

The long weekend is upon us! It is beautiful to see the many gardens across Willowdale come to life! If you don't have plans for this weekend yet, don't forget to join us THIS SATURDAY at the 32 Division Community BBQ (details below).

WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH \$300-500K? Wednesday evening - May 29, 6:30-7:30pm, we are officially launching

Participatory Budgeting (PB) with an interactive webinar on how you can participate in allocating funding to your community.

What is PB? It is an interactive process whereby communities participate in

allocating a set amount of funding towards community capital projects. This money cannot be allocated to events or programs. Instead, it is dedicated to

capital projects such as neighbourhood signage, pollinator gardens, park benches, park lighting, ping-pong tables, etc. We are open to hearing your ideas! We hope you will join us next Wednesday! Click Here to RSVP!

We are grateful for the support of Councillors Carroll and Moise who have successfully implemented PB in their respective wards. Visit lilycheng ca/ph for

successfully implemented PB in their respective wards. Visit <u>lilycheng.ca/pb</u> for more information. Let's shape our community together!

Interested in setting up your own Neighbourhood Watch cluster? Join us

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH WEBINAR

Wednesday, May 29, 7:30-8:30pm to learn from Didi Cameron who has set up dozens of networks across the city. Learn about best practices and past successes of this grassroots, community-based program. Click Here to watch her news interview. Click Here to RSVP.

Lastman Square on Saturday, May 25 from 12-10pm with 23 diverse food vendors, food trucks and a variety of cultural performances that will entertain and help us learn about the different Asian cultures around us!

Sunday, May 26 - Pride Toronto is coming to Mel Lastman Square for a two-

Saturday, May 25 - Asian Heritage Month celebration is coming to Mel

pronged event:

1-4pm: Community Connects aims to create more visibility and awareness for

the 2SLGBTQI+ communities outside of the downtown core. Please contact them if you would like to contribute to the programming.

4-6pm: Pride Toronto recognizes May as Asian Heritage Month. Celebrate through performances, art and complimentary food and beverages!

Sunday, May 26, 2-3pm - The Laundryman's Boy Book Launch at North York Central Library. Also, in celebration of Asian Heritage Month, join me for the book launch of local author Edward Lee for his debut novel - The Laundryman's Boy. This is the culmination of 12 years of writing encapsulating the coming-of-age story of a young Chinese immigrant in Canada in the early 1900s! Click Here to RSVP.

CONGRATULATIONS to Police Constable Don Louie E Laurel Constable Laurel, a Yonge Street Foot Patrol officer from 32 Division, received a

Police Officer Excellence Award this week!

On September 24, 2023, Homicide investigators took carriage of an

investigation into the stabbing death of a 23-year-old man in the area of Yonge Street and Hendon Avenue. Several witnesses of the tragic event were from the Filipino community, and investigators immediately sought out a Tagalog-speaking officer, who turned out to be both a translator and investigative asset to the case.

Constable Don Laurel's remarkable contribution to the homicide investigation

deserves high praise and congratulations. As a Tagalog-speaking officer with deep ties to the Filipino community, Constable Laurel proved invaluable in bridging cultural and linguistic gaps. His adept translation skills and extensive local knowledge facilitated critical interviews, clarifying witness statements and unearthing vital leads.

Detective Sergeant Henri Marsman rightfully praised Constable Laurel's

proactive approach, emphasizing his pivotal role in locating key witnesses and providing essential context for the investigation. Constable Laurel's longstanding

relationship with the community emphasized his effectiveness, culminating in a significant arrest. His dedication and multi-faceted assistance reflect the highest standards of policing, earning him a commendation for his exemplary service in resolving this murder case.

Congratulations, Constable Laurel, on your outstanding performance and impactful contribution to justice!

police dogs and horses will be in attendance. It's always a great time to get to know and show our appreciation for our community officers. Please consider attending anytime between 4-8pm. No RSVP required!

Warmest Regards,

Click On The Links Below or Scroll Down To Learn More About:

Hopefully you can join us in appreciating 32 Division and give a special nod to

Community BBQ happening on their front steps at 32 Ellerslie Avenue. I heard

Constable Laurel THIS SATURDAY, May 18 at the annual 32 Division

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

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<u>Call for Volunteers</u>

~ CITY OF TORONTO UPDATES

Willowdale Community Events Print Out

Neighbourhood Watch Webinar: Date Changed

Changes to West Exit on Plaza at Sheppard Ave E & Willowdale Ave
 Sheppard Avenue East Complete Street Project
 New Sidewalk Construction #5140 Yonge Street

New Bike Share Station at Glendora Avenue

- 2024 Grass Cutting Guide
 ReNew Sheppard Avenue East Update!
- ~ COMMUNITY UPDATES

• City of Toronto Garden Contest

- 32 Division Community BBQ
- Bone & Biscuit Spring Fling
 French Film Screening at North York Central Library
 Willowdale West Neighbourhood Association Annual General Meeting
- Asian Heritage Month Cultural Festival
 Pride Toronto Celebrates Asian Heritage Month
- Book Launch for the Laundryman's Boy
 Newcomers Welcome Tea
 Taiwan Tapestry at North York Central Library

• Seniors Month at North York Seniors Centre

Forest Valley Outdoor Education CentreLuminato Festival

Iranian Culture and Art Series

COUNCILLOR UPDATES



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



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH WEBINAR: DATE CHANGED

Are you concerned about rising crime rates in Willowdale? Do you want to take

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CITY COUNCILLOR WARD 18, WILLOWDALE

action against crime and improve community safety? Consider forming a Neighbourhood Watch with neighbours in your building or block! A safety webinar will now be held on May 29 from 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM, hosted

by our office and Didi, a community leader and starter of several Neighbourhood Watches across the city! Her largest group is in the Yonge-Lawrence area, where she went door to door to form a neighbourhood watch group following a stabbing incident on her block. Watch the following news footage for her story: https://globalnews.ca/video/4344474/torontos-yonge-and-lawrence-communityforms-online-neighbourhood-watch-program A Neighbourhood Watch Group allows for quick responses and reporting

crime prevention through collective action. If you are interested in starting a Neighbourhood Watch for your area, please register for the Webinar at bit.ly/neighbourhoodwatchrsvp, and fill out the

of incidents, increased awareness of suspicious events and enhanced

registration form for a chance to win a \$100 giftcard towards a Block/Building Party to launch your Neighbourhood Watch! Register Now!



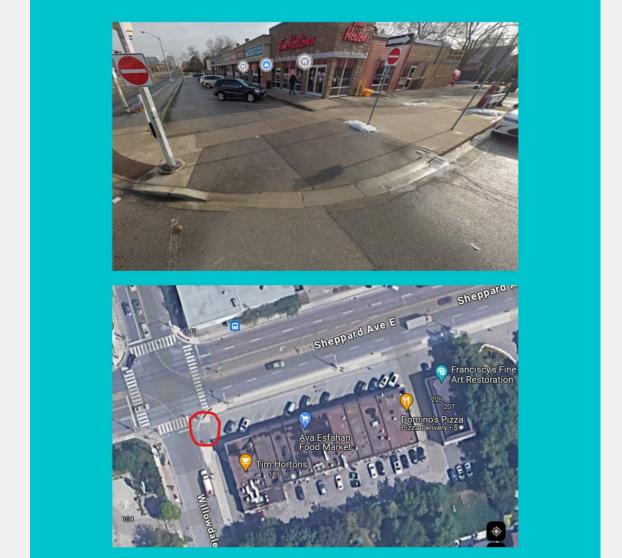
individuals to join our Volunteer Team!

meaningful change and earn volunteer hours. Let's work together to make Willowdale a better place for all!

Help foster a Connected Community in Willowdale. Contribute to making

New volunteers, sign up here: www.lilycheng.ca/volunteer Existing volunteers, sign up here: bit.ly/existingvolunteers

CITY OF TORONTO UPDATES



CHANGES TO WEST EXIT ON PLAZA AT SHEPPARD AVE E & WILLOWDALE AVE

The one-way exit opening onto Willowdale Ave on the west end of the plaza on the South East corner of Sheppard Ave E & Willowdale Ave will be permanently closed, and filled in by a sidewalk. Parking lines will be repainted. This change is part of the ongoing Sheppard Avenue road resurfacing and bikeway construction project.

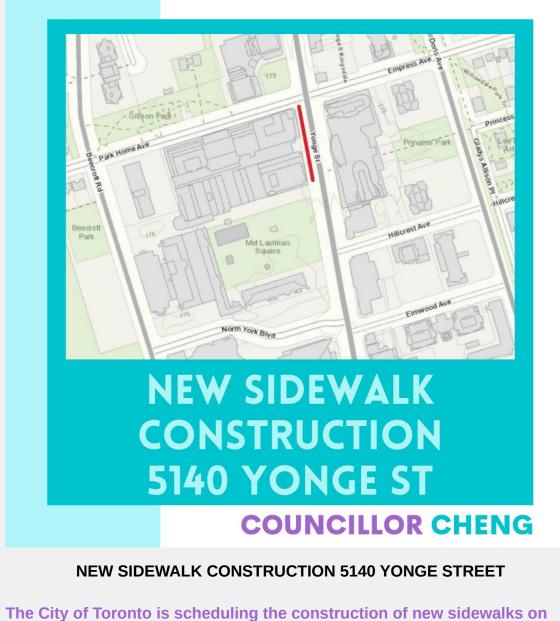
Please email Major Roads Enquiries@toronto.ca with any questions.



Have questions about the Sheppard Ave E Road Resurfacing and Bikeway

SHEPPARD AVENUE EAST COMPLETE STREET PROJECT

Construction? Please click the link below for answers to Frequently Asked Questions provided by the project team at Infrastructure and Development Services. **Frequently Asked Questions**



the removal and reconfiguration of granite pavers and construction of new sidewalks in better alignment with bike rings, tree pits, and new planting

the west side of Yonge St. south of Park Home Ave. This project will include

What to expect during construction • Work crews will mark sidewalks and curbs requiring replacement and the locations of underground utilities, such as gas, water and cable so that the construction work does not interfere with these utilities.

• Bike rings will be removed during construction work and be reinstalled as part

• Street Parking fronting the workzone will not be accessible during construction. • The City will not be responsible for damage to any privately owned items on

vegetation.

of this project.

• You may experience dust, noise and other inconveniences. The City will make

- City property. efforts to reduce the impacts.



rooms, mechanical and electrical systems. Phase 1: Construction for the community centre is now completed, including

improvements at the multipurpose rooms, classrooms, dance room, gym floors and gym change rooms, front main entrance, mechanical units and BAS connections. Phase 2: Construction for the outdoor pool change rooms are completed with

minor items to be addressed. The installation of a new outdoor pool deck shade structure is now proceeding, the foundation footings are completed, and metal shade structure to be delivered and installed by June 15, before the outdoor

pool season commences. Phase 3: Construction for the ice arena and change rooms were completed early September and allowed the ice rink programming to proceed as planned.

Work resumed in early April and items to be completed include the remaining change rooms and ice rink referee change room and will proceed until August

Project updates can also be found on the project webpage: **Goulding**

Monthly updates will be provided as the project progresses.

<u>Community Centre Improvements – City of Toronto</u>

2024, between the ice rink seasons.



NEW BIKE SHARE STATION AT 19 GLENDORA AVENUE

We welcome the **newly deployed Bike Share E-Station** which is the first estation in Toronto to be deployed in conjunction with an on-street EV charger. This is also the first e-station deployed in Willowdale and north of the 401!

Learn More



2024 GRASS CUTTING GUIDE

It's that time of the year again! Along with the nice warm weather comes.. grass maintenance! There will be 7 right-of-way grass cutting services at designated locations as well at Hydro Corridor Trails. Please see the schedule and map below.

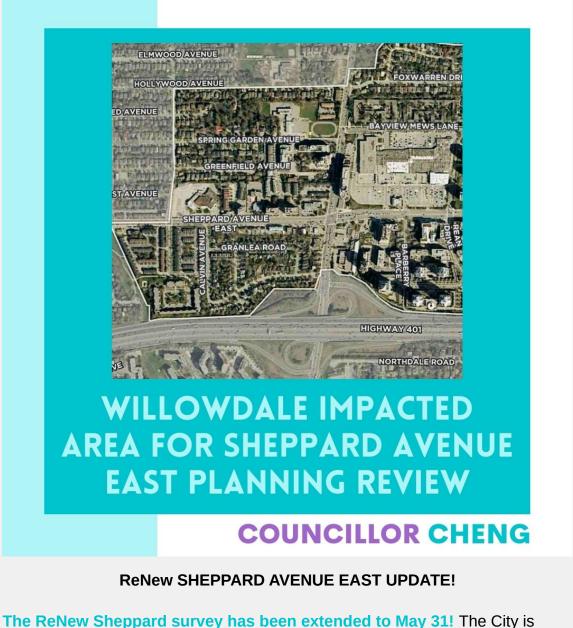
and trimming of weeds on medians and islands. Residents can access all of the grass cutting services information by calling 311.

The service includes mowing, trimming debris and litter pick-up and disposal,

https://www.toronto.ca/home/311-toronto-at-your-service/find-service-information/article/?kb=kA06g000001cvVICAY

Learn More

You can read about the bylaws pertaining to boulevard grass cutting here:



developing a vision and plan to guide growth and future development within the Sheppard Avenue East corridor between Bayview Avenue and Leslie Street.

This impacts the eastern tip of Willowdale on Sheppard.

The ReNew Sheppard East Planning Study (Sheppard Avenue East Planning Review) will provide recommendations to clarify, refine, and/or strengthen the existing policy framework, which could include official plan changes, and area-

visit the interactive map and survey to provide your thoughts on key components of the study.

Learn More



Nominations will be accepted across various categories spanning residential gardens, pollinator gardens, community gardens and commercial gardens until Monday, July 8.

Residents can submit their own garden or nominate one in their community. Excellence in the areas of design, landscaping, use of plant material and overall condition/maintenance contribute to the winner's being selected. Winners will be notified by mail and recognized at an award ceremony in fall 2024.

Garden Contest webpage: toronto.ca/gardencontest

Residents can dig deeper into the contest and submit nominations on the City's

COMMUNITY UPDATES



32 DIVISION COMMUNITY BBQ

Calling all community members! You're cordially invited to join the 32 Division Community Police Liaison Committee for an unforgettable evening at the annual 32 Division Police Week Community BBQ!

Come together on Saturday, May 18th, from 4-8 PM at 30 Ellerslie Ave. Join your neighbors for delicious BBQ and good times. Don't miss out on this fantastic community event!



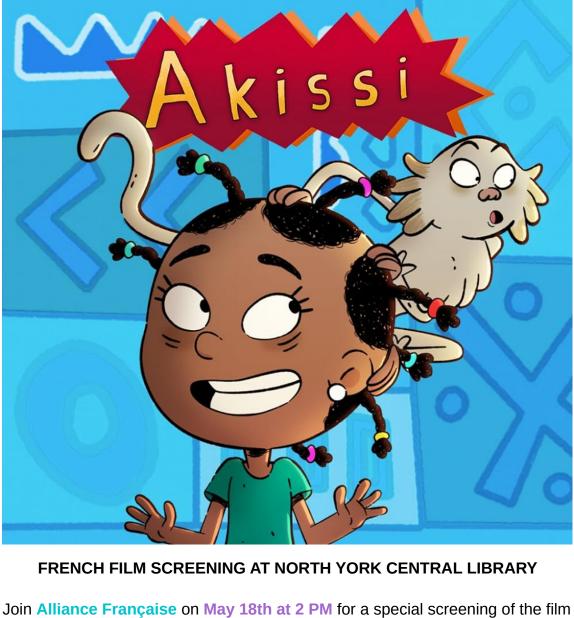
Visit Bone & Biscuit at 4841 Yonge Street for their annual Spring Fling on Saturday, May 18th from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM!

BONE & BISCUIT SPRING FLING

Niagara Dog Rescue will be in attendance from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM with

When: Saturday, May 18th from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Where: 4841 Yonge St Unit 119A, North York

beautiful dogs who are looking for a good home. Don't miss out on all the great



"Akissi, A Funny Little Brother" followed by a creative activity: crafting your

own dancing monkey!

In this heartwarming tale, Akissi, the youngest among her siblings, yearns for a little brother or sister. Along her journey to the market, she encounters a

charming little monkey whom she fondly names "Boubou." Through a series of delightful escapades with Boubou and his pals, Akissi faces a new challenge:

persuading her family to embrace the mischievous monkey as her new sibling!

This event is ideal for children aged 6 and above. No registration required.

When: Saturday, May 18, 2 PM - 3 PM

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Where: North York Central Library, Auditorium





We Invite You To Join Us For Our

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On Tuesday, May 21st from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the North York Central Library in Meeting Room 2/3.

(5120 YONGE STREET)

AGM AGENDA

Your board members are eager to hear and address your concerns, so bring your ideas and enthusiasm for our community. If you're interested in joining the board, please send an email expressing your interest by May 14th. Let's make this meeting a lively and productive one together, ensuring that every voice is heard and valued! The agenda for the upcoming meeting will be as follows:

- Agenda Review
- Previous AGM Minutes
- · Election of Board of Directors
- Annual Reports
- Councillor Lily Cheng Community Updates Open Discussion

neighbours to attend virtually. Contact us for updates.

While this is an in-person event, we are looking into the possibility of having an option for

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JOIN US

TUESDAY MAY

21ST 2024

GENERAL MEETING

Your Willowdale West Neighbourhood Association board members are eager to

WILLOWDALE WEST NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION ANNUAL

hear and address your concerns, so bring your ideas and enthusiasm for our community at the annual general meeting! When: Tuesday, May 21 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Where: North York Central Library, Meeting Room 2/3



Join in on a celebration of the vibrancy and diversity of Asian cultures at the 2024 AHM Cultural Festival, a signature event of the Asian Heritage Month hosted by the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto (CCCGT).

ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH CULTURAL FESTIVAL

This event brings together communities from various Asian backgrounds to share and celebrate their unique cultural heritage. This festival is a dynamic showcase of rich traditions and contemporary innovations from across Asia,

featuring spectacular performances and exquisite culinary experiences.

Mark your calendars for a full day of excitement and cultural immersion at Mel Lastman Square on Saturday, May 25th, from 12 PM to 10 PM. Experience the unity and beauty of Asia through a tapestry of artistic expressions and flavors, right in the heart of Toronto.

Learn More



JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE LAUNCH OF THE LAUNDRYMAN'S BOY Welcome and Introduction by Toronto City Councillor, Lily Cheng



Ed is a fellow Willowdaler and this is his debut novel! He will be reading from and speaking about The Laundryman's Boy. An audience Q&A will follow.

BOY by Edward Y. C. Lee at North York Central Library, Room 101.

I am excited and honoured to be hosting the welcome and introduction for this event!

When: Sunday, May 26, 2 PM - 3 PM **Where: North York Central Library, Room 101**



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WHEN: Sunday, May 26th, 2024 TIME: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM **LOCATION: Spring Garden Church,**

112 Spring Garden Avenue NeighbourLink

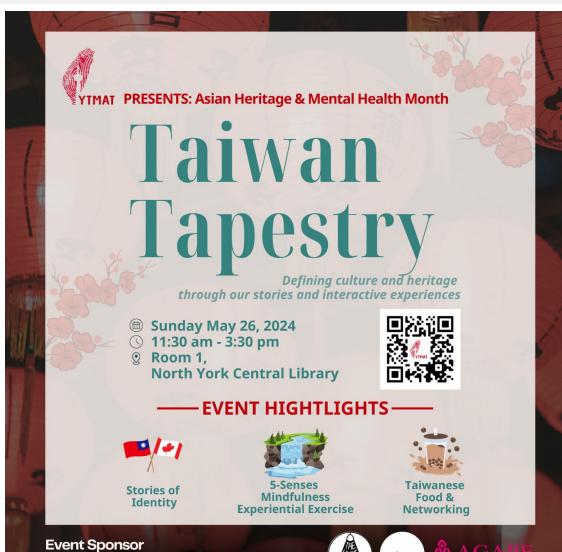


Join us to give and receive a warm NORTHYORK spring garden church welcome to local newcomers!

NEWCOMERS WELCOME TEA

Connect with fellow newcomers and friendly Canadians who want to help at a Newcomer Welcome Tea on Sunday, May 26th from 4 - 6 PM at Spring Garden Church (112 Spring Garden Ave). This is a FREE family-friendly event hosted by local charity NeighbourLink North York. There will be activities, tea, light refreshments and community connection!

Register Here



TAIWAN TAPESTRY AT NORTH YORK CENTRAL LIBRARY

Join the Young Taiwanese Merchants Association of Toronto on Sunday May 26 at 11:30 AM at the North York Central Library for a day filled with Taiwanese culture and heritage. Dive into the rich tapestry of Taiwan through compelling storytelling, fun activities, and delicious food! Don't miss out on this unique blend of culture, heritage, and cuisine. Reserve your spot today!



June is Seniors Month and North York Seniors Centre is celebrating in style!

Join NYSC for a month full of special activities designed just for our amazing seniors. From Social Activities to Blood pressure clinic, there's something for

everyone - and the best part? It's all FREE! NYSC is hosting a fabulous gift

basket draw! The more you participate in the activities, the more times your name will be entered into the draw! Come visit NYSC at 21 Hendon Ave, conveniently located just across from Finch Subway Station. Don't miss out on the fun - be sure to register by calling reception at 416-733-4111. Let's make this June unforgettable together!



appreciate the natural environment. The camp features workshops, themed days and activities may include hiking, archery, nature, ecology, outdoor

cooking, swimming, sports and art. **Learn More**



This June, Luminato Festival Toronto, the city's multi-arts festival, returns to

kick off the summer with memorable arts experiences.

and more.

From June 5 to June 16, 2024, Luminato will present a vibrant programming lineup featuring exceptional Canadian and international artists who will illuminate the city with a unique blend of music, dance, theatre, performance art,

SPACED, curated by Banded Purple, celebrates the notion that art can be found in every corner and can permeate every aspect of our lives. The artists behind SPACED aim to take up space and affirm their own presence in the world, and to inspire people to recognize the beauty that exists in the world even in the most unlikely of spaces. Check out their exhibit at Finch Station from June 5 to June 16!

Learn More



Join Fariba Cultural and Art Studies Centre on June 12, 2024, from 6-9 pm at

IRANIAN CULTURE AND ART SERIES

Fairview Library Auditorium for the inaugural program of the forthcoming Iranian Culture and Art Series! This event aims to celebrate the diverse regions of Iran through their unique themes in song, music, and dance. Tickets are \$35. For more information and reservations, please contact 647-862-4056.

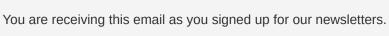
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