

# **ARECA (Avenue Road Eglinton Community Association)**

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## **Community Barbecue**

Despite extremely hot weather on Sunday June 26, Councillor Stintz's Community Barbecue in Eglinton Park was extremely successful, attracting 150 to 200 residents of North Toronto. Residents got a chance to talk to Ward 16 Councillor Karen Stintz, as well as MPP Mike Colle. Federal Conservative candidate Peter Coy was present too and spent a lot of time "flipping burgers" and mingling with the crowd. ARECA directors also helped out at the barbecue stand that was sponsored in part by Enbridge Gas, which supplied the barbecue equipment and tent and Whitehouse Meats. There were also numerous attractions for children and adults alike, including "The Twisted Ones" who made amazing balloon creatures and accessories, and a face painting clown. "Mysterion the Mind Reader" had everyone including on duty PC Trevor Rooney from 53 Division awestruck with his ESP powers. The wading pool was in much demand by the kids for cooling off. Fun and interest were there for all!

## **Backyard Tree Planting Project**

Steve from LEAF had brochures and information at the Community Barbecue on LEAF, a non profit organization which promotes Backyard Tree Planting. LEAF will meet with any interested homeowner, to consult on the best native Canadian tree or shrub for a given backyard location and will deliver and plant the tree for prices ranging from \$60 - \$110 depending on size and variety. For more information call 416-413-9244 or visit [www.leafontario.org](http://www.leafontario.org).

## **Dogs in Eglinton Park**

Councillor Karen Stintz and staff from Parks and Recreation held a meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup>, at the North Toronto Memorial Community Centre, to discuss the issue of dogs in Eglinton Park. The meeting was very well attended with the majority being dog owners who wished to be allowed to have their dogs off leash in Eglinton Park. A working committee was struck to see if there are accommodations that can be made to allow dogs to be off leash at certain times or in certain areas. The working committee is made up of equal numbers of dog owners and non dog owners as well as staff from Parks and Recreation. Councillor Stintz attended the first working meeting on June 23rd.

## **Greenwin Noise Continues**

The noise from the Greenwin tower at Yonge and Eglinton continues. The changes that were made to the cooling towers have not solved the noise

problem. ARECA is encouraging residents in the surrounding areas affected by the noise to join ARECA so that we can have a louder voice when dealing with The City and the Greenwin building owner.

## **North Toronto Memorial Community Centre Advisory Council**

The Advisory Council held its Annual General Meeting on May 9th and elected a Council with a number of new members. The Council is entering a new phase in its development and we wait with interest to see it in operation. We expect to see new energetic and creative approaches to the operation of the Community Centre as it benefits from its affiliation with a rejuvenated Advisory Council.

*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](mailto:information@areca.info).*