



# ROSEWOOD TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

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## Fall 2012

### Message from the President

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

I hope everyone had a great summer and is settling into an equally rewarding fall season.

I want to welcome all new residents to the community of Rosewood and celebrate their decision to become members of the Rosewood Taxpayers' Association.

Thanks to the eager participation of our residents and the hard work of our canvassers, our canvassing season was very successful. Their respective enthusiasm and hard work have resulted in a successful launch of Project 1000 (our on-going effort to bring our membership to 1000 members). Our 2012 -2013 membership now stands at 954 members up from approximately 840 members the previous year. Two thumbs up to our residents and canvassers. Great job!

The turnout for our annual Community Clean-up Day was good. The number of volunteers and their commitment to the task allowed us to clean up large swaths of Rosewood. I extend an invitation to our residents to come out in even greater numbers next year.

In June we presented achievement awards to a graduating student and the Social Justice Club of Alexmuir Jr. Public School.

Over the course of the summer we were also able to identify recipients of our first Rosewood Lawn and Garden Award. The winning gardens can be seen at **18 Dunmail Dr., 132 Valdor Dr., and 59 Newdawn Cres.**

Thanks to those who actively participated in the conversations and actions regarding the proposal to install a cellular tower at the plaza on Montezuma Trail. To date we have not seen any efforts to construct the tower and we remain hopeful that the company has dropped the proposal.

Unfortunately, over the course of the summer, some residents experienced severe basement flooding as a

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### 會長寄語

親愛的朋友和鄰居,

我希望每個人都有一個充滿歡樂的夏天,和準備迎接同樣豐盛的秋季.

在這裡我歡迎所有玫瑰園社區內的新居民和祝賀他們成為 **社區納稅人協會** 會員.

從上一次的 **協會通訊 (2012四月)** 到現在之幾個月間,我們有很多慶祝,考慮,討論的事項. 很多謝各居民的熱心參與和招募義工們的努力, 我們招募新會員的行動非常成功. 使我們的會員數目從上一年度大約 840 個到目前的954. 我們現正為達到 2012-2013年度 1000名會員的目標而繼續努力, 使 **計劃1000**成功. 我們的居民和招募員太棒了! 值得兩個大拇指的讚揚.

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### 常務大會和頒獎典禮

**2012 年 9 月 26 日星期三**

時間 下午 7:00 茶會. 7:30 – 9:30 進行集會

地點 95 Alexmuir 大道, Alexmuir Jr.PS 公立學校

主題 多倫多市與你

演講嘉賓 多倫多市41選區議員 Chin Lee

### General Meeting and Awards Presentation Wednesday, September 26, 2012

7:00 p.m. Refreshments. 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Meeting  
Alexmuir Jr. Public Lunchroom, 95 Alexmuir Blvd  
Guest speaker: City of Toronto Councillor Chin Lee on  
**THE CITY OF TORONTO AND YOU**

## Message from the President

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consequence of the City's ageing sewage pipes. For ideas on how to reduce the risk of basement flooding and more please visit, [www.basementfloodreduction.com](http://www.basementfloodreduction.com) and/or [http://www.toronto.ca/water/sewers/basement\\_flooding.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/water/sewers/basement_flooding.htm).

Finally, thanks to the kind, considerate and community-minded nature of its residents, the community of Rosewood is a great place to live, play and raise a family. In order to continue along this path, I encourage our residents to continue their contemplation of the following question: How do I interact with my immediate neighbours, residents, and the environment in ways that improve our community?

Sincerely,

Courtney Fisher

(416) 292-6270, (647) 385 1256  
[rosewoodpayers@hotmail.com](mailto:rosewoodpayers@hotmail.com)

### Rosewood's Fantastic FALL FOOD DRIVE October 1-30

Throughout October enthusiastic volunteers will be going door to door to collect food items to be delivered to local food banks.

See enclosed flyer for more information.  
To volunteer call 647 385 1256

### Updates, Safety Concern, and Appeal

- ☐ Results from the recent Family Fun Day survey indicate that residents are likely to attend an annual Family Fun Day event.
- ☐ The response to our application to honour Rosewood Taxpayers' Association's founder and first president, Valerie Plunkett, by renaming Alexmuir Park after her has been very favourable. We will continue to gather signatures.
- ☐ School has resumed and motorists are reminded to practice safe driving by obeying the stop signs and speed limits within the community.
- ☐ Clogged sewage drains located on our streets can contribute to flooding. Residents are asked to clear debris from the drains in front of their homes.

## 會長寄語

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我們每年的社區清潔日成效很好。義工們付出的努力使區內大部分地方得到清理。明年中我擴大邀請,使更多居民參加這活動。

今年 6 月我們頒發一項成就獎給予 Alexmuir Jr. 公立學校一位畢業生和校內的“**社會正義學會**”。

在這個夏季, 我們找出第一個“**玫瑰園社區草坪和花園獎**”。獲獎的花園可以在 18 Dunmail Dr、132 Valdor Dr 和 59 Newdawn Cres. 看到。

有關電訊公司建議在 Montezuma Trail 商場安裝無線電通訊塔一事, 很感謝本區居民之積極參與對話, 和行動。到目前仍沒有看到任何施工跡像。我們仍然保持樂觀, 希望電訊公司放棄這項建議。

很不幸的在今年夏天, 因城市污水管老化問題令部分居民經歷嚴重的地下室水浸。如要瞭解更多有關如何降低地下室水浸風險的詳細資料, 可登入下面的網站查閱: [www.basementfloodreduction.com](http://www.basementfloodreduction.com) 或 [HTTP://www.toronto.ca/water/sewers/basement\\_flooding.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/water/sewers/basement_flooding.htm).

最後, 多謝各位居民的善意、體諒、和社區互助精神, 使 **玫瑰園社區** 成為一處生活、遊戲、運動和成立家庭的好地方。為了繼續沿著這條路線, 我鼓勵我們的居民, 繼續思考以下的問題: “**如何與我們的近鄰以互動方式, 改善我們的社區環境?**”

### 玫瑰園社區”秋季食物募捐計劃” 10 月 1-30

在 10 月份, 熱心志願者將會逐家門去收集各類的食物送到本地的食物銀行。

詳細資訊請參閱附屬的傳單。志願者電話號碼  
647 385 1256

### 最新訊息, 安全問題 和 呼籲

- ☐ 最近進行的家庭同樂日調查, 結果表明居民有可能參加一年一度的家庭同樂日活動
- ☐ 對我們申請多倫多市府把區內的 Alexmuir 公園更命名為 Valerie Plunkett 公園以紀念創立玫瑰園社區納稅人協會的第一任會長 Mrs Valerie Plunkett 之建議, 反應十分熱烈; 我們會在未來數月中繼續收集簽名行動
- ☐ 學校已復課, 駕駛人士要注意安全駕駛, 服從各停車標誌 和 區內的車速限制。
- ☐ 排污水渠口如被垃圾堵塞, 會引致街道水浸; 請居民花一些時間來清理家門前的渠口垃圾廢物

## Message from Councillor Chin Lee

Dear Rosewood Neighbour,

Now that summer is almost over (dreads, where did it go so fast?), it's time to start thinking of getting ready for the colder weather ahead. If you have a composter, start to empty it a bit. Spread the compost on your flower beds to give plants a head start for Spring.

During the Fall and Winter you can still compost, but the cooler temperatures mean it will take longer for material to break down, hence the need for more room in your composter. You can buy a composter from the City for only \$15. Call (416) 392-957 or visit [www.toronto.ca/compost/composters\\_sale.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/compost/composters_sale.htm). Delivery is optional for only \$5.

Also, now is the time to beat the rush and get a furnace tune-up. Don't wait until the middle of February to discover a furnace problem you could have prevented.

A reminder also, that when the leaves start falling, take a moment to clear debris from catch basins on the street in front of your home and on your property. Blocked catch basins can cause flooding. The City does go around with vacuum trucks to clear public catch basins, but your assistance in this task is welcomed.

As always if I can be of assistance with any municipal matter, please contact me at 416-392-1375 or [councillor\\_lee@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_lee@toronto.ca).

Sincerely

*Councillor Chin Lee*

Ward 41 – Scarborough-Rouge River

## Message from Rathika Sitsabaiesan, MP

Friends,

I hope that your summer has been as exciting and fun as mine! I have had the pleasure of going door-to-door and meeting with Scarborough-Rouge River residents all summer. It has been a great learning experience and I'm grateful to have had the opportunity to meet so many wonderful members of our community.

When speaking with residents, many raised their concerns about issues like job creation, public transit and community safety. My office has hosted various community discussions about these topics as well. The stories shared by the constituents of Scarborough-Rouge River motivate me to continue working in Ottawa with my colleagues as well as the numerous active community organizations, like the Rosewood Taxpayers Association, to improve our community and our country. This is why we have been pushing for a National Transit Strategy and pushing the federal government to reverse their decision to reduce the number of Canada-US border guards and to invest in

long term funding for violence prevention and youth engagement.

It is great to see our communities get together to support one another. I was thrilled to learn of the Rosewood Taxpayers' Association Fall Food Drive running through October, with the goal of stocking local food banks through donations from the community. This food drive provides a unique neighbourly and personal touch of neighbours going door to door to pick up food donations. Not only is the food drive a wonderful cause to support, but it will be a great chance to meet people in the community.

Having participated in the RTA's Community Clean-Up Day this past spring, I can say that the group of dedicated volunteers and members is a great asset to your neighbourhood. Their desire to help those in need and forge a stronger community is something to be admired. They help form the fabric of our riding and I look forward to continuing to work alongside them and others like them for many years to come.

Sincerely,



MP, Scarborough-Rouge River

## Report from Bas Balkissoon, MPP

During the October 2011 provincial elections my volunteers noticed irregularities in the voting process. As a result, I filed a complaint with the Chief Electoral Officer of Ontario detailing the voting irregularities.

Similar issues were identified following the Federal election in an Etobicoke riding. The situation has been referred to the Supreme Court of Canada and a decision is pending.

Consequently, I introduced my private members' bill to establish and clarify the identification requirements for voters when casting their ballots. If passed, my bill would make the following changes to the Election Act in Ontario:

- ☐ Require that voters present proof of Canadian Citizenship at the polling stations; (this is currently not mandatory).
- ☐ Requires the Chief Electoral Officer of Ontario to appoint an independent party to conduct a review of the permanent register of electors within six months after the Bill passes and subsequently every 5 years.
- ☐ Allow scrutineers to monitor the process by which voters add their names to the voters list on Election Day. (Election Act is not clear on this requirement.)
- ☐ No longer permit "vouching" which currently allows individuals in rural areas to vote so long as they affirm

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their eligibility and have another elector “vouch” that they meet the voting criteria (age, citizenship, and residence in riding). The lack of legitimate identification weakens the election process.

This Bill introduces safeguards that those who vote are qualified to do so. My staff is currently collecting signatures for a Petition to be presented to the Legislature in time for the second reading in November.

If you are interested in signing the petition, contact my office at 416-297-5040. The petition is also available on my website at [www.basbalkissoon.com](http://www.basbalkissoon.com). Please print a copy and add your name, address and signature. It is important that we collect as many signatures as possible so I would encourage family and friends to sign it too. The completed forms can be sent to my office by fax: 416-297-6767 or mail: 4559 Sheppard Ave. E., Unit B, Scarborough, Ontario, M1S 1V3.

Sincerely,



MPP, Scarborough-Rouge River

## Rosewood Taxpayers' Association Executive Members 2012–2013

### 玫瑰園社區納稅人協會 2012 -2013年度執行委員

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## Rosewood Kudos

*Acknowledging volunteer efforts and good citizenship in the community of Rosewood*

玫瑰園社區讚譽 玫瑰園社區對志願者的努力和良好的公民意識致敬意

Community Clean-up Day Clean Team 社區清潔日清潔團隊		Canvassers – Team Project 1000 計劃1000義工團隊	Citizenship, Leadership, Service 公民領袖/服務
Stephanie Sadlo	Mrs. Huang (Aaron's mom)	Betty McNeil	Ahilya Swah
Ricky Sadlo	Chin Lee	Joseph Hizel	Ali Ahzam (Poster design <i>Fall Food Dive</i> )
Barbara Jones	Horace Atkinson	Jennifer Lobo	Ishraq Quayyum (Poster design <i>Fall Food Dive</i> )
Betty McNeil	Sandra Mills	Elsie Sawh	Chelsea Barnes
Jessica Anantharasa	Priraim Anpolagon	Barbara Jones	Malti Gupta
Wallace Pinto	Sabeesan Kurendran	Betty Leung	Kim Evans
Emma Hizel	Polilan Thileepan	Andy Banh	Auryese Papadimos
Connie Pinto	Sathana Sivakumar	Orlando Asturiano	Residents of Montezuma Trail for supporting a neighbour
Joseph Hizel	Bas Balkissoon	Connie Pinto	
Elisa Yang	Rathika Sitsabaiesan	Nora Rosales	
Yaxiu Ding	Yaarlarsi Thambiyaiah	Lynn Ricketts	
Keith Tremethick	Piraween Thiyaalingaa	Mavis Young	
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		Nellie Marbella	
		Sandra Mills	
		Balaji Ramasamy	
		Maureen Massicott	
		Billy Shi	
		Zena Vaz	
		Courtney Fisher	