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# North Rosedale News

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# Hello everyone!

It seems our neighbourhood along with the world... well most of the world is emerging from our lengthy Covid slumber... we say this tentatively as we watch hospital numbers and our children going back to school and parents going back to offices along with covid numbers.

Thank you everyone who came out to help us with the Annual Parks Clean up day on Saturday, April 23rd! Our parks definitely needed the attention as we've not been able to hold an official clean up day since 2019.

A huge thank you to all our volunteers both young and less young. A special thank you to Bosley Real Estate's Jessica England, Valerie Baldwin, and Sasha McGrath for coming out to our clean up day and for suppling all the yummy goodies for our clean up crew!

Please mark on your calendars our next event - May 11th, 2022, for our Provincial Candidates Debate. We are delighted to be holding it both via zoom and live in person and at Rosedale United Church. We are again co-hosting this event with our partner residents' associations, Governors Bridge, Moore Park, South Rosedale, and Summerhill. Please join us. Start time is 7pm sharp!

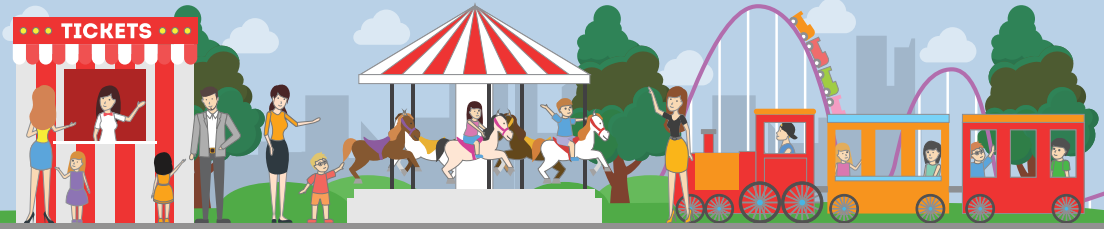
In this edition we would like to report back on the NRRRA Membership Survey. Our first ever survey. Thank you for all who took the time to fill it out and share your thoughts with us. We had over 130 participants provide feedback. Also, thank you to all our article contributors. We are delighted to welcome two new contributors. Ellen Schwartzel from Toronto Field Naturalists is providing us insight into all the work the volunteers from the TFN are providing in the Brickworks to protect the Cottonwood Flats. And, we would also like to welcome Gillian Oxley, Owner of Oxley Real Estate. Gillian is providing us her insight on sell property exclusively vs MLS. Our wonderful regular contributors, Tom Connell updates us on the Metrolinx /Don Valley Layover fight and is looking for neighbourhood green thumbs to help with supporting a pollinator garden for North Rosedale and Terrell Wong is sharing her journey of installing solar panels on her heritage home. And, no edition is complete without a thank you to Rosedale's Finest and Executive Chef Jameson Watermulder for once again providing us with another mouth watering recipe... Lemon Angel Hair Pasta with Ricotta and Pine Nuts!

Finally, we would like to reach out to all those reading this newsletter... If you have not yet become a member of North Rosedale Residents' Association, we hope you will consider joining. We work with residents' associations city-wide, and majority of them are finding membership is down. Covid has not been kind to membership groups. So please consider joining or re-joining today. And, while we have your attention... we are also looking for a few new board members to join and help us on the Communications Team and Heritage & Development Team. If the NRRRA interests you and you have some skills in these areas we would be delighted to talk to you about joining the NRRRA board today!

Kathy Falconi & Alexandra Jenkins  
Co-Presidents, North Rosedale Residents' Association

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## Mayfair is back!



As the days get longer and brighter, we're looking ahead to late spring, and Mooredale House is thrilled to announce that after a two-year Covid hiatus, Mayfair is back for its 75th Anniversary!!

Join us on Friday, May 13th for rides from 4pm - 7:30 pm and enjoy live music and great food, including Summerhill Market's ribs, in the beer garden from 5:30pm - 10pm.

On Saturday, May 14th, Mayfair will run from 9am - 5pm for the best neighborhood get-together in the city.

In keeping with Mayfair tradition, you can start your day on Saturday, May 14th both early and loudly by joining the parade, which gets underway at 8:15 am from Moorevale Park (at the corner of Moore Avenue and Welland Avenue). Once you arrive at Rosedale Park, rest assured that all of your favorite rides and food will be present and accounted for, but with a few small changes that we hope will make our beloved Mayfair even more special.

This year, we have paid particular attention to creating a more sustainable, eco-friendly event. While we won't be perfect, we're working hard as a team to find ways to decrease waste and plastic use



wherever possible. We also felt strongly that when Mayfair came back, we wanted to benefit the wider community as well. As you may be aware, demand for food banks has reached unprecedented levels during the pandemic. As a result, this year we are partnering with Second Harvest. They will join the parade to receive donations of non-perishable food items on route, and on site at the park all Saturday.

As in previous years, you will be able to pre-purchase vouchers for unlimited ride wristbands at both Summerhill Market and Mooredale House starting April 19th to May 11th. Look for our red and white posters around the neighborhood for more information and most importantly, keep an eye out for our volunteer QR code.

This will allow you (or your teenage children) to easily sign up to volunteer. Mayfair simply wouldn't be able to run without our volunteer army, so we thank you in advance for giving your time.

We could not be more excited to welcome you all back to Mayfair this year. Until then, stay well and we'll see you at the cotton candy stand! For questions or more details please refer to the Mooredale web site <https://mooredale.com/mayfair-overview/> or call Mooredale at (416) 922-3714.

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The 2022 Budget process concluded in late February, followed by few quick Council meetings to address regular business. With the

help of my colleagues and the advocacy of many of you, we were able to achieve notable improvements to a budget that began with glaring gaps in services and continue work to improve safety in our communities.

The successes during the budget process included expanding supportive and affordable housing options; additional enforcement officers for RentSafeTO and increasing fees to support the future expansion of service; an increase of funding toward SafeTO; quicker implementation of the Fair Pass program; and the establishment of a Multi-Unit Residential Acquisition fund that will go a long way in helping to keep affordable properties affordable long-term.

Still, City Council continues to put off some of the most difficult and essential decisions. As a result, new revenue tools that would serve to diversify the City's revenue streams have once again been punted into the future indefinitely.

We cannot continue this way. Our shelter system is in crisis, parks are lacking investment to keep them in a state of good repair, and enforcement on noise, property standards, and safety have fallen behind.

Toronto is a thriving city, and it is important our policies reflect and share this wealth. As your City Councillor, I will continue to fight for a budget that reflects and addresses the issues I am contacted about most.

In other Council news, the installation of an additional 25 new Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) cameras aimed at further increasing road safety throughout the city have been approved and are expected to be operational this year. Transportation Services has also been directed to immediately advance work to expand the program, including a Request for Proposal that considers all possible technologies.

On housing, Council requested that the province support efforts to curb foreign investment and profiting off of real-estate through the implementation of new taxes on home-flipping and land speculation as our city continues to struggle with a housing affordability crisis. I am hopeful for a positive response to our request.

Further, in an effort to expand the supply and type of housing available in Toronto, City Council adopted amendments to the Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw to allow construction of garden suites on most residential properties in the city. A garden suite is usually located behind an existing house but is separate and detached. They are generally smaller and are a way to create rental units or homes for extended family.

Finally, a new community crisis support service is set to launch in two phases this year as one of SafeTO's key priority actions. The four pilot areas were chosen geographically based on where apprehensions under the Mental Health Act and 911 calls for individuals in crisis were highest. The pilots in the northeast and downtown east are anticipated to launch in March 2022, and those in the northwest and downtown west by June 2022. The service will provide an important community-led response to mental health crisis calls and wellness checks.

A third-party evaluator will be engaged to evaluate the pilots, and data will then be used to inform service delivery, make necessary adjustments, and to help guide the expansion of the service City-wide by 2025.

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# Survey Says...

The results are in on our first North Rosedale Residents' Survey. Thank you to the 120 participants who took the time to provide valuable feedback. So, who provided feedback?

95% have lived in North Rosedale for over 10 years      92% are current home owners      37% have children under the age of 18

The respondents that are not current NRRR members let us know that they either were not aware of the NRRR or asked how we use the membership fees. We are a not-for-profit organization and membership fees fund things like this newsletter and our various community events. The survey clearly indicated that the NRRR's top areas of focus aligns well with our respondents own priorities - here is the overall ranking:



### How we communicate

The majority of respondents get their community information from this newsletter (both email and printed edition). Our e-blasts were next in priority, followed by our website and finally our Facebook page. The Survey results clearly indicate a preference for timely email / eblast communication and an overall request for easy to find info and links to help provide you with more timely planning and ability to book important events in your calendar. **In order for us to deliver more messages effectively and timely - we need your current email addresses - to be added to our distribution list please contact info1@northrosedale.ca**

### How we are doing on community events

Our Election Candidate Debates and our Spring Clean Up Days are our most popular events and greatly supported by all! Several of you attended the 2021 Holiday Skating Party and can't wait for next years. We had requests for other organized events such as: townhalls, ravine walks, classical/jazz concerts and Sunday morning soccer meet ups in the Park. All of our events are organized and run by volunteers - **please consider signing up to volunteer to help us bring forward a greater variety of community events!**

As all levels of government drive toward densification and procedural changes to escalate the building/supply of houses, we asked you for your thoughts on their various proposals: Laneway Housing, Garden Suites, Multi-plex Housing, and Iceberg Homes. We asked you how you felt about each solution's effectiveness to address densification in the City of Toronto and our Neighborhood and whether you supported it overall. The results were quite evenly split for Laneway Housing and Garden Suites, with a slight majority against them overall (55% and 56% against, respectively). However, the concern over Multi-tenant Housing and Iceberg Housing was far more pronounced (77% and 23% against, respectively).

Your comments related to these housing solutions strongly echoed the concerns that the NRRR prioritizes and actively works towards driving solutions to address, such as speeding and increased of traffic flow, illegal parking, and blocked driveways. There is overall support for larger sized lots being used more effectively for densification but a need to ensure architectural appropriateness to preserve our heritage properties. For a more detailed review of the various positions echoed within the comments of our Survey, please read a recent article written by two of our NRRR members in the Winter 2021 Newsletter, titled "Let's Talk Densification and Single Family Homes".

On a final note, some respondents indicated they don't support the NRRR because they don't agree with some of the causes we have supported. For example, the Switch Back at Chorley, the changes to speed limits and/or the changes to the street scape. To these residents and all of our respondents (members or not), we say thank you for your feedback. Please consider getting involved with the NRRR to have your concern heard. We need your passion and your voice! Not all battles can be fought or won - but passion and voices drive change and outcomes. With your voice and passion - through membership, volunteerism, board membership, and community engagement - you can help us continue to protect all that makes North Rosedale special.

Thank you to those that participated in our survey.

It is a valuable tool to gather feedback and insights - and one we endeavor to do again, with your support.

# Proposed Don Valley Layover is not the Solution

by Tom Connell

As described in the last NRRR Newsletter, Metrolinx is proposing to construct a parking facility for diesel GO Trains in the heart of Toronto's lower Don River Valley. The problems with the proposed Layover are obvious.

The project involves removal of extensive swaths of trees and vegetation, and construction of an imposing ten-meter high retaining wall topped by an extensive complex. These changes will permanently alter the character of the Valley in a particularly exposed area, right under the historic Viaduct. Just as bad, construction on the rail line and bridge leading to the facility will cause

unthinkable ecological disruption in the Environmentally Significant Area (ESA) running between the Viaduct and the connection to the rail corridor west of the river.

The implications of the Layover for parkland aspirations are equally problematic. Toronto's 2017 Ravine Strategy, says we "must seize the opportunity to realize the ravines' true potential as resilient natural spaces, destinations for citizens to enjoy a range of activities, and a way for Toronto to distinguish itself on the world stage." This same vision was the basis for Mayor John Tory's 2016 announcement of plans for a Don Valley "super park" - "a massive green space spanning from Evergreen Brick Works south to the mouth of the Don River at Lake Ontario."

How will the Super Park look after Metrolinx has had its way? According to the Layover Environmental Project Report, recreation and leisure activities can continue in the Don Valley, however... "the setting/experience may change as a result due to potential odour, visual and noise impacts associated with the proposed works and increase in train service". Ugh!

According to the CEO of Metrolinx, its mandate is to "form an opinion on what the best transit solution is, and then consult on how to implement it." However, the Metrolinx proposal is not really a solution at all.

Normally, "solutions" reconcile competing values or goals - Metrolinx seems to focus strictly on what's best for transit system optimization, with ecological impacts left as an afterthought. A real solution has to jointly answer these questions, among others:

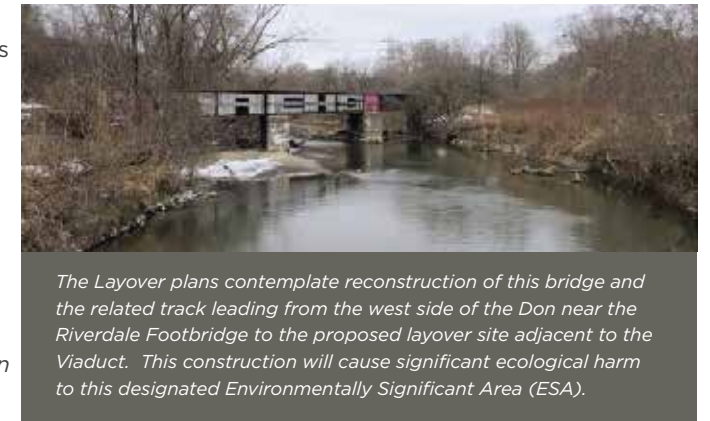
- What is the role and value of green space in the Don Valley in responding to the unfolding crises in climate change and biodiversity loss?
- How do we fulfill the potential of the Don Valley to be an iconic and accessible feature of the Toronto urban landscape, as envisioned, for example, by the 1991 Task Force to Bring Back the Don?
- How can essential GO train network requirements be reconciled with the appropriate long term priorities for the Don Valley green space and park land, based on appropriate compromises and trade-offs?

These questions should be addressed through meaningful consultation involving all three levels of government working together, with input from a wide range of stakeholders, including environmentalists, planning experts, and the general public. Metrolinx would have the public believe that there is no alternative to the proposed facility. But given its very limited transparency and accountability, there is no reason to believe this reflects anything more than whatever option Metrolinx happens to prefer. Metrolinx has made it very clear: public consultations occur after it has made up its own mind on what is the "best transit solution."

Clearly the Layover does not belong in the area under the Viaduct. Perhaps an alternative approach is that Metrolinx agrees to maintain the green space and parkland in the Don Valley, and then works openly with stakeholders to identify a different and - if not the best - an at least adequate solution to its Layover requirements. For example, what about siting a layover on the lower part of the Don Branch rail-line, on the same track that leads to the proposed site, before crossing the low-level rail bridge? This track has sufficient length to store the three trains contemplated in the current proposal, is even closer to Union Station, and may entail a very significant reduction in construction costs. While largely avoiding destruction of green space for construction and related ongoing impact on the ecological corridor. Instead of ruling this out based on its own opaque analysis, what if Metrolinx committed to explore, transparently and in detail, what it would take to make this or some other option work?

Metrolinx is making a vital contribution to meeting transit needs of the region for the decades ahead. However, the value of this contribution should not be diminished by a Layover plan that will set back decades of re-naturalization and conservation efforts and obstruct the fulfillment of the shared aspirations for this iconic greenspace and parkland.

Our general understanding is that the layover project is still subject to a voluntary review by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, and that work at the site should not be initiated during nesting season, which runs from early spring through the end of summer. This suggests that there is still time before irreversible steps are taken. So now is the moment to send your views on the layover proposal to our elected representatives.



The Layover plans contemplate reconstruction of this bridge and the related track leading from the west side of the Don near the Riverdale Footbridge to the proposed layover site adjacent to the Viaduct. This construction will cause significant ecological harm to this designated Environmentally Significant Area (ESA).

### Political representatives to contact:

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# Installing Solar Panels on a Heritage Home

by Terrell Wong

**For over 20 years I have lived in homes run solely on electricity. For years I heard “Gasp! That must be so expensive!” As an architect that specializes in energy efficient building envelopes, I always figured these expressions of concern were misguided and definitely under considered. Any home that has poor insulation, a leaky envelope, and old windows will always be upwards of 75%-90% more inefficient and therefore more expensive and use more fossil fuels than any house I have renovated.**

**Oh, and the other great thing about going without gas is... I only get one bill.**

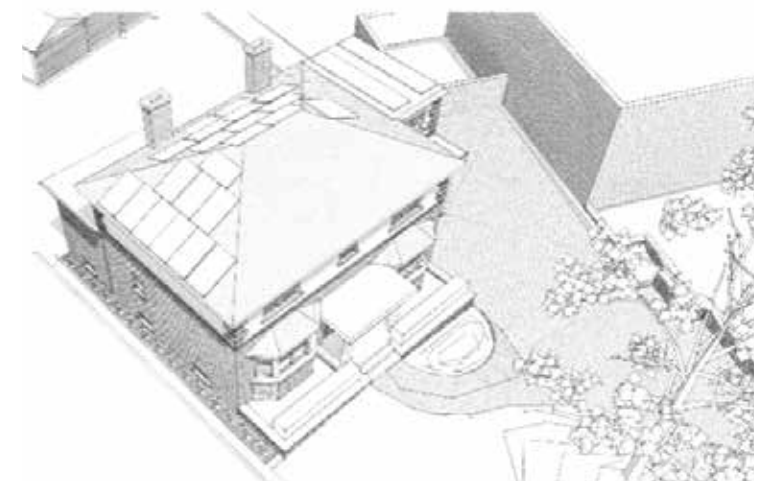
**My decision to go all electric was always based on the reduction of fossil fuels and green house gases. I did not want to be beholden to the whims of the oil cartels. In the end, I could always produce my own electricity when it made sense. Until now, it was something I just thought about with grand plans for someday.**

**Well someday is here...**

The first thing I did was to start working with a good solar company that does everything for you including permits. Guelph Solar was given to me by my mechanical engineer Zon Engineering who do all my solar and low energy HVAC designs. Zon said that hiring an engineering company for a home was probably overkill. The solar company prepared an initial off-site analysis using the digital tools available online to come up with a 20-page presentation. This document shows where the optimal location of the solar panels would be and the cost and a handy future looking calculation of cost savings over the life of the solar panels. The industry standard life span of a solar panel is 25-30 years. A 2012 study by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) found that, on average, solar panel output falls by 0.8 percent each year. So, choosing the highest quality products with the lowest degradation over time is important.

On my heritage house, the front roof would have been awesome for solar panels. For less panels, I could have produced more energy than by avoiding this front façade. But I was not prepared to fight Preservation Services and drag this out longer than it needed it to be. This added about \$6000 to the cost and kept the front façade free from panels. Honestly, I am happy that the front façade is clear, I like the way my house looks. There are other options for more integrated panels and maybe someday... Tesla will actually make them available. The main issue I have with fully integrated solar panels is that the roof is going to last longer than the panel integrated to it. “Do you throw out the whole roof when it’s still keeping the rain off?”

Amorphous panels are another option if you have a standing seam roof. These are long rolls of peel and stick solar panels that are easily installed. But I don’t think standing seam is considered heritage in North Rosedale, despite the fact asphalt shingles are. I chose an aluminum roof system that has a 50+ lifespan and is designed to take solar panels. The roof is designed to look like slate or can emulate cedar. The colour of the roof is dark grey but is considered a light reflecting roof based on some space age coating in the paint. This should reduce heat in the house and under the panels and make everything more efficient.



Once the panels are erected this Spring, the panels will send the electrons direct to the grid for use, probably by me and my neighbours. My panel will reverse the kWh when the sun shines and move forward at night. Based on the calculations from the solar company 60%-70% of my electric bill will be covered.

I decided against having a bank of batteries for an off-grid situation mainly due to costs for the large and not so environmental batteries. The chatter in the industry is that our batteries in the future will be our cars. Literally moving batteries. When the power goes out, you can plug into your future electric car to keep the lights on. Maybe, like the Tesla solar roof, this is just a dream... but it’s a good one.

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# Exclusive vs MLS What's The Difference Anyway?

by Gillian Oxley

Award-Winning Real Estate Agent, and owner of Oxley Real Estate

Once a rare occurrence, an Exclusive Listing - often referred to as a 'quiet pocket listing' - is now an undeniable market trend in Toronto. Like Manhattan, where most real estate transactions are B2B (broker-to-broker), Toronto has discovered that listing with an Agent on Exclusive has its perks.

### But what does this mean anyway?

#### What is an Exclusive listing and how does it differ from MLS?

I am often asked this question when considering the pros and cons of going to market with a client's house. Interestingly, there are both similarities and differences to marketing a home on the different platforms.

- 1 An MLS (multiple listing system) listing is marketed to an open marketplace and uses an online platform with wide public access at Realtor.ca. When marketed on MLS, the seller's property is included in a database established by cooperating real estate brokers to provide data about properties for sale. This information lives on even after the property has been sold. Today, apps like House Sigma, Zillow, and Zolo also retain information about the sold price as well as DOM (days on market), date of sale, and often photos which can be viewed for years after the sale of the property.
- 2 An Exclusive listing is never posted on the MLS system and is sold on a B2B platform - directly between two agents vs marketed publicly in order to maintain a quiet, discreet approach.

Why would someone want to market their home outside one of the largest marketing/sales vehicles on the web? The Toronto MLS system attracts hundreds of thousands of eyeballs every day and provides a vast and varied network of buyers who may not have even known they were looking for a home until they stumble across "the one". Generally, a seller considers marketing their home on Exclusive for several key reasons, including:

- 1 **Privacy** - the homeowner does not want the open market to know they are selling. Rather, they would prefer discretion and a controlled marketing approach.
- 2 **Timing** - the seller has specific times they can allow the home to be shown and wants to control and dictate the terms and times of showings to prospective buyers.
- 3 **Closing Date** - the seller has a long window before they want to move from their home and as such are open to a "soft marketing approach" via an Exclusive listing knowing it comes with the condition of a longer closing date.
- 4 **Price** - often a seller on Exclusive asks a premium for their home to ensure they haven't left money on the table. On the open market there may be multiple bidders that drive a price up so on Exclusive an agent will often market the home at the top end of the range of value. That said, multiple bids can still be achieved when an Exclusive listing is marketed correctly and to the top area agents.

Interestingly, an MLS and Exclusive agreement are the same contract, as are the core marketing elements, which include professional floor plans, photography, and video. The key difference is how that information is shared. Often, on Exclusive key marketing elements are shared via a link to a private platform vs being posted on a public URL on the web. Over the past year, there have been homes that have sold on Exclusive on Edgar, Douglas, Chestnut Park and more.

Although there is a time and place for discreet listings, featuring your home on MLS, one of the largest and most robust networks in the world, is often still your best move. Each home and personal situation is considered when identifying the best listing strategy that suits your goals, your priorities, and your property.



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# Our Friends the Pollinators

by Tom Connell

And now, it seems that pollinators need us. Worldwide pollinator populations are in decline due to interconnected factors such as habitat loss, environmental pollution, the impact of invasive species, and climate change. This is such an important issue that the Toronto City Council adopted a Pollinator Protection Strategy in April of 2018. The strategy encompasses a range of measures, including:

- development and protection of high quality habitats for pollinators
- creating green pathways that allow pollinators to move around the urban environment
- sharing information on best practices for pollinator-friendly gardens

Pollinators are small organisms that spread pollen grains from one flower to another, usually in conjunction with their feeding practices. These include bees, butterflies, moths, wasps, beetles, flies, and even some larger creatures such as birds and bats. Pollinators play an essential role in the reproductive cycle of flowering plants, and so have a critical connection to biodiversity, ecosystem health, and even food security. Simply put, we need pollinators.



Photo source: Toronto Pollinator Protection Strategy, April 2018

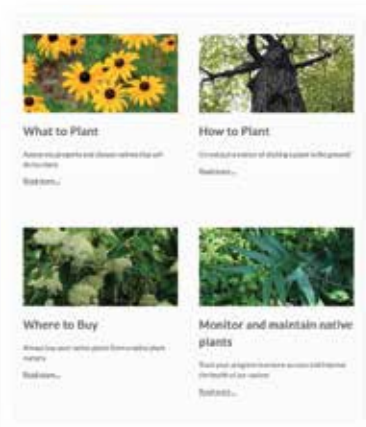
The NRRA is interested in advancing the goals of the City's pollinator strategy. As a possible step, we would like to hear from any seasoned gardeners in the neighbourhood who might be interested in contributing to a local environmental stewardship project aimed at ensuring that pollinators feel welcome in North Rosedale while promoting awareness of pollinator-friendly gardening. Please contact [email] if you are interested in being involved in a local pollinator project, or if you would like additional information.

For anyone with a general interest in how to help pollinators, including what you can do in your own garden, an excellent source of information is Pollinator Partnership Canada (also known as "P2C").

### Stewardship Begins at Home

In the last issue of the NRRA Newsletter, we provided an overview of the great achievements of the park stewardship team that met weekly through three seasons last year to work on the Roxborough Parkette. This work will continue in 2022, with a focus on ensuring the invasive plants are kept at bay, making room for indigenous plant varieties to thrive. After last year, the infestations of buckthorn and knotweed were knocked back on their metaphorical heels, but we probably haven't heard the last of them. There is always room for more people to participate as stewards at this site, so if this is of interest please get in touch with Toronto Nature Stewards through the "contact us" link on their web site.

Not many people are aware that a significant proportion of Toronto's treasured ravine system (40% to be exact) is located on private property. More to the point, plant varieties (whether indigenous or invasive) pay little attention to property lines. So, all the efforts to curtail the spread of invasives in a ravine section can be for naught if similar actions are not taken on adjacent private lands. With that in mind, this year Toronto Nature Stewards is issuing a new guide for stewardship on private land. TNS is providing a detailed web-based resource with guidance on how to identify and remove invasives, as well as how to select, plant, and nurture plantings of native varieties in private gardens. This is an excellent resource and should be of interest to anyone with responsibility for a garden, whether directly adjacent to a ravine or not. This new guide can be found at the following link: TNS Guide for Private Property.



# Fences for Birds and 99 Years of Nature Walks; the Toronto Field Naturalists in Profile

by Ellen Schwartzel

President of Toronto Field Naturalists

As the days get longer and brighter, we're looking ahead to late spring. If you frequent Don Valley trails north of the Brickworks, you may have come across a puzzling fenced-in area of shrubby meadow and young trees. The fencing is a sturdy combo of mesh and cedar rail. Strangely, there is no gate. It has been described as "the world's worst dog park!" by at least one mystified dog walker. But there is also a helpful sign explaining: "This space is for the birds." In fact, this fenced-in patch is an experiment to offer rare habitat for ground-nesting birds like song sparrows and savannah sparrows, safe from off-leash dogs and human foot traffic. What's more, the fenced bit is just part of a much larger project to restore this area, known as Cottonwood Flats.

Cottonwood Flats has had a chequered past, harbouring a rockwool factory at one point and in the 1990s, a municipal snow dump. By 2014, the restoration vision was to see this area become a small spot of meadowland and wetland, vital habitats scarce in the city. Our volunteers of the Toronto Field Naturalists (TFN) have devoted hundreds of hours as citizen scientists on this site since 2017, in partnership with the City of Toronto's Natural Environment and Community Programs (NECP) Section of Urban Forestry. TFN volunteers have been monitoring 10 permanent plots around the site, tracking restoration progress, and also fretting about encroaching invasive plant species. Those invasive plants will now face constraints. Starting this year, TFN

will be team leader for a new City of Toronto Community Stewardship Program (CSP) at the site, with an express focus on managing invasive plants and restoring native habitat. Learn more about Cottonwood Flats at <https://tfngo.to/cfmp>.

Many are drawn to join the Toronto Field Naturalists by the opportunities for hands-on caring for ravine lands, and we're especially proud of Cottonwood Flats. But TFN offers so much more. Our guided walks, led by enthusiastic and knowledgeable volunteers, have been connecting people with nature ever since TFN was launched 99 years ago. We had gotten pretty good at leading walks, but of course the last couple of years put us on a new learning curve. The pandemic prompted us to shift to online registration and to require that walkers be TFN members. With that approach we have been able to offer 6-9 walks per month, all over the city, in all seasons.

TFN volunteers are also active as nature advocates at City Hall, speaking up for investment in ravine lands and for protection of habitats at risk. We also publish an excellent newsletter eight times a year, and we offer virtual lectures (eight/year) on a wide range of nature-relevant themes. These days, our Zoom lectures are free to all. If you are interested in an update on the Cottonwood Flats restoration project, TFN is delighted to host author and TFN Past-President Jason Ramsay-Brown for a Zoom talk on Thursday evening, May 19. You'll find the Zoom link at our website.

## ROSEDALE'S FINEST - RECIPE OF THE SEASON



### Lemon Angel Hair Pasta with Ricotta & Pine Nuts

#### INGREDIENTS

- 2 Lemons
- 1/2 Cup Ricotta
- 3 Tbsp Olive Oil, Plus More for Drizzling
- 1 1/2 Tsp Kosher Salt
- 2 Tbsp Unsalted Butter
- 4 Garlic Cloves, Sliced Thinly
- 2/3 Cup Heavy Cream
- 1/2 Lb. Dry Angel Hair Pasta
- 1/4 Cup Toasted Pine Nuts
- 2 Tbsp Chopped Parsley
- Fresh Ground Black Pepper

#### INSTRUCTIONS

- Bring a large pot of generously salted water to a boil.
- Use a peeler to peel thick strips of the zest from half of one of the lemons, then add the peels to the water as it comes to a boil.
- Use a micro-plane to zest the remaining half of that lemon and stir into the ricotta, along with 1 tbsp of olive oil and a little salt to taste.
- Zest the other lemon and reserve.
- Juice both lemons (approximately 6 tbsp of juice).
- In a large skillet, heat 1 tbsp each of the olive oil and butter over medium heat. Add the garlic, stirring for approximately 3 minutes. It should be soft but not browned.
- Add the cream, reserved lemon zest, remaining butter and 1 1/2 tsp of salt to the skillet.
- Raise the heat slightly and cook until the cream is bubbling, then reduce and cook/stir until thickened.
- Remove from heat and cover with foil to keep warm.
- Drop the pasta into the boiling water and cook until just underdone 2 1/2 minutes. It will continue to cook as we finish preparing.
- Drain pasta and add to the warm cream mixture, along with 5 tbsp of the lemon juice, then toss.
- Divide pasta among bowls, add dollops of lemon ricotta mixture.
- Sprinkle with parsley, ground pepper and toasted pine nuts before serving.
- Enjoy!





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**Stay Connected.**



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**2022 Membership Renewal**

Did you know that most of the surrounding Resident Associations' memberships are down? Covid has not been kind to membership renewal and new members campaigns for citywide residents associations. Turns out folks are a tiny bit distracted trying to survive all things Covid new normal. But, if you're reading this newsletter and you've not renewed or have never been a member, we hope you will consider signing up so we can continue to distribute this newsletter widely. It's easy to do... our annual membership fee is \$50 per year or \$140 for 3 years. We accept Interac E-transfer to: [payments@northrosedale.ca](mailto:payments@northrosedale.ca). Or you can mail a cheque made out to **THE NORTH ROSEDALE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**. Just pop your cheque into the mail attention: Kathy Falconi, NRRRA Secretary/Treasurer, 60 Douglas Drive, Toronto, Ontario, M4W 2B3. For more details just go to our website at [www.northrosedale.ca](http://www.northrosedale.ca)



And while we have your attention...

**We are SEEKING NEW NRRRA Volunteer Board Members!**

*Annually we add new volunteer board members to the team. This year, we have a few seats available specifically on the Communications committee and on the Heritage and Development committees as of June 2022. If these areas interest you and you'd like to help North Rosedale stay the community we all love we would be delighted to talk about becoming a member of the North Rosedale Residents' Association volunteer board!*

*The NRRRA 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 resident's associations with similar community issues or projects. We nurture the community spirit of our "Village within the City" through organized events like the federal and provincial electoral candidates debates, community clean up days, skating parties, holiday events and 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 and you're able to provide a few hours a month as a volunteer, then we'd like to hear from you.*

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