



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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Fall 2013

Message From The President

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

Spring and summer provided a lot to celebrate. Our spring cleanup went well. In addition to adult residents, a number of students joined us this year. Our membership drive for 2013-2014 went well. Thanks to our new canvassers for joining Team Project 1000 and to our long-standing canvassers for making a valiant push toward securing a thousand members.

Thanks to the residents who called the association to discuss ways to make the community a better place to live. Your participation contributes to making Rosewood a safe and pleasant community. Rosewood Lawn and Garden Award recipients for 2013 are: 6 Valdor Dr., 64 Dunmail Dr., and 116 Bushmills Sq. Congratulations to 2013 Trillium Award winners at 18 Dunmail Dr.

RTA is a member-partner of Friends of Alexmuir Park. The group seeks to bring community events to the park. RTA. needs a representative to sit on the board of Friends of Alexmuir Park.

Scarborough Rosewood Food Drive, RTA's door-to-door food drive (see insert), begins in October and we are excited to take on new volunteers for the 2013 Drive.

At our fall general meeting on September 25, MPP Bas Balkissoon will speak to the topic: Health Care in Scarborough. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about health care services in Scarborough.

Residents who have not yet secured their 2013-2014 RTA membership are invited to call the association. Memberships can also be purchased for \$5 at our general meeting on September 25 at 7:00 p.m. at Alexmuir JPS.

Sincerely,

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會長寄語

親愛的朋友和鄰居：

今年春季和夏季玫瑰園社區開展了很多活動，也有很多計劃。我們的“春季清潔日”活動進行得很順利，Alexmuir 小學的很多學生及社區的成人居民參與了這個活動。我們 2013-14 年度的征集會員工作也有很大收穫，衷心感謝我們的新推廣員 (Tammy, Alice, Kevin 和 Saifoo)，他們熱心加入到計劃 1000 團隊 (Team Project 1000) 中；也感謝老推廣員們不懈的努力，確保了我們的會員達至千人。我還要感謝那些致電給協會居民，他們與我一同討論社區事務，為建設更好的玫瑰園社區出謀劃策。

2013 年玫瑰園藝大獎授予 6 Valdor Dr., 64 Dunmail Dr. 和 116 Bushmills Sq.; 2013 年延齡草獎授予 18 Dunmail Dr., 祝賀他們。

玫瑰園納稅人協會是“Alexmuir 公園之友”的合作會員機構，這個社團致力於在社區中舉辦各種活動，並且廣泛接納各種意見和建議，以令社區居民能夠更好地享受這個公園，生活獲得更多樂趣。居民們可與協會聯繫，查詢協會詳情。

今年的士嘉堡玫瑰園食物募捐將於 10 月開始，這個挨家挨戶募捐活動會有更多的義工加入。

9 月 25 日將舉行玫瑰園社區秋季會員大會，省議員包堅信 (Bas Balkissoon) 先生將作題為士嘉堡醫療保健的講話。在此我向社區的居民們發出邀請，參加這個會議我們便有一個很好的機會了解士嘉堡的醫療保健服務，並提出我們所關心的問題。

尚未成為協會會員的居民可與我聯絡，也可在 9 月 25 日的大會上繳納 5 元會費註冊成為會員。秋季會員大會將於 9 月 25 日晚 7 時在 Alexmuir 小學舉行。詳情查詢可流覽網站 www.rosewood2.wordpress.com 上的協會博客。

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Volunteers needed

- Rosewood Taxpayers' Association (RTA) is a coalition member of Friends of Alexmuir Park. RTA needs a responsible and reliable adult to represent the community on the board of Friends of Alexmuir Park. Contact the association.
- Scarborough Rosewood Food Drive (formerly Rosewood Fall Food Drive) needs adult and student volunteers for the upcoming door-to-door food drive in October; student volunteer hours are provided. Please contact the association.

Gentle Reminders

- Cyclists are reminded to be considerate of pedestrians. As cyclists are mindful of their own safety and their own rights when it comes to cars, so too should cyclists be mindful of the safety and rights of pedestrians. Adult cyclists are supposed to ride on the street, not the sidewalks.
- Stop signs are meant to slow traffic and avoid accidents. Rosewood is a community of seniors, other adults, children, pets and a variety of adorable wildlife. Residents walk the neighbourhood for exercise and recreation, and to do their daily business. Young students attend two schools in the neighbourhood. Motorists who drive through stop signs endanger others and themselves.
- In the interest of keeping Rosewood clean, residents are asked to pick up and dispose of any garbage that is situated in front of their homes. Residents are also asked to help prevent flooding by keeping street drains in front of their homes free of debris.
- Residents are reminded to hide garbage, recycling and compost bins from public view by placing them in their garage or out of sight at the side or rear of the house.
- Regardless of its intent, making graffiti is illegal. Scrawling or painting "inspirational messages" on surfaces in the neighbourhood is an act of vandalism. There are several legal and more beneficial ways to be inspirational. Contact the RTA and volunteer for the *Scarborough Rosewood Food Drive*.

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征召義工

- 玫瑰園納稅人協會是“Alexmuir公園之友”的合作會員，協會需要有責任感值得信任的成年人，作為協會的代表加入Alexmuir公園之友董事會。
- 士嘉堡食物募捐（原玫瑰園秋季食物募捐）活動需要成年和學生義工，於10月份開始挨家挨戶進行募捐。協會為學生義工提供義工小時證明。有興趣人士敬請聯絡玫瑰園納稅人協會

溫馨提醒

- 騎車人士請留意道上行人。騎車人士在小心車輛，保護自身安全和權益的同時，也。
- 請照顧行人的安全和權益。請在機動車道上騎車，不要佔用人行道。
- 道路停牌旨在指示車輛減速停車，避免交通事故的發生。玫瑰園社區是男女老少、寵物和野生動物的家園，居民們在社區中工作、運動、休閒，社區中還有兩個學校。請司機們切勿見停牌不停，駕車衝路口。如此行為將危及他人的生命安全。
- 為了保持玫瑰園社區的整潔，請居民們揀拾清理自家門前的紙屑垃圾，同時清理門前街道下水道口的沙石，保持下水口通暢以避免積水。
- 請居民們不要將自家的各式垃圾桶或積肥桶放在臨街處，以免有礙觀瞻。
- 請不要隨處塗鴉，不論內容為何，這都是違法行為。將所謂的激勵性詞句寫在社區顯眼處也屬於一種破壞行為，可以用其它有益的激勵方式取而代之。
- 請聯絡玫瑰園納稅人協會，為士嘉堡食物募捐做義工。

Remembering Jane

It is with great sadness that we bring notification of the passing of Jane Morrison earlier this year. Jane was a stalwart resident and exemplary role model in the community of Rosewood. She was instrumental in facilitating the maturation and effectiveness of *Rosewood Taxpayers' Association* and, by so doing, made the community a better place to live and play. Jane's legacy to the community is recognized in the *Jane Morrison Award for Leadership* that is presented annually to a graduating student at Alexmuir Jr. Public School. Jane will be greatly missed.

General Meeting

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Speaker: Mr. Bas Balkissoon, MPP

Topic: Healthcare services in Scarborough and beyond

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

Where: Alexmuir Jr. Public School Lunchroom



Rosewood Taxpayers' Association Executive Members 2013–2014

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

Membership Coordinator: Betty McNeil

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↗ Speaker at the Cantonese Language Event

↘ Friends of Alexmuir Park



Scarborough Rosewood Food Drive –join another winning team this fall!



Message from Councillor Chin Lee

Dear Rosewood Neighbour:

Lately, we have received numerous complaints about some residents in the neighbourhood not maintaining their properties appropriately or discarding their garbage improperly. If you are caught dumping illegally there will be a heavy fine.

Your **HOUSEHOLD COLLECTION CALENDAR** contains invaluable information pertaining to **ALL** residents. Please take some time to read and understand the services provided by the city.

Renovation waste has to be taken to the Drop-off Depot. See page 15 of the **CALENDAR**. Garbage items should only be brought out the evening before the collection day, not sooner. Having waste at the curb longer makes your neighbourhood look unappealing.

When you purchase a property, there is an unwritten social contract you have with others in that community, so that everyone can enjoy their own and public

properties fairly and equally. That social contract is codified in property standard bylaws. As a property owner you are obligated to conform to the minimum standards. These bylaws will also change over time, as society changes.

Please maintain your property to these minimum standards at the very least. Your neighbours will appreciate it, and it will maintain or increase the value of properties in your neighbourhood.

Lastly, the Rosewood Taxpayers' Association cares about your community, and you can help by joining.

Sincerely,

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Queen's Park Report, Bas Balkissoon, MPP

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

In early 2013 The Scarborough Hospital Board (Birchmount Campus and General Campus) engaged a consulting firm to develop a strategic plan to address its budget shortfall. A series of proposals were presented to the community and adopted by the Board, mainly surrounding the amalgamation/realignment of services to one of the two hospitals.

I felt that the community was not well engaged and/or consulted in this process. I requested the Minister of Health to delay any changes to service from taking effect until proper community consultations could take place and residents had a clear understanding of the impact of the pending changes.

The Minister of Health and Central East LHIN agreed and put a hold on the proposals. A panel of health professionals was requested to review services and these proposals with the aim of amalgamation/realignment of health service delivery within all Scarborough Hospitals (Centenary, General and Birchmount).

Consultations in the community will begin this fall. I urge you to get involved and express your concerns **BEFORE** decisions are made.

If you need additional information, please call my constituency office at 416-297-5040.

Sincerely,



MPP, Scarborough-Rouge River

Message from Rathika Sitsabaiesan, MP

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

I hope you are all enjoying this beautiful fall weather. As household debt reaches record levels, many of you have written and spoken with me in agreement with our plan make life more affordable by capping unfair bank charges and tackling "pay-to-pay" rip offs.

The Prime Minister has prorogued Parliament this fall. Instead of returning to Ottawa in September, I will continue to be on your doorstep and in our community speaking with you about your concerns and priorities, including an accountable and transparent government.

We are also hosting a series on healthcare so please keep an eye out for this exciting event. Additionally, following the public consultation, the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission of Ontario put forward a new plan for Scarborough. The process is still ongoing and the final riding map for our community should be available soon.

I want to extend my sincere appreciation to the Rosewood Community and the Rosewood Taxpayers' Association for your dedication to our communities. I hope that we can continue to work together to build a great neighbourhood for all.

For more information, please visit my website www.rathika.ca.

Sincerely,



MP, Scarborough-Rouge River