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# President's Message



**Robert D'Addario**

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The 50th Anniversary of Guildwood Day was a truly memorable occasion for Guildwood Village, marked by a vibrant community spirit and a plethora of activities that brought residents together. The event was a testament to the dedication and collaborative effort of many individuals and groups within the community.

The Guildwood Village Community Association (GVCA) played a pivotal role in organizing Guildwood Day, recognizing the importance of such gatherings in fostering a strong and connected community. The day featured a diverse range of attractions including games, food stalls, vendors, a parade, and a barbecue, ensuring there was something for everyone to enjoy.

Ashley Rycroft is to be congratulated for leading the Guildwood Day team. Her leadership and commitment were essential in ensuring the event's success.

A heartfelt thanks was extended to numerous individuals whose contributions were essential. This included members of the Guildwood Day Committee, sponsors from local businesses who generously supported the event financially, and volunteers who dedicated their time and effort throughout the day.

A heartfelt thank you and deep appreciation is given to the following important contributors:

Bruce Villeneuve, affectionately known as Scouter Bruce, for his tireless efforts in logistics and setup, underscoring his longstanding commitment to making Guildwood Day a success year after year.

Melissa Kitazaki for her exceptional contributions to the Guildwood Day parade and entertainment, which added a vibrant and festive atmosphere to the celebrations. Melissa's dedication and creativity played a crucial role in ensuring that the parade and entertainment segments were enjoyed by all attendees, making them memorable highlights of the event.

Dee Peroff for her pivotal role in securing sponsorships that made Guildwood Day possible. Dee's efforts in liaising with sponsors underscored her commitment to supporting community events financially, ensuring that Guildwood Day could offer a rich array of activities and experiences to residents and visitors alike.

Gerard Baribeau for his steadfast leadership and meticulous attention to logistical details, which were instrumental in keeping Guildwood Day organized and running smoothly. Gerard's logistical expertise ensured that all aspects of the event, from setup to execution, were seamlessly coordinated, contributing significantly to its overall success.

Their collective efforts, alongside those of numerous volunteers and contributors, exemplify the spirit of community collaboration that makes Guildwood Village a special place to live and celebrate.

The involvement of Laurier CI students as volunteers is also acknowledged, highlighting the community's intergenerational support and engagement in making Guildwood Day a memorable experience for all attendees.

Looking forward, the GVCA emphasizes the ongoing need for community involvement and volunteerism to sustain future events. The call to action for residents to participate and contribute to upcoming initiatives underscored the community's collective responsibility in nurturing Guildwood Village's unique spirit.

In essence, Guildwood Day not only celebrated a milestone anniversary but also reinforced the bonds that unite Guildwood Village as a vibrant and connected community.



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# Getting To Know The GVCA

Presenting Kelly Cole, Treasurer and Officer



The Guildwood Village Community Association is comprised of dedicated community members who genuinely care about our neighbourhood. The Treasurer assists the Board by looking after the monies to enable the team to facilitate their goals. Seven years ago, Kelly was asked by a friend, who had been a board member for many years, to take on this position. Her professional experience as

a bookkeeper meant she was perfect for this role and she was eager to contribute her skills to the community as a volunteer!

Her duties include:

- maintaining the accounts and financial records
- depositing funds
- writing cheques and tracking all entries
- submitting a monthly financial report to each Board meeting
- preparing financial reports for the annual general meeting
- attending monthly meetings of the GVCA.

In Kelly's view, the greatest challenge faced by the GVCA is to recruit more volunteers to our Board. She is currently extending her term as a Treasurer by a year since, unfortunately, nobody stepped up to fill this role at the last Annual General Meeting.

Kelly and her husband, Norm, bought their house in 1985 from his grandparents who had built it in 1953. They have raised three kids in Guildwood and currently live with two of them plus a fiancé, a grand dog and two cats ... a pretty full house! Kelly enjoys volunteering and helping others. She is in her sixth year as a volunteer with the Toronto Zoo. Her duties can include operating an interpretive station/table on-site or at Community outreach programs, giving information or answering questions, helping people find locations on-site or assisting with special events as needed. She is also in her 20th year working as a Community Volunteer Income Tax Preparer (CVITP).

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On a side note, Kelly feels "very ready to retire, hint, hint" so please send an email to [treasurer@guildwood.ca](mailto:treasurer@guildwood.ca) or call our GVCA line at 416-410-2755 for more information if you're interested in taking on this role in 2025.

Presenting: Mikale Joly, Secretary



Mikale took on the role as Secretary for the GVCA in 2024. Her duties include monitoring the general GVCA email account, taking the minutes of the meetings, conserving documents for the archives, following-up with phone messages and handling Canada Post mail. A major task is to pull together the Annual General Meeting package with important documents that need to be

reviewed and approved by the assembly. The secretary also liaises with the Communications Coordinator for postings to share on the website and social media.

Mikale moved to Guildwood Village in 2019 with her husband, Robert, and three young adult children. She noted that one of the first things to happen upon arrival was that someone from the GVCA visited their house to welcome them as part of the community. Mikale was really moved by this gesture. She went on to discover all the efforts made by individuals, throughout the Village, that contribute to making this a very special place to live. Be they younger, older, single or in families, she noticed that community members are engaged and generous with their time and she wanted to do her part.

Mikale works for the French-language Catholic school board which is known as Conseil scolaire catholique MonAvenir. In this neighbourhood, the nearest schools are on Meadowvale and on Eglinton but there are schools throughout South-Central Ontario, which brings her in contact with many municipalities and school communities. She is the Executive Director of Corporate Relations and hence, brings to GVCA experience in communications, community and political liaison and board affairs.

The GVCA Board members come with a broad range of professional and personal experience. They share the common goal of wanting to best represent the community as a whole. Mikale is glad to have had the opportunity to know them and to join this team. As everywhere, ensuring engagement is a challenge. As new families come to Guildwood Village, it will be important to reach out to them.

## Presenting Ashley Rycroft: Events Coordinator



In this role, Ashley manages the Guildwood Day volunteer team to plan and execute our wonderful annual community festival. She has been volunteering for a long time in other areas of her life and wanted to extend this service to Guildwood as well.

Volunteering “fills her cup and makes her feel like she’s contributing to the greater good!” In Ashley’s view, the best part of working with the GVCA is getting to know all the people who are involved. She believes the greatest challenge faced by the committee in 2024 will be the constant changes in housing policies in the city and managing how that will affect our community.

Ashley has an MSc degree from McGill University and is responsible for Sales Strategy and Growth for Lifemark (a Shoppers Drug Mart company). Her family moved to Guildwood 13 years ago and she is very grateful they are raising their five year old daughter in this very special neighbourhood. She thinks this community is “awesome” and that the GVCA is a great team all working toward the collective goal of making Guildwood a fantastic place to live.

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## A Huge Thank You for Your Support of the Spring into Summer Fun Fair

The Elizabeth Simcoe Fun Fair Committee would like to send out a huge thank you to everyone who helped make our Spring into Summer Fun Fair a great success! Whether you purchased books at our book sale, ate treats at the bake sale, volunteered your time, bid on items in our silent auction, or simply attended the event, your support made a tremendous difference.

We also want to express our gratitude to our generous sponsors who played a pivotal role in the success of our fundraising efforts. From financial donations, to contributions to our silent auction, your involvement made it all possible. Thank you for partnering with us and for believing in the impact of our collective efforts.

We are thrilled to announce that we far exceeded our goal and succeeded in raising more than enough money for our LEGO Education SPIKE Sets for both Primary and Intermediate students! All of your generous support not only made this event possible, but also ensured we could provide valuable resources and experiences for our students. Exceeding our goal also allows us to donate a



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# Turning talk into action and dollars at Guild Park

## How a new funding approach brings more benefits to more park visitors

*John P. Mason, President, Friends of Guild Park*



“Actions speak louder than words” is a good phrase to remember when talk turns to Guild Park & Gardens, the landmark and increasingly popular public space in the heart of Guildwood Village.

After decades of discussions and stalled plans, a remarkable transformation is underway at this 88-acre site. Tangible improvements at Guild Park over the past 10 years include:

- restoring the historic Guild Inn and expanding it as a modern events centre
- turning an unused storage building into the multi-purpose Clark Centre of the Arts
- installing new electrical power, wiring and lighting for the park’s Greek Theatre
- rebuilding a damaged artist’s cabin as a place to welcome park visitors
- creating a forest boardwalk so more people can enjoy nature in the park.

Funding fuelled all these features. Now it’s possible to keep this revitalization on track by tapping into a significant new funding source at Guild Park.

The money now available would add to the more than \$25 million in private and public funds invested into the park

since 2015. This amount recognizes the site’s significance as a former home of the historic Guild of All Arts, Canada’s only Depression-era arts community founded in 1932. That inspiring place on the Scarborough Bluffs attracted artists and creators, local residents and tourists, and celebrated hotel guests, from royalty to Hollywood stars for half a century.

A series of complicated changes to the site’s ownership and operations that began in 1978 resulted in a lost generation at the Guild. During this era, decision-makers allocated fewer funds to this public asset, leaving it shuttered and in shambles (see sidebar, **Dwindling Dollars Led to “Demolition by Neglect”**).

The recent turn-around began when the City of Toronto decided to convert the old Guild Inn into a money-making operation. The idea was to generate revenue to support the rest of the historic site, an approach that still applies. For decades Toronto lacked enough funds to bring the neglected building into the 21st century. By 2014, officials were negotiating with a private company to partner in the project. The City allocated about \$5 million to upgrade the site and utilities. In return, the company agreed to invest some \$15 million into the dilapidated hotel, then operate the restored and expanded building under a 40-year agreement.

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### Dwindling Dollars Led to “Demolition by Neglect”

Since 1978, the Guild Park has been managed through an agreement set by the Toronto & Region Conservation Authority (TRCA). Under this 95-year lease, TRCA retains ownership of the entire property, while third parties look after daily park operations.

Under this arrangement, as dollars dwindled for the site, so did visitors. So few people were coming that no records were kept of visitor numbers, although park officials continue tracking how many flowers get planted and how much grass gets cut.

The funding downtrend worsened after 1998’s municipal government amalgamation. By then the expanded City of Toronto became responsible for most – but not all - of Guild Park operations. The City divided site management across more than a dozen of its divisions and departments, a practice that continues today.

From 1998 to 2015, there was lots of talk but little progress about improving the site.

- Throughout these years, City officials asked the community,

including the GVCA and other groups, for input about the Guild’s future. Studies were done, surveys conducted, and a series of hotel/restaurant plans were announced. Prospective development partners included a private hotelier and an education institution. None of these projects got past the discussion phase.

- In 2008, the City began renovating the park’s original Studio Building as community meeting space. The uninsured two-storey structure was destroyed by fire on Christmas Day that year. No action was taken to determine the cause of the blaze or to replace this public asset.
- In 2009, the City demolished the Guild Inn’s abandoned hotel wing and meeting space in advance of a redevelopment proposal. That six-storey concrete structure was originally built in 1965 to expand Guild Inn’s operations. The demolition came before the redevelopment received final City approval. Subsequent project changes didn’t meet City standards and the plan was abandoned.
- In 2010, the City announced plans for an extensive “Cultural Precinct” at Guild Park which would include artists’ studios, visitor facilities, a craft shop and café. The features would be housed in an existing on-site warehouse, expanded in three directions. City officials later learned that



Before construction began on the future Guild Inn Estate (GIE), City officials designated the project a “Municipal Capital Facility.” This made GIE eligible for a series of long-term municipal tax and fee exemptions.

GIE’s special designation is regulated by the provincial government. In return for the favoured financial benefits, the province requires GIE to provide ongoing public benefits, similar to the public services available at a typical community centre.

But delivering public benefits at Guild Park was never a priority. This became evident shortly after GIE opened for business in 2017 and later confirmed during Covid-19’s hospitality restrictions. All this time, City officials encouraged the private operator to focus on booking profitable weddings, receptions and business events (see sidebar on page 10, **Public Promises. Private Property.**)

The City’s approach was meant to maximize future revenue from GIE’s operations. It prioritized financial returns to the municipality ahead of public benefits.

After seven years of seeing GIE serve private clients, rather than the public, people are beginning to demand something in return. Especially knowing that through the City’s 40-year operating agreement, GIE receives about \$200,000 in municipal tax exemptions annually.

“This facility brings nothing to the community” is how one Guildwood Village resident summed up the situation on social media earlier this year.

the park’s environmental constraints prevented the precinct project from going ahead. Five years later, park volunteers suggested redesigning the same warehouse as an arts facility by adding a new third level. This idea inspired Guild Park’s Clark Centre for the Arts, which opened in 2022.

Back in 2010, Guild Park lacked plans and funding. The neglected site was full of ruins. By intention, the grounds displayed dozens of fragments salvaged from now-destroyed historic buildings. Due lack of attention, the site’s once-popular hotel was left partly demolished and boarded up.

The National Trust for Canada listed the abandoned Guild Inn on its Top 10 list of most endangered historic sites in 2011. The charitable organization told Canadians that the building was “in imminent danger of demolition by neglect... [and] caught up in complicated negotiations involving multiple levels of authority.”

As long as Guild Park was without major projects, it was without major funding and without much future.

Another public comment was more blunt:

“This is a travesty for Guildwood Village. Promises made to the community during the renovation of this building have never materialized. Many visitors and community members use this park and yet cannot sit and have a bite to eat. Politicians and City officials ... refuse to even negotiate with community members to resolve this issue. Having been a resident in this area I know how much we were all looking forward to this restaurant.”

While people are still waiting for GIE and the City to deliver public benefits at the former Guild Inn site, Guild Park itself has improved. The influx of GIE’s private investment was a catalyst for the City of Toronto to begin funding major improvements to the entire property. In addition to the City spending \$5 million to upgrade on-site services near the original hotel, City budgets funded:

- the park’s Clark Centre
- upgraded lights and power for the Greek Theatre
- reopening the Sculptor’s Cabin
- a two-section forest boardwalk, including a formal entrance.

Toronto Parks, Forestry & Recreation (PFR) invested in three major strategic plans that identified priorities for

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Guild Park's trails, gardens and overall management. As more money went to restore, reopen and reimagine the neglected site, Guild Park began attracting more visitors. Attendance jumped when GIE opened its doors in 2017 for private events, weddings and corporate functions.

As the shutters came off other on-site facilities, Guild Park was no longer shunned by City-supported and community-run programs. Events like Doors Open, Arts in the Parks, Heritage Toronto tours and Jane's Walks brought increased park visitors. So did the annual Guild Alive With Culture Arts Festival and Guild Festival Theatre's summertime season of award-winning, professional productions.

After Canada-wide closures of COVID-19 ended, Guild Park attendance rebounded to record numbers. People came to this unique setting on the Scarborough Bluffs to enjoy nature, art, live performances, community activities, plus a steady stream of private events and parties. Last year some 200,000 people came to Guild Park, an estimated 300% increase from 2014, when none of the buildings on-site were operating and the park supported few attractions.

But funding for Guild Park isn't keeping pace with this increased popularity. More visitors are bringing more demands for better facilities. Many of these improvements were identified as priority projects in PFR's three long-term plans for Guild Park from 2014 and 2018. Yet PFR lacks funding to make progress. Despite public requests for improvements and PFR's backlog of recommendations, the past two City budgets included no new PFR funding

for Guild Park projects (see sidebar on page 11, **More park use, more park cuts**).

This creates a growing gap between the rising cost for park improvements and shrinking amounts available for parks. These same factors led to 'demolition by neglect' conditions at Guild Park more than a decade ago. It also means Guild Park is part of a disturbing national trend.

The 2022 Canadian City Park Report by Park People, an organization focused on municipal park issues, found that parks departments at 86% of Canadian cities surveyed have "insufficient operating budgets" and that these park budgets are "perennially strained."

A remedy for this chronic lack of money for park improvements, according to Park People, is encouraging city officials to collaborate with community/park groups and together develop innovative new funding approaches for their parks.

An opportunity now exists at Guild Park for such a collaboration. It involves directing a new source of money from the site to improve the park and deliver public benefits for everyone who visits. City officials confirmed last year that GIE would begin paying annual rent to the City. For the first time since the Guild Inn closed in 2001, the park is generating ongoing revenue. Under terms of its operating agreement, the City expects to receive about \$600,000 in rent for 2023. This amount is based on the more than \$6 million in annual revenue that GIE earned from its wedding/private event bookings at Guild Park. Given the increasing popularity of both Guild Park and

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## Public Promises. Private Property

People representing the City of Toronto and Guild Inn Estate have made many promises about future public benefits from the private events centre at Guild Park.

Talk started in 2015, when officials began announcing and signing written agreements about GIE meeting its obligations as a taxpayer-subsidized "municipal capital facility." Public benefits identified included features such as:

- a "first class restaurant"
- offering community meeting space at the City's discounted rates
- City-run recreation programs.

None are available to the public as of mid-2024.

Rather than take remedial action, officials talk about why public benefits aren't possible to provide at Guild Park. To summarize their past responses:

- **Issue:** No Public Restaurant. **Reason:** After providing limited food service to park visitors and the public, GIE convinced City officials that a restaurant on the premises was unprofitable. The City decided to drop the restaurant requirement in GIE's operating agreement. Meanwhile,

the facility operator continues to provide on-site licensed catering services to its private clients.

- **Issue:** No Community Meeting Space. **Reason:** City parks officials decided they couldn't incorporate GIE facilities with the City's system for booking community space. Instead, GIE uses its own commercial rates for all meeting space requests. The rental policies and discounted rates available at City community centres don't apply at Guild Park.

- **Issue:** No City Recreation Programs. **Reason:** City recreation staff announced that a public yoga program would begin at GIE in 2024. In April, recreation staff cancelled the program after receiving just two advance registrations. No other recreation programs have been scheduled for the premises.

Given all this talk, one action is visible to everyone who walks by the beautifully restored GIE building: Having permanent signs posted outside the facility that read, "Private Property no public access".

These metal signs discourage regular park visitors and passers-by from entering the building. The result is Guild Park is home to one of the few, if not only, tax-supported municipal capital facilities in Ontario where the public isn't welcome.



GIE's operations, the City is looking ahead to keep earning more rent in years to come.

Volunteers from local community and park organizations propose a simple way for the City to use this rental revenue: Allocate the funds generated at Guild Park for Guild Park improvements. This approach aligns with the City's mandate to have its public real estate assets support public programs and City initiatives. Applying revenue from private businesses to improve public features is also a long-standing practice of City officials. It was the idea behind partnering with GIE in 2015. Directing park funds for park projects makes Guild Park more financially self-sufficient, without adding to the City of Toronto's financial burden. As more private clients use GIE's facilities, more money is available to improve the park and deliver long-needed public benefits on-site.

This will create long-term funding for the dozens of projects that park officials have already identified for this Scarborough park but have been delayed for decades due to insufficient budgets. These include:

- building more washrooms
- improving the Greek Theatre
- creating better trails with more signs
- restoring the outdoor public art collection
- adding horticulture features
- implementing some of the many recommendations from Guild Park's three strategic plans .

Volunteers have raised this approach with Toronto Mayor Olivia Chow, Deputy Mayor Jennifer McKelvie, local City

Councillor Paul Ainslie, officials from many of the City departments responsible for site operations and other Guild Park stakeholders. Friends of Guild Park, the GVCA and Park People support this idea. A feasibility report by a senior City director into this approach was expected in April but remains outstanding. Other reactions range from strong interest to initial uncertainty. This indicates the value in pursuing this concept further as a collaborative project.

Since actions are worth more than words, the next step suggested by Friends of Guild Park is setting up a working group to design and implement such a funding model for Guild Park. The aim is to create a pilot project that addresses current conditions, the many interests at stake and the complex issues involved. It calls for a team with the motivation, skills and experience to turn an innovative idea into reality. The pilot project will require a realistic timeframe, so a five-year mandate is suggested for this initiative. It also requires widespread support if it is to bring about lasting park improvements and public benefits.

Turning all this past talk into action and dollars will ensure that Guild Park operates at its full potential as a unique City asset and as an inspiring public destination where art meets nature.

*Your comments about Guild Park and its future are always appreciated. You can submit an email with your suggestions and reactions by visiting [www.guildwood.ca/contact](http://www.guildwood.ca/contact) or leave a message at 416-410-2755.*

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## More park use, more park cuts

Despite more people coming to Guild Park, fewer people are caring for the grounds and gardens. Cutbacks in PFR's operating budget for 2024 forced reducing Guild Park's seasonal groundskeeping crew by 25%. Current conditions at the Greek Theatre give a dramatic example of coping with limited park resources. Guild Festival Theatre (GFT) began producing live professional performances at this outdoor stage in 2011. While the venue looks spectacular to ever-increasing audiences, it continues to lack basic theatrical equipment, despite a recent electrical upgrade.

Behind the theatre's eight white marble columns exists a black hole, not a backstage. GFT's cast and crew must carry or cart in virtually everything required for every show, for every production - from designer sets, to sound mixing desks, to dressing rooms. Considering these challenges, many entertainers and event producers simply choose to bypass Guild Park and perform at better-equipped venues.

The keystone figure sculpted above each stage archway is a reminder of the Herculean efforts required to mount performances there. It makes the two Dora Awards that GFT won for its 2022 season – including the Audience Choice Award from its growing number of fans - a truly amazing

achievement. Despite the accolades and audiences, City officials stated in 2024 that Guild Park and its stage were too small to justify providing new facilities to make the Greek Theatre comparable to what the City supplies for stages in other City parks, such as the High Park amphitheatre.

Limited funding also means limited park infrastructure and services. A common question asked by the increasing number of Torontonians visiting Guild Park is why isn't this site comparable to the City's newer parks? Public washrooms are top of mind. The parks department operates the same two "universal" public washrooms on-site as in 2018. That year, before the post-COVID surge in park use, PFR identified having more washrooms at Guild Park as a "high priority." This is clear every time the park hosts popular outdoor performances on summer evenings. Crowds of hundreds of people come for the shows but can't always find a place to go. PFR was moving ahead on a new on-site washroom project, but City Finance cancelled the work in 2023 due to budget constraints. The project is scheduled to start again in 2028, or later. Even with Guild Park's temporary trailer toilets and the washrooms available during daytime hours at the Clark Centre, the site will continue to seriously under-serve park visitors for the next four years, or until more funding becomes available.



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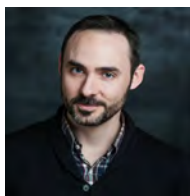
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# Planting the Seeds of Inspiration



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



The only professional theatre in Scarborough was on the brink of closing. The year was 2018 and a major sponsor had pulled out at the last minute,

leaving in question whether that summer's show could go forward, never mind the possibility of future productions. Would the jewel of Guildwood – the Greek Theatre – go dark again? All seemed lost but then the community rallied and hundreds of people came together to support Guild Festival Theatre, ensuring that the company could continue.



Photo: Jeremy Burgin

Guild Park was a derelict and the Guild Inn was a victim of “demolition by neglect”. The year was 2009 and the Greek Theatre sat quietly without even an echo of the actors

or applause that once animated the site. Though written off by city officials, a small group of visionaries saw the potential and planted the first seeds. After two years of hard work, Guild Festival Theatre launched, fittingly, with *The Cherry Orchard*.

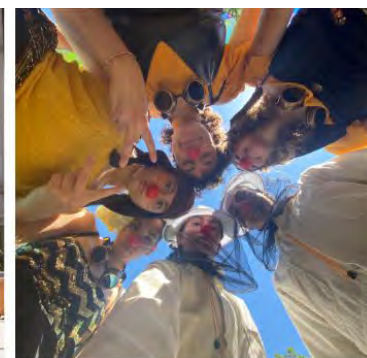
Guild Festival Theatre's 13th season is now in full swing with barely a moment to catch our breath. The year is 2024 and we've already welcomed thousands of people to Guild Park to enjoy shows from the sublime docu-concert of SPIN to the heart-pounding drums of Nagata Shachu to the hilarious hijinks of *Three Men on a Bike*. We've also enchanted hundreds of children at Family Fest and have even taken a show to Prince Edward County to share this special slice of Guildwood. The Discovery Drive has helped people explore our neighbourhood's art, food, and history and the thrilling *Isle of Demons* is on stage now! Guildwood's Greek Theatre is now a hub of culture and creativity mainly due to the seeds of inspiration that were planted years ago. And thanks to dedicated people giving what they can to water those seeds, GFT is thriving as a multifaceted festival and award-winning company that is the pride of Guildwood.



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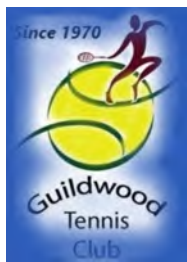
that include invitations to shows, reserved seating, and exclusive events. Donor levels start from a little as \$21 and the system honours our home in Guild Park as we trace the journey from Acorn to Oak Tree. Find out how you can join the Ecosystem at [guildfestivaltheatre.ca/support](https://guildfestivaltheatre.ca/support).

Because great things come from small seeds.





# Guildwood Tennis Club



*Rosemary Enright*

Greetings from Guildwood Tennis Club, your award-winning community tennis club.

By the time you are reading this, spring will be over and the hot days of summer will have set in. The members of the Guildwood Tennis Club (GTC) have been enjoying tennis since the first day of April thanks to the dedication and commitment of our many volunteers. These unsung heroes have donated hours of time, their talents and their expertise. Because of them the GTC has an innovative online presence to keep the membership aware of upcoming events, and an effective interface to process diverse program registrations, memberships and fees. It is the volunteers who install and take down nets and windscreens and keep the four courts clean and in good repair. Both adult and junior programs are designed, implemented, monitored and evaluated by a team of volunteers. All the multiple facets of this 500 member club are managed by the volunteer executive team. Our volunteers have built a memorial garden to honour deceased members of our club, and have canvassed members to participate in the Guildwood Day parade and festivities.



the Canada Day Extravaganza with a Round Robin and Strawberry Social, and the Junior Play Day.

The nets were installed April 1 and the windscreens on April 28. On April 28, after the courts were cleaned, both adults and juniors played a round robin and enjoyed a delicious barbecue. Unfortunately, the event was cut short by a downpour but those who attended experienced the first taste of a competitive event coupled with an opportunity to make new friends. The next social/competitive event was



*Canada Day Tournament*

During June, July, and August, opportunities like lessons, summer camps, tournaments, and participation in Scarborough Tennis Federation (STF) competitive leagues, enable the juniors to improve their skills, have fun, and develop a love for the game.



*Junior Awards*

During this same period adults are offered clinics, singles ladders, STF competitive leagues, recreational and competitive play, and ample time to book a game against a favourite or new opponent.

In August, the preliminary rounds of the singles, the mixed, and doubles GTC Championships take place. The finals of these events and awards for the winners will be held at the September Corn Roast and Barbecue. During that event, the GTC also presents special awards for sportsmanship, performance and dedication: the Schachow Award, the Phil Yeoman Award and the Rollit Goldring Junior Award.

As the weather cools off in September, the club will organize the Guildwood Cup and Century Doubles Tournaments. Nets and windscreens will be removed by October 30.



GTC thanks the merchants in the Guildwood Plaza for their continued support of the annual Corn Roast and Barbecue. GTC would also like to thank Racket Guys for their donations which are used for our many awards and prizes.

Guildwood Tennis Club recognizes Bill and Louise Schachow for their roles as Builders of the Guildwood Tennis Club (originally named Kiwaniwood Tennis Club). They, as part of a group of volunteers representing the



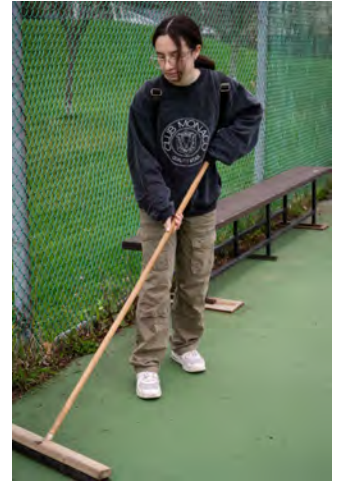
GTC C1 team

residents of Guildwood and Markham Bluffs, worked hard to persuade the City of Scarborough to build a recreational facility in the Guildwood Community.

Guildwood Tennis Club is a treasure, thanks to the many teams of dedicated volunteers.



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# Geocaching in Guildwood

Tara Tallan



In 2011, a Guildwood neighbour introduced me to a whole new world called “geocaching”. She told me there was something called a “geocache”, that it had been placed by another neighbour, and it was hidden along one of the trails right here in Guildwood. She took me to the area where it was

hidden, and told me to look for a little metal tube. I hunted for about twenty minutes, but even knowing right where it was supposed to be, I had to admit defeat. Finally, she pulled an inconspicuous branch out of a little hole in the tree, and there on the end of it—oh my goodness!— was a thumb-sized bison tube. Inside was a rolled-up piece of paper. I was amazed. And I was excited to learn there were lots, lots more little hidden containers waiting for me to find.



Geocaching is a real-world treasure hunt, played using an app on your phone, or with a GPS device. Geocaches, or caches for short, come in all shapes and sizes, as big as a shoebox (or bigger!) or as small as a pencil top eraser. Inside each cache is a logbook you must sign with your cacher name, as proof you found it. That rolled-up piece

of paper I found inside the bison tube was the logbook! The larger ones sometimes contain little trinkets which you can take as a souvenir, though the courteous thing to do is replace the trinket with an equally nice one for the next cacher to find.



To find a geocache, you need to create a free account at [geocaching.com](http://geocaching.com) or on the geocaching app. There’s also a “premium” version which will give you access to more caches. Both the website and the app have a map that will show you the locations of geocaches near you, or anywhere in the world you might want to go. The website has links to several helpful tutorials. While

many geocaches are wheelchair or stroller accessible, there are others that might require you to do things like climb a tree or crawl into a tunnel! Each cache listing on the app will tell you how difficult it is to find, how rough the terrain is, and how large (or small) the container you’re looking for will be. After you choose one to find, the app or GPS device will navigate you towards the geocache.

I admit, when I first started I didn’t understand how finding these geocaches could possibly be any kind of challenge, if you’re given the exact coordinates. But several “DNF”s (Did Not Find) later, I realized how wrong I was. Geocaches are tricky to spot! They have to be well hidden so they won’t be accidentally found by non-cachers who, not knowing their



purpose, might move or even remove them. With good camouflage, even a container in plain sight can be tough to see. Each one is different. Also, the GPS signal can only guide you to within about 5 metres of Ground Zero at best, and some areas, such as the downtown core, are notorious for having bouncy signals from those GPS satellites. Once you’ve found a few caches, you start to





develop a “geosense” of where the likely hiding spots are. The hunt is part of the fun!

There is also a category of geocaches called virtuals (Earthcaches, Ghost Caches, and Adventure Labs are the most popular types), where there is no hidden container to find or logbook to sign. Instead, the goal is to learn something about the location. In our

neighbourhood there’s an Adventure Lab that will guide you through, and provide information, on some of the structures in Guild Park, and a Ghost Cache that will tell you all about, and show you where to find, the wreck of The Alexandria. There are also Puzzle Caches, which require you to solve a puzzle or crack a code in order to unlock the correct coordinates before you can find the cache.



Geocaching is a great way to get outside and explore. Parks and trails are popular places to hide a geocache. I’ve discovered so many neat little walking trails and out-of-the-way parks, looking for geocaches. They’re also often located near points of interest: unusual, historic, or



scenic areas. The cache’s info page can be a mini history lesson. I learned a lot about this city through geocaching! For example, do you know what the secret message in the brickwork of Toronto’s Old City Hall says? There’s a geocache that will lead you there and tell you how to read it. Do you know

the story of the Finch Ave E. Bailey Bridge? There’s a geocache that will tell you about it. And for bibliophiles, there’s a geocache hidden close to almost every branch of the Toronto Public Library, including our little one in Guildwood.

I love to go geocaching while on vacation, too. Wherever I am, I make sure to check the area for caches that have been given a lot of favourite points, because they’ll always be worth the visit. Geocaches have led me to amazing lookout points, hidden petroglyphs, and the ruins of a castle—the sorts of places locals may know about, but probably won’t appear in travel guidebooks. The app will keep track of how many geocaches you’ve found, and how many different countries you’ve found them in.

Right now there are more than three million geocaches hidden all around the world, on all seven continents. There are almost 1500 in Toronto, and ten of those are right here in Guildwood. These numbers change all the time as older caches are archived and new ones are added by people who enjoy the game enough to hide some of their own. That clever bison tube geocache I first found was archived long ago, but another one of my first finds, hidden in Guild Park by a local Sparks troop in 2007, is still there. If you think you’d enjoy the challenge of hunting for caches in this surprisingly large world of hidden things, I hope you’ll give geocaching a try. Be sure to be stealthy, put the cache back exactly as you found it, and remember to bring a pen to sign the log!





# What's on @ Guildwood Library



Matthew Parish, Guildwood Library

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Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	12:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Thursday	12:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Friday	10:00 am – 6:00 pm
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Sunday	CLOSED

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## Recommended Books from Guildwood Staff

Matthew recommends:

**Shogun** by James Clavell

Lisa recommends:

**The Unwedding** by Ally Condie

Georgia recommends:

**The Burnout: A Novel** by Sophie Kinsella

Regina recommends:

**Six Crimson Cranes** by Elizabeth Lim

Sam recommends:

**Long Island: A Novel** by Colm Toibin

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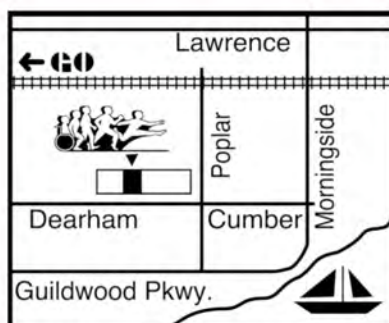
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# Keeping our Pets Safe

Sheila McGovern



As a community, I think it's safe to say that many (if not most) of our Guildwood residents truly LOVE their domestic furry friends. The City of Toronto has just launched a partnership with a global licensing platform called DocuPet. Every DocuPet tag is equipped with the free "HomeSafe™ 24/7 lost pet service" and may double as a pet's official licence. Since

every dog and cat residing in Toronto is mandated to be licensed, this service is also supposed to provide a simpler way for all pet owners to register their animal(s). The City claims that this new program is designed to reduce the number of lost pets that end up in shelters and to support the important work of local animal shelters. Pet owners can learn more (and easily register) pet licenses online at [toronto.ca/PetLicensing](https://toronto.ca/PetLicensing).



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This past year, The Carol Foderick Real Estate Group was honoured to be the #1 Team in Canada for Keller Williams. However, I am not only a real estate agent, I'm also your neighbour. My husband Regan and I have lived on Heathfield Drive for 18 years and chose South Scarborough to raise our own family.

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# Addressing the Challenge of Graffiti: Vandalism in Scarborough's Guildwood Area

Blaise Kurucz #9165, Toronto Police Services 43 Division, Crime Prevention Officer



Scarborough Guildwood has been met with a persistent challenge: graffiti vandalism. While the neighbourhood boasts scenic beauty and historical significance, the proliferation of unauthorized graffiti tags on public and private property has become a cause for concern among residents and Toronto Police.

Graffiti vandalism, characterized by unauthorized markings, has long been contentious in communities in the Toronto area. In Guildwood, this vandalism poses both aesthetic concerns and safety and security risks, detracting from the neighbourhood's appeal and well-being.

Despite efforts to combat graffiti vandalism through enforcement and deterrence measures, perpetrators deface property with impunity. Graffiti tagging, often under the cover of darkness, makes it challenging for the Police to apprehend and hold offenders accountable for their actions.

Like many of us, Scarborough for me has a special place in my heart. I not only grew up here but have not held a job outside of the Scarborough area for over three decades. Show me a place with more waterfront or scenic parks anywhere. I argue that you would not be able to.

So I wrote this article to you just as frustrated as you are. If you see anyone vandalizing anything in your area, do not hesitate to report it to the Police. This crime is unacceptable.

Community engagement plays a crucial role in combating graffiti vandalism in Guildwood. By fostering a sense of ownership and pride among residents, community members can become proactive stewards of their neighbourhood, reporting vandalism promptly and advocating for preventative measures. Neighbourhood watch programs, graffiti removal initiatives, and collaboration with the Toronto Police Auxiliary program are a great way to start.

Furthermore, educational outreach and youth engagement programs can empower young people to channel their creative energy productively. Guildwood can cultivate a culture of respect for public spaces and discourage destructive behaviour.

In addition to community-led efforts, a collaboration between local counsellors, law enforcement, and property owners is essential in addressing graffiti vandalism effectively. Implementing proactive strategies such as rapid graffiti removal, enhanced surveillance measures, and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design can deter vandals and minimize the impact of graffiti in the community.

Ultimately, the challenge of graffiti vandalism in Guildwood requires a comprehensive and collaborative approach that addresses the issue's symptoms and underlying causes by fostering a sense of community cohesion.





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### Special Events

#### New to Guildwood Church: Grief Support Group

We will be starting a monthly 'grief sharing' group. A grief group is not a counseling group but a peer support group. We have all lost someone or something sacred to us, yet we don't have enough places to share, process, and pray together. Our culture too often approaches grief as a problem to be fixed or solved instantly. It is our wish to create a safe space to share, listen, pray, and reflect on our life journeys.

Rev. Chuck Moon plans to facilitate each meeting prayerfully. Each meeting will consist of silent prayers, sharing, listening, and reading. We plan to hold the first introductory meeting on Wednesday, October 16th at 7 PM in the church hall. Everyone is welcome.

**Come see *The Knitting Pilgrim* at Guildwood  
Community Presbyterian Church, Saturday, November  
16, 2024 @ 7:30 pm.**

Actor, writer and knitter Kirk Dunn will be presenting his multidisciplinary one-man show, **The Knitting Pilgrim**, featuring the **Stitched Glass** tapestries, at Guildwood Community Presbyterian Church, Saturday, November 16, 2024 @ 7:30 pm. The show, which theatre critic Lynn Slotkin called "a stunning piece of theatre... glorious and so moving," combines personal storytelling, image projection and three huge, knitted panels, designed in the style of stained-glass windows, that look at the commonalities and conflicts of the Abrahamic Faiths: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. It recounts Kirk's 15-year artistic and spiritual journey handknitting the ambitious project, and looks at why the faiths struggle to get along today, the meaning of art, the hell of grant-writing and the power of love to overcome major obstacles (and minor mishaps). The show premiered at the Aga Khan Museum in 2019 and has been performed to acclaim over 80 times in Canada, Austria, Germany, and the United States. To purchase tickets, please go to [www.guildwoodchurch.ca](http://www.guildwoodchurch.ca).

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# An Update from Vijay Thanigasalam, MPP Scarborough-Rouge Park



Dear residents of Guildwood,

I hope you and your families are doing well! After a productive session in the Ontario Legislature, I am proud of the work we have done and I'm honoured to have recently been appointed Ontario's Associate Minister of Housing. I am

looking forward to seeing many of you in the community this summer!

## Highland Creek Heritage Festival

It was another great year at the annual Highland Creek Heritage Festival, spending time with my constituents throughout the afternoon. This community has such a rich history, and I am grateful to be serving the many residents who call it home.



*It is always great spending the summer with the residents of Scarborough - Rouge Park*

## Keeping Students Engaged in School

I am proud that our government introduced a suite of reforms over these past six months to ensure that our students are learning the skills of the future, embracing a back to basics curriculum in the classroom. This includes:

- Ontario's first financial literacy graduation requirement,
- reintroducing a modernized "Home Ec" course which includes nutritious cooking, changing a tire, sewing a button, using first aid, career prep, and more,
- revitalizing guidance and career education, and
- providing up to \$14 million in new funding in 2024-25 to launch new career coaching for Grade 9 and 10 students and to explore new pathways into STEM and skilled trades.

We are also restricting the use of cellphones and reinforcing the ban on vaping in our schools.

## Cracking Down on Impaired Driving and Auto Theft

We have seen too many families in Ontario who have had their lives torn apart by the careless and shameful actions of impaired drivers, which is why our government has introduced legislation that, if passed, would impose stiffer penalties for those who drive under the influence of alcohol and drugs. This includes:

- requiring those convicted of impaired driving to install an ignition interlock device in their vehicle and undergo mandatory remedial education and treatment for first and second-time alcohol and drug related offences, respectively,
- imposing a lifetime license suspension for those convicted of impaired driving causing death,
- increasing immediate roadside license suspensions for first and second-time alcohol and drug-related offenses, and
- providing additional tools and training to help police officers detect drug-impaired driving and launch a provincewide campaign to highlight the dangers, with a focus on cannabis and young drivers.

I know how concerned the community has been as auto thefts and carjackings are on the rise across Ontario, which is why our government continues to take steps in order to crack down on auto theft by suspending driver's licenses for people convicted of the crime. This is just one additional step in our plan to help deter potential thieves and make it more challenging for criminals to reoffend. Last year, our government invested \$51 million to help police identify and dismantle organized crime networks and put thieves behind bars.

## Reducing Wait Times for MRI and CT Scans

As many of you know, our government has been committed to reducing wait times for surgeries and procedures. We are no longer accepting the status quo, which is why we are taking the next step in our plan by adding 100,000 more MRI and CT scans at community surgical and diagnostic centres across the province each year.

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#### Dear Guildwood Village Neighbours,

I wish everyone a safe and exciting summer season!

It was a pleasure seeing many of you at my community Environment Day, and the **Guild Alive with Culture Arts Festival** – another huge success this year! I would like to thank all the volunteers, bringing the community together with fantastic live acts and artisan vendors. It was truly phenomenal! Can't wait for next year!

I also look forward to seeing you at the next Environment Day on Saturday, September 21!

During May City Council, I brought forward a motion (2024.PH12.3) to explore Expanding Housing Options (EHON) along major streets, like Guildwood Parkway, while considering factors like the environment and existing landmarks. While the motion to exclude Guildwood Parkway from the initial plan wasn't approved, council did vote to review the classification criteria for major streets. This review will consider the unique characteristics of Guildwood Parkway and its surrounding area, ensuring future development plans are appropriate.

With numerous events and activities taking place throughout the city, this season is brimming with excitement! It is important to remember, prolonged exposure to heat and sun can be harmful to your health. Plan ahead when going out.

For tips on how to stay cool and protect yourself, please visit: [www.toronto.ca/keepcool](http://www.toronto.ca/keepcool)

#### Community Events

##### 2nd Environment Day

Saturday, September 21 | 10 am to 2 pm  
Centennial Recreation Centre - 1967 Ellesmere Rd

To keep up to date with the events I will be hosting and attending, visit my website and view on calendar: [www.paulainslie.com](http://www.paulainslie.com)

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

## Stay Updated & Get Involved!

Scan the QR code or email my office to subscribe to community updates, monthly Ward Reports, submit feedback on City services and sign up to volunteer with my office!



#### Community Updates

##### **Traffic Calming Request for Hill Crescent from Markham Road to Bethune Boulevard**

Traffic Operations have revisited this request and reviewed the data collected for speed calming requests against the updated Traffic Calming Policy. All eligibility and warrant criteria as outlined in the updated Traffic Calming Policy has been met except for one. Therefore, staff recommends the installation of speed humps. Staff will present a report recommending these installations to Scarborough Community Council on July 12th.

##### **Request for an Advanced Left turn signal at Kingston Road and Guildwood Parkway**

Residents have contacted my office requesting an advanced left turn signal for westbound drivers on Kingston Road turning left onto Guildwood Parkway. Transportation Services staff evaluated and found the request warranted for both AM and PM peak periods. This installation is anticipated to be completed by the end of June.

##### **Elizabeth Simcoe Park Skate Spot Project**

A skate spot is coming to Elizabeth Simcoe Park! A community consultation survey is anticipated to launch online this fall. The planned skate spot is intended to service local novice and intermediate youth riders by offering a safe and dedicated space to practice their skills. For further information, please visit: [toronto.ca/skateboard-strategy](http://toronto.ca/skateboard-strategy)

##### **Toynbee Trail Speed Enforcement**

Following the most recent traffic accident on Toynbee Trail, my office has contacted TPS 43 Division to request extra speed enforcement. Residents can also report traffic issues to Toronto Police online at: [www.tps.ca/services/online-reporting/local-neighbourhood-traffic-issue-concern/](http://www.tps.ca/services/online-reporting/local-neighbourhood-traffic-issue-concern/)

#### **Stay Connected!**

To stay current, please scan the QR code to the left or email me at [councillor\\_ainslie@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca) to be added to my monthly eNewsletter.

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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# An Update from Andrea Hazell, MPP Scarborough-Guildwood



Greetings! I hope you are all doing well and enjoying the sunny weather. These last few months have been busy at Queen's Park and in the riding, and I am excited to connect with you to share what I have been up to!

## RTOERO's Seniors Connect and Learn

It was an amazing opportunity to be able to participate in the RTOERO's Seniors Connect and Learn, an event centered around health topics for seniors. I enjoyed speaking at this event and I believe that seniors' health matters just as much as anyone else.

## 30 Years of Bel Canto

On May 11th, the Scarborough Community choir 'Bel Canto Singers' celebrated 30 years of entertaining audiences and sharing the joys of friendship and fun! I had a wonderful time attending and participating in this beautiful commemoration.

## Guildwood Day's 50th Anniversary

It was a pleasure to partake in Guildwood Day on its 50th Anniversary on June 1st. Guildwood Village organized a beautiful Guildwood Day parade in Scarborough where it was incredible to see the crowds of people who came out to celebrate and enjoy the festivities. I love seeing our community join together as one to celebrate Scarborough-Guildwood!

## TPS Annual Picnic

Thank you to the 43 Division CPLC for organizing this amazing event on June 1st. The event was packed with positive energy and community spirit! It was incredible to see our neighbourhood officers and the community coming together to have fun! It is events such as these that play a vital role in nurturing strong relationships within the community.

## Show Love Scarborough Festival

Global Kingdom Ministries hosted a very successful 7th annual Show Love Scarborough Festival, which supported the arts and food culture in our community. This event was full of vibrant energy and reminded me of everything that makes Scarborough a special and diverse place to be!

## Filipino Heritage Month Event

On June 5th, I had the pleasure of sponsoring the Filipino Heritage Month event hosted by Filipinos in the 6ix at Queen's Park. This marked an incredible moment for the Filipino community in Toronto. There were inspiring speeches, captivating performances and a wide variety of cultural food. This event highlighted the diversity and accomplishments of the Filipino community and left a profound impact on all attendees!

## Queen's Park Update

These last few months at Queen's Park have been busy. I tabled two bills in recent months - Bill 163: The Relief for Renters Act 2024 and Bill 184: Supporting Mobility, Affordability and Reliable Transportation in Ontario Act, 2024. I have listened to your concerns and have addressed them in the legislature. With each question period, I have raised your concerns surrounding affordability, tenant protections, accessible transportation and more! I am your voice and I will continue to advocate for you every time I am given an opportunity to do so!

## Upcoming Events

Stay connected on all social media channels to receive live updates regarding our events! We will be hosting many events in the summer along with various information sessions!

## Stay Connected

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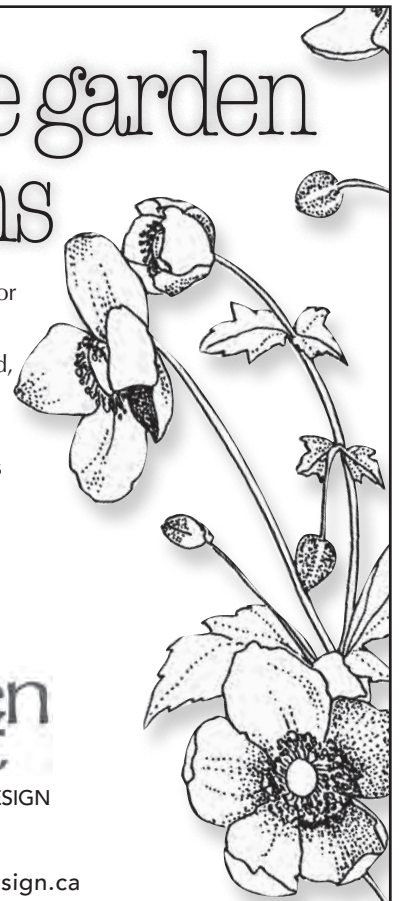
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Dear Neighbours,

It was great to see so many of you this summer at community events including the 50th Guildwood Day in June. Thank you to all the community volunteers that put on this great event. I enjoyed joining you for the parade and look forward to next year.

On September 28, I will be hosting the second annual Harvest Fest at the Port Union Community Centre from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. We will have a vendor and farmers' market, family-friendly activities, and a community barbecue hosted by 416. I hope to see you there.

## Micromobility Strategy

In May, City Council voted to opt into a pilot project allowing low-speed vehicles on select streets. Low-speed vehicles are four-wheeled cars or trucks that are smaller and lighter than regular cars and have a maximum speed of 40 kilometres per hour. Under provincial law, low-speed vehicles are only allowed on roads with a maximum speed limit of 50 kilometers per hour. A license, vehicle registration and insurance are required to operate a low-speed vehicle. Toronto Police Services and City Staff are launching an educational campaign to increase public awareness of key safety issues related to the use of low-speed vehicles, including which vehicles are permitted and where they can be operated and parked. Allowing low-speed vehicles introduces alternatives to emission-generating vehicles to help the City reach its goal of net zero emissions by 2040. More information on low-speed vehicles will be available later this year. You can learn more at [toronto.ca/micromobility](https://toronto.ca/micromobility).

## Parking Fines Update

City Staff recommended increasing fines for safety and non-safety parking offences to increase compliance with the rules of the road and align with fines in other jurisdictions, effective August 1. At Council, I worked with my colleagues to ensure that the fines related to the non-safety related offences will only increase by the rate of inflation, resulting in a lower increase than had originally been proposed. This includes offences such as forgetting to pay the parking meter, parking longer than 3 hours on-street, or parking overnight without a permit. Safety-related offences include those that could seriously impact the safety of road users and will see a higher increase. For example, the fine for parking in a bike lane will be \$200, an increase from \$150. Other offences that will have larger

increases include stopping close to an intersection or stopping too close to a school crossing. I'm also continuing to advocate for increasing the fines for making an improper stop in an intersection. When cars "block the box" they create congestion and create safety concerns for pedestrians and cyclists. City Council voted in favour of my request that the province amend the Highway Traffic Act to update the fines.

## 311 At Your Service

311 connects clients to non-emergency City services, programs and information. The service can be accessed 24/7 by calling 311, visiting [toronto.ca/311](https://toronto.ca/311) or using the 311 Toronto mobile app. You can use 311 to create service requests for animal control, bylaw violations, property standards, graffiti, missed solid waste pickup, tree pruning requests or to report litter and illegal dumping. Potholes can also be reported to 311. When submitting a service request, provide as much information as possible including location, description, photos and your contact information. You will receive a reference number. Please record it so your request can be tracked. This number allows you to check the status of, and edit or cancel, your request. If your request has not been handled in an appropriate time frame, please follow up with my office.

## Stay in Touch

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*Caption: Thank you to our volunteers for joining us for the Guildwood Day Parade. Congratulations on 50 Guildwood Days!*

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# Crossword

Don Briggs

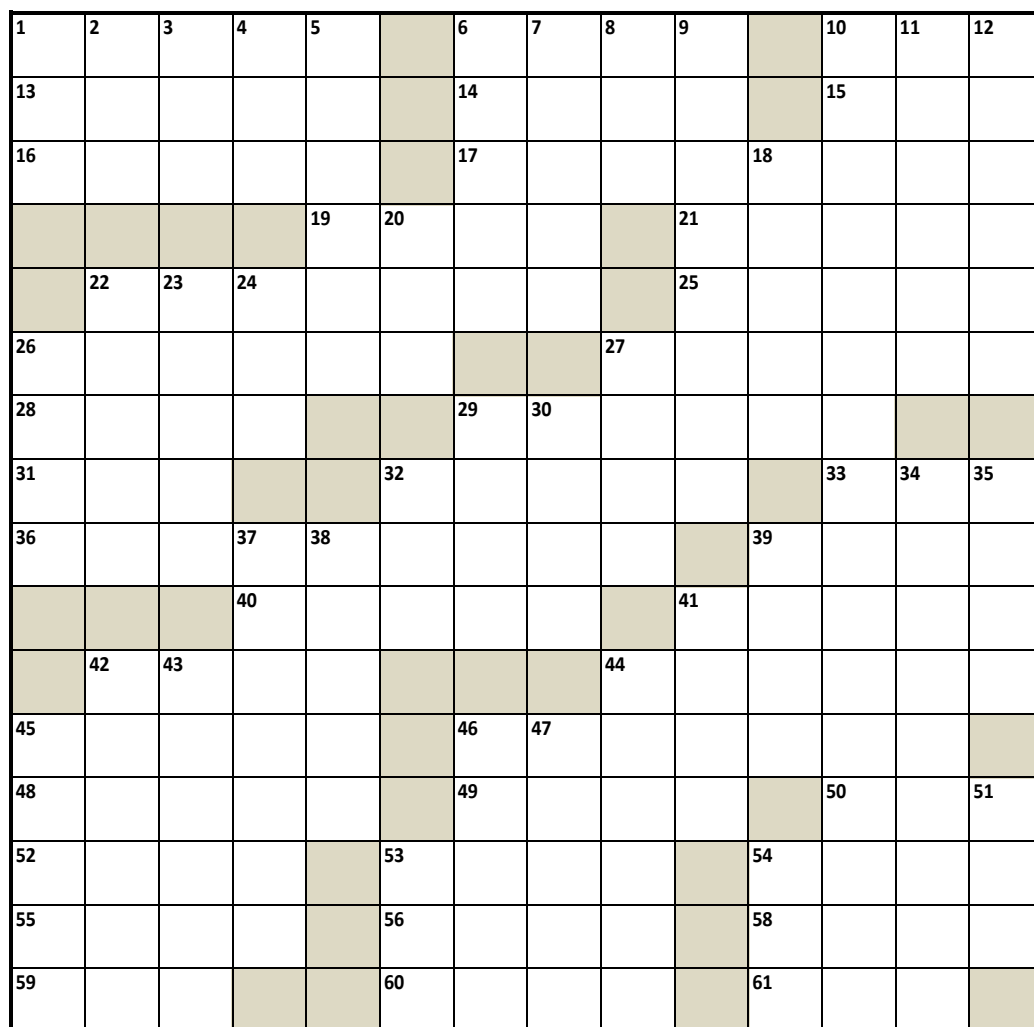


## Answers at

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### Across:

1. In the '50s & '60s, naughty students might get the \_\_\_\_\_
6. Of the order Chiroptera
10. Female pronoun
13. Corrupt practice
14. Diving bird
15. Half digested food chewed by ruminant animals
16. Sherman \_\_\_\_\_
17. Skilled craftsmen / women
19. Butter \_\_\_\_\_
21. a la \_\_\_\_\_
22. A purplish red colour
25. Superman's Kryptonian name (hyph)
26. Arguably the most gifted classical musician ever.
27. Popular Hwy 11 burger joint
28. Decrees of legislative bodies
29. Can be dealt with at the Stone Cottage
31. Maybe the most commonly used English word
32. Ingredient in Borscht
33. Oil \_\_\_\_\_
36. Ranches in Mexico
39. A beverage garnish
40. Clutch
41. Sides of doorways
42. Pop superstar \_\_\_\_\_ Sawayama



44. Results
45. Hogan's \_\_\_\_\_
46. Piece of fishing equipment (2 wds)
48. Love, in Italy
49. Cheerful and hopeful
50. Charge into
52. Cause of trouble
53. Figure skating great Katarina \_\_\_\_\_

54. \_\_\_\_\_ Kournikova
55. Caesar killed on this day in March, 44BC
56. This in Spanish
58. Art \_\_\_\_\_
59. Sea \_\_\_\_\_
60. A Hershey product
61. \_\_\_\_\_ Miss, U.S. college nickname

### Down:

1. Posed for a portrait
2. Let you know later (abbr)
3. Flee
4. Question
5. Annoy
6. Paul \_\_\_\_\_: Mall Cop
7. Main artery
8. Little kid
9. Chocolate bar, also an ice cream flavour
10. 1905 Historical fiction novel by Baroness Orczy (2 wds)
11. Orion constellation
12. Cars ahead of their time
18. European-made cars
20. \_\_\_\_\_ trap
22. Warm muted brown colour
23. Mexico's \_\_\_\_\_ Empire 1300 - 1531
24. \_\_\_\_\_ fitter
26. Add, subtract, multiply, divide (abbr)
27. Good to have them about you
29. Great local diner
30. A \_\_\_\_\_ of trouble
32. Act that created the self-governing (internally) Dominion of Canada (abbr)
34. One could operate on land, in the air or in the water
35. Brand of video doorbell
37. Pays no attention to
38. Wipe out
39. Can describe the deceased
41. When in doubt, it's out
42. Sometimes a "new" movie is this
43. Pressed
44. A bivalve mollusc
45. Arabic masculine given name
46. Check for a weapon
47. \_\_\_\_\_ Max
51. Founder of the People's Republic of China
53. \_\_\_\_\_ Borland of nu metal band, Limp Bizkit
54. Fuss



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