

ARECA (Avenue Road Eglinton Community Association)
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13th BIRTHDAY BASH AT NTMCC

The North Toronto Memorial Community Centre Advisory Council AGM and 13th Birthday Celebration will be held on Saturday May 6, 2006 at 2 p.m. in the Seniors' Lounge on the 2nd floor of the NTMCC. All interested in hearing about the initiatives and issues involved in the running of the Community Centre are welcome. Birthday Cake and Refreshments will be provided

ANNUAL CLEAN UP DAY and EARTH DAY

Let's spring into action, get outdoors and do our part to make Toronto clean and beautiful. Saturday, April 22, 2006 is Mayor David Miller's Community Clean-Up Day across Toronto. It's also Earth Day! Now in its eight year, the Saturday clean-up event is back by popular demand! What better way to show you care about our city than to pick up litter in a public space in your neighbourhood. Get together with friends, and neighbours to help clean up in our community. Over 14,000 people participated in 2005.

Based on the feedback we have received from members, ARECA is organizing to clean up **Eglinton Park**. Volunteers should meet at 10:00 am on Saturday April 22 at the Club House in Eglinton Park. Volunteers are encouraged to allocate one hour, or whatever length of time they can. The City Works Department will drop off garbage bags and will pick them up by 3 pm.

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.

Off Leash Dogs in Eglinton Park

Whether dogs should be allowed off leash as part of a pilot project continues on the discussion table. The committee made up of both dog and non-dog owners is scheduled to meet on April 5 to review the current situation.

The existing by-law that requires dogs to be leashed at all times is currently being enforced in Eglinton Park. Many opponents of dogs being allowed off leash contend that dogs are currently running off leash. This has not created a feeling of confidence in any new rules. If existing by-laws are ignored now, what could be done to improve the situation, they wonder? Dog owners around Eglinton Park are aware of this but point to their willingness to participate in any initiative, as a sign of their good faith.

People with comments, or who can volunteer, should visit <http://www.karenstintz.com/dogs>. All comments will be summarized and posted on the issues page of the Councillor Stintz's website. Dog owners/guardians who are interested in this issue should also contact the Eglinton Park Dog Owners Group at Epdog@hotmail.ca.

ARECA continues to take an interest in this project and is fully informed. Partick Smyth is our representative on this committee and should any proposal be made ARECA will review it and respond.

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 2006 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.