



GOVERNOR'S BRIDGE RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

# Annual Membership Dues

Fiscal Year October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014

Resident Name \_\_\_\_\_

Resident Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Annual dues \$40 enclosed      Cash       Cheque

Your cancelled cheque will act as your receipt. If paying cash, receipts upon request. Cheques can be made payable to Governor's Bridge Ratepayers Association and brought to the upcoming AGM on February 18 or dropped off at the home of:

Gavin Brimer  
GBRA Secretary/Treasurer  
51 Douglas Crescent

**WE THANK ALL RESIDENTS WHO HAVE ALREADY PAID THEIR ANNUAL DUES!**



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# NEIGHBOURHOOD UPDATE

February 2014

## GBRA Board 2014

*Alan McFarland – Chair  
Gavin Brimer – Secretary-Treasurer  
Chris Fraser  
Leo Schotte*

GBRA's Annual General Meeting will be on February 18, 2014. Please read the announcement in this newsletter.

### Nesbitt Park

Despite bone chilling cold, Gary Stothers, John Marotta, and the rink team have spent countless hours building a new rink at Nesbitt Park. Frozen hoses and icy water connections have not stopped this great community volunteer program. A special thank you to Gary Stothers and family for contributing time and money to this year's rink program.

### Evergreen Brickworks

<http://ebw.evergreen.ca/whats-on/calendar>

### Councillor Fragedakis

Help is here. The Home Energy Loan Program (HELP) is a new financing tool offered by the City of Toronto to help you improve your home's energy efficiency and save money. The program was developed to assist homeowners to access low interest financing to complete energy and water efficiency improvement projects. For more information go to [www.maryfragedakis.com](http://www.maryfragedakis.com).

### Little Free Library

There's a new path in Nesbitt Park, and all footprints lead to the Little Free Library – which is #1837 in the North American Network. Special thanks to Jacqueline Jordan for linking up with Bill Wrigley, purchasing the Little Free Library and then painting and preparing it for installation at Nesbitt Park. If you have any books to donate or would like to be part of the program, please contact the new Head Librarian at Nesbitt Park at [Jacqueline\\_jordan@hotmail.com](mailto:Jacqueline_jordan@hotmail.com) or 416-882-5741.

### The Paper Mill Theatre (our community theatre across Bayview)

Tired of going downtown to enjoy great theatre? Enjoy *Scotland Road* by Jeffrey Hatcher January 30 – February 8. For more information go to [www.amicusproductions.ca](http://www.amicusproductions.ca).

### Idea Distillery with MPP Glen Murray launches February 6

Idea Distillery is a new monthly speaker series in downtown Toronto, led by Toronto Centre MPP Glen Murray, which will bring together thought leaders from all sectors for an informal discussion on the biggest issues facing Torontonians and Ontarians, and how we can fix them. All are welcome as we put the "pub" into public policy.

Light refreshments will be served starting at 6:30 P.M. at The Foxes Den Bar and Grill located at 1075 Bay Street, right in the middle between Bloor and Wellesley.

### Emergency Preparedness Meeting

With the Ice Storm still a bad memory for many people, you can learn how to prepare your family and your property to withstand a natural disaster on February 13, 2014 – 6:30–8:30 P.M. at the S. Walter Stewart Library, 170 Memorial Drive Avenue. RSVP [54emerg.preparedness@torontopolice.on.ca](mailto:54emerg.preparedness@torontopolice.on.ca).

### Don't forget

- Don't forget to be considerate about parking around your home.
- Don't forget that it's critical to keep your dogs on leashes in Governor's Bridge.
- Don't forget to look into skating at the new Leaside Arena – [www.leasidgardens.com](http://www.leasidgardens.com)
- Don't forget to share any area improvements ideas with Chris Fraser – [chris@moveable.com](mailto:chris@moveable.com).
- Please be considerate to your neighbours when starting a building or renovation project. Please ask your contractors to park legally and not block traffic. And please be sure that your building site is kept clean.

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## Your Governor's Bridge Ratepayers Association membership supports the neighbourhood

We:

- Work with Councillor Fragedakis's office to pursue opportunities and get our issues resolved.
- Spearhead neighbourhood improvements and develop community building events and programs
- Maintain a Governor's Bridge Web site that is well worth checking out
- Work with Evergreen Brickworks in building new programming
- Stay vigilant about new developments like Redway, Gondolas, and parking tickets
- Attend FONTRA meetings (an umbrella organization of Toronto Ratepayer Associations)
- Meet with 53 Division's Community Policing Liaison Committee to address crime in our neighbourhood.
- New resident Welcome program

If you have any concerns or ideas, please contact any Board member directly by e-mail. The Board of Directors meets every two months.

## Do you have an hour a month to spare?

Governor's Bridge is a better place to live thanks in part to volunteers who serve as Board members and Committee Chairs of the GBRA.

If you'd like to meet new neighbours and continue this improvement process, please e-mail [alancmcfarland@gmail.com](mailto:alancmcfarland@gmail.com).

Please visit [www.governorsbridge.net](http://www.governorsbridge.net) for community information  
Special thanks to our Webmaster, Gary Stothers.

## Board Member Contact Information

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Calling for new volunteers and  
Board members from Governor's Bridge  
and Governor's Estates. Contact  
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# The GBRA Board of Directors wish to announce the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## ROSEDALE UNITED CHURCH

159 Roxborough Dr & Glen Road  
(in the Sanctuary)

**TUESDAY, February 18, 2014**

Doors open at 7:30pm. Meeting starts at 7:40pm.

Meeting will deal with:

- Progress Update
- Financial Report
- Election and Reconfirmation of Directors
- Motion for board meetings to happen every two months
- Website use and dissemination of information to residents
- Community Safety/Emergency Preparedness
- Hydro One Update
- If you wish to add issues to the agenda, please contact Alan McFarland at [alancmcfarland@gmail.com](mailto:alancmcfarland@gmail.com) by Monday, February 17, 2014

Membership is open to all residents of the Governor's Bridge neighbourhood.

You must have a current membership to vote at the meeting.

## Current GBRA Board Members

Alan McFarland [alancmcfarland@gmail.com](mailto:alancmcfarland@gmail.com)

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**Please Attend: SUPPORT OUR SPECIAL NEIGHBOURHOOD**