RIVERDALE AND NORTH RIVERDALE

SPRING 2023 UPDATE





Celebrating the Year of the Rabbit on Gerrard.

Wonscotanach Park is a Go Thanks to Community Action

Thanks to the advocacy of dedicated community members, Metrolinx announced that the GO Train Layover facility initially planned for the Don Valley would be relocated. The city will now begin work on the long awaited Wonscotanach Park.

This new park will be a companion piece to the many great parks along

the Don River, including the soon to be completed parks in the Port Lands, Corktown Common and Riverdale Park East and West.

"STOP the Don Valley Layover!"

New Speed Camera at Logan and Wolfrey

This is one of 25 new devices recently installed city-wide as part of Toronto's Automated Speed Enforcement program that will rotate around the ward.



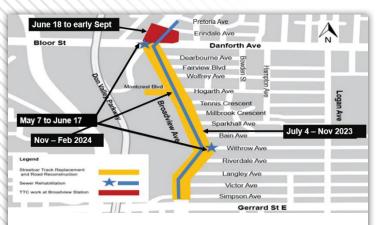


Ontario Line Construction at Pape Avenue Junior Public School

Many parents and local residents are concerned about safety issues and other impacts created by Ontario Line construction around Pape Avenue Junior Public School.

I moved a motion at City Council directing city staff to work with the community to keep students safe and minimize impacts.

Our TDSB School Trustee Sara Ehrhardt and I also hosted a community meeting so residents could share feedback with Metrolinx. I will keep you updated.



Upcoming Construction on Broadview

Construction projects scheduled for 2023 include sewer restoration work and streetcar track replacement south of Danforth Avenue to Gerrard Street East followed by the expansion of the Broadview Station streetcar loop.

You can learn more at toronto.ca/BroadviewConstruction.

Playter Estates Entry Feature Now Complete

The Playter Estates Residents Association worked with the Broadview-Danforth BIA and Toronto Parking Authority to install a sign on the site of the newly enhanced GreenP parking lot at Playter Boulevard and Danforth Avenue.

It celebrates the historical legacy of the Playter Family who were early contributors to the development of Toronto and serves as a gateway to their community.



Taste of the Danforth Returning this Year

Taste of the Danforth will be returning this summer and run from August 11th to 13th.

The city has supported the BIA with the hiring of an event planner to ensure that the festival is a success.



First meeting of the Ontario Line Subcommittee

Subcommittee on Ontario Line Construction

I joined with my colleagues Councillors Ausma Malik and Chris Moise to start the Subcommittee on Metrolinx's Ontario Line Construction.

This comes in response to concerns from residents and community stakeholders who expressed frustration with the lack of public engagement and communication from Metrolinx about the impacts of their construction on traffic, trees, parks and businesses as they roll out this important new transit infrastructure.

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





SAVE THE

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.

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