



Hi Neighbour!

We have a busy weekend ahead of us! Don't miss out on some of these awesome events happening at Mel Lastman Square and around Willowdale!

TOMORROW! Willowdale Environment Day

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Drop off items for reuse and recycling, safely dispose of household hazardous waste and electronics, and get free compost (1 bag per household)!

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RSVP for the Willowdale Environment day and ECO Fair here:

<https://www.lilycheng.ca/event-details-registration/willowdale-environment-day-and-eco-fair-centerpoint-mall>

Please read carefully through the information on our RSVP page for the list of donatable items, and what items will NOT be accepted as hazardous or electronic waste.

TOMORROW! Aloha Fest Toronto

Aloha Fest Toronto is returning to **Mel Lastman Square** this **Saturday, July 20 from 11 AM to 7 PM!** Come by the festival for a day of showcasing Polynesian art, culture, and dance, hosted by **Hālau Hula I Ka Lā** ("Hula school in the sun").

The day will feature live music, free performances from various hālaus and dance groups from Toronto and surrounding areas. Feeling hungry or want to shop? Don't miss out on the **Aloha Marketplace!**

Welcome Back, Sunday Serenades!

We are pleased to welcome back **Sunday Serenades at Mel Lastman Square!**

On **July 21 and July 28**, join the **Willowdale Central Ratepayer's Association** (WCRA), **Toronto All Star Big Band**, and **Mattamy Homes** for an evening of wonderful music and good times! It's always lovely to see all the children and seniors dancing during these concerts!

This free outdoor concert series will feature live swing, big band and jazz acts, from **7:00-8:30pm**. We hope to see you there!

And we hope to see you at the following wonderful events!

Monday, July 22, 4-7pm	Holmes Park Playdate and Consultation with Arts and Crafts for kids hosted by Orkid Gallery.
Tuesday, July 23, 5-10pm	Goulding Block Party, Baseball & Movie Night with FREE Hot Dog BBQ! Featuring: Kung-Fu Panda 4
Thursday, July 25, 7-9pm	Willowdale Concerts in the Park at Lee Lifeson Park Featuring Grand Prize Winner at the 2023 John Lennon Songwriting Contest, Canadian jazz singer-songwriter Ori Dagan.
Friday, July 26, 5-10pm	Willowdale West Picnic, Games & Movie Night at Edithvale with FREE Ice Cream! Featuring: Raya and the Last Dragon.
SAVE THE DATE! Wednesday, August 7, 3-10:30pm	Avondale Block Party, Community Market & Movie Night Featuring: The Super Mario Bros. Movie

Please RSVP at: www.lilycheng.ca/events

Have a wonderful weekend!

Warmest regards,

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Councillor Lily Cheng

Ward 18 Willowdale / Councillor_Cheng@toronto.ca / 416-392-0210

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WILLOWDALE
COMMUNITY EVENTS

COUNCILLOR & COMMUNITY
UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 29

How to Start a Neighbourhood Watch Cluster Webinar

MAY 29

Participatory Budgeting Webinar

MAY 30

Climate Action Roundtable

JUN / JUL

Willowdale Concerts in the Park Series at Lee Lifeson Park (Thursdays)

JUN 14

CHKC Walk in support of Deaf Blind

JUN 15-22

NeighbourLink Meet Your Neighbour Week!

JUN 22

Willowdale Yard Sale Day

JUN 24

Mitchell Field CC Open House

JUN 25

Goulding CC Open House

JUN 26

Edithvale CC Open House

JUL 20

Environment Day at Centerpoint Mall

AUG 7

Avondale Park Movie Night

RSVP

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MEL LASTMAN SQ. UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY-OCT

Farmer's Market begins Thursdays, 9am-2pm

MAY 25

Asian Heritage Festival

MAY 26

Toronto Pride at MLS

JUN 1

Tiananmen Square Commemoration

JUN 7-9

Yonge North York Night Market with Luminato

JUN 15-16

Tayo Filipino Festival

JUN 21-23

Taiwan Pride Night Market & Concert

JUN 29

Turkuaz Multicultural Festival

JUL 1

Yonge North York Canada Day Celebration with Stage Fire Show Finale

JUL 5-7

StarDance Dance on Yonge

JUL 12-14

International Food + Drinks Festival

JUL 20

AlohaFest

JUL 21, 28

Sunday Serenades

AUG 10

Toronto International Dance Festival

AUG 11

Train the Next Hero! Free First Aid & CPR Workshop

AUG 17-18

Island Eats Food Festival

AUG 23-25

Toronto Korean Festival with K-Pop Stars

AUG 30-SEP 2

10th Annual T.U. Jazz Fest

SEP 6-8

NeighbourLink Taste of North York

Willowdale
Ward 18

Know your neighbourhood!

PLEASE NOTE: Events are subject to change. Please sign up for our E-Newsletter for latest updates.

SIGN UP FOR EMAIL UPDATES!

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CONSTRUCTION INFO

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

SIGN UP TODAY!

Steeles Ave.

Bathurst Ave.

Finch Ave.

Sheppard Ave.

Hwy. 401

West

East

West

East

Willowdale

Avondale

Newtonbrook

Newtonbrook

SAT. MAY 25

FRI. MAY 31

SAT. JUN 1

SAT. JUN 1

WED. JUN 5

THURS. JUN 6

SAT. JUN 8

FRI. JUN 14

SAT. JUN 14

TUE. JUN 25

Churchill P.S.

Finch P.S.

Avondale Alt. School

Cameron P.S.

St. Edward Catholic School

St. Paschal Baylon (with BBQ)

Yorkview P.S.

St. Cyril Catholic School

Pleasant P.S.

St. Agnes Catholic School

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WILLOWDALE COMMUNITY EVENTS PRINT OUT

Get ready for a summer of excitement in Willowdale! Looking for fun in the sun? Look no further! We've got all the hottest events lined up for you this summer. From fun fairs to outdoor movie nights, there's something for everyone.

Print out our UPDATED flyer to stay in the loop with all the can't-miss events happening in Willowdale this summer!

Print Here!



COMMUNITY
ENVIRONMENT
DAYS

Saturday, July 20th

10am - 2pm

Centerpoint Mall,
Southeast Parking Lot
(6464 Yonge St, North York)

FREE COMPOST!

ECO FAIR!

BIKE TUNE UP!

BOOK EXCHANGE!

Hosted by:

COUNCILLOR
LILY CHENG

Drop-off items for reuse, recycling and safe disposal.

Cell phones & Small electronics

Household hazardous waste

Pesticides & Fertilizers

Used cooking oil

E-cigarettes

Paint, Solvents, Glue

Propane tanks

Unused medications

Fluorescent bulbs

Batteries

Toronto

311
Toronto at your service

Live green
Toronto

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HELP US DESIGN PHASE 2!

HOLMES
PARK
PLAYDATE
& CONSULTATION

JOIN US!

FREE FACE PAINTING

FREE COTTON CANDY!

WHERE:

Holmes Park
(Holmes & Kenneth)

DATE:

Mon. July 22, 4-7pm

FREE ACTIVITIES BY ORKID GALLERY:

Painting, jewelry making, crafts, and dance!

RSVP:

www.lilycheng.ca/events

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COUNCILLOR
LILY CHENG

CONNECTED COMMUNITY

HOLMES PARK PLAYDATE AND CONSULTATION

Join us for a **PLAYDATE** at Holmes Park. We will be serving **Cotton Candy** while community members can share ideas for the second phase of the park! Don't miss out on an arts and crafts station for kids that will be presented by a local artist and **FREE face painting** courtesy of Deana, a member of my team!

Orkid Gallery Collection, a local group of artists, will be offering a variety of kids' workshops, including painting, jewelry making, crafts, and dance! Suitable for children of all ages.

We hope to see you all there!

[Click Here](#) to learn more about the Holmes Park Expansion.

When: Monday, July 22, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Where: Holmes Park, 25 Holmes Ave, North York

RSVP Now!

GOULDING BLOCK PARTY, SOFTBALL & MOVIE NIGHT

- Free Popcorn!
- Free Zumba Class
- Youth Connect!
- Activity Carnival
- Facepainting
- Cheer on Goulding Softball Tykes!

Hosted by:
COUNCILLOR LILY CHENG & CUPE LOCAL 416

Hotdog BBQ sponsored by:
BIJAN BARATI

TUES. JULY 23
5PM-10:30PM

Goulding Park Community Centre, 45 Goulding Ave

FREE HOTDOGS!
From 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Limited quantity.

Please bring a picnic blanket or lawn chairs & Waterbottle!

FREE TICKET! lilycheng.ca/events

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COUNCILLOR LILY CHENG

GOULDING BLOCK PARTY & MOVIE NIGHT

Mark your calendars for the **Goulding Block Party & Movie Night**, on **Tuesday July 23rd from 5pm - 10:30 pm** at **Goulding Community Centre and Park**! This is a **FREE** event open to all Willowdalers and surrounding residents.

From 5 - 8:30 pm, there will be lots of family fun including watching the Goulding Tykes Softball Game (6:30-7:30), Youth Fair and Activity Carnival, Free Zumba class and Face painting. Residents are invited to wear the colour of the team they choose to cheer on for the Softball game: **Green**, **Purple**, **Red**, or **Yellow**.

Kung Fu Panda 4 will begin screening at sundown with Free Popcorn! Please remember to bring your own lawn chairs or blankets, and a re-fillable water bottle.

We hope to see many families, neighbours and friends come out and enjoy a beautiful summer evening together!

RSVP NOW!

Games Prizes Food

Join us at the **Goulding Community Centre Block Party!**

5 - 8:30 pm
followed by
Outdoor Movie:
Kungfu Panda 4

Tanghulu Giveaway and Food Drive
Support **Willowdale Youth Council** and **Neighbourlink's** food drive!

Willowdale Youth Activity Resource Fair

Hosted By: **COUNCILLOR LILY CHENG**

Exhibitors: NeighbourLink North York, Youth Bridge Canada, tpi: toronto public library, Youth Assisting Youth, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Toronto, The Salvation Army, YES, BIN BINGO

Free Boba for First 50 Winners
Complete our **Resource Bingo** for free milk tea or freezies!

Play to Win a Free Bike!
courtesy of: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Toronto

RSVP or drop in!
www.lilycheng.ca/events

WILLOWDALE YOUTH ACTIVITY RESOURCE FAIR

NEXT WEEK! We are excited to announce an amazing Willowdale Youth Activity Resource Fair happening as part of our **Goulding Block Party, BBQ & Movie Night!** Youth (13-20) will have the opportunity to get a **FREE Bubble Tea** (50 available!) AND a chance to win a **FREE BIKE** courtesy of Big Brothers and Sisters Toronto!

Youth will get the chance to connect to resources and volunteer opportunities as well as participate in peer networking! Enjoy Games, Prizes and Food at this amazing initiative organized by our office's **Diversity Youth Fellow, Angeli**.

The Willowdale Youth Council will be doing a **Tanghulu giveaway** along with their first booth. Participants can also bring non-perishable food items to **Neighbourlink's** food drive.

RSVP NOW!

WILLOWDALE WEST PICNIC, GAMES & MOVIE NIGHT

- Meet Your Neighbourhood Associations
- The Wildcats - Willowdale Middle School Rock Band
- Free Popcorn
- Free Zumba Class
- Sports & Games
- Facepainting
- \$4/DIY Pizza
- 80s Sing-a-long

Hosted by:
West Willowdale Neighbourhood Association, **Toronto Parks, Forestry & Recreation**, **COUNCILLOR LILY CHENG**, **EDITHVALE-YONGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

FRI. JULY 26
5PM-10:30PM

Edithvale Community Centre, 131 Finch Ave. W

FREE ICE CREAM!
From 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Limited quantity.

Please bring a picnic blanket or lawn chairs & Waterbottle!

FREE TICKET! lilycheng.ca/events

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COUNCILLOR LILY CHENG

WILLOWDALE WEST BLOCK PARTY AND MOVIE NIGHT

Join us for a neighbourhood community event and movie night at **Edithvale Community Centre** featuring Disney's "Raya and the Last Dragon" on **July 26th from 5 to 10:30 PM**. This free event is open to all residents and promises fun for all attendees.

Willowdale Homeowners Associations, the Edithvale Yonge-Community Association (EYCA), and West Willowdale Neighborhood Association (WWNA) will be onsite to provide an opportunity for residents to learn about their community activities and join their memberships.

Family fun activities include picnic games, a Zumba class, face painting, and maybe a light workout for all to enjoy at the park! A performance from The Wild Cats, a Willowdale Middle School band, will be there to get the crowd singing and rocking!

Please remember to bring your own lawn chairs or blankets, and a re-fillable water bottle. My office will be offering **FREE** popcorn for you to enjoy with the movie!

We're thrilled to welcome families, neighbours, and friends for a wonderful summer evening filled with laughter, fun, and community spirit. Let's make beautiful memories together!

RSVP NOW!



Be A Neighbourhood Leader



AVONDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP ROLE INTEREST FORM

Do you live in **Avondale**? Are you passionate about making your neighbourhood a better place? Would you like to take collective action on issues that are important to your area?

You could be on the **Leadership Team of the Avondale Neighbourhood Association**! A Neighbourhood Association is a great asset to the community, giving residents a unified voice and empowering them to take action on civic issues that can make lasting, positive impact for your neighbourhood.

Please consider contributing your skills and passion to one of the following leadership roles of the Avondale Neighbourhood Association: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer or Secretary!

[Sign Up Now!](#)

CITY OF TORONTO UPDATES

It's time to apply.



CITY OF TORONTO'S TAX AND UTILITY RELIEF PROGRAMS

The City of Toronto is committed to supporting vulnerable populations by assisting low-income seniors and low-income individuals with disabilities through its Tax & Utility Relief programs. These programs are designed to alleviate financial strain and ensure eligible property owners can comfortably maintain their residences.

The City offers various programs including the **Property Tax Increase Cancellation Program**, **Property Tax Increase Deferral Program**, **Water Rebate Program**, and **Solid Waste Rebate Program**, each with separate eligibility criteria based on age, income and other factors.

Qualified property owners are encouraged to apply online as this allows the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) to verify household income without the need for additional income-related documentation. Alternatively, property owners or their representatives can submit a paper application form and any required documents by mail.

To apply or learn more about the Tax & Utility Relief programs and how to submit your documents, visit the City's Tax & Utility Relief Programs webpage: www.toronto.ca/services-payments/property-taxes-utilities/property-tax/property-tax-water-solid-waste-relief-and-rebate-programs/property-tax-and-utility-relief-program.

The deadline to apply is October 31.

PRESTO | Apple Pay

**Tap. Pay. Ride.
With PRESTO
on iPhone.**

**Add your card with
the PRESTO app.**



PRESTO IN APPLE WALLET HAS LAUNCHED

Starting July 16, a PRESTO card can be added to Apple Wallet, and transit users can tap to ride using their iPhone or Apple Watch. This new feature brings even more ways to pay transit fares across the GTHA.

This is also the first time in Canada that a transit card is available in Apple Wallet, changing the game for customers, whether they're regular riders or just visiting.

A digital version of a PRESTO card can be added to Apple Wallet for no additional charge and can be used to pay fares on GO Transit, UP Express, Brampton Transit, Burlington Transit, Durham Region Transit, Hamilton Street Railway, MiWay (in Mississauga), Oakville Transit, TTC, and York Region Transit.

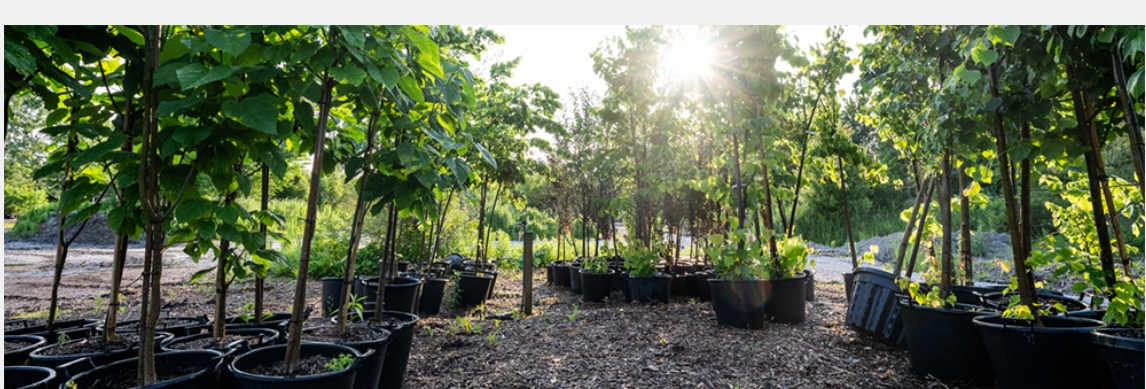
PRESTO in Apple Wallet supports youth, post-secondary student, adult, and senior fare types.

Customers – whether they're residents or visitors – can instantly purchase and add funds to a PRESTO card in Apple Wallet from the PRESTO app or directly in Apple Wallet. They can also purchase transit passes via the PRESTO app and add them to a PRESTO in Apple Wallet, without needing to visit an in-person location.

Customers with Express Mode enabled can simply hold their iPhone near a reader to ride transit using their PRESTO card in Apple Wallet – **without the need to unlock or even wake their device**. With power reserve on iPhone, **if a customer's device needs to be charged, they can still use it to ride transit**.

PRESTO in Apple Wallet costs \$0. There is no administration fee for PRESTO in Apple Wallet. The physical PRESTO card will also continue to be available for customers who prefer to use it to pay their fare.

For more information about how to add and use PRESTO in Apple Wallet, please visit www.prestocard.ca/applewallet.



PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW IF YOU SEE A NEIGHBOUR CUTTING DOWN A TREE

Last week, we received two urgent calls about a neighbor cutting down a tree without a permit. We contacted [Urban Forestry](#) to report the incidents. In some cases, there may not be immediate enforcement capacity to respond to such urgent situations.

We asked Urban Forestry what information we can include here, and here’s their response:


Trees are incredibly important to the City of Toronto! They do so much, like cleaning the air, giving us shade on hot days, and helping manage storm water. Because they are so valuable, Toronto has bylaws to protect them.

Here's what you need to know:

1. **Protected Trees:** All trees owned by the city, trees in special ravine areas, and private trees with a trunk diameter over 30 cm (about the size of a dinner plate) are protected.
2. **Permits for Tree Work:** If an owner needs to do anything that might harm a tree—like digging near its roots or storing materials close by—a permit may be required. This also applies to removing a tree. However, you don't need a permit to prune a tree as long as you do it properly. When in doubt, Urban Forestry recommends that owners check with a qualified private arborist (eg. one with International Society of Arboriculture certification, or a Registered Professional Forester).
3. **Checking for Permits:** If you see someone working on or around trees, and don't see an Urban Forestry Permit posted at the site, you can check if they have the proper permits. If you're unsure or concerned, you can call 311 to ask questions or report any possible violations of the tree protection rules.

For more information please visit [Bylaw enforcement - trees on City or private property - cutting down a tree - injuring a tree - City of Toronto](#).

Remember, these measures are in place to keep our city's trees healthy and thriving for everyone to enjoy!



Construction Notice

July 11, 2024

Watermain cleaning and relining
on your street

Contract: 24TW-CTS-08CWD
Start Date: July 17, 2024
End Date: December 17, 2024
*Timeline is subject to change.

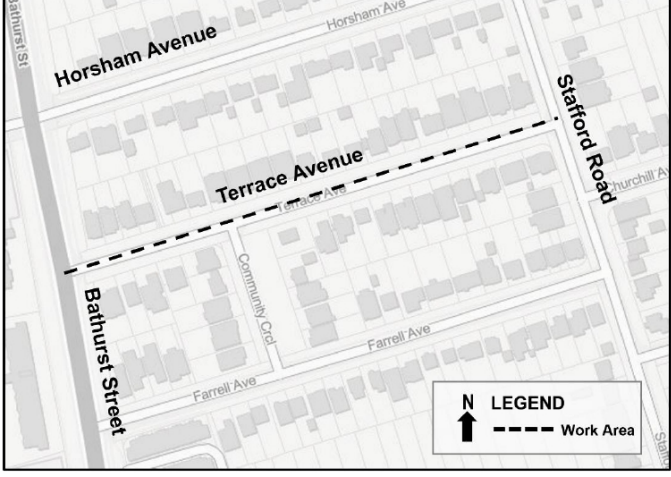
PLEASE HOLD ONTO THIS NOTICE FOR THE DURATION OF CONSTRUCTION

The City of Toronto will be cleaning and relining the watermain in your area starting in July 2024. This project is part of the Council-approved Capital Works Program to renew Toronto's aging infrastructure, improve water distribution and reduce the risk of watermain breaks.

The work will take place on **Terrace Avenue** between **Bathurst Street** and **Stafford Road**. Please see a map of the work area below.

Impacts on properties are expected, including planned water shut-offs, excavation pits and limited parking. For the duration of the construction, affected properties will receive water via a temporary water supply system.

MAP OF WORK AREA



During this process, the City will also replace the City-owned portion of any substandard water service pipes.

The water service is the underground pipe that brings water from the watermain to your water meter. The City owns the portion of pipe from the municipal watermain to your property line. Property owners own the portion of pipe from their property line to the property's water meter.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT LEAD WATER SERVICES

If you live in a house/building that was built before the mid-1950s, your water service may be made of lead. Please read the attached fact sheet with important information about the risks of lead in drinking water, especially if someone in your house/building is pregnant, a child under six years old or an infant drinking formula made from tap water.

Please note: Lead pipes were not used in apartment buildings or other multi-residential buildings with more than six units.

Please share this notice with the property owner or tenants, and post in common area.

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Please visit the [Willowdale Ward 18 webpage](#) to view all construction notices in our Ward.

Learn More

Learn about subsidized housing in Toronto


From June to September, Housing Help Centre staff will be hosting free in-person workshops at select Toronto Public Library locations across the city.

Join a session to learn:

- about subsidized housing options like Rent-Geared-to-Income (RGI)
- how to apply or register an existing application through the MyAccessToHousingTO website
- how to manage your account


To apply for subsidized or RGI housing, you will need to bring:


- a valid email address;
- proof of Canadian status for all household members; and
- your 2022 or 2023 Notice of Assessment.



Learn more and register for a session:
<https://tinyurl.com/3d46z64w>

Do you need help to register for a session?
Call the Application Support Centre at 416-338-8888, press 1 for housing and follow the prompts.





LEARN ABOUT SUBSIDIZED HOUSING IN TORONTO

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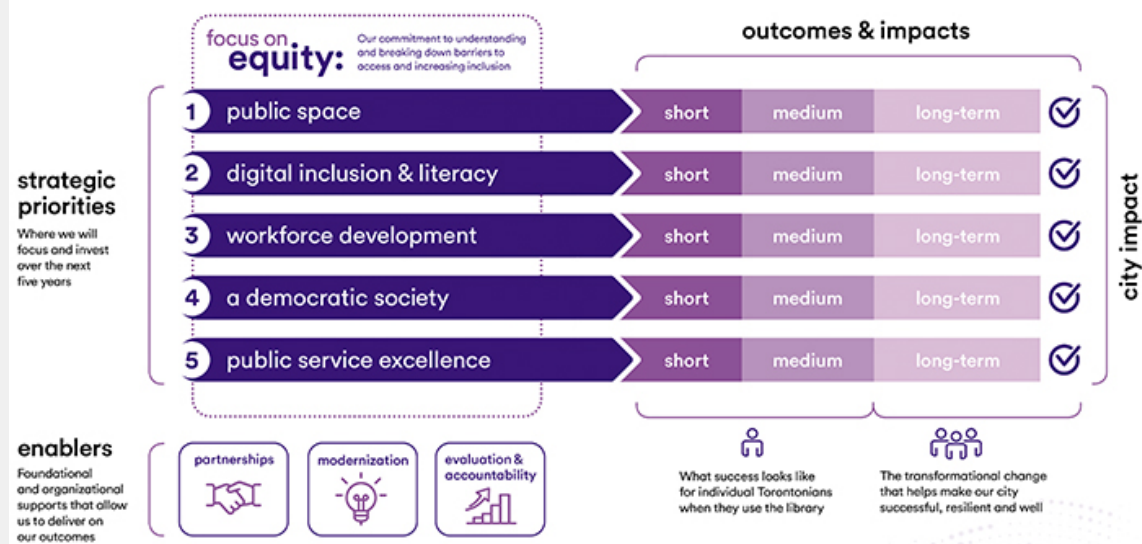
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Applicants can reserve a seat at a session through the website or call the Application Support Centre at **416 338 8888**.

The following sessions are scheduled in Willowdale:

Location: North York Central Public Library, 5120 Yonge Street
Dates x:
July 20: 11am - 1pm
July 25: 1pm - 3pm and 4pm - 6pm
July 26: 1pm - 3pm and 4pm - 6pm

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more and register for a session.

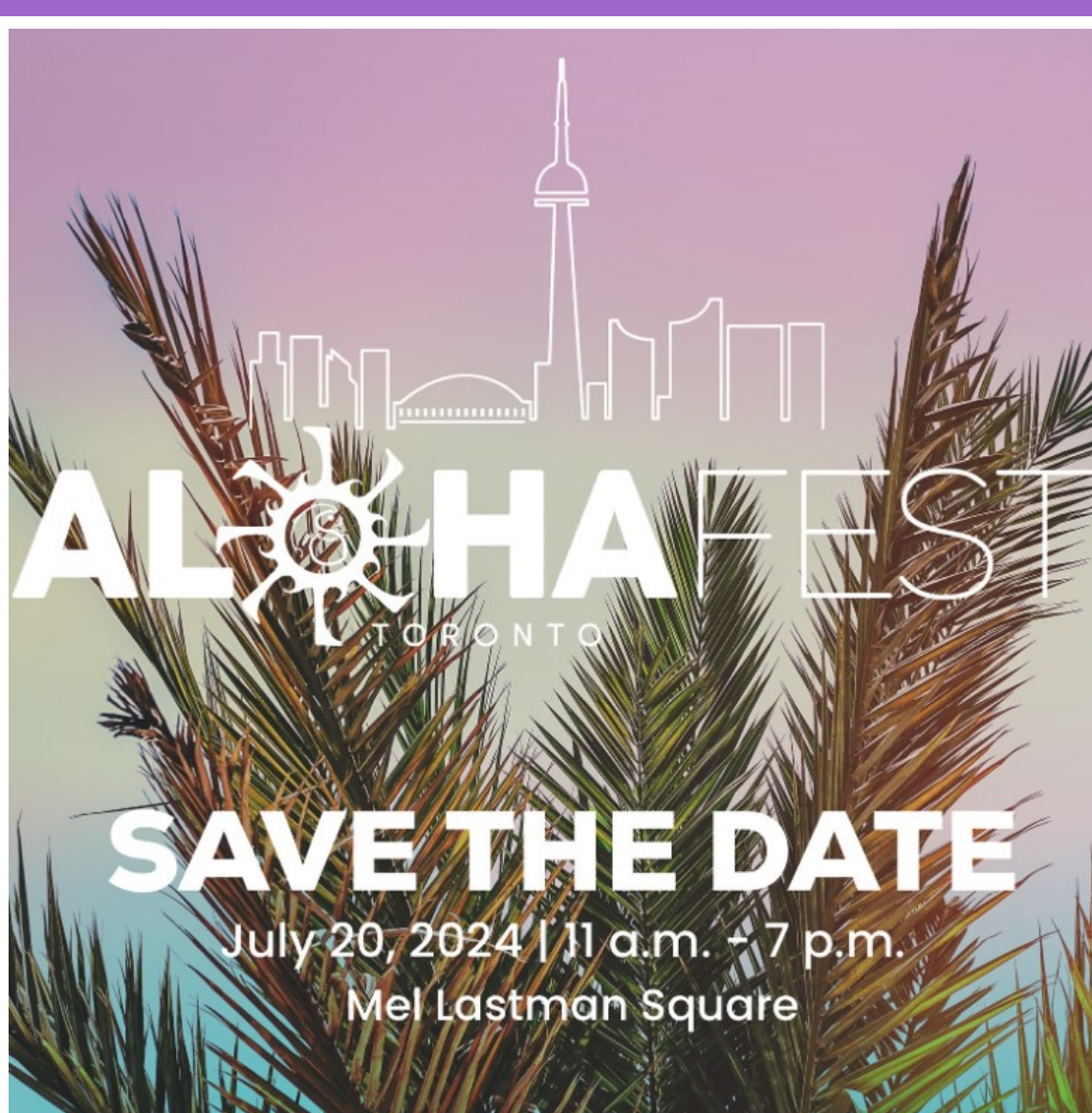


HAVE YOUR SAY IN THE LIBRARY'S FUTURE!

Toronto Public Library is creating a new Strategic Plan to guide the library over the next five years, and they'd like your input! Based on the ideas shared in the first round of consultations, the library has identified eight areas to focus on. Now, they need your help to further prioritize and guide their work.

To participate, please visit tpl.ca/strategicplan before July 24.

COMMUNITY UPDATES



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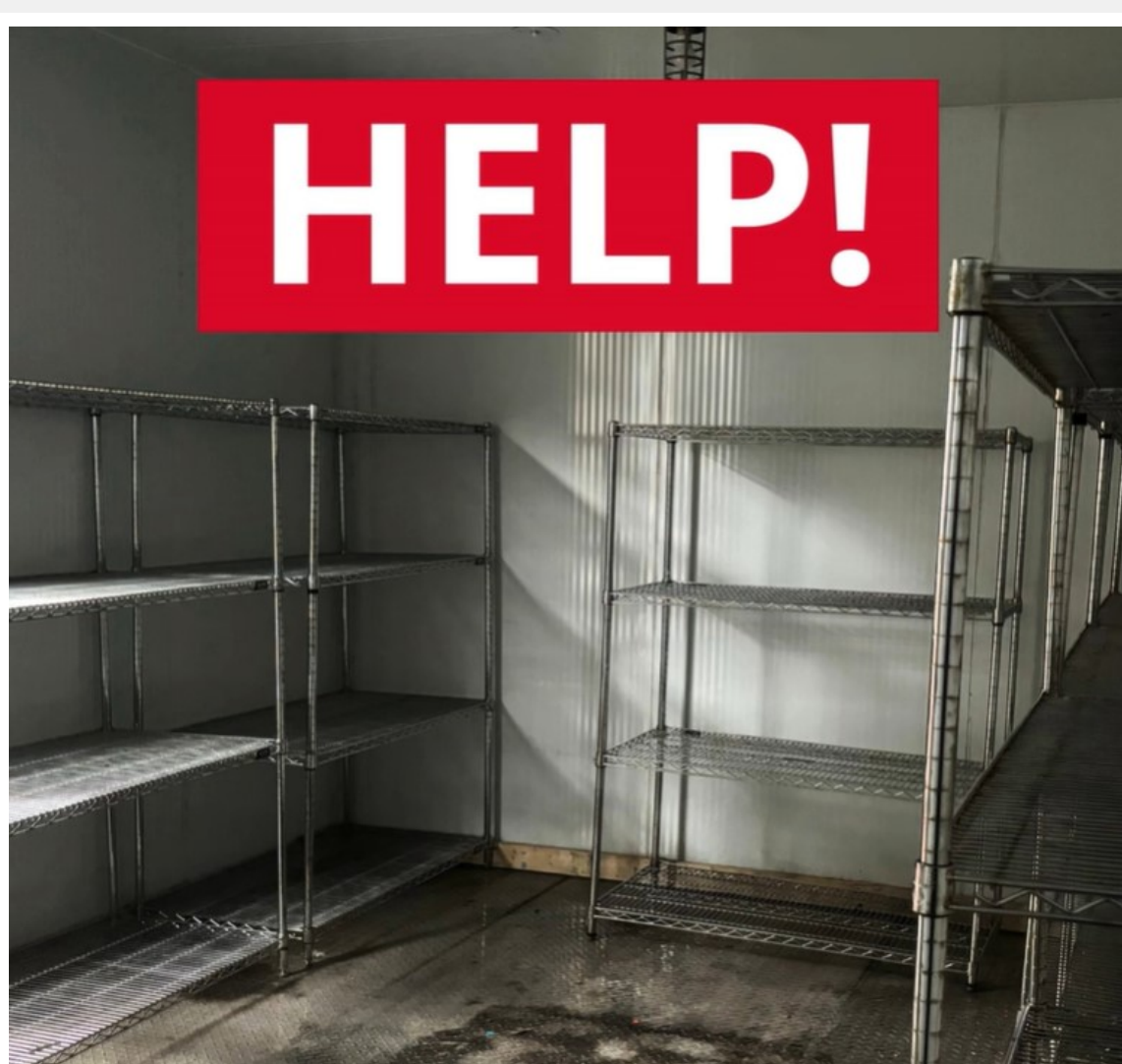
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[Learn More](#)



HELP THE NORTH YORK HARVEST FOOD BANK!

North York Harvest Food Bank is facing severe challenges after a storm hit their main warehouse, causing significant damage and a loss of over **\$50,000**.

The storm led to power outages, spoiling crucial food items like milk, meat, eggs, and cheese intended for community distribution. The Food Bank had already been experiencing a shortage caused by summer's low donation season, so they need our support now more than ever.

They request monetary donations for repairs and food replenishment and encourage donations of non-perishable items like beans and pasta. Community support is crucial during this difficult time!

Please consider donating now by visiting <https://northyorkharvest.com/donate/>.



GROW NORTH awards

HONOURING
ARTISTIC
EXCELLENCE IN
THE COMMUNITY

DEADLINE
JULY 26TH

Northcrest 

NORTH YORK ARTS AWARDS

The **Grow North Awards** acknowledge the significant contribution that North York-based artists make to the vibrancy, arts and culture of the North York community. This awards competition offers the opportunity to receive city-wide recognition from a jury of artistic visionaries.

The Awards recognize emerging, established, and community artists in North York and spotlight their contributions to the community and their respective disciplines. Our goal is to highlight the achievements of these artists and to build our local community's appreciation for the art that is being created in North York.

The awards categories are:

- **Emerging Artist Award:**
The Emerging Artist Award aims to celebrate the achievements and artistic merit of a rising North York artist in any field. This award not only honors the past achievements of the artist but also champions the future potential of their work. The artists must have at least 2 years of an independent arts practice. The artists must be in the early stages of their career with a brief history of public presentation of their work. This award is a \$1,000 prize.
- **Established Artist Award:**
The Established Artist Award honors a professional artist who has been creating and showing their work for an extended period. Their work has made a significant impact on arts and culture in North York, and the artist has established themselves as an artistic staple in the local arts community. This award is a \$2,000 prize.
- **Community Arts Award:**
The Community Arts Award celebrates an individual or collective that has impacted North York communities through their creative programming. The work of this individual or collective will have increased public access to art and contributed to local appreciation for the respective artform. The artist or collective must have a clear history of demonstrated commitment to community engagement through the arts. This award is a \$1,000 prize.

The submission deadline is **Friday, July 26th at 5pm**.



RUSH THE ART PARK 2024

Join **Jacob Moon** as he brings **RUSH** music back to the **Lee Lifeson Art Park** in style, with a phenomenal setlist of songs from Canada's greatest power trio (that would be RUSH), plus proggy goodness by Marillion, Genesis, Yes, Peter Gabriel, Radiohead, Pink Floyd, and more!

When: Wednesday, July 31, 7:00 PM

Where: Lee Lifeson Art Park, 223 Gladys Allison Pl, North York

Help make this show possible by supporting

at: <https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/rush-the-artpark-2024/x/650963#/>



YOU ARE INVITED

Virtual Family Event

Supporting each other in Long-Term Care

Long-Term Care is a vital part of our healthcare system. Know that you are not alone with almost 400 Canadian families going through this transition every single day.

Our guest speaker combines her many personal experiences as a resident's wife and daughter with her industry insight to provide a framework for managing this major life change.

This session will provide you with:

- How to manage the long-term care journey with more ease and grace, and less guilt and anxiety
- The 7 A's of this emotional journey
- Strategies to manage your energy effectively
- How to recognize and respond to your grief.

Wednesday, July 17, 2024
10 - 11:30 a.m.


Wednesday, August 14, 2024
10 - 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, September 18, 2024
1:30 - 3 p.m.

A Zoom meeting link will be provided.

We will also be hosting this online event at the home. Please RSVP to Nicole Chouhan at Nicole.Chouhan@toronto.ca if you are planning to attend the session in person or Zoom.

Guest Speaker
Deborah Bakti



"SUPPORTING EACH OTHER IN LONG TERM CARE" VIRTUAL MEETING

The Inter-Home Advisory Committee presents **"Supporting Each Other Through the Long-Term Care Journey"** with guest speaker Deborah Bakti, via Zoom.

Choose one of these dates to participate:

- Wednesday, August 14, 2024, 10 - 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, September 18, 2024, 1:30 - 3 p.m.

If you are planning to attend the session in person or on Zoom, please contact Nicole.Chouhan@toronto.ca to RSVP.



NORTH YORK Diwali Fest

Festival of lights

12PM-10PM | Oct 19-20, 2024 | Free Entry

Festive Shopping

Food Stalls

Talent Show

Kids Zone

Ethnic Beauty Pageant

Art & Craft

Mel Lastman Square

5150 Yonge St, North York, M2N 5V7



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NORTH YORK DIWALI FEST

Over the past few years we have seen an increase in Indian neighbours in our community. As such, I was excited to see the great success of last year's North York Diwali Fest. This year I am pleased to be co-hosting the event which will span two days on **October 19–20 at Mel Lastman Square**. We want this event to give visibility and build connectivity to the growing Indian community in Willowdale.

If you are interested in joining the planning committee or in being a vendor please email events@northyorkdiwali.com or reach out at **437-258-3065**. Additionally, community members can join the Facebook group "Indians in Willowdale"- www.bit.ly/indiansinwillowdale or the WhatsApp Group for the Willowdale Indian Community www.chat.whatsapp.com/De5LjwA2BC62gdk9MkqTlq.

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"PARKS OF WILLOWDALE" WALKING TOUR

Want to learn some Willowdale History and explore the neighbourhood? Try out the free "Parks of Willowdale" Audio Walking Tour.

It is a 4km route starting from Princess Park (the old fire tower behind Empress Walk), heading south of Sheppard, and then ending at the Claude Watson School for the Arts. As you walk the route, your GPS will trigger the audio when you get to each location. The stops along the route explain the history of the various parks and the history of Willowdale.

To access the tour you can use the web browser on any phone, or download the Gesso app. Just scan the QR code (or visit gesso.fm/collections/parks-of-willowdale) and hit "stream in browser". Then, click the arrow icon in the top right hand corner (Show My Location). When you start the tour, the audio will trigger as soon as you get to the first stop: **Princess Park, 214 Doris Ave.**

Happy Walking!

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