

Triangle Topics

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BEACH TRIANGLE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



BEACH TRIANGLE GIANT GARAGE SALE - MAY 30 (RAINDATE MAY 31)

What the Beach Triangle Association does for you:

1. Advertising in the Toronto Star and the Beach Metro News.
2. "Garage Sale" flyers door-to-door and signs in the neighbourhood.
3. Balloon flying over the neighbourhood to attract attention.

What you do:

1. Simply set out your treasures on May 30.
2. Sell, sell, sell.
3. Make a donation of 10% of your sales to the Beach Triangle Association, to enable it to carry on its work for the betterment of our neighbourhood.
4. Tour the neighbourhood and buy, buy, buy!



ZEROING IN ON ZONING

The Beaches Triangle Zoning Committee, chaired by Kevin Barrett, reports that activity in residential development is slow these days, so few new Building Permits or requests have been recorded at the Committee of Adjustment. No legislation has been introduced that materially affects our neighbourhood.

The Mennonite Church and the City Legal Department are in the process of reviewing the City's options for purchasing the parking area from the Church, for use as a parking/recreation area similar to the Kingston/Columbine/Dixon park. We expect no further developments until mid-spring. Local concerns include access to parking, mid-block density, privacy, size and type of building on the site.

The original plans for development at Queen/Woodbine were shelved in favour of an upgrade to the original building. It will be at least five years before any new work commences. The Beaver gas station site development is now in limbo, as well, pending economic recovery.

The Church of Assembly has moved from the Queen Street buildings to a new location on Leslie Street, and the vacant premises are presently for sale. The realtors do not expect a sale in the immediate future.

The property beside Corpus Christi Church has been developed by CityHome into a residence for special population young adults. We are arranging a meeting to discuss the impact on the neighbourhood.




"PC COPS" NOW IN OPERATION

Bob Copeland, Crime Prevention Officer at 55 Division, announced in March that PC COPS is now operational. Last fall Officer Copeland worked with a committee of volunteers to conduct a drive to raise funds to buy a computer for the program. In just ten weeks, area residents contributed \$22,000 - more than was raised in any of the other seven Metro area campaigns.

As of last month, more than 4,000 community resident names had been entered in the program, which is designed to alert participating residents of crime in the neighbourhood. For example, if there has been a rash of break-ins or sexual assault, the PC COPS computer will telephone residents with a recorded message, to alert them. If the phone is busy or unanswered, the machine will call back five times. Active hours are between 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays and Saturdays, and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sundays.

After sending the message, the computer records whether the phone was answered by a person, /an answering machine, interrupted by an operator, or got no answer.

If you would like to be part of the PC COPS program, drop off or mail this form.

 Please enter my name and phone number in the COPS computer.


Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____

Mail or bring to: Metro Toronto Police,
55 Division, Crime Prevention, 101
Coxwell Ave., Tor. M4L 3B3



PARKING COMMITTEE MEETS WITH DIVISION 55

The Parking Committee has initiated a series of quarterly meetings with Superintendent Aidan Maher of 55 Division to review Triangle parking and traffic issues. The Committee is supported by Pierre Nadeau, Executive Assistant to Councillor Tom Jakobek, who has provided Public Works Department assistance in these matters. Two meetings have been held this year, the first in late January and the second in March.

It is the Committee's objective to improve enforcement procedures and create additional parking space for residents, through ongoing dialogue with the police.

Two more meetings are planned for the balance of the year.

Your comments and suggestions are welcome. Please drop a note to:

Bruno DiFonzo
Parking Committee Chairman
32 Lark Street
Toronto
M4L 3M6

You may also be interested to know that you can obtain a special permit for guests to park overnight at the Racetrack by calling Councillor Jakobek's office at 699-8110.

BEACH TRIANGLE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION - A DECADE OF SERVICE

For ten years the Beach Triangle Residents Association has been a strong voice for area residents, speaking on their behalf and informing them on issues of concern at all levels of government and with regulatory bodies. This communication network is channelled through six committees, which report to the thirteen-member Executive for discussion and action:

• **Parking Committee**

Considering the limited number of permit spaces in the Triangle, this committee is kept busy meeting with police to discuss parking and traffic violations, and possible solutions. Chair: Bruno DiFonzo.

• **Zoning Committee**

This committee reviews and recommends action on residential and commercial zoning changes and Applications to the Committee of Adjustment. Factors such as height, parking, street-scape and intended use are concerns. Chair: Kevin Barrett.

• **Social Committee**

If the other committees are the business of the B.T.R.A., the Social Committee is the heart. This committee has organized such events as Halloween Dances, Pumpkin Carving, Christmas Carolling, and the highly successful annual Yard Sale. Chair: Marie Karastamatis.

• **Public Relations Committee**

The Public Relations Committee maintains contact with elected members and local newspapers to ensure that the actions and positions of the B.T.R.A. are known, understood, and appreciated. Chair: William Moore.

• **Newsletter Committee**

"Triangle Topics" is published three to four times a year to ensure that residents are informed about recent and future concerns and actions of the Association, as well as serving as a vehicle for commentary. Chair: John Ellis.

• **Newsletter Distribution Committee**

Easily the largest committee, this band of happy volunteers carries Triangle Topics or other event fliers to every doorstep in the Triangle. However, there's always room for more, so if you think you need a bit more exercise, give us a call. Chair: Lisi Giannelia.

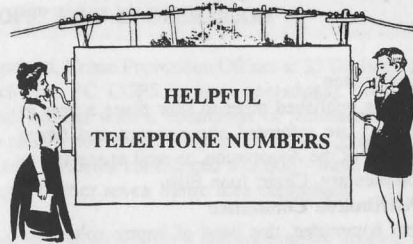
The B.T.R.A. Executive meets once a month, but has been known to take a summer vacation and to feel a bit festive in December. The Chairperson is Beth Bailey and the other Executive members not already mentioned above are Fil Papich, Layton Stewart, David Windrim, Patricia Erlendson and Craig Barden.

ANNUAL MEETING - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 7:30 P.M. CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH

This is your first notice of the Beach Triangle Residents Association Annual Meeting. A stimulating and informative program is planned. You are encouraged to seek election to the Executive - new blood and fresh enthusiasm are welcome in our important work of preserving the quality of life in our neighbourhood. For more information, call Dave Windrim at 699-4419.

**Mark
June 3
on your
calendar
now!**





**HELPFUL
TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

City Departments

Blue Box	392-7742
Buildings and Inspections	392-0829
Emergency Services	392-7737
Garbage Collection	392-7742
General Information	392-7341
Metro Community Services	392-8623
Permit Parking	392-7876
Public Health	392-0936
Taxes (City)	392-7115
Weed Control	392-7585

Elected Members

Neil Young, M.P.	694-0685
Frances Lankin, M.P.P.	421-1810

Councillors

Paul Christie (Metro)	392-4082
Tom Jakobek (City)	392-7915

Board of Education

Sandra Bussin	699-4646
David Moll	690-3324
Dorothy Ottaway	699-5694
Metro Separate School Board	
Owen O'Reilly	690-8307

General

Board of Education	598-4931
Community Information	392-0505
Gas Company	447-4911
Humane Society	392-2273
Legal Services (landlord, tenant)	461-8102
Senior Link	691-7407
Toronto Hydro Emergency	595-6730

Libraries

Beaches	393-7703
City Hall Reference	392-7990
Coxwell and Danforth	393-7783
Main Street	393-7700
Metro Central	928-5150

Recreation Centres

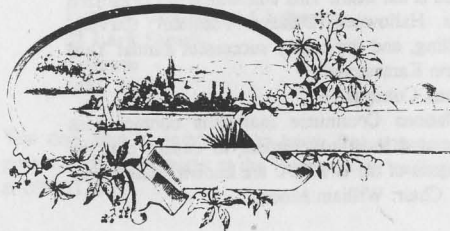
Adam Beck	392-0741
Balmly Beach	392-6972
Beaches	698-5084
Community Centre 55	691-1113
Earl Beatty	392-0752
Ted Reeve Arena	694-6893
YMCA, 907 Kingston Road	694-1159

ASHBRIDGES BAY TREATMENT PLANT - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The Metro Toronto Works Department is undertaking an Environmental Assessment to establish a preferred method to meet future needs in the Main Treatment Plant (Ashbridges Bay) service area, and to reduce environmental impacts.

The public will have opportunity to provide input into, and to influence, the decision-making process. If you are interested in being involved in the study, you may do so by calling Councillor Tom Jakobek at 699-8110 for more information.

You may also be interested in joining the Public Committee for Safe Sewage Treatment, founded last year to monitor the environmental assessment. Executive members are Karey Shinn, Deborah Kyles, David Done, Jim Shakley, Marion Bryden and Ed Fortune. To join or to subscribe to the "Safe Sewage News", call 698-6680, and leave a message.



EARTH DAY TREE PLANTING - APRIL 25

You're invited to help the City Department of Parks and Recreation "dig in and put down roots" on Earth Day, Saturday, April 25, at Glen Stewart Ravine. Remember to wear suitable casual clothing and gardening gloves, and bring a round-nosed shovel and a pail.

During 1991, Parks and Recreation planted more than 6,000 trees in residential and commercial areas and parks throughout the city. This is your chance to help keep Toronto green. For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Information Line at 392-1111.