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Connected Community Updates

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Dear Neighbour!

The past week has been shocking for commuters and residents across Toronto as a spate of violent and seemingly random incidents have happened. The solution for this is neither quick nor easy. The long-term cost of living paired with lack of affordable housing, mental health issues, addiction issues, poverty, unemployment, health and wellness is not something we can simply wave our fingers and reverse. Countless around the world are grappling with these same issues where the pandemic has been a lasting scar.

It is easy for us to be pleased as we read the headlines and feel an increase in safety and security in our neighbourhood. But the reality is that we are all in an ongoing lifelong journey to be healthy. We think we are on a straight line journey and look forward to the start or our priority attention roundtable where we have to establish some community based solutions. I believe it is the power of community and its importance in being able to come together and solve problems. I look forward to the start of our roundtable and I will be sending out an email when the first meeting is set. - lily.cheng@toronto.ca

In the meantime, I am so grateful for the Willowdale Community Neighbourhood Association. With the pandemic and the inability to have in-person events, the association held a special Lunar New Year Celebration this Sunday. Bring your neighbours and friends to the Community Safety Town Hall. It is an opportunity to gather. Neighbours coming to neighbours is how we build a better future for everyone and last night's event exemplified this.

Please see below for other opportunities to gather with neighbours - including our first annual **Willowdale Lunar New Year Celebration** this Sunday (bring your dragon!) and **Willowdale Community Safety Town Hall** on February 27.

I hope you will join us!

Upcoming Events:

- **Sunday, Jan 29, 2 - 5pm @ Bell Lansdowne Square / North York Centre Food Court** - 5Th Annual Celebration Lunar New Year. Our Mayor John Tory, TDSB Trustee Dr. Weidong Pei and I will be there to wish everyone a Happy New Year! Stage show will begin at 2:00pm with Lion Dance and Martial Arts.
- **Saturday, Feb 11, 3-5:30pm @ John McKenzie Historic House** - Neighbourhood Memorial Event. Hosted by Willowdale Central Rotaryacts Association (WCRA).
- **Monday, Feb 27, 7pm @ Willowdale Pentecostal Church / David** - Willowdale Community Safety Townhall. **Hosted by Councillor Lily Cheng.**
- **Sunday, Mar 26, 1pm @ Meridian Arts Centre** - Genesis Symphonic Beethoven II. Performed by Toronto Symphony Orchestra.
- **Multi-day Workshops & Workshops** - Navigating Aspects in Economic Developing. Organized by Bayview Crummer Neighbourhood Association.

SAVE THE DATE - Future Consultations

- Monday, February 6, 2-4:30 pm regarding 16-24 Centre Ave. & 8-20 Temperance Street
- Tuesday, February 7, 6-8:30 pm regarding 5 Sheppard Ave. East
- Wednesday, February 22, 6-8:30pm regarding 2015 Bayview Ave.
- Tuesday, February 28, 6-8:30pm regarding 5376 Yonge St.

Stay Tuned:

- **A Community Liaison Committee** for the shelter at 1804 Yonge Street will be established shortly. Stay tuned for details.
- Feedback on Hendon Park and part of Yonge Street visioning to prepare(d)ness for the future extension of the subway will begin in the coming weeks. We will share more details as they come in.

Warmest regards,
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- Winter Weather Services
- Community Cultural Group Crafts - WinChat & KakaoTalk
- Community Safety Town Hall
- 311 Toronto - Group Work Order Tracker - Link
- Toronto Police Service Community Consultation Meetings
- Nature Home The Dundas Remnant - Deadline: Feb 2
- Community Roundtable Opportunities
- Community Events Across Willowdale

The weather was blustery last night but hearts were warm at 17th Celebration last night to senior's gathered to celebrate the Lunar New year. Thank you to the **Willowdale Community Neighbourhood Association** for hosting a wonderful evening!

WINTER WEATHER

For all of your Winter Weather related information including snow removal, salting, winter maintenance and Winter Warming Stations in need, please visit https://www.toronto.ca/winter/

You can also track bid locations of plows, sidewalk plows and salt trucks on MyCity. You can identify which roads have been serviced by winter snow clearing crews, and see when the last 3 hours there is left to the.

https://bit.ly/3GdFPfb

COMMUNITY CULTURAL GROUP CHATS

Our office launches neighbourhood networks on **WinChat** and **KakaoTalk** for our Chinese and Korean communities. Join us and connect with your neighbours!

Stay tuned, our Telegram network is coming soon!

COMMUNITY SAFETY TOWN HALL

Location: Willowdale Pentecostal Church / Zoom
Monday, Feb 27, 2023 - 7pm - 9:30pm

Many community members have approached our office with safety concerns. This is a topic that we need to address as a community. We are hosting a town hall as staff from the Willowdale Community Centre (WSM Group 3) to address community concerns as well as hear suggestions from Dr Division on how we can improve community safety. This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbours and a Community Liaison Officer for the shelter at 1804 Yonge St.

RSVP Here: https://willowdalecommunitycouncil.eventbrite.ca

311 APPEAL HEARING

Yonge Street North Appeal Hrs
Tuesday Jan 31, 2023 - 10am

The York Case Management Committee for the Yonge Street North Zoning Appeal is on Tuesday, Jan 31 at 10am.

The plan establishes a framework for the development of a complete community around the future subway station at Sheppard Avenue and provides a framework for the development of approximately 2,000 units. The Appellants represent a group of Developers that are appealing the plan have disagreements about what is considered "appropriate intensification" for these areas.

If you would like more background information about the engagement then click here https://www.thebayview.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Yonge-Street-North-Secondary-Plan.pdf

If you would like to watch the York CMC hearing **click this link** on Tuesday, Jan 31 at 10am. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2WSBSHS-Ac0
Access Code: 179 283 0352

If you experience technical difficulties accessing the City/Webex link or if you wish to just listen to the event then you can connect to the CMC hearing by calling the Toronto Conference Bridge at 416-392-0893 or 647-558-0588 or Canada – (647) 497-9373. The access code is: 179 283 0352.

On **Mon Feb 6th** City Planning will host a community consultation to discuss HCSC Group Street & 5-20 Temperance and 16-20 Centre Avenue

From 6:30pm to 7:30pm Michael Manzo, City Planner, will discuss 5-20 Yonge Street & 16 Centre Avenue. This is an application for Official Plan and Zoning for two amendments to permit a 29-storey (plus mechanical penthouse) mixed use building with 3 storey podium and three levels of underground parking.

The project proposes 301 residential units, 26,010 square metres of residential gross floor area, and 1,199 square metres of non-residential gross floor area. A total number of 174 vehicular parking spaces and 313 bicycle parking spaces are proposed.

From 7:30pm to 8:30pm Heather Au, City Planner, will discuss 16-28 Centre Avenue.

This is an application for Official Plan and Zoning for two Amendments to permit a 10-storey (plus mechanical) residential building with ground floor townhouse units and three levels of underground parking.

The project proposes 403 residential units, 35,476 square metres of residential gross floor area, 394 parking spaces and 454 bicycle parking spaces.

Click here to sign up: NorganaCentreConsult.eventbrite.ca

VACANT HOME TAX DECLARATION REMINDER

A reminder that all Toronto residential property owners must submit a declaration of their property's 2022 occupancy status by **February 3, 2023**. For more information:

For more information on the Vacant Home Tax including how to file in-person or by mail visit: https://www.toronto.ca/taxes/property-taxes/vacant-home-tax/

If you require extra help to submit your declaration, our team will be available at Metro Hall (Jarvis & Front), January 23 to end of March. Please contact us to book an appointment: 416-392-4723 or vacanthometax@toronto.ca
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COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE OPPORTUNITIES

For meeting of Poverty Reduction Roundtable and Climate Change Roundtable. If you would like to learn more and share in the shaping of these initiatives in Willowdale, please sign up on website: www.lilycheng.ca. These roundtables will commence in the next month or two and we'll have more details soon.

COMMUNITY EVENTS ACROSS WILLOWDALE

Navigating Aspects in Economic Uncertainty
Multi-Day Seminars & Workshops
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