

ARECA (Avenue Road Eglinton Community Association)

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In municipalities across the province, litter is moving out of the gutter and into the spotlight.

Last February the City of Toronto hosted guests from Ontario municipalities, businesses and product manufacturing to discuss litter on our streets and who is responsible for picking it up. The forum heard an increasingly clear message from citizens, businesses and government that litter is incompatible with civic pride, duty and prosperity. The quality of public space matters to everyone.

ARECA is interested in coordinating a public space litter clean up on the city wide Clean-Up Day on Saturday April 23, 2005. Some public areas that have been suggested are Eglinton Park and the perimeter of Marshall McLuhan Catholic High School. Readers are invited to contact ARECA at information@areca.info with suggestions of areas in the ARECA community that are in need of clean up. The area decided on will be announced in next month's column along with contact information and instructions for all volunteers wishing to take part.

This is an annual event, now in its seventh year, it involves students, friends, co-workers and neighbours getting together to clean up litter in public space in their neighbourhood.

ARECA will register as a clean up group and will be provided with garbage bags and garbage pick up after the clean up. We can make a difference, many hands do make light work.

Illegal Dumping in Eglinton Park

On a similar note, Andrew Bodrug, Constituency Assistant to Councillor Karen Stintz, advises that a By-law Enforcement officer has been monitoring Eglinton Park on a daily basis for several weeks and reports that there is a problem regarding dumping of household garbage. In response to the recommendation from By-law Enforcement, Parks & Recreation has decided to remove the waste receptacle at the southwest corner of Eglinton Park, beside the bus stop on Eglinton Avenue West. As it has been discovered that this litter container is not being used for parks litter but is primarily used for household waste.

On the north side of the park the By-law officer reports, "the littercans facing Roselawn Avenue have to be changed on a consistent basis as they generally become full very fast with dogwaste and litter."

Eglinton Park is a very popular park and undoubtedly the removal of the waste receptacle will not go un-noticed. Parks & Recreation advise however that there are 14 waste receptacles in Eglinton Park. Removing the waste receptacle at the southwest corner will change the number of waste receptacles on the Eglinton Avenue side from 3 to 2. By-law staff will continue to monitor the park for illegal dumping.

Greenwin Building Noise Continues

Despite reassurances from the Greenwin Building at Yonge Eglinton to take corrective measures to come in line with noise By-Laws, they are not happening.

Councillor Stintz's "[Community Newsletter](#)" reported on the repairs Greenwin management said they were going to take, ARECA has learned the repairs are not going to take place as outlined.

ARECA, together with Councillor Stintz continues to push for a permanent solution to the noise.

If you are concerned, please let us know by contacting us at information@areca.info

Derelict Homes at Orchard View and Duplex Remain Standing

Last month we reported that the derelict homes at Orchard View and Duplex Avenue remain standing despite a demolition order approved by the City.

We have discovered that one conditional offer to purchase the properties has been withdrawn, however another conditional offer has been made and presented to the owner. As long as the properties remain standing Councillor Stintz has requested that lights be installed around the properties for safety.

ARECA continues to lobby for demolition.

ARECA is a volunteer community association representing the views of residents in matters that affect our community in North Toronto. ARECA represents the area bounded by Eglinton Avenue West, Yonge Street, Roselawn Avenue, Avenue Road, St Clements Avenue and Chaplin Road. If you live in the ARECA area please join your community association. To join send a cheque for \$20 (\$10 seniors) for your 2005 membership, along with your name, address and phone number to Avenue Road Eglinton Community Association, c/o Membership Secretary 23 Elwood Boulevard, Toronto M4R 1B8. Note if you wish to receive fax or email updates from ARECA please include these with your membership details or email us at information@areca.info.