

ARECA (Avenue Road Eglinton Community Association)
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CLEAN CITY - BEAUTIFUL CITY

ARECA is inviting all area residents to participate in Mayor Miller's Community Clean Up Program.

There are two ways to get involved:

The 20 minute Makeover. We are encouraging residents to spend 20 minutes on Earth Day, Friday April 22 to pick up litter outside their workplace, school or home.

Mayor Miller's Community Clean-Up Day, a full-day event on Saturday April 23.

Based on the feedback we received from last month's column inviting readers to suggest sites in need of clean up, ARECA is organizing two clean up sites: **Eglinton Park and the perimeter of Marshall McLuhan Catholic High School, 1107 Avenue Road.**

Volunteers should meet at 10:00 am on Saturday April 23 at the Club House in Eglinton Park for the Park clean up and at the corner of 1107 Avenue Road and Elwood Boulevard for the Marshall McLuhan perimeter clean up. Volunteers are encouraged to allocate one hour, or whatever length of time they can, on Saturday April 23.

The City Works Department will drop off garbage bags for both locations and will pick them up by 3 pm on Saturday.

Safety Tips:

Wear appropriate and protective clothing like boots and gloves.

Pick up litter in your gloved hand and carry the bag in the other.

Do not pick up strange articles that may be dangerous. Don't pick up anything that looks sharp, instead alert an organizer.

Do not take any risks attempting to reach litter in hard-to-get-to places (up a tree, down a steep slope, etc.).

We hope to see a large turnout. Our neighbourhood is important to all of us. Let's make it clean and beautiful.

St. James Bond United Church Possible Site for future Development

Due to a declining congregation at St. James Bond United Church the congregation has voted to amalgamate with Fairlawn Heights United Church. The St James Bond congregation will move this June.

This leaves the Church building redundant. The Toronto South Presbytery has yet to announce its decision regarding the assets of the Church including the building. Concerns of the ARECA Board are that the Church and the land it sits on will be up for sale and what the future of this large piece of land will be. Given the new City Plan and the current examples of intensification in North Toronto a major development could be forthcoming.

Concerned community members are already letting their feelings be known about the possible over development of this site. Let us know your thoughts, email us at information@areca.info.

The Noise Continues from Yonge-Eglinton Centre

The ARECA Board has been working on the noise issue in the neighbourhood. It seems many have noticed the noise emanating from the Yonge-Eglinton area, reaching deep into the far corners of ARECA. The noise is from cooling towers atop the Greenwin Building at 20 Eglinton West. Steps were taken earlier last Fall to reduce the number of cooling towers in operation from 6 to 2. With the assistance of Councillor Stintz and her staff, sound barriers anticipated to eliminate the noise problem were to have been installed by mid-January, 2005. However Greenwin has not followed this timeline.

In a letter from **David Willott, Director of Operations of the Yonge-Eglinton Centre, Mr. Willot says**, *"... the residents to the west of our complex have been experiencing noise from the rooftop equipment above the levels set by the City of Toronto ... We have been assured by our consultants that the required work can be in place and operational in early April of this year"*.

ARECA will continue to keep an ear on this issue and hopefully we will all enjoy the quiet as we look forward to spending more time outdoors.

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.