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President's Message



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Fall is officially here! It is often a very busy time for families as we get back into the routines that come with

balancing work, children in school, sports and various programs. Our village comes alive this time of year with vibrant colours, tons of people out for walks, fall gardening and enjoying all our neighbourhood has to offer! With the number of schools within our boundaries, and heightened activity levels, please take extra care and caution this time of year looking out for little ones and the extra pedestrian traffic!

We've welcomed a few new members to the GVCA Board of Directors and are still taking applications for the role of interim Vice-President for which we will have an upcoming discussion.

Residents of Guildwood should know that several important changes at the city, provincial and federal level are underway — changes that will influence land use, housing, transit and infrastructure in our area. For those who may not be aware, I would like to take a few minutes to highlight some new Planning & Policy updates that are shaping Guildwood.

At the municipal level, Toronto's new Official Plan Amendment 570 (approved August 15, 2025) introduces updated policies for Major Transit Station Areas (MTSAs) and Protected Major Transit Station Areas (PMTSAs). These policies include minimum density requirements, encouragement of more housing near transit, and flexibility for mid-rise development (e.g. up to six storeys within 200 metres of transit stations). Guildwood GO has been identified as one of the "deferred PMTSAs", meaning certain aspects remain under further review. The city is also rolling out updated "Avenues" policies that align mid-rise buildings along transit corridors and major streets across Toronto.

Following the open house that was held on June 11th to talk about preserving the architectural characteristics of Guildwood, there was a follow up community meeting on Oct. 22nd to provide feedback on a draft report prepared by planning staff on the 'Guildwood Village Neighbourhood Design Guidelines', so stay tuned for more details on that as well.

On the provincial front, Ontario's commitment to these transit-oriented planning rules arises from the new Provincial Planning Statement (2024) and its integration into the Planning Act. The province also modified many

of Toronto's maps and policies under the OPAs, adding "Special Policy Areas" around rivers and natural features that will require extra approvals for development. Together, these changes aim to direct growth to transit hubs and protect sensitive ecological areas.

Federally, while no single sweeping law has immediately affected local rules in Guildwood, national priorities around affordable housing, infrastructure funding and climate policy continue to shape what projects get prioritized and funded. For example, federal-provincial agreements are directing more dollars toward housing and transit in fast-growing urban areas.

What This All Means for Guildwood

Over time, properties near the GO station and major streets (such as Guildwood Parkway) may see more mid-rise or apartment development.

- Inclusionary zoning rules may require a share of new units to be affordable (in PMTSAs).
- Natural features and waterfront zones (for example, creek corridors) may have additional oversight to protect them under the "Special Policy Areas."
- Federal infrastructure and housing funds may help new local projects but also raise competition for resources.

In the months ahead, the Guildwood Village Community Association will monitor specific proposals, planning applications, and funding announcements, and will keep residents informed. Your input will be crucial in shaping how these changes roll out in our neighbourhood. Please watch our social posts, our monthly e-newsletter and community groups for details regarding upcoming events, information sessions and details.

Wishing you all a wonderful fall, and feel free to drop us a line for anything you'd like covered in the winter issue!

2026 Guildwood Village Community Association (GVCA) Membership Drive: Your Voice. Your Neighbourhood. Your Membership!

Lynda Balogh



In 2025, we proudly welcomed over 1,250 members, including 50 new households who joined our membership to make Guildwood more connected. For 2026, we're aiming higher!

We will kick off with a soft launch of our 2026 campaign online in January. Then as spring blooms we'll continue our annual door-to-door initiative, bringing our campaign right to your doorstep.

A benefit of purchasing early is that your membership will allow you to vote in the Annual General Meeting, held in early spring.

Our community thrives because of the people who care, connect, and contribute. Whether you've lived here for decades or just moved in, becoming a GVCA member means:

- Having a voice in local decisions and advocacy efforts,
- Accessing our delicious Guildwood Day BBQ in June, along with entertainment
- Receiving member-only discounts at partner businesses (more information to come, please stand by for special announcements),
- Shaping the future of our shared parks, streets, and spaces,
- Joining a network of engaged, caring residents.

Volunteers Needed: Committee & Canvassers: We need a TEAM! We want YOU to be part of it! We're calling on passionate residents to join a new Membership Committee or help as Canvassing Volunteers. Your time makes a difference. This is a great way to meet others in the community!

Partner With Us: Local Businesses Welcome! We're inviting local businesses to be a part of our community-wide effort by:

- Displaying signage to promote GVCA membership
- Offering a small discount/perk to GVCA card-carrying members
- Co-hosting events or giveaways during our campaign

It's a win-win: increased foot traffic for businesses and stronger ties within our community. If you're a business owner, let's collaborate!

How to Get Involved: Are you interested in volunteering, partnering, or sharing ideas? Email us at membership@guildwood.ca. Let's make 2026 a year of connection, growth, and pride in our neighbourhood. **Together, we're not just building membership, we're building momentum, memories, and a community that reflects us all.**



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Guild Park's Art Centre Wins Award for Design and Community Input

*John P. Mason, President/Managing Director,
Friends of Guild Park*



Guild Park's ongoing revitalization recently captured the attention – and a major design award – from the City of Toronto for its impact on the local community and all the city.

Guild Park's restored and re-opened Clark Centre for the Arts earned a special prize from the 2025 Toronto Urban Design Awards. The jury of architects and urban planners for this city-wide program recognized the Clark Centre as an excellent example of "community-rooted arts and culture initiatives."



Guild Park's Clark Centre earned a special City of Toronto 2025 design award for its community impact. Credit: City of Toronto

The three-storey, 10,400 sq-ft facility was honoured with a one-of-a-kind Special Jury Award as a unique "Community Incubator" – an easily accessible space for arts programs that's become a destination for art lovers and artists from Guildwood Village, across Toronto and around the world.

The design experts noted how "this elegant and relatively modest project delivers an outsized impact" ever since the Clark Centre opened in April 2022. The jury of professionals said they were "particularly moved" by the unique story behind the building's restoration.

"What truly distinguishes the Clark Centre for the Arts is its deep sensitivity to local place, community needs and aspirations," stated jury members. They noted how the project was "born of sustained community advocacy and engagement for the revitalization of Guild Park and Gardens and the creation of arts spaces and programming on site."



Legacy & Advocacy

This community input came from decades of volunteer efforts – ideas, research, discussion, collaboration and dogged persistence – by members of local groups long active at Guild Park: Friends of Guild Park, Guild Festival Theatre, the Guild Renaissance Group and the GVCA.

The Clark Centre is a powerful example of how local advocacy, community participation and innovative design all came together on this \$5-million project. The result is a valuable City of Toronto-operated facility that brings the creative legacy of Guild Park into the 21st century.

The design and development team behind the Clark Centre project was led by Taylor Hazell Architects. Its founding co-partner, Charles Hazell, praised the essential role that volunteers played throughout the Clark Centre's planning and construction.

After receiving the special design award, the architect shared his appreciation to Friends of Guild Park president, John Mason. "Thank you as always," Charles Hazell wrote, "for the work you and the Friends of Guild Park ... did as advocates for this wonderful impactful project over the years."

From Warehouse to Arts Centre

The remarkable and successful evolution of this concrete and white stucco arts facility is a saga that goes back decades, when philanthropists Rosa and Spencer Clark owned the site of today's Guild Park. In the 1930s, the couple founded the Guild of All Arts as an artist community and began operating the popular Guild Inn hotel and restaurant on the site.

In 1963, the Clarks built a two-level warehouse for hotel equipment and their growing collection of artwork. Spencer would later use part of the building for his office.

To store seasonal hotel furnishings, machinery and large sculptures, the warehouse featured large wooden doors at ground level. To protect the Clarks' paintings and art from harsh sunlight, narrow windows were fitted at the ground and second floors.

Unique eye-catching features embellished the simple structure's exterior. Spencer Clark had begun saving



The original 1963 two-storey warehouse was closed to the public by 2016. Credit: Friends of Guild Park.

notable facades and fragments from demolished buildings. In front of his warehouse, he installed elements preserved from the recently destroyed Globe and Mail headquarters and Toronto armouries.

The warehouse stayed in use long after the Clarks sold the Guild property in 1978 and in later years, after the Clarks died and as the City of Toronto ultimately became responsible for the site. When the City closed the original Guild Inn in 2001, City staff continued working at the warehouse, dubbing it the “Archive Building.”

First Attempt: Arts Precinct

Meanwhile, GVCA volunteers continued efforts to have the entire 88-acre property restored as a community and arts destination, in keeping with the Clarks’ original “Guild” concept.

The City of Toronto response was the large-scale “Cultural Precinct.” This proposal would expand the existing warehouse with new working studios for glassmaking and sculpture, an exhibition hall, space for art classes, plus a public café.

The plan incorporated public input from the GVCA and the Guild Renaissance Group (GRG), a charity advocating for artists and art events/programs to return to the site. The GRG launched, and initially operated, the first weekend arts festival at the Guild (which continues as Guild Alive With Culture).

City officials unveiled their detailed Cultural Precinct plan to the public February 2010. Soon after they discovered the entire proposal was unworkable. Environmental restrictions prevented any development on the land adjacent to the 1963 warehouse.

The precinct plan was quickly dropped, and the City shifted its attention to another long-neglected project at Guild Park - finding a partner to restore and reopen the abandoned Guild Inn. That initiative led to the multi-million-dollar rebuilding and expansion of the original inn building, which opened in 2017. It now operates as a private events/wedding venue that’s closed to the public.

But what about the arts at Guild Park?

Amid so much uncertainty and frustration, people began calling for the return of art facilities as well as long-promised services at Guild Park. Adding to the volunteer voices of the GVCA and the GRG, were:

- the Guild Festival Theatre, which began staging professional performances at Guild Park’s landmark Greek Theatre in 2011; and
- Friends of Guild Park, formed in 2013 to bring a “whole-park” approach to the site’s operations.

Second Attempt: Community Input

These four park groups held their own arts/community events on the site. In two years, their activities, some enacted in collaboration with the City of Toronto, attracted more than 30,000 visitors to Guild Park. The achievement was remarkable, considering every public structure on site was either boarded up or condemned and the only public washrooms were temporary port-a-potties.

Based on their collective experience, these Guild Park stakeholder groups proposed to City officials specific ways to:

- bring more arts/cultural programming to Guild Park; and
- re-use the three abandoned buildings still standing on the site – the 1963 warehouse and two small cabins.

Many of the ideas contained in the volunteers’ May 2016 report have now been implemented at Guild Park or remain in progress. One of the community’s innovative concepts became today’s award-winning Clark Centre.

The Guild Park volunteers used Photoshop images to show how to expand the existing two-floor warehouse upward. The aim was to imagine a three-storey arts centre without encroaching on the adjacent protected land.

City officials initially dismissed the volunteers’ concept as unfeasible. Friends of Guild Park persisted and early in the design process shared the idea with Taylor



In 2016, Guildwood Village residents imagined an arts centre by adding a third floor to the abandoned building. Credit: Friends of Guild Park.



Early plans for the Clark Centre by project manager, Taylor Hazell Architects (THA), incorporated the community's concept. Credit: THA

Hazell Architects (THA), the team hired by the City to design an arts centre at Guild Park. THA recognized the potential of this proposal - adding a cantilevered third level circumvented the challenges that had stopped the "cultural precinct."

After extensive studies, THA optimized the new level's orientation, sightlines and structural requirements while keeping within the City's \$5 million budget. The final design included spaces for public art programs, multi-media exhibitions, studios for professional and emerging artists, plus community meeting space. The planning was so effective that the building design was uncompromised by the many delays caused by COVID lockdowns.

Adding the Clark Name

The arts centre reflects the creative legacy of the late Rosa and Spencer Clark, the art supporters and founders of the Guild of All Arts. Before the facility opened, City



The City of Toronto opened Guild Park's new arts centre April 2022. The popular facility offers a wide range of public programs. Credit: Friends of Guild Park.

officials agreed to another community suggestion: name the new arts centre to commemorate the Clarks and their lifetime of philanthropy at the property, which they once owned and managed.



The Clark Centre was inspired by Rosa and Spencer Clark, pictured on their wedding day, 1932. The philanthropic couple founded the historic Guild of All Arts that year and owned the land where they later launched the original Guild Inn and Guildwood Village. Credit: GVCA

A Call to Action

Guild Park has celebrated three major successes this year – the Toronto Urban Design Award for the Clark Centre, the City naming the Pollinator Garden "Best Community Garden," and the unveiling of the Heritage Toronto Plaque at the landmark Greek Theatre.

All these accomplishments were possible thanks to the ongoing efforts of Friends of Guild Park and many community collaborators eager to see the park reclaim its former splendour as an inspiring place where art meets nature.

The improvements at Guild Park reflect our organization's vision: ensuring this 88-acre site thrives as a sustainable and spectacular destination that welcomes the world.

But here's the reality: the City of Toronto has identified dozens of priority projects for Guild Park, yet for more than a decade the City lacks the budget and resources to implement them.

The situation is clear. Without informed public voices advocating for Guild Park, City Hall overlooks Guild Park's priorities and progress stalls.

Facing this status quo, Friends of Guild Park is a catalyst for action. As a not-for-profit organization, we do this by collaborating and taking on projects that deliver real results – results that make Guild Park better for the more than 200,000 people who now visit each year.

For these improvements to continue, this is the time to show your support for Friends of Guild Park and its activities. Share your comments about Guild Park, get involved by volunteering, becoming a member, making a donation.

These are all ways you can help Guild Park reach its full potential. Start today and visit www.guildpark.ca or send an email to president@guildpark.ca

Be an Angel for Kennedy House this Christmas



As the leaves turn red and gold and you start to feel a chill in the air, thoughts turn to the holiday season—families gathering together to celebrate, surrounded by plenty of food and loved ones. But what about those less fortunate this season?

At Kennedy House, we support children and youth when they need us most. Across the Greater Toronto Area, we provide shelter, programming, care, and opportunity to young people facing homelessness, youth in crisis, and children from underserved communities.

This year's **Angel Christmas Campaign** invites the Guildwood community to be an angel for our children and youth. Each gift directly supports their needs:

- **Arts and Crafts Supplies – \$10/month**

Encourage creativity and expression by supplying materials for engaging activities in our afterschool program.

- **Healthy After School Snacks – \$20/month**

Provide nourishing snacks for children in our afterschool program, helping them stay focused and energized.

- **Cozy Winter Bundle – \$50**

A soft blanket, warm sweater, and cozy slippers or socks—essentials for staying comfortable during the colder months.

- **Feed a Youth for a Month – \$100**

Ensure that a youth at Kennedy House receives nutritious meals for an entire month.

- **Winter Warmth Package – \$200**

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Mark your calendars for **Giving Tuesday, December 2, 2025**, a global day of giving, and consider making Kennedy House your charity of choice this holiday season.

Together, we can make Christmas brighter for youth who deserve safety, hope, and a chance to build a better future.

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My Father's Loom

Gillian Moorecroft



An object might seem to be just an object but the same object can have a story to tell. A diamond ring might tell the story of love and marriage. A christening gown could tell the story of the multiple babies who wore it. But what kind of story can a loom tell? As it turns out, an interesting one, with a bit of serendipity to it! Here is the loom and here is its story.

In 1946, my father, Sergeant Gordon Russell Brooks, was demobilized from the Canadian Armed Forces. After four years in Europe serving first in the Medical and then the Provost Corps, Russ was eager to return to Toronto to get on with his life. Never robust, he miraculously managed to survive his service without injury, but upon his return home he developed severe problems in his right knee. As a veteran, he first was treated in the old Christie Street Hospital which was still in operation when soldiers returned from Europe. He was subsequently transferred to the brand new Sunnybrook Medical Centre where he underwent surgery (he was one of the first 100 patients to be admitted). Recovering from surgery, Russ was bedridden for some time. The Sunnybrook occupational therapist team devised a treatment plan to keep his hands busy and his spirits up. He was prescribed a Guildcraft-Thackeray Loom, produced by the Guild of All Arts in Scarborough.



The Guild of All Arts was founded by Rosa and Spencer Clark as an artists' co-operative and center promoting the Arts and Home Crafts Industries movement in Canada. It was situated on the grounds of the Bickford Estate, a property purchased by the widowed Rosa Breithaupt Hewetson in 1932, just before her marriage to Spencer Clark. Rosa and her three daughters from her first marriage enjoyed working with looms so it was no surprise that the first studio established at the Guild in 1932 was hand-loom weaving. Other crafts soon followed - pottery, wrought iron working, sculpture, painting, and cabinet making, among others. Workshops were set up on the Clark's property, staffed with professional crafts people who lived on site and would demonstrate their particular

craft to the public. Quality pieces produced by the artists would be sold on site or at the Guild of All Arts Shop on 44 Bloor Street West. One postcard, purchased and sent home by one visitor in 1940, shows the popularity of the weaving studio.



The first looms produced and used in the weaving studio were huge, noisy and complicated. The Guild's 100" wide loom, billed as the largest hand-loom in Canada, was set up at the CNE for visitors to marvel at. The Clarks soon began to look for a smaller loom that could be manufactured and sold to customers who wanted to learn the craft. The Clarks learned of a unique light and portable loom that had been created by Captain Henry James Thackeray, a member of the British Arts and Crafts movement, and a 3rd cousin of author William Makepeace Thackeray. The Captain had died in 1926 but his widow continued on with his work of promoting the loom. In the July 11, 1931 edition of the *Yarmouth Independent* Margaret Thackeray spoke of "efforts being made at Elsing to revive the old village industry of weaving by means of a simple loom invented by her husband, the late Captain Thackeray. Its use was deftly demonstrated upon the terrace overlooking the lily-starred moat, and fabrics so made were much admired".

In the mid-1930s, Rosa and Spencer visited England and stayed with Margaret at Elsing Hall, the family estate located in Norfolk. The Clarks were successful in securing both the North American and British patent and design rights to the loom. Despite the fact that she no longer controlled sales of the loom, Margaret continued to promote it. In the 1939 Register of England she described herself as "Estate Owner and Seller of Thackeray Loom".

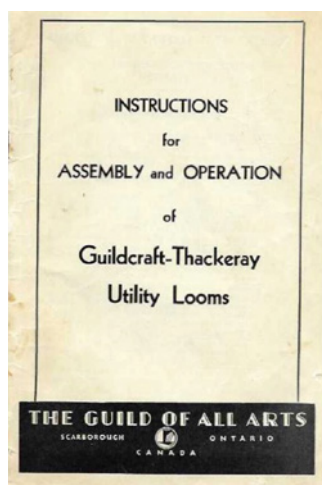
Back in Canada, production of the Guildcraft-Thackeray Utility Loom was soon underway in the Guild's woodworking shop which was supervised by Herman Riedl. Assistance was provided by the metal-working shop. The loom proved incredibly popular and was marketed to schools, camps and rehabilitation hospitals, as well

as the enterprising home weaver. The loom was light, portable, and small enough to be used by a seated patient such as my father. and many were sold by mail order. Potential weavers could visit the Guild of All Arts Shop on the 6th floor of Simpsons for a free demonstration. The loom could be purchased on a "Home Lovers Plan" for only \$2.50 up front and \$2.50 monthly. Customers were encouraged to take the loom to the cottage as "During the holidays you can readily weave smart materials for suitings, hand bags, scarfs, table runners, and many gifts for Christmas" (*Toronto Star* June 14, 1935). It became a major source of revenue for the Guild with more than 30,000 looms shipped worldwide. Both *The Globe and Mail* and *Toronto Star* were filled with ads touting the benefits of the loom as well as news articles featuring Rosa and her daughters modelling clothing made from cloth they'd woven themselves.



The Canadian magazine published a glowing report about the Guild's looms in its November 1937 article. "The Guildcraft and Thackeray looms are the biggest news the weaving world has had for centuries" as "The very smartest Parisian women and the most advanced Americans have seized on the brand-new vogue for hand-weaving with such glee that *The Canadian* would like to wager that you will find yourself plunged into the craze for hand-weaving before you know what has happened to you".

The instruction book for the Loom noted that "Guildcraft Looms have revolutionized home weaving until it is now one of the easiest and simplest of home occupations. Study your loom and your work with patience and care. You will be an expert before you realize it". The booklet featured a picture of the Hewetson girls at work on their looms on the grounds of the Guild estate.



My father was extremely creative and he enjoyed using the loom to make various items such as blankets, place mats and scarves. He even had personalized labels created to attach to his work. I don't ever remember my father using the loom but he kept it safe throughout his life. It remains a reminder of a difficult but rewarding time in my dad's life and an interesting connection to my current home in Guildwood Village.

There's one final connection between my father and his loom currently on the grounds of the Guild Park. Once he recovered from surgery my dad studied music at the University of Toronto. The Faculty of Music operated out of the Royal Conservatory of Music located at the corner of College Street and University Avenue in downtown Toronto. Dean of the Faculty of Music and the Royal Conservatory was Sir Ernest McMillan, the well-known conductor, composer and teacher. Sir Ernest was apparently an occasional guest at the Guild of All Arts taking time away from his day to day activities to write music.

The original Conservatory was demolished in 1968 and today the Ontario Power Building occupies the site. The facade from the building is now located on the grounds of the Guild Park and features a portrait of Sir Ernest MacMillan. A nice reminder of my dad's music studies close to my home.

My father's background

My dad was born on August 17, 1922, on Sparkhall Avenue in Riverdale. Though he was born and grew up in Toronto, Russ had deep Scarborough roots. His dad William Thomas Brooks was born on the family farm in Agincourt and his grandmother Martha Walker was the great-granddaughter of Archibald Thomson, brother of David Thomson. After graduating from U of T, Russ spent many years as a high school music teacher. I remember attending family functions at the Guild Inn when I was a child. My dad passed away in 1992 and is buried at Melville Presbyterian Church on Old Kingston Road, a stone's throw from Guildwood. When it came time for my husband and I to purchase a house we were happy to find the perfect place in Guildwood where we've lived for the past 22 years. Now retired from a long career in the insurance industry, I spend my free time researching family and local history.

This article was originally published July 2025 as a blog and is now being reprinted in the News & Views

Guild Festival Theatre Celebrates Record-Breaking Season and Bids Farewell to a Beloved Leader



Bonnie Duff, Artistic Associate



Guild Festival Theatre has wrapped our 2025 season with record attendance, bold new initiatives, and a bittersweet goodbye. From packed houses at the Greek Theatre to new plays taking local voices beyond Scarborough, it has been a summer to remember.

Record-Breaking Audiences in Guild Park

2025 was GFT's best summer season ever, including an expanded Family Fest, the world premiere of *Heratio*, and *The 39 Steps*, the best-selling show in the company's history! And beyond the park, *Theatre in Transit* attracted media attention and drew theatre lovers from across the GTA to discover the beauty and culture of Guild Park.



Heratio: Jack Davidson, Philippa Domville, Siobhan Richardson

Two World Premieres Born in Scarborough

This season was especially significant for GFT's commitment to developing new work. Both *Heratio* and *The Veil* emerged from the company's *In Conversation With Classics* program, which supported playwrights in creating bold new plays inspired by timeless stories.

Heratio made its debut at Guild Park and *The Veil* premiered this fall in association with Crow's Theatre and Thought For Food Productions, both productions highlighting GFT's commitment to developing and producing new Canadian work. These productions mark an exciting chapter in our growth, showcasing how work connected to Guildwood can resonate across Toronto and beyond. We remain proud champions of Scarborough art and artists and look forward to even more collaborations that amplify our community's creativity.



The 39 Steps: Sébastien Heins

Farewell to Christine

Amid the celebrations, GFT is also saying goodbye to our General Manager, Christine Luksts, who is moving on after seven remarkable seasons with the company. Audiences may remember her from the 2020 Porch Plays, her warm pre-show speeches at the Greek Theatre, or her creativity as the host of the *Crafts with GFT* YouTube series. She was also the driving force behind countless behind-the-scenes projects that helped the company grow. GFT is grateful for Christine's dedication and wishes her the very best in her next adventure.



Christine was instrumental in the team's creation of the YES program

Thank you, Guildwood

With record-breaking shows, exciting premieres, and a growing community presence, Guild Festival Theatre

has cemented its role as a cultural cornerstone in Scarborough. We couldn't do any of this without you, our audiences, supporters, and community partners who make every summer at the Greek Theatre possible. As we celebrate our successes and prepare for new adventures ahead, we look forward to welcoming you back in 2026 for more unforgettable theatre in the park.



The Veil: Byron Abalos

Lawn Wizard

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Understanding Safety and Prevention in TPS 43 Division

Josee Jauvin



The Toronto Police Service Public Safety Data Portal uses a crime score system to help residents better understand the safety of their neighbourhoods. Rather than simply reporting the number of incidents, this score offers a more nuanced view by factoring in both the frequency and severity of crimes. Serious offenses—such as assault and robbery—are weighted more heavily than less severe property crimes like mischief or petty theft.

A score of 100 represents the citywide average, so neighbourhoods with scores below that threshold are considered safer than average. Each year, all 158 neighbourhoods across Toronto are ranked based on these scores, allowing residents and policymakers to track safety trends over time and make informed decisions.

The information is available on the Toronto Neighborhoods Crime Statistics dashboard, which summarizes data from the TPS Public Safety Data Portal: torontocrimescore.com/neighborhoods

Guildwood: A Safety Snapshot

Located within TPS's 43 Division in Scarborough, Guildwood consistently ranks among the city's safest neighbourhoods.

According to data compiled from the TPS Portal, Guildwood's 2024 crime score was just 13.7, placing it in the top 10% for safety citywide. This exceptionally low score reflects both the minimal number of incidents and the relative absence of serious crime.

Out of the 158 Toronto neighbourhoods listed, Guildwood is ranked 145th in terms of criminal activity. The Crime Score website also lists Guildwood's 2024 Crime Profile as: **"Low risk, localized concerns"**.

In 2024, our area reported 124 incidents, which is 68% below the city average of 386. Violent crimes such as homicide, shooting, and robbery were either significantly lower than average or entirely absent.

Crime Breakdown in Guildwood

- **Assault:** Incidents remain infrequent, with only minor year-over-year fluctuations. The numbers consistently fall well below the citywide average, suggesting that violent confrontations are rare and community safety remains strong.
- **Robbery:** Fortunately, this is uncommon, with only a handful of cases reported annually. This low rate reflects both Guildwood's overall safety and how preventative measures such as improved lighting, surveillance, and

community vigilance can deter crime.

- **Break and Enter:** These incidents have been steadily declining, likely due to proactive local initiatives. Awareness campaigns, neighbourhood watch programs, and improved home security systems may contribute to this downward trend, making unauthorized entries increasingly difficult.
- **Auto Theft:** Guildwood continues to report rates below the city average. This may be attributed to secure residential driveways and garages, as well as growing awareness around anti-theft technologies and practices among vehicle owners.
- **Theft from Vehicles:** Despite Guildwood's overall low crime profile, theft from vehicles stands out as the most persistent issue. Rates are approximately 1% above the city average, making it the primary concern for residents. Items left visible inside parked cars—especially overnight—remain a tempting target. This ongoing challenge underscores the need for continued public education and vigilance.

Theft from Vehicles: What It Is and Why It Happens

Theft from vehicles involves stealing personal items or car components from parked vehicles—without taking the vehicle itself. Thieves often look for easy targets, exploiting lapses in vigilance or poor visibility.

Common Targets Include:

- **Electronics:** Laptops, tablets, GPS units, and charging cables left in view
- **Bags and Wallets:** Purses, gym bags, backpacks—even if empty
- **Car Parts:** Catalytic converters, rims, license plates, and emblems
- **Trunk Looting:** If thieves see you stash something, they may return later

Prevention Tips: How Guildwood Residents Can Stay Safe

While police patrols and community vigilance help, the most effective safety begins with smart individual habits. Here's how to keep your vehicle and valuables secure:

Keep It Clean

- Don't leave anything visible, even small items like spare change or charging cords
- A tidy vehicle interior discourages opportunistic theft

Lock It Every Time

- Even during short errands or driveway parking, make locking a reflex
- Double-check all doors and windows before walking away

Park Smart

- Choose well-lit areas or parking lots with security cameras
- If possible, use a garage or install motion-activated lights nearby

Add Protection

- Install car alarms, steering wheel locks, and GPS trackers
- Dash cams with live alerts can deter thieves and capture footage if a crime occurs

Stay Alert

- Report suspicious loitering or attempted break-ins to TPS 43 Division
- Join or support local neighbourhood watch groups or community safety apps

What to Do If You're a Victim

If your vehicle has been targeted, here's what to do:

1. Report the Incident Immediately
 - Call the TPS Non-Emergency line: 416-808-2222
 - Or file a report online via the TPS Report Portal <https://www.tps.ca/services/online-reporting/>
2. Document the Scene
 - Take clear photos of damages, missing items, and

surroundings

3. Check Nearby Security Footage
 - Ask neighbours or businesses for video evidence that could support your report
4. Contact Your Insurance Provider
 - Provide a police report number and a full inventory of stolen items
5. Inform Your Community
 - Share the incident on the Guildwood Safety Facebook page to help prevent future incidents and identify patterns

Guildwood's strong community ties and proactive safety efforts make it an exceptional place to live. By staying informed and vigilant, residents can continue to keep crime low and protect their personal property effectively.

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Running Routes

Sean Quartermain



The name Quartermain has been associated with running in the Guildwood area for years, and some readers have already made the connection. My father, Al Quartermain, was a career high school teacher and running coach starting at Birchmount Park Collegiate Institute and later moving to L'Amoreaux CI. He was

also a member of the Longboat Road Runners club and stayed active in the sport until his passing in 2024. I was born at Morningside Avenue and Coronation Drive, moved into the village proper in 1999, and have been running the area and discovering its hidden gems ever since. What makes a running area truly great? Here are some thoughts:

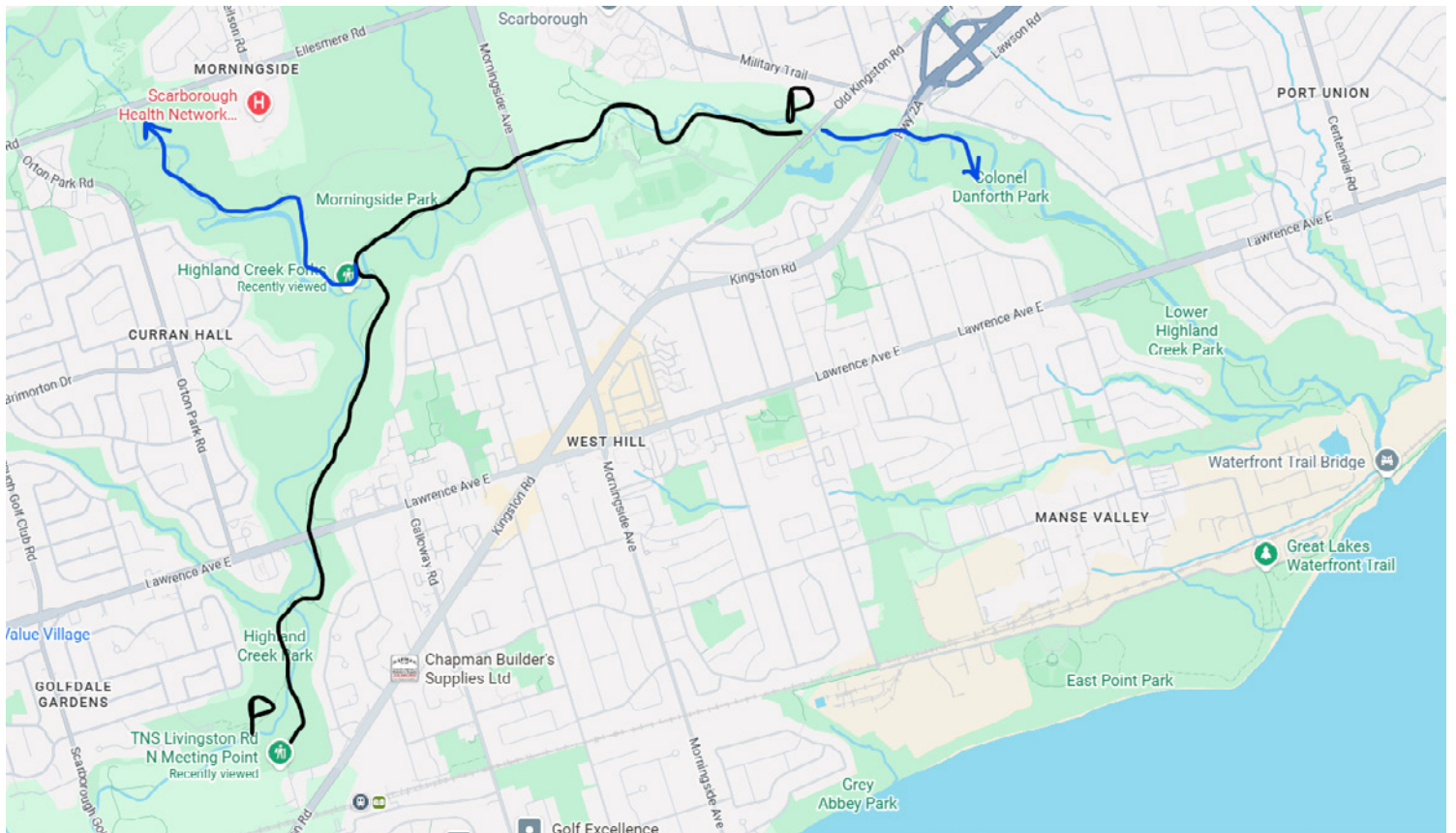
#1 Variety – let's face it, running can become mundane. Every runner is going to be challenged with mixing it up to stay engaged. There are two distinct running experiences – flat paved terrain and trail running. They each offer different benefits. Paved terrain is great for cruising longer distances and daydreaming, and trail running works a variety of additional muscles to maintain balance. A great running area offers both types of terrain so that a runner can change up the workout to suit the goals of the run.

#2 Serenity – running around cars, even in a traffic-calmed neighbourhood like Guildwood, creates many small decision points that interfere with the running high. And stopping at a red-light intersection can be painful when you get enough of that on your daily commute! A running area that allows for running without any traffic interference is truly a huge local asset.

#3 Accessibility – many runners will exercise 3 or more times a week, so getting to your route needs to be convenient. If you can run right to the trailhead or drive less than 10 minutes and not have to worry about a parking spot that will be critical to a sustained running program. Welcome to Morningside Park, Toronto's largest municipal park by area located on the continuous forested corridor of the lower Highland Creek! Located just beside



Explore the trail improvements in Morningside Park



our community, the area has an abundance of wildlife so spotting deer, coyotes and various birds is guaranteed. Most Guildwood residents will be familiar with the park but may not be aware of how truly unique it is for runners. Highlights from this local favorite:

Trailhead/Parking: Livingston Road N.

Distance: ~10K

Predominant Surface: Paved Pathway

Description: Flat terrain, modest shade, following Highland Creek, no road crossings

Staging: there are many ways to access the park, but my favorites are Livingston Road N. and Old Kingston Road. Used mainly by dog walkers, these lots are rarely full and provide direct path access to running routes that cover the best parts of the park. The main gates off Morningside Avenue are an option but can be busy on the weekends.

Running Route: this is an “out and back” route so whether you start at Livingston or Old Kingston Road it is the same experience. The path is easy to follow and great for social runs, as you can easily run side by side. Cyclist traffic is light as most riders stick to paths along Lake Ontario. The path follows the creek, so the additional experience of running water adds to your enjoyment. You can expect the route to be mostly shaded with shade being most available in the mornings and later afternoons. For runners

who are looking for higher mileage, add a loop north of Morningside Park that runs towards Ellesmere. Continuing along this route you will connect with the newly finished path in the meadowlands that will lead all the way to the PanAm Center. Runs of 20kms+ on quiet paths are possible by exploring this area.



Explore the new trail heading north to Ellesmere Road

Scarborough UofT Grounds: positioned in the valley of the Highland Creek and right beside this route is the university grounds including the beautiful Miller Lash house and gardens. For runners that like to add some grass running, this is a great area to explore and enjoy. Fall colours in this valley are truly beautiful so it's a worthwhile addition to your run.

Trail Runs: the route highlighted provides a starting point for exploring Morningside Park. For runners ready to get off pavement, the same route can be enjoyed by following well-defined paths that run parallel to the paved path. Local walkers have marked these paths, but

some bushwhacking and experimentation is required to learn the routes. For hill training, a run up the main hill in Morningside Park is stunning and challenging. Starting your run at Livingston Road in trail shoes and never hitting pavement is entirely possible by exploring the wooded areas along the creek and adding hill training in the central park!

Morningside Park is a runner's paradise, and it's located right beside the Guildwood community. It is a very large and diverse area, so some experimentation is required to find what best suits a runner's interests. For long distance runners who prefer paved surfaces, loops north towards the PanAm center or south towards the lake trails provide nearly endless possibilities. For trail runners, playing in the paths that follow the creek and adding loops in the central park hills will satisfy even hard-core runners. Enjoy!

Watch for the next issue of News & Views where I'll review the Hill Crescent Winter Neighbourhood Loop



Hill trails in the park

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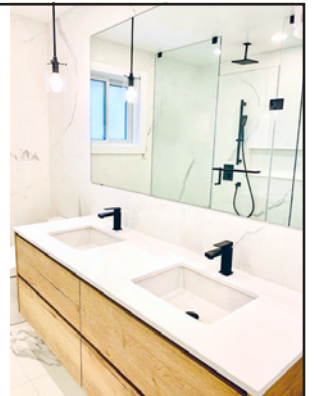
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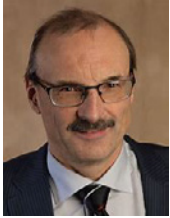
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More consultation on plan to allow “corner stores” in Toronto neighbourhoods

Andy Manahan



For the past few years, Toronto Council has been seeking to increase the supply of housing within the city. Under the broad title of Expanding Housing Options in Neighbourhoods, or EHON, a number of policy initiatives have been advanced such as laneway suites, multiplexes and intensification along major streets.

(Major streets are defined by the City of Toronto as “transportation corridors which support surface transportation, shipping and delivery routes, and provide connectivity across the city.”)

One policy in particular that has not been rubber stamped is to revise zoning by-laws to allow small-scale retail, service and office uses within residentially-zoned properties. This policy has cleaved along the downtown/suburban divide, with many downtown councillors supporting this policy as it would, among other things, allow residents to walk to a convenience store or a bakery. For suburban councillors, concerns have been raised about allowing these types of uses in the interior of neighbourhoods.

Guildwood has examples of small-scale operations within homes such as an accountant or a tailor, but residents have expressed that allowing food or liquor oriented establishments within our community would take away from the vision that was spearheaded by Spencer and Rosa Clark when creating a master plan for Guildwood Village.

With the approval of the GVCA, I made an in-person presentation last December before the Planning and Housing Committee to oppose the proposed policy which would allow businesses to set up shop in residentially-zoned properties across the city. Certain suburban councillors on the committee pointed out that allowing “corner stores” has already resulted in disruption to residents. Councillor Frances Nunziata noted that Toronto has already given permission for a café to open, and that the owner later applied to the province for a liquor license. Once a license is granted by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario, there is little that the city’s Municipal Licensing and Standards (MLS) staff can do, other than enforce noise bylaws.

There was also concern about the ability of MLS staff to enforce bylaws because there are not enough enforcement officers. In fact, at the December meeting, the former head of MLS admitted that 25 new enforcement officers would be required at a cost of at least \$3 million.

By mid-December 2024, this proposal was before Toronto council but the matter was referred “back to the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning” for more study and consultation. Staff have proposed a number of edits to the draft zoning by-law, noting that residents have concerns with small-scale establishments on interior streets. The most recent report contained a number of amendments or edits to the proposed policy.

Two proposed edits:

(1) In response to concerns about small-scale establishments within residential neighbourhoods, staff are considering an edit that would limit retail uses to only those corner sites that are on wider, busier interior streets identified as “minor arterial” or “collector” roads.

(2) With respect to the serving of alcohol, staff are considering an edit to the proposed by-law that would allow only a retail store plus take-out snacks and drinks. The report added that a public approval process, such as through the committee of adjustment, would be required before a sit-down café or patio would be permitted within the community.

On June 12, 2025, I attended a virtual meeting where several EHON initiatives were presented by staff. Jason Thorne, the city’s chief planner, spoke about Toronto’s efforts to meet the province’s target of building 285,000 housing units by 2031 and that 20 per cent of this total would be met through EHON initiatives. More neighbourhood housing is being promoted under the rubric of “gentle intensification”, with 163,785 housing units by 2051 (including 54,600 by 2031).

On September 17, 2025 I attended the first of two virtual consultation meetings hosted by city planning staff to discuss the neighbourhood retail and services proposal before the matter goes back to the Planning and Housing committee (October 10), with a goal of having the final report before Council on October 30, 2025.

Summary of presentation and comments:

As expected, there were two distinct camps: those in favour of the proposal and those against, with 50+ people on the Teams call. Staff indicated that 1,300 individuals have been consulted across all Toronto wards through pop-ups and other forums.

The PowerPoint presentation by planning staff cited the following benefits:

- Reducing car dependence
- Supporting flexibility and diversity as new businesses can cater to changing neighbourhood needs

- Promoting resilience, as was proven during the pandemic
- Strengthening the local economy through small business innovation and incubation
- Complementing mixed-use main streets and shopping centres

Planning staff also proposed this Official Plan wording for new small-scale establishments that would be permitted: that they have “minimal adverse impacts on adjacent or nearby residents”, and that they are of “a physical scale and in a location that is compatible with and integrated into the Neighbourhood.” It was clarified that non-compatible uses would include vehicle repair, animal shelter and payday loan.

The maximum total floor area of a retail store would be 110 m² (or 1,184 sq. ft.). Staff reiterated that serving alcohol could be limited through take-out bottles only and that food would have to be prepared off site. An “emerging direction” is that no patios would be permitted as of right.

Cafés, defined as an eating establishment, would be located within the store and would have a maximum square footage of 600 sq. ft. and would be considered an ancillary use. Further, no “warehouses” would be permitted, meaning that the goal is to prevent retail establishments from becoming delivery hubs.

Toronto staff are having discussions with provincial officials about ensuring that alcohol or cannabis sales cannot be made within 150 metres of schools. Finally, home occupations would be limited to two employees, plus the resident.

Here is a list of concerns that were raised by residents:

- If alcohol is in a home, there could be thefts (break-ins)
- Parking, traffic and noise issues
- Garbage and litter around retail establishments
- A Birch Cliff resident said that for 20 years the community has been trying to support ‘good retail’ along Kingston Rd. and there is still a 30 per cent vacancy rate. Having “corner stores” on interior streets would defeat the efforts to support existing commerce
- A question was asked about how these residentially-zoned properties would be taxed. If taxed as commercial, then the tax rate would be higher and there would also be capital gains implications (planning staff did not have an answer for this)
- A rhetorical question around the fact that ‘if housing is so scarce, why are there efforts to turn residential into commercial uses?’
- It was noted that there has been a trend to tear down commercial plazas and turn these properties into higher density residential. Later someone added that it was unlikely that these small plaza shops would be replaced by small retail stores within neighbourhoods
- Recognition that convenience of certain ‘corner stores’ is nice but that many people have moved to

neighbourhoods to have ‘peace and quiet’

- Committee of Adjustment has generally allowed variances, and this will likely continue for this initiative
- Enforcement through MLS is unlikely to happen even if there is increased monitoring as planning staff has suggested
- It was pointed out that when there is construction on Sunday or on long weekends, there is insufficient by-law staff to deal with infractions.

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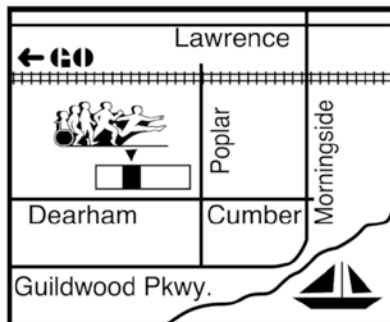
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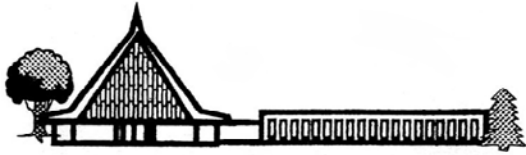
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Dear Guildwood Village Neighbours,

Thank you to everyone who participated in the community consultations to discuss **Guildwood Village Design Guidelines**. Your input is a vital part of the process to develop specific design guidelines for the Guildwood Village community.

The project began with my City Council request in December 2024 to initiate a Neighbourhood Character Analysis. The goal is to create a concise Guildwood Village Design Guidelines document to help guide new development and ensure it complements the existing architectural character of the area.

The City of Toronto's Urban Design Team and Community Planning staff are continuing their work to present a finalized Guildwood Village Design Guidelines document. Your feedback is essential to this process. If you were unable to attend the consultation, you can still provide comments or ask questions by contacting my office.

Wishing everyone a Happy Holiday Season.
Paul

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.

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Scan this QR code if you would like to subscribe to my community updates, monthly eNewsletters, submit feedback on City services, and volunteer in my office.



Community Updates

The installation of **Traffic Lights at Guildwood Parkway and Rowatson Road** is tentatively scheduled for Fall/Winter 2025/2026

The construction of **Galloway Road Sidewalk and Future Cycling Connections Project** is anticipated to take place during the months of October and November. Project lead: Katherine Wilson
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The construction of **Elizabeth Simcoe Park Skate Spot** in Elizabeth Simcoe Park is anticipated to begin Spring 2026.

Toronto Hydro Project Wooster Wood-Dearham Wood

Project area: Lausanne Crescent to the north, Forsythia Drive to the east, Guildwood Parkway to the south and Galloway Road to the west.

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January 2025 to December 2025.

New Washroom Building

The City is improving Guild Park and Gardens with a new all-season washroom building! Two potential locations for the new washroom building are currently being evaluated by City staff. This fall, I encourage you to take a few minutes to complete the online survey toronto.ca/GuildParkWashrooms

Once the final location is confirmed, in 2026 the community will help shape the washroom design by providing feedback on two to three proposed options. The final design will reflect community input and complement the park's unique character and history.

Construction is anticipated to start in Spring 2027.

Breaking Ground on Scarborough Centre Station



*Vijay Thanigasalam,
MPP Scarborough-Rouge Park*

Dear residents of Guildwood,

I hope you and your families are doing well and made the most of the summer season! It was great hearing your concerns and feedback over the summer, and I am excited about much of the work our government is doing to serve you!

Our Community BBQ

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who came out for our Community BBQ at Canmore Park!

Thank you for taking the time out of your day to stop by. It was truly wonderful to see families, friends, neighbours, and local organizations come together to share a meal, connect, and create memories with the community in Scarborough-Rouge Park. I am proud to serve a community that shows up, supports each other, and celebrates together.

I'm so grateful to all who took part and to the incredible volunteers, vendors and performers whose dedication made the day possible.

Breaking Ground on Scarborough Centre Station

Shovels are now in the ground for the Scarborough Centre Station!

This is the first of three steps for the Scarborough Subway Extension – a project that will serve over 105,000 more daily trips and bring modern transit to nearly 40,000 people. This extension will extend Line 2 nearly 8 kilometres deeper into Scarborough, connecting Kennedy Station to Sheppard and McCowan.

This is a major win for our students. With faster and easier connections across the GTA, the new interchange will shorten daily commutes for students and staff at Centennial College Progress Campus and the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus, making access to education more convenient and efficient.

Our government's commitment to this extension is about more than building transit; it's about strengthening our community. This project will finally give families, students, and workers in Scarborough the reliable, modern transit they deserve, connecting them to opportunities across our city.

Increasing Access to MRIs, CT scans and GI endoscopy services

Our government had recently announced a significant \$155 million investment over the next two years to help cut wait times and ensure people get the care they need faster. This funding will add 57 new community surgical and diagnostic centres across the province, providing more than 1.2 million people with quicker access to critical MRI and CT scans, as well as GI endoscopy services.

This is part of our ongoing commitment to ensure everyone gets the quality care they deserve when they need it. We're putting people at the centre of care, because that's where they belong.

Here in Scarborough, we're already seeing the results of these investments. Just a few months ago, we celebrated the official completion of the Northpine Diagnostic Imaging Department at Scarborough General Hospital. Thanks to a \$36.6 million provincial investment, this state-of-the-art, 36,000-square-foot facility has doubled imaging space and brought vital services like MRIs, mammograms, CT scans, and ultrasounds under one roof.



It's also home to Scarborough's first-ever 3-Tesla MRI machine, a major step forward for local care. But this is about more than just a building. It's about faster diagnoses, shorter wait times, and ensuring Scarborough families get the timely, high-quality health care they need and deserve.

As always, 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, or give us a call at 416-283-8448.

Hon. Vijay Thanigasalam,
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An Update From Andrea Hazell, MPP Scarborough-Guildwood

Dear Guildwood Neighbours!

I am deeply honoured to represent the vibrant community of Scarborough–Guildwood in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario. Over the summer, I had the privilege of connecting with many of you across our riding, listening to your concerns, answering your questions, and working alongside you to navigate challenging times.

As Queen's Park resumes this October, I am eager to bring your voices forward, to advocate tirelessly, and to push for real, tangible solutions on the issues that matter most. In my role as Critic for Small Business, Transportation, and Women's Issues, as well as in my responsibilities as Third Deputy Chair of the Committee of the Whole House and Second Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on Social Policy, I remain committed to ensuring that the needs of Scarborough–Guildwood are never overlooked.

Together, we can continue building a stronger, more inclusive, and more connected community, one where progress is measured not only by policy but by the positive impact it has on the daily lives of families, seniors, workers, and small business owners in our riding. I look forward to sharing the important initiatives ahead and working with all of you to create meaningful change.

Transportation & Mobility

Transportation continues to be one of the most pressing concerns for our community in Scarborough–Guildwood. With the closure of the Scarborough RT, residents have been left navigating slower, less reliable replacement bus services. I have heard from many of you about the frustration and disruption this has caused, particularly for daily commuters and students. As Transportation Critic, I am committed to holding the government accountable for delivering reliable transit solutions and

ensuring Scarborough is not left behind. Guildwood is also home to one of the busiest GO stations in the city, a vital hub that connects residents to the downtown core and beyond. I will continue to advocate for improved service, better integration with TTC routes, and the long-term investment needed to make travel safer, faster, and more affordable.

At the same time, I recognize the importance of addressing local concerns such as road safety, traffic congestion, and pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure. Whether it is ensuring safer crossings for families, improving accessibility for seniors, or tackling gridlock along Kingston Road, transportation in Scarborough–Guildwood must work for everyone.

Small Businesses Need Our Support

Small businesses are the backbone of Scarborough–Guildwood. They create jobs, support families, and keep our neighbourhoods vibrant. I know many are facing tough times with rising costs and shrinking margins, but we will get through this together. That is why I am committed to advocating for real support. Our plan for Ontario includes cutting the small business tax rate in half, raising the income threshold so more businesses qualify, and increasing deductions to help owners reinvest in their staff and communities. These measures will put more dollars back into your businesses, giving you the breathing room to grow and succeed. I encourage business owners to reach out. Together, we can ensure that your concerns are heard at Queen's Park and push for solutions that address the challenges.

Reach Out to Us!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my constituency office. My team and I are here to assist you with any issues or inquiries you may have. We are committed to supporting you and ensuring your voice is heard.

Guildwood Village UPCOMING EVENTS

8 NOV

Pre-Remembrance Day Tour – Honouring Guild Park’s Military Connections
 Details at www.friendsofguildpark.com or www.facebook.com/guildpark
 Guild Park & Gardens

15 NOV

Bakers & Makers Artisan Market
 Noon to 3:00 p.m.
 Guild Inn Estate Gazebo

29 NOV

Guild Park’s Christmas Tree Lighting
 Music and Santa to welcome the holidays!
 See back cover for details

13 DEC

Candy Cane Hunt
 Guild Park and Gardens
 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 See back cover for details

14 DEC

The December Holiday Marketplace
 Date subject to change
 Noon to 3:00 p.m.
 Guild Inn Estate Gazebo

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Crossword

Don Briggs



Answers at

www.guildwood.ca/blog



Across:

1. Gloomy
7. Guildwood is part of it
10. There's one at Gabby's
13. Indigenous
15. Abbr. For 11D
16. You can find them at the Guildwood branch
17. Mid-western U.S. state (abbr)
18. Aliens (abbr)
19. Camping abodes
20. Ox-like antelope
21. Backtalk
22. Boy _____
24. Spanish surrealist artist
27. Female sibling (abbr)
29. Andy Williams hit song
30. Gemstones with iridescent reflections
32. Tear to pieces
34. Unchangeable (3 wds)
36. Baked goods supplier to Guildwood's Independent Grocer
39. Persons appointed to carry out terms of a will
40. Ink _____
41. "Knick-knack, paddy whack, give the dog ____ _"
42. Caribbean island within the Kingdom of the Netherlands

43. Tanqueray and Bombay Sapphire
46. They travel to a holy place as devotees
48. Three Dog Night called it the "Loneliest Number"
49. Assumes a sloping position
50. It is said that there is no word that rhymes with _____
54. Cosied up
58. _____ fruit

60. A Kingston Rd. Motel
61. Make someone feel awkward or ashamed
62. Give forth
63. Partridge Family member' Susan _____
64. Young male person
65. Collections

Down:

1. Back to school _____
2. Bitter-sweet personal bio (abbr)
3. Unruly crowds
4. "I'm cold"
5. Long braided rawhide rope
6. A way out
7. An annoying bug
8. Converts hide into leather
9. Bundy and Unser
10. Once a popular Muskoka vacation lodge
11. Fintona _____
12. Refute
14. "My treat, ____ _"
21. There are various types of these hard minerals
22. Captain Hook's boatswain

23. Kind of fish
24. Amount of medicine
25. Highest point
26. "It's _____", sang Ricky Nelson
28. There are some beautiful ones along the Bluffs
31. Purposely ignore
33. They work in hospitals (abbr)
35. _____ signs
36. Hydrated double sulfate of aluminum and potassium
37. Pieces of corn
38. When, approx. (abbr)
40. Shows temper
42. In 1932, the Clarks established the Guild of All _____
43. Blundered

44. The Trevi fountain is ____ _
45. Guildwood commuters are fortunate a GO Station is _____
47. Campbell and Loates
51. The Raptors are a member of this org. (abbr)
52. Beatle song from Rubber Soul
53. Airstrip in Northern Alberta
55. A shade of green
56. Prepare for publication
57. Decimal points
59. There are books are containing _____ jokes

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Christmas Tree Lighting at Guild Park

Saturday November 29th

7:00 to 8:00 pm

Guild Park & Gardens

201 Guildwood Pkwy., Scarborough

Starts at Guild Park's Gazebo

- ❄ Visit with Santa
- ❄ Enjoy Music, Kids Crafts,
- ❄ Hot Chocolate
- ❄ Countdown for the
Christmas Tree Lights (at 7:45 pm)

Dress warmly. Bring your own mug
Fun for the whole family

Local food bank donations welcome

Presented by Friends of Guild Park



Community Supporters:



The Great Guildwood CANDY CANE HUNT

Have fun while helping others,
bring a non perishable food item and search for hidden Candy Canes!
Hot chocolate and treats for all!

Start at the Clark building
December 13th 1-3pm