



GOVERNOR'S BRIDGE RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

# NEIGHBOURHOOD UPDATE

September 2014

## GBRA Board 2014

*Alan McFarland – Chair*

*Gavin Brimer – Secretary-Treasurer*

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*Jeff Hanemaayer*

## Governor's Bridge Improvement Plans

The GBRA is working on a number of important projects on your behalf.

### Chorley Park

Many residents in Governor's Bridge were taken aback by the lack of consultation about changes in Chorley Park, to say nothing of the clear-cutting on the hill that many people use to get to the Brickworks. Local residents Kim Barwise and Jeff Manemaayer will be working closely with Councillor Fragedakis, City of Toronto staff and neighbouring resident association representatives to find better options than those currently proposed. Please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/ChorleyPark>

### Hydro One Midtown project

Several area residents have expressed interest in seeing the property below Bennington Heights School and beside the railway tracks restored in ways that benefit Governor's Bridge residents. Suggestions have included urban gardens below the school, a fenced in dog run, and a better toboggan hill. If you have ideas or would like to contribute to this process, please contact Chris Fraser – [chris@moveable.com](mailto:chris@moveable.com).

### Long Term Waste Management Strategy

The City of Toronto is developing a policy framework for solid waste management over the next 30 to 50 years and is looking for guidance from area stakeholders. If you have expertise or interest in participating in this public consultation process – please connect with a GBRA Board member via e-mail.

### Kids at Play Signage

Tragically, seven-year old Georgia Walsh died in July after being hit by a minivan while crossing the street at the corner of Millwood Road and McRae Drive. Last year, 40 pedestrians died in traffic collisions in Toronto, almost double 2012's toll of 24. Since July's tragedy, Leaside residents have mounted a very visible lawn sign Kids at Play program. GB residents are planning to bring this signage to our area to encourage drivers to "slow down" – especially around Nesbitt Park.

## Little Free Library (LFL)

We have a new Head Librarian in Governor's Bridge – Nyna Burgess. A big thank you must go out to the (LFL) project founder, Jacqueline Jordan, for launching and managing this program in Governor's Bridge.

A free book exchange will be held at the Community picnic on September 21. You can bring books and take books from a table (not the LFL) at the event. If you want to drop your books off in advance, please connect with Jacqueline Jordan at 41 Douglas Avenue.

## The Walking Bus

The "Walking School Bus" welcomes all children in the area to walk to Bennington Heights Public School with their friends from the neighbourhood every weekday morning. A rotating roster of parents and nannies will supervise the walking school bus which departs from the meeting place on the south east corner of Douglas Crescent and Nesbitt Drive at 8:35 am (8:30 am in winter), arriving at the school just before the bell rings. For more information, contact Jacqueline Jordan at [jacqueline\\_jordan@hotmail.com](mailto:jacqueline_jordan@hotmail.com)

## Don't Forget

- Governor's Bridge 47th Annual Community Picnic at Nesbitt Park, September 21, from 4 P.M. to 8 P.M.
- Councillor Fragedakis: Don't forget to vote on October 27, 2014. Despite the election, Councillor Fragedakis's office remains open and actively interested in answering your questions or dealing with your problems. Please call either 311 or 416-392-4032 or e-mail [councillor\\_fragedakis@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca).
- Please be considerate about parking around your home.
- Enjoy Evergreen Brick Works Farmer's Market on Saturdays. Check out their great programming – <http://www.evergreen.ca/whats-on>.
- Keeping your dogs on leashes in Governor's Bridge is critical.
- Please share any area improvement ideas you have with Chris Fraser – [chris@moveable.com](mailto:chris@moveable.com).

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## Dues are Due

Membership dues are now due. Please bring your dues to the corn roast on September 21 or drop them off at Gavin Brimer's home at 51 Douglas Crescent. Dues for 2014/15 are \$40.00 per household.

## What are these membership dues doing to make Governors' Bridge a better neighbourhood?

Your membership supports the neighbourhood! The GBRA is dedicated to improving the quality of life in the community and addressing issues of concern to Governor's Bridge residents. We:

- Work with Councillor Fragedakis's office to pursue opportunities and get issues resolved (i.e. Redway).
- Spearhead neighbourhood improvements, maintain a community website ([www.governorsbridge.net](http://www.governorsbridge.net)), thanks to Gary Stothers and connect with new neighbours via a Welcome Program.
- Connect with the Evergreen Brickworks about future programming
- Attend FONTRA meetings (an umbrella organization of Toronto Ratepayer Associations) and are joining with other neighbourhood associations to work with the City of Toronto on programs and projects that directly impact the quality of life in Governor's Bridge
- Meet with 53 Division's Community Policing Liaison Committee to address crime in our neighbourhood.
- And much more. In this election year, it is important that Governor's Bridge residents' voices be heard.

If you have any ideas or concerns for the GBRA, please contact any board member directly. Our GBRA Board meetings are generally held bi-monthly on the first Monday.

## Calling for Volunteers

We are always looking for motivated residents to join the Board of the GBRA. If you would like to join the Board, please send Alan McFarland an e-mail at [alanmcfarland@gmail.com](mailto:alanmcfarland@gmail.com).

## Sub-committees

The GBRA has decided to establish sub-committees to deal with crucial issues that impact residents in Governor's Bridge. Kim Barwise and Jeff Hanemaayer will represent Governor's Bridge at the Chorley Park community consultation process. If you are passionate about an issue, please send Alan McFarland an e-mail at [alanmcfarland@gmail.com](mailto:alanmcfarland@gmail.com).

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**\*\*We need a board member from  
Governor's Estates. Contact the Board  
if you are interested\*\***

Please visit [www.governorsbridge.net](http://www.governorsbridge.net) for community information

Join your neighbours at the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual

# Governor's Bridge Community Picnic

**Sunday, September 21, 2014**  
**4-8pm at Nesbitt Park**

Fun for all ages!

- ❖ Great Food!
- ❖ Games and Races for the Kids
- ❖ Raffle
- ❖ Balloons and Face Painting
- ❖ Music
- ❖ Fire Truck and Police Car

Each family should bring:

- **\$20\* to cover the cost of the barbecue** (hot dogs, hamburgers, corn etc.)
- Odd-numbered houses please bring munchies, fruit or a salad.
- Even-numbered houses please bring a dessert item.

*\* Seniors are free*

We need help with:

- **Propane BBQs to use that day**
- Raffle Donations
- Park clean-up & take-down
- Kids Games and Races
- Music and entertainment

Contact Karri Paradi at 416-944-1227 or [karriparadi@gmail.com](mailto:karriparadi@gmail.com)

**DUES ARE DUE - \$40.00/household**

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Please drop your GBRA membership dues off at Gavin Brimer's (51 Douglas Cres.)  
or bring them to the BBQ on Sept. 21.  
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Please note that dues are separate from the cost of the BBQ and go toward keeping  
our neighbourhood safe, beautiful and politically relevant.

Sponsored by the Governor's Bridge Ratepayers Association



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# Annual Membership Dues

Fiscal Year October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2015

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 Ratepayer's Association 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!**