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North Rosedale News

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Hello Spring!

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

As I look out my window at the May showers I'm thrilled to welcome the change of season. The explosion of green and delicate snowbells, daffodils and tulips are putting a spring in my step during my walks around our neighbourhood with our dog Bella.

In our Spring/Summer 2021 North Rosedale Newsletter edition, we are encouraging our members to get involved and help keep our unique neighbourhood safe and beautiful. Whether it is requesting traffic calming speed signs for your street or keeping our local neighbourhood streets litter-free or helping to protect our local parks and ravines, we have a challenge for you.

You will also find an update from board members who have been in touch with the "Don't Mess with the Don" group. Metrolinx and the provincial agency for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area have been working on plans for the Don Valley Lay-over to help with GO Train storage. Read about the requirements and the risks as it might be time for you to get involved and be heard.

We've been approached by neighbours asking us to challenge all residents to safely pick up the litter in front of each of our properties and in our parks. We were unable to have an official park clean up day, so we now have a local challenge underway to "Get Caught Picking up the Litter"! This can only help all of us, as our neighbourhood streets and especially our parks have become our havens during Covid. See the details inside.

It is Annual General Meeting time for all members of the North Rosedale Residents' Association. Again this year we will not be together in person, but will connect remotely. I hope you will join us. Details can be found inside to have your password emailed to you.

You will find another Rosedale's Finest tasty recipe to try out this summer. Thank you Jameson! We have a summer reading list and an invitation to join a NRRA Book Club if there is interest from our members. We also have some summer fun for the kids. Wait till you see the easy to assemble Balloon Rockets!

In past editions we have remembered several neighbours of North Rosedale. This edition, one of our second generation residents Lindsey Wong writes a wonderful tribute to his dad, Dr. Edward Wong who passed away from Covid recently. Dr. Wong moved into North Rosedale in the 1970's and his family continues to live in the family home today.

And finally, we're asking everyone to renew your membership if you have not already done so and we're looking for new North Rosedale Residents' Association board members! Get involved! See inside for details on how to renew your membership or how to volunteer!

Jean Anderson
President, North Rosedale Residents' Association

Join us.

Your Membership helps support your community and our programs.

Please see inside or visit our website to renew your 2021 membership.

NRRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**TUESDAY,
JUNE 8TH, 2021
7PM via Zoom**



A Note from Our Councillor



Mike Layton
City Councillor, Ward 11
University-Rosedale

The warmer seasons have arrived, and with them come many encouraging updates both locally in North Rosedale, and city-wide. Last summer, the rollout of programs like ActiveTO and CaféTO made headlines, with huge numbers of people taking to the public realm to safely enjoy time outside with their families, support local businesses and go to restaurants along our main streets. It also led to the implementation of critical cycling infrastructure the scale of which the City of Toronto has never seen before. I hope that many of you will be able to enjoy the continuation of these programs in the coming months.

I want to update you on several local projects in the North Rosedale Area:

Heritage Meetings

The 5 Residents' Associations east of Yonge Street are experiencing significant redevelopment and renovation of homes within their areas. Resident associations have been faced with many questions about how Heritage Planning reviews and applies Heritage policy and guidelines within their boundaries. In order to assist with a better understanding of the Heritage Preservation Planning process, our office organized a meeting with the Chairs of the 5RAs and senior staff from Heritage Preservation on Feb 8, 2021. The RAs found the presentation provided by Heritage staff informative. My office is currently in the process of organizing a second meeting with the NRRA and SRRA, specifically, as these areas are considered Heritage Conservation Districts, and are governed by specific guidelines. The goal of the meeting is to provide further information on the role RAs can play in the process that will best serve their members.

Rosedale Park Revitalization

The first phase of consultations on Rosedale Park improvements were completed in February 2021, and we are in the process of beginning the second phase. Initial results are showing a strong desire to see basketball nets and a Zamboni building added to the park. Construction is likely to happen in 2023/2024, with detailed designs in 2022. Funding sources are in the process of being identified, but will draw on development charges from nearby development projects.

ActiveTO Complete Street Pilot for Yonge

On March 23, 2021, the ActiveTO Complete Street pilot for Yonge Street was approved at the Infrastructure and Environment Committee meeting. After the success of the Destination Danforth pilot last year, there has been significant support for ActiveTO to implement a temporary Complete Street pilot on Yonge Street, with a full evaluation at the one year mark.

Implemented by Transportation Services at the City, Complete Streets are designed to consider the needs and safety of all users. They ensure safe and accessible streets for people of all ages and abilities, giving residents a range of transportation choices, supporting economic prosperity for small business, while creating vibrant and attractive public spaces, and livable neighbourhoods.

Information for public consultation on next steps, which will include residents, community groups and BIAs, will take place virtually at the end of April. My office will provide the registration information on my website and e-newsletters as soon as it is available.

Pedestrian-Cyclist Crossing at Mount Pleasant Road & Roxborough Drive (Beltline Trail):

The much awaited redesign and road safety improvements of the intersection at Mt Pleasant Road and Roxborough Drive is currently being delivered. Work began in late October 2020, and will be finalized with the installation of traffic signalization and pavement markings in spring of 2021. Under the guidelines of Vision Zero, these improvements will address safety for the most vulnerable users of our roads - pedestrians, school-age children, older adults and cyclists.

The signalization and shorter crossing radii will ensure that all users can safely make the Mt Pleasant Rd crossing at Roxborough Dr. A late spring completion will also be perfect timing as usage of the Beltline Trail has noticeably increased throughout the pandemic, and will only continue throughout the warmer months.

I want to thank everyone for their continued dedication towards working with my office to address local concerns and implement projects within the NRRA community. As always, I am available at Councillor_Layton@toronto.ca or 416-392-4009.

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Summer 2021 Update

Don Valley Lay-Over

By Norm Mierins & Hosen Marjaee

Back on October 18, 2016, at a news conference at Evergreen Brickworks, Mayor John Tory, joined by Evergreen CEO Geoff Cape and the Don River Valley Park Campaign Chair Andy Chislom, patrons, and supporters, marked the 'First Mile' of the city-wide ravine strategy. Evergreen proudly announced the creation of the Don River Valley Park. The Don River Valley Park is the centrepiece of Toronto's rapidly growing downtown: a 200-hectare park spanning Pottery Road to the Corktown Common.

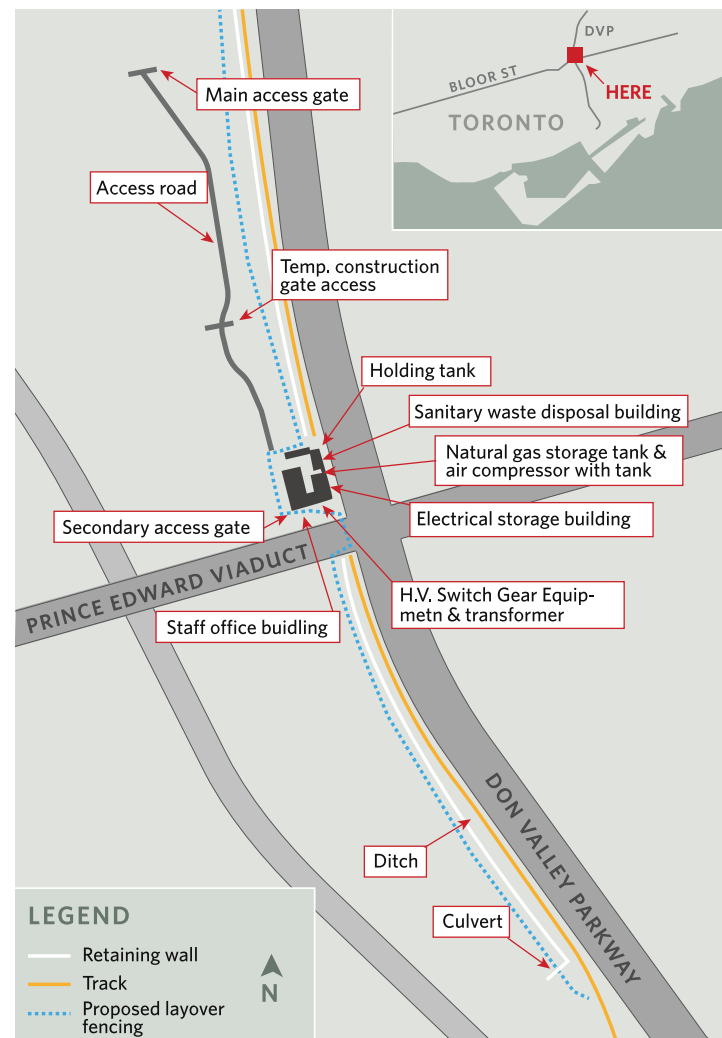
Mayor John Tory announced, "This project allows us to celebrate our ravines, talk about the important role they play for our residents, our resilience and our quality of life."

The stunningly beautiful valley system, largely overlooked for decades, was to become the backyard to 250,000 residents representing some of the greatest cultural and economic diversity in Canada. Reclaiming and protecting the Don Valley has never been more important. Building connections to and from neighbourhoods, the Park provides an opportunity for Torontonians and visitors to engage in cultural activities, enhancing the environment of an incomparable but undervalued asset—the Don Valley.

Last year, in the midst of the pandemic, we learned that Metrolinx, the provincial agency for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area, intends to construct a train layover on the east side of the valley just north of the Prince Edward Viaduct as part of its massive GO Expansion Project. The layover would provide storage for up to three GO Trains, and Metrolinx says it is required to help reduce congestion at Union Station. Construction of the layover would begin as early as 2022. The project cost has not been disclosed.

This will be the first industrial site built in the Don Valley in 100 years. The layover would include facilities for trackside power and crew services, as well as a sanitary storage building, staff parking, retaining wall, fencing and a connection to the main-line track. Trains would be stored on an existing, currently disused stretch of track close to the Don Valley Parkway. Given the growth trajectory of Toronto, we can expect the footprint of this facility to expand.

There is considerable opposition to this project. Floyd Ruskin, a member of the conservation group "Don't Mess with the Don", says it is the wrong thing for the Don Valley Park. He believes it will damage the local environment, disrupt wildlife migration, and interfere with residents enjoyment.



Don Valley Lay-Over Proposal

INFORMATION LINKS

LINK TO APRIL 15TH METROLINX COMMUNITY MEETING:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/oWin6YITZaFpC-Sp2xjTTkdU1f-FVfd62bzoyTfDqR7OFWmb7AZ-9rkSDBVvSETF.GKxEYeoCrDz3-IJm>

Passcode: DonVally14!

PETITION LINK :

<https://you.leadnow.ca/petitions/move-the-don-valley-layover-facility>

DON'T MESS WITH THE DON LINK:

<https://www.dontmesswiththedon.ca/>

Village in the City



Photo: Hosen Marjaee

Metrolinx acknowledges the project has the potential for negative impacts, including on stormwater management, erosion, and the wetlands. Building the facility will also require cutting down trees and other vegetation and could lead to "potential impacts on the composition and character of the current views along the Lower Don Valley Trail," according to public consultation documents.

The hard working folks at Don't Mess with the Don continue to raise awareness and believe that industrial infrastructure belongs in designated industrial locations, not threatening this fragile ecosystem that has taken decades to restore after past industrial pollution. Below is the link to sign the petition against the proposed Don Valley Layover Facility and link to the website for "Don't Mess with the Don".

UPDATE

A community meeting was held on April 15th, 2021 to further discuss Metrolinx's Don Valley Layover project. Metrolinx officials presented their case. Floyd Ruskin also presented his concerns regarding the environmental impact of this project to the Valley. MPP Peter Tabuns, Councillor Paula Fletcher and Angela Surdi were in attendance and had a few suggestions such as looking for alternative sites.

For more information, see links at bottom of page 4.

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Around Our Village

There is nothing like a pandemic to make you appreciate the outdoors and especially our natural spaces. The non-profit organization Midtown Ravines Group or MRG now includes eight Residents Associations in Midtown Toronto. The mission of the group is to protect the ravines in our area while enhancing citizen access to this unique feature of our City landscape. The expanded MRG is now gaining greater attention from the City to deal with pressing issues and new initiatives in the ravines. We have a strong working relationship with three councillors, Mike Layton, Josh Matlow, and James Pasternak and they have been instrumental in getting ravine priorities moved up the agenda at City Hall. While COVID slowed down some of the projects that the MRG has been championing, and a lot of work is still happening.

Ravine Ramblings



With the completion of the emergency work in the Vale of Avoca (west of Mt-Pleasant between Roxborough and the Cemetery) to address the collapse of the ravine wall and creek bed, the next phase of this multi-year project to address stream issues in the Vale and in Yellow Creek is beginning. MRG members are part of a Working Group with City staff to provide resident input into projects and related ecological and access issues. The next step will involve a multi-year study by the City of water flow and the development of a Ravine Master Plan. The MRG is focussed on lobbying for immediate remediation of certain highly degraded sections of the trail, the planning of a future trail system in the Vale and dealing with the growing population of invasive species.

Invasive species are an enemy hiding in plain sight. While (mostly) green, they are not only crowding out the native species that provide habitat for flora and fauna in the ravine, but they are also accelerating the deterioration of the Ravine infrastructure. To help supplement City efforts to restore natural habitats in the ravines, a group of concerned citizens have come together to form Toronto Nature Stewards to establish a framework with the City for broader

community involvement in the work done in the ravines. This effort was inspired by successful stewardship programs in other North American cities where citizen volunteers have made huge positive impacts on local environments. While still in its initial stages, the program has officially been sanctioned by City council and is being championed by Councillor Pasternak. A pilot has been planned for this spring. We hope to hear that one of our midtown ravines will be involved, more details to follow. Watch the NRRRA Facebook page or your eblasts for more information.

Seeds to Saplings is an MRG initiative that has grown to seven participating schools in our area. Seeds to Saplings aims to give budding scientists the opportunity to learn how to grow and nurse native saplings. The main objectives are to educate students on the importance of native species, raise awareness of Ravine health and provide a safe, sustainable, and scalable supply of locally sourced native trees to revitalize our tree canopy. To date over 1,600 acorns from old growth local oaks have been distributed to local schools and the project is looking to expand to more schools and to individual and community nurseries to supplement the number and variety of saplings.

Final word goes to a new initiative the MRG is hoping to bring to our local community ravines in the form of pollinator gardens. The MRG had applied for a grant from the City to help fund pollinator gardens that would be planted in locations under consideration in our ravines. The gardens are envisioned to be primarily community funded and volunteer maintained as part of the larger Toronto Nature Stewards initiative mentioned above. Unfortunately, the City has recently informed us that our grant application has not been accepted as they have had many applications and have focussed limited funding to other higher priority areas. The MRG intends to pursue pollinator gardens in our ravines by raising community funding and more work is on-going to explore the possibilities. The MRG has incorporated as a non-profit organization to facilitate fund raising.

Any North Rosedale residents interested in finding out more about the Midtown Ravines Group, the Toronto Nature Stewards or how to get involved just go to <https://northroosedale.ca/contact-us//>, fill-in your contact details and your area of interest. Looking forward to hearing from you.

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Village in the City

Get Caught in the Act of Keeping North Rosedale Litter-Free!

By Alexandra Jenkins - Editor

I am just back from walking the dogs around the neighbourhood. On this walk I was stopped by a neighbour who provided me with a challenge. The topic of this conversation was the litter that seems to be here, there, and everywhere.

If you own a dog and walk the streets or if you are one of the folks who, in an attempt to maintain your Covid sanity, find yourself out walking, I am sure you have discovered three things ...

1. Our neighbourhood and surrounding streets are amazing! So much to see as the seasons have changed. You've probably said Hello to both old and new neighbours more than you ever have before as you've walked past their beautiful gardens and homes.
2. It is always fun to peek into all the beautiful house windows if the lights are on and drapes are open ... Now I don't do this, but I know others do ... lol.
3. All kidding aside, the third thing you will have noticed is that we have a litter issue and folks seem to think it's someone else's problem to pick it up!



So! My concerned neighbour and I have a challenge for everyone reading this newsletter. Make litter your problem to deal with! Put on your rubber gloves (stay safe). Go to the end of your driveway and look both ways. Do you see litter? If you do go get it! Put it in the garbage if it's garbage and if it's recyclable put it in your recycling bin. Do you see litter in front of any of your neighbours' houses? Go get that to! Now we have a further challenge ... Get caught performing this little act of civic responsibility and challenge all those around you to do the same! Go Crazy! Post on your Facebook page ... Post others (with their permission) "Getting Caught In The Act of Picking Up Litter! Making our neighbourhood litter free! Go for it! Help us start a trend! Should you be in the park and can safely pick up any litter ... Again, Go Wild! Pick up that litter and put it in the correct bin!



Let me tell you what happens if you're "Caught In The Act" ... We walked past a lovely home a couple of streets from our home. The homeowner was standing on her driveway and speaking to her next door neighbour, safely socially distanced. At the end of her driveway was a Tim's coffee cup and a candy wrapper. My husband bent and picked both up as we said "hello" to the neighbours. We started a trend as this neighbour came down the driveway she said, "Please give me those. I should have picked them up myself. Thank you for reminding me that it's my job to keep my property litter free. Thank you for caring enough to pick up litter for me - very kind of you!"

Let's start a movement! Let's all get caught in the act of safely picking up litter wherever we see it! I hope to catch lots of you "getting caught in the act!" Thank you!



Roasted Cauliflower, Feta & Orzo Salad

Recipe

So easy, so delicious.



INGREDIENTS

Salad

1 small head cauliflower,
chopped into small florets
4 tbsp olive oil
3 cloves garlic, minced
1 tsp kosher salt
1/2 tsp black pepper, freshly ground
1 cup orzo pasta
1/4 cup red onion, thinly sliced
1 cup feta cheese, crumbled
2/3 cup dried cherries, chopped
4 cups baby spinach

Salsa

4 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
4 tbsp fresh lemon juice
1 tbsp honey
1 tbsp Dijon mustard
Kosher salt and black pepper, to taste

METHOD

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F.

1. In a bowl, toss the cauliflower with 3 tablespoons of the olive oil, the garlic, salt, and pepper.
2. Spread on a large baking sheet and roast until tender and cauliflower is slightly charred along edges, about 25 minutes. Let cool and set aside.
3. Meanwhile, in a pot of salted boiling water, cook the orzo until al dente. Rinse pasta under cold water, drain well, and toss with the remaining 1 tablespoon of olive oil.
4. In a large bowl, whisk together the olive oil, lemon juice, honey, mustard, salt, and pepper.
5. Add the cooked orzo, roasted cauliflower, red onion, crumbled feta cheese, and dried cherries. Then toss until all ingredients are well coated with the dressing.
6. Add the spinach and toss one more time. Taste and season with more salt and pepper, if desired. Serve.

***NOTE:** This recipe tastes even better made ahead and chilled overnight. The spinach remains crisp. Keep refrigerated until ready to serve.

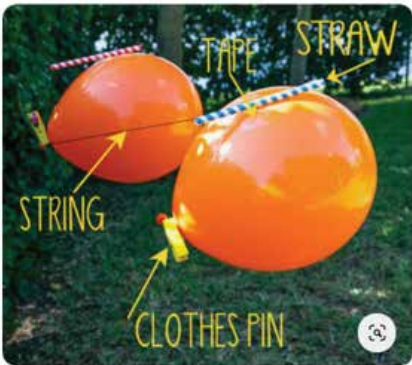


North Rosedale Kids' Corner

Who's up for Balloon Rocket Races?!

Here's What You Will Need:

String
Straws
Balloons
Tape
Clothes Pegs
Some Open Space



With this game you can have as many racers as you have balloons and clothes pegs! Slide your string through the straws. Tie your strings side by side in parallel lines or race tracks. Blow your balloons up, using the clothes pegs to keep the air in the balloons. Tape your balloons to the straws. Now you're ready to race! Position all the balloons up at the starting line ready for the countdown to blast off when you release the clothes pegs! Let the Races Begin!
Good Luck!

Thank you to Design Dazzle & Pinterest for this activity. Here's the link:
<https://www.pinterest.ca/pin/159174168063400945/>

Celebrating Lives Lived

By Lindsey Wong

Dad

In Loving Memory of Dr. Edward Yu Chi Wong

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of Dr. Edward Wong from COVID on March 5th, 2021.

My dad, Edward Wong, led a very fulfilling life. He was born on November 25, 1934, in Rangoon, Burma, the youngest of six children. His childhood wasn't easy because World War II was looming. I remember him telling me a story about how he used to make shoes out of straw as they were trying to stay ahead of the advancing Japanese army. I think that this led to his lifelong affinity for nice shoes and coats. This seems to have become a family trait my wife Terrell can confirm I suffer from as well.



My Dad was always grateful to his eldest brother William who was able to sponsor Dad and their siblings to get them out of Burma and safely to Canada. Dad settled in Toronto, where he was successful in gaining entrance to the University of Toronto. Despite limited English skills, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology in 1963, then later a Master's in the same field, which paved the way for him to study medicine at U of T and ultimately establish a successful radiological practice.

It was around this time Dad met Constance Fan, a young nurse literally just off the boat from England where she had studied midwifery and nursing. They were set up on a blind date by my cousin Marilyn. This was risky before Tinder, but their first date went well, although Mom still says she had her doubts about Dad at first. Dad's idea of a romantic setting for a first date was the steps of the U of T Mining Building.

Obviously, this tactic was successful in winning Mom's heart because they were married not long after and were together for 57 years. Amazing as that is, the whole time they were married, they couldn't agree on who was the better catch. Dad was a very successful radiologist and Mom was the CFO of the family, spending what he earned. Or as she called it, "investing" it in real estate, stocks, bonds, and other ventures which have all seemed to pan out. Mom and Dad always put family first and that included all of our cousins. We hosted large family gatherings and Dad would always man the barbeque and then off to play mah-jong.

Dad and I always shared an enthusiasm for cars. We'd share car magazines, take advanced driving courses, and go to the auto show together and always be excited when new models arrived. The pinnacle of his enthusiasm was the purchase of his 2001 Le Mans Blue BMW M5, considered BMW's finest sport sedan. Dad and I loved driving this car, and he would often lend it to me to visit relatives in Ottawa or Auburn Hills, near Detroit.

One thing that both Mom and Dad always stressed was to have a plan. It didn't matter what the situation was, be it doing well in school, getting that summer job, or finding a career, it was important to have a goal and with it, a viable path to success. The key to this of course, was education. My parents were big proponents in the benefits of a quality education and Dad was always reading medical journals and attending medical conferences in order to improve himself. Of course, this carried over into all aspects of his life and he always read owner's manuals and instructions from cover to cover and took many courses from sewing to small engine repair.

As his career wound down, Dad realized that he needed a hobby, so he took up golf. Of course, he dove headlong into it and there was no shortage of equipment, courses and paraphernalia associated with this game. This was great for Dad, as it allowed him to make new friendships and spend time with my sister, Sian as they both played.

Miraculously, after 57 years of marriage, Mom and Dad still liked being with each other, although also enjoyed time apart with other friends and relatives. This was a great example for myself and Sian of the importance of meaningful relationships and not to take them for granted. This reminds me of a quote from the poet Maya Angelou, who said, "People will forget what you said. People will forget what you did. But people will never forget how you made them feel." I know how Dad made myself and my family feel. Please take a moment and celebrate your own memories of Dad.



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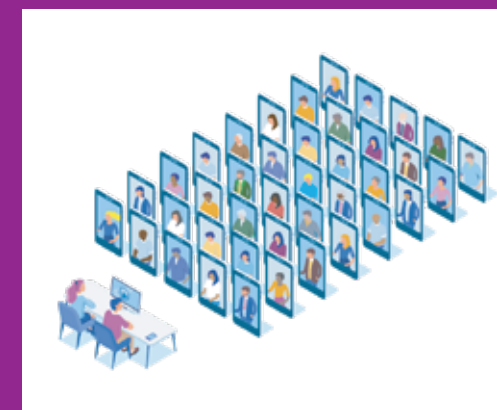
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TUESDAY, JUNE 8TH, 2021

We will be proceeding with the 2021 North Rosedale Residents' Annual General Meeting "virtually" again this year due to Covid.



Please join us on
TUESDAY, JUNE 8TH, 2021
at 7PM via Zoom.

To register for this meeting, please
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Your meeting details and materials
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the meeting.

Thanks to our retiring NRRA Volunteer Board Members.

This year we have several board members retiring. We know you join us in Thanking all the volunteer board members for their service and support.

A huge thank you to Jean Anderson our retiring President and more thank you's go out to Karra Greenwood, Ines Popovic, Joanne Wildgoose and Jessica England. And, a very special thank you to Joan Law who will be retiring from the board after 10 years of volunteer service.

All of you will be greatly missed. Your contributions are too numerous to mention.

In our Fall/Winter Newsletter and on the NRRA website you will be able to find the names of all our new board members joining us this summer.

And, an open call for new Volunteer Members.

Ever wanted to understand more about why things happen in our neighbourhood the way they do?

Ever wanted to help out at our neighbourhood events, but you didn't know who to talk to or where to go to get started?

We would love to talk to you about a place for you as a member on the North Rosedale Residents' Association volunteer board!

It's a great way to help us continue to be an incredible place to live and the best 'Village in the City'.

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Summer Reading! Looking for a Book Club...

Book Club Anyone?

Tired of reading the same authors? Craving the opportunity to talk with your neighbours about something other than weather and Covid? Or interested in meeting new people? Let us know if you would like to be a member of our inaugural North Rosedale “Zoom” book club? If you’re interested, contact us at info1@northrosedale.ca. No worries if you’re not a Zoom pro! We have volunteers ready to help with Zoom tutorials, so email us today.

Now, if a book club is not for you, here’s a Summer book reading list from our board members. Enjoy!
If you are ready for a good escape, these books will transport you to a different place and time.



The Zookeeper’s Wife by Diane Ackerman

When Germany invaded Poland, Stuka bombers devastated Warsaw—and the city’s zoo along with it. With most of their animals dead, zookeepers Jan and Antonina Zabinski began smuggling Jews into empty cages. Another dozen “guests” hid inside the Zabinskis’ villa, emerging after dark for dinner, socializing, and, during rare moments of calm, piano concerts.

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/32722510-the-zookeeper-s-wife>



A Man Called OVE by Fredrik Backman

A grumpy yet loveable man finds his solitary world turned on its head when a boisterous young family moves in next door.

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/18774964-a-man-called-ove?ac=1&from_search=true&qid=wYHWG2xgti&rank=1



And, if you enjoyed A Man called OVE try **Beartown** by Fredrik Backman

a dazzling, profound novel about a small town with a big dream—and the price required to make it come true. People say Beartown is finished. A tiny community nestled deep in the forest is slowly losing ground to the ever encroaching trees. But down by the lake stands an old ice rink...

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/33413128-beartown?ac=1&from_search=true&qid=kT9MV92k5N&rank=1



Next Year in Havana by Chanel Cleeton

After the death of her beloved grandmother, a Cuban-American woman travels to Havana, where she discovers the roots of her identity--and unearths a family secret hidden since the revolution... Havana, 1958. The daughter of a sugar baron, nineteen-year-old Elisa Perez is part of Cuba’s high society, where she is largely sheltered from the country’s growing political unrest...

www.goodreads.com/book/show/34374628-next-year-in-havana?ac=1&from_search=true&qid=KksJDmjR7Y&rank=1



Secret Daughter: A Novel by Shipli Somaya Gowda

Somer’s life is everything she imagined it would be — she’s newly married and has started her career as a physician in San Francisco — until she makes the devastating discovery she never will be able to have children. The same year in India, a poor mother makes the heartbreaking choice to save her newborn daughter’s life by giving her away. It is a decision that will haunt...

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/6905012-secret-daughter?ac=1&from_search=true&qid=qXkVmUvqfN&rank=1

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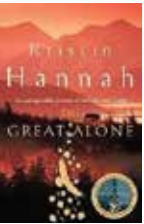


The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

In love we find out who we want to be. In war we find out who we are.

FRANCE, 1939 In the quiet village of Carriveau, Vianne Mauriac says good-bye to her husband, Antoine, as he heads for the Front.

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/21853621-the-nightingale?ac=1&from_search=true&qid=d88lpWSZy6&rank=4



And, if you enjoyed that, you will love **The Great Alone**

Alaska, 1974. Unpredictable. Unforgiving. Untamed. For a family in crisis, the ultimate test of survival.

Ernt Allbright, a former POW, comes home from the Vietnam war a changed and volatile man. When he loses yet another job, he makes an impulsive decision: he will move his family north, to Alaska, where they will live off the grid in America’s last true frontier.

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/34912895-the-great-alone?ac=1&from_search=true&qid=7HnPHwmOkW&rank=1a



Circe by Madeline Miller

In the house of Helios, god of the sun and mightiest of the Titans, a daughter is born. But Circe is a strange child - not powerful, like her father, nor viciously alluring like her mother. Turning to the world of mortals for companionship, she discovers that she does possess power - the power of witchcraft, which can transform rivals into monsters and menace the gods them...

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/35959740-circe?from_search=true&from_srp=true&qid=0cjlSdb8Ow&rank=6

And a few non-fiction...



Brain on Fire: My Month of Madness by Susannah Cahalan

An award-winning memoir and instant New York Times bestseller that goes far beyond its riveting medical mystery, Brain on Fire is the powerful account of one woman’s struggle to recapture her identity. When twenty-four-year-old Susannah Cahalan woke up alone in a hospital room, strapped to her bed and unable to move or speak, she had no memory of how she’d gotten there.

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/13547180-brain-on-fire?ac=1&from_search=true&qid=0Y3dtUVJYI&rank=1



Barbie and Ruth: The Story of the World’s Most Famous Doll and the Woman who Created Her by Robin Gerber

“Barbie and her creator, the sharp-elbowed gal who built the biggest toy company, have a story to tell.”—Time

Barbie and Ruth by Ruth Gerber is the remarkable true story of the world’s most famous toy and the woman who created her. It is a fascinating account of how one visionary woman and her product changed an industry and sparked a lasting debate about women’s roles.

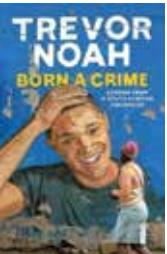
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Born a Crime: Stories From a South African Childhood by Trevor Noah

The memoir of one man’s coming-of-age, set during the twilight of apartheid and the tumultuous days of freedom that followed.

Trevor Noah’s unlikely path from apartheid South Africa to the desk of The Daily Show began with a criminal act: his birth. Trevor was born to a white Swiss father and a black Xhosa mother at a time when such a union was punishable by five years in...

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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.

We are seeking **New NRRA** Volunteer Board Members!

Ever wanted to understand more about why things happen in our neighbourhood the way they do? Ever wanted to help out at our neighbourhood events, but you didn't know who to talk to or where to go to get started? We would love to talk to you about a place for you as a member on the North Rosedale Residents' Association volunteer board!

The NRRA board has been in existence for over 60 years. As volunteers, we work to ensure our neighbourhood is a safe and beautiful place to live. We tackle projects that enhance and protect our parks, ravines, and green spaces. We monitor heritage in our unique and historic area. We work regularly with City Hall and our Councillor's office. We have partnerships with our local police at 53 Division and with surrounding local residents' associations to organize community events like the federal and provincial electoral debates, community clean up days, skating parties and holiday events. We are always learning how best to keep our membership updated on our social media platforms.

If this sounds interesting to you and you're a North Rosedale resident home owner and you're able to provide a few hours each month as a volunteer, then let us know by contacting us at info1@northrosedale.ca.

* This year we have several board members retiring.

We know you join us in thanking all the volunteer board members for their service and support. A huge thank you to Jean Anderson our retiring President and more thank you's go out to Karra Greenwood, Ines Popovic, Joanne Wildgoose and Jessica England. A very special thank you to Joan Law who will be retiring from the board after 10 years of volunteer service. All of you will be greatly missed. In our Fall/Winter Newsletter and on the NRRA website you will be able to find the names of all our new board members joining us this summer.

Becoming a Member is easy.

If volunteering is not for you, then we hope you will consider becoming a member of the North Rosedale Residents' Association and help us keep our community safe and informed! It's really easy to become a member or to renew your membership. For details just go to our website at www.northrosedale.ca. Our annual membership fee is \$50 per year or \$140 for 3 years.

Payment is easy, too:

1. Interac E-transfer to: payments@northrosedale.ca.

2. Or you can mail a cheque made out to:

THE NORTH ROSEDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Just pop your cheque into the mail attention:

Kathy Falconi, NRRA Secretary/Treasurer

60 Douglas Drive, Toronto, Ontario, M4W 2B3

Or if you have any questions about membership please contact:

Joan Law, our Membership Chair, directly at 416-921-4805 / joanlaw@rogers.com

Thank you in advance for your continued support of your neighbourhood and the NRRA.

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MUSEUM HOUSE

206 BLOOR STREET WEST

Direct elevator to full floor (4,276 sf). South terrace affords extraordinary vistas. Soaring coffered ceilings. Superbly crafted custom cabinetry. Gallery perfect for showcasing artwork. Master & 2nd bedroom access north terrace (117 sf). An enviable location.

\$9,980,000



SOUTH HILL PREMIERE SETTING

21 GLEN EDYTH DRIVE

Sited on exclusive cul-de-sac, surrounded by canopy of mature trees. Grand principal rooms. Wide-plank oak hardwood floors, elaborate plaster crown moldings. Expansive windows throughout allow natural light to freely cascade. Convenient office accessed from kitchen.

\$5,500,000



THE LONSDALE

625 AVENUE ROAD #1903

Prestigious Deer Park condo. 3,563 sf half floor). Spectacular unobstructed north, east & south views. Grand principal rooms. Family room. Separate entrance to self-contained guest suite complete with kitchen appliances. Great location.

\$4,498,000



SOUTH HILL DISTINCTLY REFINED

34 POPLAR PLAINS ROAD

Professionally transformed using the finest craftsmanship into a distinctly refined residence. 3 bedrooms, 4 baths. 2nd floor family room, 3rd level home office. Walk to Brown School & some of the best private schools, local shopping & public transit.

\$4,398,000



THE PRINCE ARTHUR

38 AVENUE ROAD #310

Private elevator to elegantly appointed 1,660 sf. Floor-to-ceiling windows throughout. Cozy den. Master suite enjoys sitting area walk-out to west terrace, 4 full closets, walk-in dressing room & 5-piece ensuite. 24/7 concierge / valet.

\$2,399,000



THE LONSDALE

619 AVENUE ROAD #201

Prestigious Deer Park condo, 1,488 sf corner suite. 2 bedrooms, 2 four-piece baths, Oak parquet hardwood floors, Wall-to-wall & floor-to-ceiling windows. 24/7 concierge & valet, guest parking. Public transit at your doorstep.

\$1,595,000



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