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**(Avenue Road Eglinton Community Association)**  
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**ADVISORY COUNCIL AGM AND BIRTHDAY BASH AT THE NTMCC**

The North Toronto Memorial Community Centre Advisory Council AGM will be held on Saturday May 5, 2006 at 2 p.m. in the Seniors' Lounge on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the NTMCC. A celebration of the 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Centre will conclude the meeting. All interested in hearing about the initiatives and issues involved in the running of the Community Centre are most welcome. This past year has seen a number of upgrades to the centre being implemented by the Advisory Council including cameras installed in the parking garage and other initiatives that addressed potentially unsafe situations. Refreshments will be served.

**ANNUAL CLEAN UP DAY**

A sincere thank you to the ARECA board members and families who volunteered on a beautiful Spring day for this year's EARTH DAY clean up of Eglinton Park on Saturday, April 21st. What a difference the weather makes! The past two years clean up days were cold and wet. The clean up crews concentrated on the west slope and under the stairs leading from Oriole Parkway into the park, around the Clubhouse and the Children's Playground. An assortment of garbage was collected including broken bottles, paper, plastic, lighters, a vehicle wheel, coffee cups, cans and construction metal and concrete.

**ST JAMES BOND CHURCH SITE**

The owners of the St James Bond Church site at 1066 Avenue Road, at the southwest corner of Avenue Road and Willowbank Boulevard, have submitted an application to the City of Toronto for an 8 storey, 120 unit retirement residence. The City has rejected the plan and has advised the developers to revise their plans to be more in keeping with the existing neighbourhood. It is expected that there will be a Community Consultation Meeting arranged for sometime in May to address a revised proposal.

**ORCHARD VIEW BOULEVARD & DUPLEX AVENUE**

This development, or lack of development, saga continues.

The properties at this corner containing derelict homes have recently been re-sold to another owner/developer who has determined that their original idea of building stacked townhouses of up to 6 storeys, is not financially viable as a business venture. At present the developer has tentative "plans" for demolition of the homes, but nothing firm has been decided. It is not yet known what the owner ultimately has in mind for these properties, but the ever worsening state of disrepair presents an increased danger of fire hazard and falling bricks to adjoining residents and pedestrians respectively.

*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 2007 membership, along with your name, address and phone number*

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