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Hi Neighbour!

Tomorrow marks the 15th day of the Lunar New Year - also known as the Lantern Festival. We are really excited about tomorrow's event: [Willowdale Celebrates Lunar New Year](#). Please join us for a day of festivities, performances and you can even join a small parade from inside the atrium at **North York Centre** (NOT North York Civic Centre) with **Lunar New Year Lions and a Dragon** from 5pm!

North York Atrium - Lunar New Year Market - 1-9pm

Food	Vendors
Taiwanese Popcorn Chicken (鹽水雞)	Handcrafted candles
Sticky Rice (油飯)	Taiwanese Indigenous Arts
Oven Theory: Asian Inspired Cupcakes	Natural Skincare
Cookies	Ginseng Tea
Bubble Tea	Japanese Gifts
Taro Cookies	Creative Stationery
Bamboo Rice	Taiwanese Tea...and more!
Taiwanese Snacks	
(芋頭籤、紫米糕、筒仔米糕、芋頭餅)	

North York Atrium - 2-6pm

- Stage Show (2-5pm)
- **Lion & Dragon Parade (5pm)**
- Taiwanese Tea Demonstration
- Photo Backdrop
- [Guqin](#) (Chinese Instrument) Performances
- Cultural Dance Performances
- Calligraphy
- Origami
- Lantern Making
- Colouring Station
- Candle Workshop
- Face Painting
- Airbrush Tattoos
- Caricatures
- Balloon Animals

North York Library - 1-3:30pm

- Bilingual Mandarin/English Story Time
- Dragon Craft Drop-In (Auditorium)

Mel Lastman Square - 6:30-10pm

- **LED Lion Dance**
- Outdoor Stage Performances including martial arts!
- Enchanted Lights
- Roving Performers
- Food Vendors

It is so beautiful to see the community come together to celebrate. Please dress warmly for the evening performances as you won't want to miss out on the martial arts and Lion Dance! For more information, please see the graphic below or visit: www.lilycheng.ca/events

Work on the Police Board and Anti-Racism Advisory Panel

I am currently the Co-Chair of the Anti-Racism Advisory Panel of the Toronto Police Services Board. This week we talked about how to bring more accountability and visibility to requests made by the advisory panel. My Co-Chair Nadine Spencer and myself will be working to strengthen the connection between the advisory panel and the board to build a stronger communication channel so that policies being reviewed have more opportunities for input and accountability. This will be a process towards a 2.0 version of the advisory panel. Although this is one of many responsibilities on my plate, this is an important opportunity to foster trust and accountability between the police and the black community.

On Homelessness

Increasingly, this issue impacts cities across North America. This past week we spoke with Metrolinx about the bus terminal at Finch Station. Currently, there are four groups of people with ongoing presence in the area:

- YRT Special Constables
- Metrolinx Special Constables
- Streets to Homes
- Yonge Street Foot Patrol (from 32 Division)

In addition, there are TTC Community Safety Ambassadors who cover the TTC portion of Finch Station. One of my goals is to establish a regular touchpoint between all these agencies to share information and reduce overlap. Hopefully this will result in a better allocation of resources and more coordinated support for those in need.

As I scan across our city, so many divisions have had to create training and capacity around those struggling with homelessness, mental health and/or addiction. From libraries, to the TTC (which has opened up overnight buses for indoor respite), community centres and parks, every public space in our city has to figure out how to be compassionate while balancing the interests and needs of diverse groups in our communities. I know this has been a difficult transition for many - for Willowdale to transition from being a sleepy suburb to a complex urban environment. This got me thinking that we all need to level up in this area. We can all benefit from learning more about de-escalation, and how to interact with the unhoused in our neighbourhood. This is something my team and I will be working on bringing to the community.

It must be disappointing for some to hear that the challenges at Yonge/Finch Station do not have an easy nor immediate fix. Instead, we keep offering resources and dispersing situations as necessary. The key issue is there simply isn't enough housing nor shelter capacity available for all those that need it. I am looking for ways the city can improve this situation. This past week we met with someone with decades of experience running shelters who spoke about the need for space, and the need for shelters to operate at the right scale. She said 50-60 is best. She also mentioned the importance of community and why many unhoused folks gravitate to encampments even when offered housing, because living in a community is what is best for people. I am looking for ways that smaller community-based shelters could be scaled to transition out of hotel shelters that are expensive and not necessarily what is best for clients. Please contact my office if you have any ideas or examples from other cities to share.

A need for space for faith communities

This morning I met with Mr. Hussain of the North York Muslim Association. They have encountered some challenges finding space in the community for evening prayers during Ramadan. While my office looks into options for his community, it occurred to me that as our communities grow, the affordability and availability of space for faith communities has been an increasing challenge. When new cities are built with master plans, there is usually some planning around places of worship. Now, due to the rising cost of land value, places of worship have a harder time securing space. I believe faith has an important role in our communities in building connectivity and providing support. I plan to have further discussions to talk about how places of worship can be included in our vision of the rapidly growing density of our city.

Arts & Cultural Development in Willowdale

This past week I met with the Arts and Culture Services Division. We heard there were several North York submissions for cultural festival grant funding and we are hopeful for positive outcomes. I have been advocating for Nuit Blanche to return in the same way it happened in 2022. While there are some plans for 2025, there is uncertainty for 2024 due to lack of funding. We know that Arts & Culture are critical for community building and economic growth. I hope we can build some financial pathways to fund more arts and culture in Willowdale which would increase the vibrancy of our neighbourhood. On the horizon there will be some opportunities for animation around FIFA which we hope will include our neighbourhood. Sadly, the Canada Day events that were previously held at Mel Lastman Square with fireworks are no longer scheduled as their event budget has decreased. We await the outcome of a grant applied for by the BIA and hope we can have something for the community.

Why do I invest time into events?

The Toronto Foundation released a report that found Toronto to be one of the loneliest cities in Canada. Too many amongst us do not have a feeling of belonging. I do not think living in anonymity is good for mental health, nor is it good for democracy. My team and I spend time on empowering local organizations to bring vibrancy and animation to our spaces because we know it's an important stepping stone for further community engagement. The more

people have access to avenues to participate and share their ideas, the more we can work together to build a stronger community. Furthermore, bringing Lunar New Year, Nowruz and Diwali celebrations to Willowdale has been an important opportunity to build bridges across our diverse community and reflect the beauty of our diversity in our public spaces. Yes, we need to work on community safety, affordable housing, homelessness and traffic solutions - but we do this in a more meaningful way when we are interconnected.

And on that note - I look forward to seeing you **TOMORROW** for our [Willowdale Celebrates Lunar New Year](#) ! After University I spent several years living in Taiwan where I enjoyed the celebratory crowds in the New Year Market on DiHua Street. Coming back to Canada, I missed the revelry which is hard to replicate when you are only celebrating with immediate family. I am excited for the opportunity to share the spirit of the Lunar New Year with our community through this special event.

Warmest Regards,

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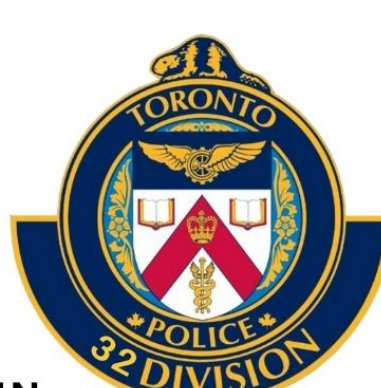
LUNAR NEW YEAR LANTERN FESTIVAL

SEE YOU TOMORROW at the [Willowdale Celebrates Lunar New Year Lantern Festival](#) at **North York Centre** and **Mel Lastman Square**! Moving back to Canada after living in Asia for several years, I always missed the revelry of Lunar New Year. Tomorrow, we are going to create our own feeling of 熱鬧 (crowded revelry)! It's a free event with many arts, crafts and demonstrations. There will be a Lunar New Year Market, with lots to eat and buy! There will be an amazing line up of fun activities, including performances, crafts, Mandarin/English storytime, candle workshop, balloon animals, tea demonstration, and much more! Free skate rentals provided by Desjardins! Enjoy some mouth-watering food from our amazing food vendors. There will be free bubble tea courtesy of Fantuan! Bring your family and friends to this wonderful celebration. [Free admission for all!](#)

RSVP

WILLOWDALE SAFETY TOWN HALL

ADDRESSING RECENT SPIKE IN ROBBERIES AND AUTO THEFTS.



- Crime update in neighbourhood
- Setting up community based neighbourhood watch
- Theft mitigation



HYBRID MEETING



MON. MAR. 04, 2024
7:00-9:00 pm

Stay tuned for Location and Zoom link details

HOSTED BY:

LILY CHENG

CITY COUNCILLOR WARD 18, WILLOWDALE

RSVP AT

LILYCHENG.CA/EVENTS

WILLOWDALE SAFETY TOWN HALL

Willowdale Safety Town Hall (Hybrid)! Due to the recent increase in auto theft and burglaries, we are hosting a town hall with 32 Division to discuss crime trends in our community, crime prevention, setting up community based neighbourhood watch and other ideas to increase safety in our neighbourhood.

Date: [Monday, March 4, 2024](#)

Time: [7:00 - 9:00pm](#)

Stay tuned for location and Zoom link details.

RSVP

You are invited to the second

WILLOWDALE NOWRUZ CELEBRATION

Co-hosts: Councillor Lily Cheng 



Free programs include:

- Activities & workshops for children
- Music & dance performances
- Nowruz bazaar
- Hajji Firuz & Amu Nowruz puppets dance
- Haftsin & art displays

Free Persian Tea courtesy of Persian Tea House.



MARCH 9th, 2024
10 AM to 5 PM

North York Centre, 5150 Yonge St.
North York Central Library, 5120 Yonge St.



Partner:  For more information: councillor_cheng@toronto.ca

WILLOWDALE NOWRUZ CELEBRATION - SAVE THE DATE!

SPRING IS COMING and so is our **2nd annual Willowdale Nowruz Celebration**, co-hosted with Tirgan. Join us on **March 9th** at North York Centre and North York Central Library for art workshops, yoga for kids, Haftseen displays, traditional dress try-ons, and lively Iranian dance and music performances. Complimentary Persian tea will be served to participants. Let's celebrate Nowruz together! **Stay tuned** for workshop and performance details, along with RSVP links.



GOULDING Community Centre Camp TO Plus: Sports

Camp name	Ages	Fees for Toronto residents	Start to end dates	Barcode
Camp TO Plus: Sports	6 to 12 years	\$188	July 2 – July 5	4297004
Camp TO Plus: Sports	6 to 12 years	\$234	July 8 – July 12	4297006
Camp TO Plus: Sports	6 to 12 years	\$234	July 15–July 19	4297008
Camp TO Plus: Sports	6 to 12 years	\$234	July 22–July 26	4297010
Camp TO Plus: Sports	6 to 12 years	\$234	July 29-Aug 2	4297011
Camp TO Plus: Sports	6 to 12 years	\$188	Aug 6-Aug 9	4297019
Camp TO Plus: Sports	6 to 12 years	\$234	Aug 12-Aug 16	4297024
Camp TO Plus: Sports	6 to 12 years	\$234	Aug 19-Aug 23	4297055

CampTO UPDATE

While many Camps are already full for this summer, we have several spaces available for our **CampTO Plus: Sports Camp at Goulding Community Centre**. [Click here](#) for all things CampTO.

Registration is underway!
Call **416-396-7378** or login to your E-FUN account.

[Learn More](#)

Harlandale entrance/exit closed

2:30 a.m., February 21 to 5 a.m., October 10, 2024

During this time, use the other entrances and exits at **Sheppard-Yonge Station**.



For more information, call 416-393-4636 or visit ttc.ca



HARLANDALE CLOSURE

Starting February 21, TTC and its contractor began construction at Sheppard Yonge Station, **closing the TTC entrance on Harlandale Avenue until around October 2024**. Activities include setting up work zones and preparing the area. Signage will be in place, and Customer Services Representatives will be on-site to assist customers with temporary changes.

“**CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS** SIGN UP NOW!
www.lilycheng.ca/volunteer

Meet Neighbours & Earn Volunteer Hours




Let's work together to make **WILLOWDALE** a great community!

COUNCILLOR CHENG

COUNCILLOR LILY CHENG - CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Calling all community members: Are you passionate about making a difference in your community? Join us in our mission to bring about change and

impact lives positively! We're looking for dedicated volunteers to join our team and help us make a difference.

Calling all students: Looking to earn **volunteer hours** while having fun and making a difference? This is the perfect opportunity for you!

We're not just about volunteering; we're about fostering a **Connected Community**. Sign up now and be a part of something meaningful. Let's work together to make Willowdale a better place!

[Sign Up Now](#)

VACANT HOME TAX IN-PERSON DROP-IN SESSIONS

NORTH YORK CIVIC CENTRE

FEB 28 29
10:00AM - 3:00PM

LEARN MORE toronto.ca/VacantHomeTax

COUNCILLOR CHENG

VACANT HOME TAX

In Toronto, owners of residential properties must declare their occupancy status annually, even if they reside there. The Vacant Home Tax (VHT) applies to properties not serving as the principal residence, occupied by tenants, or eligible for exemptions for six months or more in a calendar year. Access the online portal for declarations now, or **in-person drop-in sessions** are available for those needing assistance with their declaration. For residents in Willowdale, the **North York Civic Centre** is hosting sessions on **February 28, and 29**. These sessions take place from **10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** near the Inquiry & Payment counters.

The declaration deadline is **February 29, 2024**. Act now!

[Learn More](#)

CITY OF TORONTO WARMING CENTRE

12 Holmes Ave.

WHO DO I CALL?

IS IT AN EMERGENCY?
For situations where there is immediate danger to people or property (Fire, crime in progress, incidents of violence, medical emergency)
CALL 9-1-1

COMMUNITY SAFETY SUPPORT
Community Safety Teams who liaise with neighbours, shelter staff and clients, and assist with pick up of drug paraphernalia
EMAIL 12Holmes@dixonhall.org

ENCAMPMENT/ PEOPLE SLEEPING OUTDOORS
To connect with Streets to Homes outreach staff and/or the City's Central Intake Line for shelter services
CALL 3-1-1

NON-EMERGENCY ISSUES
Abandoned belongings, graffiti removal or property damage
POLICE: 416-808-2222

INDIVIDUAL IN DISTRESS OR Community Crisis Services
Person is disoriented with delayed responses, extremely anxious, paranoid or aggressive
CALL 2-1-1

SITE RELATED QUESTIONS
Warming Centre operations, donations or community engagement opportunities
EMAIL 12Holmes@dixonhall.org

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Questions about Warming Centres: WeatherResponseTO@gmail.com
General inquiries about homelessness services: ssha.homeless@toronto.ca

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INFORMATION HANDOUT FOR WARMING CENTRE

Warming Centres are a vital component of the City's Winter Services Plan, providing essential support for individuals experiencing homelessness during cold weather, activated when temperatures drop to minus five degrees Celsius. For the second year, we are hosting a warming centre at Willowdale Baptist Church, located at 12 Holmes Ave. Dixon Hall, the operator of the warming centre, with support from Toronto Shelter and Support Services, has developed a one-sheet resource. This "Who Do I Call?" document provides essential information on who to contact in the event of an incident for safety and well-being. We encourage you to review the provided information and remain engaged with our office should you have any further inquiries or require assistance.

Construction Notice

TORONTO HYDRO

PROJECT DETAILS

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT NUMBER	PROJECT AREA
53 Sheppard Avenue West	C-230038-W10502-HT046	A section of Sheppard Avenue West and Bogert Avenue
WARD	EXPECTED TIMELINE	
18	March 2024 – April 2024	

Please be advised that Toronto Hydro will be conducting construction near your property at **Sheppard Avenue West and Bogert Avenue**. This project involves the replacement of existing electrical cables within the city-owned property and is scheduled to take place from March to April 2024.

Project Area: A section of Sheppard Avenue West and Bogert Avenue
Project Duration: March 2024 – April 2024

[Learn More](#)

Do you live near Beecroft and Finch?

NEW SHARED PARK

ST. CYRIL & OUR COMMUNITY

CONSULTATION

Let's build a new shared space to move and play!

We need your input to shape the future of the school yard at St. Cyril at Kempford and Beecroft which will become a community park on evenings and weekends!

Date:
Wednesday, Mar 6, 2024

Time:
7:30 - 9:00 pm

St. Cyril Catholic School
18 Kempford Blvd, North York

RSVP:
www.lilycheng.ca/events

Survey:
bit.ly/WAHSTCyrilSurvey



ACT NOW!



HOSTED BY:
COUNCILLOR
LILY CHENG
Parent Council of
St. Cyril Catholic School



TRUSTEE
MARIA RIZZO
Ward 5: North York

To learn more about the Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC) visit: tcdsb.org/stcyril



NEW SHARED PARK CONSULTATION

In partnership with the **Parent Council of St. Cyril Catholic School**, we will be developing their asphalt school yard into a park that can be shared with community members on evenings and weekends. The Parks division has identified this pocket as an area of our neighbourhood with great density that would benefit from access to further park amenities which this project can help facilitate. Please join us **Wednesday, March 6 at 7:30pm at St. Cyril** for a consultative discussion on a much needed amenity for our community and for the school! [Click Here](#) to fill out the survey. [Click Here](#) to RSVP for the consultation.

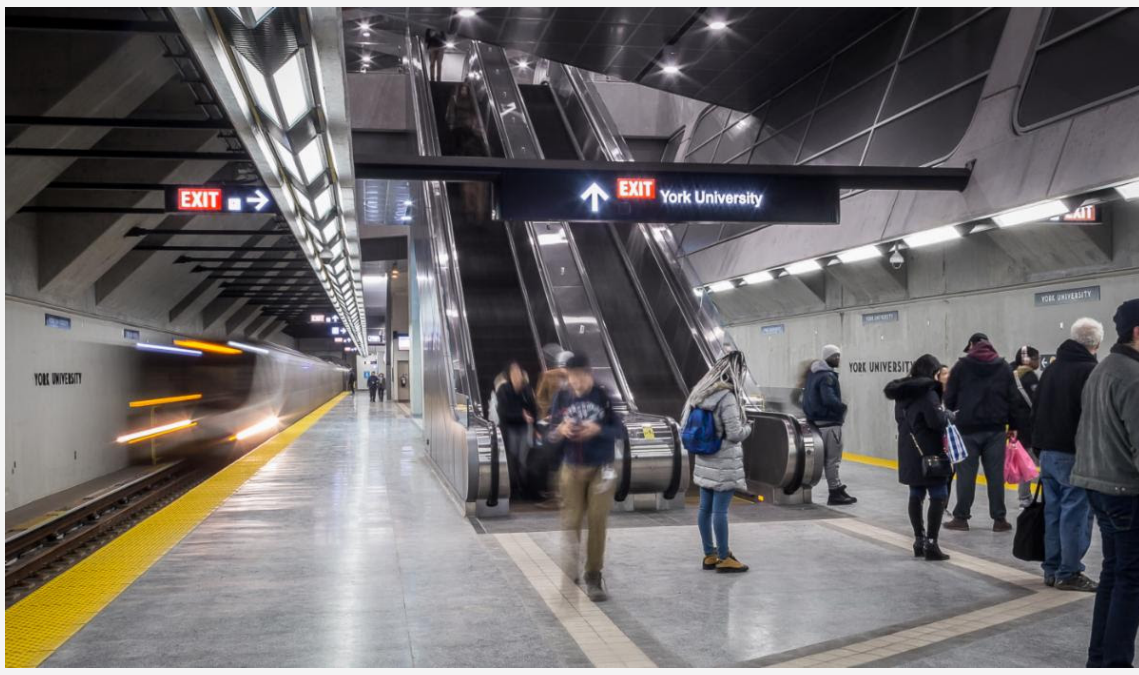
RSVP

CITY OF TORONTO UPDATES

PAID ON-STREET PARKING ON STATUTORY HOLIDAYS

Starting **February 19, 2024**, the Toronto Police Service will enforce paid on-street parking on statutory holidays, a departure from past practices. This decision aims to manage the rising demand for parking in the city, reflecting Toronto's growth and the need for efficient parking management.

Learn More



ONTARIO'S ONE FARE PROGRAM

Ontario's **One Fare Program** will offer free transfers between participating transit agencies. Starting on **February 26, 2024**, customers paying with a PRESTO card, PRESTO in Google Wallet, debit or credit card, will be able to transfer for free between the TTC and Brampton Transit, Durham Region Transit, MiWay and York Region Transit within the two-hour transfer window. Also, TTC customers paying single-ride fares connecting to and from GO Transit within a three-hour transfer period will benefit from a fare discount, making their TTC fare-free. The program applies to youths, adults, post-secondary students, seniors, and TTC Fair Discount Pass customers. Customers paying with cash, TTC tickets/tokens, or PRESTO tickets cannot transfer for free between transit agencies.

Learn More

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HERITAGE REGISTER REVIEW: PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION

FEBRUARY 26, 2024

COUNCILLOR CHENG

On **February 26, 2024**, Toronto residents are invited to an online **Public Information Session** to learn about the City's **Heritage Register Review** project. The purpose of the meeting is to share information about the project and answer questions. This project has been initiated to develop a strategy for responding to amendments made to Section 27 (Heritage Register) of the Ontario Heritage Act that came into force on January 1, 2023. The Heritage Register Review project is focused on developing an ongoing strategy to prioritize the designation of properties that are currently listed on the Toronto Heritage Register before they are removed from the register on January 1, 2025.

Learn More

HELP SHAPE TORONTO PUBLIC HEALTH'S STRATEGIC PLAN!

SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK

toronto.ca/TPHStrategicPlan

TORONTO PUBLIC HEALTH STRATEGIC PLANNING

The Board of Health and Toronto Public Health (TPH) are currently developing the 2024-2028 Strategic Plan, which will be the roadmap to guide TPH's work for the next four years. You're invited to help shape the development of the Strategic Plan! To make your voice heard, submit your feedback by completing the **survey** by **March 17, 2024**.

Take the Survey

COMMUNITY UPDATES



Tirgan proudly presents “**Song of the North**” a breathtaking spectacle of light and shadow based on a timeless love story from Shahnameh (The Book of Kings). Crafted by the visionary artist Hamid Rahmanian, this mesmerizing cinematic shadow theater, narrated in English, is brought to you a year ahead of its Broadway debut at the Nowruz Festival 2024.

Date: [March 8-10, 2024](#)

Venue: [Meridian Arts Centre](#)

Secure your tickets now at www.tirgan.ca and be captivated by this visually stunning masterpiece.

[Get Ticket](#)



NOURISH A NEIGHBOUR

NeighbourLink North York & Gift Local TO launched a campaign called “**Nourish a Neighbour**,” where customers can pay it forward by buying a meal for a neighbour in need. The goal is to not only address heightened food insecurity, but also bolster support for local restaurants.

You can purchase a meal for a neighbour, or redeem a meal at these locations:

- Yonge Cafe & Bistro (5000 Yonge St.)
- Anotherland Coffee (4714 Yonge St)
- Woodhouse BBQ (4664 Yonge St)

If you're a restaurant who would like to join the campaign, email sebastian@neighbourlink.org

[Learn More](#)

inspire kindness design contest



SEE YOUR WORK SHARED ACROSS OUR COMMUNITY
DEADLINE TO SUBMIT: MARCH 1



February is **kindness month** and to promote this value in our neighbourhood **NeighbourLink North York** is hosting an **Inspire Kindness Contest**. They're calling all graphic designers and artists to create a digital image inspired by the prompts on their website! The winning design will be selected to appear on a T-Shirt in their online store and sold to fundraise for their food bank and community care programs. The winner will win a gift card and merchandise with their design! Let's see the whole neighbourhood rocking your design, promoting kindness and making a difference in our community.

Contest Closes: [Friday March 1st, 2024](#)
Send Design To: kindness@neighbourlink.org
Design Specs: [2100px width by 1800px height](#)

[Learn More](#)



Tell us your thoughts and help us create a vision for the public realm!

Participate by **March 1st, 2024**

www.surveymonkey.com/r/YongeNorthYork

The YNYBIA has begun the process of developing a public realm and streetscape master plan.

As a member of the community, your feedback and insight into the future of the area is incredibly valuable.

To help get you started, the public realm includes things like street furniture, greenery, shade, your experience as a pedestrian, and more!

www.yongenorthyork.com
hello@yongenorthyork.com



PUBLIC REALM MASTER PLAN VISIONING SURVEY

The **Yonge North York BIA (YNYBIA)** is seeking input from community members like you for their public realm and streetscape master plan. Your feedback on aspects such as parklets, greenery, lighting, street furniture, and public art will help shape the future of the BIA. This survey, part of a broader community engagement initiative, aims to gather insights to create a vibrant and welcoming public realm within the YNYBIA boundary.

Participate by [March 1st, 2024](#)

[Take The Survey](#)

IN PERSON COURSE



MY SAFE PLACE

LED BY YASAMAN MEHRSA



SUPPORTED BY THE SLAIGHT FAMILY FOUNDATION

SATELLITE

IN COLLABORATION WITH



MY SAFE PLACE, a free mixed media painting workshop where you'll embark on a creative journey to design your own imaginary houses. Learn basic perspective tricks to bring these houses to life using watercolour/acrylic paints, markers, and nature-inspired designs. Every Tuesday from March 5 to April 16 at Meridian Arts Centre in North York, unleash your creativity and transform blank canvases into vibrant, personalized safe havens. Each house you paint tells a unique story, making this workshop a delightful and imaginative experience for all.

Dates: Tuesdays Mar 5,12,19,26 & Apr 2,9,16

Time: 5:30PM-7:00PM

Location: Meridian Arts Centre

[Learn More](#)



ENCHANTED LIGHTS CULTURAL SATURDAY



大多倫多中華文化中心
Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto

CELEBRATION OF CHINESE CULTURE SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2024



ENCHANTED LIGHTS ENTERTAINMENT



WAYLAND LI MARTIAL ARTS CENTRE SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2024



ENCHANTED LIGHTS ENTERTAINMENT



BOBBY HO SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2024



ENCHANTED LIGHTS SKATE LENDING LIBRARY



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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2024 1:00 - 7:00 PM

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NORTH YORK ATRIUM

Enjoy fun & delicious vendors from 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm!

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM FREE! Bubble Tea from Fantuan
Cultural Performances
Live Music
Tea Demonstration
Children's Crafts
Pictures with the God of Fortune
Calligraphy Demonstrations

1:00 PM - 3:30 PM **NORTH YORK LIBRARY**
Bilingual Mandarin/English Story Time
Dragon Craft Drop-In (Auditorium)

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2024



5:00 PM PARADE OF THE LION & DRAGON
Lions and Dragon will lead the visitors from the North York City Centre Atrium into Mel Lastman Square

6:30 PM OPENING PERFORMANCE
Chinese Drum Performance by Bobby Ho

6:40 PM LION DANCE & TRADITIONAL CEREMONIES
Performed by Wayland Li Martial Arts Centre

7:00 PM DRAGON DANCE
Performed by Wayland Li Martial Arts Centre

7:20 PM (MODIFIED) MARTIAL ARTS
Performed by Wayland Li Martial Arts Centre

Experience the heart of Chinese culture with a day filled with captivating activities, including performances, library crafts, Mandarin/English storytime, and a delectable array of snacks. Event Activities taking place at North York Centre Atrium & Library are proudly co-hosted by: **Councillor Cheng & YTMAT**.

As the sun sets, immerse yourself in the magic of the Year of the Dragon, featuring enchanting lights, strolling performers, a lion and dragon dance, Chinese drumming, martial arts displays, and traditional Chinese dance performances. Presented by the **Yonge North York BIA** and the **Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto** at Mel Lastman Square. **Free admission for all!**

Learn more at yongenorthyork.com/enchantedlights

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