



# ROSEWOOD TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

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## Fall 2003

### Message from the President

The executive board and myself, again, wish to extend our thanks to all our membership canvassers who did a great job under the leadership of V.P. membership, Jane Morrison and membership co-coordinators, Joseph and Emma Hizel. We now have an all-time high of close to 900 members. Thank you, Arthur Huang, for organizing and printing the long list.

We welcome our new members to the association and thank our renewing members for their continuing support. If, by chance, our canvasser was unable to contact you, please fill in the Membership Application form in this newsletter. We will happily get a membership card to you at the bargain fee of \$5.00 per year for the household.

This money supports activities in our community. For example, each of the schools in Rosewood receives a donation from us, as does the Police 42<sup>nd</sup> Division which serve us so well. We also have a professional gardener who looks after our flower beds at the entrance to our sub-division. So this money, apart from communications, is put to good use.

Our Spring Clean-Up Day was extremely successful and, again, we appreciate not only your support but also the participation of our MP Mr. Derek Lee and our City Councillor, Bas Balkissoon plus his executive assistant, Mr. Geoff Chambers.

We found a lot of garbage around the neighbourhood and deposited it at Finch and Alexmuir for pick up by the City. All volunteers are to be commended; with a special thank you to Mr. Jim Young, Horace Atkinson, and Joseph Hizel. It was unfortunate that some people mistook this collection point for the "Rosewood Dump" and proceeded to add their household garbage to the pile before it was picked up the following Tuesday. We hope this won't happen again. Next year our clean-up day will

coincide with the city's Earth Day, so our pile should be picked up the same day.

We are happy to announce that, at long last, our Alexmuir Park is now well lit. This will make the park feel much safer for those of you who use the park in the evening when it starts to get dark. A big 'thank you' to Ms. Mary Creighton, Manager, Parks & Recreation, who made this possible with Councillor Bas Balkissoon's help.

We remind you that during the winter months, after the snow plow has been through, you must not throw snow back onto the road. It creates unsafe conditions for motorists and is a violation of a city by-law. If caught by one of our city inspectors, you could be fined and we wouldn't want this to happen. So please be courteous and respect people driving on the streets.

Thank you all for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you at the functions listed in this newsletter.

Sincerely,

*Valerie Plunkett*  
President, 416 291-4047



## Rosewood General Meetings

Thursday, October 2, 2003, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Topic: What homeowners and tenants in Rosewood should know about property standards and by-laws

Guest speaker: Ms. Donna Perrin, District Manager of Municipal Licensing and Standards, East District

Meeting Place: Alexmuir Junior Public School

Thursday, April 22, 2004, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Topic: To be announced in the next newsletter

## Rosewood Spring Clean Up

Saturday, April 24, 2004, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Where: Meet at the Alexmuir Junior Public School parking lot

What to bring: just an old pair of gloves (or a brand new pair from the Dollar store)

What you get: a clean neighbourhood, a lot of satisfaction, and refreshments after the clean-up!

## Message from Derek Lee, M.P.

With the start of the new school year, summer is unofficially over. It was great for me to have the three-month stretch to be around the riding.

Rosewood continues to stand out as an attractive and well kept community. Congrats on your continuing annual clean-up day.

Although Ottawa and Queen's Park have yet to finalize investments and stimulus for our post-SARS regional economy, it looks like there is momentum among consumers and businesses. Hopefully we'll soon be back to normal prosperity.

I appreciate the efforts of so many of you to communicate with me on political issues. By the end of November, four of the five Parties in the House of Commons will have made leadership changes and that will undoubtedly be a catalyst in preparing for the next federal election, probably in the spring or fall of 2004.

Hope you all had a great summer.

Derek Lee, M.P.  
Scarborough-Rouge River

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## Message from Bas Balkissoon

Dear Neighbour:

The City of Toronto has hundreds of by-laws designed to protect and preserve the quality of our many communities. Here are a few common by-laws that apply to every resident in Rosewood:

**FRONT YARD PARKING.** It is illegal to park vehicles in front of your front door. Paving that area does not make it legal to park there.

**STREET PARKING.** Unless posted otherwise, vehicles may only park on city streets for a maximum of 3 hours at a time. In Rosewood, it is illegal to park vehicles on the street between 2am and 6am.

**WASTE BY-LAW.** It is illegal to dump household waste in or near public litter bins.

If I can be of assistance with any municipal matter, please contact me at 416 392-1375.

Sincerely,

*Bas Balkissoon, City Councillor  
Scarborough-Rouge River*

## Contact numbers

Police Non-Emergency: 416 808-2222

Special Garbage Pick-up (e.g., fridges, stoves, large furniture items): 416 396-7372

RTA Membership Application		
Name		
Address		
Postal Code		Tel:
e-mail:		
I would consider helping with:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Telephoning members		<input type="checkbox"/> Welcoming new residents
<input type="checkbox"/> Canvassing neighbours		<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Please get in touch with me.		
Annual membership is \$5. Mail this form with your cheque to:	Rosewood Taxpayers' Association P.O. Box 27087, 4190 Finch Ave. E. Scarborough, Ontario M1S 5C2	

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