



# Old East Village News

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OLD EAST VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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## OEVCA Annual General Meeting

**When:** Wednesday April 12, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** Lorne Avenue Public School

**Who:** All residents in the OEVCA area\* may attend; members of the OEVCA may vote\*\*

On the agenda are: elections; Queens Ave. study; Boyle Community Centre repatriation; heritage district proceedings.

\*\* Elections! Four executive positions will be decided: two members at large, treasurer (vacant since spring 2005) and President. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. Only members of the OEVCA are eligible to run, and vote, in these elections. Memberships will be available at the door (\$10 per family).

\* **The Old East Village Community Association takes in the area bounded by:**  
west: Adelaide St.

north: tracks just north of Central / Elias

east: CP tracks next to the Kellogg plant

south: tracks just south of Florence/Western Fair/York St.

## Heritage District – Almost Official!

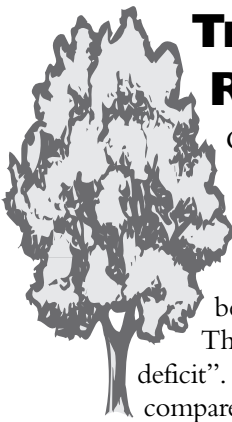
On April 3, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. the Planning Committee will consider an amendment to the Official Plan that will create the Old East Heritage Conservation District under part V of the Ontario Heritage Act. The meeting will be held in Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall. This is a public meeting and it may be residents' last opportunity for comments and input on the plan. Everyone in the proposed heritage district is encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, please call 661-4980. This Official Plan Amendment includes policies that are intended to recognize the unique heritage value of our neighbourhood. Copies of the Conservation District Plan, the Conservation Guidelines and the Staff report will be available to the public in the Planning Division, 6th Floor, City Hall, the Carson Branch Library, and the Old East B.I.A. office, as well as on the City of London web site at <http://www.london.ca/Planning/oldeaststudy.htm>.

## Queens Avenue Improvements

The OEVCA and the City Engineering Department have been working toward changes to Queens Avenue which address the neighbourhood concerns of traffic volume and speed, and the related issue of safety. The committee has reviewed the Traffic Analysis Report prepared by the IBM Group and has submitted two sets of questions and comments to Engineering. At this point we are awaiting the consultants' functional drawings which will more fully explore and illustrate the benefits and drawbacks of two possible solutions. One solution is to return Queens Ave. to a two-way street; the other is to keep it one-way but reduce it to one lane and incorporate traffic-calming measures. These could include on-street parking and curb extensions. In addition, a bicycle lane would be established with the intention of incorporating it into the city-wide bicycle path system. Stay tuned for a public meeting about the Queens Ave. improvements.

## Old East Exhibit at Museum London

Old East: A Neighbourhood That Works is a joint project carried out by Museum London and the students of the University of Western Ontario's Public History MA program. The Museum London exhibit runs February 18 - July 30, 2006 in the Lawson Family Gallery, 421 Ridout Street North, London, Ontario. Visit <http://history.uwo.ca/history/londonoldeast/> or <http://www.museumlondon.ca/exhibits.html>



## Trees through ReForest London

Old East is scheduled to receive 50 new boulevard trees from the City, as well as ten additional "front yard" trees funded through ReForest London, the London Community Foundation, and the OEVCA. Locations have been chosen and planting will begin this spring. These trees will help close Old East's "tree deficit". We have an average of 8.2 trees per hectare, compared to 12.8 in other residential areas.

## Community Tree Nursery

The City has approved a section of land near the tennis courts at the Boyle Community Centre. What we need now is a coordinator with some knowledge of trees or horticulture to help with the technical aspects of planting and maintenance. Please call Bev Wagar at 679-5511 if you'd like to help ensure this project goes ahead.



## Boulevard Garden Contest

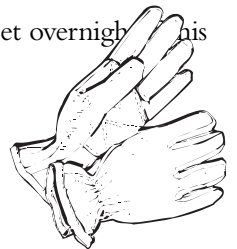
The Boulevards are Beautiful gardening contest is back this summer, with judging to take place in mid-July. We'll have three great prizes, three excellent, credentialed judges, and the usual horticultural shenanigans that makes Londoners wonder "what the heck is going on in Old East?" Stay tuned to [www.oevca.ca/boulevards](http://www.oevca.ca/boulevards) for details, or call Sean Hurley at 679-5511.

## Front Yard Parking

The city's planning committee has discussed a proposed bylaw targeting unauthorized parking. The bylaw would allow parking enforcement staff to issue tickets for instant fines of \$125 for vehicles parked illegally on front yards, boulevards, or side yards. Currently, only boulevard parking infractions are handled this way. Council will vote on the bylaw revisions at its March 27th meeting.

In January, several dozen Old East residents who park on their front yards received "cease and desist" letters from the city. In response, the OEVCA executive met with city officials regarding the current front yard parking bylaw. We are working with the city to develop a solution that works for both sides. If you received a letter from the City informing you that you are parking illegally, please help us by completing the following questionnaire.

- 1) Do you have a driveway running alongside your house?
- 2) Do you have driveway access to your back yard?
- 3) Do you park your car in front of your house?
- 4) Is your driveway less than half as wide as your lot?
- 5) If you have been notified by the City, will its proposed solutions work for you?
- 6) Would you park your vehicle on the street overnight if this were allowed?
- 7) Would you pay for a permit to do this?



## Green Day for Compost and Plants

Have your seedlings and divisions ready for Green Day! This year the event moves to Saturday May 20 (on the long weekend) from 9 a.m. through 2 p.m. Purchase or swap plants at the Garden Club's plant exchange and buy TRY compost from London Composts. Compost is \$2.00 (your bag) or \$2.50 (pre-bagged) for 40 lbs. Location TBA (either Lorne Ave Public School or the CP lands at Central and Elizabeth). All proceeds go to the OEVCA. Volunteers needed! Call Bev Wagar for more information: 679-5511 or visit [www.oevca.ca/greenday](http://www.oevca.ca/greenday).