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Hi Neighbour!

Happy St. Patrick's Day! The annual parade downtown begins this Sunday at noon. [Click Here](#) for details.

Hope you had a fantastic March Break!

This is an ACTION PACKED EMAIL - meaning, we need your voices and input!

TAKE ACTION WITH AN EMAIL OR COMMENT SUBMISSION - Support restoring Canada Day in North York!

For 20 years, residents of Willowdale and the surrounding area could enjoy Canada Day festivities including fireworks at Mel Lastman Square. This budget was removed without consultation with the community. Families with young children cannot easily travel downtown or distant locations and return home at a reasonable time.

As a child of immigrants, Canada Day celebrations were an important part of our participation in our community and celebrating our identity as Canadians. As a community with 74,000 residents whose mother tongue is neither English nor French, celebrating what we share is an important aspect of building connectivity and social fabric.

I am moving a motion next week to examine the equity of distribution of fireworks events funded by the city to find a path back to getting it funded! Please submit a comment or email to my motion to show that this issue matters to our residents! [Click Here: bit.ly/CanadaDayMLS](https://bit.ly/CanadaDayMLS)

Off-Leash Park Survey - [Click Here](#)

We often receive emails complaining about dogs off leash. As we increase density in our community, we have also increased our dog population. Additionally, many dogs were also added to our community during Covid!

This is something the previous councilor was also working on. We have been working with Parks, Recreation and Forestry Division to identify areas where a Dog Park could be placed. Before garnering feedback, it was suggested, we initiate a feasibility study, so people can speak to what is determined as feasible.

With that in mind, we would still like to hear your thoughts about dog parks in general. Your feedback is important to us. Please take a moment and fill out the survey. [Click Here](#)

ATTENTION ALL MUSICIANS! - TTC is accepting applications for auditions to be Subway Musicians. [Click Here](https://bit.ly/ttcperform) for more information: <https://bit.ly/ttcperform>

Coming Up:

Toronto Police Board will be meeting on Monday, March 18. [Click Here](#) to see the agenda.

The agenda for **City Council March 20-22** will be released today. [Click Here](#) to view the materials once they are released.

Have a great weekend!

Warmest Regards,

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COMMUNITY UPDATES



Spring Lanterns in Willowdale!

Welcome Spring by enjoying the beautiful lanterns placed across our neighbourhood. The **Yonge North York BIA** proudly presents its **FREE "Spring Lanterns" exhibit**. This vibrant art display brings traditional hand-made silk lanterns from Sichuan, China. You are invited to enjoy these beautiful vignettes at our sponsored locations until **April 30**.

Participating BIA Locations:

1. North American Centre: 5650 & 5700 Yonge St.
2. Mel Lastman Square: 5100 Yonge St.
3. Yonge Sheppard Centre: 4841 Yonge St.
4. Emerald Park: 4750 Yonge St.

VISIT, SHARE & WIN!

From **March 15 to April 30**, we are hosting an Instagram Contest, whereby patrons are encouraged to share their Spring Lanterns experience(s) on their public Instagram Account for a chance to **WIN a \$250 gift card** to the Yonge North York BIA restaurant of their choice. To enter, make sure to **tag #yongenorthyork**. To receive additional contest entries, upload selfies at other participating Spring Lanterns locations. Click on the button below for full contest details and rules.

[Learn More](#)

ENCHANTING ART AND CRAFT WORKSHOP

Join us at North York Central Library for an enchanting art and craft workshop in celebration of Nowruz. Families are invited to the auditorium of our local library for a delightful activity heralding the arrival of spring.

Date: Saturday, March 16th, 2024

Location: Auditorium, 5120 Yonge St.

For inquiries, please call: 416-395-5630

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