



North Rosedale News

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A Rosedale Walk About by Terrel Wong

When you are strolling through the neighbourhood, you will notice the rich tapestry that is the architectural heritage of Rosedale. It is a cornucopia of Arts and Crafts, Victorian, Georgian, and modern homes on winding streets under an urban forest. The buildings are linked by scale, rich materiality with smatterings of unique details.

To better my drawing skills I am slowly sketching the homes throughout North Rosedale. Below are a few examples with some tidbits gleaned from historic data and the internet. It is a work in progress and I would love input from my neighbours to update this heritage database.

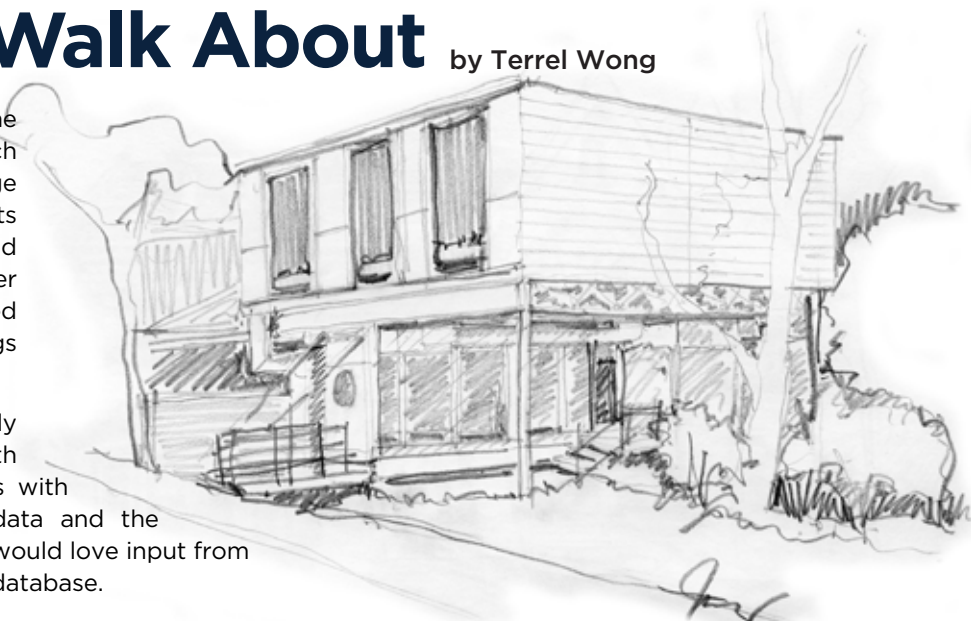


Illustration by Terrel Wong

51 Roxborough Drive | The Wolf House

In 1970 Barton Myers, with local architect AJ Diamond, designed himself a very modern home at 19 Berryman Street. It came to the notice of Lawrence and Mary Wolf who were looking to build something similar. The resulting Wolf House with its exposed metal structure and mechanical system is loved by UofT architecture students and modernists worldwide.

The original structure was two storeys built above grade on steel columns allowing the ravine edge to flow under the building. In the 80s a lower level glass box was added. The interiors were altered by Yabu Pushelberg in 1995. They were altered again in 2008 by Heather Faulding.



This Fall I had the ultimate pleasure to get a personal tour from the current owner. What a treat! As an environmental architect this building causes me both delight and dread as it is essentially an uninsulated glass box. To wrap it in insulation would be to ruin its architectural expression and would be pointless as the metal frame would bypass any insulation added. The only thing I suggested to the owner to improve comfort and reduce his carbon footprint would be in order of

importance: air sealing, operable exterior shading, PV panels on the roof, and finally better windows (once the older ones fail).

Below are several good sites to get more information about this iconic building.

http://www.acotoronto.ca/show_building.php?BuildingID=7071

<http://modernmag.com/steel-icon-torontos-wolf-house/>

<http://wolfresidence.blogspot.ca/search/label/Barton%20Myers>

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Our Green Space



Can Our Ravines Be Saved?

By Marc Letourneau

The Toronto Botanical Garden hosted the 3rd annual Urban Ravines Symposium on Friday, November 2, under the theme of "Explore, Restore and Celebrate". Urban ravines provide us with a quick escape from the stresses of city living. Shady trees flood-protecting wetlands, colourful songbirds, and bejeweled butterflies are just a few of the many natural treasures available to us in Rosedale. However, decades of taking, rather than giving, have taken a toll on these treasured landscapes. Urban ravines are experiencing erosion, invasive species, flooding and encroachment at unprecedented levels. These challenges and creative solutions to address them were the focus of the TBG Symposium. It provided a forum for experts to present the threats to the ravine ecosystems in the City and the efforts needed to reverse the trajectory of decline. There was a particular focus on the invasive plant species that are aggressively altering this landscape.

The Symposium kicked off with the presentation of a long-term study on the Changes in Biodiversity and Ecological Integrity of Toronto's ravines by Rosedale resident Catherine Berka, former NRRA Director Paul Scrivner, and Anqi Dong of the University of Toronto. The study was a 3-year citizen-science effort to re-survey one of the few known historical studies of biodiversity in the Toronto ravines: The 1977 Rosedale Ravines Study. It found that, over the past 40 years, the biodiversity and ecological health of Toronto's ravines has declined to a critical level and is now likely on the edge of ecological collapse.



Two sections of a massive cement storm sewer pipe sit upended in Yellow Creek, which runs through the Vale of Avoca ravine near Yonge Street and St. Clair Avenue. Five residents associations are calling on the city to fix the ravine after years of neglect. (Muriel Draaisma/CBC)

However, it also concludes that if widespread science-based action begins soon, it is possible that the ravines can be restored to a healthy state. A group of citizens from the Residents' Associations in and around Rosedale are beginning the work to bring together the pillars of the 'Adaptive Management Cycle' to this effort: 'Science,' 'Policy,' 'Practice,' and 'Citizen Engagement'. The report gave examples of other cities around the world that are moving in this direction including New York City, which now has a 25-year plan to steward one of its natural areas to which \$385 million of public and private funds have been committed to date. Phoenix has two similar plans for natural areas in that city with over \$100 million committed to each. The report and a summary are available online at torontoravines.org and well worth reading.

Both the city and the Toronto Regional Conservation Authority were well represented at the Symposium. Jane Welsh and Doug Bennett of the city provided an overview of the city's efforts to tackle the issues facing the ravines. It was clear from their presentation that Toronto has limited resources to dedicate to ravine restoration. The city has established seven stewardship programs across the GTA

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that coordinate city staff and engaged citizens to help care for natural areas including the Brickworks. (Learn more at Community Stewardship Programs at Toronto.ca). The city has also established a prioritized list of areas for city staff to focus their efforts related to remediation of natural areas. Unfortunately, the ravines in the Rosedale area are not high on this priority list, which is ranked according to criteria related to the health of the ecosystem. Karen McDonald and Natasha Gonsalves of the TRCA spoke to the work the TRCA is doing to protect and create wildlife habitat in ravines and the value of biodiversity monitoring in an urbanizing region. Although the TRCA's efforts are also limited because of resource constraints, Karen shared some of the successes where nature has been re-introduced into heavily urbanized areas.

Other interesting topics included a presentation by Richard Dickenson of the U of T on the Dog Strangling Vine's invasion mechanism, another one of the most widespread and aggressive invasives in our ravines. DSV is particularly well adapted to choking off any competing native plants in its path by altering the composition of the soil to favour its spread and reduce competition from native plants.

There were also guided ravine walks of the areas around TBG where Aboriginal and Field Naturalists shared their deep knowledge of the natural areas and their importance to everything from mental health to migration. Another interesting fact most people were surprised to learn was that earthworms are not a native species to North America. Michael McTavish of the University of Waterloo explained that North American earthworms were wiped out in the last ice age and were re-introduced by European settlers as they arrived. Now this invasive species is ubiquitous and there is no way to reverse course (not that we would necessarily want to). Michael presented the earthworm as a case study on "How to live with novelty".



Photo by Lennox Huang

Can our ravines be saved? Yes, but they need our help. Lots of it. Starting now. Although there seems to be an overwhelming amount of work to do to restore our ravines, there is hope as projects underway in other cities are showing. The packed house at the TBG Symposium demonstrated there are more and more concerned Torontonians realizing how badly our ravines are being neglected and getting on board to do something about it. For many, the vision is to elevate our ravines to the status of the other celebrated aspects of the city such as culture, food, diversity, etc. that we boast about in making the case that Toronto is world-class.

The NRRA and our neighbouring RAs are continuing our collaborative efforts in order to formulate a plan for greater citizen engagement. Our local communities must advocate for additional resources for our section of the ravines. We will be reaching out to all of our residents. In the meantime, if you have questions, suggestions, or would like to volunteer, please contact us at info1@northrosedale.ca.

References:

Toronto Botanical Gardens (website) and The Toronto Ravines Study 1977-2017 Long Term Changes in the Biodiversity and Ecological Integrity of Toronto's Ravines; Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto

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P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E

Now as we head into the Christmas Season and start to ponder both the year past and the year ahead we can be thankful North Rosedale offers a family-focused and pet-friendly oasis in the heart of midtown Toronto. The Board has been working diligently over the summer and throughout the fall to preserve and augment this charming neighbourhood. The fall brought us the opening of the Chorley Trail switchback along with a successful community tree planting event. The Municipal Election on October 22 saw the election of our new City Councillor Mike Layton. New ward boundaries and reduced number of wards from 47 to 25 make collaborating with neighbouring resident associations on issues of common interest even more important. For example, the NRRRA is working closely with the South Rosedale and other Residents' Associations to address the Heritage Conservation District issues raised by the proposed demolition of three homes on Dale Avenue and the construction of a luxury condominium on that site. Ensuring that renovations and new construction in North Rosedale are consistent with our Heritage Conservation District design guidelines is one of our top priority files. Other priorities include the Glen Road Reconstruction; implementing a Street Captain Program; and ravine remediation. Additionally the Board has added a new committee that has a goal of engaging our community through events and activities such as the Holiday Skating Party on December 15. The volunteer members of the board continue to give their time and talents to ensure this lovely Village in the City continues to thrive now, and for generations to come.

Please read through the articles and share your own ideas by email with us at info1@northrosedale.ca.

Jean Anderson and Karen Powell
Co-Presidents, NRRRA

Way Back When A Few Images of Our Neighbourhood from the Past



NRRRA Political Debate Hosting Tradition Continues

By Michael Rodger

Many NRRRA members ask, what services does the NRRRA provide to members? In keeping with a long-standing NRRRA service tradition for NRRRA members, in 2018 the NRRRA was busy chairing and moderating two candidate debates for the newly reconfigured University-Rosedale riding. The NRRRA believes organizing fair, unbiased political debates are an important role for area residents to become informed and engaged on key area issues and potential candidate positions and platforms.

In 2018 two debates were held at Rosedale United Church: the Provincial Candidates Debate on May 23, 2018, and the Municipal Candidates Debate on October 3, 2018. The NRRRA organized the debates and they were jointly funded and attended by Resident Riding Associations adjacent to North Rosedale including South Rosedale, Moore Park, and Governor's Bridge. Both of the debates were attended by more than 200 area residents and in the case of the Municipal debate, it was the only formal candidates debate held in our University-Rosedale riding.

In 2019 the NRRRA will be organizing the Federal Candidates Debate prior to the next election to be held on or before October 21, 2019. Should any area residents be interested in helping with the debate, we encourage you to reach out to the organizer, Michael Rodger at Michael@michael-rodger.com.



A Life Well Lived



Honouring Brian Pearson By Michael Rodger

Brian Pearson was a long-time North Rosedale resident who sadly passed away this summer. Known to many area residents, Brian was a friendly and ever optimistic organizer, dog walker, and family man who was always engaged in various neighbourhood projects including: a Mooredale sports team coach; a Rosedale walking tour guide; a Director at the York Club; an NRRRA Board Director (2003 - 2006) where he helped to create the North Rosedale Heritage plan; and, as President of the Rosedale Centre Progressive Conservative Riding Association. A local boy, Brian grew-up in Moore Park on Heath Street and attended the local Whitney and Deer Park Schools. In 1999 with his bride Catherine Thomson, Brian moved back into the neighbourhood onto north Glen Road, where Brian and Catherine became proud parents of Jessica, David, and Samantha.

A Queen's and Western Ivey School graduate (where he met his bride Catherine) Brian's professional career started with Rubbermaid, followed by TD Bank, and most recently Brian was a respected Toronto investment advisor with Scotia McLeod.

Outside of Brian's love of family and North Rosedale activities, Brian had several other passions including spending time at his Oro-Medonte area, Cahaghui farm where he enjoyed downhill skiing, fly-fishing, snowmobiling, playing with his tractor, running his beloved Labrador dogs, and most recently developing his new hop and estate brewery. Additionally, Brian spent many hours as the passionate family genealogist, researching his family Manx lineage from the Isle of Man, where he had made many trips with his family in recent years.

In memory of Brian, Catherine, his children, and family harvested the best hop crop to-date at the farm this fall.

Brian will be sadly missed by his family and the neighbourhood.

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Chorley Park Tree Planting

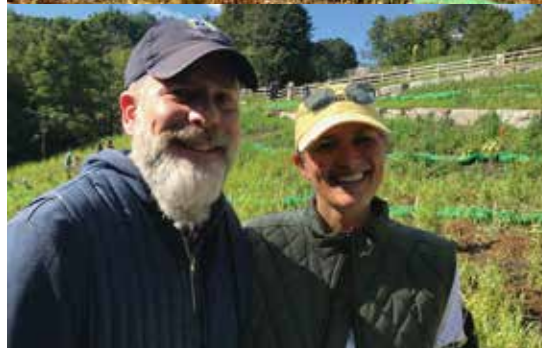
by Alexandra Jenkins

On Saturday, September 29, we were delighted to join over 100 local Rosedale residents, NRRA members, friends of the Brickworks, and City of Toronto Urban Forestry employees working together to plant over 320 new shrubs and trees in the lower section of the new Chorley Park switch-back path.

We would like to send a huge Thank You to the City of Toronto Urban Forestry crew. They supplied all the volunteers with shovels and gloves, while ensuring that everyone had safety and planting lessons before any of us got started.



All of the shrubs and trees are indigenous species sourced as locally as possible. Healthy plants and healthy planting conditions will promote rapid top-growth and enable the area around the path to naturalize as quickly as possible.



To ensure longevity and variety, we planted 18 different tree species, including Silver Maple, Grey Dogwood, White Pine, Common Blackberry, and Eastern White Cedar. All of the shrubs and trees are indigenous species sourced as locally as possible. Healthy plants and healthy planting

conditions will promote rapid top-growth and enable the area around the path to naturalize as quickly as possible. In October the upper, steeper levels of the switch-back garden areas were professionally planted with more similar native and hearty species.

That's not all ... The City of Toronto Urban Forestry's next phase of focus for our area will be the hillside dirt trail that runs parallel to the switch back path on the south side. This focus will assist with access to allow residents to enjoy walking under the canopy as an alternative to the new switchback path. These efforts will continue in to 2019-20.

Thank you to all of the volunteers for your time and commitment to our neighbourhood, for making the day lots of fun, and for helping to make our parks beautiful and easy to use!



Chorley Park Switchback Trail & Caution Needed!

By Joanne Wildgoose



For the most part, the trail has been a positive addition to the neighbourhood providing pleasant and easy access to the Beltline and Evergreen Brickworks. However, there are inherent risks to a multi-use trail and cyclists, in particular, should exercise caution.

In October a pregnant Astley Avenue resident was knocked to the ground on the trail by a cyclist speeding downhill. Luckily, the pedestrian suffered only minor injuries.

The NRRA is working with the City on measures to minimize the risk of collisions in the future.



Yep, That Was Snow in November!

Are you ready for winter? These three sure are.



Road Updates

Glen Road Reconstruction Update

By Jean Anderson

The reconstruction of Glen Road, originally scheduled for Fall 2018, has been delayed until Spring 2019. City of Toronto Transportation Services is currently completing its evaluation of the construction bids and expects to award the construction contract to the successful bidder by the end of November 2018. Changes to Glen Road will include safety improvements such as curb extensions and improved crossing markings at street intersections, redesigned and widened sidewalks, and a reduction in the speed limit to 30 km per hour as well as the installation of a pedestrian crossover on Glen Road at Bin-scarth Road as approved by City Council in July 2018.

Encouraging Better Bike Infrastructure for North Rosedale

By Lewis Reford



The NRRA recently submitted proposals to advocacy group Cycle Toronto on how the City should improve the bike path infrastructure passing through North Rosedale. Statistics gathered over the past few years show that cycle use goes up and accidents go down wherever segregated bike lanes are implemented. While Transportation Services has indicated that the width of streets like Glen Road cannot accommodate fully segregated bike lanes with curb/bollard separation, there is the possibility of painting bike lane sharrows along the road edge of selected "quiet street routes" to provide bikes and motorists a visual zone of separation. Sharrows would also serve as a way-finding tool to guide bike commuters along the appropriate streets that ultimately connect to the downtown bike lanes along Sherbourne Street and Bloor Street. In addition, a better multi-use asphalt sidewalk trail was requested along Mt. Pleasant connecting up to Mooredale on Crescent Road.

North Rosedale is also an important node for cyclists connecting to Toronto's ravine trail system. It is important that ravine cyclists always give pedestrians priority on the Chorley hill switchback in addition to respecting safe cycling rules along the shared Beltline Trail.

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We Are the Community

Getting Involved By Jessica England

My name is Jessica England and I was recently elected to the Board of Directors for the North Rosedale Residents' Association.

As an incoming board member, my objective is to play a role in facilitating community involvement amongst our residents by enhancing the existing events organized by our board and creating a few of my own.



In addition, I am passionate about pedestrian safety and I am a part of a small task force comprised of residents alongside Whitney P.S. Principal Chris Rzepa. We are looking to place a crossing guard at the intersection of MacLennan and Summerhill during the before and after school rush hours to ensure the safety of our junior residents.

My favourite part of this neighbourhood is Rosedale Park, because it is the heart beat of our community no matter the season. Whether you are in to walking your dog, playing with your kids at the playground, skating or playing hockey in the rink, tennis at the awesome Rosedale Tennis Club, soccer on the pitch, or baseball at the diamond there are so many different ways for us to come together as a community! I look forward to utilizing different areas of the park to host seasonal events throughout the year. Information regarding the events will be sent via e-blast and will also be posted to our North Rosedale Community Facebook page and Instagram. Make sure to keep an eye out!



First Annual Hallow-Bark Parade

By Jessica England

A huge thank you to all of our participants and spectators at the first annual Hallow-Bark Parade! For those who missed the flyer, the Hallow-Bark parade was a fun filled way to get community members out for a morning stroll in the park with their pooches!

While costumes were not mandatory, the pups were dressed to impress! Prizes were awarded according to the size of breed and candy was handed out to all of our spectators.

The North Rosedale Residents' Association looks forward to building on the success of year one by making this an annual event!



Start planning your costumes for next year!

Time to Re-Boot!

By Normunds Mierins

Our electronic gadgets do not age gracefully and become obsolete rapidly as technology gets faster and better. However, obsolete technology ends up abandoned in the basement or a closet as digital trash.



However, "One man's trash is another man's treasure." Take your obsolete electronic equipment to Re-Boot Canada, conveniently located in the Brickworks. Established in 1995, Re-Boot Canada is a Canadian registered charity based in Toronto that safely recycles and refurbishes donated computer equipment keeping it out of landfills and also providing low cost access to simple technology to help organizations and individuals get and stay connected. Their mission is to bridge the digital divide by providing subsidized and reliable access to technology, software, computer education, and the internet experience. Brent Hayesis the manager of the Brick Works Facility.

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For more information go to their website: www.rebootcanada.ca. Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-5 pm, Sat-Sun 10 am-2 pm, closed on public holidays and long weekend Sundays



Next time you heading for the Brickworks, bring along some of your digital trash and donate it to Re-Boot.

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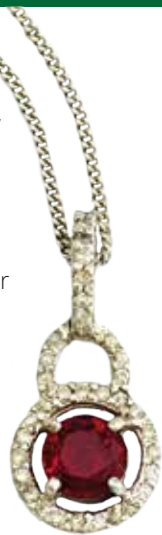
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Artfully Arranging Your Photographs

By Linda Reive, Designer

Sadly though, most peoples' pictures are arranged wherever they will fit, and the effect is lost in the chaos. Your story shouldn't be one of those.

To avoid the common pitfalls when displaying family portraits or your favourite landscapes, start by using an odd number of frames in varying sizes and materials. Not only should the photographs chosen be beautiful, but so should the frames be as well. The frames serve to augment your photographs and need to unify the arrangement. For maximum effect, arrange them in a tight grouping squared up to the viewer. I particularly like sets of black and white photos for a striking contemporary composition. If a softer look is your goal, explore traditional vintage and heirloom frames in similar colours with the photos produced in a sepia finish. With a careful eye to the group of photos, and to their arrangement, you will showcase a unique and personal story that will be admired.

When put together skillfully, your photographs can make an interesting collage of ideas and feelings delivering a story about your passions and inspirations.

Festive Quinoa Salad Recipe



Rosedale's Finest Keeps Us Warm in Winter

Enjoy the warmth of winter with this delicious salad that combines roasted butternut squash, dried cranberries, pumpkin seeds, and honey Dijon dressing.

Salad INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 small red onion diced (about 1/4 cup)
- 1 small (about 2 pounds) butternut squash peeled, seeded, and cut into 3/4-inch cubes (about 3 1/2 cups)
- 2 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 tablespoon maple syrup
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 3/4 cup uncooked red quinoa
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries
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- 1/2 cup dried cranberries
- 1/2 cup toasted pumpkin seeds
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh thyme, or 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley (optional garnish)

Dressing INGREDIENTS

- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 1/2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper

NRRA's Book Nook

Find out with Alex

what happens when an 'Average Joe' meets a Siberian Monk in 'Breakfast with Buddha'

Your neighbour Alex loved how Roland Merullo, with gentle humour, takes his cranky curmudgeon character "Otto" on a journey to examine his and ultimately our own humanity. Otto somehow finds himself unexpectedly taking his crazy hippy sister's friend, a Siberian Monk, on a cross-country road trip. Somewhere during hilarious yoga class, unexpected bowling, multiple delays, and side trips Otto reluctantly learns about himself, the mysteries of his quiet Buddha friend and to love and look at his sister, his wife, his family, and his life in new ways. Settle in and enjoy solving the riddles along with Alex as you journey through this novel.



North Rosedale Safety Updates

Do You Want To Keep Our Neighbourhood Safe?

By Lori Vaudry



Based on feedback from our residents, recently a Task Force was struck by the North Rosedale Residents' Association Board of Directors. The Task Force consisted of board members as well as members of our community. We met to discuss neighbourhood safety and security. In the previous several months North Rosedale had experienced car break-ins and tire slashings as well as numerous break-ins at the Rosedale Tennis Club section of the Rosedale Park Field House.

An important mandate of the NRRA is to liaise with our Toronto Police partners. We share information about how and when to contact police when situations arise, and offer tips regarding security and safety on our North Rosedale Community Facebook page and in our e-blasts. We asked ourselves, what else can we do to help keep our neighbourhood safe? After brainstorming, two initiatives came to the surface. Both are based on the principles of preparedness and proactivity. The first was introducing a Street Captain Program. The second was to educate our community on the benefits of security cameras (*refer to "Smile Criminals!" article in this issue*).

A Street Captain is an integral component to keeping our neighbourhood actively involved in crime prevention efforts as well the important process of information exchange between neighbours. With the introduction of this new program, our goal is to have a Street Captain volunteer designated for each street, or approximately every 25-35 homes. As we initially roll out this initiative, the Street Captains' responsibilities would be:

- Attending training and reviewing support material about their role
- Acting as a liaison between their street residents and the NRRA Police & Safety Lead (currently Karen Powell)
- Establishing a contact list by compiling names, phone numbers, and emails for their street participants
- Visiting new residents to explain our initiative to them
- Distributing information about observing and reporting suspicious criminal activity
- Feeding the NRRA Police & Safety Lead information they may learn regarding crime problems, issues, and suggestions so that it can be shared broadly (as appropriate) either through email distribution or our North Rosedale Community Page

The role of Street Captain does not give anyone any enforcement authority. These individuals should never police the neighbourhood or undertake personal risks, and certainly should not confront suspicious people. That being said, Street Captains are important as they will support the collection and distribution of information that can help reduce crime in our neighbourhood.

If you are interested in volunteering as a Street Captain - please contact lori.vaudry@gmail.com.
We are planning a kick off meeting on January 23rd from 5-6pm and would love for you to be a part of it!



North Rosedale Safety Updates



'Tis the Season to be Jolly Jolly Careful that is!

Submitted by Karen Powell (Ref: New York State Police Crime Prevention)

This Christmas, don't let the spirit of giving lull you into giving burglars, muggers, and pickpockets a better chance to do their dirty work. Crooks love the holidays as much as everyone else, but chiefly because it's an opportune time for crime. Homes jam-packed with glittering gifts. Stores, malls, and downtown streets teeming with unsuspecting shoppers. People rushing around, stressed out and careless, looking for last-minute gifts, trying to get everything done. It's enough to make a crook giddy with holiday joy.

Here are some tips on how to celebrate safely this season:

If you're traveling

- Get an automatic timer for your lights.
- Ask a neighbour to watch your home, shovel snow, and park in the driveway from time to time.
- Don't forget to have mail and newspaper delivery stopped. If it piles up, it's a sure sign you're gone.

If you're out for the evening

- Turn on lights and a radio or TV so it looks like someone's home.
- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave, even if it's just for a few minutes.
- Don't display gifts where they can be seen from outside.

If you're shopping

- Stay alert and be aware of what's going on around you.
- Park in a well-lighted space, and be sure to lock the car, close the windows, and hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; pay with a check or credit card whenever possible.
- Deter pickpockets and purse-snatchers. Don't overburden yourself with packages. Be extra careful with purses and wallets.
- Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Put a wallet on an inside coat or front pants pocket.
- Shopping with kids? Teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated.

If a stranger comes to the door, beware.

Criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts. And it's not uncommon for people to try and take advantage of others' generosity during the holidays by going door-to-door for charitable donations when there's no charity involved. Ask for identification and find out how the funds will be used. If you aren't satisfied, don't give. Help a charitable organization you know and like instead.

Do your part to make the holidays a safe and happy time for everybody - except criminals.

Take a holiday inventory

The holidays are a good time to update - or create - your home inventory. Take photos or make videos of items, and list descriptions and serial numbers. If your home is burglarized, having a detailed inventory can help identify stolen items and make insurance claims easier to file. Make sure things like TVs, VCRs, stereo equipment, cameras, camcorders, sports equipment, jewelry, silver, computers, home office equipment, and power tools are on the list. Remember to check it twice!

Source: New York State Police Crime Prevention website

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330 VESTA DR
FOREST HILL

Richard Wengle contemporary. 5 + 1 bdrms, 9 baths. Open concept, skylights. Sound-proof music room.
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You are welcome to contact any member of the North Rosedale Residents' Association by emailing us at info1@northrosedale.ca. Your email will be directed to the appropriate person for response.

The NRRA would like to recognize and extend its gratitude and thanks to Thom Antonio at Sketchwork for his unwavering commitment and talent in the layout and formatting of the NRRA newsletters.

Upcoming Events

Rosedale Rink - Opens November 24th

For a full list of registered and drop in programs, go to:
<https://www.toronto.ca/data/parks/prd/facilities/complex/210/index.html#tab=dropin>

Mooredale - Winter Wonderland - Saturday, December 1st 9am-1pm

Evergreen Brick Works - Winter Village

Open weekends in December from 10am-5pm; Dec 24th 10am-3pm and December 26-31st from 10am - 5pm

North Rosedale Residents' Association - Holiday Skating Party! - Saturday, December 15th

Timing TBD based on weather and scheduling. Will be confirmed as soon as possible through e-blast, Facebook and Instagram

Bloor-Yorkville - Ice Fest - February 9 & 10

<http://www.bloor-yorkville.com/icefest/>

Why be a Member of the NRRA? That's a good question.

The NRRA is a non-profit volunteer organization funded through annual membership dues and donations from NRRA members. So, what do we do with the money we collect?

For over 60 years, the NRRA has been working diligently on behalf of North Rosedale residents to ensure that our neighbourhood is a safe and beautiful place to live. We have undertaken programs to enhance and protect our parks, ravines, and green spaces and we continue to find ways to improve the safety and monitor the heritage of our unique area. Toronto Life Magazine recognized North Rosedale as "The Number 1 Neighbourhood in Toronto".

As an NRRA member, you will receive our seasonal Newsletter featuring articles about current issues and events pertinent to the daily life of our community. You will also receive e-mail bulletins of urgent matters to North Rosedale residents. For those active on social media, we also have a Facebook page (North Rosedale Community) and an Instagram account (@northrosedaleresidents) where our residents share information, referrals, pictures, and requests for assistance. And don't forget that your dues give you voting rights at our Annual General Meeting held each June.

Our website, www.northrosedale.ca is designed to keep you aware of our many initiatives and activities. Make sure you check it out. Also please feel free to email us anytime with your comments and feedback. We love to hear from you at info1@northrosedale.ca.

Our work is supported and guided by our volunteer members who are your neighbours.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding membership, please feel free to contact our Membership Chair, Joan Law, directly at 416.921.4805 or joanlaw@rogers.com.

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To join or to renew your membership, please go to our website at www.northrosedale.ca where payment can be made by **PayPal** or alternatively, send a cheque made payable to

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