features two prim, proper, kind-hearted, and devout spinster sisters who make it their life's work to comfort and alleviate the suffering of lonely old gentlemen. Add in one nephew who works as a drama critic, another who

thinks he's Teddy Roosevelt, and a third who's returned home with revenge on his mind, and you get a hilarious show about good people trying to do good deeds, and bad people doing very bad deeds indeed.

Recommended for age 14 and up. Note: Features outdated and possibly insensitive portrayals of psychiatric conditions. Presented by special arrangement with Broadway Licensing, LLC, servicing the Dramatists Play Service collection.

**Tickets:** Regular - \$24 | Seniors (60+) & Students - \$20 | Groups of 10 or more - \$19 each

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# My Journey with Right Track Racing: Advocating for Public Safety

*Blaise Kurucz, President/Founder, Right Track Racing*



In the realm of public safety, Right Track Racing holds immense significance to me. As one of the founders, alongside Jeff Dowding, my colleague and fellow police officer, our initiative transcends the ordinary. It serves as a beacon of education and awareness, combatting the dangers of street racing and stunt driving head-on. Jeff and I share a passion for cars and indulge in weekend races, but our dedication to public safety goes far beyond the track.

With over 35 years of combined experience in law enforcement, Jeff and I have witnessed firsthand the devastating aftermath of reckless driving. Recognizing the urgent need to address its root causes, we embarked on a mission to educate people to prevent future tragedies.

Right Track Racing is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting road safety. Unlike traditional approaches that focus solely on enforcement, our organization prioritizes education. We strive to instill a responsible driving and decision-making culture through direct engagement with communities, schools, and drivers.

Jeff and I share our knowledge and experience with audiences of all ages through workshops, seminars, and public events. By fostering open dialogue and offering practical insights, we empower individuals to make informed choices behind the wheel.

Utilizing a multifaceted strategy, ranging from social media campaigns to collaborations with local authorities and developing a driving school, we aim to spread awareness and initiate meaningful change. By leveraging community support and forming partnerships, we hope to create a ripple effect of positive behaviours and attitudes toward road safety.

Our mission's core lies in a profound commitment to saving lives and preventing tragedies. Jeff and I firmly believe that every accident caused by reckless driving is preventable with the proper knowledge and mindset. Through tireless efforts, we challenge misconceptions surrounding street racing and stunt driving, advocating for a culture of responsibility and accountability.

Right Track Racing exemplifies proactive advocacy and tangible progress. With our unwavering dedication to public safety and education, we continue to make strides in the fight against reckless driving. As Jeff and I lead the charge, we remind everyone that the journey to safer streets begins with each of us on the right track.

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The RTR program was created utilizing the unique experiences of police officers who share a passion for racing and automotive culture. The program aims to inspire young car enthusiasts to pursue their passion in a safe, legal, and responsible way.

There are three pillars of the program including:

1. A one-hour presentation delivered to schools and other community groups which outlines the dangers and consequences of Stunt Driving / Street Racing.
2. A race team featuring a drag racecar which is built to mimic a police car and is used in racing exhibitions as well as at community events.
3. Right Track Racing actively engages in initiatives aimed at reaching out to at-risk youth, particularly those involved in street racing or stunt driving. These initiatives encompass a variety of events, such as racing events, skill development programs, and community safety events.

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A not-for-profit organization founded by Police Officers who are dedicated to preventing Stunt Driving / Street Racing through education over enforcement.



Do you have a group of youth or young adults who want to learn more about exciting, safe, legal, and responsible alternatives to street racing?



Right Track Racing works in partnership with various racing venues and will host guided field trips to observe motorsports racing and/or participate in skill development events.



Right Track Racing offers a one-hour presentation delivered to schools and other community groups. The presentation educates the audience about the dangers and consequences of street racing / stunt driving and then presents safe, legal, and responsible alternatives.



The presentation references fatal collisions which the presenters personally responded to as police officers. Also featured is an interview with the family of an individual who was killed as a result of street racing, and the trauma the family experienced as a result.



The theme throughout the presentation is: "If you're tempted to street race, take it to the track!"

Right Track Racing is currently building a drag racecar which will mimic the look of a police car, including functional lights and a siren.



The racecar will be featured in exhibition races and will be an attraction at community events. Photo and video updates of the progress of the build will be posted on social media. \*



The cost of the racecar and all related expenses is funded by sponsorship and fundraising. No tax dollars are used. Visit RightTrackRacing.ca to donate or become a sponsor.

# An Update from Vijay Thanigasalam, MPP Scarborough-Rouge Park



Dear residents of Guildwood,

I hope you and your families are doing well as we welcome the warm weather and exciting things happening in our community. It has been a busy few months but I am proud to report on the good work that we have been doing to serve you.

## Implementing Ontario's One Fare Program

I was proud to implement Ontario's One Fare Program that allows riders to pay only once as they transfer for free between the TTC, GO Transit and participating transit agencies in the GTA, including:

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- Milton Transit
- Oakville Transit

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## Youth Summer Job Fair

I had the opportunity to meet so many constituents at my Youth Summer Job Fair, connecting young people with part-time and summer jobs right here in Scarborough. There is no doubt that getting a part-time job when you are young is a formative life experience and I am glad so many people came out. I want to thank our volunteers and the companies who came for making this a meaningful event for so many young people in our community.

## Improving Health Care Outcomes

Last year, our government announced bold action to eliminate surgical backlogs and reduce wait times for publicly funded surgeries and procedures. That is why we

integrated community surgical and diagnostic centers to speed up how quickly people are able to get surgeries and procedures using their health card.

Since announcing this plan, we have seen that the waitlist for surgeries is down by 16,000 and continues to decline. Since January 2023, 79% of people are now getting their surgeries within the targeted wait time. This is a remarkable improvement and we are excited to be expanding this initiative to include more procedures.

Ontario will continue making bold, innovative and creative changes to make it faster and easier for people to conveniently connect to care closer to home.

As always, 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.

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Dear Guildwood Village Neighbours,

Wishing everyone a safe and healthy Spring and Summer!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Guild Alive with Culture Festival!

The 2024 City Budget was passed in February and it protects the core services including windrow clearing, funding affordable housing, public transit, the police services budget, and community safety initiatives, and it included a 9.5% property tax increase.

I was able to garner unanimous Council support to have the **Windrow Clearing Program Reinstated** and remain in place.

My work at the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) has been very fulfilling and I am proud to announce that I was acclaimed to continue my services as Chair of the Board.

### Community Updates

At the request of residents, **parking regulations on the south side of Toynbee Trail** adjacent to the St. Ursula CS, were amended at the Scarborough Community Council to prohibit parking Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The design phase of this **new Traffic Lights at Guildwood Pkwy. and Rowatson Rd.** project is anticipated to be completed this Fall. I will continue to keep the community updated.

Installation of **School Safety Zones** at George P Mackie JPS, Guildwood JPS, St. Ursula CS and Sir Wilfrid Laurier CI are nearing completion. Signage has been installed, with the road stencils to be completed during the 2024 road painting season. Residents can read more about School Safety Zones here: [www.toronto.ca/school-safety](http://www.toronto.ca/school-safety)

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**SUNDAY JULY 28, 2024 10AM-5PM**

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For any questions or concerns, contact our volunteer coordinator: [Jennifer.Paredes@toronto.ca](mailto:Jennifer.Paredes@toronto.ca) 416-396-7222

### Stay Updated & Get Involved!

Scan the QR code or email my office to subscribe to community updates, monthly Ward Reports, submit feedback on City services and sign up to volunteer with my office!



# An Update from Andrea Hazell, MPP Scarborough-Guildwood



Greetings!

I hope you are all taking care and enjoying the warmer weather. I am so excited to connect with you all again and share what I have been up to these last couple of months.

## New Years Levee

It was an honour and a delight to kick off the new year by hosting my first of many New Year's Levees on January 6th. It was well attended by constituents, friends, and community members. The atmosphere was filled with warmth and camaraderie as we reflected on past accomplishments and celebrated the coming of the new year. It consisted of great food and performances and a presentation by our special guest, Dwayne Morgan – two-time Canadian National Poetry Slam Champion. It was truly memorable, and I am grateful for the opportunity to connect with such inspiring individuals in our community.

## Closing of Chapters

On January 27, we bid farewell to the beloved Kennedy Commons Chapters, a cherished hub of literature and community. While its closure saddened us, we hold dear the memories and connections that were formed within its walls, acknowledging its significance as a cultural hub.

## Black History Month Celebration at Queen's Park

February 29th marked a remarkable celebration of Black History Month at Queen's Park, under the theme "Black Excellence: A Heritage to Celebrate: A Future to Build." There were captivating performances, extraordinary speakers and an impressive art display that highlighted the rich cultural tapestry of our black community, leaving a profound impact on all attendees.

## Committees

Being a member of the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs during these past months of budget consultations has actively allowed me to contribute to the formulation of the Ontario budget. During this phase, I diligently gathered input from a wide range of diverse stakeholders consisting of organizations, businesses, not-for-profits, and other community groups. From participating in meetings across the province to spearheading the creation of comprehensive reports, my dedication remains steadfast in representing constituents' interests. I thank all the organizations that presented and were part of this process as your input is valuable as we work towards the well-being and prosperity of all Ontarians.

## COBS Fundraiser

Supporting FEED Scarborough on Doughnation Day at the Morningside COBS on March 2 was an honour. Knowing that COBS fundraises for over 100 noble causes nationwide added to the significance of this annual event. It was a privilege to meet fellow community members and contribute to such a meaningful cause.

## Women Inspire Women

It was amazing to host my first 'Women Inspire Women' event in celebration of International Women's Day and Women History Month. March 28th was an exceptional celebration focused on networking, empowering, and inspiring women, and featured speeches by trailblazing women.

## Upcoming Events

Please stay connected and follow our social media channels to receive information regarding our future events! We will be hosting a Seniors networking event in June and a community BBQ in the summer! Stay on the lookout for updates!

## Stay Connected

If you have any inquiries, please reach out to our constituency office at 416-281-2787, email us at [ahazell.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org](mailto:ahazell.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org), or find me on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @andreahazell to share your input. Please visit our website [www.andreahazell.onmpp.ca](http://www.andreahazell.onmpp.ca) for updates, announcements and to connect with me!



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# City of Toronto Climate Action Plan

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



Dear Neighbours,

Last month, we celebrated Earth Month with community cleanups and events across Scarborough. We had a great time with everyone, and we will be hosting our **Community Environment Day on May 26**. We'll be handing out free bagged compost, accepting donated items for reuse and handling disposal of electronic waste and household hazardous waste products. We will share details in our e-newsletter, and you can find the full list of what you can bring online at [toronto.ca/community-environment-days](http://toronto.ca/community-environment-days).

## Climate Action Plan

The City has adopted an ambitious strategy to reduce community-wide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in Toronto to Net Zero by 2040. Toronto has been, and continues to be, a trailblazer in climate action. Community-wide emissions have decreased by 41 per cent since 1990, despite a significant growth in population and while Toronto's gross domestic product continued to rise.

The primary sources of GHG emissions in Toronto are homes and buildings (56 per cent), transportation (35 per cent), and waste (9 per cent). This year, we released a Carbon Budget, a key part of our Carbon Accountability approach. The Carbon Budget is a system to provide comprehensive information on both the effectiveness and cost of City initiatives that aim to reduce emissions across Toronto. As we continue to drive towards our ambitious 2040 GHG emissions reduction targets, the Carbon Budget helps inform better decision-making and enhances our accountability on climate action. You can learn more at [toronto.ca/transformTO](http://toronto.ca/transformTO).

## BetterHomesTO

The BetterHomesTO initiative provides homeowners with information, tools and resources to help them learn about and take on home energy retrofits. The City also offers rebates and incentives to help ease the financial burden of these changes through the Home Energy Loan Program. Its website also has information about zero-emission vehicle rebate programs. To learn more about how you can green your home and contribute to climate action, please visit [betterhomesto.ca](http://betterhomesto.ca).

## Waste Management Tips

Every year, the City of Toronto manages more than 900,000 tonnes (almost two billion pounds) of waste. This requires money, energy and resources and takes up valuable landfill space. Waste reduction should always be top of mind as the less waste produced, the less there is to manage.

To join the waste reduction movement, reduce your environmental impact and help keep items out of landfill, check out the City of Toronto **TOWaste App**. The app has information about sorting your waste, collection schedules and where to find the closest Drop-Off Depot or donation location for reusable items. To learn more about waste management in the City of Toronto, visit [toronto.ca/waste](http://toronto.ca/waste).

## Stay in Touch

If you'd like to get in touch or sign up for my e-newsletter, please email me at [councillor\\_mckelvie@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_mckelvie@toronto.ca) or call 416-338-3771.



Announcing a joint \$10 million investment between the City of Toronto and the federal government to install 526 new electric vehicle chargers for the City's fleet and help reduce the City's GHG emissions alongside MP Julie Dabrusin, MP Julie Dzerowicz, Minister Jonathan Wilkinson, and Plug 'n Drive in February.

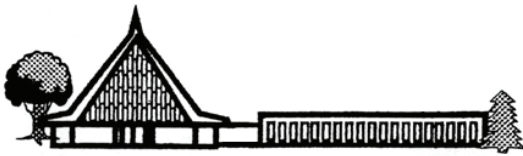
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## Guildwood Community Presbyterian Church

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[www.guildwoodchurch.ca](http://www.guildwoodchurch.ca)

### Worship Services

**Sunday Morning Service** at 11:00 a.m.

**Monthly Prayer and Communion Service**  
 Held the last Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.,  
 except July and August.

### Special Events

**Guildwood Garage Sale Day**  
 May 25th from 9:00 am to 1 pm

Tables available to rent for \$30.00. Please contact [office@guildwoodchurch.ca](mailto:office@guildwoodchurch.ca) should you wish to rent a table.  
 Guildwood Community Presbyterian Church will be participating in the Guildwood Yard Sale Day offering peameal bacon on a bun, youth run bake sale, plant table and a fabric table.

**Guildwood Day**  
 Saturday, June 1st

Start this fun filled community day with a delicious pancake breakfast hosted by Guildwood Community Presbyterian Church.  
 Runs from 8:30am to 11am. Free will offering suggested, \$5.00 per person or \$10 per family.



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Enjoy Sunday worship with Church of the Holy Trinity, Guildwood in person or online at Holy Trinity Guildwood Anglican's YouTube Channel.

# Guildwood Village UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>APRIL MAY</b>	<p><b>GVCA Membership Drive</b>                  April 12 to May 12, door-to-door                  Also at: Your Independent Grocer,                  Guildwood Physiotherapy,                  and online at <a href="http://www.guildwood.ca">www.guildwood.ca</a></p>
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<b>MAY JUNE JULY</b>	<p><b>Guild Park &amp; Gardens Events</b>                  See page 8 in this issue</p>
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<b>25 MAY</b>	<p><b>Guildwood Garage Sale Day</b>                  Sell your treasures or buy new ones!                  Starting at 9:00am  <b>Throughout Guildwood Village</b></p>
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<b>27,28 JULY</b>	<p><b>Guild Alive With Culture Arts Festival</b>                  Guild Park and Gardens</p>
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<b>1 JUNE</b>	<p><b>Guildwood Day</b></p>
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<b>E- NEWS</b>	<p><b>Sign up for the GVCA e-newsletter!</b>                  Get up-to-date monthly news and events                  delivered to your inbox. Subscribe at  <a href="http://www.guildwood.ca">www.guildwood.ca</a></p>
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# Crossword

Don Briggs



Answers at

[www.guildwood.ca/blog](http://www.guildwood.ca/blog)

**Across:**

- 1. Count \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Buckets
- 13. Makes more cultured
- 14. Male domestic pet
- 15. You may need one to start up your new device (2 wds)
- 17. He often wrote tales of mystery and the macabre
- 18. Short mission to get something done
- 19. A cat will often have one
- 20. \_\_\_\_ of corn
- 21. Privy to (2 wds)
- 22. Purposely delays
- 24. Middle Eastern Political entity (abbr)
- 27. \_\_\_\_ Dawn Chong starred in "Quest for Fire"
- 30. White \_\_\_\_\_
- 31. Madagascar isn't part of the African \_\_\_\_\_
- 33. Dealt out sparingly
- 35. Dog \_\_\_\_\_
- 36. Friend in Quebec
- 37. Someone no longer of significance (hyph)
- 38. Old \_\_\_\_\_
- 40. A European capital city
- 41. Go with haste
- 44. Gets in position to propose

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- 46. Friendly understanding between nations
- 48. Slightly intoxicated
- 50. \_\_\_\_\_ of Canada
- 51. Wet spongy ground
- 54. George got caught doing a "double \_\_\_\_\_" on Seinfeld
- 55. Dense aggregation
- 56. Exaggerates
- 59. Amount after deductions
- 62. \_\_\_\_\_ Lee
- 63. Jim Jones operated \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
- 64. \_\_\_\_\_kosh B'Gosh
- 65. Red Skelton, aka \_\_\_\_\_ Kadiddlehopper
- 66. City in Yorkshire
- 67. Blue Jay \_\_\_\_\_

**Down:**

- 1. Window coverings
- 2. Paint again
- 3. "\_\_\_\_\_ done for you", you ingrate.
- 4. 102 in ancient Rome
- 5. Revealed
- 6. Obtains knowledge
- 7. Pet dog of the Jetsons
- 8. \_\_\_\_\_ hockey
- 9. Company that made the Rambler and the Gremlin (abbr)
- 10. Someone worthy of veneration
- 11. Small Russian-made car
- 12. \_\_\_\_\_ ladder
- 14. 1000 kilograms = \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. Former First Minister of Northern Ireland

- 23. If in the rough, you might have a bad \_\_\_\_\_
- 25. A European capital city
- 26. \_\_\_\_\_ bitten, twice shy
- 27. Two kinds of precipitation (3 wds)
- 28. Carpenter \_\_\_\_\_
- 29. \_\_\_\_\_ Warehouse, where men had to wear a tie to dine
- 31. C-suite post graduate degrees
- 32. Pierre \_\_\_\_\_, the most decorated bobsledder in Canadian history
- 33. Cold and damp
- 34. Country in the Middle East
- 37. Place of business for front-line workers
- 39. "No, not \_\_\_\_\_"
- 42. Sault \_\_\_\_\_ Marie

- 43. \_\_\_\_\_ Royal Highness
- 45. Jar \_\_\_\_\_
- 47. Celebratory drinks
- 49. Amount of this taken up by a particular thing
- 51. Kind of pear
- 52. Shape of most Nascar tracks
- 53. Actor, Richard \_\_\_\_\_
- 55. Combine
- 57. Crash into
- 58. A day of the week (abbr)
- 60. Ontario labour guidelines (abbr)
- 61. Possessive case of "thou"

# GUILDWOOD DAY

JUNE 1, 2024

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- 8:30 AM Pancake Breakfast (Guildwood Presbyterian Church)
- 8:45 AM Mas Camp (Parade decoration pop-up hosted by NYAD, Livingston and Guildwood Parkway)
- 10:00 AM Parade on the Parkway (Decorate a float and join us! Parade route begins at Sir Wilfrid Laurier)
- 10AM - 2PM Community Marketplace (Back of Laurier) – Face-painting, games, BBQ lunch, prize draws, and more!
- 5:00 PM Guild Park Evening BBQ with musical performance by Sonic Square and Tug-of-War! Show your 2024 GVCA Membership for a free meal.

## TO MAKE THIS THE BEST GUILDWOOD DAY EVER, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

**Volunteers Needed** – We are looking for both adult and high school volunteers to help us with various tasks during the day. Some of the tasks may involve heavy lifting and/or strenuous activities while others are a bit more laid back - there is lots to do. We are especially in need of people to run the children's games and races, as well helping with the set up and tear down, and a multitude of other tasks...it takes a village! Student volunteers will earn community service hours. If you would like to assist, please contact James Gilchrist at [jmalcolmg.gilchrist@gmail.com](mailto:jmalcolmg.gilchrist@gmail.com)

**Sponsors Needed** – Guildwood Day is the GVCA's single most expensive event of the year, and we are always looking for local businesses to help offset our costs by sponsoring events and prizes. If you would like to help us and promote your business at the same time, please contact Dee Peroff at [dee@deejason.com](mailto:dee@deejason.com)

**Participate in the Parade!** – If you'd like to participate in the Parade this year, please contact Melissa Kitazaki at [melissa@bosleyrealestate.com](mailto:melissa@bosleyrealestate.com) to discuss your float ideas! Our theme for Guildwood Day this year is "Guildwood Day – 50 Years Strong" so come out and show your Guildwood pride!