

## SAHRA Information – May 7, 2017

### Neighbours' Night Out – will be on **June 13<sup>th</sup>** this year!

We are now in the 12<sup>th</sup> year for the Neighbours' Night Out. It originally started out being held in June, in conjunction with a City-wide Neighbours' Night out but it was changed to be held on the first day back to school in September many years ago. It was suggested that the June timeframe might work better for families so this year the event will be held on Tuesday, **June 13** 6:30-8:00 p.m. outside 2 Haddington (at Esgore). Hope you will be able to join us!

### Public Meeting: North Toronto Memorial Community Centre Renovations

Date: Wednesday, May 17

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: North Toronto Memorial Community Centre

The City is enhancing the North Toronto Memorial Community Centre to improve facility operations and services to the community.

Residents are invited to attend a community meeting on Wednesday, May 17, at 6:30 p.m. that will address the renovations and discuss program relocations.

For more information, please [click here](#).

### Graffiti

Traffic control boxes and Utility Boxes as well as some of our stores walls are favourite targets of the graffiti artists. If you see Graffiti in our neighbourhood, please take a picture and email it to 311 with information on the location and they will send out a clean-up squad.



#### **Graffiti on private property**

Report graffiti on private property for the City to investigate as part of bylaw enforcement.



#### **Graffiti on a City road, sidewalk, or bridge**

Report graffiti on a City road, sidewalk, or bridge.



#### **Graffiti on a street litter bin maintained by the City**

Report graffiti on a street litter bin maintained by the City. For litter bins maintained by Astral Media (i.e. bins with foot pedal) or any bin in a City park, please call 311.

### \*\*\*Email Address Drive\*\*\*

SAHRA endeavours to keep our Members informed by publishing Newsletters two to three times a year and by sending out email blasts as we have updates, usually once or twice a month.

It's 2017 - it's time that we move to electronic distribution of the Newsletter! We will be able to communicate more quickly when an issue arises. The reduced costs (eliminating printing and delivery costs) allows better use of member contributions. We want to move to electronic distribution for our Spring 2017 Newsletter.

However, our challenge is that we currently have email addresses for only about 40% of our households. SAHRA advocates will be visiting neighbours on their street asking them to give us their email address, in the next few weeks. You can help us by agreeing to be an advocate for your street and/or by forwarding this email to your friends and neighbours, asking if they would like to receive the SAHRA E-Blasts and Newsletters. If so, they can send an email to [sahratoronto@rogers.com](mailto:sahratoronto@rogers.com) and we will add them to our distribution list.

### Environment Days

Environment Days commenced across the City as of April 1<sup>st</sup>. The link below provides information on all the sites and times as well as an outline of what you can bring to the drop off centres.

[http://www1.toronto.ca/City%20of%20Toronto/Solid%20Waste%20Management%20Services/1%20Overview/Community%20Environment%20Days/Documents/ced17\\_sched-bring\\_feb27-17.pdf](http://www1.toronto.ca/City%20of%20Toronto/Solid%20Waste%20Management%20Services/1%20Overview/Community%20Environment%20Days/Documents/ced17_sched-bring_feb27-17.pdf)

### Doors Open Toronto

Date: May 27 and 28

The 18th annual Doors Open event is right around the corner and offers an opportunity to see inside more than 150 architecturally, historically, culturally and socially significant buildings across the city. This year's theme is *Fifteen Decades of Canadian Architecture*. Since it began in 2000, Doors Open Toronto has attracted more than two million visits to nearly 700 unique locations across the city. If you'd like more information on how to participate or volunteer, please [click here](#).

### Toronto Local Appeal Body (TLAB) [prepared by the Lytton Park Residents' Organization]

On March 29, 2017, City Council passed [Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 142](#) creating the Toronto Local Appeal Body (TLAB) with an effective date of May 3, 2017. If you are appealing a Consent and/or Minor Variance application your appeal will no longer be adjudicated at the Ontario Municipal Board. Toronto has set up its own appeal body. North York Appeals will be heard at the North District Library on Orchardview.

#### What does this mean?

Starting May 3, 2017, appeals for **Minor Variances and Consents** from the Committee of Adjustment will go to the **Toronto Local Appeal Body (TLAB)** instead of the Ontario Municipal Board (OM B). See below for details.

### What happens to Committee of Adjustment Appeals starting May 3, 2017?

All appeals are still to be filed with the Manager & Deputy-Secretary Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment and must be filed within the appeal period on the Notice of Decision.

- Appeals filed before May 3,2017 will stay with the OMB.
- Appeals filed on or after May 3,2017 will go to the TLAB unless:
  - the decision was already appealed before May 3,2017; or
  - there is a related appeal to the OMB for the same matter. A related appeal is an appeal under section 114 of the City of Toronto Act, under sections 17, 22, 34, 36, 38, 41 or 51 of the Planning Act or under a regulation made under section 70.2 of the Planning Act.

### Where can I learn more about where and how to file my appeal?

If you are planning to appeal a decision from the Committee of Adjustment, or are looking for a general overview of the TLAB, the Public Guide is a good place to start. [www.toronto.ca/tlab](http://www.toronto.ca/tlab)

To learn if a decision has already been appealed before May 3,2017, please contact the Committee of Adjustment Case Manager for the matter.

To learn if there is a related appeal to the OMB for the same matter, search community planning applications in the Application Information Centre and contact the assigned planner if necessary.

### **COA Mediation Project** [prepared by the Lytton Park Residents' Organization]

The Mediation Pilot Program is intended to evaluate the benefits of mediation in resolving disputes related to minor variance and consents applications. Mediation sessions forming part of the Pilot Program will be at no cost to the applicant or other affected parties disputing an application and will be

conducted in several of the City's Civic Centres. Mediation will be offered on a one-time basis per application, either before or after the Committee of Adjustment makes its decision. For more information contact the North York Committee of Adjustment or your Councillor.

### **Donate to the Furniture Bank**

Did you know you can donate your gently used furniture and housewares to people in need? Furniture Bank is a charitable organization that collects furniture and other household items from the community and gives them to people in need at no cost. Last year alone, nearly 5,000 donors used Furniture Bank's pick-up services to help change the lives of almost 11,000 people. For more information on how to volunteer or donate, please [click here](#).