

SAHRA Information – July 9, 2018

Neighbours' Night Out on June 19, 2018

Once again, thank you to our local supporters of our 13th annual Neighbours' Night Out:

- **Baskin Robins** for the yummy ice cream
- **Party Rock** for the colourful balloons
- **National Bank** for supporting the cost of the ice cream and balloons
- **The Miller** for the \$150 dinner raffle prize
- **York Mills Eye Care** for the two pairs of sunglasses for the raffle

And a big thank you to the **SAHRA Directors** as well as **adult and student Volunteers** who helped out at the event. A good time was had by all!

Changes to Fence Requirements

The Licensing and Standards Committee submitted Recommendations to City Council for General Fence Requirements, Change Pool Enclosure Requirements, Opt Out of Line Fences Act and Administrative Changes. The Recommendations were approved by City Council on May 23, 2018. You can review the changes at

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2018.LS25.3>.

Avenue Road Bridge Construction

Councillor Carmichael Greb's office has provided the following information regarding the Ministry of Transportation construction on the Avenue Road bridge:

- Construction expected to be completed late 2019.
- Access will always be open to traffic.
- The MTO has committed to adding cycling infrastructure to the bridge. The MTO is working to have a consultant prepare options
- There will still be two through lanes in each direction after construction.

Dufferin Street Bridge/ Yorkdale Road

WSP has distributed a flyer explaining construction in the Dufferin/Yorkdale area – a copy is attached.

Area 40 Basement Flooding & Water Quality Improvements Study

The City has distributed a Newsletter about an Public Review event to review, discuss and provide your feedback on the preliminary recommended solutions for reducing the risk of

basement and surface flooding and improving stormwater runoff quality in this study area. The Newsletter is attached along with the detailed maps.

Date/Time: **Thursday, July 24, 2018 6:00-8:00 pm**

Location: St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 871 Mount Pleasant Road (north of Eglinton East)

Security (extracted from a Harvey Kalles Newsletter May, 2015)

“Did you know that the most common threat to your home while you are away on summer holidays is burglary? Typically burglary is a non-confrontational crime but being victimized can leave a family feeling vulnerable and violated.

What follows is a top 5 list of suggestions from Protectron to minimize your risk by making your home unattractive to potential burglars.

1. The first step, is to “harden the target” or make your home more difficult to enter. Most burglars enter via the front, back, or garage doors. Burglars know to look inside your car for keys and other valuables so keep it locked, even inside your garage. Use high quality Grade-1 or Grade-2 locks on exterior doors to resist twisting, prying and lock-picking attempts.
2. When vacationing, leave a car in your driveway or arrange for a neighbour to keep a car there and move it around from time to time.
3. Have someone mow your lawn, rake leaves and pick up your mail while you're away.
4. Home security systems play a crucial role in a home security plan and are very effective, if used properly, especially when monitored 24-7 by ULC-listed monitoring centres. Home security systems need to be properly installed and maintained to be most effective. Your home security system should include a loud inside alarm, detectors on all exterior doors, and motion sensors in the master bedroom and main living areas.
5. For ultimate control and peace of mind while you're away, you should look into the fully interactive wireless security systems where you can arm and disarm your alarm, lock or unlock your front door, control lights and your home's thermostat at the touch of your smartphone. You could even have video monitoring and receive alerts to view the comings and goings of cleaning staff or house sitters.”