



The South Armour Heights Residents' Association

What SAHRA Does

The South Armour Heights Residents Association (SAHRA) was created to protect our neighbourhood from inappropriate development, to act as an advocate for the residents of SAHRA, to promote safety and security in the neighbourhood and to enhance the environment and social life in our community.

The SAHRA Board meets on a regular basis to ensure we achieve the above. We actively review and submit concerns to the City of Toronto Committee of Adjustment when builders try to build houses that are inconsistent with that of their neighbours or the neighbourhood. We liaise on a regular basis with Councillor Karen Stintz's office and with the Toronto police on safety and security issues. For the past five years SAHRA has conducted Jane's Walks in May to introduce our residents to the history and architecture in our area. For the past nine years we have hosted Neighbours Night Out as an opportunity for new and old neighbours to become acquainted, with ice cream and balloons provided free to all comers.

All the above takes time, effort and money. If you have thoughts about how we can improve please contact me. If you would like to help, we would love to hear from you. If you would like to support our efforts at keeping this the great neighbourhood it is I hope you will mail-in or drop off your membership contribution.

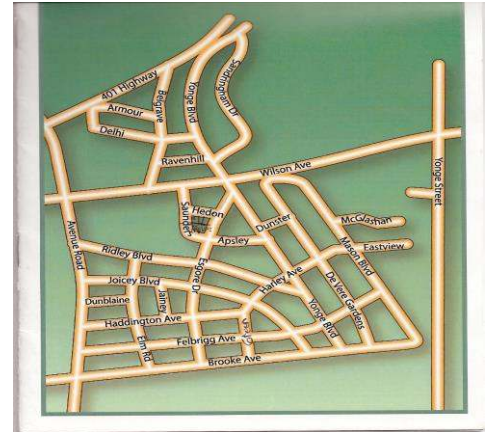
Wishing you all the best in 2014.

Paul Baker
 President, South Armour Heights Residents' Association

We wish to thank the following members for their contributions in 2013.

Acton, L.	Dill, J.	Johnson, M.	Russell, M.
Allen, T.	Dodson, M.	Johnson, R.	Ruttonsha, S.
Anglin, G.	Dolan, B.	Joynt, P.	Sadler, J.
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Calvin, D.	Guilfoyle, G.	Murray, C.	Wood, G.
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Cowan, B.	Hemi, J.	Olah, T.	Yeung, D.
Craig, P.	Higgins, T.	Pearson, L.	Young, A.
Dickinson, L.	Holloway, L.	Perry, I.	
Dignan, P.	Ilkiw, J.	Rance, T.	

SAHRA's Boundaries



"The Cricket Club area"

401 down to south side of Brooke
 East side of Avenue Road over to
 west side of Yonge Blvd
 Approximately 789 households

*2013 contributions compared to
 number of houses on each street*

Apsley Road	1 of 19
Armour Blvd	2 of 21
Avenue Road	0 of 8
Belgrave Avenue	6 of 34
Brooke Avenue	5 of 60
Delhi Avenue	4 of 44
Dunblaine Avenue	1 of 20
Elm Road	8 of 44
Esgore Drive	3 of 70
Felbrigg Avenue	15 of 85
Greer Road	5 of 8
Haddington Ave	6 of 59
Harley Avenue	1 of 10
Hedon Avenue	1 of 5
Jainey Place	1 of 14
Joicey Blvd	5 of 105
Ravenhill Road	2 of 15
Ridley Blvd	10 of 77
Saunders Street	3 of 11
Wilson Avenue	1 of 23
Yonge Blvd	5 of 57
Total:	86 of 789

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Chimney Issue Update

In the Winter 2012 Newsletter there was an article explaining the dilemma that some existing homeowners have encountered where they have been forced to replace their gas boiler/furnace and/or gas fireplaces because of the construction of a new house next door. There are also homeowners that may not even be aware that they are potentially facing this same issue until a gas provider/ servicer or Enbridge recognizes the situation and is forced to 'red-tag'. This means that the homeowner has to 'correct' the situation within 45 days or their gas supply will be cut off.

The National and Ontario Building Codes need to be changed to make the developer responsible for funding the necessary work that an adjacent property would be forced to do to comply with Code and TSSA safety regulations.

In 2012, FoNTRA, CORRA, their member associations, SAHRA and individuals submitted an Ontario Building Code Change Request form and there were meetings/discussions with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing. We were advised that the Requests were not received in time to be dealt with in the 2013 Code revisions.

We are now restarting the campaign for a change in 2014 or 2015 Code. For details, go to <http://sahratoronto.com> and go to the Chimney Issue page.

History & Street Names

Yonge St. - Once appearing in the Guinness Book of Records as the longest street in the world, Yonge St. is one of Toronto's principal streets and home to Canada's first subway. It follows an ancient trail north from Lake Ontario. Developed by John Graves Simcoe and named for his friend Sir George Yonge who was an English MP and British Secretary at War.

Avenue Rd. - Rumor has it that Avenue Rd. was named by Scottish Construction workers who arrived at the site and proclaimed "let's ave a new road here". It is more likely to be named for its tree lined character.

Armour Heights - Armour is a Scottish and English family name originating in the former county of Berwickshire (now part of the Scottish Borders). Earliest record of this family name in Scotland is 1297. Descendent Jean Armour was Robert Burns' sweetheart! Armour Heights was named after John Armour who settled in the area in the 1830's. The Armour family sold their farm to Col. F.B. Robins who planned the neighbourhood in 1911. The Canadian Forces College campus sits on the site of Col. Robins' country estate, which he called Strathrobyn, with the Armour Heights Officers' Mess now occupying the magnificent home that he built in 1914.

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Thank You!

Our Neighbourss' Night Out on Sept 3, 2013 was a great success! We extend our thanks to the following sponsors.

The Left Bank Bistro for providing the Raffle prizes...four vouchers for a \$75 dinner value.

Party Rock for donating the balloons.

Tim Horton's/Coldstone Creamery for donating the yummy ice cream as well as coffee.



Remember to check the SAHRA website from time to time for new information on community history and issues. <http://sahratoronto.com>

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Jane's Walk May 3, 2014

Be inspired by the wonderful neighbourhood we live in as we tour the **Armour Heights Presbyterian Church** and **Loretto Abbey** (currently a heritage site with a rare example in Toronto of Neo-Gothic architecture).



We will gather at **Armour Heights Presbyterian Church** at 105 Wilson Avenue on **Saturday May 3rd, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.** at the main entrance to begin the **Jane Jacob's tour**.

Who is **Jane Jacobs**? Jane was a famous urbanologist who lived in Toronto, a person who was passionate about protecting and enhancing cities from unbridled growth. She pinpointed the existence of thriving neighbourhoods as the essential building block in ensuring that cities were liveable and dynamic entities.

SAHRA in cooperation with hundreds of other groups throughout Toronto has organized a walk-about in our neighbourhood to make residents more aware of the hidden gems lurking in our backyard. Knowing your neighbourhood is a key step in wanting to protect and enhance it. Jane's Walk is now talking place in different cities all over the world. For more information you can visit www.janeswalk.org

Come join us and show you care about this wonderful neighbourhood we live in!

You can preregister by sending an email to sahratoronto@rogers.com giving your name and the number of people that will be attending.

Clean Toronto Together 2014

The Clean Toronto Campaign returns this April during Earth Week. With the recent storms, Toronto's public and private spaces need our support more than ever! Led by Live Green Toronto, this year's theme, Clean and Green, is encouraging participants to pick up litter, plant greenery, mulch and become involved in community gardening and graffiti clean ups. Clean up dates are **Friday, April 25** for Community and School Clean-ups and **Saturday, April 26** and **Sunday, April 27** for Community Clean-ups.

Do You Want to Volunteer?

Interested in supporting a website? SAHRA has a new website. We need a web-meister to help update content.

We are also looking for a volunteer to act as the **SAHRA Newsletter Editor**. Approximately 4 publications per year.

Please contact Paul Baker at paulwbaker@rogers.com

200 Ridley Blvd Proposal

A second Community Consultation meeting was held on Dec 2, 2013. The application has now doubled to 30 units with an amenities level on the top of 3 stories. Green space has been designated for use by complex residents. Councillor Stintz has agreed that a Traffic Study will be done. SAHRA has submitted a letter to Councillor Stintz expressing concerns related to traffic, parking, the need for re-zoning, the setback easement request and the requested building height.

Basement Flooding Protection Subsidy

Basements can flood for many reasons. With the increasingly frequent and severe weather, it is essential that homeowners take the appropriate action to reduce the risk of basement flooding. Those who isolate their home from the City's sewer system can significantly reduce the risk of basement flooding.

To assist homeowners, the City offers owners of single-family, duplex and triplex residential homes a financial subsidy of up to \$3,200 per property to install flood protection devices such as a **backwater valve**, a **sump pump**, and **pipe severance and capping** of the home's storm sewer or external weeping tile connection. For details, go to

<http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vgnextoid=30ee7c6a9967f310VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD&vgnextchannel=f041ffa6ee33f310VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD>

Future Events

Annual General Meeting

Thursday, April 24, 2014 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Jane's Walk - Saturday, May 3, 2014 1:00-3:00

Neighbour's Night Out - Early Sept, 2014

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2014 SAHRA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

SAHRA's mandate is to protect South Armour Heights residents from inappropriate planning and development from residential, commercial, transportation and any other Government sources; to promote safety and security in the South Armour Heights neighbourhood and to enhance the environment and social life within the community. Your membership fees and donations help fund SAHRA activities including:

- Addressing Committee of Adjustments and OMB notices and hearings
- Representing SAHRA interests at FONTRA¹ and CORRA² meetings
- Communicating with our City Councillor on neighbourhood issues
- Updating residents on local issues via email and Newsletters and website (sahratoronto.com)
- Hosting community-building events - Jane's Walk (May); Neighbours' Night Out (September)
- Holding regular SAHRA meetings and the Annual Meeting (April), all open to interested residents

This can only happen with the continued support and the involvement of the residents. We are dependent on your contributions to support associated costs. Our fiscal year is Jan 1 to Dec 31.

It would be most appreciated if you could take a moment and send in your contribution now for the 2014 year. Thank you in advance for your support.



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- I would like to give my support to SAHRA. Please find attached my cheque for:
- \$25 \$50 \$75 Other \$ ____

Name _____

Address: _____

Postal Code _____

Daytime Telephone _____ Evening Telephone _____

Email Address _____

Email is a fast way for us to let you know about upcoming neighbourhood events.... special presentations, social events, public forums organized by our Councillor, etc.

- I am interested in volunteering my time for SAHRA. Please contact me to discuss how I can help.
- Optional: Please do not publish my name in the annual membership list.

Please make your cheque payable to "SAHRA"
You can mail it to SAHRA, 1500 Avenue Road, P.O. Box 1373, Toronto, ON M5M 0A1
OR drop it off at 109 or 118 Felbrigg Avenue

South Armour Heights Residents' Association, Ontario Corporation Number 771757

¹ Federation of North Toronto Ratepayers Association

² Confederation of Residents and Ratepayers Associations