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NEWSLETTER**APPEAL HEARING ON DALE AVE.
CONDO PROPOSAL CONCLUDES:
DECISION AWAITED**

The appeal hearing on a development proposal to replace three heritage homes on Dale Avenue with a 4-storey condominium building has concluded. Final written submissions were filed in April and, at the time of writing, a decision was awaited.

South Rosedale was well-represented at the hearing by a team of experienced legal, heritage and planning professionals.

To make way for the proposed 26-unit structure, the developer seeks to demolish three-C-rated homes at 5, 7 and 9 Dale Avenue, including the "Hobbs Sun House" at 7 Dale. City Council approved the project, even though a June 2018 City staff report found that researchers for the South Rosedale Heritage Conservation District Study were unaware that prominent architect Gordon Adamson and landscape architects Dunington-Grubb and Stenesson had designed 7 Dale. After this became known to City staff, they concluded that 7 Dale meets the criteria for elevation to a B rating, which directs that demolition must be "vigorously opposed."



Artist's Rendering of Proposed Development

The proposed building would be taller than any home or apartment in Rosedale, and it would be the first new apartment built in South Rosedale in more than half a century. If the proposal is approved, both North and South Rosedale could be at risk of further heritage demolitions and multi-unit condo development, potentially eroding the neighbourhood's heritage character.

A strong majority of community members expressed these concerns to the SRRA and MRN, and both organizations responded by actively opposing the development at LPAT.

**Fundraising Update: Charitable Status Obtained;
New Donations Tax-Deductible**

The fundraising campaign to cover appeal costs has made excellent progress, with more than \$150,000 contributed by residents to date. To everyone who has donated, thank you for your support.

We now seek to raise another \$250,000 to cover most remaining costs. In support of this effort, SRRA has entered into an Agency Agreement with Architectural Conservancy Ontario ("ACO", www.acotoronto.ca) that extends ACO's charitable status to our Dale hearing activities.

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As a result, any new donations are tax-deductible. (Please note that under CRA rules, tax-deductibility cannot be applied to donations previously collected).

If you have not yet donated to this campaign, or if you would like to make another donation, please consider supporting this important community cause with a tax-deductible contribution. To provide some guidance, we suggest \$1,000, \$3,000, \$5,000 or \$10,000. Or donate whatever you can. Every dollar matters!

Tax-deductible donations can be made online or by cheque:

- **To donate online** (up to \$1,000), visit www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/41053
- **To donate any amount by cheque**, make your cheque payable to Architectural Conservancy Ontario. Please specify that it's for the South Rosedale/Dale Fundraising Campaign.

Mail or drop off your cheque to the SRRRA Treasurer at 16 Dale Ave., Toronto, Ont. M4W 1K4.

ACO will issue a charitable tax receipt (Registered Charity #10807 1556 RR0001).

HISTORY CORNER WHAT IS THE ORIGIN OF THE NAME "ROSEDALE"?

Many, if not most people inside and outside Rosedale accept the neighbourhood's name as fact, without knowing how it came into being. Walking along local streets, one might imagine "Treedale" as more to the point. So what is the origin of our community's name?

"Rosedale" was originally coined by the late Mary Jarvis, granddaughter of Chief Justice William Powell and the wife of Sherriff William Jarvis. Mary enjoyed walking and horseback riding among the wild roses that grew in the local ravines that bordered her riding trails. So Rosedale it was – essentially, the land of roses.

SRRRA Director Umesh Jain then asks: "What do we call Rosedale residents? Not Rosedalites (as in socialites)? Not Rosedaligans (as if we are hooligans)? I don't like Rosedalians either. Frankly, others might just call us snooty. Unless anyone wants to contest me, I am going with Roselanders (as opposed to Rosedalers)." Send your thoughts to Umesh at SRRADirector@gmail.com.

Santa Claus is Coming to Our End of Town



Toronto's annual Santa Claus parade may be coming to South Rosedale's doorstep. The parade's organizers have proposed relocating the parade's starting point to Bloor and Parliament streets. The route would then head west on Bloor before turning south at Queen's Park Crescent. Discussions on the new route are underway with the City.

A PLEA FOR POOP AND SCOOP



No one likes to step into dog poop! Yes, we love our dogs. But there is no love for the small minority of owners who don't pick up after their privileged mutt, especially those who pretend not to notice their little Foofoo doing the poopoo, and walk away from it. Even if your dog is little, someone will notice!

One possible solution is to create more enclosed, off leash spaces for our prized pooches. But in the absence of that, some dog owners just need to be more watchful and respectful. And know that it's OK to ask another dog owner, "Do you have a bag?"

Craigleigh Gardens Gates Restoration to Begin This Year

Toronto's Parks Department is now finalizing plans to restore the main entrance gates to Craigleigh Gardens later this year, in keeping with an agreement with the SRRA.

The project will restore the main gates, stone pillars, and one section of the brick wall and metalwork on each side of the gates. The City will then replace or repair the interlocked paving at the park entrance.

A public tender for the work is now being prepared. The SRRA is also seeking support from Councillor Mike Layton for the City to restore the remaining sections of brick wall and metalwork, which are in poor condition.



Heritage Urn Fundraising Appeal

In parallel with the gates restoration, the SRRA is working with the Parks Department to restore and install a large 19th century cast iron urn donated by former resident Frances Dafoe for placement in Craigleigh Gardens.

All of this work will be funded through private donations. The SRRA is now raising the funds needed to restore the urn and to design and construct a secure base for it. We need your support.

To make a tax-deductible donation:

- Send a cheque to SRRA Treasurer at 16 Dale Ave., Toronto, Ont. M4W 1K4. All cheques should be made out to "Toronto Parks and Trees Foundation (SRRA Heritage Urn Project)".
- Or donate online via the Toronto Parks and Trees Foundation website at www.torontoparksandtrees.ca/Projects. Scroll down to the picture of Craigleigh Gardens with the title "SRRA Heritage Urn Project". All donations will receive a charitable tax receipt.

Ravine Seedling Program Takes Root

An initiative to raise native tree seedlings for replanting and restoration of local ravines is now being expanded. The "Seeds to Seedlings" program has been enthusiastically received by three local schools, Branksome Hall, The York School and Montcrest, and more schools will join in September.

The program involves collecting old forest growth seeds, planting them in seed boxes, and after three years, transplanting them in nearby ravines. Students gain hands-on education and a path to become future stewards of the ravine.

Toronto's ravines are home to abundant wildlife and are an oasis for residents locally and city-wide. The ravine system provides economic, ecological and social benefits that are essential to our quality of life. However, after years of inattention, our ravines are in crisis. The ravines have been overtaken by invasive species and deteriorated significantly from inadequate maintenance and erosion from stormwater and extreme weather.

The ravine restoration project seeks to remediate the watershed to prevent further erosion, retain the natural character of the ravines, and remove invasive plants to restore the health of the ravine ecosystem.

In cooperation with four adjacent residents' associations, U of T's Faculty of Forestry, the City and other stakeholder groups, the SRRA is part of the Midtown Ravines Group, which is spearheading pilot projects in the Vale of Avoca, Yellow Creek and Mud Creek. This project, which is part of a larger Ravine Strategy for Toronto, requires substantial public and private investment.

To volunteer on the ravine initiative, please email info@southroosedale.org. To donate, please follow this link: <https://donate.utoronto.ca/give/show/396>.



SRRA INTRODUCES NEW LECTURE SERIES

Series Kicks Off with Lecture on Adult ADHD
by Dr. Umesh Jain

The SRRA is introducing a new lecture series for residents, beginning with a talk on adult ADHD, on June 21. The series will share insights on a wide range of topics of personal and community interest and concern.

The first lecture will be led by Dr. Umesh Jain, a leading expert on Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) who is a resident of South Rosedale and SRRA director. Dr. Jain will lead an enlightening and entertaining session on ADHD and how adults with the condition can not only cope with it, but also thrive.

"If you have a child with ADHD and/or have a history of anxiety/depression that goes into your grade school years and/or you suck at paperwork and/or leave everything to the last minute, well...you just might have Adult ADHD."

Dr. Jain ran the Adult ADHD Clinic at CAMH for 25 years, and is an award-winning, internationally recognized and widely published clinician, researcher and teacher. He earned a medical degree between Dalhousie University and University of Pittsburgh, a PhD at the University of Toronto and an M.Ed. at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. He is an internationally known speaker, advocate and researcher in ADHD who created the Canadian ADHD Resource Alliance (CADDRA), and wrote the first ADHD guidelines for Canada, which he is now doing for other countries.

Event details:

Date: June 21, 7:00 p.m.

Location: Toronto Lawn Tennis Club,
44 Price Street

Tickets: \$29.95 for SRRA members (*advance booking*)
\$49.95 for non-members or at the door

Register and pay online at www.southrosedale.org

Limited space, so book early.

More on the New Lecture Series

The SRRA's new lecture series is intended to add value to your membership while also providing SRRA with additional revenue to conduct its ongoing advocacy and special projects. We will seek to gather community input on topics of greatest interest to residents as we consider future lectures.

In addition to the kickoff lecture on adult ADHD, the pilot series will include the following topics:

- Maximize Your Learning to Achieve Excellence: Study skills and time management strategies that work – September
- Electronic Addiction: What every parent and teenager better know, or it will hurt you – October
- ADHD in children and adolescents: Realizing this may be the best thing you have – November
- Ask the Expert: Addressing your questions about everything from Learning to Behavioural Management – December

DID YOU KNOW THE SRRA HAS A WEBSITE?

By Umesh Jain

How many of you have visited the SRRA website (www.southrosedale.org) recently? And if you have, did you get the information you sought?

When I first wanted to become a member of SRRA, I couldn't figure out how to register online. I'm no dummy with websites, as I have created a number of them myself. But I sure felt like a dummy. With a little more searching I found interesting, albeit outdated articles and information. I was left with one lingering feeling: "This website is tired".

But let's face it, today a website is the face of any organization. Frankly, the breadth of what we can achieve by an online presence has yet to be realized, and it should be a valuable part of SRRA membership. The opportunity is before us.

Rosedale is a very eclectic community. And I would add, a very changing community in the 30 years I have lived here. How do we capture the aura of South Rosedale? Our houses have character, charm, history and uniqueness. We are a community, not just a locality. How do we capture all of that? That must be the heart of our website.

The need for easy access to information is woven into our world, and a website must reflect the needs of our residents. To that end, we welcome people letting us know what they would like to see, and what gaps need to get fixed. **Email your website ideas to me at SRRADirector@gmail.com.**

Working with web designer Marian Neglia, of Neglia Designs, the Board has begun an initial round of improvements, most notably including membership registration. Over the next year, we will roll out exciting online changes that, we hope, make the experience of living in this wonderful part of the city even more enriching.

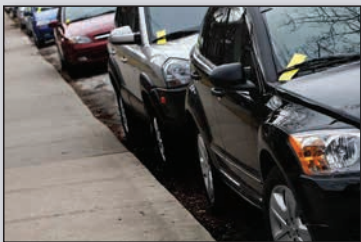
COUNCIL TO WEIGH ROSEDALE-WIDE PERMIT PARKING AS PART OF CITY-WIDE PROPOSAL



Toronto and East York Community Council will soon consider a proposal to expand residential on-street permit parking city-wide. This could include all South Rosedale residential streets, most of which currently do not have permit parking.

Community Council previously deferred a decision on the matter to its June 25 meeting to enable Councillors to consult with local residents and resident associations. To that end, the SRRA recently conducted an email survey of members, circulated a web link to a now-concluded online City consultation, and posted information on the SRRA website.

Out of 25 respondents to the SRRA survey, two-thirds voiced opposition to the proposal and one third supported it. Opponents cited a lack of need for any change to the status quo; excellent local TTC access; availability of adequate driveway/garage space; and difficulty navigating narrow streets with more parked cars. Supporters cited a need for on-street parking on some streets; congestion on neighbourhood streets from non-resident parking; and a need for visitor/extra parking spots.



Based on this, the SRRA has advised Councillor Mike Layton that a blanket extension of permit parking throughout South Rosedale would be opposed by many residents, and that any future changes should

be handled on a street-by-street basis according to a well-established City process. This involves arranging a localized petition. If enough residents indicate support, the City will conduct a more formal poll and recommend changes accordingly.

A 2018 City survey found that about 55% of all respondents supported expanding permit parking. Support was highest for respondents who live on a street where permit parking is already present, citing parking availability and convenience to their homes. The survey also found that “respondents were more likely to disagree with the proposal if they lived on a street without permit parking or have sufficient on-site parking. These respondents generally indicated increased ticketing and having to pay for a permit as drawbacks.”

TOP 10 TIPS TO PROTECT YOUR VEHICLE AND ITS CONTENTS

Vehicle break-ins occur with unfortunate frequency in South Rosedale. Here are some tips to keep your vehicle and its contents safe from theft:

1. Ensure your doors are always locked and the key is in your pocket
2. Always park in well-lit areas
3. Never leave money in plain sight
4. Always roll up your car windows
5. Put shopping bags and other parcels in the trunk
6. Ensure GPS is put in a safe, out of sight location
7. Keep your vehicle registration certificate and proof of insurance on you
8. Take electronics, including your cell phone, with you
9. Don't leave your car running while unattended
10. If parking in the same parking lot often, be sure to park in different spots each day



ROSEDALE LIFE

Celebrating the Life of Resident Walter Bowen



Celebrating Rosedale's heritage includes recognizing our residents, both current and former, for the contributions they have made to our community.

Given that we no longer mark or announce major life transitions in the same ways we once did, graduations, marriages and deaths can go unnoticed. We are therefore pleased to introduce a new regular column, 'Rosedale Life', to acknowledge and celebrate individuals whose stewardship has helped improve community life in our small corner of the city.

We would like to kick off this column by celebrating the life of Walter Bowen, a longtime Rosedale resident who passed away on March 12, 2019. Mr. Bowen was a former member of the SRRA's Board of Directors and was a highly regarded and respected resident for many years. Following is an edited version of his obituary:

Walter Bowen, Q.C., was born of United Empire Loyalist stock on July 2, 1934, in Belleville, Ontario. He died at Belmont House, Toronto, on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, in his 85th year.

A retired partner of Cassels, Brock and Blackwell LLP, Walter was a passionate Wagnerian and enthusiastic supporter of all things cultural. He was a former board member of the National Ballet of Canada, the Canadian Opera Company, Trinity College School and many corporate boards including Southam Inc.

He was the only child of the late Captain Walter (Ben) Bowen and Helen Bowen (nee Patrick) of Trenton, Ontario. Walter is survived by Lisa Balfour Bowen, his wife of 48 years; his daughter Arabella Bowen (Tyler Cole) of New York City; and son Staunton Bowen (Ambur Braid) of Frankfurt, Germany.

JOIN THE SRRA OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY

The SRRA is **your voice** in **your neighbourhood**.

For new and renewing SRRA members: please complete and return the 2019 membership form along with a \$100 cheque for this year's dues. Or pay online at www.southrosedale.org – click on Become a Member.

Thank you to all new and renewing members!

A NOTE ON THE 2019 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Like any individual or organization, the SRRA faces ever-rising costs at a time of unprecedented activity. These costs arise from the many services we provide to the South Rosedale community: protecting our neighbourhood's heritage character; preserving and enhancing our tree canopy and ravines; managing traffic, parking and security issues; and on many other matters important to maintaining a high quality of life in your community.

Recently, we have faced significant cost pressures in relation to two major development proposals in South Rosedale: at Scrivener Square and on Dale Avenue. The costs borne are a necessary part of representing the community's interests effectively.

It has been many years, likely more than two decades, since the SRRA last increased its dues. The Board therefore decided to increase the annual membership fee to \$100, from \$75 previously.

Branksome Proposes 40,000 sq. ft. Innovation Centre and Theatre

Branksome Hall is proposing to build a new 40,000 square foot Innovation Centre and Studio Theatre facility on the east side of Mt. Pleasant, just north of Elm Street. The new facility would provide a home for the school's new innovation hub, which will include a university-style accelerator to encourage students to develop startups and pursue innovative ideas.