

HVRA

Harbord Village Residents' Association harbordvillage.com

HV Spring Meeting, May 15

Meet your neighbours, and hear important issues and updates. 45 Brunswick Ave., Kensington Gardens North Building, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

HV Resiliency Meeting, May 8

HVRA wants to engage residents to prepare ourselves for potential extreme weather and other emergencies. During Emergency Preparedness Week, please join us to discuss what you think we can do to help each other be more prepared. Knox Church, Harbord at Spadina, 6:45-8:45 p.m.

What issues do you care about?

At HVRA we want to provide information that is useful to our residents, through meetings, eblasts, website, and this semi-annual newsletter. We'd love to hear if you want to see more of same, or are there other topics you think we should be covering? Let us know by emailing chair@harbordvillage.com, or providing feedback at the Spring Meeting.



Richard Longley

Join our residents' association: Be involved and be heard

Merrill Swain

Did you know there is a dynamic neighbourhood association right here in Harbord Village? The Harbord Village Residents' Association (HVRA) has been active for almost 20 years. Over those years, HVRA has brought together neighbours for annual Fall Fairs and spooky Pumpkin Fests. In addition, HVRA has worked closely with the City to bring about important neighbourhood changes such as a redesigned and revitalized Margaret Fairley Park, Doctors' Parkette, the Farmers' (Bloor-Borden) Market, speed humps, in-street planters, and a traffic safety study. It also liaises with developers to incorporate community benefits in new projects. All of these make Harbord Village a better and safer place to live. Check out Harbordvillage.com and this newsletter for more stories about HVRA and its activities.

Whether you're a renter or homeowner, there's a place for you in HVRA. As with any organization, we need new voices, and that voice is yours! For only \$10 a year, you can receive weekly eblasts about neighbourhood happenings, participate in activities, voice your ideas, and vote at the spring (May) and fall (October) meetings. To join HVRA, sign up online at Harbordvillage.com/membership/, or complete the form on the back page of this newsletter.

Winter side-walk issues not forgotten

Bob Stambula

A not-so-great memory from this past winter was the many snow- and ice-covered sidewalks in our otherwise walkable neighbourhood.

Downtown residents/groups and the media joined HVRA to call for Transportation Services to review the harmonization of sidewalk snow removal across the City. A recent *Toronto Star* editorial responded, "Mr. Mayor: Skip the Review, start plowing." We agree. It's time to end the decades-old discriminatory practice of excluding about 1,100 km of downtown neighbourhood sidewalks, the most used sidewalks, while clearing 7,100 km of sidewalks throughout the rest of the city.

HVRA has twice contacted the general manager of Transportation Services to offer help with their review and to host a visit to our neighbourhood. Stay tuned.

This newsletter is produced semi-annually, for the area bounded by Spadina to Bathurst, Bloor to College. HVRA thanks Anne Kerekes as managing editor, Anne Fleming as assistant, Jane Auster for copy-editing, and Ian MacKenzie for his patience and layout skills to create this newsletter.

Chair's message

Gail Misra

Since 2015 you may have seen The Heart Garden, made of coloured paper hearts "planted" in a green space at Major and Bloor. This was created by the children of Trinity–St. Paul's and Bathurst and Bloor Street United churches after they had sent hearts to the closing ceremony of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) that year.

The following spring, tulip bulbs were planted in the form of a medicine wheel, in red, yellow, black (dark purple), and white, representing the four directions, and the need for balancing our physical, spiritual, emotional, and intellectual selves. Trinity–St. Paul's also worked with an Indigenous elder to guide in planting and harvesting the four sacred medicines: tobacco, sage, cedar, and sweet grass. Each year the children help harvest the medicines and plant fresh hearts.

The Heart Garden is a response to the TRC's call for permanent reminders of Canada's residential school history. Trinity–St. Paul's wants to express our collective sorrow for the loss and abuse of so many Indigenous children, and to create a welcoming public space honouring Indigenous spirituality and raising public awareness for reconciliation.

To that end, Trinity–St. Paul's has also engaged with Anishinaabe artist Solomon King to design a permanent public garden, slated to start this summer. We've been asked to reach out to our community to help raise funds for this project. We at HVRA welcome the opportunity to be a part of this reconciliation effort with our Indigenous neighbours. If you would like to donate to the Heart Garden Fund, go to trinitystpauls.ca/heartgarden.

After a tough winter, let's look forward to the tulips, and the many other wonderful harbingers of spring!



Area reports

Northwest

Nicole Schulman & Christian Mueller

At Borden and Lennox, there's a new planted bump-out, adding greenery and enforcing the traffic laws. At Brunswick and Bloor, a mural has been commissioned along the side of the Rexall pharmacy, commemorating Albert's Hall and providing a colourful backdrop for the planned parkette, with plants, seating, and a water fountain. Across the street, the new hotel—named "The Annex"—is now open, with its two planned eating spaces still under construction.

Southwest

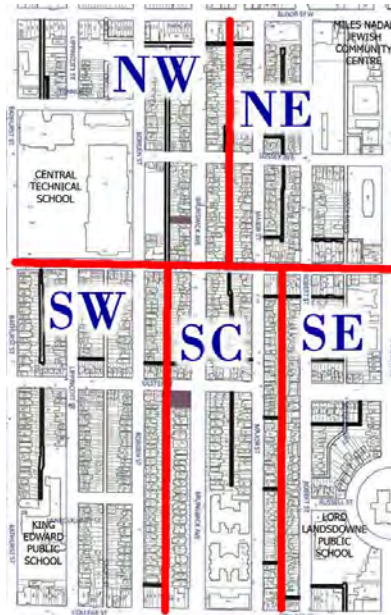
Jane Perdue & Bob Stambula

Recently we were informed by Councillor Layton's office that King Edward School made a second request for a pick-up / drop-off area on Lippincott Street, after a first request failed two years ago. Bob Stambula will consult with the school, the King Edward drivers, Transportation Services, and our councillor.

Frequent retail changes are occurring on College. Last month a "For rent" sign was posted in the window of She Said Boom. A few days later (to the relief of many) a second sign clarified that the popular book and vinyl store was only moving a few doors west. The Bank of Nova Scotia has vacated the

impressive heritage building at the corner of Bathurst and College and moved into a new location at Bathurst near Nassau.

And we are excited to see what plants have returned this year in the Croft Street barrels and containers.



South Central

Margaret Procter & Simon Coleman

Residents of Major and Brunswick did their civic duty this winter by telling the City about uncleared sidewalks, and by helping neighbours with snow clearing and spring cleanup. Doctors' Parkette is a well-used urban oasis in all seasons, still handsome in spite of some broken pavement. Margaret Fairley Park remained popular until covered by sheets of ice; spring brought the need to clean up trash. The City has finally confirmed plans to repave the lower block

of Brunswick, though with no date set. Residents on Major are looking for ways to reduce the number of vehicles parked without permits.

Northeast

Nicholas Provart & Carolee Orme

The first public consultation was held on March 4 for the Robert/Sussex community area that will replace the derelict tennis courts and field house (see article in this newsletter), with approximately 20 of your neighbours attending to provide ideas to the landscape architect. Further meetings were held in April and May. Signage for a "speed control zone" has been installed on Sussex Mews north of Sussex Avenue, reducing the speed to 15 km/h from 40 km/h.

Southeast

Lena Mortensen & Cathy Merkley

Last fall the City installed the neighbourhood's newest set of traffic-calming measures: speed humps on Robert Street between Harbord and Willcox. Construction of the 15-storey rental unit continues on schedule at 484 Spadina. See updates on the construction and its impacts at lordlansdowne.wordpress.com. We will soon be distributing door hangers with information about the Tree For Me program. Neighbours interested in a free tree for their backyard should watch for them.

Harbord Village events: All are welcome



Graham Rempe

April annual Community Cleanup

This family-friendly event on Saturday, April 27, coincided with the Toronto city-wide cleanup. It's a fun way to spring-clean Harbord Village with neighbours, meet and mingle, and enjoy food and prizes donated by local merchants. Thanks to all the volunteers, donors, and participants. To learn more or to join next year, visit facebook.com/harbordvillageclean/.

May Spring Meeting

Reconnect with neighbours and learn about issues that matter to our neighbourhood, Wednesday, May 15, 6:30–9 p.m., at Kensington Gardens, 45 Brunswick.

May–July Dragon Boat

Weekly practice sessions start in May for our very own Harbord Village Rusty Dragons team, a contender in the historic July 1 Canada Day Regatta on Centre Island! All are welcome to join—age, gender, fitness level are no barrier. To learn more or sign up, please call Kate Lushington (team captain) at 416-434-3710, or write HarbordVillageDB@gmail.com.



June Plant and Tree Fair

On Sunday, June 2, 1–3 p.m., celebrate the planting season on the front patio of Kensington Gardens' south building. Choose a free homegrown plant for your garden, deck, or windowsill. Also pick up the free trees or shrubs you've ordered through Tree For Me (treeforme.ca). Get advice on gardening and tree planting. Keep our neighbourhood green!



Leslie Thompson



Farmers Market Ontario

June–October Bloor-Borden Farmers Market

Thanks to the efforts of area residents and businesses, our neighbourhood has enjoyed our very own farmers market for 12 years, featuring the fresh and tasty provisions of approximately 20 Ontario farmers from east, west, and north of the city. The market opens June 5 and continues every Wednesday, 3–7 p.m., rain or shine, to Oct. 23. Drop by and support your local farmers.

September Fall Fair

Capping the end of summer is our biggest social event of the year—the Annual Fall Fair in Margaret Fairley Park, Sunday, Sept. 8—noon to 6 p.m. There is something for everyone, with live entertainment, BBQ, beer and wine, community interest tables, kids' games and face-painting, Nags Players sketches, baked goods made by your neighbours, and a silent auction. Volunteers help make this a great event, so if you are inclined to do a shift as a burger flipper, or selling tickets, or minding the silent auction, just let Gus Sinclair know: rorygus.sinclair@outlook.com or 416-543-2785.



Graham Rempe

October AGM

Guest speakers, board elections, and more. Wednesday, Oct. 16, 6:30–9:00 p.m. in Kensington Gardens, 25 Brunswick.

November PumpkinFest

On November 1, thousands of adults and children come out to delight in Halloween pumpkins carved by our residents, lit up and displayed along Harbord. To volunteer, contact chair@harbordvillage.com.

Is your calendar full yet? For more details on any of the above events, check out harbordvillage.com closer to the dates.

Harbord Village also has many committees to join. If you have an interest in gardening, greening, transportation, and more, see page 14.



Anne Fleming

HVRA Fall Fair: Changes in the wind

Gail Misra

Harbord Village residents have enjoyed the Fall Fair for over 25 years, with Gus Sinclair at the helm organizing the event. The 2019 event will be his last, however, so we thank him for his efforts and we look forward to someone reading this article to volunteer to shadow Gus in 2019, to organize the Fair for the next few years. If you are that person or can think of someone to approach, please contact Gail Misra at chair@harbordvillage.com.

If no one steps forward between now and the end of July, then we will explore potential alternatives to the current format that would make the fair manageable for HVRA to mount over the next few years. This will be a topic for Area Caucus discussion at the Spring Meeting. We welcome your ideas and suggestions.

HV Tree Inventory findings: Our tree population in peril

Leah Ritcey-Thorpe



Leah Ritcey-Thorpe

In summer 2018, HVRA and the UofT Faculty of Forestry completed a comprehensive tree inventory of the entire urban forest of Harbord Village, using a community-based urban forestry protocol called Neighbourwoods. Our original inventory was completed in 2007/8; now we are the first Toronto community to re-inventory its trees to better assess trends.

With more people and development in urban areas, extreme weather events, and advanced age of many of our trees, it's more important than ever to document, monitor, and grow our urban forest. The completion of these inventories provides great insight into the current state of our forest.

Including the locations of all inventoried trees, we now have data about tree types, their measurements, health, and structural problems. This information is in a searchable database that can be filtered by address. In future, it will be used by the Forestry Faculty to create a forest-management plan for our community.

Important trends noted include fewer trees and an overall loss of canopy, due to the death or removal of a number of large-tree species. Out of 6,386 trees initially catalogued, 1,371—over 20 per cent—were removed or died. With the loss of extra-large species such as silver maples and oaks comes a reduction in the canopy that provides environmental and aesthetic benefits Harbord Village has enjoyed for many decades.

A map of the locations of all living trees, standing dead trees, and removed trees shows that many removed and dead trees were located on private land. While planting more new trees on our properties is important, maintaining our current forest of 4,552 trees is also vital, given that many new plantings will be slow- or small-growing cultivars that seldom contribute to improving overall canopy.

Learn more about this important issue at the May 15 Spring Meeting.

Help our tree population with the City of Toronto and Tree for Me

Nicole Schulman



For more than a century Harbord Village has been full of greenery, trees, and shrubs, which are beautiful and improve our quality of life. Their shade cools our houses in the summer, and their roots minimize flooding damage. They produce oxygen for us to breathe and reduce air pollution. Studies show that simply seeing trees through a window improves our well-being. But we must take action if we want to maintain our urban forest against the losses detailed in the Harbord Village Tree Inventory.

City of Toronto owns most of the land in front of our houses, and if there is enough room, they will happily plant a tree for free. Homeowners can call 311 to request one. If you are a renter, consider asking your landlord to let the City plant; many renters are unaware of this free service. There is a wide variety of available trees, some larger, some smaller, some faster or slower growing. See the selection online at toronto.ca/data/parks/pdf/trees/street-tree-brochure.pdf. So, if you do not have a tree in your front yard, make the call! It's easy and it will benefit the community for decades to come.

Trees For Me is another avenue to help green our neighbourhood. HVRA has partnered with them for free trees and shrubs for residents' backyards (or whatever part of the frontyard the City doesn't own). These are young plants in two-gallon pots, and while some will become large trees, others are suitable for container growing. You can request up to two by registering at treeforme.ca/plant or filling out a paper form at the HVRA May 15 Spring Meeting. Then, come to our June 2 Plant Fair to pick them up and learn how to plant and care for them. Let's keep Harbord Village green!

City Council restructuring update

Sue Dexter

Care to serve at City Hall on a community board dealing with local issues? What would such a board handle? How might it be designed to restore citizen input into our civic government after Ford's cuts to council? Are there other structures that would restore local democracy?

Residents' associations have coalesced to deal with just such questions and will be seeking public input into the process following the reduction in City Council from 47 to 25 councillors.

Six months later, with half of councillor positions erased, we can see the effects:

- Councillors challenged in navigating the new governmental structure, overwhelmed by constituent issues and less able to research policy initiatives;
- We see them struggling with how to structure their offices to deal with wards that have doubled in size and may contain diverse populations with different community interests;
- With fewer councillors, debates have been foreshortened, reducing the number of arguments considered on any council item and limiting public understanding of policies.

(Compare this: HVRA represents an area that contained 6,522 residents in 2016 and our association elects a 17-member board; City Council represents 2.732 million residents, and now comprises 25 councillors.)

In the first four months of the new council, RAs first responded to protect the level of service from councillor's offices. Sixty-seven RAs city-wide campaigned successfully to ensure the same staffing levels per constituent going forward as had been in place for the 47-member council.

A city-wide summit of RAs and organizations led by Dave Meslin has begun the work of extending our reach into parts of the City that are not represented. tango.to/

The Special Committee on Governance has only five members who, over the next year, will assess how council is performing, and what changes in structure may be needed to ensure an effective and representative government. This committee may see an expanded role for citizens, below that of Community Councils. See [youtube.com/watch?v=&NJ1Tldgshc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=&NJ1Tldgshc).

Paramount for HVRA has been the need to engage the public in discussions of any such change. Send us your thoughts. Come out to the public meetings. We have truly entered the era of: Ask not what your City can do for you, but what you can do for your City.

Renewal is coming to the Robert Street Field!

Nicholas Provart, Sue Dexter, and Carolee Orme

After many years of institutional neglect, the northeast-most corner of Harbord Village will soon see renewal. As part of an OMB-mediated settlement between the University of Toronto, the City of Toronto, and the HVRA to permit construction of a new student residence at 698–702 Spadina Ave., the University of Toronto will improve the Aura Lee playing field, increasing its length to be the size of an official soccer pitch and permit access by the community on weekends. The chainlink fence will be replaced by new fencing similar to that surrounding the back campus of the university on Hoskin Avenue.

In addition, most of the land (1590 sq. m.) now occupied by two derelict tennis courts and the field house will become a community-accessible green space on the university-owned land by the end of the year. The university has hired NAK Design Strategies to work with HVRA and the City to design a park with input from the community. The first public meeting was held on March 4 at UTS, and approximately 20 of your neighbours attended to provide ideas. "Green" and "a place for all ages" were the top two concepts, while other suggestions ranged from "having something for kids" to "Frisbee golf course." Two more meetings to review and finalize the design of the park were

scheduled for April 2 and May 7, 6–7 p.m. at Parish Hall, St. Thomas Church, 383 Huron St.

The current rink will serve as a staging ground for construction of the student residence, and then potentially become a multi-use court area, but only for five years. The new park at the north end of the tower at 666 Spadina Ave. is a separate initiative by the City. However, both park projects need to be finished before construction of the respective projects can proceed.



Nicholas Provart

The in-street planters are here

Jennette Boehmer

Late last fall, in-street planters replaced some of the smaller concrete boxes that make up the neighbourhood traffic maze. Two years in planning, this project, part of the Harbord Village Green Master Plan, is a collaboration between our community and the City. Intended to improve traffic calming, intercept storm water, and beautify our streetscape, in-street planters now live at Borden/Lennox, Borden/Ulster, Major/Ulster, and Major/Sussex. Remaining concrete planters are slated for replacement within the next year or so.

The new planters are promising, and we anticipate seeing their full impact as the plantings mature. Many deserve credit: resident gardeners who shape the initiative and will tend the planters; Daniel



Jennette Boehmer

Suss, who masterminded the T-intersection design (see Major/Ulster) and proposes innovations for the next phase; Robert Mays, City project

manager, who partners with us in the best possible way; and you, who patiently lived with the inconvenience of construction.

Our Houses Have Stories: Did William St. Croix Build Your House?

Leslie Thompson

HV resident & current Chair (President) of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario

Our houses have stories. A neighbour found love letters under the floorboards; I found a “medicinal bottle” tucked in the basement rafters. This article is the story of one of the builders of Harbord Village, William St. Croix (1834–1920). If you live at one of the homes listed in the box on page 11, then your home was built by William St. Croix, a penniless immigrant who applied the Victorian values of frugality, hard work, family, and good character to succeed.

Architectural Styles

William St. Croix had a flair for design. His houses include both Toronto Bay ‘n’ Gable and Second Empire examples. The red-brick peaked houses are distinguished by patterned buff brickwork and hooded window details. His Second Empire homes on Robert Street also feature buff brick, which at the time was an expensive feature.

Early Life

St. Croix was born on the Island of Jersey of French (Huguenot) parentage. He became a bricklayer and mason, travelled through France and England, arriving in Toronto in 1854 “with only one York shilling, which constituted his entire wealth.”¹ For the first year he worked as a journeyman and learned to speak English. He began a modest construction business, establishing a window sash factory on Hayter Street, eventually saving enough to buy newly subdivided lots in neighbourhoods like ours.

Nineteenth-Century Building Boom

The typical pattern of residential development in early Toronto began with the purchase of one or more adjoining lots by a contractor. As houses were built, workers or contractors lived in the unfinished houses. Once completed, the houses were sold or rented until they could be



sold. Proceeds were then invested in more land purchases and building construction.

Our homes appear on the map in the short period from 1884 to 1890,² a time of great expansion as Toronto’s population grew from 56,400 in 1881 to 181,000 in 1891.³ St. Croix was typical of the entrepreneurial spirit of the time. His business expanded to employ seventy-five workers who built residential, commercial, and public buildings, including the now demolished police station near the former General Post Office, Phoenix Block on Front Street, several warehouse blocks on Yonge St.,⁴ and the elegant Second Empire-style buildings at 580–582 Church St., known as the William St. Croix Houses.⁵

We look forward to learning even more about the people who built and first lived in Harbord Village with Toronto’s Study for Harbord Village Conservation District Phase 3, slated for this summer. In the meantime, visit the Heritage table at the Fall Fair to discover the history of your house!

2. See Goad’s *Fire Atlases*, Toronto Archives.

3. Canada Census records.

4. Ibid.; Blackett Robinson, *History of the City of Toronto*.

5. City of Toronto, Heritage Preservation Services, Staff Report for Heritage Designation, 2013.

1. C. Blackett Robinson, *History of the City of Toronto* (1885), 361–2.



Major Street			
House no.	Built	House no.	Built
117	1886	125	1886
119	1886	127	1886
121	1886	129	1886
123	1886	131	1886
Robert Street			
House no.	Built	House no.	Built
122	1885	138	1886
124	1884	140	1886
126	1884	142	1886
128	1884	152	1886
130	1885	154	1886
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134	1885	158	1886
136	1885		

Street Safety Update

Carole Orme



With warmer weather and more residents outside, the impact of drivers ignoring stop signs and driving the wrong way, as identified in our 2018 Traffic Survey, will be more of an issue.

HVRA's Transportation Committee has been exploring how to improve road safety and support Vision Zero in the neighbourhood. We look forward to the installation of a traffic light at Harbord and Robert, and we've been talking to Councillor Layton about improving signage and instituting enforcement blitzes. We also hope to see traffic-calming benefits from new speed humps on Robert below Harbord and bump-outs installed in the fall. Residents are already seeing improvements, particularly at T-intersections at Major/Ulster and Borden/Lennox. And perhaps next winter, the City will be clearing our sidewalks, improving mobility and safety for all of us.

HVRA is also working again with UofT Engineering students to look at transportation issues, specifically the City's proposed plan to establish a north-south bike route through Harbord Village from College to Bloor. We will be involved in the public consultation on what street(s) will be used. Of particular concern is the connection to the bike lane on Bellevue, south of College. It is offset from both Borden and Brunswick, so crossing College is a safety challenge for cyclists and pedestrians. Merrill Swain and Gord Brown are guiding the students as they explore options.

Community Builders

Gus Sinclair

Ann Eyerman



Ann Eyerman has been building community in Harbord Village for many years in many roles. For the last few years she was the editor of the informative and entertaining HV weekly e-blasts. Ann was on the Transportation Committee and very involved in the recent Traffic Study. She worked the Fall Fair Heritage Table for years, raised record donation amounts for the Silent Auction, was a charter member of HV Gardeners, and served on the HVRA Board.

Ann moved out of Harbord Village nearly a year ago but still continued sending out the e-blasts until March 2019. We are all in her debt for her many contributions and wish her well in her new community.

Daniel Suss

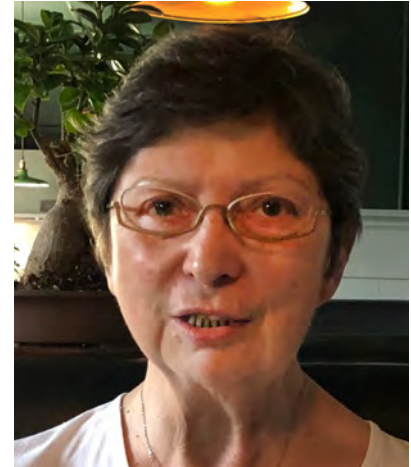


Daniel Suss is passionate about environmental sustainability as evidenced by his involvement in a successful compost-only, plant-based Toronto restaurant.

So he was excited about HV's many green projects, like our pioneering Green Plan and in-ground planter prototype at Robert/Russell. And when the Transportation Department agreed to help fund other in-ground planters on Ulster, Daniel got involved, visually mapping out how these could best achieve greening (including canopy building, traffic calming/orienting and stormwater percolating goals).

We thank Daniel for helping HVRA and the City better improve these public spaces.

Jennette Boehmer



Since moving to Harbord Village, Jennette has championed our greening goals, becoming an HV Gardener, and planning a few Plant Fairs.

Since 2015, she has helped our concrete planter gardeners with spring cleaning, compost delivery, and finding adopters for orphan planters. In 2016, she became our HV contact when the City offered plants for concrete planters. She helped identify suitable plants, facilitate plant ordering, and more. And recently Jennette played a key role in finding ways to best implement the new in-ground planters.

Congratulations, Jennette, for making Harbord Village green!

Changing of the guard for e-blasts: As Ann Eyerman moves on, Anne Fleming steps in as our new editor. She brings experience creating newsletters for King Edward Public School, and she blogs and emails for the AGO Volunteers group. Welcome Anne!

Tino Torreira



Tino Torreira and Torreira Import Auto Service at Harbord and Major have been neighbourhood fixtures for 34 years, providing outstanding service to HV residents.

Sadly, after May 31, Torreira Import Auto Service will close, as the owner of the property has sold it to a third party.

Tino has been an essential part of HV, and it has been such a luxury to have a first-class mechanic within walking distance of our homes. Tino plans to stay nearby and will look for a small garage to start again.

HVRA is proud to present him with the **Community Builder Award**.

HV welcomes new eateries

Anne Kerekes

There is always something new when it comes to HV restaurants. Last year we bid adieu to Caplansky's and The Boulevard Cafe; both locations show signs of new establishments in development. In the meantime, here are some new eateries to enjoy right now:



At 141 Harbord (east of Brunswick, in the old Flip Toss & Thai locale), **Matha Roti** brings a touch of India to the heart of HV. There is a roti for everybody with over 20 vegetarian and non-veg options to choose from. matharoti.com



At 348 Bloor, west of Spadina is **Zaad**, a great Middle Eastern option in our area. The menu features shawarma, saj wraps, kebabs, salads, and dips, all made from scratch. For an authentic and healthy Middle Eastern meal, Zaad is worth checking out.



Over on 409 College, at Lippincott, **32 Chicken St.** puts a Korean twist on fried chicken and burgers, with innovative toppings and a seasoned batter powder imported from Korea. Portions are generous, perfect for when you have that fast-food craving but want something a bit different.



Across the street at 430 College, **Istanbul Shawarma** has an extensive Turkish-influenced menu of falafel, gyros, souvlaki, simi, lentil soups, and desserts. With a bright and friendly ambience, it's a welcome addition to HV. istanbulshawarma.ca



Finally, what's old is new again, as **The Green Room** makes 414 College its new home, after vacating its old digs at Barbara Barrett Lane. The decor and the ambience are the same, with reasonable food and drink options to appeal to the young and young at heart.

HVRA committees

Harbord Village has many committees that focus on specific areas that benefit our neighbourhood.

Board search/Nomination

Finds at least one candidate for each vacant board position before the AGM

Communications

Oversees the newsletter, website, weekly e-blasts

Gardening

Enhances Harbord Village with personal and public gardening initiatives

Heritage

Documents and preserves the unique history of Harbord Village

Membership

Grows and nurtures Harbord Village membership

Parents consultation

Focuses on issues of interest to area parents

Transportation

Works towards community-based solutions for pedestrian safety related to the use of cars and bicycles.

If you are interested in more information or joining, contact search2019@harbordvillage.com.

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HVRA membership & renewal form

Please check one:

- ☐ Voting member (individual) \$10
☐ Enthusiastic member \$20
☐ Fanatical member \$50

Payment can be made online at <https://harbordvillage.com/membership>.

Or mail a cheque payable to *Harbord Village Residents' Association* at HVRA, PO Box 68522, 360A Bloor Street West, Toronto M5S 1X1.

Name

☐ New

☐ Renewal

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