

# Please help our kids save our canopy

**Trees** are a blessing for every family in our cozy green enclave. Our canopy cleanses our air, creates cooling shade, and significantly boosts the value of Lawrence Park homes. But most of our trees are reaching their lifespan of about 70 years, and many others are being cut down prematurely to make way for new homes.

**Tree Buddies**, a community initiative of Lawrence Park Ratepayers Association, was created to help residents do their part to save our canopy. Bulldog Forest Tree Buddies of Blythwood Public School are the pioneers of this crucial campaign. One of those pioneers is your child.

**Today** your 'Tree Buddy' brought home

- (a) a sapling to plant on your property
- (b) a stake to support it, and
- (c) a standardized property sketch. We know it's not accurate, but it will help when we start to audit the success of this program

- **When to plant:** This weekend.  
*(Please don't delay!)*

- **Where to plant:** In your back yard, where it's sunny or mostly sunny, with enough space for a tree to grow (up to 13 metres high)

- **How to plant:**

- (1) Dig a hole the same depth as the container, and about twice as wide.

- (2) Place the sapling in the hole so that the soil inside the container is level with the surrounding soil.

- (3) Backfill and lightly pack the excavated soil around the container.

- **How to water:** Water generously immediately, and at least once a week or whenever the soil feels dry.  
*Regular watering is especially important*



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*because it will help the coconut fibre containers 'biodegrade' so that the tree roots can spread.*

- **Mark the spot** where your sapling is planted with an "X" on the property sketch, and send it back to school with your child. For questions about planting, call our Parks & Trees Committee at 416-721-5085. And 'thank you' (!) from the LPRA for doing your part to save our canopy.

