

Connected Community April 8, 2023



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Dear Neighbour!

As we cap off the first week of April, I want to wish a **Chag Sameach** to all our Jewish neighbours celebrating **Passover** this week. Passover commemorates the Israelites' exodus from Egypt thousands of years ago. During the holiday, Jews eat "matza," unleavened bread, and celebrate their freedom at a festive meal with their families, the Seder, where they retell the story of the exodus.

We also extend a **Happy Easter** to all the Christians celebrating this weekend. Easter is a celebration of the message of love and redemption in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The weekend can include solemn times of reflection along with celebratory gatherings and feasts. And for some, Easter is also the arrival of an abundance of Easter chocolate, thanks to the Easter Bunny! I'm sure we can all celebrate the arrival of spring!

April is also **Earth Month** and as such there are a number of Environment-focused special days throughout the month that remind us to be good stewards of this planet we call home. Please also join us for our first **Willowdale Community Environment Day** happening on **April 14 at Centrepont Mall**. There are many items that can be recycled. We will also be hosting a seed exchange. Please see details below!

We will also be at a community cleanup in collaboration with the **Willowdale BIA** on April 21, to celebrate Earth Day. We hope to see you there!

I returned to Toronto this past Tuesday morning and landed directly at North York Community Council where regular topics include fence exemptions, building demolitions and tree removal requests. It is great that these issues can be dealt with at a local level rather than having every tree removal go through City Council. You can [click here](#) to see the video and decisions that were made. I have enjoyed getting to know my fellow North York Councillors including Councillors Carroll, Pasternak, Burnside, Robinson and Colle.

Hope everyone enjoys your long weekend and the spring weather that is finally here!

Warmest regards,

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Thank you for subscribing to our weekly e-newsletter! Invite your friends and family to sign up at lilycheng.ca. Please also send us any updates of local community news and events that we can share.

COUNCILLOR UPDATES

ENCAMPMENT UPDATE

Our office has been working with the Encampment Office to taking the compassionate approach to address the complex issue of homelessness and encampments in our community, which we believe is the right approach. We will continue to work closely with the Encampment Office and other relevant agencies to find sustainable and humane solutions that benefit both the individuals experiencing homelessness and the community as a whole.

[Read the Full Update](#)



MITCHELL FIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE GRAND RE-OPENING

Join us on **April 14 from 10:30 AM to 11 PM** to celebrate the reopening of the centre with a fun-filled day of activities.

- 10:30-11:30 a.m. | Circle Time with Councillor Cheng (0-5 yrs)
- 1:30-2:30 p.m. | Line Dance Workshop (18+)
- 3-4 p.m. | Zumba Workshop (18+)
- 4:30-6 p.m. | Open Gym with Family (6+)
- 6-7p.m. | Print Making Workshop (12+)
- 8 p.m. start | Movie Night (all ages)

Explore our spaces, participate in activities, contribute to our community mural and enjoy some snacks while you visit. Staff will be available to answer your questions. Sign up for workshops by emailing MitchellField@toronto.ca. For more information, please call [416-395-0265](tel:416-395-0265).

WILLOWDALE COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT DAYS

Saturday, April 15, 10am-2pm
Centre Point Mall (6464 Yonge St.)

Drop off items for reuse and recycling and safely dispose of household hazardous waste!

Safely Dispose:

- Cell phones
- Small electronics
- E-cigarettes
- Household hazardous waste
- Propane tanks
- Paint solvents
- Used cooking oil
- Pesticides
- Fertilizers
- Unused meds
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Batteries
- Glue

Donate items in good condition for reuse:

- Sporting goods
- Arts & crafts supplies
- Books (no text books)
- Cameras, CDs & cases
- Clothing, costumes, linens
- Musical instruments
- Board games
- Eyeglasses, walking aids, etc.
- Non-perishable food items for local food bank

Visit toronto.ca/environment_days
Download **TOWaste** app at toronto.ca/wasteapp

RSVP TODAY!

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Join us for our first **Willowdale Community Environment Day!** [Click Here](#) to RSVP or just come on the day of the event!



Featuring Leading Speakers:

- Victor Dodig**, President and CEO, CIBC
- Lily Cheng**, Toronto City Councillor, Ward 18
- Zahra Ebrahim**, Co-Founder, Monumental
- Paul Kershaw**, Founder, Generation Squeeze

Date and time: Wed, Apr 19, 2023, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM EDT
Location: The Ismaili Centre, 49 Wynford Drive, Toronto, ON M3C 1K1

Housing remains a key issue in our city and around the world. Join me for a panel discussion on this important subject and how it relates to immigration. [Click Here](#) for further details and RSVP.

WILLOWDALE BIA CELEBRATES EARTH DAY!

In Support of Clean Toronto Together
Friday, April 21, 2023

WE INVITE YOUR BUSINESS TO JOIN US - 12:30PM
Recruit Your Co-workers & Spend 20-Minutes For an Exterior Clean Up At
Gibson House Museum (6172 Yonge Street)
Enjoy Refreshments. Receive A FREE Gift & Tour
The 19th-Century Farmhouse Located Within Our District!

www.willowdalebia.com
Visit us along Yonge St. | HWY. 401, Bishop Ave.
Join our E-Newsletter for local events, contests & more!

REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY!
FIRST 50 PARTICIPANTS TO ARRIVE ON-SITE
WILL RECEIVE A \$5.00 STARBUCKS GIFT CARD

1. Scan the QR code or call 416.432.6998 ext.0
2. Fill-out our registration form
3. Register by April 17, 2023 to reserve your team experience

We thank our generous event partners

Starbucks, Councillor Cheng Willowdale BIA, Gibson House Museum

Clean Toronto Together is a City of Toronto initiative that brings more than 200,000 Toronto residents, community groups, schools and businesses together to help clear litter from public spaces.
www.willowdalebia.com
Willowdale BIA, 4711 Yonge Street, 10th Floor, Toronto, ON M2N 6K8

CITY OF TORONTO UPDATES

REDUCING SINGLE-USE PROGRAM WEBINAR

Date/Time: April 17, 1:30 PM

Join City of Toronto Staff for an interactive webinar on reducing waste from single-use items, including the challenges of recycling foam and black plastic containers, and choosing environmentally-friendly alternatives for your business. Get introduced to the [Reducing Single-Use and Takeaway Items](#) Guide. [Register today!](#)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING: MULTIPLEXES

Date/Time: April 27, 2:30 PM

Location: City Hall, Committee Room 1, 2nd floor / Video Conference

The Planning and Housing Committee will hold a Public Meeting for the City-Initiated Amendments to the Official Plan and Zoning By-law 569-2013 to permit the development of duplexes, triplexes and fourplexes on lands designated neighbourhoods and subject to the residential zone category. [Learn more and get involved!](#)

CONFRONTING ANTI-BLACK RACISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Join the Confronting Anti-Black Racism Advisory Committee by **April 11** to advise City Council on issues like education, child-welfare, policing, housing, and employment. [Apply today!](#)

FEEDBACK WANTED FOR DROP-IN SPORTS PROGRAMS

City of Toronto Parks, Forestry & Recreation would like to know what you think about their drop-in sports programs (basketball, volleyball, soccer, pickleball, badminton). [Take a short survey](#) by **April 10** to help **inform future programming!**

FEEDBACK WANTED FOR NIGHT ECONOMY

The City is reviewing licensing and zoning regulations for bars, restaurants, and entertainment venues to support **Toronto's night economy**. The City is seeking input through an online survey and in-person or virtual consultations. The deadline to submit feedback on the survey is **April 21**. [Learn more.](#)

HAVE YOUR SAY! VEHICLE-FOR-HIRE NET ZERO

The City is looking for your feedback on how the vehicle-for-hire industry, including taxicabs, limousines and rideshares, can reduce greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2030. Attend an information session to learn more about the regulatory approach proposed by the City, ask questions to staff and submit feedback on the approach.

The City is hosting two sessions on:
• **April 17, noon to 12:45 p.m.** and
• **April 19, 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.**

Feedback can also be provided via an online survey by **April 21**. Learn more and register for the information sessions online at toronto.ca/vehicle-for-hire-by-law-updates.

CITY GOLF COURSES

The City's golf courses opened on **April 4** for the 2023 season and will operate daily into the fall season, weather permitting. They are affordable, high quality and TTC-accessible. Learn more about the City's golf courses and booking options.

COMMUNITY EVENTS ACROSS WILLOWDALE

Check out the **April** calendars for North York Central Library. There are programs for children, youth, adults and fans of digital innovation!

Please consider joining **Let's Move Willowdale** on **Saturday, May 6** - a fun fundraising event in support of **NeighbourLink North York** and the **North York Seniors Centre!** It will be a great opportunity to connect with neighbours, walk, run or bike the hydro corridor, enjoy a community BBQ and support these 2 important organizations in our community! [Click Here](#) to sign up today!

[Get Calendars & More Community Events!](#)

Walk, Run, Bike LET'S MOVE WILLOWDALE

COMMUNITY MOVE-A-THON & BBQ
SAT. MAY 6, 2023 • 12PM BBQ
WARM UP AT 10:45AM • 4KM WALK/RUN 8KM RIDE

REGISTER TODAY!
neighbourlink.org/letsmove

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