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Big things are happening in the two-year-old Baby Point Gates Business Improvement Area (BIA).

Just in time for its first-ever sidewalk sale on Saturday, June 15, the BIA's parking committee has been successful in convincing Toronto City Council to change the parking bylaws for the east side of Jane Street and both sides of Annette Street.

"While the changes are modest, they will make a few optimizations that will increase our parking capacity for short-term visitors," said BIA vice-chair Dennis Maslo.

City council approved two-hour parking between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. on the east side of Jane Street as well as Annette Street, which will likely be implemented in approximately a month. Toronto Transportation Services must provide the appropriate changes to the signs, according to the BIA. The group credits Parkdale-High Park Councillor Sarah Doucette and her team for their help in making this change.

Meanwhile, as many as six new businesses have set up shop within the BIA's boundaries, including Baby Point Hardware, COCO – crafted organic chocolate, the High Park Day School, Queen Margherita Pizza and Studio Z, a yoga studio.

The sidewalk sale "and Social Hop of Who's Who in the Baby Point Gates," called 'The Baby Point Boogie,' takes place June 15 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. It boasts family entertainment, sales and food, which includes face painters, a roaming band and a classic fire truck.

"Hopefully, the weather keeps moving in the right direction and it will be fun for the whole family," said Maslo.

For further details, visit www.babypointgates.ca

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