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# President's Message



**Robert D'Addario**  
 President, Guildwood Village Community Association  
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On behalf of the GVCA Board members, we would like to welcome all our new families that have joined Guildwood Village. September is a month of new beginnings for many of our residents, including those with school-aged children. We hope that you have had a great start to the school year!

As we discuss new beginnings, I would like to invite all Guildwood Village residents to participate in our GVCA events. We will be connecting with all residents through our social media accounts, News and Views articles, and emails. Please visit us at [www.guildwood.ca](http://www.guildwood.ca) and sign up to be part of our email list.

I encourage you to connect with your Guildwood Village neighbours. It is important to know who our neighbours are and how we can help each other. An important lesson learned through the pandemic was that we all play a role in keeping our community safe and connected.

The GVCA Board members are continuously working towards opportunities for all of us to connect as well as working with City of Toronto officials to amplify the voice of Guildwood Village. This year we will continue to work towards our goals of community connections and sustainable living, while holding true to our values of listening and acting on behalf of Guildwood Village residents.

We welcome our GVCA Board of Directors:

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We'd also like to extend our sincere appreciation to outgoing GVCA Board of Director members including James Gilchrist, Julia Lakats, and Jim Whitney. Thank you for volunteering on the committee and for contributing to the betterment of Guildwood Village. We appreciate your commitment to continuing to support GVCA events and Guildwood Village.

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Please email Gabriela Muresanu for details [ar05ztm@yahoo.com](mailto:ar05ztm@yahoo.com)

**Free Community Event**  
**HALLOWEEN HAUNT**  
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 GREEK THEATRE  
**Saturday October 28 from 10am - 1pm**

**COSTUME CONTESTS**  
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 Boy & Girl 4-8 Years Old 12:00pm  
 Boy & Girl 8-12 Years Old 12:30pm

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Julia Lakats of RE/MAX All Stars Realty Inc., Brokerage and Paul Ainslie, Toronto City Councillor, Scarborough-Guildwood Ward 24 are proud to announce that the Halloween Haunt is officially on for this year! There will be games, crafts, costume prizes, pet costume contests, tricks & treats plus more for all ages. The event will take place rain or shine! We are looking for local businesses who can set up booths and student volunteers for the day of the event, please email Julia Lakats at [jlakats@remax.net](mailto:jlakats@remax.net) for more details.

**GUILDWOOD  
 PUMPKIN PARADE**  
 November 1, 2023  
 Elizabeth Simcoe Park (next to the Splash Pad)  
 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Bring your Halloween jack-o'-lanterns to the Guildwood Pumpkin Parade! Jack-o'-lanterns will be lit and on display for everyone to enjoy!  
 Hot Chocolate will be served.  
 After the event pumpkins will be disposed of in an eco-friendly way.  
 An all-ages community event.

Sponsored by the Elizabeth Simcoe School Council

# Crime Prevention and Safety

Police Constable Leanna Gill #10688  
43 Division – Crime Prevention Officer  
Toronto Police Service



Shopping has never been so convenient for the average consumer. The accessibility to view items online and arrange for a purchase can be as easy as clicking a button and the package shows up at your doorstep the following day. While the convenience can be very helpful, we want to make sure that we are not complacent; believing that our packages are safe once delivered.

You may observe packages nestled at front doors on a daily basis. The thieves also notice this, and it is common for a thief to take their chance and grab a package with unknown contents in it, in hopes it is an expensive item to resell for their benefit. There are some suggestions to alleviate these “Porch Pirates.” This will prevent your package from mysteriously going missing or assuming the delivery went to the wrong residence, when in fact it was delivered, but stolen before you could retrieve it.

Many businesses and delivery companies have expanded their transaction process to allow the purchaser the opportunity to input delivery instructions. This is a great opportunity to assess your home and request that the package be placed at the side of the home or behind a large object on the front porch. This allows the package to be out of view from the roadway or sidewalk.

If delivery instructions are not available, speak to someone you know who is often home, and with their permission, have the package delivered to their residence. If you receive a notification that your delivery has occurred and no one is home, speak with a neighbour and ask them to retrieve the package and safeguard it until you come home.

Additionally, a request for tracking updates, or requiring a signature upon delivery, will assist you as the purchaser, knowing exactly who is in carriage of the package.

Surveillance cameras or video-enabled doorbells censored by motion can also be an effective home deterrent that will make perpetrators second-guess the urge to target your property. If there is a greater chance of creating evidence or witnesses, the perpetrator may not engage in an illegal activity. Look out for your neighbours and report suspicious persons within your neighbourhood.

The goal in crime prevention is to take away the opportunity for the perpetrator to commit the crime. If the item(s) are not in plain view, it is difficult for the perpetrator to explore the opportunity of theft, because

there is no item to steal from their vantage point.

If you believe a crime was committed, have information on a crime that was committed or observe suspicious activity in your neighbourhood, please contact police. Some of the ways to contact police include:

In the event of an emergency, please call 911. Less urgent matters, please contact the non-emergency number at 416-808-2222.

If your crime meets the criteria as found on our website (e.g. damage to property, local traffic issues, graffiti, lost property, and more), it can be reported online at <https://www.tps.ca/services/online-reporting/>

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# Reminder - Mechanical Leaf Collection Program Changes

*A message from Paul Ainslie*

In an effort to provide equitable service levels across the city, the Mechanical Vacuum Leaf Collection program is no longer being provided. The program was available to a limited number of households in our Ward as part of a grandfathered service level that is no longer in effect. The city will continue to clear roads, ditches, culverts and boulevards of fallen leaves. However, property owners must now collect leaves that fall onto their property, place them in kraft paper yard waste bags and set them out at the curb on their regularly scheduled garbage collection days. More information about proper set out of yard waste is available at [toronto.ca/YardWaste](https://toronto.ca/YardWaste).



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# It's Fall Clean Up Time!

Leslie Moore



Now that we're well into a new season with cooler temperatures, you might have plans on cleaning up your home. Sadly, our landfills are being burdened by items that we no longer want or need. In most cases, what we are no longer using could be a welcome item in a neighbour's home. There are many ways for you to recycle and share

your items so here are some ideas to help you with those efforts.

We're fortunate to have a very active Facebook page that many of us use quite often. **Guildwood on the Curb** is a well managed site where you can give away your goods quickly and simply. Clothing, toys, sports equipment, furniture, and household items, to name a few, that are collecting dust can find a new home via this site. Anyone in Guildwood can join for free.

You can also offer books to fellow readers via the Facebook page **Guildwood Book Nook**. Some churches, local school fairs, Value Village and used bookstores accept donations of books, as well as multiple "Little Free Libraries" located on different streets throughout the neighbourhood:

- 41 Somerdale Square
- 59 Toynbee Trail
- 37 Sir Raymond Drive
- 4 South Marine Drive
- 42 Catalina Drive

There are a couple of large donation bins in our neighbourhood that often request donations in the form of clothing, shoes, purses, etc. You can find one at the side of Moore's "Your Independent Grocer" and another bin in the Dearham Wood plaza parking lot. Please be sure to place your goods in the bin provided and not beside it.

Different organizations such as Diabetes Canada and the Kidney Foundation also offer pick up of items including smaller furniture, household items, clothing, and books. Although some people are not fans of Value Village for one reason or another, it should still be considered as a better option than throwing something in the garbage.

Shelters always have needs too. There are many to choose from including centres for animals, homeless, youth and women. For all of these organizations, please call ahead and ask what they need. I collect quite often for the animal shelter on Progress Avenue and their requirements change monthly but they usually have a need for blankets and linens to provide to new animal guests that they house. And since they rely on a lot of

volunteers, it is better to plan ahead and make sure your donation can be utilized. If they can't use what is donated, they sometimes use smaller consignment shops to sell those items and they use the credit for the future needs.

Alternatively, you can take part in our Community Environment Days hosted by your local Councillor. These Environment Days usually accept almost anything – textiles/clothing, hazardous waste, electronics and much more! The only drawback to these days is that they are few and far between. Check for dates at: [Toronto.ca/environment\\_days](https://toronto.ca/environment_days)

Special pick up of toxic items can be coordinated through [Toronto.ca/311](https://toronto.ca/311). You can call to arrange a free Toxic Taxi pickup. This service applies to 10 – 50 L/kg of household hazardous waste.

## Other ideas for your fall cleaning:

Electronic waste is collected separately on your designated garbage day. Put it in a visible spot on the curb. It will eventually be picked up. Remember, electronics should never be in your blue recycling bin! Since 2006, the Toronto Zoo has been collecting old cell phones. For more information on their program please visit <https://www.torontozoo.com/tz/phoneapes>. There are drop off locations at the Zoo (Guest Relations, front entrance and inside the zoo) as well as our City Hall, East York and Scarborough Civic Centres.

Finally, many of our local churches support families in need. Please reach out to the administrative staff regarding donating food, furniture, and clothing.

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# Building the Social Sector: a Scarborough success story

*Katy Pedersen*

For hundreds of East Scarborough residents, Mohammed Shah knows everything.

That's because on any given day, you'll find the Community Resource Assistant at the front desk of The East Scarborough Storefront fielding questions, and connecting local residents to what they need. What Shah knows, he shares. What he doesn't know, he discovers. Shah's can-do attitude is the perfect match for East Scarborough residents who come to The Storefront looking for assistance with anything from finding a job, to printing a document or using a fax machine, to volunteering, to sharing ideas for strengthening their community - everything from seed libraries to senior's yoga.

Shah is a graduate of the Working with People in the Social Sector program (WPS), a Training Program offered by Ontario Works delivered by The Storefront through funding from Toronto Employment and Social Services. Over the course of 13 weeks, WPS trains people like Shah who have an interest and aptitude to work with people for community development and social services work by developing and honing skills through project work, job shadowing and networking opportunities. Offered annually and sometimes more frequently, WPS participants also complete industry-related qualifications in First Aid/ CPR, mental health first aid, and crisis prevention. They practice public speaking and conflict resolution skills to complement the practical qualifications they learn in order to have the experience necessary for social sector work. Shah completed a work placement with The Storefront and when the Community Resource Assistant role opened, he applied - and got the job.

"Demand for WPS has never been higher," notes Brittany Gurr. Brittany is The Storefront's Manager of Employment and Training Strategies, including oversight of the WPS



*Recent graduates of the WPS program celebrate their success  
Photo credit: Storefront staff*

Program at The Storefront. "I think there are a couple of things going on that are causing the demand to be so high right now. Unemployment is the obvious one – people are looking to retrain and they don't want to have to go back to school for long periods to gain additional qualifications. That feels super risky because of the investment of money and time. The other thing has to do with the number of opportunities there are in the social sector after COVID – a lot of people are burned out and there is a demand for employees."

WPS was established in 2018 and while demand for the program has always been high, the waitlist for the next cohort has ballooned to over 80; approximately 20 will be admitted. Very few training programs outside of post-secondary programs target the nonprofit sector with a focus on supporting those furthest from the labour market to get trained and employed in a growth occupation. Since 2018, approximately half of all program graduates were able to find work within 6 months of graduation. Roles might include working in shelter intake, being a case manager or community support worker; commonly, WPS participants aspire to a career in social services or another helping profession.

But Gurr and her team – including Shah, and others – are interested in what's next for WPS, and in turn, what's next for the greater Scarborough community. That's why this year, Gurr and her colleagues are undertaking a deep dive into the WPS program framework to connect social sector employers with racialized women jobseekers and workers. The ultimate goal? To discover specific ways in which the social sector can improve work conditions for their employees, and therefore avoid burnout, and to adapt the WPS program to prepare workers for those jobs.

It's an ambitious plan for The Storefront. But recent WPS graduates like Shah are up to the challenges facing Scarborough and the GTA. In fact, earlier this year the Storefront was recognized for their unique ability to support community networks by the Toronto Foundation in their "Good to Give" guide.

Social sector work is both a short step and a long leap for Shah: he is a former hospitality worker. "I'd been working steadily for more than seven years as a karaoke host," he says with a laugh. "But COVID hit, and the place I was working at held on for a long time and was one of the last places to have to close. I went on unemployment. And I realized if I can help people have a good time, maybe I can help them with their hardships."

"Everyone is super polite," Shah notes of his colleagues and the neighbourhood residents he interacts with on a daily basis. He sneaks a quick glance at the time – he's



needed back on deck at the front desk. It's Monday, and Mondays are always busy days, surpassed only by Thursdays when the identification clinic runs; Shah and his colleagues support neighbourhood residents as they complete the necessary paperwork to get government identification.

Shah smiles. "People think they know this neighbourhood," he notes. "They think they know something about it being dangerous, or that they should be afraid here. But all I see on a daily basis is love and support."

The East Scarborough Storefront is located at 4040 Lawrence Ave East. For more information about the WPS program or other community supports, contact The Storefront staff at [info@thestorefront.org](mailto:info@thestorefront.org)

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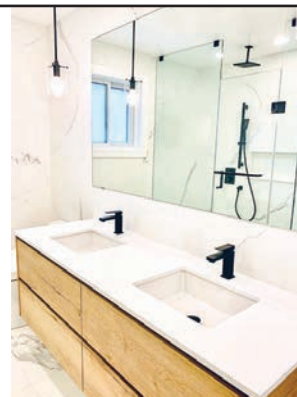
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# Our Shorelines Need Us

Rosalee Mitchell Spohn



The Friends of Guild Park (Friends) have been leading shoreline cleanups along Guildwood's Lake Ontario shoreline since September 2013. In the past 10 years, these cleanups have recorded picking up 289,933 items weighing more than three tonnes! Cleanup data is reported to Ocean Wise Shoreline Cleanup (formerly Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup).

Ocean Wise shares data with "like-minded business groups and governments to assist them in making informed decisions to help keep litter out of our waterways!"<sup>1</sup>

We have had many interesting finds during that time: four bike reflectors from Kellogg's cereals; car keys; a Fox 40 Marine Safety Kit; cookie cutters and measuring spoons; yellow 'bubble' part of levels; plastic Becker's 4-litre beverage container; Christmas lights, Christmas light holders, and Christmas decorations; a cubelet from a Rubik's cube; a wooden CCM hockey stick (Made in Canada); and a Black phone receiver: Northern Electric Company Limited Made in Canada.

Thank you to everyone who has joined one of our cleanups over the years. Please consider joining the Friends at their annual spring shoreline cleanup during Clean Toronto Together weekend April 20th – 21st, 2024. In the spring, more information will be available at GuildPark.ca and Facebook.com/GuildPark. Also, we'd like to thank the City of Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the office of Councillor Ainslie for their on-going support.

1 <https://ocean.org/action/lead-a-shoreline-cleanup/>





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# What's on @ Guildwood Library



Matthew Parish, Guildwood Library

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Wednesday	10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Thursday	12:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Friday	10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sunday	closed

## Programs

### EarlyON Baby Music

Ages – Newborn to 18 months

Children and their caregivers enjoy stories, songs and rhymes.

Drop in. Space is limited.

Contact the branch for exact date and times.

### Family Story Time

Ages – Newborn to 5 Years

Enjoy fun activities, stories, songs and rhymes at a staff-led story time for the entire family. For children 0-5 years with their parents and caregivers.

Drop in. Space is limited.

Contact the branch for exact date and times.

### Thursday Adult Afternoon Movie

Ages – 18 and Up

Join us for a free afternoon movie.

Thursdays 1:30 – 4:00 pm

This is a drop in program.

Contact the branch for exact date, times and movie titles.

### Tuesday Night Tech Night Support Drop In

Come to the Guildwood library for a variety of topics.

Tuesdays 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Please contact the branch for specific dates.

Space is limited.

### Guildwood Discussion Group

Ages - Adult

Come to the library to discuss current events.

Every third Friday each month from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Please contact the branch to register. Space is limited.

### Silent Book Club

Come bring a book you are reading. We read for a few minutes and then everyone talks about what they have read or what book they would recommend to read. This drop in program is available to anyone 13 and up! We meet the second Thursday of every month from 7:00 – 8:00 pm

More program information is available on our website

[www.tpl.ca](http://www.tpl.ca)

## Recommended Books from Guildwood Staff

Matthew recommends:

**The InSTITUTE** by Stephen King

Ruth recommends:

**Welcome to Beach Town** by Susan Wiggs

Georgia recommends:

**Cat Lady** by Dawn O'Porter

Regina recommends:

**Days at the Morisaki bookshop** by Satoshi Yagisawa

Sam recommends:

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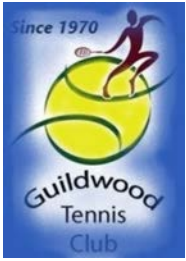
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**Stars in an Italian Sky** by Jill Santopolo

Zahra recommends:

**American Dirt** by Jeanine Cummins

# Guildwood Tennis Club – Celebrating Several Wins with a Fabulous Tennis Season



*Rosemary Enright*

GTC tennis season is now over and the nets have been packed away until the spring, but what a season we had! The club's membership was at an all-time high. The programs for juniors, both lessons and camps, were completely booked. The popularity of these sessions was due to the hard work and dedication of the teaching staff led by Jared Nicholson. The Adult Program Committee's choice of offerings, both competitive and social, also met with success.



The GTC club awards of merit are presented to those whose dedication of time or talent or skill or sportsmanship has benefited the Club. This year the Schachow Player Appreciation Award was presented to Alex Wong, The Phil Yeoman Award for volunteer service was presented to Barb Gravlin, the Rollitt Goldring Junior Development Award was presented to Rafaella Fredette.

GTC is pleased to announce that our president, Diane Lang, has been presented with the Ontario Tennis Association (OTA) Distinguished Service Award for her outstanding contribution to tennis in Ontario!



The season closed with the Membership Appreciation Barbecue. At this event, GTC honours and celebrates those members who

have donated time, effort and talent to the club. The GTC Championship celebrates those who have demonstrated exceptional talent. Contestants and winners (W) are as follows:

- Men's Singles: Gabriel Torres (W) vs Adel Akram (RU)
- Men's Doubles: David Alfonso, Jeremy Miranda (W) vs Paul Mon, Ron Hoekstra (RU)
- Mixed Doubles: David and Ella Rose Kinnersly (W) vs Heather Reier, Oliver Rathburn (RU)
- Ladies Singles: Stella Lam (W) vs Diane Lang (RU)



GTC wishes to thank those merchants of the Guildwood Plaza who have donated prizes,

money and time to the club. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Thank you to Guildwood's Your Independent Grocer, IDA Drug Store, Muddy Paws, Guildwood Chiropractic and Wellness Centre, Guildwood Sandwich Shoppe, Pizza Nova and Tim Hortons. Thanks also to Racket Guys, Diane and Dan Lang, Barb Gavlin, Pat Barnett for your generous donations.

One last piece of good news is that all of GTC's courts were resurfaced at the beginning of September. We are now in top shape for spring. Check for updates on activities and registration at [www.guildwoodtennis.com](http://www.guildwoodtennis.com).





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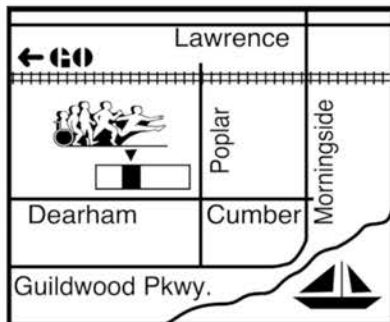
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# Taking Chances

*Helen Juvonen & Tyler J. Seguin, Co-Artistic Directors, Guild Festival Theatre*



While the summer may seem like a distant memory, we want to thank Guildwood for making 2023 Guild Festival Theatre's biggest and most

successful season yet! Some highlights include:

**Season Launch Party** featuring Alex Pangman and her Alleycats

**Family Fest** - a three-day festival that animated Guild Park with dozens of artists and events



**Alice in Wonderland** - the return of our award-winning show to the Greek Theatre also went on tour to Theatre on the Ridge and the St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival



**Three Men in a Boat** - a perfect Victorian satire that delighted audiences



**The Drowning Girls** - a hauntingly poetic true crime story that moved people night after night

Not everything was smooth sailing, though. We started our summer with the devastating news that a grant we have relied on for many years was cut significantly. This was funding we counted on to hire young and emerging arts workers and give them a chance to learn and develop their skills. When we found out that this grant was a fraction of its usual amount, we knew we had to make cuts but we stayed committed to making GFT a place that nurtures the next generation.

We managed to offer some incredible opportunities to young arts workers on and off stage - whether they were transitioning between careers, or newcomers to Canada, or simply being given their first professional opportunity. As one production assistant told us, her summer job with GFT "changed her life" and many thanked us for "taking a chance" on them.



We also took some chances ourselves - we weren't sure how the darker themes of true crime would play at the Greek Theatre, but audiences came with us and told us over and over again how much they loved *The Drowning Girls*. It was a wonderful way to finish our summer in the park.

Thank you so much for continuing to support Guild Festival Theatre - we always tell people that we have the best audience and you keep proving that year after year. We're already working towards 2024 and we can't wait to share our plans with you.



Guild Festival Theatre is Scarborough's only professional theatre company. Learn more about the company and how you can get involved at [www.guildfestivaltheatre.ca](http://www.guildfestivaltheatre.ca)

Christmas shopping? Guild Festival Theatre's new merchandise line makes great gifts and includes t-shirts, totes, hats, and water bottles. There are also show-specific items such as pins and art prints featuring our beautiful poster art. Check out the full shop at [www.guildfestivaltheatre.ca/shop](http://www.guildfestivaltheatre.ca/shop)

# How to Help Wildlife in an Urban Neighbourhood

Ann Brokelman



As much as I enjoy taking photographs of animals, what I really love to do is help any animal in distress. It could be a fox with mange, a turtle hit on a road, an injured red-tailed hawk, a bird that has hit a window or a family of baby bunnies whose mom was hit by a car. Many years ago, during an owl-watching expedition, I met a volunteer with the Toronto Wildlife Centre who became my mentor. She invited me to accompany her on a few 'rescue and releases' and introduced me to the Wildlife Centre. It changed my life! Previously, I had no idea what to do if I saw an injured bird or fishing line on a swan.

So what exactly does a wildlife helper have in her car you might wonder? Just the usual: two rolls of duct tape, rope, scissors, pliers, a hammer, cable ties, two large nets, tarps, latex gloves, heavy work gloves, a flashlight, ice cleats, various boxes, towels, hiking boots, and a few garbage bags. All pretty standard stuff from my point of view. So why do I have all of these items in my car? Well, a good girl scout is always prepared, and in all the time I've spent volunteering with animals, I can promise you that every one of those items can be incredibly important and possibly life saving when it comes to dealing with an injured animal. It took a little while to explain everything to the police officer who asked me if I was his first female serial killer after looking in the trunk of my car but he was having a good laugh by the end of our conversation. The police officer had rescued a barred owl and was there to help with its release behind his house.

Here are a few rescue shots from our community:



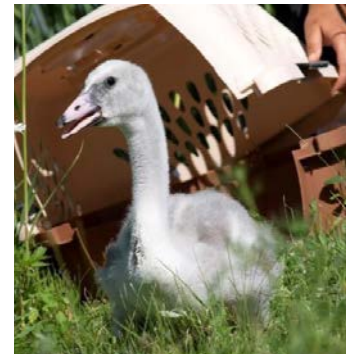
Ann with a red tailed hawk



Red fox



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Trumpeter swan



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**To help you feel prepared to help an animal that is injured or in distress, here is a handy reference guide:**

Please put the animal in a box that has a tea towel or small sheet on the bottom and keep it in a dark quiet place. Make sure to poke some air holes in the box! The goal is to keep it safe and reduce the stress it's already experiencing. Finally, please call the Wildlife Centre for more direction.

It's a good idea to add the Wildlife Centres to your phone contact numbers. For many locations you may have to leave a message and phone number along with details of the situation. Please bear in mind that your personal safety must always come first. If it is not safe to help the animal, call for help.



- They accept all animals (EXCEPT raccoons) including: eyes-closed bunnies, fawns, coyotes, foxes, hawks, owls, groundhogs, baby birds, squirrels, skunks, fishers, minks and more



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eyes open (in other words they do not take baby birds, baby squirrels or cottontails with eyes closed)

- Website: <https://www.torontowildlifecentre.com/contact/>
- If you find a sick, injured or orphaned wild animal, or a wild animal in distress, please contact their wildlife hotline by filling out their online Request for Assistance Form; using this form and uploading photos helps them to assess your situation quickly. Otherwise, call them at (416) 631-0662 to leave a message and they will respond as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, this centre is an hour away but it's worth the drive! They also have great information on what to do in case of a wildlife emergency, on their website.

*Please consider putting anti-collision bird stickers on your windows to prevent bird strikes. They work very well and can easily be made at home or purchased on Amazon.*

Not every raccoon you see has distemper and needs to be euthanized; many are starving or dehydrated and need our help. Many babies are orphaned due to pest control companies separating the mother from her babies. For this reason, it's a good idea to research pest control companies that use humane processes when they're trying to remove them from a location.

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- The City can help with domestic animals (e.g. companion birds like budgies and parakeets, cats and dogs)
- They will also pick up wildlife with distemper (such as raccoons and skunks) but they will euthanize them as it is the humane thing to do
- Website: [www.toronto.ca](http://www.toronto.ca) and search for "Wildlife in the City"
- Report the injured animal to "311" on your phone keypad

*Handy wildlife rescue car kit poster created by Shayna Hartley*

# Guildwood's Got Talent



## Presenting George Eadie



People from across Toronto find inspiration, relaxation and pleasure from being immersed in the beautiful gardens, art, architectural fragments and natural beauty of the Guild Park and Gardens. This place has been a mecca for artists since the Inn opened over 100 years ago.

George and his wife, Anne-Marie, graduated from University 40 years ago; George with an MBA, and Anne-Marie with a degree in music. They moved to Guildwood to pursue careers and start their family. George sold computer software and services to Canadian Banks and Government while Anne-Marie taught kindergarten and grade one. They were attracted by Guildwood's natural beauty and the cultural evolution of Toronto as a world class city.

After moving to Guildwood, George took up watercolour painting as a diversion from the stresses of work. The Guild Park and Gardens became a natural subject matter.

In his paintings, George tries to capture and honour the natural beauty of Canada - sunshine, water, trees, rocks, birds and animals.

George's paintings have been displayed in exhibitions by the Toronto Watercolour Society, Cedar Ridge Studio Gallery, The International Watercolour Society, The La Cloche Art Exhibition, The Art Gallery of Sudbury and others. His paintings are also displayed in private and public collections across Canada including in The Legislative Assembly of Ontario at Queen's Park.

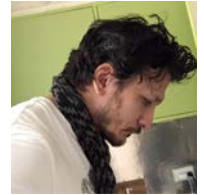




# Guildwood's Got Talent



## Presenting Fereydoon Soleimani



It is sometimes puzzling to discover what people find objectionable in a neighbourhood—while others may see the same thing as an enhancement to their environment. In the middle of August, Fereydoon Soleimani received a “WASTE ADVISORY” letter from the City, and was surprised to find out that someone had called to report the art installations on his front yard as garbage. Fereydoon says that the main reason for his art projects is to bring fun and joy; as well as to inspire the younger



*Embrace of Solitude*

generation to see things from a different perspective. Fortunately, the City officials who visited his property had the wisdom and intelligence to say that the complaint didn't make any sense and “I am clearly seeing all art here!” They closed the case! Fereydoon received a great deal of online support from our community via Facebook, and hopefully appreciation for his form of artwork will continue to grow.



*The Playful Cat*

Born in Tehran, Iran, Fereydoon has had a passion for drawing, painting and the creative process since childhood. He graduated from Tehran University in 1998 and moved to Canada in 2003. His first years as an immigrant were spent exploring his shifting identity in this new land which he chose to call home. In 2004, Fereydoon enrolled in the Toronto School of Art to get a better understanding of the

Canadian art community. After graduating from D'Youville College, Buffalo, in 2006, he started teaching art in Toronto. Since 2011, he has been exhibiting his artwork in various venues throughout the city.

Being a teacher and an artist, Fereydoon sees a great deal of similarity between learning and the making of art. He engages with information and objects as a way of learning. For Fereydoon, a reciprocal relationship with any information, object or person, is about having a conversation.

*“The aesthetics of the objects alone or in a relational collection with other objects opens a space in which I can create a hopeful gaze at life, the sort that has this utopian outlook for art to make lives better. I put objects together as if I am conversing with them in a way that excites me and magnifies the beauty of that relational collage of objects. In this journey, I apply a wide range of media including oil, acrylic paint, paper, wood, plastic, wire, etc. Throughout the years, I have experimented with different media ranging from encaustics, paper collage, acrylics and oil to create paintings expressing my feelings towards my life and the nature surrounding it.”*

Fereydoon moved to Guildwood on January 1st, 2018 and lives with his wife and two children – a son going into grade 9 and a daughter in grade 6. He is fluent in French,



*I Believe*

English and Farsi and can also communicate in Turkish and Arabic. He currently teaches with the TDSB classes in Visual Arts, French and Mathematics (his second passion now fulfilled)! Hopefully our community will continue to embrace his unique talent and appreciate the artist that lives among us!

- also see back cover

# Can I get a coffee here?

John P. Mason



That's the question I hear repeatedly at Guild Park and Gardens. It usually gets asked by visitors at events hosted by Friends of Guild Park, the award-winning group for which I volunteer. Unfortunately, the simple answer is "No." This historic and popular 88-acre site continues to lack a café or any place where the public can enjoy a beverage or a bite to eat.



Oak Dining Room – Public restaurant at Guild Inn  
Source: [Chuckmantorontonostalgia.wordpress.com](http://Chuckmantorontonostalgia.wordpress.com)

Guildwood Village residents have been trying for decades to have an appropriate food service operation return to Guild Park, a modern version of the well-remembered restaurant and

bar run for decades at the site's original Guild Inn.

To gauge public support for this idea, last year Friends of Guild Park launched an online petition asking for:

- the opening of an on-site restaurant for the public,
- easy public access inside the former Guild Inn, and
- community meeting space to be made available at affordable rates.

All of these requests had been promised to the public in 2015 and were provisions included in the legal agreements covering these operations. Keep in mind that Guild Park is run through a complicated network of responsibilities (you can get the details in the Spring 2023 issue of News & Views). To recap:

- The property is owned by the Toronto & Region Conservation Authority
- Most of the grounds and facilities are looked after by dozens of different divisions and departments of the City of Toronto, and
- The former Guild Inn and restaurant was beautifully restored and now called the Guild Inn Estate. It is a full-service event centre operating under a 40-year sublease between the City and a private company.

Under this sublease, the Guild Inn Estate is obligated to operate a restaurant and provide other public amenities. The City included this requirement after years of advocacy by volunteers from the GVCA and the Guild Renaissance Group. In exchange for community benefits, the City's sublease provides the Guild Inn Estate with significant municipal tax benefits. Both sides agreed to these terms

and signed the sublease.

*Bickford Bistro –  
Private restaurant at  
Guild Inn Estate  
Source:  
Facebook.com/  
TheGuildInnEstate*



In 2017, the Guild Inn Estate opened with a restaurant and commercial kitchen/dining facilities designed to serve top-quality food for more than 600 guests at a time. By 2022, both the restaurant and all of the Guild Inn Estate was closed to the public. Signs outside the tax-subsidized facility read: "Private Property No Public Access."

After the Guild Inn Estate shut its doors to the public, volunteers decided to remind City officials that the required community benefits were no longer available to Guild Park visitors, nor to Toronto taxpayers who continue subsidizing the facility.

That's what prompted the online petition in November 2022. Within weeks more than 3,000 people from around the world showed they wanted the facility and restaurant reopened for public use.

- More than 60% of the support came from Guildwood Village, across Scarborough and the rest of Toronto,
- 30% came from Ontario and all Canadian provinces;
- The remaining 10% came from the U.S. and other countries.

This remarkable result from the public quickly got the attention of the people in charge of operations at Guild Park. By April 2023, City of Toronto officials had met twice with local volunteers – including members of the GVCA and Friends of Guild Park – and exchanged more information. On request from the City, volunteers also provided reports about how future food service operations at Guild Park could be successful.

Since then, there's nothing new to report on the restaurant front. In a year that started with a flurry of volunteer-led activity, City officials have been unable to fulfill many of the commitments regarding food service at the former Guild Inn.

However, the two City departments responsible for much of Guild Park are making progress in other areas.

## **Parks, Forestry and Recreation (PFR):**

- Created a new entrance with a bench at the park's forest boardwalk off Guildwood Parkway;
- Installed the interpretive sign for Guild Park's new Native Pollinator Garden, a project by volunteers from



Guildwood Butterflyway and Friends of Guild Park.

- Supported GVCA's Tree & Shrub Giveaway and a half-day stewardship program to care for portions of Guild Park's urban forest

#### Arts Services:

- Earned a Heritage Toronto nomination for creating Guild Park's Clark Centre for the Arts. The re-imagined and rebuilt facility connects with the legacy of the Guild of All Arts, a historic artists' community that operated on the site for six decades.
- Established the Clark Centre as studio space for public art programs and professional artists, plus a hub for exhibitions and art events.
- Extended its agreement for Guild Park's restored Sculptor's Cabin, so park/community volunteers can use the small-scale space for art activities and welcoming visitors.

These improvements served the ever-increasing number of people who came to this year's summer series of events:

- Guildwood Day
- the largest-ever Guild Alive with Culture festival,
- five different productions by Guild Festival Theatre at the Greek Theatre
- an outdoor music series at the Clark Centre
- the variety of tours and events, such as Toronto's Arts on the Parks program

While the City of Toronto doesn't track attendance at its parks, an estimated 200,000 people each year come to Guild Park for

- the activities listed above,
- private events at Guild Inn Estate, and
- daily visitors who drop by to the site, which is open 24/7 all year long.

This makes Guild Park and Gardens among the most popular destination parks in the city. It also makes the lack of public food service a major deficiency for the site. Another major deficiency is the lack of permanent public washrooms at Guild. That's a topic for another time.

As a volunteer who's been active at Guild Park for more than a decade, I'm seeing a growing divergence between the expectations of park visitors and the actions taken by park operators. So many people I meet at park events – including the ones I met this year from the GTA, Winnipeg, Arizona, England, or Japan – are surprised and impressed by the art, nature and stories they discover on the site. People continue to tell me they had no idea that they could discover so many wonders in what they call "Toronto's hidden gem." Visitors recognize the site's potential as a unique place to learn about the land, the city and the country. They are impressed by the tangible touchstones of nature and art – both from yesterday and today. According to these visitors, many of Guild Park's attractions are comparable to those found at any other destination park. People describe Guild Park as a condensed version of Toronto's High Park, Montreal's

Mount Royal and Vancouver's Stanley Park. I heard the same comments from the responses from Guildwood Village residents and readers of News & Views. The many comments I've received are very much appreciated.

What's missing at Guild Park are basic services that visitors expect at destination parks – walkways that are marked and easily accessible, interpretive signs and being able to get something to drink and eat while enjoying some pleasant hours on site. Major plans to improve this property that encompasses the Scarborough Bluffs remain on the shelf at Toronto City Hall.

#### What can YOU do?

Smaller and newer parks elsewhere in the city have long-term access to millions of dollars, thanks to an unbalanced funding process that Toronto officials ended but never rectified. What can we do about the lack of on-site restaurant and other promised community services at Guild Park, despite the public's ongoing requests?

I suggest emailing your comments about Guild Park's future to News & Views. Do this as soon as you read this article. Include your name and contact information so volunteers can follow up. Also, let us know if we can use your name or if you prefer to remain anonymous.

The information received will help send a strong message that people who support Guild Park expect the City to honour its major promises about the site and to have Guild Park operate to its full potential as a destination where Art meets Nature.

One positive development has happened regarding public access to the Guild Inn Estate. Earlier this year, the facility operator began allowing the public to reserve times for self-guided tours of the City of Toronto public art collection displayed inside the premises. Included are more than 40 artworks and collectables once owned by Rosa and Spencer Clark, founders and owners of the original Guild Inn and Guild of All Arts.

City officials acquired the Clarks' collection for the City of Toronto public art about 15 years ago. The City later loaned some of this art to the Guild Inn Estate.

The art on display is significant to both the Clarks and Guild Park. Included are notable works such as:

- an oil painting by Scarborough artist, Doris McCarthy,
- a portrait of Spencer Clark by renowned Canadian photography, Yousuf Karsh, and
- a charming watercolour done by Rosa Clark herself.

When the Guild Inn Estate quietly announced online that a \$10/person fee would be levied to view the City's public art, volunteers asked City officials the reason for this fee. Within a matter of days, the City's Corporate Real Estate Management division took steps to have the admission charge dropped.

# Our Rising Stars



## Presenting Zoë Paton



Sheila McGovern

Seventeen-year-old Zoë Paton is both a provincial & national level rugby player. Zoë has been playing rugby since the summer of 2019 when she joined the Balmy Beach Rugby Club. In the fall of 2019, she joined the Toronto Amazons, where her love of the game continued to flourish. Since being with this club, she has built many strong friendships which have family-like vibes. During the past few years, Zoë has played both 15's & 7's rugby which refers to the number of players on the field. They are two totally different games – 15's is an hour-long game while 7's is only 14 minutes. Apart from the Amazons, Zoë also plays with the Ontario Jr Blues (Provincial), Toronto Reds (Regional), Misfits (Regional) and this past summer she made the Canada National East U18 Team!



opportunity to coach young people in sports – particularly female athletes. Zoë also plays hockey, volleyball, lacrosse, softball and track and she can often be seen out running in all types of weather – proving that there are no bad days!! In her “spare” time, Zoë also works for the City of Toronto as a Camp Leader, Skate Instructor and Rink Guard.



Zoë lives with her brother and parents in Guildwood and has a strong community connection. Interestingly, she has gone to all the same schools as her mother (who has lived in Guildwood since 1971) ... a true family affair! She was the Grade 11 Female Athlete of the Year at Sir Wilfrid Laurier Collegiate Institute last year and she is this year's co-Chair of the Laurier Athletic Council. She is also part of the Character Ed Leadership Group at her high school. Along with her brother (Maverick), Zoë was instrumental in helping to bring rugby back to Sir Wilfrid Laurier CI for the fall season in 2022. Zoë plans on continuing her rugby career when she goes to university next fall. She intends to study education mainly so she will have the



Zoë and Sophie de Goede (a rugby player with Team Canada)

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# A Look Back in Time

Barrie Morgan



It was good to see so much support for Guildwood Day this summer -- especially after the terrible Covid shutdown we suffered through! For many years, I had the pleasure of working with the Holy Trinity BBQ tents from very early in the morning but there was no time to be able to sneak away to watch the parade. It was exhausting and yet so much fun! In 2016, however, I made the effort to take a couple of 11-12 minute videos of the parade from start to finish. I wonder what the children shown in these videos would think when they see themselves several years later ... now as teenagers or adults?

Here are the YouTube links in case anyone would like to see them:



<https://youtu.be/msRb-l1nv5k>  
or:  
[tinyurl.com/GuildwoodParadeVideo1](http://tinyurl.com/GuildwoodParadeVideo1)

[https://youtu.be/RSN\\_x2Joi0](https://youtu.be/RSN_x2Joi0)  
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# Let's Keep it Natural

Sherri Lange



Guildwood is known for its natural beauty, exquisite gardens, and a heritage of conservation. With the renowned gardens of the Guild, and natural forested areas, the envy of most of Canada, we are privileged to co-habit with some of Ontario's richest varieties of wildlife and plants. There is a special

pride in celebrating our natural surroundings. The many beautiful gardens of Guildwood are replete with a wide variety of styles of gardens ranging from traditional (with a focus on lawns, flowers and plants) to nearly completely natural. Each one is unique and shows "personality" along with an appreciation for nature, wild creatures, birds, butterflies, and all manner of life. Lawn maintenance seems a high priority here, and some may not be aware of the consequences of pesticides and fertilizers.

## Did you know?

Homeowners spend billions of dollars and typically use 10 times the amount of pesticide and fertilizers per acre on their lawns as farmers do on crops; the majority of these chemicals are wasted due to inappropriate timing and application. These chemicals then runoff and become a major source of water pollution. Last but not least, 30 to 60 percent of urban fresh water is used on lawns. Most of this water is also wasted due to poor timing and application.

Most jurisdictions have banned cosmetic use of lawn and yard herbicides and pesticides for good reason: these chemicals cause disruption of the natural eco-system, and may cause physical harm, including possible neurological harm, to humans as well as wildlife. However, certain broad-leaf herbicides are allowed in Toronto and elsewhere in Ontario and these are the ones that are used by lawn care companies – many of whom advertise their products and processes as "natural" or "organic." Nothing could be further from the truth. "Fiesta" for one, is nothing close to organic and natural, and has been the subject of numerous complaints at Health Canada. Many are wondering how this product managed to be certified as a possible weed control product.

Here in the Guild, there have been recent reports of animals vomiting, poisoned wildlife along with fewer sightings of wildlife, including insects, birds and butterflies. Some common symptoms such as dizziness, nausea, diarrhea and eye and throat irritations have many causes but could be a result of pesticide exposure. There are many people in our neighbourhood with health concerns and I think it's time to raise an alarm about the use of lawn chemicals.

There are many natural methods of lawn and garden

beautification, without chemicals, that you can use. Here are some suggestions:

1. Hand pick weeds! Wait for the rain; never leave the root behind; have proper tools; sow and mulch.
2. Spot apply vinegar or boiling water.
3. Regular cutting really means a lovely, lush lawn! Apply natural fertilizer once or twice a season.
4. Use plantings that encourage pollinators such as wasps, hornets, and bees...don't be afraid of them!
5. Get used to thinking outside the box! Some "weeds" such as clover and dandelions have been identified as important food sources for bees and ground covers such as creeping thyme and native violets can be used as well. There are also some "bee turf" seed mixes available and some of these have been developed for use in our region.
6. Avoid the synthetic fertilizers and add organic nutrients instead, such as compost and leaves.
7. Try food grade diatomaceous earth to discourage cinch bugs and ants.

It's important to remember that pesticides do not simply stay put on your lawn. They aerosolize and can land many blocks away. Airborne vapours will enter homes, and linger on toys and bird baths, for example. It is known that residues are noticed on counters, clothes, and in food, following applications. That would be on your neighbour's property, too. These would be folks, perhaps with chemical sensitivities, or health problems, or perhaps with small babies at home. That's something to think about!

Pesticide use is regulated. Any use of pesticides (including herbicides) is prohibited in the city of Toronto and homeowners shall focus on manual methods of invasive species management.<sup>1</sup>

Eartheasy presents easy-to-understand facts on weed/insect spraying. Here are a few key points that should arouse interest, and concern (or visit [eartheasy.com](http://eartheasy.com) for a full list).

1. Are lawn chemicals safe when dry?  
*No. Many chemicals remain active from a month to over a year. During this time, they can release toxic vapours. Breathing these vapours, even from neighbours' lawns or while playing on or mowing contaminated grass, can cause illness.*

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1 <https://www.toronto.ca/services-payments/water-environment/trees/forest-management/urban-forest-management/#:~:text=Pesticide%20use%20is%20regulated,methods%20of%20invasive%20species%20management.>



2. What are the symptoms of lawn care pesticide poisoning?

*They are deceptively simple and similar to those of other illnesses. Pesticides attack the central nervous system and other vital body centers. Some symptoms include everything from headaches to serious illness or possibly, in extreme cases, even death.*

3. Are there alternatives to toxic lawn care chemicals?

*Yes. Natural landscape maintenance programs can achieve a healthy, pest-free landscape using the latest scientific developments in organic agriculture and horticulture. For example, corn gluten is a natural pre-emergent weed killer and fertilizer now available to homeowners. Lawns can be enriched naturally by thin spreading of compost in the spring and fall. Also, natural lawn care practices will lead to a healthy vigorous lawn which resists pests and disease.*



I'm looking forward to seeing our Guildwood gardens resplendent and even more NATURAL!

*Note: Sherri Lange has been a Guildwood resident for 18 years. She loves the gardens and natural life. She is a writer, speaker and author on environmental and energy matters. If you would like to discuss any of these issues further or receive more in-depth information on this topic, please feel free to reach out to Sherri at [kodaisl@rogers.com](mailto:kodaisl@rogers.com) or cell: 416 567 5115*



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# Vijay Thanigasalam, MPP Scarborough-Rouge Park



Dear residents of Guildwood,

I hope you and your families have enjoyed the summer and are staying happy and healthy! I always enjoy spending time in the community during the summer. I have met with countless constituents and am excited to bring your feedback with me to Queen's Park!

## Our Community BBQ

Thank you to everyone who joined me at our Community BBQ at Canmore Park. I am so grateful to everyone who came out to catch up with me and my team. I want to especially thank the amazing volunteers who made the entire event possible.



*I had a great time chatting with Scarborough residents at our Community BBQ.*

We had great hamburgers, hot dogs, donuts, and ice cream while the kids enjoyed the fun activities that brought us all together. There is nothing more important to me than spending time in the community – catching up with you and hearing about your questions, concerns, and priorities. It was truly a great celebration of the Scarborough spirit!

## Back to Basics

As the kids go back to school, I want to assure parents in Scarborough

that the government is taking action to modernize and refocus Ontario's education system to improve student outcomes by boosting foundational skills like reading, writing, and math. We are committed to an education system that prepares young people for the jobs of the future!

Students will benefit from an updated curriculum to deliver crucial knowledge that will make our students more competitive in the modern economy, with more hands-on learning, including:

- **Overhauled Language Curriculum & Investment** – \$109M to hire specialist educators and the unveiling of a new curriculum that supports reading, restores cursive writing, phonics, critical thinking, and introduces digital media literacy skills.
- **Reading Screener and Supports** – \$12.5M annually to measure early literacy rates for students in Year 2 of Kindergarten to Grade 2 to be screened for reading skills.

- **Grade 10 Digital Technology and Innovations in the Changing World** – This new course infuses hands-on learning that drives innovation in the classroom.
- **Financial Literacy Modules** – Secondary students will learn how to create a budget, manage their money, protect themselves from financial scams, and plan for long term purchases such as buying a house or car.
- **Mental Health Modules** – Develop Mental Health Literacy Modules, for teacher use in Grades 7 and 8.

We will ensure that students receive a stable and enjoyable school year with the full experience that includes extracurricular activities, clubs, and more that build real life skills that go beyond the classroom.

## Making Transit Easier

We are making it easier to ride the TTC and GO Transit as riders can now use credit or debit cards to pay fares, including cards on a smartphone or smartwatch. This is another way in which the government is making life easier and more convenient for the residents in Scarborough and across the GTA.

I look forward to seeing you all again soon! If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to our office at 8130 Sheppard Ave. East Unit 105, by email at [vijay.thanigasalam@pc.ola.org](mailto:vijay.thanigasalam@pc.ola.org), or give us a call at 416-283-8448.

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# Great Live Music in Intimate Scarborough Settings

Jay Moonah



Since 2015, the “Dinner and a Song” concert series has been bringing fabulous live music to a variety of Scarborough restaurants. The idea was the brainchild of Guildwood resident, David Tangness. David and his wife, Janet, had already been hosting a very successful house concert series, and wanted to branch out. With the idea of “making Scarborough a more interesting place to live and do business,” the goal was to help create a more vibrant music scene, and at the same time support local restaurateurs. David enlisted the help of a number of other folks, including myself, fellow Guildwoodian Terry Donaghue, and friend John Johnson

from nearby Pickering. The four of us remain the core organizing group.

Dinner and a Song originally partnered with the Olde Stone Cottage and (now sadly departed) Aioli Bistro, and later added shows at Miller Lash House at the University of Toronto in Scarborough. The program for each event consists of a prix fixe meal followed by a seated concert. With only 50 attendees per show, there’s not a bad seat in the house!

I’m excited to report that more than 40 live shows have been presented to date plus a few Zoom concerts during the pandemic. Performers have included roots and folk artists such as Andrea Ramolo, Ariana Gillis, Melanie Brulée, and Gathering Time, blues acts like Jack de Keyzer, Jenie Thai, and Al Lerman, and even some rockers like Paul James, Mike McKenna, and Scarborough legend Greg Godovitz. Most shows are solo or duos, but occasionally an artist like former Prairie Oyster frontman Russell deCarle will surprise everyone by bringing an entire 5-piece band!

The recent fall 2023 line-up at the Olde Stone Cottage included Lynne Hanson, Paul Reddick, and Suzie Vinnick. The featured artists for 2024 and beyond are still being finalized as of this writing, but be sure to check out [dinnerandasong.com](http://dinnerandasong.com) or search Facebook for latest info.

Bon appétit, and enjoy the show!



Jenie Thai at the Olde Stone Cottage, March 2023



Russell deCarle at the Olde Stone Cottage, October 2022



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# Andrea Hazell, MPP Scarborough-Guildwood



Dear Residents of Scarborough-Guildwood,

My name is Andrea Hazell, and I am thrilled to address you today as your newly-elected Member of Provincial Parliament. It's an absolute honour and privilege to represent this vibrant and diverse community, and I want to express my deepest gratitude for your trust and support during the recent by-election. I have been diligently working since election day (July 27th, 2023) on behalf of my constituents. I'm ready to bring the same drive and determination I have for delivering results for our community to serve the people of Scarborough-Guildwood at Queen's Park.

I want to take this opportunity to tell you a bit about myself. As many of you may know, I have deep roots in this community. Growing up in St. Vincent and the Grenadines and later settling in Scarborough, I've witnessed the strength and resilience of our people. My parents instilled in me the values of hard work, compassion, and service to others. It's these values that have guided my journey through three decades in banking, as a small business owner, community advocate and now, as your MPP.

My mission is to serve you and work tirelessly to address the issues that matter most to our community. I've spent many years championing causes such as healthcare accessibility, support for small businesses, empowerment of women, students, and newcomers, and the promotion of diversity and inclusion. I know that the affordability crisis is hitting many of us hard — the cost of housing and groceries are simply unsustainable for many. We need to bring back rent control, to build enough housing for anyone, and we need real relief at the supermarket because no one in our community should lack a roof over their head or food on the table. I pledge to continue

to fight for those issues as well as other priorities for our community, including improved public transportation, especially with the early shutdown of the Scarborough RT, because Scarborough residents don't deserve to be left behind.



better place to live, work, and raise our families!

In my new role, I'm eager to amplify these efforts and collaborate with you to make Scarborough-Guildwood an even

## Our Shared Values and Priorities

Together, we will focus on:

- **Healthcare Accessibility:** Ensuring top-notch healthcare services for our community, especially after the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Economic Prosperity:** Supporting our local small businesses and boosting our local economy, including through new infrastructure like better public transit.
- **Empowering Our Community:** Providing better educational programs and job training opportunities for our youth and newcomers.
- **Celebrating Diversity:** Our community thrives on its diversity, and I'm committed to promoting equal opportunities for all.
- **Open Dialogue:** I believe in an open and transparent government. Share your thoughts, ideas, and concerns with us.

## Join the Conversation

Your thoughts, ideas, and concerns matter greatly. Please reach out to our constituency office at 416-281-2787, email at [ahazell.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org](mailto:ahazell.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org), or find me on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter @AndreaHazell to share your input. I'm here to listen.

## Stay Connected

Visit our website [andreaHazell.onmpp.ca](http://andreaHazell.onmpp.ca) for real-time updates, event announcements, and opportunities to engage with me and your fellow community members. You can sign up for our monthly newsletter there.

## Thank You

Your support has been incredible, and I'm excited about the positive changes we can make together. Scarborough-Guildwood is a remarkable community, and I'm grateful to represent you. Thank you for being part of this journey.



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Dear Guildwood Neighbours,

### Community Updates

**Wishing everyone a safe and healthy Winter season!**

### **Pedestrian Crossing on Guildwood Parkway between Prince Philip Blvd. & Livingston Rd**

I was delighted to see many of you at my Summer and Fall events, which served as a platform for engaging in meaningful conversations about local issues and residents to also enjoy the festivities.

Following feedback from community residents, I requested Transportation Services to conduct a review of the need for pedestrian crossing protection along Guildwood Parkway, specifically between Prince Philip Boulevard and Rowatson Road, which resulted in recommending to install traffic control signals at the intersection of Guildwood Parkway and Rowatson Road. It was approved by Scarborough Community Council and the installation is tentatively scheduled to begin in the Spring of 2024.

I would like to congratulate Olivia Chow on her successful election as Mayor of Toronto. Her election is momentous as she becomes the first woman Mayor of our amalgamated City of Toronto and the first woman of colour to hold this position.

### **The Clark Centre for the Arts has been nominated for 2023 Built Heritage Award**

As newly appointed Chair of General Government Committee, I look forward to working together as we tackle the city's most pressing issues, including public transportation, housing, homelessness, and maintaining city services. I hope you can all join me in congratulating Mayor Chow.

The Clark Centre for the Arts, located at 191 Guildwood Pkwy on the grounds of the beautiful Guild Park and Gardens, continues Guild Park's artistic lineage through expanded educational programs, arts and crafts work by resident artists, and cultural impact as a place of production, exhibition, and public engagement. 48th Annual Heritage Toronto Awards will take place on Monday, October 30, 2023 at the Carlu in downtown Toronto.

### **Toronto Activities**

[www.heritagetoronto.org](http://www.heritagetoronto.org)

Check out the Festival and Events page at [www.toronto.ca/events](http://www.toronto.ca/events) for a delightful selection of activities this season.

### **My Calendar:**

### **Stay Connected!**

Please also join me for community meetings and events.

To keep up to date with the events I will be hosting and attending. You can view them on my calendar:

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If you have any community questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me and my Constituency Office. We are dedicated to providing assistance and support in these matters.

## **Stay Updated & Get Involved!**

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# The Guild Alive with Culture Arts Festival 2023

*Councillor Paul Ainslie, Festival Chair*



The Guild Alive With Culture Arts Festival, held on July 22-23, 2023, at Guild Park and Gardens, was an exceptional celebration of arts, culture, and community. The event featured an unprecedented number of artists, including a significant presence of Indigenous artists, adding depth, richness, and diversity to the festival.



Among the many highlights were live acts by Jennie Town & Medicine Sisters, whose performances mesmerized the audience with their soulful and evocative melodies. The festival also featured Indigenous dancing and

drumming performances by talented artists like Sharon Kelly, Charlene Toney, and Dave Bolton. Their captivating rhythms and movements showcased the beauty of

Indigenous traditions and storytelling.



With over 120 artist booths, the festival provided a vibrant space for artists to



showcase their work, including stunning paintings, mesmerizing sculptures, handcrafted jewelry, unique ceramics and woodworks, delicious treats, and more. Many new artists joined The Guild Alive for the first time, and they expressed great enthusiasm about returning next year.

Visitors were treated to a visual and auditory feast, immersing themselves in the beauty of art and culture in the picturesque Guild Park and Gardens. The festival had not only allowed attendees to appreciate the diverse array of artistic expressions, but it also fostered a sense of community and artistic dialogue, highlighting the thriving arts scene in the local community.



The festival served as a platform of appreciation of the arts, cultural exchange, and unity within the community and both the artists, and the attendees are eagerly anticipating next year's The Guild Alive With Culture Arts Festival.

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# Toronto needs a new fiscal framework with our provincial and federal governments

Jennifer McKelvie, Councillor, Ward 25, Scarborough – Rouge Park



Dear residents,

In August, City Council met to approve committee responsibilities, and Mayor Chow announced the appointments of her Deputy Mayors.

I look forward to continuing my role as Chair of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee. Together with City staff, we have made great strides in advancing Toronto's climate action strategy, executing the City's Ravine Strategy, and expanding the Vision Zero Road Safety Plan. There is still more work to do, and I am proud to help steward the City's efforts in these areas. I will also sit on the Budget and Executive Committees, the Board of Directors for Toronto Hydro, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and the Toronto Zoo.

In addition to my committee responsibilities and my dedication to the residents of Scarborough-Rouge Park, I am pleased to serve as Deputy Mayor, Scarborough. Since February, I have had the opportunity to work closely with my colleagues in the federal and provincial governments to secure funding and support for the City and its initiatives. This role will provide me with the opportunity to continue to amplify issues impacting Scarborough, including funding for the Eglinton East LRT from other levels of government. This 18km transit infrastructure project will connect Kennedy Station, University of Toronto Scarborough, Malvern Town Centre and the new Sheppard Subway station.

## Toronto's Long-Term Financial Plan

Toronto needs a new fiscal framework with the provincial and federal governments. Our City of Toronto operating budget shortfall is estimated at \$1.5 billion in 2024 alone. Municipalities across the province are facing unprecedented operating budget challenges as a result of inflation, decreased transit farebox revenues and increasing demand on our shelter systems.

Since the onset of the pandemic, the City has found more than \$2.5 billion in savings, offsets and mitigation strategies. In 2023, Council introduced the largest residential property tax increase since amalgamation, of 7%. The City has also increased revenues through the Municipal Accommodation Tax, increased TTC fares and introduced the Vacant Home Tax.

To further increase revenue in 2024, the City will increase the Municipal Land Transfer Tax rates for high-value residential properties valued at over \$3 million. Through the budget process, the City will also develop a multi-year approach for property tax rates, review on-street parking rates and consider increasing the Vacant Home Tax rate.

These measures alone are not sufficient to tackle the structural deficit faced by the City of Toronto. In September, Toronto City Council approved the Long-Term Financial Plan, which demonstrates the need for a new fiscal framework with the provincial and federal governments.

On an ongoing basis, the City delivers key services that are extensions of federal and provincial responsibilities, such as child care, long-term care, employment and social services, public health and refugee response. Approximately \$1.1 billion, or 22 percent of the City's annual property tax revenues, reduces the financial burden for other orders of government. Property taxes were not intended to fund these responsibilities, and it is not sustainable to do so.

We must continue to have critical conversations with our provincial and federal partners to ensure we can move forward sustainably towards priorities including housing, transit and climate action. As your Councillor and Deputy Mayor, I will continue to advocate for a better deal for Toronto; this includes increased funding by the province and federal government for their areas of responsibility, a better realignment of service responsibilities, and new revenue tools that grow with the economy, to ensure the essential services that Toronto residents rely on are not impacted.

## Beare Hill Park is Now Open!

This summer, we opened Beare Hill Park (8145 Finch Avenue East) in the Scarborough-Rouge Park Community. At Beare Hill, the City worked to convert the closed landfill into a beautiful new greenspace for residents in Scarborough to enjoy. The park is now home to rich, natural forest, meadow and wetland habitats used by wildlife, including four species at risk. It's worth the hike up the hill to see the beautiful view of our community.

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Beare Hill Park is now open! Thank you to City staff for all of their hard work in creating this beautiful new space for residents to enjoy.



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# Guildwood Village **UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b>28 OCT</b>	<b>Halloween Haunt</b> 10am to 1pm See page 3
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<b>9 DEC</b>	<b>Candy Cane Hunt</b> 1pm to 3pm
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<b>1 NOV</b>	<b>Pumpkin Parade</b> 6:30pm to 8:00pm See page 3
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# Crossword

Don Briggs



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**Across:**

- 1. Fence \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. U-shaped portion of drain pipe
- 10. Make of Auto
- 13. \_\_\_\_\_ Shaw, '30's & '40's band leader
- 14. Text abbr. meaning "glad to have you home"
- 15. Men had to wear ties at \_\_\_\_\_ Warehouse
- 16. Head covering
- 17. British college founded in 1440
- 18. Important carpet feature
- 19. One of 2 things you can always count on
- 20. Pig fat
- 21. Female pronoun
- 22. To this, you RSVP

- 25. Protest song by Edwin Starr
- 28. Noticed
- 29. \_\_\_\_\_ of a Critch, CBC comedy
- 30. One of the Gershwins
- 31. Don Cherry always spoke fondly of his late wife \_\_\_\_\_
- 33. Played by Marty Feldman in movie "Young Frankenstein"
- 36. Set on fire
- 37. Mythical bird of prey with enormous size and strength
- 38. Very dirty
- 40. May describe condition of teenager's bedroom
- 42. Went away
- 44. \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock

- 45. A town in Southern Spain
- 46. A city in 11D
- 48. There are 100 points \_\_\_\_\_
- 50. After Sheriff Taylor, Andy played \_\_\_\_\_ for 9 seasons
- 53. Cdn financial institution
- 57. Off track
- 58. Whiteboard support frame
- 59. Plaza once at Eglinton / McCowan
- 60. Nightmare (2 wds)
- 63. Toy truck brand
- 64. Served at the Stone Cottage
- 65. Kit \_\_\_\_\_
- 66. Bando or Mineo
- 67. \_\_\_\_\_ foil
- 68. \_\_\_\_\_ - pitch

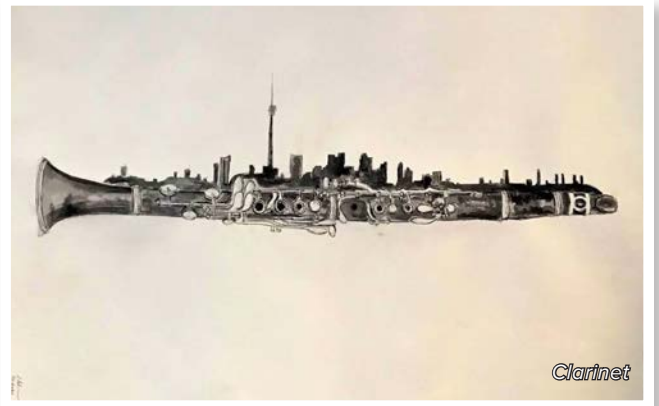
**Down:**

- 1. Time before
- 2. Killer whale
- 3. Pringles competitor
- 4. A scrabble piece
- 5. The body's extreme response to an infection
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_ High, 1949 war movie starring Gregory Peck
- 7. Secures services of a lawyer
- 8. Stop a mission
- 9. Giant \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. Al Waxman was "King" of it
- 11. U.S. state known for it's potatoes
- 12. Tree often mistaken for birch

- 23. He picked a bad time to play the fiddle
- 24. Work hard
- 25. Fred's wife
- 26. The Little Mermaid
- 27. Dustin Hoffman was \_\_\_\_\_ Rizzo in Midnight Cowboy
- 32. Force exerted
- 34. Exclamation of concern (2 wds)
- 35. Goes good with ginger ale
- 37. He starred in "Love Story" (2 wds)
- 39. I thought I hit my golf ball straight, but \_\_\_\_\_ to the right.
- 41. Formerly known as Ceylon (2 wds)
- 43. The Cold War \_\_\_\_\_

- 47. If you annoy a dog, \_\_\_\_\_
- 49. Do something for a particular purpose
- 50. Track \_\_\_\_\_
- 51. Woody Guthrie's boy
- 52. Prefix meaning across
- 54. It's not a sea lion, it's \_\_\_\_\_
- 55. Word used by teens in the 60's as an expression of enjoyment
- 56. \_\_\_\_\_ Royal Dutch Airlines
- 60. The only mammal capable of true and sustained flight
- 61. Fought Chuvalo in Toronto in 1966
- 62. Man cave, perhaps

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