

## SAHRA Information – Aug 13 2019

### Spooing using the Toronto Police Service non-emergency number

An alert from the Bedford Par - Nortown Neighbourhood Watch Online:

Toronto police are warning the public on Thursday about robocalls spoofing its non-emergency number. Police spokesperson Allyson Douglas-Cook said they have received reports from people that have been getting these calls showing their non-emergency number -- 416-808-2222.

The robocalls, which are in Mandarin, have been asking for credit card information, said Douglas-Cook. She said it led to people calling Toronto police to verify if police have contacted them and requested certain information. "The Toronto police will never call and request any kind information, especially credit card information," said Douglas-Cook. These calls are relatively new, said Douglas-Cook, but it is enough of a concern to warn the public about these calls. She said police will be investigating to determine who is behind these calls. "It is essentially fraud," said Douglas-Cook. She said the non-emergency number would not show up if police contact a person or return a call. "If anyone sees this number and receives any request for information, this is not the Toronto police," said Douglas-Cook.

### Montreal man arrested for auto theft in Toronto

A Globe & Mail article on Aug 1, 2019 reported "a 19-year old Montreal man is facing dozens of charges related to an alleged car-theft ring in Toronto. Local police allege the man was part of an operation targeting high-end, newer model Lexus and Toyota vehicles, usually taking them early in the morning. They allege the man stole 36 vehicles in just over a month in November and December, 2018. The man now faces 71 charges." The Toronto Police have confirmed that some of the charges stem from the SAHRA area.

### Area Break-ins reported in the August Post

Ridley Blvd & Elm Rd	July 1	12 am
Belgrave Ave & Delhi Ave	July 5	5 pm
Yonge Blvd & Apsley Road	July 7	1 am

Please be safe, be aware and communicate.

### Neighbourhood Watch Online

Neighbourhood Watch groups are being formed in the North, South-East and South-West areas within SAHRA boundaries. If you are interested in leading or participating in such a group, please send an email to [info@sahratoronto.com](mailto:info@sahratoronto.com) and we can provide information.

## Volunteer Opportunities

Are you interested in doing some project-oriented volunteer work? Are you a walker in the neighbourhood? SAHRA has some projects that might be of interest to you. For example, we are going to have an Email Address Campaign in Sept/Oct and are looking for Advocates for each block. Send an email to [info@sahratoronto.com](mailto:info@sahratoronto.com) or call 416-485-6718 to find out more.

## Cutting down of Trees

SAHRA has been advised by Forestry that unless there is a witness and proof to the actual cutting down of a tree that they cannot pursue the issue. Fines under the tree by-laws can only be applied by a judge if charges are pursued and the individual is found guilty of an offence. A high level of evidence is required in order to have a strong case with a high likelihood of conviction. So, if you see a tree being cut down for which a permit has not been obtained, please call 311 and take pictures to forward to [info@sahratoronto.com](mailto:info@sahratoronto.com).