

The house has had its share of excitement over the years. Layton, who says he's known on the street as the "Mayor of Lockwood" spoke of being engaged in home repairs, attending to neighbours that had died, and of women of ill repute. He spoke of his neighbour, "Pyott, who, as Traffic Manager for Brown's Bread took care of the company horses and was a good friend of Harry Addison (of Addison Cadillac), who had his own stable of race horses. Pyott used to invite me to join them at the Track. Pyott would bring great sandwiches!" He also described the time a next-door neighbour tried to shoot his wife. "One bullet went through his door into our door and the other ricocheted off our wall, ending up in the eaves. Fortunately, his aim wasn't so good, and his wife escaped".

29 Lockwood and its families – the Rosses, the Mellis's and the Stewarts – are a rich part of Triangle history.

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The Annual BTRA Lawn Sale –  
Saturday May 29<sup>th</sup> 2004  
by David Windrim

This annual event is unique to the Triangle and has been held each year since the mid eighties. It draws repeat shoppers from distant points due to the large numbers of vendors in a small and beautiful neighborhood. The event is always held on the last Saturday in May and has evolved into an enjoyable social and shopping event enjoyed by all. This is the primary fund raising event undertaken by the Beach Triangle Residents Association for the year. Please help us to make it a success.

Rather than discarding items you think of as "junk," try selling them at this year's Annual Triangle Lawn Sale. A lawn sale can be a profitable and fun way to make sure items are reused.

Check with friends, relatives, and neighbours to see if they would like to join you in participating in the sale or if they have anything they would like you to sell for them. More sellers means less work, and a larger inventory means more buyers.



#### Promotional details

To make things easier for you the BTRA pays for and places the following sale notices:

- May 4<sup>th</sup> issue Beach Metro News – Community Calendar
- May 18<sup>th</sup> issue Beach Metro News – Community Calendar
- May 28<sup>th</sup> Toronto Star Classified

The notices indicate Sunday May 30<sup>th</sup> as the "rain date" for the sale in case we get rained out on Saturday.

Lawn sale notices are delivered to the door of each Triangle residence approximately two weeks before the event. Additionally we arrange for sales notices to be posted in selected retail store windows on Queen Street East prior to the sale.

#### Things You Can Do:

- On the day of the sale, put a bunch of balloons or streamers at the front walk of your home, to draw the attention of shoppers.
- Sell coffee or cookies.
- Have a radio playing music.

### Be Organized

- If possible, plan to set up your sale items in a covered area so that you can still hold the sale if light rain occurs.
- Have each family at a group sale mark all their items with a different coloured dot to prevent mix-ups later.
- Make sure every item is priced and laid out in a secure area by at least 8:00 am on the morning of the sale because many buyers come early.
- Price your items fairly, but keep in mind that some people will want to bargain, so don't make your prices too low to begin with.

### Be an Effective Seller

- Make sure you have lots of small bills and change in your cash box or apron for the day of the sale. Keep track of your initial "float" so that you can get an accurate picture of your profits at the end of the sale.
- If you are selling clothing, display it on hangers. To further improve sales, consider providing a fitting space and mirror.
- Display items other than clothing on tables and make sure the items are not crowded.
- During the sale, don't follow your buyers around. Be prepared to slash prices as the sale nears its end.

### Have Fun!

Don't think of the sale solely as an opportunity to clear out your basement/attic/garage. For many people in the Triangle the annual sale has also become a good excuse to socialize you're your neighbours. Why not arrange a potluck supper with some of your neighbours afterwards, where you can all unwind and



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talk over the events and people you met during the sale. 3

**Contributions to the BTRA!**  
**The BTRA requests that all residents participating in the lawn sale contribute 20% of their sales revenues to the Residents Association to assist with their costs incurred in advertising and promoting the event, and in their work in the community. Envelopes bearing instructions for making your donation will be left with each sale operator on the day of**

**the event – May 29, 2004.**

We wish you good weather and good selling during this annual community event. Thank you for your participation.



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### History of Beach Triangle Homes: 29 Lockwood Road

*by John Ellis*

June Stewart has lived at 29 Lockwood Road all of her life. Her granddad and grandmother, William and Christina Ross, came to Canada from Scotland and settled in this house in order to "get out of the town" and move to the new development in The Beach.

27, 29 and 31 Lockwood were all built in 1917, and the Rosses bought this three-storey, four-bedroom home for \$4,500. This house cost \$500 extra at the time as it was built using prestigious "Toronto Brick" rather than the lesser "Price Brick". Like many Triangle homes, 29 Lockwood had both gas and electric service.

Jessie Ross married James Mellis and they came to live at 29 Lockwood. In 1922 Carlisle was born, followed in 1928 by June. June recalls that the location of the present marina was known as "The Cut" – a marshy bog – where she and her brother loved to explore. She also recalls keeping chickens and rabbits in their back yard.


June and Carlisle went to Norway School, and to get there they had to walk past the village Post Office on the north side of Kingston Road, just east of Woodbine, and the hotel on the opposite side (today's Legion Hall), which sported a large horse trough.

The Track had a great influence on the neighbourhood – the entrance was just at the bottom of Lockwood. The kids were often let in free to watch the horses. It was a source of income for the families at 29 Lockwood – they charged five cents a car to park on the boulevard in front of the house and often got fifty cent tips, if the bettors were lucky!


June and Layton Stewart were married in July 1954 (they celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this July!) and made 29 Lockwood their home. Granddad Ross and June's father had already passed away, but Grandmother Ross soldiered on until 1973, living to 93 years.

June describes she and Layton going on excursions in the '40's, taking a boat from the ferry terminal to Port Dalhousie and then a trolley to Niagara Falls at very little cost. They recall one of the sixteen first LCBO locations in Toronto, on the south-east corner of Woodbine and Queen (where the Pizza-Pizza is now). Layton points out that "The Long's owned the Orchard Park Tavern (now the Best Western Hotel) and got city cooperation to allow no bars east of Kingston Road, a condition that continued until the '60's."


29 Lockwood originally had a driveway that ended at the back wall of the house (June recalls her dad having a car and her granddad having an "enormous Chandler – with a bullet hole in the trunk!"). The city finally took part of the back lots and created a back lane, permitting construction of garages at the back.



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## Who is Watching Our Air Quality?

by Philip A. Knox

In late March of 2001 Toronto's then Medical Officer of Health issued a report to the City Board of Health entitled "Ten Key Carcinogens in Toronto Workplaces and Environment Assessing the Potential for Exposure". Its startling key points found that cancer is not only the second leading cause of death in Toronto – behind only circulatory diseases such as heart attacks and strokes – but that on average approximately 4,600 Toronto residents die each year from cancer.

While food is the pathway of greatest exposure for carcinogens like dioxin, a significant amount of carcinogens are also present in the air we breathe, including benzene and Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) at levels higher than is considered safe. Furthermore, the report goes on to say "nine of the ten carcinogens are present in Toronto's outdoor air at levels that approach or exceed the benchmark for 'tolerable.'"

So what has all of this got to do with Triangle residents? I, like many residents in the Beach area, was relieved when the last smokestack was turned off at the Ashbridges Bay Treatment Plant (ABTP). The ABTP had experienced yellow plume emission problems, which led to the shutdown of the incineration process. Three of the original six incinerators were demolished when the new "pelletization facility" was constructed in 2003, and the remaining three are not operating.

Now that the pelletization plant has burnt down with no plan to rebuild it, we

again face the prospect of potential renewal of human waste incineration at the ABTP and since the incineration of non-hazardous waste, has been identified as the largest source of emissions of dioxins and furans into the atmosphere... I ask the question "Who is watching out for our air quality?"

The City has put together a new task force to produce the "Biosolids & Residuals Master Plan", which is to look at a variety of options for our four human waste treatment plants (ABTP being the largest) and four water treatment plants (R. C. Harris Water Treatment Plant being the main one that provides drinking water to Beach residents). One of the possible options that they want to consider is incineration.

The Biosolids and Residuals Master Plan Advisory Committee (BRMPAC) (<http://www.toronto.ca/wes/techservices/involved/wws/biosolids/meetings.htm>) is planning on holding community presentations this June. Please consider coming out to this meeting and ask them pointedly "who is watching out for our air quality?"

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## Asian Long Horned Beetle (ALHB)

by David Windrim

As you probably know by now, the ALHB has taken up residence in Toronto. This pest, which is not native to North America, is believed to have come into the country in wooden packing material and pallets from off shore. Unfortunately, the trees of choice for the ALHB to lay its eggs are the Canadian maple and horse chestnut. Two major areas of infestation have been identified in the GTA at this time in North York and Vaughan. Control procedures require the complete removal of all trees within a specified distance



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of the infested sites to halt the pest, which has the potential to destroy 60 to 70 per cent of Toronto's trees and to spread throughout Ontario.

This has necessitated the cutting down and shredding of thousands of trees in these two areas. This beetle does not pose a threat to public health; however, it attacks and kills living broadleaf hardwood trees. We all need to be vigilant in preventing the spread of this beetle into our Beach Triangle community.

Please report to Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) the location of any trees or nursery stock that show signs of infestation – a 1cm diameter hole "drilled" or small reddish brown scars "chewed" into the branches or trunk. Also, do not move the beetle from where you find it. If you find and catch a live beetle, please place it in a suitable container and store it in your freezer. Immediately call the CFIA and they will send inspection staff to collect the beetle from you.

Do not move or transport any fallen or pruned branches, any woody material or tree(s) from the area. Do determine the source location of any firewood that you buy before taking delivery of it to ensure it has not come from an infected area.

For further information please contact:

- the Canadian Food Inspection Agency at 416-665-5055 or [www.inspection.gc.ca](http://www.inspection.gc.ca)
- the City of Toronto at 416-338-8733 or [www.city.toronto.on.ca](http://www.city.toronto.on.ca).



The Asian Long Horned Beetle

## ShakespeareWorks Comes to the Beaches!

by Philip A. Knox

Our neighbourhood is about to get a dose of Shakespeare! The city has granted ShakespeareWorks use of a site in Ashbridges Bay Park opposite the Ashbridges Bay Yacht Club as a pilot project this summer.

This project has been a dream of the ShakespeareWorks team since 1998. That was when actor R.H. Thomson and Marvin Karon, an actor working as a supply teacher, realized that under the new Ontario curriculum, it was possible for a student to graduate from high school without having read a single play of William Shakespeare.

ShakespeareWorks, which began in 1998 as On Board With the Bard, has successfully brought Canadian actors such as Paul Gross, Gordon Pinsent, Sonja Smits, Colm Feore and Jennifer Dale to Ontario schools. The actors explain, discuss and perform excerpts of Shakespeare's works with the students. Since then, with the

help of the Toronto District School Board, ShakespeareWorks has sent more than 150 professional actors into local high schools to bring students an experience of Shakespeare. In 2002, they expanded that to include a summer program that allowed



interested students immersion in an intensive two-week program, again working with professional actors on Shakespeare.

Now in 2004 they plan on setting up a 500-seat tent-theatre at the Ashbridges Bay site, with a dome-shaped roof and classic Shakespearean thrust stage and will eventually offer two Shakespearean productions each summer. The theatre's design will protect the audience from the elements, but feature a cutout portion behind the actors to give patrons a view of the night sky. The audience will be on three sides of the stage, in stadium-style seats, with everyone having an excellent line of sight. The theatre (which will be dismantled each fall) is covered with a vinyl roof, making it suitable for performance rain or shine.

They will launch their inaugural season this June 17<sup>th</sup> running through until July 25<sup>th</sup> with R.H. Thomson directing the initial production, which will be Romeo and Juliet. The production will feature a cast of 20 and although no names have been confirmed at this point, actors like Paul Gross, Fiona Reid and Yanna Macintosh have been rumored to be participants.

The BTRA Executive supports this cultural development in our neighbourhood, and encourages residents to attend the show and lend their support to the program.

Further information can be obtained from their web site at [www.shakespeareworks.com](http://www.shakespeareworks.com).

## New Triangle Stores Enliven Queen Street

by Keith Schengili-Roberts

Ever since the opening of Patisserie Tournayre back in 2000 the area immediately west of Woodbine – the lower right-hand corner of the Triangle – has increasingly caught the attention of people visiting The Beach.

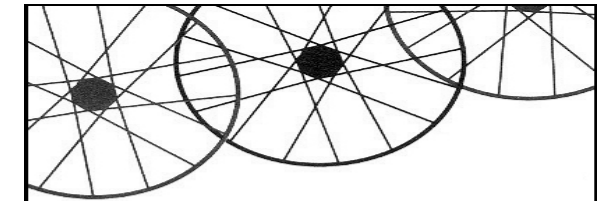
While that fabled bakery is no more, two more have come to take its place: Zane's Patisserie and Kaffeehaus Konditor. The whole of the region of Queen Street closest to Woodbine seems to be undergoing something of a renaissance, with new stores opening in new retail spaces that have been made available, and with more to come, if the work being done by WHA Architects on the storefront immediately east of them is anything to go by.

Here's a quick list of some of the new stores that have recently opened on the north side of Queen Street East:

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