



**BRIAN VILLAGE
ASSOCIATION**

Brian Village Association

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BVA Newsletter

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President's Report:

It has been an unusually cold winter. As the local resident's association, we have reached out and notified the Councillor's office as well as the 311 and winter operations to ensure that the snow is cleared off our streets on time. We continue to remain involved to ensure that our community voice is heard. We reached out to TO winter operations and Councillor's office to remind the snow plows NOT to dump snow in front of residents' driveways - **Clear the windrows while clearing the snow!** Do you have any snow related problems? You can dial 311 and notify them. You can also reach out to the Councillor's office at 416-338-2650 or by email at Councillor_Carroll@toronto.ca

We have provided constructive input to reduce speeding in the neighborhood as well as ensured that speed reduction measures do not increase the

traffic congestion during rush hours. Last fall, we held a Councillor and School Trustee all-candidates debate at Brian Public School which was well attended.

Thank you all for your support! We have more events and Socials happening this year. Please mark your calendars – Thu, April 25th – BVA AGM, 6- 8 pm at the Pleasantview Community Centre. The AGM will also provide an opportunity to renew membership in BVA.

Sat, May 11th – BVA Mothers Day community/members Potluck at the Pleasantview Community Centre. We will let you know more details by means of a registration email for the potluck that will be sent out closer to the date.

A big Thank You to all Volunteers & Executives for their wonderful work!!

– Divya Nayak

President, Brian Village Association

BVA NEWSLETTER - Advertising and Article Submission details:

The BVA newsletter is published by the Brian Village Association. The circulation is 1100. Reports, articles and community notices are welcome. Submission deadlines are February 15, May 15, September 15, and November 15. Please send your articles to the attention of Minoo Kotwal at infobrianvillage@gmail.com. We promote our local businesses to our residents. Your Business Card ad will cost only \$100.00 for four consecutive issues. Please make your cheque payable to Brian Village Association. You can mail or drop off your Business Card and Cheque to our treasurer: Susan Wakutz at 80 Crossbow Crescent, Toronto, ON, M2J 4B4. For Advertising inquiries, please contact Divya Nayak at infobrianvillage@gmail.com

OUR 2019 EVENTS

AGM : Thu, April 25

Mother's Day Potluck:

Sat, May 11

BVA Halloween Fun: TBD



Attention:

High School Students, we need volunteers! If you need volunteer hours to complete your 40 hours of community service please email: infobrianvillage@gmail.com

Neighbourhood News: CONSUMERSNEXT Update:

It won't be long before construction resumes in the Consumers Road area after a brief hiatus this winter. While construction may have stalled, the Builders have not. A consortium of Builders has been in litigation with the City appealing for changes to the Official Plan in their favour. If their appeals are successful it could negatively impact our community in terms of more traffic congestion and a strain on our community resources.

Members of the Brian Village and surrounding communities had invested time to provide extensive input to the City of Toronto and key stakeholders to help create a mutually agreed upon vision for a project called ConsumersNext. This project hopes to transform the Consumer Road Business Park into a vibrant community consisting of a mix of residential and commercial building, restaurants, bicycle lanes, outdoor gathering spaces and so much more. The plan was approved last Spring but the Builders immediately filed several appeals to overturn the requests our Community deemed the most critical.

The Builders are primarily challenging what the City and surrounding communities believe is acceptable in terms of the number of new units built and corresponding number of new residents we will be sharing our roads and community resources with. The Developers want to almost double the figures we agreed to along with the City and other stakeholders involved in developing the Official Plan.

We've attended every Tribunal hearing to counter the Developers appeals. With thanks to members of the Armenian Church/Community Centre and their legal team we have not yet lost our battle. However, the battle is not over and if you are interested in lending your support, now is the time to get involved.

Without a reasonable cap on the number of units being built we could see increased demands on our infrastructure, community recreational programs and public spaces.

Your article could be here: Contact Minoo Kotwal for details at infobrianvillage@gmail.com

Your Ad could be here: Contact Divya Nayak for details at infobrianvillage@gmail.com



We are on the web, Look us up at:

<https://www.brianvillage.com/>



Message from the Councillor:

Dear friends of Brian Village,

2018 has been particularly special to me because I was honoured with the opportunity to serve you again – on December 1st, 2018, I officially took office as City Councillor for the new Ward 17, Don Valley North.

Don Valley North is home to many incredible neighbourhoods. I am looking forward to working with you over the next four years to advance Brian Village and the rest of our ward as one of Toronto's leading communities.

Should you have any specific City-related concerns, my team and I would be more than happy to help you. Please contact me at councillor_carroll@toronto.ca or call us at 416-338-2650.

Warm greetings,

Councillor Shelley Carroll

Ward 17 – Don Valley North

Get involved in your community! Join us at the Brian Village Association. Get to know your neighbours and help! Please contact Evelyn Karoulis at: infobrianvillage@gmail.com to find out about the membership details.