



Hi Neighbour!

Happy Friday! We had 2 days of intense discussions at **Toronto City Council** all while hosting multiple community events including a park consultation, Environment Day and a movie night with one more to go TONIGHT! It's wonderful seeing the spirit of our neighbourhood come alive. I'll have more to say about what transpired at City Hall in my update next week. Don't miss out on the following opportunities!:

TONIGHT! Fri. July 26, 5:00 - 10:30pm	Willowdale West Picnic, Games, and Movie Night - See details below
Sun. July 28, 7:00 - 8:30pm	Sunday Serenades - Mel Lastman Square - See details below
Tues. July 30, 4:00 - 7:00pm	NEW! Moore Park Meet Your Councillor Park Pop-Up With information about Participatory Budgeting
Wed. July 31, 7:00 - 9:00pm	Pride of Israel - An Evening of Solidarity Against Hate
Thurs. Aug. 1, 6:00 - 8:00pm	NEW! Glendora Park Meet Your Councillor Pop-Up
Tues. Aug. 6, 6:30 - 8:30pm	NEW! Rosyland Jam: Park Performances & DIY Melodies (Tuesday night Concert Series at Lee Lifeson Park for August)

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In addition to all the fun attendees will be able to:

- Connect with Willowdale West Homeowners Associations: the **Edithvale Yonge-Community Association (EYCA)**, and **West Willowdale Neighborhood Association (WWNA)** to learn about their community activities and sign up for memberships.
- Learn about **Participatory Budgeting for Willowdale West = \$500K**
- Learn about the **North York at the Centre Secondary Plan Review** (projected to bring more density) with City Planning Staff

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Picnic games and sports activities
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Little Kickers Info Session with a Coach (15-minute sessions)
5:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Free face painting
6:00 PM - 6:30 PM	80s Sing-along with the Wildcats Willowdale Middle School Rock Band
6:00 PM, 6:30 PM, 7:00 PM	Zumba Classes (20-minute sessions)
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM	DIY Pizza (\$4 each) Provided by Toronto Parks, Forestry, and Recreation Division
Sunset	Movie Screening of "Raya and the Last Dragon"

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!

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- **Local artisan market**
- **free dance classes by Stardance**
- **Bollywood dance classes** by Rashmi
- **FREE! Face Painting**
- **Fire Truck visit**
- **City of Toronto Playmobile** with lots of fun sport activations, and
- **Toronto Police Canine Officers!**

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- Join the founding group for the **Avondale Community Association**
- Consult on **Off-Leash Dog Park for Glendora Park**
- Learn about the **North York at the Centre Secondary Plan Review** (projected to bring more density) with City Planning Staff
- Connect with organizations including **Metrolinx**, **North York Seniors Centre** and **Neighbourlink North York**

Finally, once the sun sets, we will be screening **The Super Mario Bros. Movie** and providing **courtesy of CUPE Local 416** as you enjoy the remainder of the summer evening with your family and neighbours.

Call for Vendors!

Are you a local Willowdale vendor eager to showcase your products? Get ready for the inaugural **Avondale Community Market** in partnership with the Avondale Community Association launching on **August 7th!** Don't miss out on the chance to be part of our market's debut! Applications are open on a rolling basis, and **local artisans will be given priority**. Apply for your booth at the August 7th Avondale Market here: <https://bit.ly/AvondaleMarket>

I hope to see you all **TONIGHT!** at **Edithvale Community Centre** for our **Willowdale West Block Party, Sports & Games and Movie Night!** Have a wonderful weekend!

Warmly,

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COUNCILLOR UPDATES



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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

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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
SEP 6-8 • 10th Annual T.U. Jazz Fest
SEP 6-8 • NeighbourLink Taste of North York

Willowdale Ward 18
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SIGN UP TODAY!



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

WILLOWDALE FUN FAIRS!

SAT. MAY 25 • Churchill P.S.
FRI. MAY 31 • Finch P.S.
SAT. JUN 1 • Avondale Alt. School
SAT. JUN 1 • Cameron P.S.
WED. JUN 5 • St. Edward Catholic School
THURS. JUN 6 • St. Paschal Baylon (with BBQ)
SAT. JUN 8 • Yorkview P.S.
FRI. JUN 14 • St. Cyril Catholic School
SAT. JUN 15 • Pleasant P.S.
TUE. JUN 25 • 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!

WILLOWDALE WEST PICNIC, GAMES & MOVIE NIGHT

FRI. JULY 26
5PM-10:30PM

Edithvale Community Centre,
131 Finch Ave. W

- 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



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

Please bring a picnic blanket or lawn chairs & Waterbottle!

Hosted by:



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It will also be an opportunity for engagement in consultations and information booths for upcoming changes/proposals in the area, such as Off-Leash Dog Park, North York at the Centre, and Metrolinx. We also hope to invite several community non-profit organizations such as **North York Seniors Centre** and **Neighbourlink**.

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AVONDALE COMMUNITY MARKET: CALL FOR VENDORS!

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You heard that right, we are inviting local Willowdale artisans and vendors to have **FREE** selling booths at Avondale Park, to join us in the launch of the Avondale Community Market.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, and **local artisans will be prioritized**.

Please apply for a booth at August 7th Avondale Market here: <https://bit.ly/AvondaleMarket>



AVONDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP ROLE INTEREST FORM

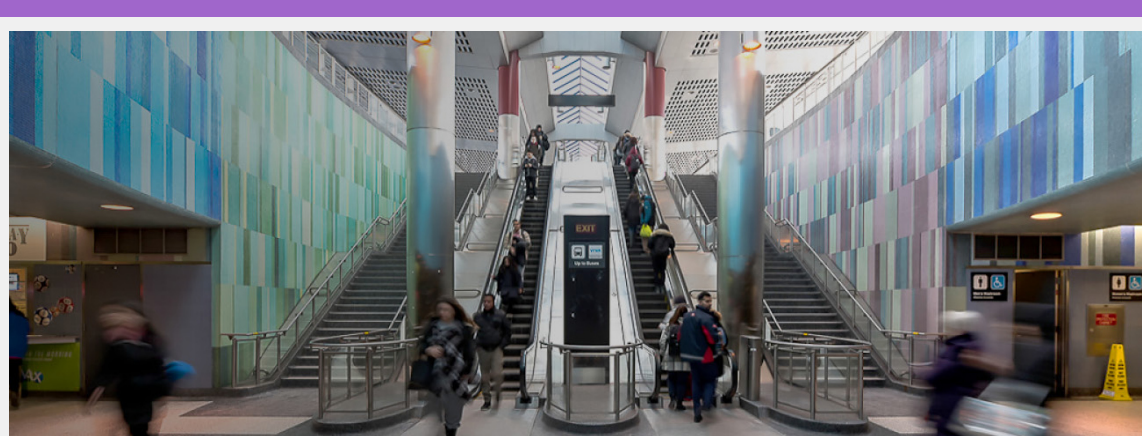
Do you live in **Avondale**? Are you passionate about making your neighbourhood a better place? Would you like to take collective action on issues that are important to your area?

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



SHEPPARD WEST TO ST. CLAIR WEST STATIONS: FULL WEEKEND CLOSURE

On **Saturday, July 27 and Sunday, July 28, 2024**, there will be **no subway service between Sheppard West and St Clair West stations** for planned track work. TTC Staff will be available at all stations between Sheppard West and St Clair West stations to assist customers. Shuttle buses will operate.

All TTC stations will remain open for customers to purchase PRESTO fares, tickets and connect to surface routes. **Regular service will resume Monday, July 29 by 6 AM.**

Sheppard West and St Clair West stations are both accessible stations. To confirm the status of elevators, customers can contact the TTC lift line at: 416-539-5438 (LIFT)

For more information on this and other service alerts, follow [@ttcnotices](#) on X and check the Live Service Alerts on [ttc.ca](#).

[Learn More](#)



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GOULDING COMMUNITY CENTRE: STATE OF GOOD REPAIR PROJECT

The project continues in the Construction Phase, including work on the interior rooms, washrooms, change rooms, mechanical, and electrical systems.

Phase 1: Construction at the community centre area is completed, including improvements at the multipurpose rooms, classrooms, dance room, gym floors, gym change rooms, front main entrance, mechanical units, and BAS connections.

Phase 2: Construction at the outdoor pool areas includes some change rooms and a new outdoor pool deck shade structure. The outdoor pool opened this season as scheduled.

Phase 3: Construction at the ice arena and some change rooms were completed early September 2023 allowing the ice rink programming to proceed as planned. Work resumed in early April 2024, including the remaining change rooms, ice rink referee change room, and maintenance office. Construction between the scheduled ice rink seasons will proceed until late August 2024.

Project updates can be found on the project webpage:

[Goulding Community Centre Improvements – City of Toronto](#)

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.

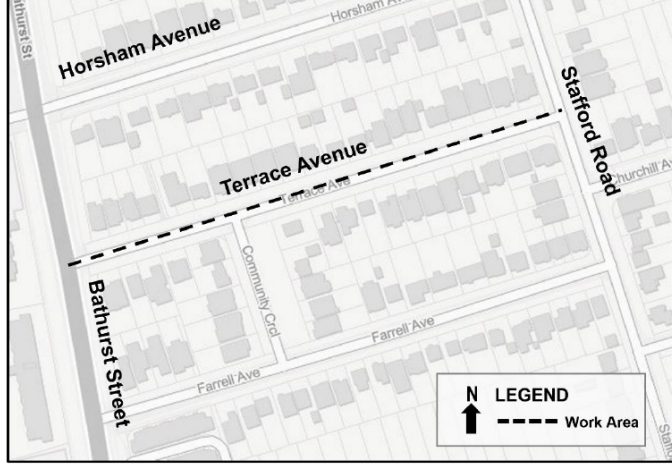
PLEASE HOLD ONTO THIS NOTICE FOR THE DURATION OF CONSTRUCTION

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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CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

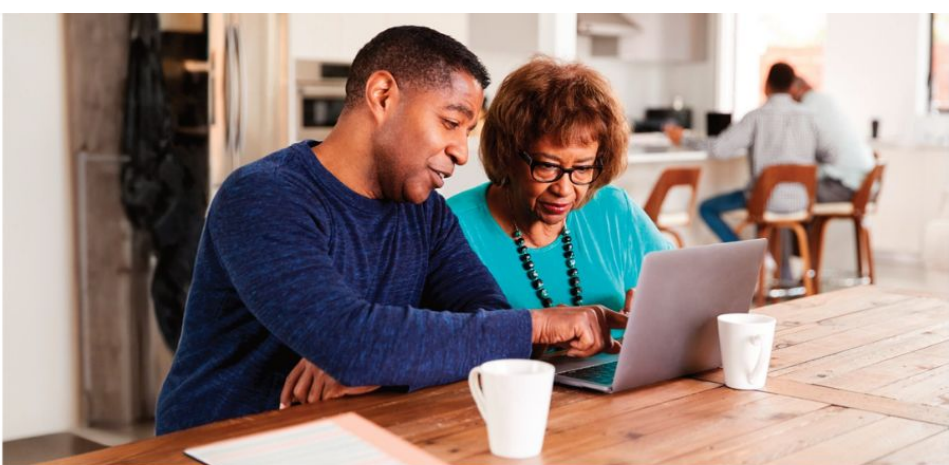
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Please visit the [Willowdale Ward 18 webpage](#) to view all construction notices in our Ward.

[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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Applicants can reserve a seat at a session through the website or call the Application Support Centre at [416 338 8888](tel:4163388888).

The following sessions are scheduled in Willowdale:

Location: North York Central Public Library, 5120 Yonge Street

Dates x's:

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.

COMMUNITY UPDATES



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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/>.

An Evening of Solidarity Against Hate

HONOURARY GUESTS

- Anthony Housefather, MP
- Melissa Lantsman, MP
- Ali Ehsassi, MP
- Hon. Ya'ara Saks, MP
- Olivia Chow, Mayor Toronto
- Insp. Roger Desrochers, TPS Intelligence Division
- Hon. Michael Kerzner, MPP, Solicitor General
- Hon. Stan Cho, MPP
- Laura Smith, MPP
- James Pasternak, Councillor
- Lily Cheng, Councillor
- Rich Robertson, B'nai Brith

JOIN US TO STAND UP AGAINST HATE!

Wednesday
July 31, 2024

Pride of Israel Synagogue
59 Lissom Crescent | Toronto

START TIME: 7:00 PM *(Doors open at 6:00 PM)*

THANKS TO:



ORGANIZED BY:



Pride of Israel Sick Benefit



AN EVENING OF SOLIDARITY AGAINST HATE

A few weeks ago members of the **Pride of Israel Synagogue** were deeply upset to find that windows had been broken by large rocks thrown at their windows. In response, Pride of Israel is hosting "**An Evening of Solidarity against Hate**" on **July 31 at 7:00 PM**. This is our opportunity to show our Jewish community that we stand with them against the multiplication of hate experienced by many Jewish members in our community and the growing number of acts of vandalism that have targeted synagogues across the city. Let's stand united against hate and intolerance

When: Wednesday, July 31, 7:00 PM

Where: Pride of Israel Synagogue, 59 Lissom Crescent



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#/>



AGING WELL: FRAUDS AND SCAMS AGAINST SENIORS

In this workshop, participants will learn how to protect their assets from frauds and scams targeted towards seniors. With a guest speaker from the **Toronto Police Services Frauds and Scams Unit**, seniors will learn how to identify scams and how to protect themselves from becoming a victim. In addition, our guest speaker will provide participants with next steps should they become a victim of fraudulent activity.

Registration is encouraged via **Eventbrite**. Drop-ins are welcome until capacity is reached. For more information contact the 4th floor, Business Science and Technology desk at 416-395-5613 or email clbst@tpl.ca.

When: Tuesday, August 13th, 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Where: North York Central Library, Room 1

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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 Batki, 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.

An illustration featuring a golden scale of justice, a smartphone displaying a legal document, a stack of papers, a pen, and a small notepad. A large yellow speech bubble with the text 'LEGAL WORKSHOP' is positioned in the upper right.

HOUSING AND TENANT'S RIGHTS

LEGAL WORKSHOP: HOUSING AND TENANT'S RIGHTS

Join **Willowdale Community Legal Services** (WCLS) and **Downsview Community Legal Services** (DCLS) every month for legal information sessions. Learn more about the law and discuss your legal rights. Each session will explore a different topic.

This workshop will review what tenants need to know about their basic rights, duties and obligations under the Residential Tenancies Act. Tenants will also learn about the obligations and responsibilities of their landlords.

No registration required. Drop-ins are welcome until capacity is reached. For more information, contact the 4th floor Business, Science & Technology desk at 416-395-5613.

When: Monday, Aug 19, 2024, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Where: Room 101, North York Central Library



NORTH YORK Diwali Fest

Festival of lights

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

Festive Shopping

Food Stalls

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Kids Zone

Ethnic Beauty Pageant

Art & Craft

Mel Lastman Square

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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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