

Hi Neighbour!

Happy Muharram!

Happy Muharram, also known as Islamic New Year, to everyone who celebrates! Wishing you all a wonderful year ahead filled with happiness, health, and prosperity!

It's another exciting summer weekend at **Mel Lastman Square** with the return of **Star Dance's "Dance on Yonge"**! Put on your dancing shoes and join me in the square!

Experience the magic of dance at an unforgettable outdoor event. Talented local performers will be lighting up the stage with their sensational moves. Get ready for a weekend filled with jaw-dropping performances! There will also be an array of tasty food to discover!

Come out for:

- Kids Fun Zone with Arts & Crafts and Inflatables
- Aerial Silks Performance
- Latin Dance Competition
- K-Pop Dance & Anime Dress-Up
- Audience Dance Alongs and more!

This event is FREE for all to attend! Bring your friends, family, and fellow music enthusiasts for a night of pure entertainment. Let's come together to celebrate the magic of dance! <u>Click Here</u> to see the schedule OR scroll down.

When: Friday, July 5 - Sunday, July 7, 2024 Where: Mel Lastman Square, 5100 Yonge Street

Community Market Pilot for Avondale

We are piloting a community market with our movie night on Wednesday, August 7 at Avondale Park towards the dream of having a weekend market here in the future. We invite local artisans to apply for a FREE BOOTH! Priority will be given to those residing in Willowdale. Please<u>Click Here</u> to apply for a booth. Applications will be approved on a rolling basis.

REMINDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, July 8, 7-8:30pm - Community Consultation for 7-17 Nipigon Ave

Wedgewood Park

Saturday, July 20, 10am-2pm - <u>Community Environment Day & Eco Fair -</u> <u>Centrepoint Mall with free Bike Tune-Ups</u>

Tuesday, July 23, 5-10pm - <u>Goulding Block Party, Baseball & Movie Night</u> Friday, July 26, 5-10pm - <u>Willowdale West Picnic, Games & Movie Night at</u> <u>Edithvale</u>

Wednesday, August 7, 3-10:30pm- <u>Avondale Block Party, Community</u> <u>Market & Movie Night</u>

<u>Click Here</u> to see more events happening including activities at Mel Lastman Square.

NEW! <u>Click Here</u> to add our Willowdale Community Events Google Calendar to your calendar.

Have a great weekend! Maybe we will meet on the dance floor at Mel Lastman Square!

Warm regards,

Ly Cheng 陳伶俐

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

Star Dance "Dance on Yonge" Festival Schedule

Friday, July 5, 5:00 PM - 11:00 PM

<u>Main Stage</u>

5:00PM - 6:00PM: Emerging Artist

6:00PM - 6:30PM: Salsa Rueda Dancing Circle Show and Interactive Workshop

6:30PM - 7:15PM: Toronto Bachata Jack and Jill Competition

7:30PM - 9:00PM: Canada Latin Pro-AM Competition + Ballroom Cabaret

Champions Showcase

8:30PM - 9:00PM: Jack and Jill Champions Award Ceremony

9:00 PM: Canada Latin Pro-AM Competition Award Ceremony

Yonge Street Stage

6:30PM - 8:00PM: Salsa Bachata Live Band

9:00PM - 12:00AM: DJ D-Style Spinning Latin Hits

9:00PM - 12:00AM: Bachata and Salsa Social - Dancing Under the Stars Party

Beside Main Stage

6:00PM - 7:00PM: Aerial Silk - Demo and Free Participant Tryout 8:00PM - 9:00PM: Aerial Silk/Hammock - Flying Ladies Cabaret Show

Reflecting Pool Ground

6:00PM - 10:00PM: Kids Inflatable Fun Zone ft. Bubble Castle 9:00PM - 11:30PM: DJ Spinning Reggaeton Dance Party Interactive Animation led by renowned Cedance Team

Saturday, July 6, 12:00 PM - 11:00 PM

<u>Main Stage</u>

3:00PM - 5:00PM: Annual All-Star Dance Competition Solo and Duet Semi-Finals

5:30PM - 6:00PM: Indian Group Drum Show

6:00PM: Festival Opening Ceremony

6:45PM - 9:30PM: Annual All-Star Dance Competition Finals ft. the finalists of

youth, adult, teams and solo from across Ontario competing for Gold

8:30PM - 9:00PM: Best of the Best - National Dance Champions performance featuring:

 The Canadian Olympic Team - break dance team captain, World Break Dance Champion

- + Canadian Ballroom Latin Champion
- North America Smooth Champion
- North America Contemporary Champion

9:00PM: Judges Showcase

9:15PM: Winners Announcement

9:30PM: Audience Dance Follow-Along & Starting of Street Dance Battle

Yonge Street Stage

- 12:00PM 12:30PM: K-Pop Dance Cover Showcase
- 12:30PM 2:00PM: K-Pop Random Play Dance Marathon (Pt.1)
- 2:00PM 2:15PM: Raffle for Dance Marathon
- 3:00PM 5:30PM: K-Pop Random Play Dance Marathon (Pt.2)
- 5:30PM 5:45PM: Raffle for Dance Marathon
- 10:30PM 11:30PM: Afro Beats Dance Animation led by Cadence

Reflecting Pool Ground

11:00AM - 10:00PM: Kids Inflatable Fun Zone ft. Floating Castle & Madagascar Animal Run

12:00PM - 6:00PM: Kids Arts and Craft Station ft. Clay Painting

9:00PM - 11:30PM: DJ Spinning Neon Light-Up Dance Party

10:00PM - 11:30PM: Dance Battle lead by World Dance Champion Fred

Sunday, July 7, 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM

<u>Main Stage</u>

5:00PM - 6:00PM: Emerging Artist Show

6:00PM - 7:00PM: Young Star Performance

7:00PM - 8:20PM: All Star Performances ft. Star Performance Team & Award

Winning Choreographers Showcase

8:20PM: Closing Ceremony Performers and Audience lead follow dance

8:00PM - 11:00PM: 1000 People Garba Dance Marathon!

Yonge Street Stage

12:00PM - 1:30PM: J-Pop and K-Pop Dance Cover Showcase
1:30PM - 2:00PM: J-Pop, Anime Dress Up Competition, Tik Tok Cover
2:00PM - 2:15PM: J-Pop, Anime Dress Up Competition, Tik Tok Cover
2:15PM - 3:45PM: Live Band Performance
3:45PM - 4:00PM: J-Pop K-Pop Trivia Games with Prizes
4:00PM - 6:00PM: K-Pop Random Play Dance Marathon
5:45 - 6:00PM: Raffle for RPD
8:30PM - 10:30PM: DJ D-Style Spinning House Dance Party
9:00PM - 10:00PM: Audience Interactive Dance Follow-Along lead by Cadance Team and D-Style

Reflecting Pool Ground

11:00AM - 10:00PM: Kids Inflatable Fun Zone ft. Bobble Castle & Giant Tic Tac Toe

12:00PM - 6:00PM: Kids Arts and Craft Station ft. Button Making

8:00PM - 11:00PM: 1000 People Garba Dance Marathon!

10:00PM - 11:30PM: Dance Battle lead by World Dance Champion Fred

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

Print Here!



City _{oF} Toronto Planning COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Jul 8th, 2024 7:00 PM-8:30 PM 7-17 Nipigon Ave

Hosted by: Diana DiGirolamo Planner, City of Toronto Guest: Councillor Lily Cheng

CITY OF TORONTO PLANNING: COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Join us on July 8 from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM for a Virtual Community Consultation to discuss a development proposing a 50-storey residential building with 620 units at 7-17 Nipigon Ave.

The proposal has a gross floor area of 39,544.85 square metres and a density of 17.1 times the area of the lot. The proposed residential development would contain 3-levels of underground parking, containing 80 parking spaces, including 16 accessible parking spaces, as well as 466 bicycle parking spaces.

A total of 2,480.00 square metres of indoor and outdoor amenity area is proposed.



WILLOWDALE PARK COMMUNITY POP-UP

Join us at Lee Lifeson Art Park for a Pop-Up Consultation for Willowdale Park! Enjoy Cotton Candy and a free live music concert while giving us feedback for the future of Willowdale Park!

When: Thursday, July 18, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Where: Lee Lifeson Art Park, 223 Gladys Allison Pl, North York

RSVP Now!



ENVIRONMENT DAY IS BACK!

Our second Willowdale Environment Day and ECO Fair for 2024 is happening on July 20th, 10am - 2 pm at Centerpoint Mall, South East Parking lot!

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

Don't forget to stop by our ECO fair and speak to community organizations that advocate for a sustainable future. Bring your bikes in need of tune-up to CycleTO's booth, and participate in the Book Exchange by bringing books you have already well-loved in exchange for another's!

RSVP for the Willowdale Environment day and ECO Fair here: <u>https://www.lilycheng.ca/event-details-registration/willowdale-environment-day-and-eco-fair-centerpoint-mall</u>

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.



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! We hope to see you all there!

When: Monday, July 22, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Where: Holmes Park, 25 Holmes Ave, North York

RSVP Now!



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 Soft ball 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!



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.

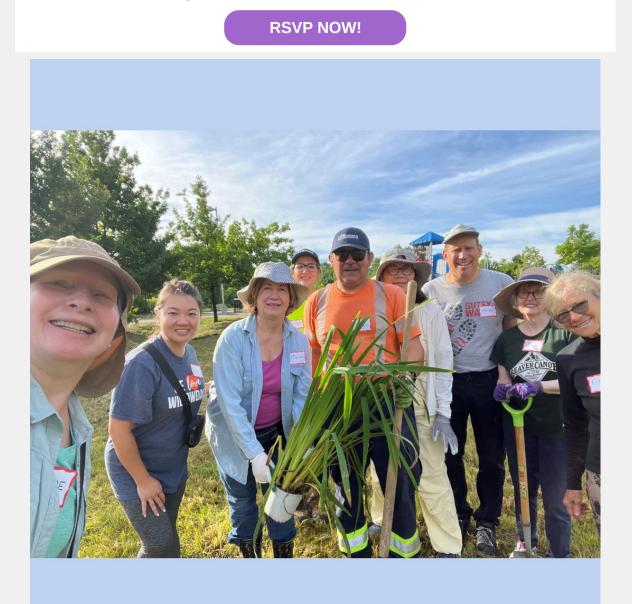
Willowdale Homeowners Associations, the Edithvale Yonge-Community Association (EYCA), and West Willowdale Neighborhood Association (WWNA) will be onsite to provide an opportunity for residents to learn about their community activities and join their memberships.

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!



EDITHVALE POLLINATOR GARDEN

Volunteers and City Staff planted 500 plants of 12 different species in the wetland section of the Edithvale Pollinator Garden! This could not happen without the longstanding advocacy of the Edithvale-Yonge Community Association, the broader network of Willowdale community associations, North York Garden Club, and the many volunteers who helped to make this happen. I am thrilled to see the realization of a dream that began years ago.

Many thanks to Anne McConnell who has spent years championing this idea and helped to see it come to fruition. We are also grateful to the volunteers who have stepped up to take on the maintenance and further development of the garden! Special thanks to Kin Seong from my team who took this on with gusto and helped to make it happen.

Please contact Anne if you would like to join the crew of volunteers caring for the garden: a.mcconnell@pathcom.com.



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!



STAY VIGILANT AT MEL LASTMAN SQUARE

While returning from Mel Lastman Square recently, a concerning incident unfolded at Yonge and Byng Ave. A stranger approached a Willowdale resident, claiming a taxi payment issue, a known tactic in the Downtown taxi scam. The individual insisted on using their card to pay the driver, promising cash in return. This scheme involves swapping cards with a fraudulent 'driver' who then clones or uses the card details illicitly. Stay vigilant against this deceptive practice!

CITY OF TORONTO UPDATES



LINE 1 ST. CLAIR TO SHEPPARD YONGE STATIONS: FULL WEEKEND CLOSURE

On Saturday, July 6 and Sunday, July 7, 2024, there will be no subway service on Line 1 Yonge-University between St Clair and Sheppard-Yonge stations due to planned station improvements and track work. Subway service will resume Monday, July 8, by 6 a.m.

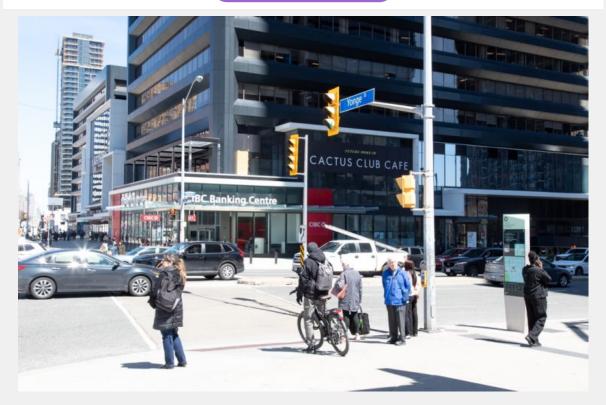
Line 1 shuttle buses will operate.

St Clair and Sheppard-Yonge are both accessible stations. Two extra Wheel-Trans vehicles will operate in the area for any customer requiring assistance. If customers require an accessible connection at any station that may not be accessible, we ask that they speak to any TTC employee for assistance.

To confirm the operating status of elevators throughout the system, customers can contact the 24-hour TTC Information Line at 416-393-4636 (INFO) and press 5 (or TTY 416-481-2523). To speak to a Customer Service Representative, call 416-393-3030.

Lawrence Station will be closed during this time. All other stations will remain open for customers to load PRESTO cards, purchase PRESTO tickets and connect to surface routes.

Information regarding weekend subway closures and service notices is available on the TTC website and TTC social media accounts.



Learn More

UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION NOTICES

July 6 - Hoist on Yonge St, closing 1 lane from 9-12pm. July 6 - Cactus Club requiring 1 lane closure on Sheppard Ave E from 9-11am. July 8 (1 week) - Linelle Ave, Franklin Ave: Due to upgrading of watermain, a trench will be dug up on the street. The street will be accessible outside of working hours. All impacted residents should have already received full notification in the mail.





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.

loin 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://www. Do you need help to register to re-Call the Application Support Centre at 416-33 press 1 for housing and follow the prompts. **Do you need help to register for a session?** Call the Application Support Centre at 416-338-8888,





LEARN ABOUT SUBSIDIZED HOUSING IN TORONTO

The Housing Secretariat has collaborated with Housing Help Centres and Toronto Public Library to offer free in-person workshops at selected Toronto Public Library locations across the city.

Applicants can join a session to learn:

- How to apply for subsidized housing
- How to apply or sign-up an existing application through the MyAccesstoHousingTO website
- How to manage their account

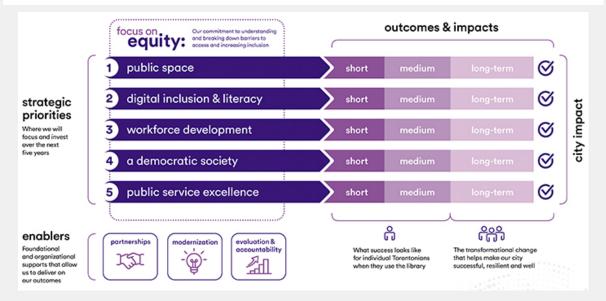
Applicants can reserve a seat at a session through the website or call the Application Support Centre at **416 338 8888**.

The following sessions are scheduled in Willowdale:

Location: North York Central Public Library, 5120 Yonge Street **Dates & times:** July 11: 1pm - 3pm and 4pm - 6pm July 12: 1pm - 3pm and 4pm - 6 pm July 18: 1pm - 3pm and 4pm - 6pm July 19: 1pm - 3pm and 4pm - 6pm July 20: 11am - 1pm July 25: 1pm - 3pm and 4pm - 6pm

July 26: 1pm - 3pm and 4pm - 6pm

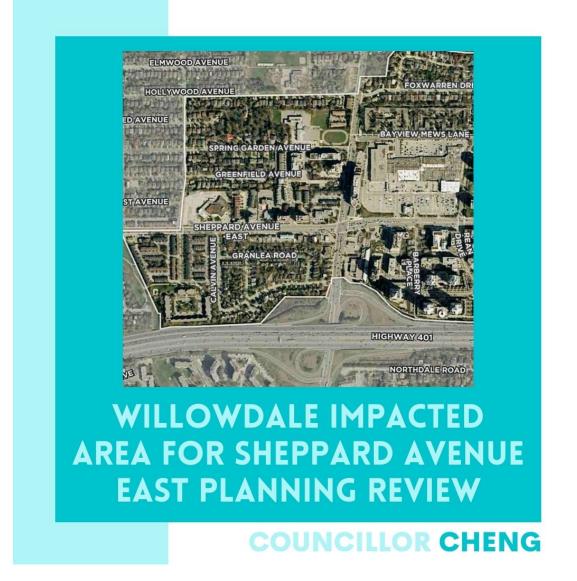
Learn more and register for a session by visiting https://tinyurl.com/3d46z64w



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.



RENEW SHEPPARD AVENUE EAST

The Growth Plan conformity requires the City to individually delineate the boundaries for Major Transit Station Areas (MTSA) and to prioritize growth where transit and other infrastructure currently exists or is planned. The City initiated the Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) and in July 2022, the City adopted MTSAs to conform with the Growth Plan. MTSAs are areas within an approximate 500 to 800 meter radius of a transit station, representing about a 10-minute walk.

In February 2022, City Council directed staff to initiate a fulsome review of the existing development policies contained within the Sheppard East Subway Corridor Secondary Plan including the formation of a Business Improvement Area (BIA). City Planning launched the community engagement process which included Phase 1: Open Houses on April 12, 2023, and May 28 2024, and Phase 2: an Open House on June 13, 2024. In addition, the ReNew Sheppard East team provides study material and online engagement opportunities on the City's Planning study webpage.

During the two recent community consultations, a common concern from the affected residents was the fear of immediate changes that might disrupt neighborhood character or lead to expropriation. City Planning is not planning to expropriate properties to implement the study's long-term vision. Instead, the Study's objective is to create a policy framework for new development which includes enhanced contributions for a public realm and multi-mobility network to guide growth and future development over the next 30+ years.

Upcoming Community Consultations for the Study Area

567 Sheppard Avenue East (YMCA)

- Date: July 18, 2024
- Time: 6:30 8 p.m.
- Location: Ethennonnhawahstihnen' CRC & Library (Banquet Hall B) 100 Ethennonnhawahstihnen' Lane, Toronto, M2K 3C9
- For application details, visit the <u>Application Information Centre</u>

Learn more and get involved <u>www.toronto.ca/RenewSheppardEast</u>.

COMMUNITY UPDATES



STAR DANCE "DANCE ON YONGE"

Experience the magic of music and dance in an unforgettable outdoor event. Talented local performers will be lighting up the stage with their sensational moves and soulful voices. From smooth vocals to powerful rap verses, get ready for a night filled with jaw-dropping performances!

This event is **FREE** for all to attend! Bring your friends, family, and fellow music enthusiasts for a night of pure entertainment. Let's come together to celebrate the magic of music!

When: Friday, July 5 - Sunday, July 7, 2024 Where: Mel Lastman Square, 5100 Yonge Street

Click Here for the Event Schedule!



SUMMER COURSES **KIDS & TEENS**

JULY AND AUGUST MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY

- IB REVIEW & PRACTICE
- PRE-IB REVIEW & PRACTICE
- WORKSHOP OZOBOT FOR KIDS
- WORKSHOP STIM FOR KIDS
- CONVERSATION & GRAMMAR TEENS A2
- PRONUNCIATION A1

REGISTER NOW

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ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE SUMMER COURSES

Learning a new language can be a challenge, but Alliance Française Toronto makes it fun! In order to maintain the children's attention and progress, their classes are focused on oral comprehension. Their teaching method, however, is based on all four language skills (reading, writing, listening, and speaking).

Alliance Française Toronto offers French workshops and courses for children, between 1 and 17 years old. Their afterschool and weekend classes allow students to improve both their spoken and written French.





COMMUNITY HEALTH AND INFORMATION FAIR

Are you due for a cancer screening? Visit the Community Health & Information Fair on Wednesday, July 10 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at 240 Duncan Mill Road, Suite 707, North York.

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NEWCOWER ARTIST PICNIC Willowdale Park, July 11th 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM



NEWCOMER ARTIST PICNIC

North York Arts is hosting a Newcomer Artist Picnic on July 11 from 5-7pm for North York-based artists who are new to the city.

It will be an exciting evening of connecting with fellow artists, getting to know North York Arts, and enjoying a light meal. The event will be held in a relaxed, drop-in style and will be free. After the picnic, we'll head to the nearby Willowdale Concerts in the Park Series happening at Lee Lifeson Art Park.

Address: Willowdale Park, 75 Hollywood Ave, North York, ON M2N 5S9

There is a 25 person capacity to the event and the <u>RSVP form</u> will stay open until **July 8th** or until spots are unavailable.

In case of bad weather our event will be cancelled and rescheduled for Thursday, July 18th from 5pm-7pm.

EDITHVALE FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

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MAKE YOUR OWN PIZZA PIZZA PRICE \$4 6:00-8:45 PM

EDITHVALE C.C (PARK) 131 FINCH AVE W, NORTH YORK, ON M2N 2H8

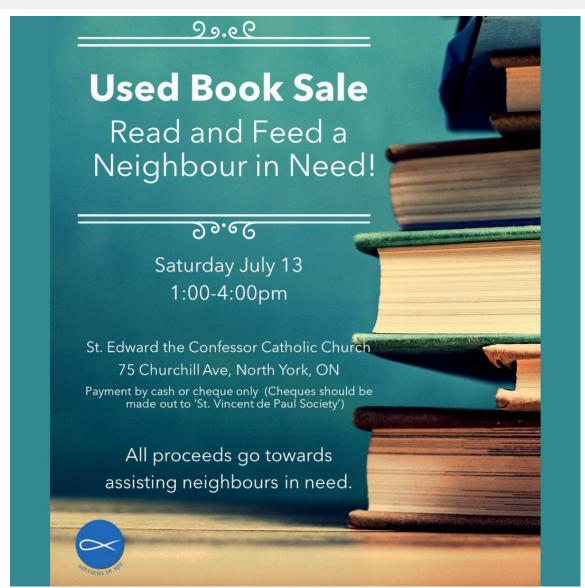


EDITHVALE FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Edithvale Summer Movie Nights Are Back! 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, July 12, 6:00 PM to 8:45 PM **Where:** Edithvale Community Centre, 131 Finch Ave W, North York



USED BOOK SALE

St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church (75 Churchill Ave) is hosting a Used Book Sale on **Saturday, July 13 from 1-4 PM** to raise funds for their work with neighbours in need! Pie & coffee will be available for purchase. Don't miss out!



NEWCOMERS WELCOME TEA

Connect with fellow newcomers and friendly Canadians who want to help at a Newcomer Welcome Tea on Sunday, July 14th from 4:30 - 6:30 PM at North York Chinese Baptist (685 Sheppard Ave E). 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 Now!



Young Ravine Leaders Information Session

Monday, July 15th 6:30 p.m - 7:30 p.m.





JOIN THE YOUNG RAVINE LEADERS!

Gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of Toronto's ravine network while learning from and connecting with industry professionals through the **Young Ravine Leaders** (YRL)!

Toronto youth (18 – 29 years old) interested in ravine ecology, urban forestry and environmental stewardship are invited to apply to this free, online program. This program is open to all youth, but seeks to support those from Neighbourhood Improvement Areas and/or underrepresented groups within arboriculture and urban forestry.

Register for the July 15th Virtual Information Session now by visiting <u>https://www.yourleaf.org/event/jul-15-2024/young-ravine-leaders-virtual-information-session-online</u>

YRL is organized by LEAF and funded by the City of Toronto.

Learn More



"AN EVENING OF WAVE AND FISH" BY FARIBA CULTURAL AND ART **STUDIES CENTRE**

Don't miss out on an "Evening of Wave and Fish", a showcase of folklore art and culture of the south of Iran!

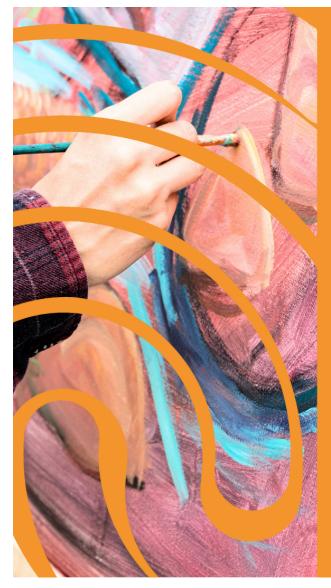
As part of the Iranian Culture and Art Series, this performance aims to celebrate the diverse regions of Iran through their unique themes in song, music, and dance.

When: Thursday, July 18, 6:30 - 9 pm Where: Fairview Library Auditorium

Presented by the Fariba Cultural and Art Studies Centre.

Tickets are \$40.

RSVP now by contacting 647-862-4056 or emailing: fcacart@gmail.com



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 29th at 5pm.

There will be a virtual information session on Friday, July 12th at 6pm. The RSVP can be found HERE.



- Yonge Cafe & Bistro (5000 Yonge St.)

Another Land Coffee (4714 Yonge St.)

- Woodhouse BBQ (4664 Yonge St.)

Belle Bar & Restaurant (4949 Bathurst St.)



Haven Brews (222 Finch Ave W)



Blaze Pizza (4841 Yonge St.)



NOURISH A NEIGHBOUR

In February, NeighbourLink North York partnered with <u>Gift Local Toronto</u> to launch "Nourish A Neighbour" and they've seen incredible kindness and generosity come from our community! Thank you to everyone who has paid it forward and purchased a meal for a neighbour at a participating local restaurant!

If you'd like to join the movement visit <u>www.neighbourlink.org/nourish</u> to learn more!

If you'd like to purchase a meal for a neighbour, or you're experiencing food insecurity and would like to redeem a donated meal please visit:

- Yonge Cafe & Bistro @yongecafe (5000 Yonge St.)
- Another Land Coffee *@anotherlandcoffeeandmore* (4714 Yonge St)
- Woodhouse BBQ @woodhousebbq89 (4664 Yonge St)
- Belle Restaurant and Bar *@bellerestaurant.to* (4949 Bathurst St)
- Haven Brews @havenbrews (222 Finch Avenue West)
- Blaze Pizza at 4841 Yonge St!

Restaurant and Cafe owners who are interested in joining the program and receiving additional business from the community through this initiative can contact sebastian@neighbourlink.org

