



# 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 2014

### Message From The President

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

Spring and summer afforded some great experiences; fall and winter promise to do the same. Our anniversary celebration in April attracted over 50 attendees. Our annual Community Clean-up witnessed a turnout of over 80 participants. Movie in the Park, June 20, drew over 200 viewers. Graduation awards were presented to deserving students from both the public and Catholic schools. A leadership award was presented to a player with Rosewood Soccer, and Lawn and Garden Award recipients were selected (see Announcements). Project 1000 canvassers did an amazing job registering 1001 members.

On Saturday, September 20, Calvary Logos Baptist Church and RTA host a FREE BBQ and Community Clean-up (see text). On September 24, in addition to our general meeting, RTA co-hosts The Grand Ward 41 Candidates' Debate (see text). The draw for the winner of the \$50 membership prize will also take place at the general meeting.

In October, Scarborough Rosewood Food Drive begins collecting residents' contributions to our annual food drive; volunteer opportunities for students and adults are available. On February 14, 2015, RTA hosts Lunar New Year Event; this promises to be a fabulous event.

Finally, RTA welcomes Alura Moores to its executive board. Michele Gillette will represent Rosewood on the Community Police Liaison Committee. Unfortunately, we say goodbye to outgoing newsletter editor Charles Young. Long-serving volunteer, Nora Rosales, has agreed to take on the responsibilities as editor of RTA's newsletters.

Sincerely,  
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### 會長致辭

親愛的朋友們，鄰居們：

剛剛過去的春季和夏季給我們留下了非常美好的經歷，在即將到來的秋季和冬季我們會繼續努力爭取更大收穫。

今年4月份舉行的協會成立25周年慶祝派對有50多位居民參加，一年一次的社區清潔日則有超過80多人參加，協會6月20日舉辦的公園露天電影活動更是吸引了200多名觀眾；協會還向公立和天主教兩所小學的學生頒發了畢業生獎，向玫瑰園足球隊的一名隊員頒發了領袖獎，並評選出了玫瑰園園藝獎的優勝者；在協會推廣員的共同努力之下，我們協會會員已經達到1001名。

協會將在9月20日（周六）和Calvary Logos教堂一起主辦清掃社區及免費燒烤活動。市選即將到來，協會邀請到41選區的市議員參選人，在9月24日的居民大會上展開辯論，居民大會上還將進行價值50元的協會會員幸運抽獎。

10月份將舉行一年一度的士嘉堡玫瑰園食物捐獻活動，義工們將拜訪社區居民募集食品。如有學生或成人有意擔任志願者，可與協會聯絡。明年2月14日協會還將主辦農歷新年派對，居民們有機會歡度一個熱鬧的農歷新年。

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### General Meeting & The Grand Ward 41 Candidates' Debate

**When:** Wednesday, September 24, 2014 **Time:** 7:00-9:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Alexmuir Jr. Public School Lunchroom  
--Meet and Greet: 7:00-7:30 p.m.-- General Meeting: 7:30-8:10 p.m.--  
--The Grand Ward 41 Candidates' Debate: 8:15-9:30 p.m.--  
Come and share your opinions, concerns and ideas with the candidates.  
Come and hear the candidates' ideas for Ward 41 and the city of Toronto. Get involved BEFORE decisions are made.

## Initiatives, Announcements, Reminders and Updates

- NEW! Like us on *Facebook*.
- NEW! On Saturday, February 14, Rosewood Taxpayers' Association will host Rosewood's Lunar New Year Celebration at Alexmuir Jr Public School.
- NEW! Promote your business by advertising with *Rosewood Taxpayers' Association*; contact the Association for details.

- *Lawn and Garden Award* recipients for 2014 are 2 Kennaley Cres., 49 Danjohn Cres. and 45 Carolbreen Sq.

- Opossums have been seen in our neighbourhood. Opossums are marsupials. Generally, they are not known to be dangerous to people, dogs or cats. They are known to eat mice and road kill. Upon sighting, they look like large rats but are often celebrated as cute and adorable; there have been no reports of rabid opossums in southern Ontario. Residents are strongly encouraged to afford them the same right-to-life privileges we afford Rosewood's rabbits, squirrels, raccoons and our own pets. (References: *Toronto Wildlife Centre*; [humane.org](http://humane.org); [mnr.rabiesreporter](http://mnr.rabiesreporter); [animals.nationalgeographic.com](http://animals.nationalgeographic.com)).

- The city recently planted 56 trees in Alexmuir Park. If you are interested in knowing the 25 species that make up the 56 trees and their locations in the park, please contact the Association.

- Broken streetlights along Alexmuir Blvd., Carolbreen Sq., Newdawn Cres. and Dunmail Dr. were reported and repaired.

- "Do Not Block Intersection" signage in the vicinity of Cleadon Rd. and McNicoll Blvd. has been approved.

- Fall brings leaves and winter brings snow; as best as is possible, residents are asked to keep the drains on our streets free of debris and snow. This helps avoid flooding of streets and possibly homes.

- Each home is provided with bins for recycling, garbage and organics. If larger bins are required, please contact the city at 311. Unless you have an agreement, please avoid placing garbage in your neighbours' bins.

- *The Parks Forestry and Recreational Division* of the City of Toronto did not bring its support to the proposal to rename Alexmuir Park.

- The request to have a stop sign installed at the P-loop at Haven Hill Sq. has been approved.

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最後，讓我們一起歡迎 Alura Moores 成為協會執行委員會的一員，歡迎 Michele Gillette 代表玫瑰園社區加入社區警政聯絡委員會，同時我們也滿懷遺憾地和協會通訊編輯 Charles Young 說再見，他將辭去協會通訊的編輯工作，他的工作由長期為協會做義工的 Nora Rosales 接替。

衷心感謝大家

玫瑰園社區納稅人協會會長

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## 玫瑰園社區信息總匯

\*\*最新信息：我們有了 Facebook，請和我們一起分享。

\*\*最新信息：2015 年 2 月 14 日（周六）在 Alexmuir 小學（Alexmuir Jr Public School），玫瑰園社區納稅人協會將主辦“玫瑰園農歷新年派對”。

\*\*最新信息：有意通過玫瑰園社區納稅人協會做廣告推廣自己生意的人士，可與協會聯系協商具體事宜。

\*\*2014 年玫瑰園社區園藝獎將授予：Kennaley Cres.2 號、Danjohn Cres.49 號和 Carolbreen Sq. 45 號。

\*\*最近在我們社區發現了負鼠（opossums），它是一種有袋類動物，一般來說對人類、貓、狗沒有危害。據知它吃老鼠和路上被車碾斃的小動物。它的外貌看上去像大老鼠，但很可愛，在南安省尚無負鼠為害的報告。我們建議居民不要傷害負鼠，玫瑰園社區是兔子、松鼠、浣熊和各種寵物的家，請同樣給予負鼠生存的空間。（相關信息查詢可聯絡多倫多野生生物中心 *Toronto Wildlife Centre*，也可瀏覽 [www.humane.org](http://www.humane.org)、[www.mnr.rabiesreporter](http://www.mnr.rabiesreporter)、[www.animals.nationalgeographic.com](http://www.animals.nationalgeographic.com) 等網站）。

\*\*Alexmuir Blvd.、Carolbreen Sq.、Newdawn Cres. 和 Dunmail Dr. 上的路燈有損壞，情況報告給有關部門後，受損路燈已經被更換。

\*\*在 Cleadon Rd. 夾 McNicoll Blvd. 附近豎立“不要堵塞路口”標誌牌的申請已經得到批準。

\*\*秋風起黃葉飛，冬天到雪成堆，麻煩居民們保持自家屋前下水道口的暢通，以免造成宅院或街道積水。

\*\*居民每家每戶都配備了三種垃圾桶，如果需要更大號的，請撥打 311 電話與市政府聯系。除非彼此已經溝通好，請不要將自家的垃圾放到別家的垃圾桶裏。

\*\*多倫多公園及康樂署目前尚未同意將 Alexmuir 公園改名。

\*\*在 Haven Hill Sq. P 形圈拐角處豎立停牌的申請已經得到批準。

## **FREE BBQ and Community Clean-up\***

**When:** Saturday, September 20, 2014

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. (clean-up then BBQ)

**Where:** Meet at *Calvary Logos Baptist Church*  
(main door),

\* In partnership with *Calvary Logos Baptist Church*

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

This past summer, my team and I spent a lot of time meeting residents in the community, hearing their concerns on transit, jobs, childcare and seniors' issues.

Every 10 years, the number of electoral districts and their boundaries are revised to reflect changes in population. Last year, the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission of Ontario proposed a new plan for Scarborough.

During the public consultation process, a large number of local residents, activists, and service providers voiced their deep concerns about the proposed changes in Scarborough and I worked with many to ensure that a plan that allowed for a Scarborough with 6 electoral districts where most of our neighbourhoods and communities of interest were kept intact.

I am looking forward to having more of a discussion with you about this to share the outcome and clarifications.

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

Sincerely,



Graduating St. Marguerite Bourgeoys student, Orson Poon (right), accepts the Rosewood Taxpayers' Association Award for Leadership from Rosewood Taxpayers' Association's secretary, Sandra Mills-Fisher.

## **免費燒烤及清掃社區活動**

**時間：**9月20日（周六）上午9時45分至下午1時，先清掃社區再燒烤

**地點：**241 Alexmuir Blvd, 於 Calvary Logos Baptist Church (教堂) 門前集合

**\*\***此次活動由玫瑰園社區納稅人協會與 Calvary Logos Baptist Church 聯合舉辦

## **Queen's Park Report**

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

I hope that everyone is enjoying the summer so far. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Rosewood community for having the confidence in me once again.

One of the items introduced in the 2014 Ontario Budget was the Ontario Retirement Pension Plan (ORPP).

I would like to provide background information which led to its introduction:

- The Canada Pension Plan (CPP) provides a secure predictable monthly pension, indexed to inflation and paid for life, paying the average retiree \$6,800 a year. The maximum payout is \$12,500 a year.
- The basic structure has not changed since 1966 and despite numerous attempts to work with the Federal government to enhance CPP, nothing has happened.
- People are not saving enough for retirement. There is approximately \$280 billion of unused RRSP available in Ontario.
- Approximately 66% of workers do not have a workplace pension plan.
- The CPP is not enough to live on comfortably, especially since people are now living longer and saving less.
- Implementation is expected in 2017 to coincide with the expected reductions in Employment Insurance Premiums for employers and employees.

It would require equal contributions shared between employers and employees, not exceeding 1.9% each on earnings up to an annual maximum of \$90,000 salary.

All details have not been worked out yet, but this is the basic structure of the plan.

I will update you on the progress of the project as information becomes available.

Sincerely,

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Rosewood resident and talented grade 4 student Shakeel Jivraj plays *Oh Canada* at the Association's general meeting in April of 2014.



Some of the more than 200 Rosewood residents who came out for the June 20, *Movie in The Park*; it was a fantastic experience; *Movie in The Park* was presented by CUPE Local 416, Councillor Chin Lee, Rosewood Taxpayers' Association and St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic School.

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