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This newsletter is produced twice a year by the Harbord Village Residents' Association (HVRA) serving the part of Toronto bounded by Bathurst St, Bloor St W, Spadina Ave, and College St. See the last page for information about HVRA or visit www.harbordvillage.com.

Message from the chair of HVRA's board

What I have always loved about this neighbourhood is the mix of tenants, homeowners, students, English and non-English speakers, the well-to-do and the poor, all existing side by side.

The nearby University of Toronto campus has had a major influence on this mix. Lots of students, professors and campus workers live here. And restaurants, bars and other businesses have sprung up to serve them, and us.

But like all mixes, there have been challenges. Noisy parties

and bar patrons have kept many of us up from time to



time. We deal with it, much as we do with noisy renovation projects that seem never to

end. We mostly shrug and accept such disruptions as a cost of living in a dense urban community that has many upsides.

In the last few years, things have changed, however. U of T's large downtown expansion has led to an influx of students, which in turn has triggered several unwelcome changes to our neighbourhood. These, and HVRA's responses, are described in several articles in this newsletter.

Tim Grant, HVRA chair

HVRA's 2012 Annual General Meeting

Wednesday October 17, 6:30 for 7:00 p.m.

Kensington Gardens, 25 Brunswick Ave. (south building)

6:30 – 7:00	Meet, greet, catch up on your membership dues
7:00 – 7:30	Area caucuses (for each of the five areas of Harbord Village)
7:30 – 8:00	Activity reports on graffiti removal, heritage preservation, neighbourhood history, spring clean-up, yard sale, and more
8:00 – 8:30	Jennifer Keesmaat, Toronto's new Chief Planner (see Page 10)
8:30 – 9:00	Q&A with Councillor Adam Vaughan



Concerns in the Village

"Many of these new rooming homes do not include fire escapes or sprinkler systems, thus putting tenants at risk."

A new type of rooming house

While rooming houses have always provided affordable housing for students and other Harbord Villagers, a new breed of investor has been buying and converting area homes into crowded and often illegal rooming houses. Typically, living rooms and other common spaces become additional bedrooms,

thus leaving tenants with no indoor places to socialize. Many of these new rooming homes do not include fire escapes or sprinkler systems, thus putting tenants at risk.

A proliferation of student bars

For years, residents living near the Brunswick Tavern and the pubs close to it have complained about late night disturbances caused by drunken patrons. Now an influx of new bars, along with some converted restaurants on College, between Lippincott and Bathurst, sells beer and alcohol at cheap prices to large numbers of students. Nine bars in that one block stay open until 4 a.m. Some advertise "4 drinks for \$12," and none supervises departing patrons. Nearby resi-

dents, both north and south of College are routinely awakened on weekends between midnight and 5 a.m. Too often, they – along with the owners of other businesses on College – have to sweep up broken bottles and vomit the next morning.

It gets worse. The city's noise bylaw officers don't work after 11 p.m., so those who dial "311" are encouraged to call the police. Most weekend nights, the police do not come because they are dealing with more urgent matters. Sometimes they arrive the next day to file a report, but this offers little help and certainly no deterrence to repeat offenders. When drunken bar patrons wake nearby residents, and the latter opt to file a complaint with the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO), their calls go to a 24-hour answering machine. Those calls elicit responses the next day that say there is nothing AGCO can do unless the complainant knows the name of the bar from which noisy patrons came.

As long as HVRA has been in existence, we've received occasional complaints from residents about disruptive bars and noisy parties in student rooming houses. But when the volume of complaints increased steadily over the last three years, we decided enough was enough.

One hundred of you attended HVRA's largest-ever public meeting last spring, which focused on these two problems. Addressing the meeting were our councillor, Adam

Vaughan, along with representatives of Toronto Police, AGCO and the City of Toronto's Municipal Licensing and Standards (MLS) department. When it became clear to all that none of these representatives offered workable solutions, we formed a "disruption" committee.

Since May, we've done a lot of research. We discovered that MLS has very good noise by-laws (which include hefty on-the-spot fines), which they do not enforce. As a result, we met with the new head of MLS, who promised to bring forward a system of enforcement later this fall.

We also picked up on a comment by Adam Vaughan that provincial legislation was **needed to strengthen AGCO's** ability to suspend and cancel liquor licences of repeat offender bars which repeatedly over-served alcohol. To this end, I've asked Rosario Marchese, our Member of the Provincial Parliament, to sponsor a private member's bill to reform AGCO. He and his staff have been very supportive and have hosted three meetings to date with HVRA and nearby residents' associations.

We are not out of the woods yet, and if there is light, it is at the end of a very long tunnel. But persist we will.

Tim Grant, Chair, HVRA

The photos below are from HVRA's 2011 Pumpkin Festival. See Page 3.





Pumpkin Festival: Thursday, November 1st

Get ready for another evening of magic. From 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. on November 1st, the 6th annual Harbord Street Pumpkin Festival will find hundreds of candlelit pumpkins, some elaborately carved, festooning tables along the sidewalks between Spadina and Lippincott.

Once again, the Harbord Business Improvement Area (HBIA) is co-sponsoring the event, and local restaurants are being encouraged to offer pumpkin on their menus. As before, the HBIA will be renting display tables, printing posters and arranging for the city to compost all the pumpkins after the festival.

This year, HVRA will commandeer some parking spaces along Harbord to set up tents from which hot cider and cupcakes will be served. We will

not have a silent auction or indoor art display.

To accomplish all this, we'll need volunteers to take photographs and help with logistics. If you can help in any way either before or during the event, please contact me at 416.960.1244 or tim@greenteacher.com.

Meanwhile, please add the following to your to-do lists: buy one or more pumpkins before Halloween, invite all your buddies to the festival, carve those pumpkins and display them on Halloween (i.e. Wednesday night), and then leave them outside again by noon on the Thursday to be picked up and brought to Harbord Street that afternoon.

Tim Grant, Chair, HVRA



The photos on this page and Page 2 are from HVRA's 2011 Pumpkin Festival. Clockwise from top right, they were taken by Richard Gilbert, Robert Bell, Graham Rempe, and Wendy Smith (remaining four photos).



The 2012 Fall Fair

As someone who has been involved in this community event since the beginning, I am going to attempt a feat of memory and try to recall when the first one took place. I will say 1992 was the first, so this one was our 21st Fall Fair. The first ones were sponsored by our predecessor,

Here's what Eleanor Levine says about the photos on Pages 4 and 5: "I was 'manning' the HVRA table, signing up new members and renewing memberships. A woman described enthusiastically what a wonderful scene was happening in front of and because of the musicians. I was alone and did not want to vacate my important position. I dug my camera out of my purse, handed it to her and invited her to take pictures. I hoped that she would return it to me. When she did, I did not ask her any questions because I was busy. Thus, these pictures were taken by 'the mystery woman' using my camera."



Sussex-Ulster Residents' Association, and the event was called "Downtown Country." It became The Fall Fair when HVRA came into being.

It is for sure the biggest undertaking of either organization – in terms of the cash outlay, the number of folks involved in mounting the various parts of the event, and the cash return to the sponsoring organization[s].

All the various iterations have been wonderful events and we have rarely been hit with inclement weather – only one

has ever been cancelled – Hurricane Hugo's aftermath did that one in. But this one – held on Sunday September 9 – was especially good:

- People stayed longer than usual – the park was still pretty full right to the end of the Caribbean Band [were they not spectacular!].

- When people linger, they spend more – we sold out of food, and the silent auction and bake sale table set records.

- In the past five years or so our expenses have increased





dramatically with the requirement we hire police officers, and we have had to spend a good deal of money on rentals. These two expenses dropped our profits from approximately \$2,000 to somewhere between \$1,000 and \$1,500 since 2007.

The really good – and amazing – news is that we made more money this year than ever before and that is with the aforementioned expenses of rentals and police. The profit to HVRA was over \$2,500 on the day – a record!

The reasons for this are, I think, twofold. Fall Fair committee member Marco Cupido used his fabulous connections

to the No Frills Corporation. For the last three years we have paid only a small part of the normal food budget [we cover things like ice and pizza] because the bulk of the food is donated. Three cheers for Marco!

Plus the silent auction receipts were off the scale, bringing in about \$1,200 more than ever before – truly remarkable! I asked Jan Muszynski, our canvasser, and Angie Andreoli, **our table organizer, “how come?” But all they could suggest is that people lingered and opened their wallets more. Another reason occurred to me when I counted the receipts: I found that that we had over 50 silent auction**

items, many of which seemed pricier than I remember.

Say all you want about finances, the biggest payoff has to be the event itself: In the first place, there is the community solidarity that results from so many of your neighbours contributing hours of volunteer time to mount the event, and then there is huge community building that takes place in the park for the seven hours of the Fall Fair where neighbours interact with neighbours in the joy of a fine community event.

*Rory ‘Gus’ Sinclair,
Chair, Fall Fair Committee*

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There is another Fall Fair photo – of the band – on Page 9.





Murals replacing graffiti in our laneways

"It is entirely possible that before long, Harbord Village will be known for its laneway art."

As part of our ongoing efforts to combat the growing problem our neighbourhood has been experiencing with graffiti and tagging, HVRA's Graffiti Committee decided to offer an alternative to home owners: a mural painted by a local artist.

For just the cost of the materials (the HVRA is paying each artist a \$75 honorarium), home owners will not only remove the graffiti on their garage or fence, but will receive a unique piece of art and make our laneways more

attractive for all of us.

The artists are current students or graduates of OCAD who responded to our ad looking for artists to connect with home owners. Twenty-one home owners have already expressed an interest in having a mural painted, and 18 artists have responded to our ad and are on our list of artists for home owners to choose. There are now six murals under way or planned.

(Because of artists' time constraints and winter on the way, some murals that artists have committed to will be painted in the spring.) HV resident and artist Caroline MacFarlane is working on a proposal with OCAD to include our murals in an outdoor art exhibit, and the city has asked to include our murals in a new inventory of mural art being created by the city's Public Realm Section at the request of City Council. The inventory is part of a larger project called StreetARToronto. (More information on StreetARToronto is available at www.toronto.ca/streetart/index.htm.)

It is entirely possible that before too long, Harbord Village will be known for its laneway art.

If you are interested in having a mural painted – **or if you'd** like us to send someone to cover over your graffiti (you would pay for materials and labour at \$15/hr) – contact me at rpenslar@gmail.com or 416.953.0849.

Robin Penslar



Murals on the garage doors at 47 Borden (top) and 132 Brunswick. (Photos taken by Robin Penslar).





The Nags Players

The Nags Players are starting their 37th season at the Tranzac Stage on Brunswick Avenue and would like you to know a bit about the group.

They're close by, put on great theatre, give great value for money and are part of our community.

They put on three shows a season, in November, February and May, and each show runs Thursday, Friday and Saturday for two weekends. Tickets range from \$12 to \$20. The theatre is set up cabaret style, so you can enjoy a drink while enjoying the show.

The Nags (Nomads Acting Group) were started by the Nomads Rugby Club. Over the years, they have evolved into a group that **features many of Toronto's finest amateur actors.**

The Nags have performed a wide range of shows such as Dracula, The Mousetrap, Deathtrap, The Odd Couple, Run for your Wife, Aladdin, Sleeping Beauty, The Prince and the Pauper, a Victorian Music Hall and revues of the 40s, 50s and 60s.

The highlight of the Nags' season is the Panto, a very old English form of theatre that features lots of fun, slapstick, song and silliness. The Nags take a fairy



tale like Cinderella (which **they're doing this season**), add political commentary, a few songs, pithy dialogue for the adults and silliness **for the kids** [ed's note: and adults who act like kids]. Audience participation is a

must, and the matinees allow children to see live theatre and make a lot of noise all at the same time!

Their fall shows – Norm Foster's two one-act comedies, "My Narrator" and "The Death of Me" – will be

on the first two weekends of November.

Check out the Nags Players at www.nagsplayers.com or 647.338.6247; they'd love to see you out front.



HVRA Fall Clean-up

Nov. 24 – Mark your Calendars!

Please come to the Bloor Cinema (506 Bloor W.) on Saturday, November 24 at 10 a.m. for your gloves and bags. Lunch and prizes there at 12 noon. Rain date is **Sunday, November 25 at Pauper's Pub (539 Bloor W.)** – same times.



In the shadow of a giant: how the University of Toronto affects life in Harbord Village

"Clearly we all stand to benefit from having a vibrant, intellectual environment fostered by a highly educated group of professionals."

Whether you've noticed it recently or not, proximity to the University of Toronto has a pervasive effect on our lives. Apart from the obvious signs of student activity, particularly around the start of each school year, there's the impact of having such a large institution close to where we live, which is visible in numerous ways.

Clearly we all stand to benefit from having a vibrant, intellectual environment fostered by a highly educated group of professionals – i.e. faculty and staff – contributing to the advancement of science and the arts. They're also relatively well paid, which helps to maintain property values in the surrounding area where they live and to support local businesses where they are likely to spend their money.

However, several important issues have arisen lately

involving the darker side of **the university's presence**. Some of these issues involve undesirable student behaviour, while others involve recent actions on the part of the university that have proven to be controversial.

Regarding a variety of late-night noise complaints and other disturbances apparently involving University of Toronto students, a **"disruption committee"** has been formed to deal with this issue (*see Tim Grant's report in this issue*).

While an exhaustive account of our relations with the university is beyond **the scope of this article**, it's hoped that a broad overview of the current situation can bring attention to **what's at stake for life in the "village"** as we know it.

Development plans

See the article on Page 11 **about the university's high-**

ly controversial development plans. According to a University of Toronto press release, **"more than a few of our neighbours seem to be basically hostile to the presence of post-secondary students in their precinct."**

Also see below the portion of a concept from the **university's Master Plan**.

The university's Master Plan for the St. George Campus

In an effort to lessen the tension that seems to be affecting residents and the **university, let's step back** and take a look at the **university's Master Plan**, which provides a framework for future development within the boundaries of the St. George Campus (roughly from College north to Bloor and from Spadina east to Queen's Park and Bay).

Seven planning principles are identified for this purpose:

Below is a portion of a three-dimensional concept taken from a recent presentation *Campus Master Plans for the University of Toronto*, showing Spadina Circle on the left. This concept shows clearly the scale of the development proposed for 245-251 College, just east of Spadina, in relation to the surrounding buildings, particularly those to the south.





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- Campus environment
- Land use
- Massing
- Balanced intensification
- Sustainability
- Heritage preservation
- Accessibility

Introduced in 2011, the Master Plan serves as an update to its predecessor from 1994 (accepted by the City of Toronto in 1997 to form the University of Toronto Area Plan).

The university hopes that the updated 2011 plan will enable it to achieve its goal for necessary physical expansion, **"fulfilling the academic mission to meet the future objectives identified in *Towards 2030*."**

Towards 2030

Responding to the question of how the university can ensure it reaches new levels of excellence by the year 2030, this initiative was launched in 2007 and completed in 2008. It consists of various task force reports, including one on University Relations & Context.

With specific reference to its role in the community, this task force report states that **"the University of Toronto needs to take a particular leadership role ... in imparting a sense of re-**

sponsibility and commitment to the broader society." Furthermore: **"As the university expands, our physical development should respect our role as a leader in innovation and social responsibility...."**

The incumbent president of the university has said that **"the 2030 reports are best seen as helping to shape the university's planning and decision-making processes at multiple levels in the years ahead."**

Taken altogether, these statements suggest that the university should be willing to cooperate with residents in a collaborative endeavour to achieve the **university's goals guided by**

effective leadership on both sides and mutual respect.

Searching for a new university president

Given the time frame of the Master Plan, the **president's role in the next few years** ought to become increasingly important. Hence, it is significant that the university has already embarked upon a search for its next president and established a Presidential Search Committee with that aim in mind.

The search committee is seeking input from the public to assist in its task, specifically on:

"... it [is] essential for an incoming president to be respectful of the Liaison Committee and sensitive to the needs of area residents."

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The band at HVRA's 2012 Fall Fair: The Wanted. Photo taken by Paul Bagnell.





Jennifer Keesmaat Toronto's new Chief Planner



The guest speaker at the 2012 Annual General Meeting of the **Harbord Village Residents' Association** will be Jennifer Keesmaat (left), the City of **Toronto's new Chief Planner**. Ms. Keesmaat is known to HVRA members through her work as a consultant to the Bloor Street Visioning Study.

Here's what her office sent when we asked for a brief biography:

As the newly engaged Chief Planner for the City of Toronto, Jennifer is committed to creating places where people flourish. Over the past decade Jennifer has been repeat-

edly recognized by the Canadian Institute of Planners, OPPI [the Ontario Professional Planners Institute], the Design Exchange, and EDRA [the Environmental Design Research Association] for her innovative work in Canadian municipalities.

Her planning practice is characterized by an emphasis on collaborations across sectors, and broad engagement with municipal staff, councils, developers, business leaders, NGOs and residents' associations. Jennifer is the founder of Project Walk, which premiered its first short film in

2011, as an official selection at TIFF. In 2012 Jennifer debuted her first TED [Technology, Entertainment, Design] talk, Walk to School. Jennifer is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario (combined honours English and Philosophy), and has a Master's degree in Environmental Studies (Politics and Planning) from York University.

HVRA's ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR 2012 WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 17, 6:30 FOR 7:00 P.M., AT KENSINGTON GARDENS, 25 BRUNSWICK AVE. (SOUTH BUILDING)

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- the principal strengths upon which the university should build over the next five to 10 years;
- the principal challenges the university will face in that period;
- the implications of those strengths and challenges for the new president, in two senses:
 - o the president's specific personal priorities in the near- and long-term, and
 - o the specific priorities the president should ensure are achieved by others in the university

community;

- the key strengths and characteristics the committee should therefore be seeking in a new president.

Among its varied public consultations, the committee hosted a listening session on September 20th on the St. George Campus that this writer attended.

Also attending was the president of the Huron-Sussex Residents Organization, Julie Mathien, who spoke on behalf of her organization as well as the Annex, Grange, and Harbord Village residents' associations. She gave examples of how these neigh-

bourhoods and the university have worked well together in the past, starting with the establishment of University Settlement in 1910 through changes to the ROM and Royal Conservatory and Willcocks Street up to the present-day fight to protect Toronto's trees from the emerald ash borer. (See report in this issue.)

In particular, Julie noted that the University of Toronto Area Liaison Committee has accomplished much of value during the past two decades. Basically, her appeal to the Search Committee was that they consider it essential for an

incoming president to be respectful of the Liaison Committee and sensitive to the needs of area residents.

You, too, may take advantage of this opportunity to share your ideas and opinions about the qualifications for a new president of the university. Written submissions are welcome by regular mail to the Chair of the Presidential Search Committee at Simcoe Hall, University of Toronto, or to presidentalsearch@utoronto.ca.

Christian Mueller, PhD



University development

The University of Toronto's Knightstone Capital project on College has ignited development proposals around College and Spadina. And, with the university already owning a bank of 16 properties along the campus borders, future development proposals involving the private sector would not astonish.

Consider three projects within a city block:

245-251 College St.

24 storeys (originally 43), backing on a street of two-storey Victorian cottages. Included are 750+ student beds, on privately held and leased land from the University of Toronto, for use as a privately run dormitory during the school year and a hotel in the summer. This has been

opposed unanimously by City Council and a united front of **adjacent residents' associations** and organizations.

The initial Ontario Municipal Board hearing will be on November 28.

243 College St.

This is a condominium proposal for 30 storeys including five storeys of commercial (not shown in the concept material on this page or on the map on Page 8).

This is to be opposed at the OMB on the same date.

Silver Dollar site, 486 Spadina Ave.

This is for another unaffiliated student residence, presently to be 30 storeys (also not shown on the map on Page 8).

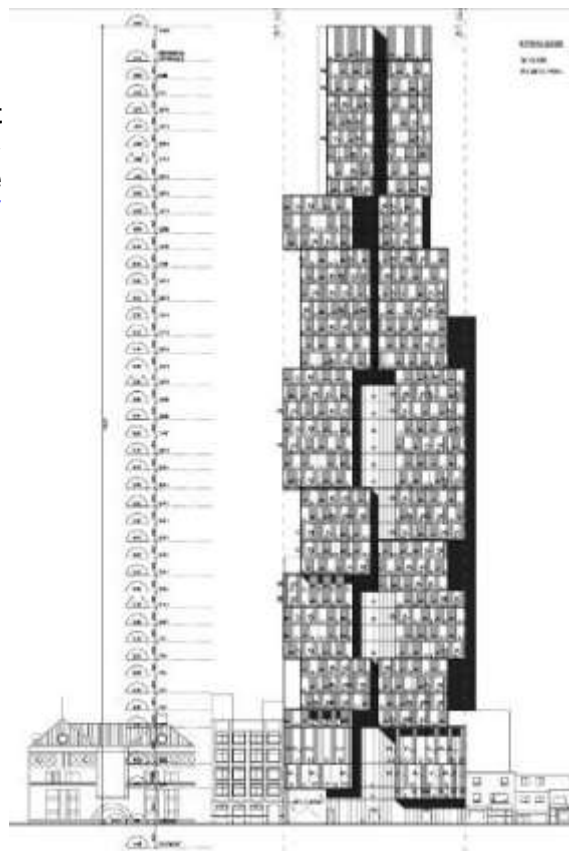
We need your help to fight off these extraordinary developments. Harbord Village, the Annex, Huron-Sussex, the Grange and the Glasgow **Street residents' groups** have formed a coalition to fight these developments and have hired lawyer Charles Campbell of Iler Campbell LLP to fight on our behalf. So far, we have raised more than \$5,000 towards legal fees, but will require more as the case proceeds.

If you can help by attending the hearings, by donating or raising money, please contact Tim Grant at tim@greenteacher.com.

Sue Dexter

"... with the university already owning a bank of 16 properties along the campus borders, future development proposals involving the private sector would not astonish."

The applicant's sketch to the right shows how the development proposed at 245 College would tower over the Lillian Smith Library to the east. The applicant's concept for the same development below shows it in relation to the CAMH building on the north side of College. These renderings are at <http://forum.skyscraperpage.com/showthread.php?t=188607>.





Getting ahead of EAB ash tree killer

"This is way better than we thought, ... We still have a chance to act. ... For the first time, there is a model for treatment of the beetle invasion ..."

Finally, there is some real hope in staving off the Emerald Ash Borer, the green beetle threatening one in 10 Toronto trees, and which is further advanced on the University of Toronto campus than was thought. Some beetles have been found in Harbord Village, but there is still time to take action to save many of our trees.

University of Toronto Faculty of Forestry students Sarah Melamed and Xin Zhou have created a working model for handling the crisis. This would see most infested trees lost, but could save half the ash in Harbord Village and as much as 14 percent of our tree cover in some areas — if we get to work before next spring!

"It's coming faster than we thought," said Sandy Smith, Professor of Entomology. "The campus has

more beetles than predicted."

Four mature university trees have already been cut down, and four others on city lands within the university are terminally infested.

Because a major infestation is invariably fatal, what is promising is that the cost of injecting affected trees is considerably less over time than cutting them down.

"This is way better than we thought," said HVRA Chair Tim Grant when we were given a quick preview of the plan. "We still have a chance to act."

The study was generously financed by U of T Grounds working through the University of Toronto Area Liaison Committee. It was designed to develop a model for responding to the crisis on both the university campus

representing public lands and in Harbord Village, which represents the urban forest. The graduate students worked from the HVRA tree inventory, developed by residents a few years ago (available at the HVRA website). This past summer they evaluated tree conditions on every ash in Harbord Village.

Harbord Village has 18 ash on private properties and 98 on city property — on boulevards or on the city portions of our front yards. There are three recommendations: to cut dying trees immediately, retain sick trees but plant replacements so they will be well established once the older trees die, and finally, this spring, to inject the best trees, which can be saved with insecticides formulated to kill the beetles. Injections are more than 95 percent

effective, new products are on the way. Initial plans are to inject every two years, but this cycle may become longer over time as the infestation will wane with the death of untreated host trees, so costs will lessen over time. Downtown ash can live up to 80 years. If we save them now, they will outlive most homeowners!

Up to now, there has been no formal scientific plan, and information has been scattered. **"For the first time, there is a model for treatment of the beetle invasion which can be applied to other communities," said Prof. Smith.** Already the City of

Healthy and infested ash trees. (Photos on this and the next page provided by UoT forestry students.)





Lovin' our laneways

We have wonderful news!

All the lane names we chose, in spite of hiccups at the city, are proceeding unchanged.

There have been three batches:

These were approved early this year, and the signs are either already up or will be shortly:

- 1: Loretto Lane
- 2: Galvao Lane
- 3: Sappers Lane
- 4: Greenberg Lane
- 5: Immergluck Lane

These were given final approval in September by Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. David French Lane
2. Alan Powell Lane
3. Albert Jackson Lane
4. Douglas Campbell Lane
5. Barker Fairley Lane
6. Boys of Major Lane
7. Barbara Godard Lane
8. William James Lane
9. Leah Cohen Lane
10. Barbara Barrett Lane
- 11: Bagpipe Lane

The names for these lanes had to be modified slightly from our original choices and will be given final approval in **a few months' time.**

1. James Hales Lane
2. Lewis Family Lane
3. Antonio Fernandes Lane
4. Cyril Lane
5. Chapel Hospice Lane

6. Grimsby Dairy Lane
7. Katharine Hockin Lane

With Councillor Vaughan's assistance and our persistence, we have prevailed! This project has captured the imaginations of not just you, the residents of Harbord Village, but also the media, relatives of those being honoured well beyond the borders of HV, and many politicians in the city, who see this project as an ideal consultation and a fine example of community building. Well done all!

Rory 'Gus' Sinclair, Coordinator - Laneway Naming Project

"This project has captured the imaginations of not just you, the residents of Harbord Village, but also the media ..."

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Markham has expressed interest in this forestry model.

Harbord Village ash owners **will be contacted directly.** "We are developing a package to give to owners of ash trees — many of whom we have already met, to help them consider the health of their trees and get a good picture of what was happening," said Sarah Melamed, co-author of the study. All ash trees in the study have been assessed for health, age, and contribution to the canopy.

"We need to be in a position to act by next spring," said Prof. Smith.

Harbord Village residents will **hear a full report at HVRA's** Annual General meeting Oct. 17, 2012. Meantime, board members will be discussing

ways to facilitate protecting our part of the urban forest with City Forestry, our councillor and the university. HVRA could become a pilot project in the fight against the beetle. The HVRA board will also assess whether fund-raising or negotiating favourable rates for service may be necessary.

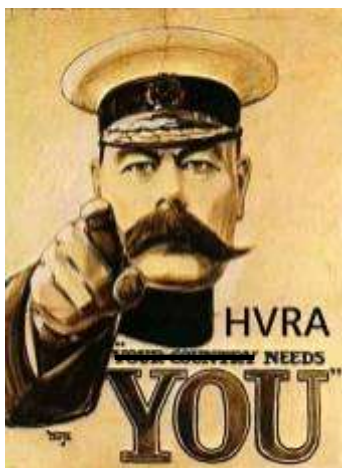
"Trees are a vital part of our community. They provide shade, beauty, they lower our energy costs in both extreme seasons, they clean our air, reduce particulates that cause breathing problems, they fix carbon and they add to the value of

our homes," said Prof. Smith. **"To replace a single mature tree, you would have to plant 61 new trees."**

Tim Grant smiled. "We have room."

Close-up of damage done by the Emerald Ash Borer.





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has been edited by Jane Auster.
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HVRA Board 2011-12

(The 2012-2013 Board is to be elected at the
Annual General Meeting – see Page 1)

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Membership stuff

- *Already a member?* Thanks. In particular, sincere thanks to all of you who have honoured us with your Supporting and Fanatic memberships, which have supported many of the new initiatives we've undertaken.
- *Haven't had a chance to renew?* Now's the time. Simply fill out the renewal slip below and mail it with your cheque.
- *Not yet a member?* Now's the time! Meet your neighbours, have some fun and perhaps devote a few hours to something you want to improve. No time to spare? We understand. But by simply joining, you'll add your name to our ever-growing roster and help make HVRA's voice even better heard at City Hall.
- *Ideas for how to grow our membership, and strengthen connections?* Please contact membership secretary Gail Misra at g.misra@me.com

HVRA Membership & Renewal Form

Not a member yet? Know someone who should be a member?
Please join – to help us continue building a great neighbourhood!

2013 HVRA Membership

Please mail to: Harbord Village Residents' Association

P.O. Box 68522
360A Bloor Street West
Toronto, M5S 1X1

Please check one:

- ☐ Voting Member (individual)\$5/one year; \$10/two years
- ☐ Supporting Member (to support HVRA activities)\$20/one year; \$40/two years
- ☐ Fanatical Member (to really support HVRA activities!)\$50/one year; \$100/two years



Payment can be made via PayPal or credit card at our website: (www.harbordvillage.com) or mail a cheque payable to the Harbord Village Residents' Association, and include:

Name.....New?.....Renewal?.....

Address.....

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