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### **BLNA concert in Kew Gardens Sept. 7**

by Carole Stimmell

While it may be the summer of superhero films, when a community needs help in the real world, it is friends and neighbours they turn to.

Many of the residents of Neville Park Boulevard are concerned about a proposed four-storey condominium which a developer is planning to build right on the lakeshore.

"We're not against development," said Patricia Tabone, of the Beach Lakefront Neighbourhood Association (BLNA), "but we don't think [the proposed building] is appropriate for the site...It also sets a precedent for other places on the lake."

This is why the BLNA is holding a Beach Awareness Concert in Kew (BACK) Gardens on Sept. 7.

The concert's purpose is to raise awareness about the issue and to raise funds to fight the development proposal at the Ontario Municipal Board.

Starting at 11 a.m. the concert will feature a number of great bands and entertainment for all ages.

Headlining will be The Skydiggers, a rootsy band which made its mark in the mid 90s with such songs as 'I Will Give You Everything'. Joining the band's regular members, Andy Maize, Josh Finlayson, Ron Macey, Michael Johnston and Nel Webb, will be virtuoso composer and pianist (and Beacher) Stephen Moccio, who has written for Celine Dion, Sarah Brightman and Josh Grogan.

Moccio's latest CD, Exposure, even feature a song entitled 'Neville Park'.

Also appearing will be the legendary rock group, Fludd, The Mississippi Hippies, jazz performer Karina Zorn with special guest Guido Basso and the Brazilian Samba percussion group Batucado Carioca. Local groups include Funktagon, Revival Dear and the Peirson Ross Band.

Radio personality Spider Jones will be helping with the MC duties from 11 to 2. Two more media savvy people are required to help host the entertainment.

In order to make the event a great success, the BLNA also needs volunteers. If you can spare a few hours to paint faces, sell tickets or be a clown, contact Harold Tabone at 416-205-9909 ext. 222 and he will find a job just right for you. Students can use the time to help satisfy secondary school volunteer hour requirements.

The BLNA also needs sponsors. If you are a local business, this is a good way to get valuable exposure and help a good cause. The group is especially looking for a company to act as a food sponsor. It needs precooked, frozen hotdogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, buns...the works.

For more information on sponsorships or to check out the latest concert update, go to [www.blna.net](http://www.blna.net).