

SAHRA Information – Aug 19 2020

Bedford Park - Nortown Neighbourhood Watch Online Crime Update for August

The Bedford Park - Nortown Neighbourhood Watch Online program covers both the SAHRA catchment area as well as the Upper Avenue Community Association (UACA) catchment area. For the benefit of each of our memberships, we provide data from the Toronto Police Service specific to each Resident Association. A complete listing for the entire area has been posted on the [Crime Prevention](#) page of SAHRA's website and has been updated to reflect July data.

Highlights for July:

The SAHRA area had a challenging month for auto-theft with three occurring in July. Year to date (YTD) 2020, we have experienced 6 auto thefts. This is now equal to the same period 2019. There has been a fourth incident occur in the first week of August and is not included in the data. We are planning to meet with Toronto Police to discuss this increase in theft activity.

The auto thefts occurred near the following intersections:

July 2 – Esgore and Haddington

July 21 – Jaaney Place and Joicey

July 31 – Belgrave and Ravenhill

The west side of Avenue Road (UACA area) is also experiencing a significant increase in auto-theft over 2019. In July they experienced one auto theft (3 in June) bringing the YTD total to 21.

There was **zero** residential break and enter in July for the SAHRA area with our total year to date remaining at 2. In the same period 2019, we had 6 residential break and enters.

Toronto Police Service are reporting one commercial break and enter in July for the entire Bedford Park-Nortown Neighbourhood watch area. This occurred at Avenue Road and Dunblaine.

If you have experienced a break and enter or auto theft in July and it is not reflected in our data, please let us know at info@sahratoronto.com.

With the Covid constraints, our monthly Community Police Liaison Committee meetings continue to be cancelled. With the City moving to Stage 3, we are hopeful that they will resume in some form in September.

If there is additional information you would like to see on safety reporting – please email us. We will try to accommodate the request.

Petition to stop the new GTA West Highway project

The following action item is from Environmental Defence, a respected Ontario environmental organization.

The provincial government is trying to rush through a new mega-highway between Milton and Vaughan that would rip straight through the Greenbelt.

Ontario doesn't need another mega-highway. The 413 would cost billions of dollars, cut through our beautiful rivers, valley lands, wetlands, conservation areas and forested areas, and pave over large areas of farmland and through about 1000 hectares of the Greenbelt in Vaughan. All this for the sake of saving drivers less than a minute off their commute.

Right now they're consulting on a proposal to fast-track big parts of the environmental impact assessment, and to even start building the highway before the assessment is finished. There are only a few days to tell the province to stop the destructive Highway 413. The consultation closes on **August 22**.

You can sign the petition to protect Ontario's green spaces at <https://act.environmentaldefence.ca/page/65585/action/1?ea.tracking.id=eblast&ea.url.id=4858762&forwarded=true>.

Lytton Park Residents Organization (LPRO) eNewsletter Aug 15 2020

See attached for interesting information about our Neighbourhood.

Bedford Park Residents Organization History

BPRO has now published Issue #7 "1804,, The Area Gets it First Sawmill". You can view it at <https://www.bprotoronto.ca/2020/08/14/1804-the-area-gets-its-first-sawmill/>.

Upper Avenue Care and Improvements

In the Survey 2020, members commented on the importance of the care/appearance of our Upper Avenue. Updates on the initiatives underway or in progress to maintain and/or improve the enjoyment of our 'main street'.

- The trees on Upper Avenue are also very important for the appearance and enjoyment of the public areas. SAHRA submitted an inventory of 169 trees from Wilson down to Lawrence (both east and west sides) to Councillor Colle and Urban Forestry in Sept, 2019. In Feb, 2020 we did see a Tree Service pruning some of the trees. We submitted today (Aug 19th) an updated inventory to Urban Forestry. The new inventory shows 14 trees on the west side and 30 trees on the east side where either pruning has not been done or more branches have died and need to be pruned. We have been advised that we need to submit 311 requests so we will now start this process for the trees on the east side of Avenue from Joicey down to Brooke.
- As of August 18th, we are pleased to report that all the fire hydrants on Upper Avenue have been repainted a fresh, bright yellow.

Circle of Care/Armour Heights Presbyterian Church – ZOOM Exercise Class

Circle of Care is now offering their exercise classes online through ZOOM. Circle of Care provides free exercise and falls prevention classes to older adults living in the community. Their Falls Prevention program is led by an Occupational Therapist and the Group Exercise Classes are led by trained fitness professionals. Classes are designed to help participants increase mobility, relieve pain and reduce the risk of falls by building strength and improving balances. Classes are funded by the Central Local Health Integration Network (CLIN) and are offered to eligible participants free of charge. If you have questions, please contact [Erin Stone](#) for details.

Go to <https://www.circleofcare.com/exercise-and-falls-prevention/> to view the upcoming Schedule and to Register.

COVID-19 Website Page

In an effort to keep our Members informed on COVID-19, we are communicating via our **eBlasts**. We have now created a dedicated Page under Information on our **Website** for these posts. You can access the link/button to COVID-19 Information for COVID-19 articles at <http://sahratoronto.com/>. This will take you directly to the Information/COVID-19 page.

Support our Shops Update

The Bedford Park Residents Organization has updated their lists of Shops on Avenue Road and Yonge that are open for business as of May 2 (see attached). This list is also available on SAHRA's website on the COVID-19 Page.

Better Living Website Virtual Program Updates

Better Living Health and Community Services actively updates their website to provide you with access to up-to-date and reputable sources of information and reference sources on COVID-19. They have a number of special support programs for Seniors. You can access their website here: <https://mybetterliving.ca/covid-19-resource-page/>. Some examples of their Virtual Programs.



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VIRTUAL ACTIVE LIVING PROGRAMS

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