

RECORD TURNOUT AT COMMUNITY CLEANUP 2016

More than 40 local residents took part in South Rosedale's annual Community Cleanup earlier this spring. Families from Rosedale Public School and Branksome Hall, and individuals from across the neighbourhood took to the ravines at Severn Creek and Rosedale Valley to pick up litter strewn through the woods and parklands.

Participants together picked up thousands of bottles, wrappers and all sorts of other garbage – enough to fill dozens of bags. A huge thanks from the SRRA to everyone who took part. Everyone's efforts made a positive difference to our neighbourhood's green spaces!



ROSEDALE PUBLIC SCHOOL TO CELEBRATE 125TH ANNIVERSARY

Our very own Rosedale Junior Public School was founded in 1891, a mere 125 years ago! To celebrate the occasion, the School will be hosting a reunion for alumni and friends on **November 4-6, 2016.**



Come Together. Imagine More.

SAVE THE DATE!

For more information, visit www.rosedale125.com or e-mail info@rosedale125.com

SRRA BOARD NAMES NEW EXECUTIVE, WELCOMES THREE NEW DIRECTORS

The South Rosedale Residents' Association (SRRA) has named a new Executive and welcomed three new Directors to fill recent vacancies.

Don Hogarth was appointed President of the Board in March. He replaces David Townley, who served in the position for 14 years and now serves as Past President.

Jacqueline Allen was named Treasurer, replacing Mary Lamon, who has retired from the Board. Jack Ground, a newly appointed Director, was named Secretary. He takes the place of Gina Brannan, who continues to serve on the Board.

The SRRA also welcomed new Directors Chris Allen and Peter Schneiders.

Currently there is one vacancy on the Board. Interested candidates are encouraged to contact Don Hogarth at president@southrosedale.org.

SRRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS & OFFICERS FOR 2016

Don Hogarth - President and Director
David Townley - Past President and Director
Alex Murray - Vice President and Director
Jack Ground - Secretary and Director
Jacqueline Allen - Treasurer and Director

Chris Allen, Director
Gina Brannan, Director
Kathleen Hanly, Director
David Moore, Director
Peter J. Schneiders, Director
Heather Senst, Director

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SOUTH ROSEDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER

THANK YOU TO DAVID TOWNLEY.

As you may be aware, David Townley retired as President of the SRRA Board of Directors in April. David is a tireless volunteer who has made a significant and positive difference in our community, having served as President for 14 years, Treasurer for eight years and Director for 26 years. On behalf of SRRA and South Rosedale residents, I would like to thank David for his dedicated service to the neighbourhood.

South Rosedale's residents have greatly benefited from David's strong leadership in preserving the heritage character of the neighbourhood, responding to development pressures, improving green spaces and other initiatives to maintain South Rosedale as one of Toronto's most attractive and desirable residential communities.

It was under David's presidency that South Rosedale was established in 2003 as Toronto's first Heritage Conservation District. Thanks to his leadership, the heritage architecture that is central to the area's character will be preserved for generations to come.

David has worked tirelessly leading the SRRA's response to development issues of every scale, from applications for residential Official Plan amendments to massive high rise condominium developments. More often than not, his consensus-building approach has produced the best possible result for the neighbourhood.

David's efforts have been recognized by the City of Toronto, which honoured him in 2014 with a City Builder Award in recognition of his enormous efforts to facilitate the construction of the "Gates to Rosedale" on Crescent Road that marks a principal entryway to South Rosedale. Most residents are not always aware of the literally thousands of hours David has volunteered to orchestrate these many wins for South Rosedale.

So to David, on behalf of us all, please accept our deepest appreciation and thanks for your many contributions. Your legacy will carry on for generations to come.

Don Hogarth
President, SRRA Board of Directors



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TRANSPORT MINISTER COMMITTS TO BETTER RAIL SAFETY AT TOWN HALL

Transport Minister Marc Garneau committed to improving rail safety at an April 27 Town Hall in Toronto. The event was organized by Rail Safety First, a national coalition of citizens groups and resident associations to which the SRRRA belongs.

“Rail security is a priority for this government and it is a priority for me,” Garneau told the hundreds of attendees. “My vision is that every Canadian who goes to bed at night can sleep safely when rail cars are going by.” Among the measures being implemented or considered are limiting the speed of trains carrying dangerous goods and making real time information on dangerous goods available to first responders as trains pass through their communities. The federal government’s March 22 budget committed \$143-million over three years to improve rail safety, with the money to be spent on inspections, rail crossing improvements and other areas.

However, Garneau pointed out some key challenges to improving safety. He noted that the phase-out of DOT 111 cars – the type involved in the Lac Mégantic rail disaster and which are widely viewed as unsafe for transporting crude oil – won’t be completed until 2025. He also said the relocation of rail lines outside of densely populated urban areas is not part of the government’s safety plan, noting that under existing statutes, railroad operators must agree to move a line and are not liable for any costs involved.

The sole CP track connecting Canada east-to-west traverses Rosedale; the train that derailed in Lac Mégantic traveled along that very corridor. Nevertheless, there appears to be positive momentum on government action to improve rail safety, with strong support from Garneau’s colleagues in Parliament. Joining him on stage at the Town Hall were International Trade Minister and University-Rosedale MP Chrystia Freeland, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Minister Carolyn Bennett, and other Toronto MPs. Toronto Councillor Josh Colle (Eglinton-Lawrence) moderated the session, which was also attended by Mayor John Tory.



RAMSDEN PARK REVITALIZATION WORK RESUMES

Construction on Phase 1 of the Ramsden Park Revitalization has resumed, with work on the tennis courts and playground area underway. This phase of the project is expected to continue through the summer, wrapping up this fall, weather permitting.

The existing play apparatus and some of the older benches are to be removed, with salvageable playground components to be retained. Prior to commencing reconstruction of the playground and wading pool, plans call for the contractor to erect fencing around the perimeter of the entire ‘upper plateau’ area which encompasses the Phase 1 work area.

Phase 2, focussing on the rest of the park, is expected to commence shortly after the completion of Phase 1. Construction updates will be posted to the Ward 27 website at www.ward27news.ca/ramsden_park_construction_update.



CALL FOR NEW SRRRA DIRECTORS

The South Rosedale Residents’ Association (SRRRA) seeks residents who are interested in joining the organization’s Board of Directors.

The SRRRA protects and enhances the neighbourhood in several ways: real estate development matters; road and traffic issues; trees, parks and greenspace; security and policing; and built heritage preservation under the neighbourhood’s Heritage District designation.

If you are interested in serving the South Rosedale community, please contact SRRRA President Don Hogarth at president@southrosedale.org.

ANCROFT PLACE – “BEFITTING THE BRIDES OF ROSEDALE”

One of the architectural gems of South Rosedale is, like many others, easily overlooked. On the east side of Sherbourne Street, immediately north of the Sherbourne bridge, lies Ancroft Place, a 21-unit housing estate built in 1927. What is perhaps lesser known is the glorious history of this development.



Ancroft Place

“Befitting the brides of Rosedale” was the promise that lawyer and real estate developer Kenneth Ferns Mackenzie QC made in 1927 to entice newly married couples to start married life at Ancroft Place. The architectural firm Shepard and Calvin of Toronto, although mainly known for designing banks and libraries, succeeded brilliantly with a design concept following the fashionable trend in Britain of the “terraces and gardens” movement, which enjoyed considerable appeal among Toronto’s Anglophiles.

The design of Ancroft Place facilitates shared landscaping, heating and a secluded environment, all while maintaining privacy. The informal pattern of staggered residences, where some are stepped back and others gently nudged forward, ensures none looks directly into windows of a near neighbour.

The architectural significance, superb location and imaginative realization of Ancroft Place were acknowledged in 1973 when Toronto City Council declared the property of historical importance under the Heritage Act. Rated features include the traditional English cottage style, steeply pitched roofing, magnificent tall chimneys and quality red bricks hauled up from the Don Valley brick works

just below. Roughly 30 years later, Council integrated its Heritage status into the South Rosedale Heritage Conservation district.

Noted Toronto architect Eberhard Zeidler rated Ancroft Place as one of the best examples of townhouse design the city has ever seen. “They could not have done better today.” The development is so neatly tucked away that, unless you know what to look for, chances are you might never find this English country village in South Rosedale.

UPROOTED TREE NARROWLY MISSES HOME IN SOUTH ROSEDALE

This spring was not without a minor Act of God in South Rosedale. Early in the morning of May 4th, a large silver maple became uprooted and fell, taking down hydro lines and narrowly missing a home on Rowanwood Avenue. Fortunately no one was hurt, although the City’s emergency crews were called in to remove the tree, which had rotted at the core.

This incident emphasizes the need to manage the beautiful, yet aging tree canopy in South Rosedale. SRRRA is involved in discussions with the City of Toronto, as many of these trees are located on City land. In addition, we are leading efforts to plant trees now for future generations to enjoy.

As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions at info@southrosedale.org.



2016 SRRRA MEMBERSHIP DUES

The SRRRA is your voice to protect and enhance your neighbourhood.

For new and renewing SRRRA members: please complete and return the attached 2016 membership form along with a \$75 cheque for this year’s dues. Or pay online at www.southrosedale.org – click on Donate.

Thank you to all new and renewing members!