



# **Cabbagetown Preservation Association**

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## **Newsletter**

**AUGUST 1989**

### **Circle your calendar for the Cabbagetown Festival**

The Cabbagetown Cultural Festival is slated for the weekend after Labour Day -- Friday the 8th to Sunday the 10th of September. It's a time to get involved and share the pride of Cabbagetown's heritage. There'll be street entertainment, a crafts show, a parade, and walking tour just to name a few of the activities planned.

There are two themes to this year's Festival: "Mainstreet" on Saturday during which Parliament St. (Between Wellesley and Carlton) will be the focus of activities including a parade and mini-marathon; and "Our Neighbourhood" on Sunday which will embrace the entire community.

How does the Cabbagetown Preservation Association fit into this annual event spearheaded by the Old Cabbagetown Business Improvement Area (BIA)? With activities such as the Walking Tour of the Community and a Giant Garage Sale that complement the festivities.

### **The CPA's Walking Tour of the Community**

The Association is co-ordinating walking tours on Saturday and Sunday. There'll be six tours each day with groups of up to 15. The itinerary includes Winchester, Sumach, Spruce, Sackville, Carlton and Metcalfe streets. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

### **CPA's Giant Garage Sale**

Last year's sale was a great success, thanks to the contributors as well as the purchasers. Almost \$2,000 was raised. Have you an attic or basement full of discards that could be someone else's treasures? The Association is asking for contributions -- books, household items, toys, sports equipment etc. but no clothing, thank you.

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Site of this year's sale is Parliament Street, likely on the Winchester Hotel parking lot.

To have your items picked up (during the last three weeks in August) please call:

Jan Thom -- 920-9921  
Pat Corlett -- 963-5102  
Peggy Kurtin -- 967-6432  
Larry McGill -- 962-6711.

Also wanted (and one of Toronto's rarest treasures): secure space ... for storing and sorting the garage sale contributions. If you have space, or know of someone who does and can loan it for a few weeks, please call one of the above.

### The CPA Membership Kiosk

Among the attractions during "Mainstreet" on Parliament will be a Membership Kiosk which will sell souvenirs while dispensing balloons, membership forms, and information about what's happening in Cabbagetown, and how you can help preserve the community's unique character by supporting the initiatives of the Cabbagetown Preservation Association.

### Old Cabbagetown Tour of Homes

Last year's tour was so successful that a compounded repeat is expected this September.

Volunteers are needed for house supervision on Saturday evening (Sept. 9) from 8-10 p.m., and Sunday (Sept. 10) from 1-5 p.m.

Please contact Sheila Miller at 922-3701 or Sharon Levy Hardaker at 925-4300 to discuss how you can participate. Tickets are \$20 for Saturday evening, and \$15, for Sunday afternoon. Volunteers will be given a free ticket to the alternate tour.

Last year, the money raised from the tour was donated to the music computer at Dixon Hall on Sumach, and to landscaping improvements to the Winchester Theatre at Metcalfe and Winchester. This year, the proceeds will go to the Darrell Kent Centre for Culture and the Arts on Parliament St. The provincial government will match the funds raised. Organizers are hoping to raise \$40,000.

## Last chance to buy "Cabbagetown in Pictures"

The CPA has been able to purchase 150 copies of "Cabbagetown in Pictures," a graphic representation of our area and its history by Colleen Kelly, with archival photos, published by the Toronto Library Board. Three thousand copies were originally printed in 1984, and the remainder is valuable as there will not be another printing. They're available to members for \$8 (non-members: \$10) which includes a small donation to support the CPA's ongoing activities.

## Preservation and desecration

Here's an update on the latest "developments" in our neighbourhood:

● 321 Wellesley St. East -- On June 6, the Committee of Adjustment held a meeting about the proposed expansion plans of the property owner.

Despite our original misgivings about the plans, prompted by misleading statements in the Committee's letter about the proposed alterations, the project appears acceptable. But we learned a lesson from this experience, and that is: the CPA should voice its approval or disapproval from blueprints of a proposed project, not from carelessly worded descriptions of proposed changes.

● Flagler St. -- As we understand the issue, the buyer of the eight row houses on this lane intends to renovate and improve the units while maintaining their integrity.

● 183 Winchester -- The CPA was successful in convincing the owner and architect to build a porch in the Victorian style, rather than one that did not complement the architecture of the house.

● 449 Sackville -- Acknowledging the opposition of neighbours and the CPA, the City's Committee of Adjustment refused the application of the property owner to build a third floor addition to the house, construct a rear stairwell leading to a roof deck, and erect two storage sheds. The decision is subject to appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board.

● 316 Sackville (southwest corner of Spruce) -- Acknowledging the strenuous objections of neighbours, spearheaded by Norm MacDonald, the City's Committee of Adjustment refused the application of the property owner to build a row of three attached houses (along Spruce) on the site where two houses, fronting on Sackville, once stood. The proposed structure would have created a "crowding effect" which would have adversely affected the surrounding properties," the Committee stated. The developer has appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board. It's decision is due in late August or early September.



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● **Riverdale Farm** -- The CPA has given its approval to the City's Parks and Recreation Department's proposals to further develop the Riverdale Farm in the heart of Cabbagetown. The immediate proposals include: retaining the Donnybrook as a "garden ruin;" redesigning the paddock layouts and fence configuration; and building a drive shed behind Simpson House. Planned for the future are: an extension to the pig and poultry barn, and the construction of an Interpretive Centre to resemble a traditional mill, set down the slope beside the existing waterfall.

● **Clean-up of the Don** -- Metro Council will meet to approve funding for the creation of a Don Valley Task Force which will explore ways and means of cleaning up the valley and the river. The outlook appears positive.

● **Leslie St. extension** -- The City of Toronto will hire lawyers and planners to contest, before the Ontario Municipal Board, Metro's proposed extension of Leslie St. The "Stop Leslie" committee, of which the CPA is a supporter, will be making a presentation to the OMB.

## CPA's Executive

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You're invited to join the Cabbagetown Preservation Association. Membership is \$10. Jot down your name, address and phone number and insert in the mailbox at 93 Winchester St.