

SAHRA Information – May 26 2019

Porch Parcel Thefts

A resident reported last week the theft of boxes delivered and left on the front porch. A woman and a little girl were captured on the security recording driving up in a white SUV and removing the boxes.

Unfortunately, this is becoming an easy target for thieves. Canada Post has recently started a new service called FlexDelivery where they hold the parcel(s) at a post office and send you a message so you know when they've arrived and can be picked up.

<https://www.canadapost.ca/cpc/en/personal/receiving/alternative-delivery/flexdelivery.page>

If you are expecting a delivery and you are going to be home, check your front porch frequently on the expected day of arrival – sometimes the delivery service does not even ring the doorbell to see if you are home/they just leave it.

Stolen Topiaries

A member reported that around 1:00 am on the morning of May 16 that Topiaries were stolen from outside the premises. Did anyone else have a similar type of theft that evening?

Updates from the Canadian Police Community Liaison Committee

Warmer weather tends to lead to **increased crime at night**, so be vigilant!

Break & Enters	208 YTD in 2019
Robbery	52 YTD in 2019
Auto theft	150 YTD in 2019

Distraction thefts have been reported, especially involving Seniors. Thieves offer fake gold-looking jewelry such as necklaces while removing real gold necklaces from their victims necks.

Lock your front door when moving the back lawn. The noise of the mower at the rear of the house signals to thieves that there might be no one in the house, and often front doors are left unlocked.

If you observe a suspicious person in your neighbourhood, the police recommend acknowledging the person at a distance to let them know that they are being observed. For instance, a wave while walking on the opposite side of the street gives a signal that you see them. If you can safely photograph them and send the photo to the police, this would be helpful. Do not engage them as this might be unsafe.

Armour Heights Community Centre Spring Program

The Armour Heights Community Centre poster on Children's and Tiny Tots is attached for Spring 2019 programs. The goal of this not-for-profit community group is to provide our community with quality daytime, after-school, weekend and summer programming for infants, toddlers, children and teens.

Community Consultation Meeting about Laneway Suites – May 27 7:00-9:00 pm

In August, 2018, as part of the Changing Lanes initiative, City Council approved Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendments to allow the construction of laneway suites in the Toronto and East York District. The City is now considering expanding these permissions to additional areas across the City. Information on Laneway Suites, including previous City reports and the laneway suites Zoning By-law, are available [here](#). Toronto Planning is hosting a drop-in consultation meeting on May 27th from 7:00-9:00 pm at the North York Civic Centre (Council Chamber). See the attached notice.

Community Café – Armour Heights Church – May 28 10:30-11:30 am

An interactive discussion led by Jane Teasdale of Mosaic Home Care & Community Resource Centres discussing 'Personhood, Community & Fullness of Being'. See the attached poster for details.

Community Yard Sales Sat, June 1 8:00 am to Noon (Rain or Shine)

The **Lytton Park Residents' Organization** (the area south of Lawrence) and the **Bedford Park Residents Organization** (north of Lawrence) have organized a Community Yard Sale event to take place on Saturday, June 1. Great treasures could be found!



To find locations of the participating homes, go to the following websites:

South of Lawrence <https://lpro.wordpress.com/community-yard-sale/> and scroll down to the 'Map of 2019 Participants'

North of Lawrence <https://www.bprotoronto.ca/community-yard-sale/>

Community Environment Day

On **Thursday, June 6th from 4:00pm-8:00pm**, Councillors Mike Colle and Josh Matlow will be hosting the annual Community Environment Day in the parking lot of North Toronto Memorial Arena (174 Orchard View Blvd). Please drop off any unwanted art supplies, books, toys, and used sports equipment.

Facilities will be available to dispose of computers and other hazardous household waste, or even replace your damaged green bin.

Neighbourhood Watch Program – reserve June 13th

Reserve the date of June 13th from 7:00-9:00 pm for a discussion session on forming Neighbourhood Watch groups.

York Mills Eyecare Open House

You are invited to the annual Open House event on **June 19th 2-7 pm** at 97 Wilson Avenue. All sunglasses and eyeglasses purchased on that day will be 26% off (for 26 years in the community. Pop a balloon for extra savings!