

SAHRA Information – May 3, 2017

Jane's Walks

This year's Jane's Walks will be held on **May 4, 5 and 6**. The walk honour the legacy of legendary urban activist, writer and one-time Toronto resident Jane Jacobs.

<http://janeswalk.org/canada/>

Here's information on three walks that may be of interest:

Jane's Walk "Thornccliffe Park: A Modern Complete Community"

*Saturday **May 5** 1.30 – 3:00 pm*

Meet at the lobby of the Jenner Jean-Marie Community Centre/Thornccliffe Park Library, 48 Thornccliffe Park Drive

Led by Geoff Kettel and Sabina Ali

The Walk will focus on Modernist Thornccliffe Park - what we mainly see today as we walk the streets. Thornccliffe Park is a planned community that was mostly built out in the 1950s and 60's. It was also designed as a "complete community" which includes:

- Residential (today 34 mid and high rises buildings)
- Retail
- Industrial
- Community amenity space (central park and several places of worship)

We will discuss what are the challenges for this complete community, and how it can evolve in the future?

We will circumnavigate the community from Jenner Jean-Marie Community Centre east along Thornccliffe Park Drive to cross Overlea Boulevard and west along TP Drive, south along Banigan Drive, cross Overlea Boulevard and south down Thornccliffe Park Drive, into the R.V. Burgess Park and back to the Jenner Jean-Marie Community Centre.

Jane's Walk in Davisville Village

*Saturday **May 5** 2:00-3:30pm*

Meet at the NW corner of Mt. Pleasant and Davisville, edge of June Rowland's Park. We will be holding up a Jane's Walk sign.

Led by Amy Isaac, SERRA (South Eglinton Ratepayers & Residents Association)

Stroll through and discover little known historical sites; homes, schools & businesses, in Davisville Village East and listen to interesting and obscure stories relating to them. This Walk will end at Mt. Pleasant and [Merton St.](#) (2 blocks south of Davisville).

2018 Jane's Walk: Between homes and jobs: A walk down Laird Drive, Leaside

*Sunday **May 6** 1.30- 3:00 pm*

Meet outside Olde York Fish and Chips Restaurant, 96 Laird Drive (Note: unfortunately the restaurant is closed on Sundays). Start point and end point are the same.

Did you know that one hundred years ago Leaside was a complete live-work-play community?

Laird Drive marks the divide between Leaside's industrial and residential areas, as laid out by Frederick Todd in his 1912 plan for the Town of Leaside. We will walk north and south on Laird to see historical

landmarks on both sides of the street, including the site of Canada Wire and Cable Company (CWCC) factory and some of the worker houses built by CWCC in the late 1920's.

NOTE: The CWCC built houses are the subject of a set of portraits by noted architectural photographer Vik Pahwa, and featured in an exhibit entitled "**Hidden Amongst Us: Architectural Portraits of Leaside's Canada Wire and Cable Company Homes**", presented by Leaside Matters, on May 11-13, 11am to 4pm at *ArteMbassy* located at 28 Industrial Street, suite 219. The exhibit is open to the public (free - donations appreciated).

Native Plant Sales

Native plants are integral to the Pollinator Protection Strategy for bees and butterflies. The North American Native Plant Society will be holding two plant sales of native species that attract bees and butterflies.

- Saturday, **May 5** 9:30 am to 2:30 pm at Toronto Botanical Garden
- Sun, **May 27** 12 to 4:00 pm at Christie Pits Park

For details, please review the attached brochure (Pages 1 and 2).

Potholes

For the month of May, the City will have crews on the roads focused on filling potholes. Their aim is to repair potholes within four days of receiving a complaint. So far this year the City has repaired 96,222 potholes. The City repairs an average of 210,500 potholes annually. Please report potholes to the City either online at <https://www.toronto.ca/services-payments/streets-parking-transportation/road-maintenance/potholes/> or by calling or emailing 311 or by using the 311 app available online.

North Toronto Group of Artists Studio Art Tour & Sale

You are invited to visit the homes and studios of our talented and diverse group of artists living and working in our North Toronto neighbourhood. The tenth annual studio tour will highlight artists whose works encompass a wide range of styles.

Saturday, **May 05** and Sunday **May 06** 11:00 am to 5 pm

For a map of places to visit go to <http://www.ntga.ca/map-spring-studio-tou-2018/>.

250 Lawrence Ave West fundraising

The developer submitted revised plans on Feb 21, 2018 but it is still too tall (10 storeys/30 metres) and does not meet the 45 degree angular plane requirements on the east side, which faces the residential area. It is important that the Residents' Associations (LPRO/OOGRA and SAHRA) defend Lawrence Avenue and Avenue Road at the OMB Hearing on May 22. Based on fundraising to date, we have engaged a Lawyer and a Planner. It is essential that we have this type of professional expertise! We need your financial support – please go to <https://lpro.wordpress.com> and select "250 Lawrence" for information on how donate via a cheque or via PayPal.

Attendance at OMB Hearing on May 22 to June 1

So that the OMB Panel Member appreciates the concern that our Community has for the proposed development at 250 Lawrence Ave West it will be important that Residents attend the OMB hearing which is scheduled to run for 9 days from **May 22 to June 1**. It will be especially important that as many Residents as possible attend the May 22 session. If you are able to volunteer your time to attend the Hearing on May 22 and/or any subsequent days or half-days, please contact Linda McCarthy at lyttonparkresidentsorg@gmail.com to sign up and to obtain details.

Community Environment Days

Sat, May 5 10am-2pm Councillor J. Robinson at York Mills C.I. (490 York Mills)
Thurs, May 31 4-8pm Councillor J. Matlow, North Toronto Memorial Arena
Tues, June 19 4-8 pm Councillor Carmichael Greb, North Toronto Memorial Arena
<https://www.toronto.ca/services-payments/recycling-organics-garbage/community-environment-days/>

Doors Open Toronto

This year's theme celebrates Toronto's thriving film industry. **May 26 and 27**, 2018.
www.doorsopenontario.on.ca

2018 Neighbours' Night Out

Is scheduled for **Tues, June 19th 6:30-8:00 pm** outside 2 Haddington Avenue.
Reserve the date!

York Mills Eye Care Yearly Open House

York Mills Eye Care will be holding its annual Open House **June 20** from 3-7pm. You are invited to join them that day. For more details contact Cassandra@yorkmillseyecare.com.

SAHRA Needs Help

An important request to SAHRA residents – we need additional Board Members and/or Volunteers to keep handling the many issues we are facing. Some of the areas we need help with are: management of membership information, eBlast preparation, website content updates, development data analysis, Newsletter preparation, follow-up on Neighbourhood issues, special deliveries to houses in our area and street communications. Please consider joining your SAHRA Board or volunteering for a specific task of interest to you so that these important activities can continue. Please call us at 416-485-6718 or email sahratoronto@rogers.com.