



Hi Neighbour!

Happy Friday! Thank you to everyone who joined us at our pop-ups at **Centre Park**, **North York Farmer's Market**, and **North York Central Library**! I am always grateful to have the opportunity to connect directly with our community. This summer marks our office's debut in hosting pop-up events, inspired by Councillor Shelley Carroll's office. I find great value in these opportunities to have more personal conversations.

This week, our pop-ups mainly focused on Participatory Budgeting in Willowdale. To learn more about PB and the opportunity we have to spend up to \$500K to improve our neighbourhood, please visit lilycheng.ca/pb. Our next PB pop-up is at **Hendon Park on August 26, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**, I hope to see you there!

THIS WEEKEND AT MEL LASTMAN SQUARE: ISLAND EATS FOOD FESTIVAL

The Festival & Events Ontario (FEO) award-winning food festival returns to Toronto **THIS SATURDAY & SUNDAY** (August 17th and 18th) at **Mel Lastman Square**!

Formerly the Tropical Rhythms Food Festival, the revamped Island Eats Food and Travel Festival is a two-day event that showcases the pleasant aromas, tantalizing sounds, delectable tastes and unforgettable experiences that Caribbean destinations have to offer including:

- Taste a variety of exotic delicacies prepared by Celebrity chefs from the Caribbean;
- Learn more about each destination's cuisine and attractions from tourism representatives;
- Dance the day away to Caribbean vibes;
- Enter to win one of the all-inclusive Caribbean vacations and of course,
- Sample from dozens of Island mocktails, served up by some of the region's top mixologists.

It will be like taking a tropical vacation right in our neighbourhood! [Click Here](#) to learn more!

Shots Fired near Senlac and Finch

We were alarmed to receive the following update from 32 Division:

Shots Fired - Thursday August 15, 2024 - 11:50 PM
Finch Avenue West and Senlac Road - Police 32 Division

At approximately 11:50 p.m., Toronto Police Service responded to a call for a firearm discharge in the Finch Avenue West and Senlac Road area. A complainant had reported hearing the sound of several gunshots in the area. When officers arrived on the scene, they located several shell casings and bullet holes in a nearby residence. No injuries were reported. No arrests have been made. The investigation is ongoing.

Those who live in the area who feel traumatized by this situation can contact our office and we will share some resources that have been provided to us by Toronto Police. It is upsetting to know that weapons are being discharged in our neighbourhood. It is a reminder of the great risks our officers take to run towards calls about gunshots. Please reach out to the police if you have any information to share regarding this incident.

FEEDBACK FRIDAY! - Take some time to share your thoughts. Your efforts will help to strengthen our democracy!

[CLICK HERE](#) for the **TTC 2025 Annual Service Plan Survey**

[CLICK HERE](#) for the **Willowdale Community Centre Feedback Survey (For Mitchell Field, Goulding and Edithvale)**

[CLICK HERE](#) for the **Holmes Park Expansion Survey**

[CLICK HERE](#) to provide feedback for a future **Toronto Police Service Board Public Order Policy**. The policing of protests, demonstrations and occupations poses a complex and delicate challenge, as the Toronto Police Service is required to respect the constitutional rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly of all people, while also ensuring community safety and preserving the peace. Due to the unique complexity and considerable public interest in this matter, the Board is seeking the public's input on the **overriding principles and key elements** that should be a part of this policy.

My visit to Halifax

I enjoyed a weekend in Halifax at the **Canadian Association of Police Governance** conference. It was insightful to hear how boards across Canada are dealing with the growing complexity of our world. I know many of our residents are struggling with the growing number of encampments in our city. There were encampments in front of my hotel in Halifax and many representatives from cities across Canada shared about their struggles. Clearly, this problem is larger than our city and requires the resources and efforts of our higher levels of government.

I will have more to share about the conference in a future email.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Warmly,

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Be A Neighbourhood Leader

AVONDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP ROLE INTEREST FORM

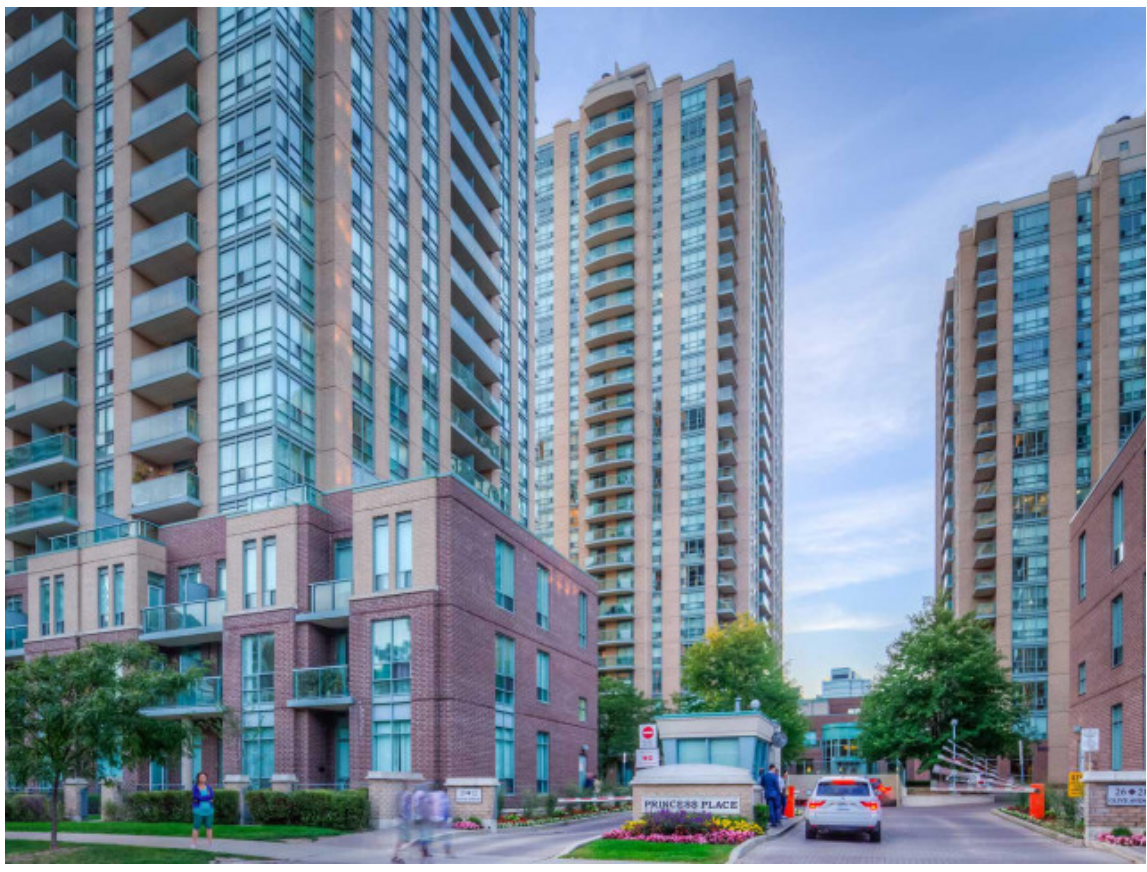
Do you live in **Avondale**? Are you passionate about making your neighbourhood a better place? Would you like to take collective action on issues that are important to your area?

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



OLIVE AVE. RESTRICTED TO LOCAL TRAFFIC

A hoist will be onsite and restricting Olive Ave. to local access only from **9 AM to 5 PM on Saturday, Aug 17th**. Please plan accordingly and make alternate arrangements should you need to be in the area.



LANE CLOSURE NOTIFICATION

Please be advised the concrete pour scheduled for August 10th has been moved to August 17th.

Location: Sheppard Ave West, eastbound lane (From Beecroft Rd to Yonge St)
Date: August 17th
Time: 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Reason: Construction related to the 4800 Yonge St development



TTC wants your feedback!

As part of the 2025 Annual Service Plan, TTC wants input on its proposed network changes.



Survey deadline is August 20, 2024



2025 TTC ANNUAL SERVICE PLAN

Share your feedback on the TTC by completing the online survey or attending an in-person pop-up. More details about the pop-ups will be provided when available.

The deadline to complete the online survey is **August 20, 2024**.

[Take the Survey!](#)



GENERATOR AT 15 ELLERSLIE REMOVED

[Click Here for the Schedule!](#)

[Click Here for the Schedule!](#)

Call **410-797-8200** for further information!



ROSYLAND: FREE CONCERT SERIES

Unleash your creative musical potential! Join Rosalind Zhang and her buddies **every Tuesday evening in August** for a free, family-friendly interactive concert series at **Lee Lifeson Art Park**. Every week will feature a different orchestral family, which means you can meet a lot of musical instruments!

Designed to offer a rich experience, the concerts will be filled with tunes familiar and new, engaging conversations, and to top it off, you can help make music together! Perfect for all levels, including those interested in learning music but don't know where to start!

[Learn More](#)

READING BUDDIES

On **August 17th and 24th, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM**, come to **Spring Garden Church** for a special event where children aged 9 and under can read books and engage with local high school students.

Children are encouraged to bring their own books or choose from the selection we provide. It's a wonderful opportunity for young readers to engage and enjoy a fun reading experience.

[RSVP Now!](#)

LEGAL WORKSHOP: HOUSING AND TENANT'S RIGHTS

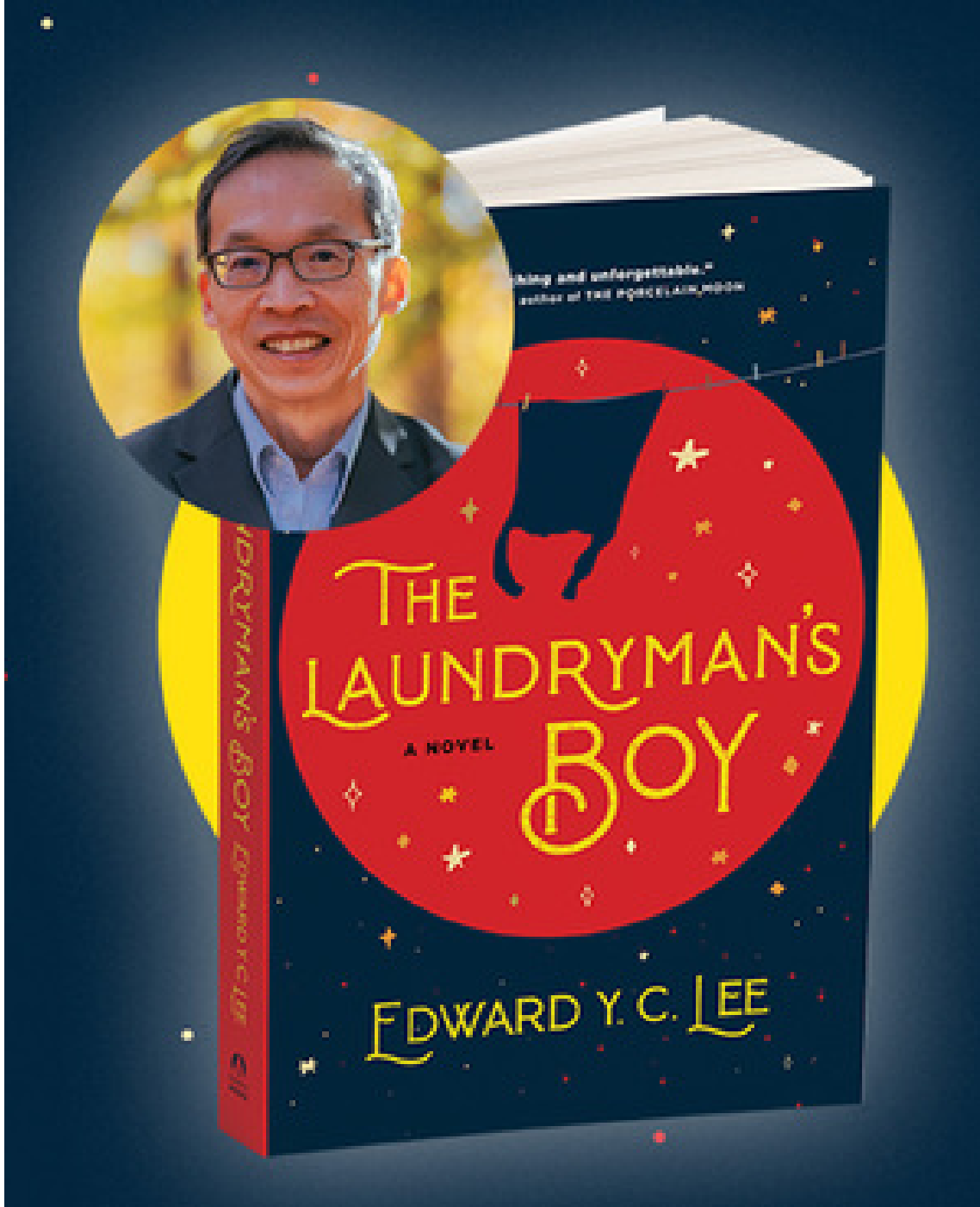
Join **Willowdale Community Legal Services** (WCLS) and **Downsview Community Legal Services** (DCLS) every month for legal information sessions. Learn more about the law and discuss your legal rights. Each session will explore a different topic.

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



LOCAL AUTHOR TALK: EDWARD Y.C. LEE & THE LAUNDRYMAN'S BOY

Join local Willowdale author, **Edward Y. C. Lee**, as he discusses his debut novel, **The Laundryman's Boy**!

Set in St. Catharines in 1913, *The Laundryman's Boy* follows 13-year-old Hoi Wing Woo's struggles to build escape a life of hard labour and exploitation, and make something more of himself. Edward Lee will talk about his journey as a writer, the process of writing this novel, including interviews and research conducted into the struggles of new Chinese immigrants to Canada in the early 20th century. He will also share an excerpt from the novel!

No registration is required. For further information, call 416-395-5639.

When: Monday, August 19, 6:00-7:00pm, Room 101

Where: North York Central Library, 5120 Yonge Street

[Learn More](#)

Mental Health Series

Activities

August 14 Wednesday	1:30 pm – 2:30 pm (FREE EVENT) Positive Mental Health in Later Life Improving mental health and well-being through a comprehensive plan addressing awareness, conditions, and overall strategies.
August 21 Wednesday	10:00 am – 11:30 am (FREE EVENT) Understanding Mental Health and Well-Being in Later Life Learn about mental health, mental illness and addictions. Get answers and understand what can affect your mental health in later life.
SEPTEMBER 11 Wednesday	1:00 pm – 2:15 pm (FREE EVENT) Yoga Mental Health Session – (Limited seats) Enjoy gentle movements and relaxation exercises from the comfort of your chair, guided by soothing music and a supportive instructor

All Events at 21 Hendon Ave
To register, please call reception at 416 733.4111

NORTH YORK SENIORS CENTRE: MENTAL HEALTH SERIES

Take part in the **North York Seniors Centre Mental Health Series**!

This free Mental Health Series offers presentations and activities to support positive mental health in later life. All events are free to register, and light refreshments will be provided.

Here's a sneak peek at the upcoming session:

August 21, 1:30-2:30 pm: Understanding Mental Health and Well-being in Later Life

Both presentations will be led by **Stephanie Muskat** from Compassion in Caregiving. Stephanie is a registered member of the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers.

September 11, 1:00-2:15 pm: Yoga Mental Health Session

Join **Elaine Nestor** from Mobile Mind Body for a relaxing and rejuvenating yoga session focused on mental well-being.

All events will take place at **21 Hendon Ave**, right beside Finch Station.

Don't miss out! Seats are limited for the yoga session, so RSVP by September 9 to secure your spot. To register, please call reception at **(416) 733-4111**.

TENANTS' RIGHTS SEMINAR

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Join us for our Tenants' Right Seminar, where you'll learn what YOUR rights are as a renter!

Location:
 Lansing United Church,
 49 Bogart Avenue

When:
 Wednesday, August 21st
Time: 6:30 PM – 8PM

TO REGISTER: neighbourlink.org/newcomers

租户权利研讨会

Семінар з питань прав орендарів

TENANTS' RIGHTS SEMINAR


NeighbourLink invites you to the upcoming **Tenants' Rights Seminar**, taking place on **August 21st from 6:30PM - 8PM** at **Lansing United Church (49 Bogart Ave.)**, near Sheppard Yonge Station.

The seminar will focus on *your* rights as a tenant, and looks to the law to explain that. It will also answer to some who worry on how to deal with difficult situations when signing a rental contract, and how to better protect yourself.

The seminar will be hosted by **Willowdale Legal Community Services**, whose specialty is dealing with tenant cases, among others as a free clinic. There will also be activities for kids to occupy them during the seminar, and an hour of social time with snacks afterwards.

If you're unable to attend in person, a **virtual option through Zoom** is also available at the same time. Please feel free to bring the entire family, and invite those you believe would benefit from this information!

[RSVP Now!](#)



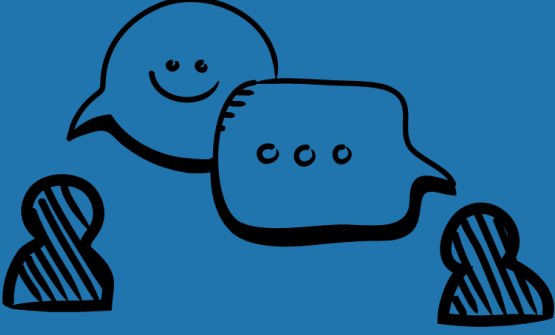
CENTRAL NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE
NEIGHBOURLINK
ST. STEPHEN'S COMMUNITY HOUSE




You're invited to our August


Open House

Drop by to learn about TNG programs and services for newcomers.

- Meet our team
- Connect with our partners
- Learn about our services
- Enjoy some snacks!



 August 22, 2024 (Thursday)
  11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
  5231 Yonge Street, Suite 200, North York, M2N 5P8



see you soon 😊

TNG COMMUNITY SERVICES OPEN HOUSE

Attention Willowdale Newcomers! **TNG's Newcomer Centre** in North York would like to invite you to attend their Open House at **5231 Yonge Street on Thursday, August 22nd, 2024, from 11:00 to 12:30 PM.**

If you're finding it challenging to adapt to life in Canada, TNG is here to help! Whether you **need help finding a job**, learning about **health care**, finding good **schools**, connecting with **community programs**, or doing **fun activities with new friends**, their Settlement Services team is there for you. Explore more during their open house!

[Learn More](#)



Garden Party

SAVE THE DATE!

August 23
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
@34 Parkview Ave
M2N 3Y2
(John McKenzie House)

- FREE refreshments + admission
- PAINT, FREE upcycled plant pots
- LEARN about Indigenous plants

*We encourage you to bring your own pots and gently used clothing for a drive!

For inquiries please contact:

Lucas Pham: lucas@neighbourlink.org

Evie Prokou: evangelia@neighbourlink.org



RSVP Today!

JOIN NEIGHBOURLINK FOR A GARDEN PARTY

On **Friday August 23rd, from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM**, come to the **John McKenzie House** for a delightful afternoon featuring pot painting and an engaging presentation on indigenous plants.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their own personal pots for painting. If you don't have one, don't worry—upcycled pots will also be available. Additionally, you are invited to please bring gently used clothing for NeighbourLink's clothing drive.

[RSVP Now!](#)

Edithvale Movie night

Edithvale Free Family MOVIE NIGHT

August 23

NOW SHOWING
Trolls Band Together



Make Your own Pizza
Pizza Price \$4
6:00-8:45 PM

Edithvale CC (Park)
131 Finch Ave W,
North York, ON M2N 2H8

Movie at Sundown



Call 311




EDITHVALE FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: TROLLS

Come by to watch a great movie with your community outside! You will be able to make your own personal pizza in the Outdoor Pizza Oven for \$4.00.

If the weather doesn't cooperate, the movie will still run inside the Gymnasium!

When: Friday, August 23, 6:00 PM to 8:45 PM, movie at sundown.
Where: Edithvale Community Centre, 131 Finch Ave W, North York

Become a Vendor!

FUTURE Leaders FORWARD Entrepreneurship FAIR Opportunities

Save the Date!

27 AUG 2024

1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

John McKenzie House
34 Parkview Ave, North York

The Youth Mobilization Program presents its inaugural youth entrepreneurship event. Visit a market of various youth artisans showcasing their craft!

Come & Join
LOCAL YOUTH ARTISANS
FREE CARICATURES
FREE FACE PAINTING

FREE ADMISSION!

For inquiries please contact: evangelia@neighbourlink.org
lucas@neighbourlink.org

FUTURE FORWARD FAIR

Calling all youth entrepreneurs!

On **Tuesday, August 27th, from 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM**, head over to the **John McKenzie House located at 34 Parkview Ave, North York, ON M2N 3Y2**.

The Future Forward Fair will feature an array of local youth artisans, free face painting, and caricatures. It's also a fantastic opportunity for young entrepreneurs to promote their businesses without the cost of an event space.

Interested in being a vendor? Applications are now open! [Click Here to Apply!](#)

New Home Grand Opening Weekend

Aug 30-31 and Sep 01, 2024
10AM to 8PM

Hours of Operation: Tue-Sun 10am to 8pm

Participating members:

Food Hall TO
5210 Yonge Street, Toronto, ON M2N 5P6
www.foodhallto.com

www.knicanada.com
eat@knicanada.com
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KAINAN NA GRAND OPENING WEEKEND

Kainan Na is excited to announce the grand opening of their new location at **Food Hall TO, 5210 Yonge Street!**

Join the celebration on **August 30th to September 1st from 10am to 8pm**.

Experience a fantastic mix of food, music, and fun!

Kainan Na will be open Tuesdays through Sundays from 10am to 8pm following the grand opening.

[Learn More](#)

10TH ANNUAL

T.U. JAZZ FEST

AUG 30 - SEPT 2, 2024
MEL LASTMAN SQUARE

www.tujazz.com

T.U. JAZZ FEST AT MEL LASTMAN SQUARE

Canada's biggest jazz festival for emerging artists, **T.U. Jazz Fest**, is celebrating its 10th annual festival at **Mel Lastman Square on Labor Day Weekend!**

A vital professional showcase for emerging musicians, the festival features two performance stages and a line-up that includes a feature performance by Juno-Award winner Kellylee Evans and Grammy Award nominee Karl Silveira alongside established and emerging jazz performers.

Enjoy over 40 local food and market vendors at the **World East Market** available all weekend long. A masterclass featuring one of the most in-demand professional jazz musicians, Kellylee Evans is also available at 2 p.m. on Saturday at the North York Centre Library Auditorium.

This **FREE** family festival runs from **August 30th to September 2nd, 2024 at Mel Lastman Square, 5100 Yonge Street, North York**

[Learn More](#)



TASTE OF NORTH YORK IS BACK!

NeighbourLink North York presents the 2nd Taste of North York Community & Food Festival, [September 6-8 at Mel Lastman Square!](#)

Celebrate North York's vibrant cultures, diverse cuisines, and community connections with delicious food vendors, live music, art, dancing, kids activities, and NeighbourLink's Meet & Eat! Net proceeds support NeighbourLinks food bank and community care programs.

The Meet & Eat located at the Reflection Pond at Mel Lastman Square includes:

- A patio to [enjoy food and meet neighbours](#) all weekend long - join us September 6 at 7pm for a [community meal with special entertainment](#)
- A [Community Fair](#) of local charities, organizations, clubs, and artisans on September 7th & 8th
- [Family activities](#) including art, juggling workshops, aerial hammocks, lego-building, caricatures, instrument petting zoos, and robotics

Don't forget to [bring a non-perishable food item](#) to help fill a 32 Division police cruiser and support NeighbourLink's food bank!

Taste of North York

September 6-8, 2024

Mel Lastman Square, 5100 Yonge St.

Fri (6pm-10pm), Sat (12pm-10pm), Sun (12pm-8pm)

[Join in the fun of building a more connected community together!](#)

[Learn More](#)



APPLY TO VOLUNTEER AT TASTE OF NORTH YORK

NeighbourLink North York is seeking volunteers for their community and food festival [Taste of North York!](#) It will take place from [Fri, Sept 6 to Sun, Sept 8 at Mel Lastman Square](#).

There will be an open-air food and drink festival with 50+ food vendors, a full weekend of live performances, and a patio to meet and eat with fellow neighbours!

On Sat, Sept 8, there will also be 20+ charities, as well as an opportunity to meet your local councillor and learn more about your neighbourhood!

Refreshments and volunteer hours will be provided to volunteers.

Volunteer Roles include:

- Set-up volunteer
- Greeter at Neighbourlink Tent
- Greeter at Meet and Eat Patio
- Stage Support
- Volunteer Driver
- All Day Event General Volunteer
- Afternoon Event General Volunteer
- Evening Event General Volunteer
- Tear Down/Clean Up

[CLICK HERE](#) to sign up for any of the volunteer shifts you are interested in!

You are also welcome to contact the volunteer coordinator, Lily Su, directly with any questions, concerns, or ideas you may have. You can email her at lily.su@neighbourlink.org or call her at [416-221-8283](tel:416-221-8283) ext 6.

[Apply Now!](#)

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