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A NEWSLETTER OF THE BEDFORD PARK RESIDENTS ORGANIZATION

The pace of commercial and residential development around the community has increased dramatically.



Development All Around

Here are updates for three properties where development proposals are being opposed by members, with the assistance of BPRO.

Riocan (1717 Avenue Road)

Nearly 200 concerned residents have signed our petition during the recent public meeting and on our website. Thanks to everyone.

We are now preparing deputations for Community Council. Please contact Dottie Wilson at 416.781.0111 if you can help or email the Riocan Committee at riocan@mybpro.com

Bedford Park United Church

A Committee of concerned residents has been established and a petition is being circulated. A meeting is being setup with the Church to discuss these concerns.

Please contact Mike Walker at 416.488.0059 or email the Church Committee at church@mybpro.com for information or if you can help.

60-62 Woburn

This project was taken to the OMB by Councillor Stintz. The neighbouring residents prepared a petition which was signed by 50 residents. BPRO presented these concerns at the OMB hearing. Results are awaited.

Please contact Donna Ross at 416.932.0710 or email woburn@mybpro.com.

TRAFFIC

The increasing number of cars, and consequently the higher levels of traffic on our community streets continues to be a growing cause for concern among residents.

If you wish to be involved in our Traffic Committee, that will identify and address these issues, please contact Robert Amaron at 416.489.7916 or email traffic@mybpro.com

BPRO would like to establish a Development Committee to deal with such ongoing issues. Please contact Shefali Kumar at 416.932.2406 or email develop@mybpro.com if you can help.

MEMBERSHIP FORM (2005-06)

The mission of BPRO is to maintain and enhance the character of our neighbourhood as a safe and desirable place to live by presenting a strong and unified community voice on key issues. To do this we need your support. Annual fee is \$15 per family. Your membership fees and donations help to publish newsletters and flyers, maintain the website and support events we will host for the community. Thank you in advance for your support.

Payment Enclosed \$15 (per family) cash / cheque (Please make cheques payable to Bedford Park Residents Organization)

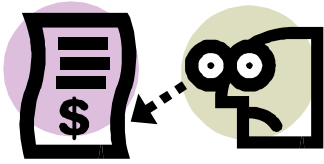
Name(s): Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. / Dr. / Prof. _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact - Email Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Date: _____

Please mail completed forms to PO Box 94021, 3409 Yonge Street, Toronto, ON M4N 2L0



Is Your Property Tax Assessment Too High?

Many Bedford Park residents have recently received their 2006 Municipal Property Tax Assessments in the mail.

Homes in the area have witnessed an increase of up to 16% over the past 18 months. The provincial agency responsible for the assessments, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) considers location, lot size, size of home and renovations/additions in making the assessment.

Ward 16 (Eglinton/Lawrence) Councillor

Karen Stintz, who has been advocating controls on property assessments, has urged the Ontario Ombudsman to look into the increases.

If you wish to appeal your assessment, the deadline is 31 December 2006. More information is available by calling the MPAC at **1.866.296.MPAC (6722)**, or at the MPAC website (<http://www.mpac.ca>).

You may also visit Councillor Karen Stintz's website, <http://www.karenstintz.com/issues>.

Right To Access

Recently, City staff were recommending that Council pass a by-law to permit any property owner wishing to make repairs or alterations to his/her home to have the automatic right to access via a neighbouring property, simply upon providing written notice. Under the proposal, a neighbour not consenting to access would be subject to a fine of up to \$5,000.

Ward 25 Councillor Cliff Jenkins opposed this proposal based on comments from community associations, including the BPRO.

Right to Access proposal came before the City's Planning and Transportation Committee, where after deliberation, it was referred back from reconsideration.

If you wish more information about this issue, or if you wish to be added to the Councillor's mailing list, please e-mail him at councillor_jenkins@toronto.ca or call his office at 416.395.6408

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

Hearings

Letters expressing concerns were submitted to the Committee of Adjustment by BPRO for the applications below:

**161 Roe Avenue
316 St. Germain Avenue**

Please contact Shefali Kumar at 416.932.2406 or email develop@mybpro.com if you are concerned about a pending hearing.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

November 2006

The next municipal elections will be held on November 13, 2006.

We will provide you with updates on the councillor and mayoral candidates, and also get the candidates involved in a debate about the issues.

More in the Fall issue of the *Clarion*.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

In our attempts to invigorate this community organisation, we urgently require volunteers to organise and run the following planned community events:

Family Day (Summer), Health Day (Fall), and a Halloween Event

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Maria Harraghy at 416.487.1914 or email events@mybpro.com

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