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President's Message

Jim Whitney

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2021 brings great hope for a return to normalcy with the introduction of well-tested and safe COVID-19 vaccines and now distribution is underway. As I write this update, we have entered the new year under a second full lockdown and we are seeing record numbers of new COVID-19 cases, so unfortunately normal is still a little way down the road. In the meantime, please continue taking appropriate health precautions, checking in on your neighbours, and whenever you can, contributing to local charitable agencies and food banks, and supporting our local businesses.

As in 2020, the GVCA will continue to put the safety of our community members first, but we fully expect to be able to run our signature events in 2021. In some cases, the timing or format will need to be adjusted to ensure we all feel safe but we are committed to press on.

In addition to our normal schedule, we have added a fun virtual event to celebrate Family Day in Guildwood this February. In March, our Annual General Meeting will be run virtually! More details about our

2021 Membership Drive, Guildwood Day and other events will follow in the next *News & Views* and in our monthly e-newsletters. Please sign up for the GVCA's monthly e-newsletter at <https://guildwood.on.ca/email-mailing-list/> to be sure you are getting timely, community-relevant information to supplement our quarterly *News & Views*.

With the AGM scheduled for the end of March, my 3 year term as President will officially come to an end. However at this point no one is prepared and able to assume the role, so if approved by the membership, I will remain for one further year. I want to take this opportunity to say that it has been a great experience working with so many interesting and passionate people from the community, our many volunteers and our excellent team of Board members. This volunteer role has provided a great learning experience and has certainly helped me to grow personally and become a better leader in my day job too. It has been an honour to serve the community and I look forward to all that 202 will bring.

2021 AGM Notice

The GVCA's 2021 AGM will take place virtually on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Please see page 5 for full details.

Nothing endures but change.

- Heraclitus



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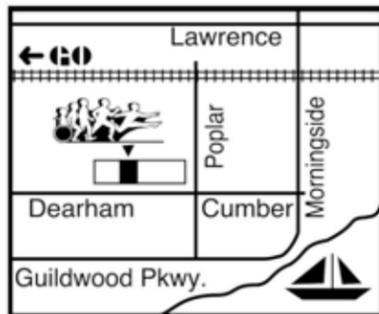
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Notice of the GVCA's Annual General Meeting for 2021

**Tuesday, March 30, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

Sign up to the GVCA's e-newsletter distribution list to receive details about how to attend this year's AGM: <http://www.guildwood.on.ca/email-mailing-list>.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the Guildwood Village Community Association's first-ever virtual Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

We will be sharing more details about how to attend over the next few weeks through our GVCA e-newsletter distribution list. If you haven't already signed up to receive our monthly e-newsletter, please do so at <http://www.guildwood.on.ca/email-mailing-list/>.

While we can't all be together at the meeting, we are working hard to deliver a great event and hope you will join us.

Prior to the meeting, the GVCA Board will prepare an Annual General Meeting package for members to access online. The package will contain the minutes from our last AGM in 2019, the 2020 Treasurer's Report as well as reports from the President and various committee chairs.

Advance information will also be provided about those members seeking election to an Officer role with the Association, as well as those seeking election to the Board as a Member at Large and those whose terms have expired and are due to be confirmed for another term.

During the meeting we will hold elections for the positions of President and Treasurer, each for a three-year term, and confirm the Board's interim selections for the VP and Secretary roles for the remaining two years of their terms.

In addition, we will call for the membership's endorsement of many of the Board's Members at Large.

Following the formal AGM business, we will have an interesting and uplifting presentation that we hope you will enjoy.

GVCA Members interested in becoming a Board Member

If you would like to seek election as an Officer (President, Vice-President, Treasurer or Secretary) or as a GVCA Board Member at Large, please send a one-page CV and a note expressing your interest to the Nominations lead at events@guildwood.on.ca on or before February 28. Nominations will not be taken from the "floor".

Eligibility to vote at the 2021 Annual General Meeting

Only members of the GVCA may vote at the AGM. 2021 memberships will be available in advance of the meeting, but as the 2020 AGM was cancelled due to COVID-19, we will honour 2020 memberships through to March 31, 2021.



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February 2021

Dear Guildwood Neighbours,

Happy New Year!!

I hope everyone had a safe and refreshing start to 2021. A special thank you to The Friends of Guild Park and Gardens for organizing a very festive virtual 2020 Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Event. If you have not had a chance to view it, please visit their website at www.GuildPark.ca

I want to thank everyone for their efforts during these difficult times. Let us all remember COVID-19 will hopefully be stopped, but we all must continue to keep following the mandated rules. We also need to remember that our mental health is paramount, and it is important we take care of ourselves and seek support if needed.

As the virus continues to circulate in the community, it is vital we all adhere to Toronto Public Health's advice to practice physical distancing, wash hands often and wear a mask or face covering where mandatory or when physical distancing cannot be maintained. Toronto Public Health encourages residents to download the COVID-19 Alert app, which can help notify individuals who are exposed to COVID-19 in the community.

Please shop local! Support our small businesses

I encourage everyone to show support for local businesses and retailers by shopping locally online and arranging delivery or curbside pickup.

The 2020 Guild Alive with Culture Arts Festival turned into an ONLINE event, hosted on our Festival website, www.guildalivewithculture.ca, which was launched on July 1, 2020. With over 30 vendors participating, it is worth a visit for your shopping needs. Please support our artists!

Community updates

The work on the Clark Centre for the Arts progressed through 2020, and the anticipated substantial completion date is January-February 2021. The project has been experiencing some delays due to COVID-19 which still may impact the final date. When complete it will offer a public gallery, five specialized art studios and two on-site cabins, providing over 6,000 square feet of new, dedicated studio, exhibition and event space. City of Toronto, Arts Services will operate the facility with annual programming.

Water main replacement on Catalina Drive from Livingston Road to Prince Philip Boulevard

The City of Toronto plans to replace the water main and the City-owned portion of substandard water services on Catalina Drive from Livingston Road to Prince Philip Boulevard. The project timeline is from November 2020 to December 2021.

Water main replacement on South Marine Drive

The City of Toronto plans to replace the water main and the City-owned portion of substandard water services on South Marine Drive. The project timeline is from November 2020 to December 2021.

Traffic control signal at Morningside Avenue and Cumber/Fordover

Traffic control signals at the above noted intersection have been installed and should be operational by the time of publication.

For any municipal issue, please call me at 416-396-7222 or email me councillor_ainslie_co@toronto.ca

If you missed any of my monthly Town Halls, videos of all of them are posted on my website and my YouTube channel. Please subscribe for the latest videos at paulainslie.com/Virtual_TownHalls.html.

All my best,

Paul



The Real Estate Market has been very buoyant through the Fall months and has continued into the Winter. The Average Sale Price of a home has increased by over 13% in 2020! All in all this past years has seen some ups & downs but finished off on a very positive note for both Buyers & Sellers! Sales in the Kawartha's have been mimicking those in the GTA and it appears that many GTA sellers are becoming Kawartha buyers! All indications are that the market will continue moving in a positive direction through 2021!

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Average DOM	24	19	-20.8%

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Friends of Guildwood Village Park: Quiet But Not Quitting

Tracey Goddard, Friends of Guildwood Village Park

Friends of Guildwood Village Park gets quiet in the winter, but we don't quit.

We don't quit thinking about new ways to animate the park, to advocate for the park and to educate about the park.

Not unlike our many varieties of trees, we may look dormant but it is really business-as-usual, or unusual as the case may be. Take, for instance, the three Dawn Redwoods (*Metasequoia glyptostroboides*) gracing our park's pathway near Guildwood Junior Public School's eastern baseball diamond. As you walk by you may look at these conifers and think "What a shame, they didn't make it," but take heart! This specimen is an uncommon deciduous conifer.

Wait a minute, a conifer that drops its needles and cones? YES! These are one of only about 20 trees that straddle the line between deciduous and coniferous and they have an even more interesting genesis. These trees are often called "living fossils," thought to be dead to us with only fossilized remains but, in fact, a small stand was discovered on the roadside at Mou-tao-chi in Wan Wsien, in southwestern China, in 1941 or 1946 (date indistinct). Seedlings were later distributed to universities and arboreta around the world in an attempt to preserve the species.

From fossil data, these trees are known to have existed 50 million years ago! These days, when everything feels so changed,



Dawn Redwoods (*Metasequoia glyptostroboides*) in Guildwood Village Park.

this type of constancy can be reassuring. The name *Metasequoia* literally means "almost a sequoia" and these trees, including our lovely three, are the sole living member of the genus *Metasequoia*. It is related to the Coast Redwood and the Giant Sequoia and, like those, can grow to incredible heights.

Sometimes greatness stands quietly in our midst.

The park has many more tree varieties in it now and this is a good thing. All our hearts break for the loss of our Ash yet we now know it was, among other factors, a failure of husbandry to plant so many of only one species. Trees continue to be near the top of the list for Friends of Guildwood Village Park; we continue to press the City for additional trees to replace the ones we lost and are yet to lose.

We hope you are interested in the trees in our park. To provide you with more information, we have posted a map with the names of the

various trees on our website: <https://traceynick.wixsite.com/fogvp?fbclid=IwAR2tY4KMfip5W0USui4lw2o8CTvALqg2mtrju4IHAqnv78pmKRPiq-e4Um8>.

Other items on our list include:

- » Ongoing discussions with the City regarding the naturalized area within the park in terms of maintenance and improvement of experience.
- » Ongoing discussions regarding the possible relocation of some of the statuary remnants from the Guild Park and Gardens to our little park.
- » Park enhancement opportunities such as concrete chess/ping pong tables, a water fountain, etc.

We would love to hear from you on these and any other items you feel important to the park or to you.

Feel free to reach out to us on our website (link above) or on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/GreenGuildwood>.



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Simcoe Gives Back to the Community!



In the month of November, Elizabeth Simcoe Junior Public School held a food drive to support the Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities. The students and staff had a goal to collect 100 food items from the whole school and surpassed it by over 200. As a reward, the students got 15 extra minutes of recess. They didn't just do it for the recess, but to help people in need that live in their community.

To raise awareness about the food drive school-wide, the students made posters and hung them in the halls. They looked at what items were needed most, and put them on the posters. Some of those foods included baby food/formula, pasta and beans. The items were picked up by the staff working at the Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities. There was a huge stack of boxes waiting at the front door of the school. The students of Simcoe are proud of what they did to help the community.

-Madeleine H. and Clara S.

The grade 5/6 students in Mrs. Tsioutsoulas' and Mrs. Flagler's class initiated a sock and mitt donation for those in need in the local community.

In Toronto, there are 8,700 homeless people who use walking as their main method of transportation. Socks are the least donated items so shelters are in need, especially during the winter season.

The "Out of the Cold" initiative, which supports the Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities, accepts not only socks but also mittens. Each class was given a box where students placed their donations. Items were quarantined by putting them in a plastic bag or a closed container. Items were donated from December 7 to December 14. The initiative was so successful that we gathered more than 100 items!! Thank you for all your support Simcoe community!

-Olivia T. & Menelik W.



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How to Research the History and Heritage of Guildwood Village

Bob Taylor-Vaisey

Guildwood Village is full of rich history and a cultural landscape that offers researchers an exciting, entertaining, educational, rewarding experience – and one that is labour-intensive and not without challenges. In this column, I'll identify sources of research and which records you should find there.

Fact-based research requires a logical, comprehensive and painstaking approach. I've spent most of my career digging through, managing and advocating for archives – including three decades at Imperial Oil. I'd like to share some of the techniques I've learned during a rewarding career that took me all over the continent.

Step One: What constitutes archival records?

The basis of this kind of research is archival resources. Archival records represent the institutional memory of organizations, often called legal entities, documenting governance, operations, plans and programs, events, membership, communications and community relations. They can be found in multiple locations: personal files, active and inactive files in an institution, records deposited in archives, museums and libraries with varying acquisition criteria. Archival resources refers to the form of the record (text document, audio-visual, packaging).

Step Two: What organizations related to Guildwood are we talking about?

For Guildwood Village, there is a well-defined list of who produces what:

- » Schools (both public and Catholic boards)
- » Churches (Presbyterian and Anglican)
- » Businesses (e.g. banks)
- » Conservation authorities (Metropolitan and Region Conservation Authority and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority)
- » Municipal departments, a labyrinth best interpreted by an archivist at the City of Toronto Archives
- » Physical structures (apartment buildings, plazas), although typically, project planning and construction records are curiously not part of some corporate retention policies
- » Volunteer organizations (youth, seniors, social services)
- » The Guild of All Arts, notably the Board of Management

Step Three: What records are we talking about?

1. Incorporation documents (letters patent, constitution, bylaws and policy documents)
2. Agendas and minutes of meetings at operational, committee and board levels, as well as supporting reports, submissions and presentations
3. Financial records, including financial statements, ledgers, budget documents, tax records and audit reports
4. Maps, surveys and registered plans

5. Drawings and blueprints
6. Programs and events, including planning records, status reports, promotional material, photographs and correspondence
7. Publications, including newsletters, annual reports, brochures and other promotional material
8. Photographs, slides, videos
9. Correspondence
10. Press clippings and newspaper articles
11. Subject files

Sound a bit over the top? It isn't, because...

Step Four: Archives are like deep mines – there are different veins of interest

We start with the potential, and then identify what actually exists. Let's look at where we need to look to uncover the documents that actually exist.

Schools: The five schools in Guildwood, board archives, the Provincial Archives of Ontario, and municipal council records ... and, in the case of Guildwood, the Scarborough Archives.

Key records: School registers, planning documents, project design and construction records, as built drawings, records of events (opening, anniversaries, graduations, social and cultural events).

Churches: The physical building, synod or presbytery archives (regional, provincial and national). **Key records:** Governance, finance and administration, design and construction, organizational change.

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Transportation: Municipal archives (TTC), provincial archives (Metrolinx and GO), federal and provincial departments and archives, and corporate archives (CN, CP). Key records: Project plans and execution, drawings, communications.

Conservation authorities: Toronto and Region Conservation Authority head office. Key records: The first 11 items mentioned in Step 3.

Volunteer organizations: Clubs, societies and their parent groups. Key records: Items 1-3 and 5-11 mentioned in Step 3.

Businesses: Bank branches and their corporate archives (BMO and TD). Key records: The first 11 items mentioned in Step 3.

Libraries: Local branch, regional offices, major reference libraries and the Toronto Public Reference Library. Key records: Minutes of meetings, drawings and blueprints, program development and implementation (e.g. openings), publications, audio-visual records and subject files.

Petroleum companies: Both Imperial Oil and Suncor Archives. Key records: Financial records, surveys, drawings, blueprints, publications, audio visual records, subject files (normally the traditional, library-based, “vertical files”).

Special interest groups and organizations: Arts and Letters Club (Toronto). Key records: Files

maintained on club members with direct affiliation to the Guild, or on specific architects.

University archives (except for Waterloo): University of Calgary (Canadian Architectural Archives and Imperial Oil Limited), Trent University, University of Toronto. Key records: Alumni files for prominent individuals associated with Guildwood Village (Toronto); publications of major Indigenous groups in Canada (Trent); relevant master’s and doctoral theses.

Apartments: The current facility, and, if lucky, the actual builder/ developer. Key records: As built drawings.

The Guild: Primarily the University of Waterloo, Special Collection and Archives, Breithaupt, Hewetson, Clark collection, as well as municipal department, the municipal archives, and relevant provincial and federal agencies (and their archives). Key records: All of them. I’ll outline the full scope of this in the online version of this column.

Photographic studios, e.g. Gilbert A. Milne, existing and archived.

Map collections: The premier source is Libraries and Archives Canada; in addition, the Toronto Reference Library, the Scarborough Archives and the City of Toronto. Key records: Topographic maps, aerial photographs.

Guildwood Village Community Association. The GVCA has an impressive collection of archival records relating to the association, and interspersed, relating to

Guildwood as a community and the Guild as its core. The Board of Directors, showing some prescience in this, adopted a records policy that ensures the records of the GVCA are maintained. Key records: The first 11 items mentioned in Step 3.

Step Five: Matching where records should be to what is actually available

NOTE: In the online version of this column, I will provide a listing of all archival repositories, what records they hold, and how to contact them.

The utopian world, where we find everything germane to our research, is pure fantasy. We might expect our definition of what needs to be kept, and has been kept, is universal — but it isn’t. The perception of what to keep varies widely and is subject to the vagaries of individual opinions over time.

- 1. Retention of records** can be based on available space, rather than need to keep. “We don’t have room for everything” is not the right approach. Volume should not be conflated with value ... but it happens.
- 2. The range of records** that deserve to be kept varies: it is a truism that it doesn’t matter who you are — business, school, association, ministry — the fundamental scope of what to keep is well-defined in archival literature. The problem: best practices aren’t a universally followed protocol.
- 3. Retaining institutional memory** is not always at the forefront in the thinking of those who create records.



Photo by Nana Smirnova on Unsplash

This is frustrating for any researcher looking for answers, facts and decisions. Fortunately, the nuggets we find far outweigh those we cannot.

Before we leave this component of research, let’s accept some realities:

1. What you want, you may not find!
2. What you find may be something you don’t expect!
3. To find what you want may depend on the memory of someone “in the know”.
4. Access may be restricted based on privacy legislation and periods where documents are closed to review by policy.
5. Different repositories have different levels of sophistication.
- vi. The City of Toronto Archives has a highly comprehensive digitization program as well as a very robust online search engine.

- vii. Some, but not all, allow the researcher to scan documents, a key advantage to reading and taking notes. For example, municipal bylaws are a fundamental record. They are also huge. They are also on microfiche. But the microfiche document can be copied to a memory stick, which makes research far more manageable.
6. The fundamental descriptive record in an archive is called a finding aid. These are uncommon in volunteer organizations. In major archives, these are available online.

In my next column, I’ll be more specific and drill down into the stories these records tell us, a methodology to approach those having care and custody of these records, and the significance of

footnoting and citations in reports, studies and historical publications (articles and books).

2020 Shoreline Cleanup Roundup

Rosalee Mitchell Spohn



A selection of findings from shoreline cleanups in 2020.

Although the Friends of Guild Park & Gardens held shoreline cleanups along Guildwood's Lake Ontario shoreline as part of the Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup and Our Greener Future did a Love Your Lake cleanup at Guild Park, due to COVID-19 fewer cleanups than normal occurred during 2020.

However, despite this, more than 28,000 items were collected. These included 13,500 pieces of foam, glass and plastic; 1,950 bottle caps; 1,800 nurdles; 1,600 beverage containers; 1,000 food wrappers/packaging; 950 straws & stirrers; 550 cups & plates; 280 lids; 240 utensils; and 12 tires. The trash collected filled 40 garbage bags.

Some of the unusual finds were a Cornelius Corn Flakes bike reflector, a sink stopper, the inner part of a 35 mm film roll with a small piece of a negative attached, and a cubelet from a Rubik's cube.

For information on future cleanups: GuildPark.ca.

Living Green

Kathleen Wolfe

Since starting to write these articles for the News & Views, I have been amazed at the amount of literature produced with suggestions to help preserve our natural environment. The following came from a 2012 calendar, which was a community project involving the schools, the artists' community and citizens' groups of the Northern Bruce Peninsula.

DID YOU KNOW?

» Canadians produce more garbage per person than just about any other country in the world.

- » By the age of six months, the average Canadian has consumed the same amount of resources as the average person in the developing world consumes in a lifetime!
- » 1/3 of all Canadian households choose to drink bottled water over tap water even though there are no health benefits to bottled water.
- » The average school-age child in Ontario makes 30 kg of waste from his/her lunches every school year! That means, if there are 25 children in a class, the class sends 737 kg of waste to landfill every year... that's as heavy as a car!

» We are borrowing land and water from the future at a rate that will make it impossible to repay. It now takes the Earth one year and six months to replace what we use in one year!

The above gives us much to think about. We all know what we have to do to change... Let's try harder, every little bit helps.

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Discovering Wildlife in Winter and Facts about Eastern Coyotes

Ann Brokelman and Erik Brokelman

What is the best part of winter? I'm not sure if it's the best, but one of my favourite activities is finding and following animal footprints in the fresh snow. This usually starts with going for a walk around your neighbourhood and looking for what has crossed over the front yards. Several of my friends are kind enough to let me come and look at who has visited their homes, and, like a CSI agent examining evidence, trample all over their property.

Many animals, like deer, fox, coyotes, opossum, rabbits and racoons, are nocturnal and your best chance for seeing their tracks is first thing in the morning. The fresh snow also offers you the proper perspective of the actual size and depth of the print (to determine if the animal was a juvenile, adult or male or female). Take a photo of your hand or boot, or another easily measurable object, beside the print so you can figure out the exact size later. Some signs to look for include: how many toes or hooves does it have, which direction are they traveling, are they running or walking, and how big or small is the animal. I have had great adventures following a set of tracks and then eventually coming across the responsible animal.

Recently I met up with a friend, Liz, at a local forest, and we were both out of our cars looking for tracks on the edge of the woods. We quickly found well-defined coyote

tracks, including a clear print of a front paw and back paw together. Coyotes walk in a linear direction, not wasting energy on the path they are taking (as opposed to the average dog that will zig zag all over the place). We probably looked funny to people sitting in their cars drinking coffee, but we were having a wonderful time. Checking the direction of movement, we started to follow the tracks. We wandered along for maybe 10 minutes before the tracks disappeared. Disappointed, as we thought our investigation was over, we went towards the bluffs to check out the view and, sure enough, we spotted the coyote itself!

Many, many times I have come across the tracks of a little mouse running across a field and I'll follow them for a few steps, only for them to end suddenly at the same place where the slight imprint of wings are visible. Though I did not wish any harm to come to the mouse, it is fascinating to see the evidence of survival of the fittest at work. Following these prints does not always end badly, of course. In one case I followed mouse tracks and was thrilled to see they did not belong to a mouse at all but to a star-nosed mole. This was a first-time encounter for me, in any season. The mole, in case you were wondering, made it across the snow and disappeared safely into the woods.

Tracking has become an important

part of my volunteer work. In order to help an animal, you often need to learn everything you can about it so you can catch it and rehabilitate it safely. What do its footprints look like? Does the animal follow the same path daily? Are its movements or walking patterns abnormal? Did it leave any scat in the area or did it leave behind any unusual smells? (Mange has a very distinct smell.) Knowing these details can help you determine how healthy or unhealthy an animal is.

Eastern Coyotes and Foxes in Guildwood

"Do you love wolves? Or maybe cherish a family pet dog? Do you think that foxes are adorable? Coyotes are also worthy of our admiration and reverence; to be cherished and adored. They are sentient and essential beings. All come from the same family Canidae, including jackals. Yes, they are all related! Coyotes are beautiful, intelligent and unique as individuals, just like their cousins; both domestic and wild. Wild canids provide such a vital ecological role in healthy habitats and ecosystems. They are called 'keystone species'." – Lesley Sampson, Coyote Watch Canada

I think anyone who has read my articles has figured out that I respect all animals, whether they be the most majestic fox, the cleverest racoon, the smallest mouse, or the smelliest skunk. Each has taught me so much about the diet,



vocals, family instincts and other behaviours exclusive to their own species that it became impossible to not appreciate each animal for its own unique qualities. Although I respect them all, some still stand out among the rest.

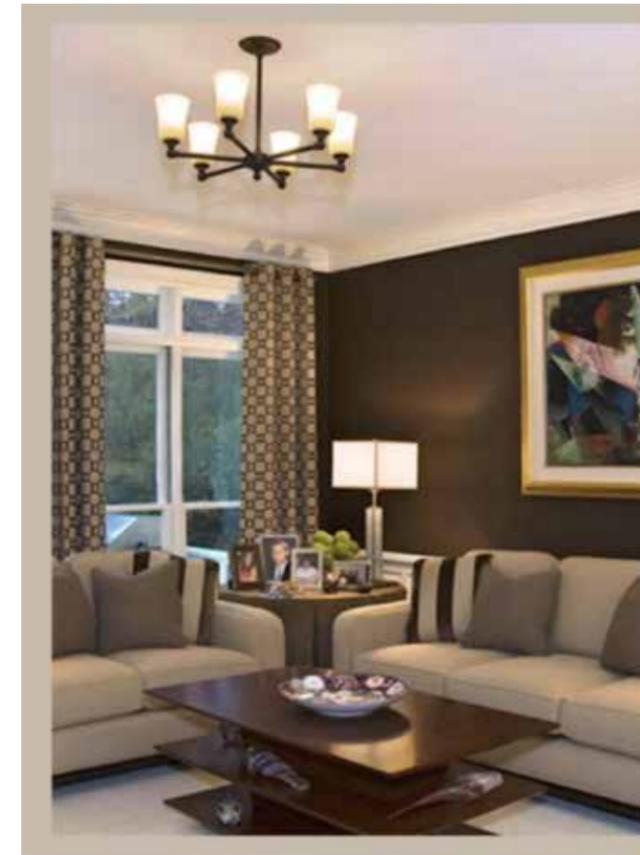
The Guild has the most diverse wildlife I have ever seen. According to my night trail cams we have deer, bucks, fox, opossum, raccoons, skunks, rabbits, cats, and coyotes wandering our yards and streets. When going to the Guild Inn, Sylvan Park, or other locations, I have noticed public signs about coyotes in the area. Coyotes have developed such a controversial reputation lately that I thought I would write a few words, in particular, about them. While I do not fear any of the wildlife in the GTA, including coyotes, I respect them and make sure I always keep my distance. I want to be clear about this: yes, I always keep my distance from coyotes, but I try to keep my distance from all the wild animals. I honestly think we can co-exist with coyotes, in the GTA, but improving our understanding of them will be a big part of making that work.

I am fortunate to be a part of Coyote Watch Canada and they have many suggestions on co-existing with the eastern coyote and fox.

Some basic coyote facts and advice:

- » Stay calm and never run. In the rare case that it is approaching you or your dog, always face the coyote and use a loud firm voice to talk loudly at it while backing away slowly.
- » Supervise and leash your dog while on walks.
- » Coyotes are active both during the day and night.
- » Keep pets, especially cats and small dogs, indoors at night or enclosed in kennels.
- » Teach your children about wildlife and how to safely respond to coyotes, foxes, dogs and other animals.
- » Keep pet food, water bowls and garbage/green bins indoors and never intentionally feed coyotes or foxes.

Enjoy the winter and send me photos of the tracks you find in your yard.



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There have been no meetings since February 2020 due to COVID-19 precautions. However, a review of past years’ events has shown that some things come up every year and bear repeating here to keep our defences up.

With the advent of colder weather it is important that cars are not left running and on driveways to warm up. This may not apply to many with many working from home, but don’t leave a running vehicle outside a store whilst you just nip in for a quick shop.

Keep your cars locked if left in your driveway and keep valuables with you at all times. Also, if you have a vehicle which has keyless entry and ignition, keep your key fob in a metal container. Thieves can use special devices to mimic their signal, open your car doors and even drive it away; a metal container will help prevent them from picking up on the signal from your fob. 43 Division recently issued an alert for owners of Honda CRVs regarding this. On the same theme, if you are visiting a mall or any parking lot do not use the button on your key fob to lock your vehicle as the radio signal emitted can be intercepted by thieves using an electronic device and can open your vehicle doors.

If someone knocks on your home door always make sure to let the person know you are home, do not open it to strangers but talk through it otherwise they may force the door open thinking the home is unoccupied and gain entry.

The pandemic has not brought an end to scams, and the favourite ones continue to circulate such as the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) and Social Insurance Number (SIN) threats. Remember, the CRA does not threaten you with arrest for owing taxes and does not accept Western Union, Visa gift cards or any similar form of payment, and will not call because you owe taxes, they will write to you.

Your SIN will not be cancelled for any reason and if you get a call, usually a recording, saying your number has been cancelled, just hang up.

Another current scam involves a bogus job offer involving you having to purchase some materials. To make it easy they will send a payment for you to cash, but first you have to go online and order a bunch of stuff for the job on offer before you cash the payment cheque or transfer. Guess what, you buy a bunch of stuff and the payment bounces so you end up with no job and out of pocket for stuff you don’t need.

Remember, if a deal seems too good to be true, it is.

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Ruth recommends:
Dark August by Katie Tallo

Kanta recommends:
The Ice Cream Queen of Orchard Street by Susan Jane Gilman

Helen recommends:
Dying in a Winter Wonderland by Vicki Delany

Regina recommends:
The Little Book of Life Skills by Erin Ruddy

Margot recommends:
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Social Media 101: Spring Cleaning

Nick Kossovan | Follow @NKossovan on Instagram and Twitter

I hope your social media isn't as messy as my closet. Our online lives get just as cluttered as our real ones; however, this clutter can cause bigger problems than a misplaced shirt.

Spring cleaning was never intended to be a time for a social media checkup. Still, it makes sense to periodically review (I suggest no less than twice per year) your social media profiles to ensure they're current, they accurately represent you and they're secure.

From privacy settings to secure passwords to deleting comments which no longer serve your reputation, every aspect of your social media, and its resulting digital footprint, is important.

Expect your first spring cleaning to be tedious and that it'll take time. However, it is worth the effort and will be easier the next time and so forth.

When conducting a "cleaning" of your social media sites, check off the following:

Clean up your privacy

Part of spring cleaning in the real world could be replacing the well-worn curtains you've been meaning to fix. Until you replace the curtain, your neighbours can see you. In the social media world, your neighbours are billions of people.

Log into your social media accounts, go to the settings menu, and look at your privacy setting(s). You have the

right to just share with friends and not the world. Pay special attention to any setting allowing ads to target you. For the sake of not overlapping your personal life with your professional life, I advise setting your Facebook privacy setting to "Friends" (though your post can still be shared) and your Instagram privacy setting to "Private Account." Leave your LinkedIn profile open since you never know where your next professional opportunity may come from.

Set all your social media accounts so you approve follower requests (i.e. protecting your Twitter account controls who gets to follow you and who doesn't). A social media rule of thumb: never simply accept a connection request without doing some due diligence. Accepting a connection request grants the person the ability to view your posts, see your followers, etc.

Clean up your passwords

"Be sure to use a strong password" is universal advice. Yet, it still surprises me how many people ignore this.

123456 isn't a password. "Password" is not a password, nor is ScarbTO123#. Whether you list your passwords on paper and put the list in a safe deposit box, create a Google Doc or use one of the numerous password managers apps available (Dashlane is probably the best choice for the average person; it integrates with every web browser, and it's entirely free to use the basic features) you need to

create passwords that are secure, impossible to guess and different for every social media site and website. This means the password you use for LinkedIn shouldn't also be your Facebook password.

A strong password comprises a minimum of 12 characters and includes numbers, symbols, capital and lower-case letters (i.e., "DollGuitar%539"). For additional security, change all your passwords at least three times per year. While this may seem like overkill, keep in mind everyday hackers are becoming more sophisticated. When possible, use two-factor authentication.

Clean up your comments and photos

According to a YouGov, a global public opinion and data company, survey, 57% of Americans who use social media have posted something they regret. A good scrubbing of content you've posted is probably overdue. The goal is to do away with photos and content which no longer represents who you are, which you can do by:

1. Googling (Don't forget Yahoo, Bing, AOL, Ask.com, etc.) yourself.
2. Unfollowing questionable followers and accounts.
3. Deleting inappropriate content and photos (Go back at least 18 months.).
4. Digging up old email addresses and aliases and deactivating them.


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Always keep top of mind; almost nothing on the Internet is completely private. Moving forward, if you want a "clean" online presence, think twice before you leave a comment or post a picture.

Clean up your friends and followers

This will be a bigger job if you are on #TeamFollowBack, where you follow every single person who follows you. Don't do that—you'll end up with a noisy feed full of stuff you don't need or want (i.e. spam). Unfollow the people you never really wanted to follow in the first place. Make it a non-negotiable rule to carefully choose your future followers and only follow accounts you want to be associated with.

Clean up, or add, your profile avatars

In social media speak, profile pictures are called avatars. That little face associated with your account speaks volumes about you. Presuming you have an avatar, how old is it? On Twitter, you may have seen white eggs on brightly colored backgrounds. That's Twitter's generic avatar; make sure you don't have one of those. Same with Facebook, where a generic avatar is an outline of a head and shoulders. Take a well-composed selfie and add it to your social media profile as your avatar. Likely, this will boost your overall engagement. My long-standing social media rule is to never follow a default avatar. If you want to get my attention, you need to start there.

And just like that, you're done your social media spring cleaning. No vacuum canister to empty, no garbage bags to haul to the curb. It's worth noting my mother did a fall cleaning after Labour Day.



Crossword

Answers on page 28

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Across

- 1. Queen Mum's favourite drink.
- 4. Replacement worker.
- 8. _____, Humbug!
- 11. The ends of the feet.
- 13. Identity and origin of one's mom and / or dad.
- 16. Visible rock formations.
- 18. Oakville's Glen _____ Golf Course.
- 19. Time _____
- 20. First electronic digital computer.
- 22. Thin layers of gold.
- 25. You are either _____ out. (2 wds)

- 26. A Microsoft address file.
- 29. Not morally correct.
- 31. Can't play billiards without one.
- 32. See 22 Down.
- 33. Confident poker bet.
- 35. _____ Tire Store.
- 36. Part of a camera.
- 38. I hope he _____ the courage to propose to her. (2 wds)
- 40. So he _____ like a hot potato (2 wds)
- 42. On the chair, _____ (2 wds)
- 43. Provides aerospace warnings, and even tracks Santa Claus
- 44. Fun to watch play in the water

- 47. Janitor
- 50. In Hebrew, means "gift from God"
- 51. Golf's "Big Easy", Ernie _____
- 52. Abbrev. for "wasn't in the game"
- 53. I open my laptop and there it is.
- 54. A sad cry
- 57. Big Afr. animal
- 61. Excuse me waiter, but this _____ (4 wds)
- 64. He _____ a hole.
- 65. A town in Southern Turkey
- 66. Wind direction
- 67. With a "P" at the end, it's an answer to an invitation (abbrev)
- 68. Chess _____

Down

- 1. Car song from the '60's - Little _____
- 2. Debt acknowledgement
- 3. Tennis, volleyball & badminton use one
- 4. Do people name their dogs this anymore?
- 5. Red _____ Ale, popular in the 60's
- 6. Collections of weaponry
- 7. The Beatles, Let It _____
- 8. The Toronto Maple Leafs were Mike _____ (3 wds)
- 9. Stone _____
- 10. You, over there!
- 12. George C. _____
- 14. Hair removal product
- 15. You'll find out later (abbrev)
- 17. Canadian rock band

- 21. Unwillingness to do something
- 22. With 32 across, many memories were made here.
- 23. _____ tube
- 24. "Imagine" and "Woman" were _____ (2 wds)
- 25. I didn't understand, but finally _____ (3 wds)
- 27. A Hawaiian party
- 28. Large brown seaweed
- 30. When Mattis first met Trump, he said, "Hi, _____" (4 wds)
- 34. Home for a bird
- 37. The answer is elsewhere on this puzzle, but this time it's a stain
- 39. _____ Carleton Hotel

- 41. No seats available (abbrev)
- 45. They work in ER's (abbrev)
- 46. One piece of identity (abbrev)
- 47. A South American monkey
- 48. The process by which a scar is formed
- 49. Kitchen workers wear these
- 55. Garden _____
- 56. Extra play needed to settle a tie game (abbrev)
- 58. Good picture quality on it (abbrev)
- 59. Manufacturer of weaponry (abbrev)
- 60. A Greek Island
- 62. Paddle
- 63. Healthcare in Ontario is funded by this (abbrev)

Upcoming Events

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