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# St Clair Garden's BIA Newsletter

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**The Cavalcade of Lights** was a great success with record number of people attending the event. We had people from all over the GTA. The event opened with blessings from Father Vito of St Clare Church. Our Federal Member of Parliament Mario Silva came straight from the airport to the event to express his support for the BIA and the families in the community. Mario commented that the Cavalcade was a great way to kick off the holiday season. He wished all a happy holiday season. Cesar Palacio thanked everyone in the community and expressed his desire to continue to serve the people of Davenport. Andreas Garofalo, our resident balladeer filled the air with his golden voice. He had children singing carols while others lined up for hot chocolates and tim-bits. Santa was kept busy handing out candy canes. We hope that we will continue to draw large number of people to this event and promote our area. We wish all members of the BIA a **Happy Holidays** and tremendous growth and prosperity for 2011.

## What's New Locally

**Sabor Brazil** translates into the flavour of Brazil. Sabor opened its door on June 9<sup>th</sup> of this year. Upon entering Sabor you are met a warm welcome. This atmosphere is felt throughout the dining room that has a capacity of 47 people. Marlen Groso, owner, confided that she tries to make the restaurant as homely as possible. On weekends Sabor welcomes families from the neighbourhood. This dining establishment boasts beautiful wooden tables with glass tabletop Sebastiao Salgado photographs of the Amazonian people adorn the exposed brick walls. The floors are covered with marble tiles and flat screen televisions hug the four highest corners where ceiling meets walls. Sweet sounds of Brazil plays lightly in the background coupled with the calm and friendly atmosphere creates a sense of balance and peace.

Sabor has an extensive menu from appetizers to desserts prepared by Chef Carmen. Appetizers made of cassava which is a Brazilian staples is tasty and nutritious. Coxinha chicken roll, cassava chips, kibe beef wrapped in wheat is delicious. Anyone who knew 1702 St. Clair when it was China-joy can certainly see and feel the difference. Customers are always met with good energy and friendliness. Sabor is the prototype and potential of what dinning out can be for this neighbourhood.



### **MAINSHA: West Indian Fast Food**

**Mainsha's** owner Headley Banner has spent the last three years converting the space into a restaurant. After numerous delays Mainsha, a franchise restaurant, opened to great popularity in the spring of 2010. With several locations in existence in the Toronto area, Mainsha is known for providing inexpensive West Indian fast food to the hungry masses.



## St Clair Gardens is Looking for New Members

St Clair Gardens BIA is always looking for new member with fresh ideas and suggestions to help improve our community and our festivals.

If you are interested please feel free to contact the BIA office at  
(416)656-1215 ext 420

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Here's what's coming up:

### The Bone Shaker Reading Series

(author reading with Maggie Hedwig and David Silverberg) Tuesday, January 11th, 2011 7 pm

### Family Time

Fridays, January 11th - February 18th, 2011 10:30-11:15 am

### Web Basics I

Thursday January 13th, 2-3 pm



### GREEN P Parking Lot

*Please encourage your customers to park in the Green P lot behind St Marks Church between Blackthorn and Prescott Ave (416)393-7709*

### Tax Rebate For Vacant Property

If a property owner has a vacant commercial building they are entitled to a vacancy rebate from the City on both their tax bill and their BIA levy. The owner must apply to the City for this and the supervisor of rebates is Tony Vilella

416-395-1071

### Commercial Façade Improvement Program for Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) 2011

The City offers grants to eligible commercial property owners for the improvements to commercial building façades. This could include replacing or repairing windows, doors, lighting, awnings, brickwork, signage, or making building entrances wheelchair accessible.

The 2011 Commercial Façade Improvement Program **deadline for application submissions is Thursday, June 30, 2011.**

Please complete and return the 2011

[http://www.toronto.ca/bia/pdf/facade\\_application\\_form.pdf](http://www.toronto.ca/bia/pdf/facade_application_form.pdf)

## What's in the New BIA Boundary



**NOV ERA BAKERY** is a chain of 10 bakeries with most of its location in the GTA. The St Clair location specializes in pastries, coffees, bread, and light meals. They also serve hot and cold beverages as well as pastries. Even though business is slow on St Clair Novera does brisk business. It is one of the nicer places around here to have a cup of coffee. People from all over the neighbourhood come to Novera to meet friends.

### ASTRO MEATS A MAINTSTAY ON ST CLAIR. W.



**Astro Meats** is a small neighbourhood meat store that is mainstay of the neighbourhood for over thirty years. Astro specializes in quality cut beef, steaks and lamb; they also have a deli of cold cuts, cheese and olives. Astro like most small meat shops has it specialty. They make their own sausages on the premise and have a unique place in the St Clair West neighbourhood. Astro Meats provide excellent service to customers far and wide. In order to keep abreast of the competition they provide wholesale and retail services.

Astro is a father and son-in-law team operation. Both are European and Canadian trained butchers with well over 30 years experience. In the words, of Astro owners butchering is a dying art. Both men commented on the fact that young people today do not want to learn the art of butchering even though it could mean self-employment for those who are not able to find opportunities in today's tight labour market.

They say that Big Box stores have negatively affected the meat shop business and small business owners on whole. It has simply destroyed small businesses and local commerce on St Clair. So despite pre-package meat they are holding on because many people still prefer to have that special cut of meat from the butcher.

## Corn Fest 2010

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# *Season Greetings*

## Annual Corn Fest 2010

Annual Corn Festival held on September 18, 2010 was a success. We had large number of people in attendance. The BIA served over two thousand hot dogs and hamburgers to neighbors, families and friends of the community. The free BBQ is to promote the area and show appreciation to the BIA customers. The silent auction raised two thousand dollars for the Canadian Women's Foundation ending violence against women campaign and empowers girls. It is our hope that Corn Fest 2011 will be bigger and better. Hopefully, we will someday be able to close the streets and have a great celebration. Thank all the merchants of St Clair Gardens BIA. Specials thanks to all the merchants who made donations:

### ***THANK YOU, ST CLAIR GARDENS BIA DONORS AND SPONSORS:***

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