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### FEEL FREE TO CONTACT OUR COMMITTEES:

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- **PARA Parking and Traffic** - Bowen Tritter is Chair ([bowen@tritter.ca](mailto:bowen@tritter.ca))
- **PARA Social Committee** – Benita Black is Chair ([familynoir@rogers.com](mailto:familynoir@rogers.com))

**OUR BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OUR LATEST NEWS.** We are working with various city agencies, the TPA and the BIA to create a more suitable Playter entry feature along both sides of Playter Blvd., the historic entrance to Playter Estates. The timeline for TPA to develop its permanent lot at that site will determine when any plans could be put in place (possibly in 2-3 years). In the meantime the PARA Beautification Committee is consulting with a variety of experts and hopes to present some revised conceptual plans to the community at a future PARA meeting. We will need your input!

### NOTES FROM THE FORESTRY COMMITTEE

Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, at Jackman Avenue School – PARA set up a table at their Spring Fair. We presented the results of our forest inventory and discussed issues our residents are concerned about. We also had City of Toronto tree selection forms and backyard planting information from LEAF. If you missed the fair and would like more information about the recommended native trees to plant go to our web site [www.playterarearesidents.com](http://www.playterarearesidents.com). The Playter Forest Inventory 2016 is now available there as well.

Rolf Struthers, Chair of the PARA Urban Forest committee, gave a brief overview of the inventory report at the April AGM.

Last summer we managed to inventory 1104 trees (see Table 1, Page 22 in the report) in the Playter Forest. We found that in general Playter private trees are in excellent health. We also found that many City trees (located in the road allowance zone between your property and the sidewalk) are maturing and declining in health. Although there are 97 different species found in the Playter Forest there are predominantly 3 species: Norway Maple, Tree of Heaven and White Mulberry. These three species are all non-native species. The Forestry Committee is planning to meet with the City to help identify planting sites, identify species appropriate for the Playter forest, ask residents to select a tree species (preferably a native tree) and arrange for tree planting. The application for a street tree and links to tree planting organizations such as LEAF available on the PARA website as well as a recommended list of tree species to plant on pages 56-59 of the PARA Forest Inventory Report. This summer we are planning to go door to door to ask residents to plant trees on potential planting sites. We are also planning to update our inventory to include trees that have been removed since last summer. Remember to water your trees especially if they have been planted recently. Please consider joining our committee.

# SAVE THE DATE!

Playter Area Residents Association (PARA)  
**Pot Luck Street Party,**  
September 23, 2017.  
Playter Crescent.  
All ages, games for the kids and adults too!  
Live bands and jams, so bring your instrument.  
B.Y.O.B and chairs.

If you would like to help with the organizing of this or any other events, email,  
Social Committee Chair;  
Benita, [familynoir@rogers.com](mailto:familynoir@rogers.com).  
Details to follow on our web site [www.playterarearesidents.com](http://www.playterarearesidents.com) and in our September Newsletter. Speaking from experience, Benita always throws a great party!

## OUR THANKS

Thanks to all who signed up to join our Committee's or as Street Reps

President: **We need a President** Rex Hagon-Interim President

Vice President: Konstantine Balkos

Secretary: **We need a Secretary**, Please step forward!

Treasurer: Stephen Sibalis

Membership Co-ordinator: Lola Bratty

Communications: Joanne Hutchinson

## STREET REPS: Two per street if possible!

**BROWNING AVE.** Alison Forrester

**ELLERBECK ST.** Angela Mandalas.

**BAYFIELD CRES.** Elizabeth Miller

**BUTTERNUT AVE.** Gillian Arclaure,

**JACKMAN AVE.** Stephen Jack & Lola Bratty

**PLAYTER CRES.** Benita Black & Joan Pennings

**PLAYTER BLVD.** Betty Bennion & Kit & Barbara Moore

**FULTON AVE,** Annemiek Miller

**HURNDALE & PRETORIA AVE.** – STILL NEED AT LEAST ONE REP.



Next GENERAL MEETING  
OF PARA IN Oct, 2017.  
Exact date and location to be  
announced in our Sept.2017  
newsletter & on our web site.  
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## OMB UPDATE:

The PARA P & D Committee attended the OMB pre-hearing for the appeals against the BAPS and it submitted a 16-page letter outlining opposition to the Estonian House appeal. We have been granted "participant" status in future OMB hearings. A second pre-hearing will occur in November, 2017 with the actual hearing to occur over 10 days in April of 2018. There has been a new development! The Estonian House Board has received a confidence vote of membership to sell 958 Broadview Ave. and move to Madison Ave. However, as of this date, they are continuing their OMB appeal for the 958 Broadview site. There is a group of Estonians who don't want to move but would rather renovate the existing building and maintain the 6 storey limit and build around Chester School that is on the list for Heritage Status. Information about all of this will be shared at the next PARA meeting in October 2017.



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