

#### Hi Neighbour!

#### See you tomorrow at Mel Lastman Square - Turkuaz Multicultural Festival!

The Turkic peoples are a collection of diverse ethnic groups of West, Central, East, and North Asia as well as parts of Europe, who speak Turkic languages including Turkey, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, and Kyrgyzstan. This weekend we get to experience their renowned artists, musicians, dancers, and restaurants showcasing their talents and delicious cuisines. <u>Click Here</u> to see their incredible program including diverse singers, musicians and dance including salsa and belly dancing!

#### Canada Day at Mel Lastman Square!

Join us for an unforgettable Canada Day celebration at Mel Lastman Square on July 1 from 12PM to 10PM organized by Yonge North York BIA!

Come out and enjoy:

- Free Kids Zone with family-friendly activities.
- A Sweets Festival featuring up to 30 vendors, each offering unique Canadian delights, and much more!
- Roaming entertainment all-day
- EVENING FINALE: a high-energy spectacular NorthFIRE Show combining fire acts and electric violin by Dr. Draw, promising to mesmerize audiences of all ages.

You won't want to miss a thing!

Please visit me at my booth for a friendly chat and free popcorn! I hope to see you all there! For more information and the event schedule, CLICK HERE!

#### Canada Day - Let us be proud and thoughtful

Happy Canada Day! As we go about our long weekend activities, let's make sure we take time to appreciate the beauty, diversity, and unity of our country! May we continue to cherish and uphold the values that make Canada truly special. As we see the challenges faced by democracies around the world, let us not take for granted who we are, and also make a commitment to be participants in the strengthening of our nation. Democracy is frail. Our best way to protect the future strength and stability of Canada is by taking part.

At the same time, we acknowledge the establishment of our country stands on a complex and painful history with the Indigenous community. On this day, we celebrate who we have become while acknowledging the harm that has been done and committing to working together toward a beautiful future that includes reconciliation.

#### Shape the Future of Willowdale's Community Centres!

This week, we invited all Willowdale residents to explore our vibrant community centres: Mitchell Field, Goulding, and Edithvale. These visits offered a fantastic opportunity for my team and me to connect with residents and for everyone to experience a variety of programs, including art and craft workshops, Zumba classes, and more exciting activities at these locations!

Programming offered at each centre throughout Toronto should reflect the unique needs and dreams of residents in each neighbourhood. WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK! Parks, Forestry & Recreation has launched a survey to gather your feedback on the existing activities, workshops, classes, and programs you would like to see. www.bit.ly/WillowdaleCCFeedback

Some great ideas and feedback we have heard thus far include:

- Seniors coffee time
- Providing bike pumps and/or bike fixing station at each centre
- Hosting open mics
- Paint drop in time
- Increase drop-in opportunities
- Seniors gathering space
- More ping-pong tables

The survey is open until the end of summer. Don't miss this chance to make your voice heard and shape the future of our community centres!

#### Fun Fairs Galore & Happy Graduation Class of 2024!

June is a vibrant month for students and their families, with school graduations and exciting fun fairs that celebrate the end of the school year and the beginning of summer. My team and I had the pleasure of engaging with many residents by participating in these events and contributing to the fun fairs, even in small ways.

In line with our commitment to strengthen community participation and encourage youth involvement, this year marked the second presentation of the Lily Cheng Community Champion Awards. Inspired by my predecessor in establishing the award, it is our chance to recognize students who have contributed meaningfully to improving their school or community. Nominated by their school staff and principals, these exemplary students embody the spirit of responsible citizenship and community service. It has been wonderful to meet all these incredible students!

Happy Summer Vacation to all students and teachers who launch into their break this weekend. Happy Long Weekend!

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

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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!



**JULY 1, 2024** 12pm - 10pm

Mel Lastman Square 5100 Yonge St

FREE ADMISSION yongenorthyork.com/CanadaDay



#### CANADA DAY CELEBRATION

Join us for an unforgettable **Canada Day celebration** at **Mel Lastman Square** organized by **Yonge North York BIA**!

Enjoy a delightful Sweets Festival featuring up to 30 vendors curated by Street Eats Market, each offering unique Canadian delights!

Families will enjoy the Free Kids Zone with family-friendly activities. With roaming entertainment all day, you don't want to miss a thing! The evening's finale will be the spectacular NorthFIRE Show, a high-energy performance combining fire acts and electric violin by Dr. Draw, promising to mesmerize audiences of all ages.

Visit me at my booth for a friendly chat and free popcorn! I hope to see you all there!



#### **GOULDING BLOCK PARTY AND 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 a Goulding Tykes Softball Game (6:30-7:30), Youth Fair and Activity Carnival, Free Zumba class and Face painting. Residents are invited to wear the colour of the team they choose to cheer on for the Softball game: Green, Purple, Red, or Yellow.

Kung Fu Panda 4 will begin screening at 8:30 pm with Free Popcorn! Please remember to bring your own lawn chairs or blankets, and a re-fillable water bottle.

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

**RSVP NOW!** 



#### STAY VIGILANT AT MEL LASTMAN SQUARE

While returning from Mel Lastman Square this weekend, 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**



CITY OF TORONTO FIREWORKS PROGRAMMING AND NOTICES

The City of Toronto is proud to bring free, city-wide programming to residents and visitors celebrating Canada Day on Monday, July 1.

#### **Fireworks displays**

The City's flagship, 14-minute fireworks display will be held at Ashbridges Bay Park located at 1561 Lake Shore Blvd. E. starting at 10 p.m. on Monday, July 1. The City will also host fireworks displays at the following parks starting at 10

- Centennial Park, 256 Centennial Park Rd.
- Milliken Park, 5555 Steeles Ave. E.
- Stan Wadlow Park, 888 Cosburn Ave.

There will be no fireworks displays at Nathan Phillips Square, Mel Lastman Square, or Fort York National Historic Site.

#### Important reminders about fireworks

**Fireworks are allowed without a permit on Canada Day only, until 11 p.m. on residents' private property.** Fireworks are **not** permitted in City parks or on beaches, balconies, streets, parking lots or a property not owned by a person setting off the fireworks.

Only adults 18 years of age or older should supervise or set off fireworks. Those setting off fireworks must be mindful of their surroundings and not discharge fireworks where they may be a nuisance or pose a risk of fire, injury or damage to any person or property.

Bylaw Enforcement Officers and Toronto Police Service will be patrolling various parks and waterfront areas to ensure compliance with the Fireworks Bylaw.

In the event of a fire, call 911.

The misuse or illegal sale of fireworks can be reported to 311 by phone or by submitting a service request on the City's 311 webpage: https://www.toronto.ca/home/311-toronto-at-your-service/.

#### Safe fireworks disposal

Improper fireworks disposal can cause fires in waste collection vehicles and at facilities. To dispose of used or unused fireworks, residents are encouraged to completely submerge them in water and soak them overnight. Place the soaked fireworks in a plastic bag to keep them from drying out and dispose of them in your garbage bin. Never put used or unused fireworks in your blue bin.

More information about fireworks rules, safety tips and proper disposal is available on the City's Fireworks webpage: <u>https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/public-notices-bylaws/bylaw-enforcement/fireworks/</u>.

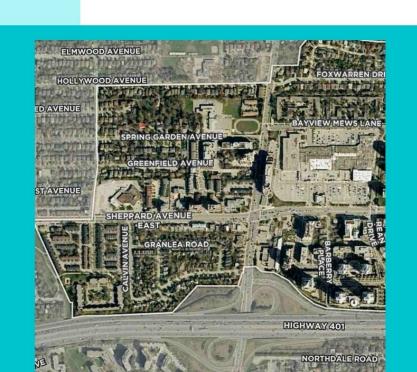


HAVE YOUR SAY IN THE LIBRARY'S FUTURE!

**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.



# WILLOWDALE IMPACTED AREA FOR SHEPPARD AVENUE EAST PLANNING REVIEW

## **COUNCILLOR CHENG**

#### **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.



Learn more and get involved www.toronto.ca/RenewSheppardEast.

HOUSING ACTION PLAN: UPCOMING PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

You are invited by the City Planning Division to join virtual Community Consultation Meetings on <u>Thursday, July 4 at 10:30am</u> (to register, click either link). The purpose of this meeting is to consult with residents and businesses in North York on the Avenues Policy Review initiative, which is one part of the <u>Housing Action Plan</u> (HAP).

The HAP is a cornerstone of the City's efforts to address current housing challenges. Adopted by City Council in December 2022, the HAP outlines a strong 'made-in-Toronto' multi-pronged approach to increase housing supply, housing choice and affordability for current and future residents.

To help accomplish these goals, the HAP directed City staff to find ways to accelerate the supply of housing by examining and removing policy barriers to new housing. Through the Avenues Policy Review, City Planning staff are looking at opportunities to:

- 1. update the vision and policy direction for how Avenues will develop;
- 2. extend and potentially introduce new Avenues;
- 3. streamline study requirements for building new housing along Avenues; and
- 4. consider opportunities to create areas of transition between Avenues and Neighbourhoods to enable more housing.

For more information about this and similar initiatives, please visit the **project** webpage.

Please also consider completing this <u>short survey</u> to share your thoughts on this initiative directly with staff and help inform the discussion during the upcoming meetings.

## COMMUNITY UPDATES

TURRUAZ MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

JUNE 29, 2024 - 12:00 PM MEL LASTMAN SQUARE, 5100 YONGE STREET FREE ADMISSION

## PROGRAM

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12:10	AZERBAIJAN HOUSE IN CANADA DANCE PERFORMERS
12:25	TABRIZ ENSEMBLE AZERBAIJANI MUSIC
12:45	UYGHUR MUSIC AND DANCE
1:00	TABRIZ ENSEMBLE SONG AND DANCE PERFORMANCES
1:30	MPS WELCOME AND KURULTAY CANADA PRESENTATION
2:00	TOPAZ DANCE ENSEMBLE OZBEK AND KAZAKH DANCES
2:45	LEZGINKA DANCE
3:00	TABRIZ ENSEMBLE ESTRADA BAND
3:30	HIPS DON'T LIE COMPANY SALSA AND BELLY DANCE
4:00	VINA TURKISH MUSIC BAND
4:30	TANOURA AND TURKISH ROMANI DANCES BY ASLI
4:50	AZERBAIJANI SONGS AND YALLI DANCE BY TABRIZ
5:30	ISTANBUL BAND
6:00	SONGS AND DANCE BY TABRIZ ENSEMBLE
6:20	GAME
6:35	DANCE WORKSHOP FOR AZERBAIJANI YALLI
6:50	LAZOS MUSIC BAND
7:25	DANCE MUSIC FOR AUDIENCE

### TURKUAZ MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

Don't miss out on the **Turkuaz Festival** on **June 29 at Mel Lastman Square**! Get ready for a day filled with mesmerizing music, captivating dance performances, and delicious cuisine!

Immerse yourself in a rich tapestry of Turkic culture and traditions. Bring your family and friends for an unforgettable experience!

Date: June 29, 2024, 12:00PM Location: Mel Lastman Square, 5100 Yonge Street

Learn More

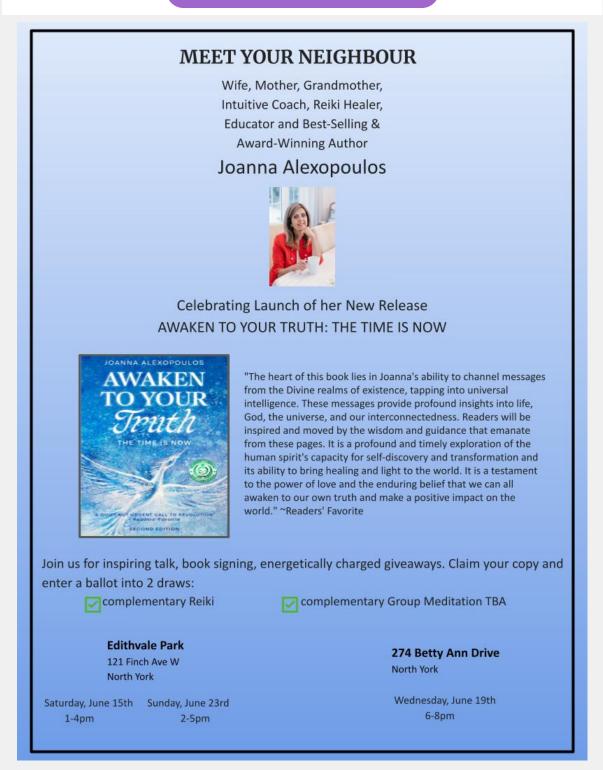


**BEYOND OUR ROOTS FESTIVAL AT LEE LIFESON ART PARK** 

Latino Canadian Cultural Association in partnership with CANORAA (African Association) will present a two-day Latin American-Afro-Indigenous-Mediterranean-Eastern European Festival of Music and Dance at Lee Lifeson Park. Don't miss this vibrant celebration of diversity and community!

When: June 29 - June 30, 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM Where: Lee Lifeson Art Park, 223 Gladys Allison PI, North York, M2N 3R5

Learn More



#### BOOK LAUNCH FOR AWAKEN YOUR TRUTH: THE TIME IS NOW

Meet best-selling author Joanna Alexopoulos and claim your copy of Reader's Favorite International Book Award Winner, *Awaken To Your Truth: The Time Is Now.* 

Joanna will share excerpts from the book, followed by thought-provoking conversation about its themes. This will be followed by questions from the audience, a book sale and signings.

When: Saturday, June 29, 2 - 3 pm Where: North York Central Library, Room 101

**Register and Learn More** 



**New SKILLS, New FRIENDS, Endless FUN!** 

### **UKRAINIAN SUMMER CAMP**

Introducing North York's 1st ever Ukrainian Summer Camp, brought to you by the non-registered, not-for-profit, community-run organization "Ukrainians in North York"!

This camp is tailored for children from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8, offering a unique opportunity to engage in educational and cultural activities while enjoying a fun-filled summer. The camp is organized and run by parent volunteers & community members.

#### **Camp Highlights:**

• Cultural Immersion: Dive into Ukrainian culture with traditional crafts, dance, and music.

• Educational Programs: Interactive language lessons, workshops, arts and crafts.

• Recreational Activities: A variety of sports, games, and outdoor activities.

• Community Spirit: Build friendships and learn the value of teamwork and cooperation.

#### **Details:**

- Dates: July 2-12, 2024, 9:00-17:00
- Location: Cummer Valley School, North York, Toronto
- Ages: Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8

For more information, please reach out to ukrainiansinnorthyork@gmail.com.



#### STARDANCE 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!** 

# ARE YOU DUE FOR **CANCER SCREENING?**

#### Community Health & Information Fair

Wednesday, July 10, 2024 | 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 240 Duncan Mill Road, Suite 707, North York









# Our services



#### Cancer screening

- Pap test if eligible
- Referral for colorectal and/or breast cancer screening

\*Please note OHIP is required for cancer screening.



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#### Talk to a professional

Information about Pap tests (cervical cancer screening) and other cancer screening programs (breast and colorectal cancer)



have no impact on your family doctor.

Health care services and referrals are free.

Walk-ins are welcome until 3 p.m. (depending on availability)

Visit <u>nythp.simplybook.me</u>
Call 647-862-1552.



### 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.



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.



**NEWCOMERS** WELCOME TEA 欢迎新移民茶会 صرف چای با تازه واردین

Join us to give or receive a warm welcome to North York newcomers from around the world!

## Location:

North York Chinese Baptist, 685 Sheppard Ave E

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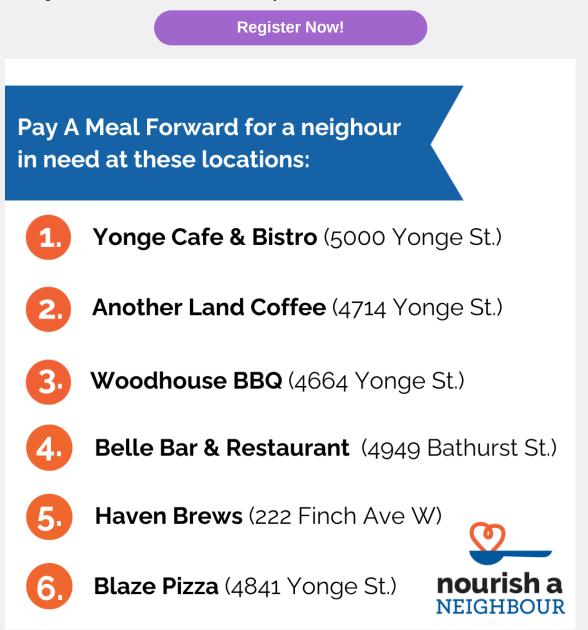
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When: Sunday, July 14th Time: 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

## TO REGISTER: neighbourlink.org/newcomers

#### 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!



#### **NOURISH A NEIGHBOUR**

In February, NeighbourLink North York partnered with Gift Local Toronto 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 *<u>@bellerestaurant.to</u>* (4949 Bathurst St)
- Haven Brews *<u>@havenbrews</u>* (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 <a href="mailto:sebastian@neighbourlink.org">sebastian@neighbourlink.org</a>

Learn More

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