



ROSEWOOD TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

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Fall 2007

Message from the President

Hello everyone. We have had a great canvassing campaign. A special thanks goes out to Betty McNeil and Eva Norvell for all their hard work in getting the canvassing organized. They really did a great job.

I must also thank Charles Young for preparing this newsletter. We do appreciate his contribution of time and effort.

Also we heartily thank Horace Atkinson and his wife Joy, who are always so willing to do our flyer and newsletter deliveries. In addition, they organize the coffee, tea, and cookies at our General Meetings.

The other members of our Executive are also invaluable to the success of our Association. Members such as Lotte, John, and Mavis who have been with us since the beginning of our Association in 1989. I must also thank Joseph Hizel who is Assistant Treasurer (Membership). Joseph (with the help of his wife Emma) collects membership monies from our canvassers.

As you are aware, we have two very informative General Meetings each year. We look forward to seeing you at these meetings and at all other events.

Sincerely,

Valerie Plunkett
416 291-4047

Hold that date!

Neighbourhood Spring Cleaning: April 19, 2008

Important numbers

Police Non-Emergency: 416 808-2222

Emergency Police/Fire/Ambulance: 911

Special Garbage Pick-up: 416-338-2010. This is for large metal items. Other large items such as sofas are to be put out for the regular garbage collection.

General Meeting for Members

Thursday, September 27, 2007, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Refreshments served from 7 p.m.

Alexmuir Junior Public School
95 Alexmuir Boulevard

Topic: Identity Fraud, e.g., how to protect yourself against mortgage fraud, credit/debit card fraud, PIN number theft, etc.

Guest speaker: 42nd Division Police Officer Gary Gomez

Invited special guests: MPP Bas Balkissoon, City Councillor Chin Lee

Membership Update

Thank you to all of the members who have joined us again this year and to all of the first time members. Our canvassers have volunteered their time and visited every household in the subdivision with very positive results. We have had another record breaking year. We now have well over 1,000 households as members, the best campaign ever. Many thanks to the dedicated canvassers whose efforts are greatly appreciated and who work so diligently.

We have a great year planned and look forward to seeing you all at our functions.

Jane Morrison
VP Membership
416 292-8775

Chinese Community Liaison Director

Elisa Yang is the Chinese Community Liaison Director. Reach Elisa at 416 293-1623, elisay@sympatico.ca

如果您需要中文的資訊或服務 請打 416 293-1623
或電郵 elisay@sympatico.ca 給我們的華人聯繫主任, Elisa Yang

Message from Councillor Chin Lee

Dear Neighbour,

Recently, I voted *against* a plan by Mayor Miller to introduce new taxes (i.e., a land transfer tax, a vehicle licensing tax, etc) as a means of resolving the City's budget problems. I believe the City must do more to reduce costs and find efficiencies before considering any tax increase.

Later this fall, I'll be hosting local meetings to hear your ideas and suggestions for dealing with Toronto's financial situation. I'll be announcing the dates for the meetings in my next newsletter.

If I can be of assistance with any municipal matter, please contact me at (416) 392-1375 or councillor_lee@toronto.ca

Sincerely,

Chin Lee

Ward 41, Scarborough-Rouge River

Church at the SW corner of Brimley and McNicoll

The original development plan lead us to believe that the Church would be a small congregation with mostly Sunday activity. Now there is a request before the planning department for 88 more parking spaces and it appears the church has added activities and has become a seven day a week operation. A meeting held in June had only 3 members from the Rosewood community. Most people at the meeting did not live in the area. As there appears to be no concerns from our community, the requested changes are finding favour and may go ahead. If you have any concerns, please call Councillor Chin Lee at 416 392-1375.

Report from Bas Balkissoon, M.P.P.



In the past, too many of our young people were not getting the help and assistance they needed to move on to postsecondary education. They left high school with little opportunity, less hope, and even fewer options.

That is why I am pleased to share an update of our government's commitment to assist youths in achieving their potential and reaching their goals.

Today we have 86,000 more students in postsecondary institutions than in 2004 because we have invested in more opportunities and more assistance. One in four students receive a grant from the province. We have also increased the maximum available OSAP aid by \$2,550 for single students to a total of \$11,900. These are the types of changes that are giving students better access to a greater quality of learning.

Our young people work hard to get to university and postsecondary facilities. This is why I feel it is important to help them stay there. Through these provincial grants and a strengthened student-aid system, we are working with your child's best interests in mind so that everyone can benefit from improved post-secondary education in Ontario.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Bas Balkissoon'.

Scarborough-Rouge River

