Connected Community
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Dear Neighbour:

Happy Thursday!

Last call for Climate Action Roundtable! We look forward to meeting with the community this evening to discuss climate action, including transitioning planting of trees and driving change in Willowdale!

Pizza & a FREE Outdoor Movie! You may also want to go to Willowdale tomorrow night for a free outdoor screening of Ms. Marvel at 7:00 PM. Pizza will be served. The movie does not start until dusk (around 9:15pm) but do. You have lovely and cool Willowdale.

What do City Councillors do?
Well they actually attend city work in Metro Toronto. While as City Councillors we are not the "Mayor of our Ward" we do represent our ward at City Council and every week we notice that it's very hard to explain what we do. Habitually, Toronto City Council meets every Wednesday morning and Thursday afternoon. Council meets in the Toronto Public Service Hearing. This is something I wish I could change but it's not my decision. Council also sits on behalf of Toronto on multiple committees and boards to provide oversight over the many agencies and boards that operate in Toronto. Council also sits as the Toronto Board of Health. Out of 25 City Council seats committee posts with stipends, there are the following committees and boards:

- Toronto Police Services
- Toronto Public Library
- Executive Committee
- Toronto Community Housing
- Willowdale BIA Board
- Toronto Zoo

While Willowdale has 1 City Councillor because I wanted to make our community a better place to live, a significant amount of my time is now spent trying to make Toronto a better place to live because what happens at City Council and what we do as a City has an impact on our Willowdale neighbourhoods, city of neighbourhoods, city of villages.

I hope that through the social media posts and newsletters that I do, I can educate residents about what I do and what we do at City Council. I hope that I can be a better ward rep and I think we can do a great deal collaboratively to keep our Willowdale neighborhoods safe.

Great Forum Made Great Neighbourhood
On Tuesday we held the **North York Community Council**. This is the committee that hears all planning matters for North York. Tuesday's agenda was very light and apparently the weeks in North York have bought exactly the same. Nothing of significance was on the agenda. Nothing of significance was deferred. Nothing of significance was adjourned. Nothing of significance is expected per our Ward Profile. Nothing of significance happened. Nothing of significance happened. I hope that in this case good high fences will make good neighbours. This is an example of how our Ward Profile impacts our Ward.

Anyone Complaining Looking for Willowdale?
We passed a motion by the middlebrow for an street electric vehicle charging on Bayview Avenue. Apparently, this is the end of the world. Well, the Ward Profile Planning Authority, I mean a lot of people are having a hard time creating a Ward Profile for Willowdale. Apparently, Bayview Avenue is the most important support for our community. However, because we do not have overnight parking on Bayview Avenue, Bayview Avenue is not a place where people live and use the city's infrastructure. Hence, I must be crazy.

Despite Second Message: Transportation Services and the Director, Policy and Planning in Transportation Services, Barbara Gray, and the Director, Public Realm, Marian Dragunas in Willowdale. Click Here for details.

What happened to Culture & Society Destination?
Well, Toronto's Chief Planner, Gregg Lintern, Executive Director Culture and Society, Mark Phillips and Director, Public Realm, Marian Dragunas decided that Willowdale should not continue as the only ward with 50+ local arts groups & heritage groups. Well, we have 50+ local arts groups & heritage groups and we have ZERO City Staff and we now return to trying and survive in Willowdale.

Willowdale Arts & Culture Hub Is Dead
The Willowdale BIA board had this year ended. We are currently discussing whether we have enough members to continue. We have lost our Arts & Culture Hub. We have lost our Hub. Hub is a gathering place where people meet. Hub is a place where people can find information about what is happening in our community. Hub is a place where people can find a society in Willowdale. Hub is a place where people can find a community in Willowdale. Hub is a place where people can find a community. Hub is a place where people can find a community. Hub is a place where people can find a community

New for 2023:

- Additional evaluation categories (previously 20 categories, now expanded to 50 categories)
- Category weighting to prioritize issues that have a greater impact on tenants
- Evaluation scores that reflect in-suite and common area violations and outstanding property standards orders
- New threshold to determine when buildings will be audited

Learn more.

SENSORY-SCAPES AT CAREFREE LODGE

Sensory-scapes craft custom therapeutic wall murals to beautifully stimulate the mind with real life imagery, providing a multifaceted therapy for **Carefree Lodge** residents. Installation is transforming resident home areas into neighbourhoods with familiar landmarks and a diverse collection of doors for resident rooms. The murals are located throughout common areas including dining rooms, auditorium, resident Lounges and hallways. Project work began in April and is wrapping up in June 2023.

CUMMER LODGE'S GOT TALENT

Residents of **Cummer Lodge** showcased their wonderful and unique talents during the first Cummer's Got Talent Show. The variety of performances included singing, cultural dancing, magic, stunning artwork and woodwork, hilarious comedy, and a magnificent large group drum circle for the grand finale. Residents, visitors, and staff members were delighted with the performances and really enjoyed seeing their family and friends perform on the big stage in front of a large live audience. The talent show judges were also extremely impressed as all performers went home with a trophy. The Cummer's Got Talent Show will be hosted annually and will only get better!

COMMUNITY EVENTS ACROSS WILLOWDALE

JUNE 2023

Every Thurs, June 1st-Oct 27th, North York Famers' Market
Every Tues & Fri, May-Oct, 8am-4pm, The Peoples Church Community Market
June 17th-24th, Meet Your Neighbour Week
June 22nd, Willowdale Concerts in the Park: Wayling James & Eunice Keitan
June 22nd, Youth Assisting Youth Board Game Day
June 23rd, Willowdale Climate Action Roundtable
June 23rd, Edithvale Family Movie Nights - Puss in Boots
June 23rd, North York Senior Centre Ice Cream Social
June 24th, Caring for Houseplants
June 24th, Willowdale Yard Sale Day
June 24th, Ironflower Drummers Summer Show
June 24th, Hogg's Hollow Walking Tour
June 24th, REACH's Festa Junina
June 24th, Edithvale Outdoor Community Workout
June 25th, Join the Circus - HAOIS International Arts Center Performance
June 26th, Canadian Citizenship Education Mentoring Circle
June 27th, Ontario Pops Orchestra: Multiculturalism day
June 29th, Willowdale Concerts in the Park: John McMillian & Mint
June 29th, Reconciliation for Small Businesses: Indigenous Inclusion

For community events until October, check out our new community event page on our website! Mark your calendar and enjoy fun activities with your family, friends and neighbours!

Community Event Page

NORTH YORK CENTRAL LIBRARY FREE EVENTS

Join your neighbours at the library for free events like one-on-one tech training, English conversation circles, Toddler / Baby / Family Time, book clubs, and more! **See all upcoming events here**.

You can also **subscribe to this mailing list** for the latest library news!

If you have an event that you would like to be featured in our e-newsletter, please send the poster of your event or a short blurb with sufficient information about the event to **councillor_cheng@toronto.ca** with the subject line "Newsletter Event."

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If this email was forwarded to you and you'd like to sign up for future newsletters, you can do so at www.lilycheng.ca.

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