

# Cabbagetown Preservation Association NEWSLETTER

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## CABBAGETOWN FESTIVAL WALKING TOUR

### TIMES:

- \* Sept. 7, Saturday, every 15 minutes from 1pm to 3pm
- \* Sept. 8, Sunday, every 15 minutes from 12 noon to 1pm

#### START LOCATION:

\* Beside the CPA booth at the gates of Riverdale Park, South-East corner of Sumach and Winchester Streets.



Get to know some of the lanes and byways of Cabbagetown. This year we will be taking a new route on some smaller streets. Once again, come and view our lovely brick Victorian architecture and hear tales of our history as a neighbourhood.

# NEW NEW NEW NEW

Be the first on your street to have one of the CPA's newly designed T-shirts! Our design committee has planned new T-shirts, sweatshirts and mugs with new patterns. They are even printed in green in keeping with the shady, leafy feeling of the Cabbagetown streets. It is never too early to plan for Christmas gifts, and remember, members get a discount!!! As always, we will have copies of our book Touring Old <u>Cabbagetown</u> for sale. There will still be postcards and tote bags for sale. All this wonderful merchandise will be for sale at the Cabbagetown Festival in our booth beside the gate at Riverdale Park, south-east corner of Sumach and Winchester.

# STOREFRONT COMPETITION

This spring CPA and the Old Cabbagetown Business Improvement Area sponsored a contest to encourage small scale commercial facade improvements in Cabbagetown. The \$6,000 in prizes was provided by the Toronto Film Liaison Office to thank Cabbagetown for the use of our streets and from the Don Valley Property Owners Association.

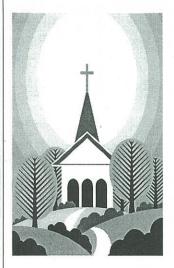
And the winners are -- Nettleship's Hardware at 576 Parliament St., and 241 **7ideo and Games** at 455 Parliament St.

First place winner Nettleship's Hardware, plans to change the facade of their store to reflect what it may have looked like at the turn of the century. The Nettleship family have been in business at this site since 1920.

The renovations at both the prize winners will be completed this fall.

## Newly Listed by the Toronto **Historical Board**

The properties at 298 Sackville (1879) and 54 Spruce (1882) have been listed in the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties. These Ontario Cottage style 1 1/2 storey red brick houses are in excellent condition. They both are built quite high from the street on raised basements so you can see them quite clearly. These cottage help retain the 19th century character of Cabbagetown.



# St. James the Less Chapel

This spring the Chapel of St. James the Less was listed as a historic site by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada. Representing Heritage Parks

Canada, Bill Graham, MP, Rosedale said this 1860 building is one of the finest High Gothic chapels in Canada. St. James Cemetary was opened in 1844. At the time, it was considered to be well out in the country.

## ANNUAL RENOVATION AWARD

The renovation of the old Avion Hotel, corner of Sumach and Gerrard was choosen as the winner by the Renovation Awards Committee. This is the first year that a commercial building was given the award instead of a home. The committee feels that it is encouraging that more large buildings are being renovated. The architect for this renovation is Alan Tregeboy,

general contractor Trexcon Construction, with the historic masonary work being done by Summit Restorations. You may notice that there is a piece of plywood over the corner entrance. This is a temporary



situation, as a car smashed into the newly reproduced Victorian doorway. There are also some landscaping and fencing to be done before completion of the project.

## **CPA's SUMMER PROJECTS**

This summer some of our walking tour guides led hundreds of people on three tours from Yonge and Carlton through Cabbagetown. Also four of the the same guides took people on horse-drawn wagon tours from Yonge and Bloor down Jarvis and then through Cabbagetown. All these tours were to help commemorate 200 Years Yonge. THANK YOU GUIDES!

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