MONARCH PARK - ASHDALE VILLAGE

SPRING 2023 UPDATE





Raindrop Plaza

Construction on the reconfiguration of the Coxwell Avenue and Dundas Street East intersection continues. The project includes roadway realignment, various public realm improvements and stormwater management facilities resulting in Raindrop Plaza, a beautiful space and "Green Street", which uses a natural systems approach to reduce storm water flow, improve water quality, reduce urban heating, enhance pedestrian safety, reduce carbon footprints and beautify the neighborhood.

Construction is anticipated to be completed later this spring. Additional information is available at *toronto.ca/raindrop-plaza*.

Bienvenue Viamonde

Toronto Est is a new French public high school opening in September 2023 in the former Greenwood Secondary School building across from Felstead Park.

Conseil Scolaire Viamonde and the City of Toronto are negotiating an arrangement for their students' use of the park, Monday to Friday, during the school day.

I have asked the Parks department to design improvements to make sure the entire playground area remains available for the community every day and is excluded from school use.

I held a community meeting about this project in March and will continue keeping residents updated.

People. For me

Don Summerville Project to Improve and Expand Affordable Housing in Ward 14

I'm happy to share that a building permit was issued and construction is underway to revitalize Toronto Community Housing's Don Summerville site at Queen Street and Coxwell Avenue.

Along with the rebuilding of 120 TCHC apartments, 100 new and much needed affordable apartments are being constructed, of which 40 will be co-op housing. For more details visit torontohousing.ca/capital-initiatives/revitalization/Pages/DonSummerville.aspx.

Festival of South Asia

The Festival of South Asia returns to Little India this summer! Experience South Asia's cuisines and cultures on Gerrard Street East.



Visit gerrardindiabazaar.com for more details.

Bollywed

The docu-series Bollywed premiered on CBC in January. It features the story of the Singh family, who've operated Chandan Fashion on Gerrard Street East for 37 years.



Kuki Singh of Chandan Fashion.



Neighbourhood Food Hub volunteers.

The Neighbourhood Food Hub

The Neighbourhood Food Hub at Glen Rhodes is an exciting community-driven initiative that supports health, wellness and community development through food-related programs and services.

Working in partnership with Applegrove Community Complex and other local organizations, this project also provides access to a food bank and monthly community dinners.



New Woodfield Road Bike Lanes and Intersection Improvements

The new contra-flow bicycle lane on Woodfield Road between Queen Street and Eastern Avenue is now in operation.

The city also installed new traffic signals at both the intersections of Woodfield Road and Queen Street and Eastern Avenue.

Councillor Paula Fletcher

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FREE COMPOST

COUNCILLOR Paula Fletcher's COMPOST DAYS

Compost will be dropped off early — be sure to bring your own shovel and container.

- PHIN PARK Saturday, April 22nd, 2023 7:00 a.m.
- MONARCH PARK Saturday, April 22nd, 2023 8:00 a.m.
- KEMPTON HOWARD PARK Saturday, April 22nd, 2023 9:00 a.m.
- RIVERDALE PARK Saturday, April 22nd, 2023 11:00 a.m.
- GREENWOOD PARK Sunday, April 23rd, 2023 7:00 a.m.
- WILKINSON PUBLIC SCHOOL Sunday, April 23rd, 2023 8:00 a.m.
- WITHROW PARK Saturday, June 3rd, 2023 7:00 a.m.
- EAST YORK CIVIC CENTRE Tuesday, June 20th, 2023 9:00 a.m.

For information visit: paulafletcher.ca /compost_days_2023



TORONTO-DANFORTH COMMUNITY
ENVIRONMENT DAY
AT DIEPPE PARK
(455 Cosburn Avenue)

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday May 20th, 2023 10:00A.M. -TO- 2:00P.M.

By-Election for Mayor

The mayoral by-election is scheduled for June 26th, 2023. Visit www.toronto.ca/elections to learn more.



Paula and School Trustee Sara Ehrhardt.

Build the Park

Metrolinx is relocating its planned GO Train Layover in the Don Valley to an alternative site, avoiding permanent ecological impacts to one of the great natural river valleys in our city. Thank you to the many community members for their tireless advocacy. This wouldn't have happened without you.



Danforth Church to be Turned Into Affordable Seniors' Housing

The Danforth Baptist
Church at Bowden Street
and Danforth Avenue will
be transformed into 50 new
affordable homes for
seniors by Woodgreen
Community Services. It's
the first major development
on Danforth Avenue after
the adoption of the
Danforth Planning and
Heritage Study. I'm proud to
support this initiative and
thank everyone involved.

Learn more about this project at woodgreen.org/welcome-to-60-bowden-st.



Celebrating Lunar New Year

I celebrated the Lunar New Year with the community, East Chinese Chamber of Commerce and students from Riverdale C.I. Happy Year of the Rabbit.

Community Crisis Service Pilot is Successful

The Community Crisis
Service (TCCS) Launched
in early 2022, the
Community Crisis Service
(TCCS) delivers alternative,
community-led responses to mental
health calls and wellness checks instead
of the police. Program data shows
TCCS is successfully diverting 78 per
cent of the calls made to the police
about people in crisis and providing
referrals to community resources and
provide other support services to those
experiencing mental health crises.

Visit toronto.ca/toronto-community-crisis-service for more details.



Paula with Riverdale C.I. students during their protest of Bill 23.

Standing Up Against Bill 23

The province's Bill 23 allows for development on the Greenbelt, two million acres of protected land that's critical to our environment. It could also prevent the city from requiring developers to replace affordable housing units in new developments. This will accelerate the loss of affordable housing, drive up rents and force people out of Toronto or into our overloaded shelter system.

Councillor Paula Fletcher