



ROSEWOOD TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

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Fall 2005

Message from the President

We hope you all had a great Summer. Our last **General Meeting** was a great success. We now have our meetings in the school gym so more people can be accommodated comfortably. If any of you have suggestions for General Meeting topics, please let us know. We want to get Speakers that you want to hear.

Our annual **Rosewood Clean-up** on Saturday, 23rd April was very well attended in spite of the cold and rain. We



thank Alex and Steve for having goodies and hot drinks waiting for us. We thank Councillor Bas Balkissoon and Geoff Chambers for joining us. We are especially proud of the 40 or so neighbours who braved the cold and rain to make Rosewood a cleaner, nicer place for all of us.

Our **membership campaign** is now complete and we thank our canvassers for doing a great job. We have a strong membership of almost 1000 households, 2/3rds of the entire subdivision! This is surely a record across Toronto, if not across Canada. Membership fees go back into the community one way or another. Both our schools receive donations. The Rosewood Soccer League receives a donation so that each child can have their own soccer ball to practice with. We give to the annual 42nd Division Picnic to which we are all invited.

If you are not yet a member, send in the application on the back of the newsletter. You will be helping to keep Rosewood a great place to live.

Sincerely,

Valerie Plunkett, President
416 291-4047

Important reminders

Environment Day: Saturday, 1st October

This event is sponsored by Councillor Balkissoon and held at Albert Campbell Collegiate, corner of Brimwood Boulevard and Sandhurst Circle, opposite Woodside Square Mall. It's a great opportunity to get rid of the stuff you must not place in your regular garbage or in public garbage bins. So, if your house or garage is cluttered with old paint and chemicals, old tires, dead batteries, smoke detectors, old computer parts, etc., **think October 1st**.

The boulevard

The "boulevard" is that strip of land between the walkway and the street curb. Although it is city property, it adjoins your property. It is the occupant's responsibility to keep it looking good. Please be a good neighbour and keep your property and the boulevard



clean and tidy. This good citizenship upholds the Rosewood motto, **KEEP ROSEWOOD CLEAN**. If you don't, the City has the legal authority to do the work and add the cost to your property tax bill.

Livestock at home

It is prohibited by law to keep livestock such as chickens, ducks, and geese in your backyard, garage, or basement.

General Meetings

Wednesday, 21st September 2005, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Topic: An evening with our City Councillor

Location: Alexmuir Junior Public School

Mr. Bas Balkissoon will bring us up to date on numerous happenings. Come and be informed.

Thursday, 20th April 2006

Topic : To be announced

Rosewood Spring Clean-up

Saturday, 22nd April, 2006, 10 a.m.-12 noon



Message from Derek Lee, M.P.

The spring session of the House of Commons, working with the constraints of a minority government, was an extremely productive one. My fellow MPs and I dealt with an active legislative agenda that saw major advances for Canada's cities, children, seniors, and healthcare, among other accomplishments.

A high point was the passage of the two budget Bills. They provide the framework for the funding of major initiatives such as the New Deal for Cities and Communities and a national Child Care and Early Learning System. The voting for these measures proved to be dramatic in a "minority" House. The passage of the "civil marriage" Bill was also extremely controversial since there was division in all Parties in the House, just as Canadians were divided. My vote against the Bill did not prevent passage by a margin of about 25 votes. There are rifts that need to be repaired. This is vigorous democracy in action.

Your excellent efforts at the Rosewood community level are appreciated by your entire community. If I can be of any assistance to you as your M.P., please contact me.

Derek Lee, M.P.

Scarborough-Rouge River

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Message from Bas Balkissoon, City Councillor

There is a growing trend of homeowners widening their driveways across the front lawn to park additional vehicles on their property.

Please be aware that the current City zoning by-law forbids parking in front of the "front wall" of the house. Parking must be in the driveway leading to the garage. The city has recently increased enforcement to curb this growing trend of driveway widening for parking.

If a City by-law officer was to find vehicle parking occurring in front of the "front wall" of the house, you will be issued a notice of violation requesting you to cease parking vehicles in this area.

Should parking continue after the violation notice, the City can require you to install a six-inch high barrier separating the entire length of the driveway from the "front wall" area. If you fail to comply, the City can install this barrier and add the cost to your tax bill.

If you have any questions about this by-law or any other City matter, contact my office at 416 392-1375.

Bas Balkissoon, City Councillor
Scarborough-Rouge River

Contact numbers

Police Non-Emergency: 416 808-2222

Emergency Police/Fire/Ambulance: 911

Special Garbage Pick-up (e.g., fridges, stoves, large furniture items): 416 338-2010

联系方式: 非紧急报警电话: 416-808-2222

紧急报警 (火警, 匪警或救护车) 电话: 911

特殊垃圾处理 (冰箱, 灶台或大件家具): 416-338-2010

RTA Membership Application

Name		
Address		
Postal Code		Tel:
e-mail:		
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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