

Graffiti Removal Day

HVRA's Environment Committee has developed the following strategies for removing the graffiti found in our neighbourhood:

(1) If you would like to encourage a residential or institutional neighbour to remove the graffiti on his or her home or building, HVRA will provide a supportive letter addressed to the owner that is signed by HVRA's current president.

(2) Graffiti Removal Day is a community event devoted

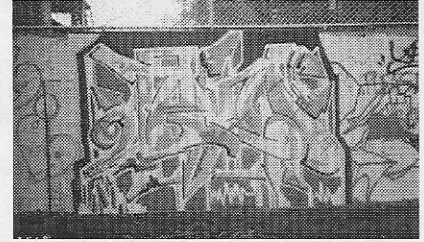
to the eradication of graffiti in selected areas within the HVRA boundaries.

A day will be designated for this event between May and July (before the end of June if students from Central Tech participate).

Graffiti Removal Day is for anyone interested in the beautification of the HVRA area. Volunteers from Central Tech can use the activity to help fulfill their community credits requirement. Since this is the first time we will be

holding this event, we will likely start with smaller groups of people, targeting a few specific areas to get a sense of how the Graffiti Removal Day works out.

Helen Kennedy of Olivia Chow's office, working with 14 Division, will help us identify some of the graffiti "hot spots" in our neighbourhood. The police have access to donated paint supplies to help residents in their efforts. (Please identify any areas you feel are most deserving of our attention.)



NYC Train graffiti, circa 1989

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How does a Graffiti Removal Day work?

People work in teams target different locations, much the way the HVRA spring and fall cleanups divide and conquer the neighbourhood.

- We will need one or two volunteers to drive around the neighbourhood delivering paint and collecting empty paint tins.
- We will need area coordinators to divide the teams.
- We will need a community liaison person to work with Olivia Chow's office, Central Tech and possibly the two Business Improvement Areas.
- We will need someone to look after coordination of supplies.

For more information, please contact:
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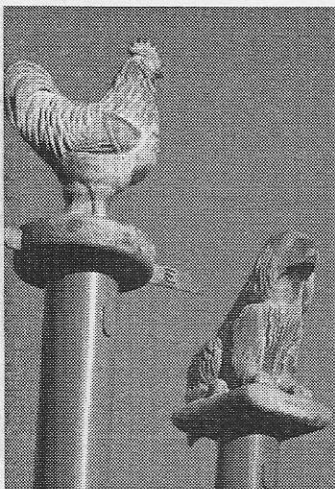
There's been progress on several major developments in the University area. The Royal Ontario Museum has agreed to give \$100,000 for new tree plantings in the area and \$50,000 for new plantings next to the site to replace the eight major trees it will take down on its Bloor St. site. Many of the remaining smaller trees and shrubs on the site will be transplanted to University College and City of

Toronto parks. ROM officials have responded positively to our suggestions that the overhanging extension over the Bloor St. sidewalk should be crystal, and that the beginnings of a new Taddle Creek water feature be constructed at the north end of Philosopher's Walk on ROM property. A pool that reflects the Libeskind crystal has been suggested, along with a

series of pools and waterfalls as the ROM property meets Philosopher's Walk.

The University of Toronto has negotiated an agreement with the City to protect the Fitzgerald Building, which abuts the new Pharmacy building on College Street just east of Queen's Park, under a heritage easement. If approved it would avert a costly hearing at the Ontario Municipal Board.

Reference links:
http://www.rom.on.ca/mas/terplan/studio_crystalhighlights.php



At Sussex & Spadina: bronze castings of Rooster and Spaniel.

HVRA Launches Tree Champions Program

Did you know that over the next ten years most of the mature trees in our area will be gone?

Enhancing our neighbourhood forest has never been more important. Not only do trees beautify our neighbourhood and increase the value of properties, they also provide invaluable benefits. Trees filter out 80-90% of airborne

pollutants with their leaves. They provide windbreaks in winter, and in the summer, their shade protects us from harmful ultra violet radiation and protects our gardens and lawns from drought. Finally, trees can also help reduce heating and cooling bills costs by up to 40 percent.

To increase the number of trees in our

neighbourhood, HVRA's Environment Committee has launched a Tree Champions program. Any resident who helps **three** neighbours fill out and submit an application to the City of Toronto for a free front-yard tree, will receive a free HVRA t-shirt, and have their name added to a list of Tree Champions at the HVRA website.

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Contact your Area Representative to obtain any of the following:

- A City of Toronto application form that describes the 29 types of trees the City is willing to plant in your front yard for free.
- A letter prepared by the Environment Committee describing the benefits of trees that can be given to any homeowner of a front lawn without a tree.
- A flyer describing the Tree Champions program.

For more information, contact Beth McAuley at 416-924-3856 or bmcauley@web.net.

Note: July 15th is the deadline to apply to the City for a fall planting of a front-yard tree. (For a low-cost backyard tree, contact LEAF, a non-profit organization, at 416-413-9244.)

HVRA Membership Form

This is your chance to join – when you do you will be updated on the latest events and happenings. Please detach this form, fill it out and send it to our mailing address:

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Your Info:

Name _____
Address _____
Postal Code _____
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Interests: ☐ Environment
☐ Parking
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☐ Graffiti/Garbage
☐ Other: _____