



ROSEWOOD TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

Our mission: To secure a safe, clean and caring community while working to enhance property values

我們的使命：確保社區安全、清潔、在 關懷社會工作的同時，更加強資產本身價值

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Spring 2013

Message From The President

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

Fall and winter provided examples of why Rosewood is a great community to live in and raise a family. The response to our Fall Food Drive was beyond expectations. Whether it was the work of our volunteers or the contribution of residents to those in need, we demonstrated that we are truly a community that cares.

Our community spirit resurfaced in the winter during the month of February when piles of snow were dumped across our city. During this challenging time neighbours helped neighbours shovel snow and move driveway-blocking snow and ice banks.

Challenges create opportunities for communities to come together. Whether it's hunger across our city or icy snow banks in front of our driveways, the residents of Rosewood pull together and meet these challenges.

The annual canvassing season will be upon us soon. Team Project 1000 (canvassers) will be registering members for the 2013 - 2014 year. Last year we increased our membership to 954 members and the strong support for new initiatives suggests our 2013 - 2014 membership could surpass last year's number.

New initiatives for 2013 include our Cantonese Language Event and additional, but yet to be determined, support to St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic School.

Lawn and Garden Awards will be presented in the fall of 2013. Finally, I am elated to announce that our blog is up and running. Visit us at: rosewood2.wordpress.com.

Sincerely,

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會長寄語

親愛的朋友和鄰居，

玫瑰園社區是一個適宜居住和組織家庭的好社區，在剛過去的秋冬季節提供很好的例子。

秋季食物募捐計劃超出了我們的期望。不論是我們義工團隊的偉大工作，或居民對有需要的人們的捐獻，表現出我們是一個真正在乎關愛的社區。2 月期間大風雪，數十釐米的雪扔在區內。在這期間，我們的社區再一次展現鄰里互助精神，一起鏟雪，移走阻塞車道的積雪和冰堤。挑戰能造成社區團結的精神。

我相信這種社區精神和義工活動將帶進春天，導致更多居民來參加在4月17日，星期三的英語“春季常務大會”，和在4月20日，星期六的玫瑰園社區清潔日，加入充滿活力的清潔團隊。

除了這兩件事外，每年會員招募季節將很快來臨。計劃100團隊會上門來招募2013-2014年度會員。去年我們會員數目達到954。各種新措施和義工團隊的大力支援，表明今年會有更多居民參加。

2013年春夏的一些新措施包括我們第一次的“投資和構築個人財富”粵語講座，和尚在考慮中的支援”St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic School”。

今年我們將完成呈請把區內的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。此外，草坪和花園獎項將在2013年秋季提交。繼這一切，我很高興地宣佈我們的“博客”rosewood2.wordpress.com經已運作，誠邀所有居民加入。

最後，我鼓勵居民出來參加在4月16日，星期二的“投資和構築個人財富”粵語講座，和4月17日

謝謝

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Rosewood Community Clean-Up Day

Saturday, April 20, 2013

Starts 9:45 a.m. promptly, for one hour.

Meet in the parking lot of Alexmuir Jr. Public.

Join Rosewood's growing number of volunteers.

Come out and make a difference!

Updates

- Requests for three stop signs have been submitted to the City. If approved, the signs will be placed at the intersection of Newdawn Cr. and Bushmills Sq., and at both intersections where Myrna Lane meets Danjohn Cr. Reminder, this is a community with young families, elderly residents, two elementary schools and a very busy park. Safety matters.
- A request has been made to Toronto Hydro to apply its Wrap It Program to the major hydroelectric transformers along Alexmuir Blvd. The Wrap It Program is an urban beautification initiative that wraps transformers with a leafy green mural.
- A request has been submitted to TTC via the City to install two benches at the bus stop at the northwest corner of Brimley Rd. and Finch Ave.
- Two thumbs up to all the responsible pet owners for minding the City's by-laws regarding cleaning up after your pets, leashing, noise violations etc. Thanks.
- Interesting article, Autumn's song shouldn't include the leaf blower – The Globe and mail, www.theglobeandmail.com, Nov. 16, 2012
- Visit our blog at: rosewood2.wordpress.com



Rosewood Taxpayers' Association recognizes some of the community's longest serving volunteers. From left to right: Joseph Hizel, Horace Atkinson, Charles Young, John Skears, Michele Gillette, Lotte Kozlowski and Betty McNeil.

粵語講座 (免費)

2013 年 4 月 16 日,星期二

演講嘉賓 : Ping Mah 和 Audrey Chiang, 永明金融

主題 : 投資和構築個人財富

時間: 下午7:00茶點。7:30-9:30

下午開始介紹, 提供意見, 答覆疑問等

地點 : 95 Alexmuir 大道,Alexmuir Jr.公共學校,午餐房,

玫瑰園社區清潔日

時間2013 年 4 月 20 日星期六

集合地點 Alexmuir Jr.公共停車場。

準時上午9:45啟動出發,行動一小時。

加入玫瑰園社區越來越多的義工行列。

最新消息

- 三個”停車標誌”的請求已提交到市政府。如果獲得批准, 標誌將安裝在 Newdawn Cres. 通往Bushmills Sq.和Myrna Lane通往Danjohn Cres. 的路口。提醒我們。安全是最重要的。
- 已向Toronto Hydro請求,按美化城市環境的倡議,在 Alexmuir Blvd大道沿線,用綠色壁畫美化各變壓器電箱。
- 已通過市政府向TTC提交請求,在Brimley Rd. and Finch Ave.西北角的公共汽車站安裝兩個凳子
- 謝謝所有負責任的寵物主人,遵守市府有關清理寵物糞便,配備狗帶、防止違例噪音等條例。
- 有趣的文章 “Autumn's song shouldn't include the leaf blower”, www.theglobeandmail.com, 2012 年 11 月 16 日
- 歡迎加入我們的”博客 : rosewood2.wordpress.com

Rosewood Taxpayers' Association Executive Members 2012–2013

President: Courtney Fisher 416 292-6270; 647 385-1256

Membership Coordinator: Betty McNeil

Assistant Membership Coordinator: Barbara Jones

Chinese Liaison: Betty Leung

Vice President Operations: John Skears

Treasurer: Lotte Kozlowski

Assistant Treasurer: Joseph Hizel

Public Relations Director: Michele Gillette

Entertainment Coordinator: Horace Atkinson

Secretary: Sandra Mills-Fisher

Volunteers Needed

Anyone can complain but volunteers make the change.

Join the growing number of Rosewood's volunteers.

Volunteers are required in the following areas:

- Newsletter and flyer distribution (adults and student volunteers*)
- Team Project 1000 Canvassing for membership (adults only)
- Fall Food Drive (adult and student volunteers**)
- Clean Team, Community Clean Up (adult and student volunteers**)
- Family Fun Day (Work in progress. Planning Committee, adult and student volunteers -- leadership opportunities**)
- Lawn and Garden Award (Lawn and Garden Committee - adults only)

* Student volunteer hours may be available

** Student volunteer hours definitely available

義工”我們需要你

任何人都可以抱怨，但義工們可以使其改變。

“請加入玫瑰園社區義工團隊。

- 以下領域,我們需要義工參與 :
- 通訊和傳單分發 (成人和學生*)
- 計劃1000”會員招募團隊成員 (僅限成人)
- 秋季“食物募捐計劃”(成人和學生**)
- 社區清潔隊 (成人和學生**)
- 進展中的“家庭同樂日”策劃委員會。 (成人和學生**)
- “草坪和花園獎”委員會 (僅限成人)

* 可能用作“學生義工計劃”的時間

** 肯定可用作“學生義工計劃”的時間

General Meeting, Wednesday, April 17

Speaker: Toronto Ombudsman, Ms. Fiona Crean

Topic: The Office Of The Ombudsman And You

Time: 7 p.m. Refreshments, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Meeting

Where: Alexmuir Jr. Public School Lunchroom

Message from Councillor Chin Lee

Dear Rosewood Neighbour,

It looks like Winter is finally behind us, which means the City will be out in full force repairing potholes and cleaning public spaces.

In most years, the City repairs about 200,000 potholes at an annual cost of \$4 million. The many freezes and thaws we've had this past Winter have really played havoc with our streets, so crews are out now filling in the pot holes with gravel and asphalt. While crews regularly inspect all roads, if you know of a particular problem area you can report it by calling 3-1-1. When reporting a pothole, please make sure you have the following information

- the precise location of the pothole (nearest cross streets or street address if possible)
- the exact location within the roadway where the pothole is located (i.e., inner westbound curb lane)
- Estimate the size of the pothole.

At this time of year, my office also gets lots of calls about litter. Over the winter months, the City suspends most litter collection. Come the Spring and the thawing of the snow, the City has to clean up months of debris left behind by inconsiderate litterbugs. Crews are out now in Ward 41 manually cleaning litter. As the weather improves and the ground firms up, we'll be doing mechanical litter collection with machines known as Madvacs. The goal is to have the first round of litter collection in the Scarborough Community completed by the end of April.

As for the snow-clearing issues that many of our residents had with the city contractors in the last 2 snowstorms, I am following up with our Director of Snow Operations for improvements going forward. There are 2 more years left on these contracts.

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

Sincerely

Councillor Chin Lee

Ward 41 – Scarborough-Rouge River

Queen's Park Report, Bas Balkissoon, MPP

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

I hope that you are well and looking forward to warmer weather soon. I would like to update you on health care.

As you may know, our health care costs have been rising steadily, currently representing approximately 42% of the budget. This presents a challenge to managing growth in health care spending without jeopardizing other priority investments such as Education. Our government is committed to ensuring every health care dollar is used to provide high quality care and value while protecting the progress achieved the past 9 years.

Our aging population and budget challenges will require changes to how we deliver health care. We must find

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innovative ways to transform our health care system from what it is today. As such, the Ontario government has developed an Action Plan for Health Care to build a quality system that is more responsive to patients and delivers better value for taxpayers.

The action plan has three priorities:

- Keeping Ontario Healthy
- Faster Access to Stronger Family Health Care
- Right Care, Right Time, Right Place

I understand that with any major change comes uncertainty and my office is available to assist you. If you need clarification regarding a health care policy such as OHIP coverage, please call my office at 416-297-5040. We will investigate and provide you with a prompt, accurate response.

However, if you require assistance with a recent experience, there is a process established that I recommend you follow first. Hospitals have implemented a Patient Relations process. This process is available to assist in situations where a patient is not satisfied with the service/care they have received. I urge you to contact them first so that they

- become aware of the issue/situation
- can intervene to resolve the problem
- change processes so that future patients are not impacted with the same problem, if it is appropriate

However, if you have gone that route and are still not satisfied, my office will help you resolve your concern.

The government has also announced Ontario's Action Plan for seniors which is focused on active aging, improved safety and security and better access to quality health care in the community.

Both Action Plans can be viewed at the following links:

Action Plan for Health Care –

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/ms/ecfa/healthy_change/

Ontario's Action Plan for Seniors –

<http://www.ontario.ca/health-and-wellness/ontarios-action-plan-seniors>

A reminder of upcoming community events!

Spring and Fall Community Services & Health Fairs	Annual Summer Community BBQ
Sat, May 25 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Woodside Square 1571 Sandhurst Circle	Sat, October 5 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Malvern Town Centre 31 Tapscott Road

For more information, call my office at 416-297-5040.

Sincerely,



MPP, Scarborough-Rouge River

Message from Rathika Sitsabaiesan, MP

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

It has been a busy and exciting winter in Scarborough-Rouge River, but I for one am looking forward to the spring and the warmer weather.

While out in the neighbourhoods and at the many local community events in the past few months I have enjoyed many informative and lively discussions with constituents about their concerns for our community. Common concerns are job creation, the upcoming budget, transit needs for Scarborough and community building.

I continue to be impressed by the efforts of the Rosewood Community, and in particular appreciate working with you in regards to the telecommunication towers in residential areas. It was the Rosewood Taxpayers' Association that first brought this issue to my attention and I was happy to speak to it and support Bill C-429 in the House of Commons. The lack of regulation when it comes to this issue is troubling. Bill C-429 made important and necessary changes to the process for constructing and installing antenna systems and provided a balance between the development of telecommunications antennas and community needs and interests. Unfortunately this bill was defeated because of lack of sufficient support from the government benches. Nevertheless, we will continue to raise the issue.

Companies building these towers need to improve their public consultation processes regardless of the height of the towers to allow residents to voice their concerns about both the health effects and the aesthetics.

Improving public transit and reducing the gridlock is a common concern in Scarborough. We have all experienced the two hour commute or waiting in a traffic jam our transit systems need funding from all levels of government. As the only G8 country without a national policy framework for transit we are losing out on an opportunity to improve funding for transit and reap the great economic, social and environmental rewards that come with improved infrastructure while improving the air quality for everyone. We need long term collaboration between all levels of government and stable funding to improve our transit needs.

With the weather warming up and spring nearly upon us, I look forward to seeing you all out and about in the community.



MP, Scarborough-Rouge River