

ARECA

Avenue Road - Eglinton Community Association

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YOUR Community Association
The Newsletter for YOUR
Community
November 2003

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

North Toronto Memorial Community Centre
7:30 pm. Monday November 17, 2003

TAKE NOTICE that the annual general meeting of the members of the Avenue Road-Eglinton Community Association will take place at the North Toronto Memorial Community Centre at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, November 17, 2003 for the following purposes:

- * Election of Directors and Approval of financial statements.
- * Presentation and discussion of Committee reports.
- * Discussion and consideration of any other business or issue raised at the meeting.

In addition to its regular activities the Association has representation on a number of boards and Committees and needs to increase the number of active directors and/or committee

Members to fulfill all of its functions (including Arena Board, C.P.C. 53, Community Centre Advisory Council, CORRA, FoNTRA and others). INTERESTED RESIDENTS OF THE AREA ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE AS DIRECTORS OF THE ASSOCIATION OR AS COMMITTEE MEMBERS. Directors' meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month, excluding July and August.

Members are entitled to vote by written proxies submitted to the Secretary of the meeting. Nominations for directors must be in writing, submitted on or before November 10, 2003 to the Secretary, Avenue Road Eglinton Community Association, c/o 659 Oriole Parkway, Toronto, M4R 2C1

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

7:30 pm. Mon. Nov 17, 2003

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of 2002 Annual General Meeting
3. Financial Report
4. Election of Directors
5. Introduction of Special Guests
Presentations: *(The following have been invited to participate)*
Newly elected City Councillor MPP Mike Colle
MP Joe Volpe
Marshall McLuhan High School
Denis Dupuis, 53 Division, Toronto Police
Raccoon and Rat Control
6. Other Business
7. Adjournment

*Constable Denis Dupuis
will be back this year to our
Annual Meeting.
His presentation is always
well received and something
we all learn from.
Don't miss it!*

Have Concerns?

Want to be More Involved in Your Community?

***Participate in and
Support Your Community
Association!***

See You November 17!!!

X Don't forget to vote!

Municipal Election Day is Monday, November 10th

Report from the Co-Chairs

During the last year ARECA has continued to represent and protect the interests of its residents on several fronts.

The proposed 16 storey apartment building at Orchardview and Duplex has been stopped by a co-operative effort in which several of our members worked with a group of neighbours in the immediate vicinity and the planning department and our local councillor.

We promoted the formation of a Traffic Committee to deal with the problems of speeding, ignoring of traffic signs and congestion in this area. This committee is expected to begin meeting shortly.

We continued our contact with our local police division over concerns about illegal activity in Eglinton Park. ARECA also participated in the Eglinton Way Sidewalk Sale and Community Event, twice in the last year.

We have maintained relations with the Principal of Marshall McLuhan Secondary school in trying to help resolve the problems that inevitably arise between the school population and the surrounding community.

We urge all members of our Community to attend our meeting, get involved and let us know your concerns and how we can help you. In particular, this year there will be a number of vacancies on our board which give you as new faces and fresh blood the opportunity to get involved in your community and increase the effectiveness of our association.

On a personal note as we have completed our second consecutive year as co-chairs of the board, the ARECA constitution requires that other Board members occupy this office. In any event Jay has moved out of the area and is no longer eligible to sit on the Board. We have enjoyed the opportunity to work with all of you in that capacity and wish to thank our fellow Board members, our members, and our elected councillor and legislators who responded to our invitations by personally attending or sending representatives to our meetings.

Jay Waterman, Valerie Rackow, Co-Chairs, ARECA

ARECA Financial Update

This year we have been financially stable. We need to continuously be growing our financial position as funds are needed to represent our Membership in development and other issues within our community and those which will impact our neighbourhood.

This stated, we are please to be able to announce once again that we will maintain our Membership Fee at: \$20.00 per household and \$10.00 for seniors. (Please see Membership application form and return it today!)



ARECA Board participating on the Eglinton Way ...special thanks to Kinkos for the banner!

The Toronto Situation Is Fixable With The Right City Councillors

Because Toronto is at a crossroads, your Municipal Vote this November is more critical than ever. **Why?** Toronto's Municipal Government is widely reputed to be badly managed. It has the perception of being more responsive to special interest groups than taxpayers: the residents, tenants, and small businesses whom it is paid to represent.

'The City Amalgamation' of three years ago didn't help matters one bit. Now everything seems to cost more! So here we are. And what are we going to do about it, all you residents, tenants and small business owners? With solid representation on Council, we will no longer feel helpless. And that will be a good start.

Here are some Candidate criteria to consider.

First: Ask these questions about the Candidates you are currently considering:

- a) Are you tempted to fall into the "familiarity trap" where you feel comfort in choosing the name you recognize on a ballot? Canadians notoriously vote for the names that give them the warm and fuzzies. A big mistake. Be tough and discriminating or you'll get what you deserve.
- b) Are Candidates too long in the system, heading for their pension, and mainly dulled to the need for positive reform and change?
- c) How is each Candidate's life energies at this point. The role of city councillor isn't an easy job and demands energy and smarts to keep up with current issues at hand. We don't need Reps who lean on the old generalities and cliches. We need fresh ideas and the courage to pursue them.
- d) Do the Candidates in question have originality and openness? Are they talking about new options for old problems? Do they listen to what you and I think?

Second: Size-up your potential Candidates with which you are now presented, against the following 'Principles':

a) If you feel Representative Government must be restored so you have a say then:

- * Councillors must have regular public meetings with their constituents, not just around election time.
- * Councillors must be accountable for their record in meeting the requests presented at community meetings.

b) If you hold that Councillors must not be beholden to special interests:

- * Campaign finance reform is crucial.
- * Councillors will be prohibited from accepting donations from corporations or unions.

c) If you think Neighbourhoods must be protected from back-room deals for development...

- * Balance and fairness, your protection, must be restored to development.
- * Councillors will be held accountable for their regard for the Official Plan's rules which must be respected and enforced.

We must go forth boldly in order to make a difference in our neighbourhood and our wonderful City. There has never been a better occasion to make the changes that are crucial to our community. It's not too late.

Have faith that good people can fix the City. You and I are charged with choosing them.

This article originally appeared in the Lytton Park Resident's Organization - ARECA thanks them for permitting us to reprint it here.

TORONTO POLICE SERVICES 53 DIVISION CRIME PREVENTION

"AUTO-DIALER"

Community Policing is a partnership between the police and the community. Policing services are evolving and we need your help. Community issues cannot be dealt with solely by the police. You have a better understanding of issues in your area, and your involvement will make a difference in making our community safer.

The "AUTO-DIALER" is one way for all of us to get involved in helping to fight crime in the City of Toronto. This system allows the police to alert residents of crime in the neighbourhoods within 53 Division. The Community Police Liaison Committee in 53 Division maintains and updates the hardware and software necessary to run the Auto-Dialer and buys needed equipment to support and enhance other Crime Prevention Initiatives.

To receive messages concerning crime, missing people and home safety, you must sign and return this attached consent form allowing your name and phone number to be added to the "AUTO-DIALER". Informed people are more aware of what is going on around them and are of more assistance to the police in preventing crime and catching suspects.

For more information contact: *Constable Denis Dupuis, 75 Eglinton Ave. West, Toronto, ON, M4R 2G9 416-808-5337*

Detach and mail or deliver to:

**Toronto Police Service
53 Division Crime Prevention Office
75 Eglinton Avenue West
Toronto, Ontario, M4R 2G9**

Please: Add _____ Change _____ Delete _____ my name to/from the "AUTO-DIALER"

NAME: _____

Residence: ___ Business: ___ (check one)

ADDRESS: _____

Phone: _____

DONATION: (optional) \$10 ___ \$25 ___ Other Amount

**Please pay by cheque or money order payable to: 53 Division Neighbourhood Watch.
Do not send cash through the mail.**

ARECA Membership 2003-2004

The continued strength of any organization is often measured by its numbers. More and more, decision makers asking the question "How many people do you represent?"

The ARECA Board believes the Membership Fee is affordable to our community. If you believe as hundreds of households do that ARECA must continue to be active and strong, renew or take out your Membership now!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ @ _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Membership Category and Donation Form

Household \$20.00

Senior \$10.00

Donation \$ _____

Total _____

Method of Payment:

Cash Cheque

**Please return this form with payment
to the Annual General Meeting - Monday, November 17th
or mail or drop off to:
ARECA, c/o 23 Elwood Blvd. Toronto, ON M4R 1B8**