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Hi Neighbour!

Happy weekend! Thank you to the many community members who joined our [Silverview Park Community Consultation and Brunch Potluck](#). It was a fun morning with the sharing of great ideas and lots of delicious treats! Those who would like to continue the conversation on improving Silverview Park AND strengthening the [Silverview Neighbourhood Association](#) can [CLICK HERE](#) to join a new Community Facebook Group!

Also, I want to thank [Ania Gorka](#) and her team of mighty climate action volunteers for arranging a [Free Tree event for Willowdale](#). We look forward to bringing more opportunities in the future to increase the tree canopy in our neighbourhood!

TONIGHT & TOMORROW! [Common Ground Dance Festival](#) hosted by [Toes for Dance](#) is coming to our neighbourhood. Enjoy multiple dance performances in a variety of styles including opportunities to learn and participate! Scroll down to see the schedule. I am grateful to have such a wonderful festival providing free programming in Willowdale!

Also happening this Saturday - [RBC Race for the Kids](#) at Mel Lastman Square. A mailer was sent out about road closures that will be happening. Please consider a donation for this important support for youth struggling with mental health challenges and their families. [Click Here](#) to donate. [Click Here](#) for details on road closures.

Something big happened this week. We heard our Premier acknowledge, "Toronto is facing deep financial challenges that are no longer sustainable. We need wholesale intervention. We need governments to work together to deliver solutions that protect services, avoid new taxes and put the city on a path towards long-term financial sustainability. Simply put, Toronto needs a new deal." As I've been saying for many e-newsletters now, the city needs a new fiscal framework. This week our premier acknowledged the same. There will now be a working group between the city and the province toward a much needed new deal. We hope our prime minister will also join this discussion.

Here is another great quote from our premier: "Toronto is too important to Ontario and Canada's economic success to let these problems linger and we need all levels of government working together. That's why we're urging the federal government to meet us at the table by joining this new deal working group. It is certainly my expectation that any agreement will include additional financial support from the federal government." Kudos to our mayor for securing this very important conversation! We are hopeful for what this can mean for our city.

This week was a lighter week than usual. To peel back the curtain and give you glimpse of "a week in the life of a councillor," here is a list of the meetings I participated in (in addition to internal staff meetings):

- City Communications
- Lumenus (Early-ON)
- Post Media Interview
- Community Consultation
- ARAP Pre meeting (Co-chair of Anti-Racism Advisory Panel)
- ARAP - Police Budget meeting
- Toronto Foundation for Youth in Politics
- Car Share exploratory meeting
- Tour of Supportive Housing at 222 Spadina Ave.
- TTC Meeting to ensure Willowdale residents are consulted
- Host dignitaries from Cambodia at City Hall
- Meeting to prepare for chairing Civic Appointments Committee
- Meeting with Toronto Professional Firefighters Association
- Meeting on local Committee of Adjustment application
- Meeting with developer on future project
- Visit to Freedom Day at Mel Lastman Square
- TOLive Board Meeting
- Visit to local park to discuss an issue
- North York Community House AGM
- Meeting with City Legal about transportation land issue
- Meeting with developer about future development
- Visit intersection in Willowdale to discuss local concerns
- Meeting with Willowdale BIA staff
- Meeting with city staff about Cummer Station
- Toronto Regional Conservation Authority Board Meeting
- Interview potential candidates for Constituency Representative vacancy
- Meeting with local author
- Meeting about upcoming new development
- Meeting with Operation Black Vote Canada

I often say that each meeting is a gateway to an entire universe and the challenge for this role is digesting vast amounts of information and indexing the information in a way that can be retrieved as necessary. It is inspiring to witness the incredible work of so many organizations, constituents, associations, and city staff. Ensuring that we are not siloed and working as efficiently and collaboratively as possible is one thing I am working towards.

I hope you have a great weekend! Hope to see some of you at the Dance Festival and the Race for the Kids.

Warm Regards,

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Many thanks to community member Ania Gorka for arranging for a wide variety of free trees for Willowdale. She is truly a Community Climate Champion! One community member even biked over to pick up a new tree! We look forward to the fruits of the many raspberry and service berry plants that were taken.

Click the links below to find out more about:

~ COUNCILLOR UPDATES

- [Updates on Holmes Park Expansion](#)
- [Hate-Motivated Assault Investigation in Yonge & Park Home Area](#)
- [Toronto Police Services Board 2024 Budget Meeting](#)
- [Share Your Feedback: Conacher Park Basketball Court Relocation](#)

~ CITY OF TORONTO UPDATES

- [Fall Recreation Programs at Edithvale Community Centre](#)
- [Apply for a PollinateTO Grant](#)
- [Relief Programs for Property Tax, Water and Solid Waste](#)

- [Application for New Housing Rights Advisory Committee](#)

~ COMMUNITY EVENTS ACROSS WILLOWDALE

- [AsialiciousTO 2023](#)
- [Enjoy Live Music on Yonge](#)
- [FREE Bachata & Salsa Dance Lessons](#)
- [Unity and Freedom Exhibition](#)
- [Common Ground Dance Festival](#)
- [RBC Race for the Kids](#)
- [York Arboretum and Notable Burials Tour](#)
- [Full Moon Festival: Celebrating East Asian Heritage](#)
- [North York Seniors Centre Fundraiser](#)

COUNCILLOR UPDATES



UPDATES ON HOLMES PARK EXPANSION

We are thrilled to share that Holmes Park, nestled at 21 Holmes Ave., is on the brink of completion, and we are getting ready to welcome the community to this new park facility! Anticipated to open to the public next week, this park will be a hub of outdoor enjoyment for families.

We are monitoring this progress closely, and as soon as we hit this milestone, we will make an announcement through our social media channels.

We can't wait to share this wonderful space with you all!

HATE-MOTIVATED ASSAULT INVESTIGATION IN YONGE & PARK HOME AREA

The Toronto Police Service is making the public aware of a man wanted in a hate-motivated assault investigation. The assault happened on September 20, 2023 in the Yonge Street and Park Home Avenue area. Images of the suspect have been released: Click [HERE](#) to view.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 416-808-3200, Crime Stoppers anonymously at 416-222-TIPS (8477), or at www.222tips.com.

TORONTO POLICE SERVICES BOARD 2024 BUDGET MEETING

The Toronto Police Services Board is dedicated to transparency and public engagement in the development of the 2024 budget for the Toronto Police Service.

The Budget Committee meeting will take place on September 25 at 10am to 11:30am. Click [Here](#) to read the **Agenda**. The meeting will be livestreamed on YouTube: Click [Here](#) to view.

Members of the public are welcome to make deputations before the Budget Committee in person or virtually. Sign-up for deputations will open one week before each meeting, and close on the business day before each meeting at 12pm. Please [fill out the sign-up form](#) to make a deputation. Agendas, minutes and all additional materials will be posted here, as well as on [the meetings page](#).

[Learn More](#)

SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK: CONACHER PARK BASKETBALL COURT RELOCATION

The existing basketball court in Conacher Park needs to be relocated due to Toronto Hydro excavation work starting on **September 4, 2023**. The City plans to install a new basketball court within the park and will be collecting community feedback on the proposed location.

Share your thoughts on the proposed location of the new basketball court in an online survey open until **October 11, 2023**. The survey is also available in **Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese and Farsi**.

[Take the Survey Now](#)

CITY OF TORONTO UPDATES

FALL RECREATION PROGRAMS AT EDITHVALE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Registration for fall recreation programs started on September 13th. Please click [Here](#) to view a list of programs with available spaces at Edithvale Community Centre.

To register, you can call **(416) 396-7378** to register for programs, or use [E-Fun](#) on the city website.

[Learn More](#)

“ HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO HELP OUR POLLINATOR HEROES !

PollinateTO Grant
applications are open now!

APPLY FOR A POLLINATETO GRANT AND RECEIVE UP TO **\$5000** TO CREATE A POLLINATOR HABITAT IN OUR CITY !

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **Oct 25, 2023**
LEARN MORE AT: toronto.ca/pollinateTO

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APPLY FOR A POLLINATETO GRANT

The City is accepting applications for the next round of [PollinateTO Grants](#)! Grants of up to \$5,000 are available to support community-led initiatives that create or expand pollinator habitats in Toronto's public and private lands.

Funding projects in Toronto's Neighbourhood Improvement Areas is a priority this year. Community groups, not-for-profit organizations, student groups, parent councils and other resident-led groups are encouraged to apply. Applications will be accepted until Wednesday, **October 25**, with gardens to be planted in 2024.

[Apply Now](#)

RELIEF PROGRAMS FOR PROPERTY TAX, WATER, AND SOLID WASTE

City of Toronto relief programs are available for low-income seniors and low-income people with disabilities. Property owners can apply for relief programs online or by submitting a paper-based application. You must reapply annually for the relief programs – even if you have applied for and received a cancellation, deferral, water and/or solid waste rebate for the previous year. **Apply by October 31, 2023**.

[Learn More](#)

APPLICATION FOR NEW HOUSING RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Are you passionate about housing in Toronto and committed to advancing the right to adequate housing? Help shape your city by joining the new Housing Rights Advisory Committee (HRAC). **Apply by October 13, 2023**.

[Learn More](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS ACROSS WILLOWDALE

ASIA LICIOUS™ TO 2023

SEPT 16 - OCT 1

ENJOY \$10/20/30/40 MENUS FROM THE BEST ASIAN CUISINE IN TOWN

[View All North York Participating Venues](#)

BACHATA & SALSA DANCE LESSONS

BCNA
BAYVIEW CUMMER Neighbourhood Association Inc. est. 1978

FREE BACHATA AND SALSA REGISTER FOR FREE WEEKLY DANCE LESSONS (MUST BRING OWN PARTNER)

EVERY THURSDAY NIGHTS
7:30 to 8:30 PM
280 Otonabee St. Agnes Catholic School

Funded by the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program

Yonge North York BIA Presents
Live Music On Yonge

In Partnership With:

Sept. 7
Until Sept. 23
Every Thursday, Friday & Saturday

[yongenorthyork.com](#)
Visit us along Yonge St. | HWY. 401 - Bishop Ave.
Join our E-Newsletter for local events, contests & more!

Ontario

FREE ADMISSION
Enjoy our sidewalk performances!
Visit restaurants and shops in the area! Support emerging artists!

	Sheppard Centre	(Thurs/Sat) Mel Lastman Sq. (Fri) 5000 Yonge St.	5409 Yonge	North American Centre
Thurs. Sep 7 12 - 2 pm	Harry Bartlett Trio	Roshane & the Good Vibes	Jacob Soucy	Margold
Friday, Sep 8 6 - 9 pm	Emmett Hodgins Coast Group	Nezqwik	Geraden Smith	Ale Nunez
Sat. Sep 9 8 - 9 pm	Ori Dagan Trio	Emmett Hodgins Coast Group	Nezqwik	Geraden Smith
Thurs. Sep 14 12 - 2 pm	Ryan Gazzola	Harry Bartlett Trio	Roshane & the Good Vibes	Jacob Soucy
Friday, Sep 15 6 - 9 pm	Geraden Smith	Ale Nunez	Emmett Hodgins Coast Group	Nezqwik
Sat. Sep 16 6 - 9 pm	Ori Dagan Trio	Ryan Gazzola	Margold	Wayling James
Thurs. Sep 21 12 - 2 pm	Jacob Soucy	Ryan Gazzola	Harry Bartlett Trio	Roshane & the Good Vibes
Friday, Sep 22 6 - 9 pm	Ryan Gazzola	Ori Dagan Trio	Jacob Soucy	Matt Austen Quartet
Sat. Sep 23 8 - 9 pm	Matt Austen Quartet	Roshane & the Good Vibes	Ori Dagan Trio	Geraden Smith

Toronto Undergraduate Jazz Festival is a non-profit organization that creates developmental and continuing opportunities for emerging musicians in Canada. For full performance details visit our website at www.yongenorthyork.com

The dates and performances are subject to change and/or cancellation. There are no rain dates for this event. Please check our website for updates. All buskers are licensed. Photography, video, and audio recording may occur at this event, and by participating you consent to such recordings. If you do not agree to be recorded as part of this event, please stay out of the area when recording is taking place.

www.yongenorthyork.com

Yonge North York BIA, 4711 Yonge Street, 10th Floor, Toronto, ON M2N 6K8



[Register Now](#)



UNITY AND FREEDOM EXHIBITION

Experience the "Unity and Freedom Exhibition" by Parvaneh Radmard at North York Civic Centre, September 14th to 26th. This stunning mural installation pays tribute to the unwavering spirit, resilience, and determination of Iranian women in their quest for justice and freedom. Join us and be inspired.

COMMON GROUND DANCE FESTIVAL

September 21-23

NORTH YORK CENTRAL LIBRARY
LEE LIFESON ART PARK



Photo and design by Kendra Epik, featuring Zoe Kwan, Monique Pascal, Priya Doobay, Genevieve John.



Saturday Sept 23

Dance @ the Library
Performance Activations
North York Central Library
1pm-4pm

Intro to Kathak: Workshop
Lee Lifeson Art Park
5-6pm

Friday Sept 22

Site Performance #1
Lee Lifeson Art Park 6:45-7pm

Site Performance #2
Lee Lifeson Art Park 6:45-7pm

Mainstage Mixed Program Show #1 w/ ASL
Lee Lifeson Art Park
7-8:15pm

Mainstage Mixed Program Show #2
Lee Lifeson Art Park
7-8:15pm

It's a Party: Hip Hop Workshop
LLAP
8:15-9pm

Artist Chat Circle w/ ASL
LLAP
8:15-8:45pm

Dances & Rhythms of Africa: Workshop
LLAP
8:15-9pm

Artist Chat Circle
LLAP
8:15-8:45pm

[Learn More](#)

THIS SATURDAY! SEPT. 28 JOIN TEAM WILLOWDALE! Walk/Run with Councillor Cheng at MEL LASTMAN SQUARE



Supporting youth mental health at



[Learn More](#)

Presents

THE ARBORETUM & NOTABLE BURIALS TOUR!

*With Tour Guides:
Daniel Chevalier, Lisa Williams, Mathew Chesney,
Imre Szabo & Jennifer Gregson-Jaime*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023
11:00 AM Funeral Centre Parking Lot
Rain or Shine, Dress for Outdoor Comfort

[Learn More](#)



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HERITAGE TORONTO
PEOPLE.PLACES.EVENTS.

中秋 秋夕

Full Moon Festival: Celebrating East Asian Heritage

中秋節

Sunday, October 1, 2 pm-6 pm
North York Centre

Join us for a free celebration with food demonstrations, family-friendly activities, and prizes! All are welcome.

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Food Demonstrations:
Matcha
Songpyeon

Activities:
Origami
Calligraphy

Hear community recipe stories and learn about East Asian food heritage.



Register early to receive a free mooncake at the event!*



Event Location and TTC access

Tsukimi 月見

Follow @heritagetoronto on social media for event updates and the chance to win prizes!

Mid-Autumn Festival



*Offer only available to the first 200 registrants. Limit of one mooncake per person.

[Learn More](#)



BETTER WITH AGE: RELIEVE THE MOMENT!

ABBAMANIA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2023
Doors Open at 5:30 pm

 Bayview Golf and Country Club

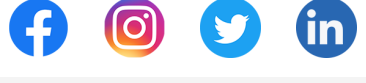
TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!
Ticket prices will increase on September 1st.



**CALL THE ALC PROGRAMS TEAM AT 416 733 4111
TO GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!**

[Learn More](#)

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Building a Connected Community in Willowdale.

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