



SNAP Sneaks a Peek

Places Change and Yet in Many Ways, Remain The Same

On the first day of June this year, we had quite the wind and rain storm. For a reason I could not fathom, my trusty Mac did not want to talk to me - apparently I was not connected to the Internet. I tried my T.V and that wasn't able to provide me with any entertainment either. Perplexed, I went off to work and later in the day received a message from my neighbour.

Subject: **Fallen Tree:** "just in case you are wondering what is going on with my tree that came down and is suspended over my back fence. It is resting on the Bell lines so they have to come and remove it." Reading the message gave clarity to my technological problems of the morning, but had little do with my response, which definitely put my morning issues into perspective. "I'm so sad I love that tree" I wrote back.

A Manitoba Maple, it was grand and gargantuan, soaring in height, rotund and strong in its girth and pocked with character. Deep etched lines marked its dark coloured bark, ivies and greenery spiraled, sprouted and lazily cast about. The biggest collection of mushrooms grew upon this tree, almost like little scatterings, yet carefully placed staircases for wildlife to flit and scout.

Years ago one of the branch crotches broke away during another storm, but we were all relieved that the tree itself would still stand.

Adding to the already unusual character, twists and turns, was the soft pale bark- less wood left as a reminder that something so grand could also be delicate. The tree just seemed to grow more handsome and more intriguing as time allowed us to admire and appreciate it. Birds happily chirped, squirrels scampered up and down and in the dusk or by the outdoor light, raccoons could almost be seen chuckling as they spied down at the gatherings on the deck for summer barbeque's. It is not just the neighbours who will miss our very old and weathered friend.

Hopefully a seed in the form of a paired Samara will bring about a new tree in some miracle of nature. Then one day, maybe someone else can write about another glorious, natural quality of our community here in The Beaches.



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Email jillinda@jillindagreene.com or contact her at 416-230-3849 to give her your ideas about unique landmarks in our communities and to see your Sneak Peeks in the pages of SNAP in upcoming issues.

8TH ANNUAL CBCF YARD SALE FOR THE CURE

The 8th annual Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation Yard Sale for the Cure was held on Saturday, May 26th, with a series of yard sales that took place in hundreds of local communities across Canada.

Yard Sale for the Cure started in 2005 by local Beacher and SNAP's very own Rachael Smith and has since raised over a \$1,000,000 that has funded groundbreaking research, education, awareness and advocacy initiatives. Every year Yard Sale for the Cure Hosts collect the best finds in their neighbourhoods, making the Yard Sale for the Cure the must go-to event for deal finders. To help make a difference in 2012 visit www.yardsalefortheure.com - create a future without breast cancer!

Event by **Tammy Cosway**
Website code: **ped7r9**



Semone, Rachael - Co-Founder of Yard Sale for the Cure, Kelly & Cindy



Nicole, Darby, Sasha and Hatley selling "Lemonade for the Cure"



Zoe, Taylor & Sussie show off their pink in the Yard Sale booth



Carlanna & Kathleen get passers by to sign the pink bus



Marisa, Jonathan & Alexa inform people about the event

BEACH RIBFEST



Magda, Noby and John from Sawmill Creek



Caiti with Chef Ted Reader

Father's Day is the perfect occasion to enjoy some delicious, authentic Southern BBQ, with Dad! The Beach BBQ and Brew Festival AKA Beach RibFest runs annually Father's Day Weekend. If you missed it this year, put it on the books for next year. Friends, families and BBQ enthusiasts alike enjoyed "BBQ & Blues" on Friday, "Rocked the Grill" on Saturday and "Ribs and Reggae" on Sunday. Irie Irie! The midway was filled with happy kids and dads were filled with happy bellies! Get sauced at beachribfest.com!!!

Event by **Tammy Cosway**
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"The perfect Father's Day!"



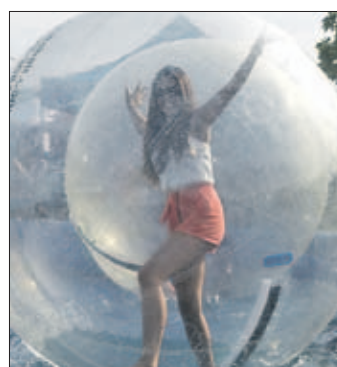
Kaitlin and Sean havin' fun from Flying Monkeys



Sophie enjoying Father's Day with Daddy Butski



Tyler and Katherine enjoy some tasty ribs



"whataball" fun. Harder that it looks



The Camp 31 team takes a 5 second break for a quick photo



Derek dives right in, no waiting for a photo, with friends Melissa, Kayleigh and Sean



Tate shows his Dad Alex the next ride he wants to go on



Heloise, Gemma, Elise and Cathy from England and Australia enjoying a little Southern BBQ



Cos and Dan McMurray from Camp BUCKO