

SAHRA Information – Jan 23 2019

COMMUNITY CAFÉ

COMMUNITY CAFÉ is a pilot project organized by the Health Ministry Team of the Armour Heights Presbyterian Church and Mosaic Community Resource Centre. Mosaic will provide a facilitator and Armour Heights will host. This is an opportunity for seniors to gather, share, listen and engage in various topics of broad interest. Unlike our lunch and learn events which are more focussed on listening, community café is intended to include more engaged participation to exercise the mind and spirit toward greater health long term. Topics will be announced each month. **Our first Community Café will be held Tuesday, January 29, 10am-11:30am** and all are welcome!



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Come Help Define Our Community!

Join Mosaic and Armour Heights Presbyterian Church in this pilot program held the last Tuesday of every month until the end of March 2019.

Join us for a morning of fun, discussion, connection and social interaction.

Our community café is a space for everyone, whether you want to sit and listen, talk and take part or lead and grow the community and its connections. There will be activities, discussions on various topics, interests and some hands on activities. Stay engaged, active and involved!



Dates: **Tuesday January 29th, February 26th & March 26th, 2019**
Address: **105 Wilson Ave, Toronto, Ontario M5M 2Z9**
Time: **10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

~ RSVP to attend to the church office at 416.485.4000 ~

No charge for event. Refreshments provided.

Close to TTC Stop, free parking on the side streets near the church.



Sidewalk Cafés & Marketing Displays Review – Public Consultations

The City of Toronto is reviewing the bylaw for Sidewalk Cafés & Marketing Displays and wants to hear from you!

Join them at a public consultation on **Thursday, January 31, 2019 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Toronto City Hall, Committee Room 4** to share your feedback.

The review aims to harmonize the bylaw so that consistent standards are applied across the city. As part of the review, the City is proposing updated fees, as well as new standards and options for marketing displays and sidewalk cafés (for example, curbside cafés and parklet cafés).

More information on the [Sidewalk Cafés & Marketing Displays Review](#) is available on the City of Toronto website.

Save our Ravines

Councillor Mike Colle has provided links that were noted during the Save on Ravines town hall on Jan 21, 2019, where community members can find more information on Toronto's ravines.

City of Toronto

Toronto Ravine Strategy: www.toronto.ca/ravinestrategy

- Here you can find links to both the Strategy document and the Homeowner's Guide to Healthy Ravines.

University of Toronto Faculty of Forestry's Toronto Ravine Revitalization Study 1977 – 2017

Toronto Ravine Revitalization Study 1977 – 2017: <https://torontoravines.org/>

Recent News Articles

December 11, 2018 article published in Post City: <http://www.postcity.com/Eat-Shop-Do/Do/December-2018/Report-on-potential-collapse-of-ravines-hits-North-Toronto-hard/>

December 21, 2018 article published in The Guardian: <https://www.theguardian.com/cities/2018/dec/21/theres-no-major-city-like-it-toronto-unique-ravine-system-under-threat>

December 31, 2018 article published in The Toronto Star: <https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2018/12/31/toronto-looking-to-cut-costs-on-ravine-strategy-while-expanding-canopy.html>

Reminder Noise Bylaw Review – Public Consultations

Five meetings will be held between January 28 and February 6, 2019 as Public Consultations on five aspects of the Noise Bylaw, as outlined in our eBlast on Jan 22. Details can be obtained at <https://sahراتoronto.com/planning/noise/t-a-n-g/>

Local resident Gerry Ronan has captured this noise dilemma in one of his recent poems which appears in his recently published poetry book entitled 'The Glimmer Man'.

Quietness Haven

Five males, two females, youngish, seated around the restaurant table, heads lowered, listening intently to community activist, speaking animatedly-instilling hope.

Goal of the enthused community group-to banish loud, incessant noise from the public realm. They were meeting on the cafe Pheasant patio-located close to Avenue Road- St. Germaine Avenue-favoured outdoor spot-hidden away- sleepy north Toronto. The quietness, the stillness, exquisite form of bliss privately shared.

Listen closely, muffled sounds of random traffic could be heard-though never too much- motorists acutely aware Upper Avenue dedicated to upholding highest possible degree of silence-unique symbol of Toronto's acclaimed world-wide status as a dedicated quietness haven, a trailblazer city-virtually beyond compare.

Quietness movement founded in Paris, city of romance, of love. Toronto quickly embraced the cause-for Canada, prized hinterland, epitomized everything that was grand, magnificent, in Nature's span.

Harsh critics abounded, alleging infatuation with quietness latter-day re-birth of Luddism-a primitive rejection of technology, progress. Harsh battle of words, cacophony of sound, charge, counter charge, quietness in free flight. Never despair-re-group, renew the struggle.

By Gerry Ronan