



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 2015

Message From The President

Dear Friends and Neighbours:

In September 2014, with a municipal election approaching, Rosewood's residents were treated to an All-Candidates' Debate for Ward 41¹. In October, volunteers with *Scarborough Rosewood Food Drive*² performed their duties with enthusiasm while Rosewood's residents were generous with their donations. With 3553 food items and 12 lbs. of candy delivered to Dorset Hub, the 2014 Drive exceeded the totals for 2012 and 2013 respectively. On February 14, 2015, thanks to planners SissiQian He, Connie Cai Li and Shirley Yip, approximately 259 residents attended our Lunar New Year celebration. Also in February, Ben Zhao joined RTA's executive board.

Summer is approaching and it brings responsibilities and fun activities. In May, *Project 1000* canvassers begin our annual membership drive; in 2014 the Association's membership ballooned to 1001. This year, in addition to the 6% discount on Rona's products, membership privileges will include a lucky draw for \$50 and year-round 6% discounts at Reginos Pizza. Our annual *Community Clean-up*³ that attracted more than 80 participants last year is scheduled for April 18. *Movie In the Park* is scheduled for June 19. In July, *Lawn and Garden* judges will be evaluating lawns and gardens and Enbridge's Line 9B is scheduled to begin operation in June 2015⁴. Finally, in response to recent security concerns, **Officer Gary Gomez** will be speaking at our general meeting⁴; **MP RathikaSitsabai** will be the event's keynote speaker.

Sincerely,

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³⁻⁴ See text box

親愛的朋友和鄰居們：

在去年9月，也就是市鎮選舉之前，玫瑰園社區納稅人協會舉辦了一個41選舉候選人辯論會，10月份又組織了士嘉堡玫瑰園食物捐贈活動，社區居民們踴躍參與，義工們盡心盡力，令我們成功募捐到3553件食品及12磅糖果，全部捐贈到Dorset庇護所（Dorset Hub），去年的募捐成果超過2012年和2013年。今年的2月14日，得益於SissiQian He、Connie Cai Li和Shirley Yip的籌備，我們又主辦了中國農曆羊年新年派對，有259位居民參加，共享新年快樂。另外，今年2月份，Ben Zhao加入了納稅人協會理事會。

夏季一步步向我們走來，我們有要做的事，也有很多娛樂活動。5月份將會有我們的宣傳員走訪居民，為我們協會吸收新成員，到2014年底，協會發展壯大，已經有了1001名會員。今年會員們在RONA Midland家居及花園店、Reginos Pizza店購物繼續享受全年6%的優惠，繼續自動參加協會會員幸運抽獎，有機會贏取50元的獎金。協會去年的社區清潔日活動吸引了80多人參加，今年清潔日定在4月18日。6月19日是我們的公園露天電影日。7月份，協會還會評選出今年的玫瑰園園藝獎。最後，我想提醒大家，針對居民近期對社區治安問題的關注，多倫多警隊42分局警員Gary Gomez將出席即將召開的協會會員大會，國會議員RathikaSitsabai也將在會員大會上發言。

謝謝大家

玫瑰園社區納稅人協會會長
Courtney Fisher

General Meeting--A Smashing Double Header

When: Wednesday, April 15, 2015
Where: Alexmuir Jr. Public School
Speakers: Officer Gary Gomez and MP RathikaSitsabai
Topics: "Crime Prevention" and "Ottawa and You"
Time: 7 p.m. refreshments, 7:30-9:30 p.m. meeting



New and Exciting—Reginos 6% discount with RTA membership!

Rosewood Taxpayers' Association's president, Courtney Fisher (right) and Sinnarajah Sasikaran (left) of Reginos Pizza on Montezuma Trail celebrate a joint agreement between RTA and Reginos that provides all RTA members with a 6% discount on purchases from Reginos for the entire duration of the annual membership (some conditions may apply). This is in addition to the 6% discount at Rona Home and Garden; membership in RTA just keeps getting better!

Lucky Draw

Rosewood Taxpayers' Association's president, Courtney Fisher (right), hands over a cheque for \$50 to the 2014 winner of RTA's membership draw. This year, 2015, all members' names/addresses will again be entered into a draw and the winner will receive \$50. The draw will take place at the general meeting in September 2015.



"Lion dance at Lunar New Year"

A section of the 250 plus attendees at Rosewood's Lunar New Year celebration (February 14) enjoy one of the event's great performances—the lion dance. Attendees also enjoyed performances by *The Ladies of Dance and Culture*. There were door prizes, red envelopes and loads of great fun.

All-Candidates' Debate for Ward 41

In advance of the 2014 municipal election, *Rosewood Taxpayers' Association* hosts an All-Candidates' Debate for Ward 41. Candidates from left to right: Chin Lee, John Kladitis and Cynthia Lai. Chin Lee won the election and is the current Councillor for Ward 41.

For more information visit: rosewood2.wordpress.com



Scarborough Rosewood Food Drive 2014*

Scarborough Rosewood Food Drive 2014 (SRFD) thanks all participants who made donations to the 2014 food drive. SRFD 2014 also thanks the following outstanding volunteers: Rita Assaad, Orlanson Astoriano, Nick Barillaro, Veronica Bu, Jocelyn Cao, Domenic Capotorto, Tina Chen, Leanne Cheng, Renka Cheng, Imaad Farooqui, Safwath Farooqui, Zabi Fazli, Sean Fisher, Wen Hao, Lisa Harriot, Nicole Harriot, Danny Huang, Ashifa Jivraj, Skakeel Jivraj, Barb Jones, Saifoo Lau, Katie Li, Jie Lin, Xu Lin, Betty McNeil, Sandra Mills, Tom Mitrovski, Alura Moores, Ishraq Quayyum, Tony Shao, Divya Soni, Maher Tager, Wisam Tager, Amy Tang, Brian Wu, Chenny Wu, Joy Xiao, Hao Xing, Dawin Yip, Shirley Yip, Taksum Yip and Rebecca Zhang. * For additional information visit: rosewood2.wordpress.com

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

In Toronto, 1 in 3 children grow up in poverty. Toronto food banks receive more than 6 million visits every year. Often these populations go unnoticed, which has allowed for 1 in 5 Canadian children to continue living in poverty. Initiatives like Scarborough Rosewood Food Drive have reached out to help people in our community by bringing an abundance of donations for local food banks. As a regular participant of the drive, I sincerely appreciate the leadership and the hard work of the association.

Earlier this year, my Private Member's Motion M-534 on eliminating child poverty was passed in Parliament, committing to developing a national poverty reduction plan that includes affordable housing, accessible child care, childhood nutrition, economic security, measures that address the needs of First Nations, and measurable targets and timelines.

It is about time we act. The children of Canada are her future.

Sincerely,



Dear Rosewood Neighbour,

As we begin this new term of Council, I am eager to continue working with you to build a better city and community. Improving public transit is a way to bring investment and vibrancy to our community, which is why I will continue to champion the Scarborough Subway extension and SmartTrack.

The city has started the environmental assessment for this project. The alignment is yet to be determined but it must connect to Scarborough Town Centre and Sheppard Ave. E. For more information, please visit <http://www.scarboroughsubwayextension.ca/>.

At our December 2014 meeting, City Council approved \$750,000 to accelerate studying the feasibility of SmartTrack. I have always advocated for all-day, 2-way GO Train service (preferably electrified) and fare integration between the TTC and other transit systems. SmartTrack will use existing GO rail lines and will provide faster service than current public transit options.

If my office can be of service or assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,
Councillor Chin Lee
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Queen's Park Report

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

My office was made aware that a public meeting took place with Federal and Provincial Conservative members regarding the Health and Physical Education (HPE) curriculum.

The HPE curriculum currently being taught in all schools has always included a sexual health component, which was last updated in 1998 – over 15 years ago.

Our government must ensure that our education curriculums are up-to-date and meet the needs of all students.

As you know, technology has advanced tremendously and our children have, at their fingertips, access to all types of information through the internet and other social media. This information may come from unreliable and inaccurate sources and may be inappropriate.

Health professionals have conducted research around the world and found that children reach puberty much younger. The latest data indicates that access to the wrong type of information leads to inappropriate behaviour and bullying at very young ages.

An updated curriculum will provide students with the skills and information they need to make informed decisions.

You may wish to discuss your concerns with the teacher or principal. I am also happy to discuss this further with you. Please call my office at 416-297-5040 to schedule a meeting.

Sincerely,

Bas Balkissoon, MPP
Scarborough-Rouge River
416-297-5040

Rosewood Spring Clean-up

-There are 8760 hours in a year, give 2 to your community-

When: Saturday, April 18, 2015

Where: Parking lot of Alexmuir Jr. Public School

Time: 9: 45 am-- 11: 45 am

This event is a partnership with Calvary Logos Baptist Church

Prizes and Surprises for kids*

* Must be accompanied by parents

玫瑰園社區春季清潔日

-一年有 8760 個小時，請拿出 2 個小時奉獻給我們的社區

時間: 2015 年 4 月 18 日 (周六) 上午 9 時 45 分至 11 時 45 分

集合地點: Alexmuir 公立小學 (Alexmuir Jr. Public School) 停車場

本次活動由玫瑰園社區納稅人協會和 Calvary Logos 教堂 (Calvary Logos Baptist Church) 聯合主辦

參加活動的孩子們有機會贏取幸運獎品*

*兒童必須有家長陪同

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