



## The South Armour Heights Residents' Association

### 2020 Membership Drive

Your membership contributions and donations fund SAHRA activities

- Addressing Committee of Adjustment, North York Community Council, Toronto Local Appeal Body (TLAB), Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) /Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) notices and hearings
- Representing SAHRA interests with Federation of North Toronto Residents' Associations and Confederation of Resident and Ratepayer Associations in Toronto
- Communicating with City government and our Councillor on *Neighbourhood* issues
- Dealing with crime prevention, safety and traffic issues
- Updating residents on local issues via eBlasts, Newsletters and our website
- Hosting community-building events
- Holding regular SAHRA meetings and the Annual Meeting (usually in April)

All the above takes time, effort and money. If you have thoughts about how we can improve, please contact us. If you would like to help, we would love to hear from you. Please support our efforts at keeping this the great neighbourhood it is, by sending in your membership contribution.

We have on-line payment capability on our website or you can mail a cheque. Please see Page 4 for details.

**We need your financial support!** Membership contributions increased last year (Thank You) but contributions by only 15% of our population makes it difficult to maintain our current level of activity and to replenish our reserve after funds were spent on 2016, 2017 and 2018 OMB and TLAB hearings.

### SAHRA's Annual General Meeting

Given the current pandemic, we are postponing the meeting scheduled for April 29, 2020 until September, 2020 (date to be defined).

We will confirm the date/time/location in future eBlasts and on our Website.

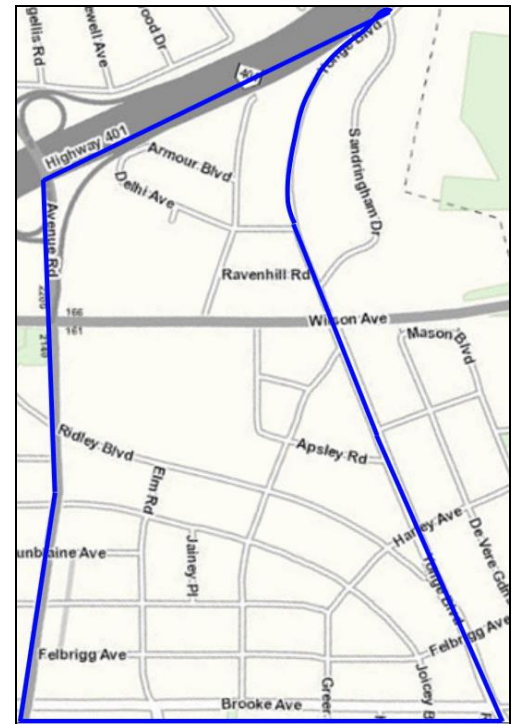
(If you wish to be notified by phone or mail, please send us an email or a letter - see upper right-hand corner for contact info.)

#### Business Meeting

- Welcome and Introductions
- Approval of Minutes of 2019 AGM
- Treasurer's Report 2019
- Waiver of Audit
- Call for nominations / election of SAHRA Directors
- Election of Officers
- SAHRA's Report for 2019
- New Business

Followed by speakers on topics of interest - TBA

### Our Neighbourhood



North: Highway 401  
East: West side of Yonge Blvd  
South: South side of Brooke Ave  
West: East side of Avenue Road

### Board of Directors

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### Volunteer

Join our volunteer contingent so that our important activities can continue. Please email [info@sahratoronto.com](mailto:info@sahratoronto.com).

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## What SAHRA Does

The mandate of the South Armour Heights Residents' Association is to act as an advocate for the residents of SAHRA, to protect our neighbourhood from inappropriate development, to promote safety and security in the *Neighbourhood* and to enhance the environment and social life in our community.

The SAHRA Board and Volunteers have been very busy in 2019! Here are several of our activities.

Based on the 2018 Survey, SAHRA increased our focus on **community safety**. We partnered with the Upper Avenue Community Association (UACA) to host a Community Safety Night. We also kicked off our Neighbourhood Watch Online program (more info on Page 3).

We actively reviewed 13 **Committee of Adjustment (CofA)** applications. In one case we negotiated with the owner to replace a concrete driveway with permeable materials. At 113 Ridley, we objected to several variances including one which goes against the by-law which only allows 2-storeys. The owner deferred at the CofA hearing – we expect to see a new application in 2020.

We also dealt with 2 appeals to the **Toronto Local Appeal Body (TLAB)**. Unfortunately, the parking variances at the rear of 1560 Avenue Road were approved; at 159 Ridley, SAHRA's concerns were addressed by changes to the plans.

In 2019, the OMB approved an application for **250 Lawrence Ave West**. SAHRA and others had fought this application - we were at least able to have its approved height reduced. SAHRA was involved with the Site Plan Working Group to help mitigate impacts from the development on the community. The developer will now be responsible for completing Glengarry Park and has stated that they will not request closing of traffic lanes on Lawrence during construction. We are still working to ensure that the Douglas Greenbelt ravine will be cleaned up. We are also very concerned with the possibility that traffic exiting the condo will be allowed to turn left onto Lawrence in this high-traffic and student-intense area, close to Avenue Road and Rosewell Avenue.

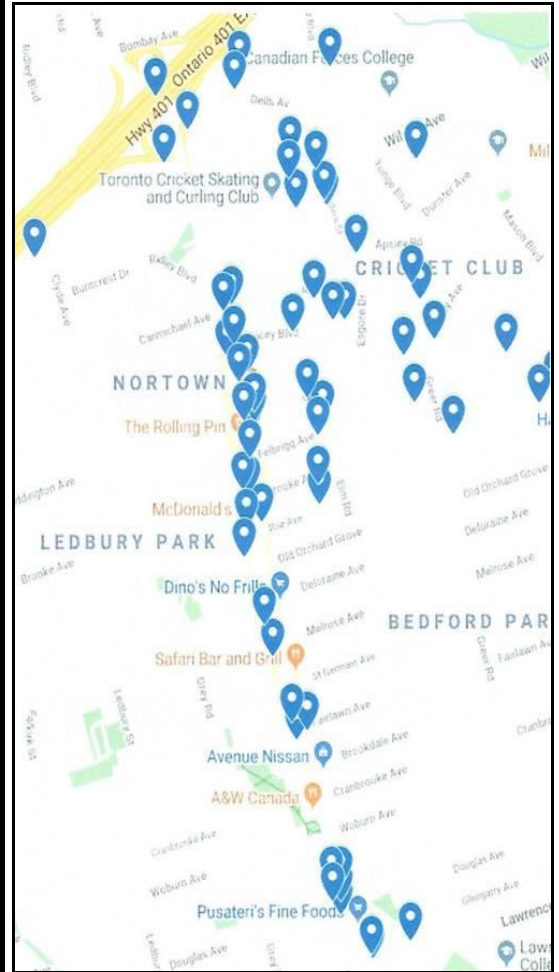
SAHRA worked with the City, the Bedford Park Residents Organization and the owner of the property at the **northeast corner of Avenue Road and Lawrence** (1507 Avenue Road) to design landscaping which ensures that unsafe access to the parking lot from city streets is not allowed.

Over the last several years, there have been several near misses at the corner of **Joicey and Harley**. SAHRA worked with the neighbours, Councillor Colle and Traffic Services resulting in improved safety by the installation of an all-way stop.

We have continued to review **pedestrian safety, traffic congestion and parking issues** close to Armour Heights Public School and the Toronto Cricket Skating and Curling Club. We are also pleased that Councillor Colle has initiated a traffic study on Avenue Road between Brooke and Hwy 401.

In the Fall, SAHRA started a **drive to obtain contact information** from our residents. As a result, we have 132 additional email addresses. We will continue in the Spring. Thanks to all our volunteers.

We hosted the 14<sup>th</sup> annual **Neighbours' Night Out** last June in a new location – at the corner of Belgrave and Armour. This is our annual opportunity for new and old neighbours to meet. We served ice cream, handed out balloons, and the Fire Department and the Police visited to the delight of the kids.



The Activity Map shows all sites that we have been involved with in 2019

## [sahratoronto.com](http://sahratoronto.com)

Looking for past eBlasts or Newsletters? Neighbourhood history? Development info, planning issues, or how to contact city staff? It's all on our website! Take a moment to explore our site. If you have suggestions, please drop us a note at [info@sahratoronto.com](mailto:info@sahratoronto.com).

## We Need Your Email Address

Please send your **email address** and **physical address** to [info@sahratoronto.com](mailto:info@sahratoronto.com) so we can keep you up to date by sending you eBlasts and the Newsletter electronically. SAHRA will never disclose your personal information to any third party.

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## 2019 Neighbours' Night Out

Our Neighbours' Night Out event on June 19, 2019 was a great success at a new location at the corner of Armour Blvd and Belgrave!

Thanks to the *City Police* and the *Fire Department* for participating and to our sponsors.

*Miller Tavern*

for providing a Raffle prize...\$150 dinner for two

*York Mills Eyecare*

for supplying glasses as a Raffle prize

*Bank of Montreal*

for providing golf bag, balls and shirts as Raffle prizes

*Party Rock*

for donating/supplying the balloons

*Baskin-Robbins*

for supplying the ice cream at cost

**2020 Neighbours' Night Out**  
is scheduled for

**Mon, June 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:00 pm**

Watch our website or eBlasts for confirmation.

## Commercial Developments

A summary list of in progress and future developments

**250 Lawrence Ave West**

(159 condos)

**Avenue Road & Lawrence (First Capital)**

(condos & commercial)

**1560 Avenue Road (at Douglas)**

(restaurant and offices)

**1580 Avenue Road**

(36 condos & commercial)

**1661 Avenue Road (Nissan)**

(plans not known but Large Site)

**1700 Avenue Road**

(115 condos & commercial)

**1912-1914 Avenue Road**

(restaurant and offices)

**1896 Avenue Road**

(medical offices)

**1973 Avenue Road**

(medical offices)

**4050 Yonge Blvd**

(35 storey condo/21 storey hotel and  
6 storey office condo)

## Community Safety, Crime Prevention and Neighbourhood Watch Online

In late 2018, a SAHRA Board member and a Volunteer joined the Community Police Liaison Committee at 32 Division. This committee meets on a monthly basis and provides a communication channel between the police and several community groups, including SAHRA. Several of our eBlasts have included safety and crime information from this committee and from other sources.

On May 1, 2019, SAHRA partnered with the Upper Avenue Community Association (UACA) to host a Community Safety Event at Lawrence Park Collegiate. Trending of crime data was presented at the 32 Division level and also at SAHRA's sub-area level. (There are three sub-areas within SAHRA's neighbourhood). Information from the evening can be found on the Information/Crime Prevention page of our website – search for "Community Safety Night".

One of the most effective ways of reducing crime is to know your neighbours and watch out for each other. Criminals are much less likely to strike if they know that there is a network of neighbours who recognize each other and question when something appears to be amiss. To this end, SAHRA and UACA jointly launched a "new, improved" Neighbourhood Watch concept at the Community Safety Event. We are supporting Group Captains to form small groups of residents who communicate with each other primarily through online means, such as email.

We already have several Neighbourhood Watch Online Groups up and running but if you are not covered by one of these groups, then we are looking for a volunteer Group Captain in your area. We estimate the time commitment as a few hours to set up the group and then minimally after that to co-ordinate a few communications per month. We provide training and documentation. Interested in being a Group Captain? Please contact us at [info@sahratoronto.com](mailto:info@sahratoronto.com) and help us make Neighbourhood Watch Online a reality throughout SAHRA's neighbourhood.

We would like to thank the following merchants for their support in hosting the Community Safety Event:

*Fortunes Fine Jewellers, Hale in the Wall Clothing,  
Baskin Robbins, Dickson Home Hardware,  
Padella Italian Eatery, E.D. Bank of Montreal,  
BMO Nesbitt Burns, Avante Security and Garrett Florist*

## 2020 Survey

SAHRA's Board gained valuable insight into your interests and priorities from the 2018 Survey. It's time to repeat! Help us decide where to spend our time and resources.

We ask you complete this survey by **April 19**.

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Thank you to the following contributors in 2019!

By Street/by number of homes

Achkarian, S.	Calvert, J.	Ellis, M.	Joynt, P.	Oliver, S.	Strashin, P.
Acton, L.	Calvin, D.	Fahie, T.	King, D.	Pazuki-Taheeri, M.	Sutton, K.
Alibhai, N.	Chisholm, R.	Ferguson, B.	King, R.	Pearson, L.	Taylor, T.
Alter, M.	Chu, L.	Ford, D.	Lang, M.	Pellegrini, L.	Tranquada, D.
Anglin, G.	Clark, T.	French, C.	Langdon, G.	Perry, I.	Vagners, Z.
Armstrong, R.	Cooper, D.	Gagliano, J.	LeNoury, J.	Pilon, R.	Vandeweghe, E.
Awrey, B.	Craig, P.	Gerlings, L.	Lockwood, L.	Poole, C.	Vice, B.
Axelson, R.	Cross, C.	Gifford, T.	Loftus, S.	Powell, G.	Von Eppinghoven, A.
Ball, M.	Deeks, J.	Guilfoyle, G.	Lyon, G.	Pratt, R.	Waddell, J.
Bauraind, A.	Dickinson, L.	Haar, M.	Magee, M.	Rannala, K.	Whiteside, B.
Bernardo, M.	Dignan, P.	Hastings, M.	Marshall, C.	Richardson, P.	Williams, W.
Bird, M.	DiNunno, M.	Hawryliw, W.	Masterson, B.	Ringo, M.	Wood, G.
Bock, C.	Dixon, D.	Hedayati, S.	McGillivray, D.	Ruttonsha, S.	Wotherspoon, R.
Bodack, N.	Dodson, M.	Heinz, P.	Messier, B.	Sadler, J.	Wyett, B.
Bondy, S.	Douglas, D.	Higgins, T.	Metaxas, A.	Schmid, D.	Yeates, D.
Bonner, M.	Duic, D.	Holloway, L.	Moolenburgh, E.	Simpson, P.	Yeung, D.
Boynton, M.	Dunbar, R.	Howat, I.	Morrow, M.	Sinclair, J.	
Bracht, E.	Dunkel, M.	Ilkiw, J.	Muirhead-Gould, A.	Sisley, P.	
Bratton, J.	Dunlop, S.	Jenkins, R.	Murray, C.	Smith, B.	
Budd, K.	Eccles, J.	Johnson, M.	Nichol, M.	Stea, C.	
Budish, A.	Elliott, R.	Johnson, R.	O'Brien, D.	Stinson, T.	

Apsley Road	3 of 18
Armour Blvd	4 of 23
Avenue Road	2 of 9
Belgrave Ave	10 of 34
Brooke Ave	11 of 104
Delhi Avenue	9 of 44
Dunblaine Ave	0 of 19
Elm Road	9 of 49
Esgore Drive	4 of 72
Felbrigg Ave	20 of 82
Greer Road	4 of 7
Haddington	6 of 58
Harley Ave	2 of 9
Hedon Ave	3 of 5
Jainey Place	1 of 14
Joicey Blvd	9 of 106
Ravenhill Rd	9 of 15
Ridley Blvd	5 of 79
Saunders St	4 of 12
Wilson Ave	2 of 19
Yonge Blvd	5 of 45
Totals	122 of 823



## 2020 SAHRA MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTION

You can send in a cheque or you can contribute via PayPal or a credit/debit card

For PayPal or credit/debit payment go to the website to the Membership page

<https://sahratoronto.com/membership/>

If you wish to pay by cheque, please fill in the following to accompany your cheque

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

SAHRA will never disclose your personal information to any third party.  
 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.

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

- 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 contributors list.

Please make your cheque payable to "SAHRA"  
 You can mail it to SAHRA, 1500 Avenue Road, PO Box 1373, Toronto, ON M5M 0A1  
 OR drop it off at 118 or 123 Felbrigg Avenue