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SOUTH ROSEDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

Rosedale's Heritage Bricks

The majority of North and South Rosedale homes are a century old, and built with handmade kiln dried, or brick-pressed quarry dried from the local Brickworks, now known as Evergreen Brickworks.



Our bricks are considered historic for their colour, texture, and quality. Used here in Rosedale, they were also used to build our Ontario Legislature, Osgoode Hall, Casa Loma and Massey Hall. Take a look next time you walk or drive by these heritage structures.

The History of the Don Valley Brick Works

The Don Valley Brick Works was created in 1889 by the Taylor brothers. John Taylor and his brothers, William, and George, purchased the site in the Don Valley in the 1830s where they established a paper mill, but while digging post holes for fencing, William came across a large quantity of clay. He took a sample to a local brick works where it was confirmed this clay would in fact make a high quality brick. Both a quarry and the Don Valley Pressed Brick Company soon after were established.

The Don Valley Pressed Brick Company specialized in the production of bricks using three techniques. The first technique was called the soft-mud process. Clay quarried from the site was mixed with water from nearby Mud Creek, placed in moulds, dried and then baked in kilns. A second technique was called dry-press bricks using quarried shale. The shale was placed into moulds and machine pressed. The third process was called stiff-mud. It used a mixture of clay and shale but required less water than the soft-mud process. A column of clay was forced through a dye which was then cut to form using a wire.

The finished bricks were shipped by cart out of the valley along Pottery Road or by rail on a spur built into the yard. While the majority of bricks were used locally here in Toronto, Don Valley pressed bricks can be found across the continent. The quality of the Don Valley bricks won them prizes at both the 1893 Chicago World's Fair and the Toronto Industrial Fair in 1894.

Can I paint the brick on my Rosedale Home?

For the past 20 years, Rosedale has been a designated Heritage Conservation District. As such any alterations to our homes have to be undertaken with consideration to this status and with the necessary approvals of the City's heritage planning.

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South Rosedale Historical Walking Tour

Saturday, June 14th. 2:00pm - 3:30pm

The SRRA invites you to join architectural historian and Heaps Estrin real estate agent Alex Corey for an exclusive walking tour of South Rosedale to explore the neighbourhood's architectural and social history.

Following the success of last year's walk, this year's tour will focus on the eastern parts of our neighbourhood, starting at Craigleigh Gardens. Light refreshments and snacks will be provided afterwards. Please come equipped for the elements as the event will proceed rain or shine!

This complementary tour is organized exclusively for South Rosedale residents **with the generous support of Heap Estrin Real Estate** and will introduce the people, architects and events that have been instrumental in making the area what it is today. Numbers are limited, to register please email SouthRosedale@HeapsEstrin.com. We look forward to seeing you there!



City of Toronto Archives, Fonds 1478, Item 1

(View looking north of the original Glen Road footbridge from City of Toronto Archives)

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The appliance of paint, coatings or stucco to bricks, stone or mortar to any building that has historically been unpainted or uncoated is inconsistent with good heritage conservation practice, and is therefore generally prohibited in our area and in all Ontario Heritage Conservation Districts.

The reason for the prohibition is because the aesthetic characteristics of the masonry, such as its colour variations and texture, contribute to the unique heritage character of the home and the streetscape and therefore the Heritage of the area. On the flip side, restoration of previously painted brick to its original state is encouraged, but only if it can be done safely and in accordance with good heritage restoration practices. If you have questions about the removal or application of coatings on your brick, stone or mortar, we recommend you contact City of Toronto, Heritage Planning. Currently the City of Toronto Heritage Planning department is working with both North and South Rosedale homeowners to restore masonry that was mistakenly coated, and they are very knowledgeable in this area. There is risk involved in the usage of power-washing, sandblasting, and/or stripping chemicals to remove flaking or peeling paint, which can further damage the integrity of heritage bricks, or any brick.

Quite apart from the negative heritage impact, applying paint or other coatings to brick and masonry clogs or eliminates the brick's natural porous surface. This prevents the brick from being able to breathe and release moisture. As the coating traps the moisture, the bricks can develop mold, rot, and begin to structurally break down. The seasonality cycle of freeze-thaw further degrades the bricks as the trapped moisture freezes inside the brick. Not only does the brick erode behind the coating, so does the mortar between the bricks – eventually compromising the structural integrity of the home. While this is not instantaneous, it does serve to devalue a property and adds to costly maintenance. Should you have a coated brick home, it does require regular maintenance.

Connect With Your Community

Probably the most exciting role on the South Rosedale Residents Association team is Communications. It seems that whatever the project a board member works on, it usually ends up with a communication to our residents.

Last year our South Rosedale neighborhood was bustling with activity and as a result our communication team circulated 36 emailblasts (e-blasts). As a rule, we try to balance the content of the communications between social events and alerts. Last year we sent out 14 social events and 22 alerts.



We try to focus on events that are local and help foster a sense of community amongst our residents.

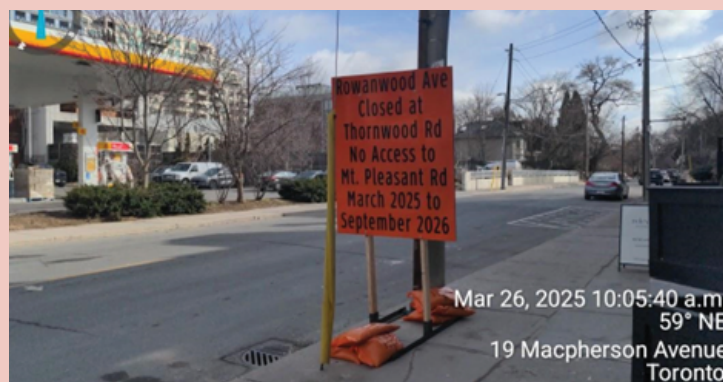
Some recent highlights have been:

- Our Easter egg Hunt
- Our Pub Night
- A scheme encouraging the donation of your \$200 Provincial tax cheque to Daily Bread food Bank (The 5 Residents Associations manage to raise \$25,000 for the foodbank)
- The Rosedale Art fair held at Ramsden Park
- The Cabbage town Farmers Market

The other type of e-blasts sent are alerts. As soon as the SRRA team hears of a project, development or other activity that impacts our neighborhood – the communication teams drafts a one-page Alert.

Last year we shared several important alerts including:

- Rowanwood Water Main development (the SRRA helped arrange for closure signs and Speed indicator signs on Cluny and continues to advocate for affected residents on parking and other issues arising from this major construction project)
- Glen road pedestrian bridge - (on account of SRRA effort, the bridge will have great lighting and safety cameras)
- Price Street Development
- Ramsden Park Community center consultation
- Street closures announcements
- Avenue Rd/Roxborough/Dupont traffic flow recommendations



We encourage you to share our e-blasts with other affected friends and neighbors and if they are not on our e blast list – please invite them to share their email with us at: info@southrosedale.org.

If you are interested in joining our Communications team, writing articles about South Rosedale for our newsletter, or taking photos for our website please send us an email to info@southrosedale.org.

Strengthening Community in South Rosedale

The South Rosedale Residents' Association (SRRA) is excited to announce the launch of a new initiative aimed at deepening community engagement and strengthening our collective voice — the Street Captain Program.

This program invites residents to step forward as street captains — trusted neighbours who will help foster communication and collaboration between residents and the SRRA Board. The initiative is designed to ensure that local concerns are heard promptly and addressed effectively, while also reinforcing the strong community spirit that defines South Rosedale.



What is a Street Captain?

A street captain will serve as a point of contact for their street — or part of their street, in the case of longer ones — helping to identify local issues and relay them to the SRRA. Whether it's a safety concern, a city maintenance need, or feedback about a proposed development, street captains will act as the eyes and ears of the neighbourhood, bringing grassroots input directly to the association. Street captains won't be expected to resolve problems themselves — their role is to ensure that the SRRA is informed and can respond appropriately. With a network of captains in place, the SRRA can more efficiently advocate on behalf of the community to city officials, service providers, and other stakeholders.

How It Works

Street captains will primarily communicate with the SRRA by email. To support collaboration and information-sharing among captains, optional short Zoom check-ins may be held up to once per quarter — though meetings can be more or less frequent depending on the preferences of the captains themselves.

The program will be coordinated by SRRA Vice President Andrew Monkhouse, who will serve as the liaison between the street captains and the SRRA Board. Andrew will provide ongoing support, help guide priorities, and ensure that the concerns raised by captains are routed to the appropriate contacts for action.

Why Volunteer?

Becoming a street captain is a great way to play a meaningful role in shaping the future of our neighbourhood. It's also a chance to get to know your neighbours better, stay informed about what's happening in South Rosedale, and help ensure that every street — from the quietest cul-de-sac to the busiest corridor — has a voice.

We encourage residents of all ages and backgrounds to consider taking on this role. Whether you've lived in South Rosedale for decades or are a newer arrival, your insights and initiative are valued.

Ramsden Park Community Recreation Centre Have your say!

A new community recreation centre is coming to Yonge Street, steps away from Rosedale Subway Station. The facility will front Ramsden Park to the north and Budd Sugarman Park to the east and is proposed to include a 25-metre lane pool, a leisure pool, a gymnasium with a running track, and multi-use activity spaces.

The SRRA has been asked to provide feedback on how our members could use the new facility and how we would like to be involved going forward. A Community Advisory Committee (CAC) was formed in order to provide input to the design process. If you would like to be involved please contact the SRRA at: info@southrosedale.org. Alternatively you can sign up for our e-blasts and we will keep you updated on this project and all other news affecting our neighbourhood with our regular posts.



The location of the new Ramsden Park Community Recreation Centre.

How to Get Involved

You can apply by using the QR code included with this article.

If you have problems applying, or want to learn more about the program, please email streetcaptains@southrosedale.org. We aim to appoint one captain per street (or street section), so please let us know as soon as possible if you'd like to be considered. The SRRA reserves the right to choose between street captains, or to have multiple street captains sharing responsibilities on a particular street.

Together, through the Street Captain Program, we can make our neighbourhood even more connected, responsive, and vibrant. (see QR code below)

**SRRA Street
Captain Program
QR code**



In Memoriam: Jack Ground

June 20th 1932- November 25th 2024

Jack Ground had a long and distinguished career as a lawyer, benchler, judge, and mediator/arbitrator, he was a valued mentor and served on the SRRA board for many years.

Jack was born in North Toronto. His father died when he was fourteen, and he was raised by a stalwart single mother; a working woman who took in boarders. Jack went to Victoria College (U of T), then on to U of T Law. He articulated, and became a partner at Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt, taught corporate law at U of T, and became a QC. He was elected as a Benchler of the Law Society for several terms. In 1991, he was appointed as a judge of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice. Jack was forced to retire from the court at 75 – much to his chagrin, –and became sought-after for Alternative Dispute Resolution.

He and Helen Taylor married in 1959, and had three children. Jack was a father, husband, grandfather, and friend and an ardent dog-lover. Jack and Helen loved their communities at Alexandra Boulevard, Nottawaga Beach, 21 Dale, and the "Farm" at Cannington. Jack's mind was sharp until the end, even as his body started to fail him. He did not like getting old. He had a remarkable ability to retain friendships, and to make new ones.

Jack had a long and accomplished life and as a valued board member of the SRRA made a significant contribution by updating its governance. He was also a keen advocate of preserving his neighbourhoods unique architectural heritage.

Those who served with him on our board remember him fondly as a wise voice of reason and fairness at all times. "He was the keel that kept us straight" recalls Don Hogarth, Past President, "His words always carried great weight during passionate and at times fractious discussions."

A celebration of life was held this spring. Contributions in memory of The Honourable John "Jack" Dawson Ground may be made to the Toronto Humane Society's Pet Food Bank.

Do you know about the City's Fraud and Waste Hotline?

The Auditor General's Fraud and Waste Hotline is part of how you can help your city government keep fraud and waste low. If you know of fraud, waste, or wrongdoing involving City of Toronto resources you can:



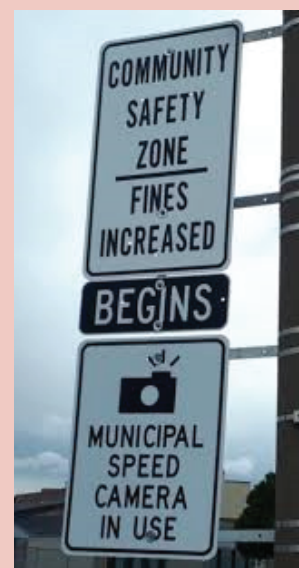
Call 416-397-STOP (7867) – answered 24/7 Use the secure online form at <https://www.torontoauditor.ca/report-fraud/>

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Calls to the Fraud and Waste Hotline are confidential and anonymous.

Speed Camera Roll Out

Has this ever happened? You open your mail, hoping to find a birthday card, or invitation to a party and instead find an Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) ticket. Or worse yet, two ASE's from the same location, 2 days apart! If it hasn't, good for you! You either don't drive or adhere lawfully to the speed limit! Though they are annoying, here's why we should all be happy that ASE's exist.



Speeding remains a significant contributor to traffic accidents and fatalities in Toronto. To combat this, the City has been expanding its ASE program, installing cameras in school zones and other areas with high speeding risks. These cameras are strategically placed in Community Safety Zones, often near schools and parks, to deter speeding and enhance the safety of vulnerable road users.

Since the introduction of speed cameras in 2020, Toronto has observed a notable decrease in speeding incidents. An evaluation conducted by researchers from The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids) and Toronto Metropolitan University found that the proportion of drivers exceeding speed limits dropped by 45% in areas with ASE devices. Additionally, operating speeds decreased by approximately 7 km/h in these zones.

In 2025, the City plans to rotate 75 speed cameras among over 600 designated sites, ensuring broader coverage and less predictability for speeding drivers. Areas near schools and parks remain top priorities.

The City also provides an interactive map of current and planned ASE locations, allowing residents to stay informed about enforcement areas.

ASE tickets don't come with demerit points — since they can't prove who was driving — the fines are enough to make you reconsider speeding. Toronto's speed cameras can give tickets as high as \$720, depending on how much over the limit you are. If you're caught going 50 km/h or more over, you won't just get a ticket — you'll be summoned to court.

Speed cameras are more than just enforcement tools; they are part of a broader strategy to make Toronto's streets safer for everyone. By reducing speeding, the ASE program contributes to the City's goal of zero traffic-related fatalities.

Residents can suggest future camera locations by contacting our local councillor, Diane Saxe at Councillor_Saxe@toronto.ca, or through the City's Vision Zero initiative at VisionZeroTO@toronto.ca, which aims to eliminate traffic-related injuries and deaths.

Graffiti

Graffiti sits at a fascinating intersection of art and vandalism, reflecting a spectrum of intentions and impacts. On one side, graffiti can be a powerful form of artistic expression. It can give a voice to marginalized communities, allowing artists to communicate messages or provoke thought, and some can beautify urban landscapes with vibrant, creative designs. Murals and street art can transform dull spaces into lively, engaging environments, and some graffiti even gains recognition in galleries and museums.

On the other hand, graffiti is frequently considered vandalism, especially when it involves unauthorized markings on private or public property. Gang related tags and hate motivated markings are particularly disturbing. This type of graffiti can lead to significant costs for removal and repair, and it can sometimes contribute to a sense of disorder or decline in a neighborhood. In addition, much graffiti in the urban landscape is just ugly and without artistic merit.

The debate over graffiti's status often revolves around context and consent. When it's done with permission or as part of a community project, it's celebrated as an art form. When it's done without consent, it's typically viewed as a nuisance or a criminal act.

The City of Toronto has a Graffiti Management Plan and suggest that you call 911 if you are witnessing graffiti vandalism in progress. Graffiti on City or private property can be reported by calling 311 or online. Hate or gang-related graffiti should be reported to Toronto Police Services at 416-808-2222.



Spring Security Tips

A seasonal reminder to check all externally mounted cameras around your premises and cut back any Spring plant growth that could be obscuring their lenses. It's also a good time to clean camera lenses as they need a wipe once or twice a year.



Encampments in our Parks

For reasons that sadden all of us, the lack of decent or sufficient housing has caused many homeless people to seek refuge in our city parks. South Rosedale is not immune to this new form of desperate visitors. Last year, we had an encampment in the parkette in front of Castle Frank station and another one in Craigleigh Gardens, along with the now well-established sites in Severn Creek Park and along the Rosedale Valley Road.

The SRRA does not hold an opinion on the individuals who take up residents in our park but we do advocate on behalf of our neighborhood to ensure our parks are safe and available to our community.

Here is the process we follow to remedy overnight park visitors in one of our parks or ravines:



Firstly we either call 311 or file 311 on-line report. Next, a Toronto City Inspector (TCI) will follow up with us. Our local park inspector's name is Fherdy Olarete 437-925-1561 and we have a very good relationship with him. The TCI then takes down the information, and provides us with a general outline of what steps they will be taking.

The TCI will then visit the site, take pictures and if the camper is there – they will speak to them. They will then share this information with the city homeless and encampment team. Prior to removal, the homeless and encampment team are required to find a shelter for the tent person – this could take weeks or months. During that time the tent is allowed to stay.

In our most recent incident (see photo), an individual took up residence in Craigleigh Gardens. Our Inspector visited the encampment and spoke to the individual. The inspector shared that the South Rosedale Residents were holding a spring children's gathering in the park. The individual advised he would be voluntarily moving out the next day.

It is so sad that our city finds itself in this situation, and where we can, the SRRA is happy to help keep our parks and ravines clean and safe.



Queen's Park Round-Up: What's happening this spring at the Ontario Legislature?

By Jessica Bell, MPP for University-Rosedale

The Ontario legislature is back in session and running until June 5. With so much at stake, this is shaping up to be a critical few months for our province and our communities.

Ontario's economy under pressure

A new report from the Financial Accountability Office confirms that U.S. tariffs are expected to push Ontario into a modest recession this year. Ontario could see over 119,000 fewer jobs by 2026, with manufacturing workers hardest hit.

The Ford government has announced tax breaks for businesses but has yet to outline a clear plan to protect jobs and support workers.

That's why we've established an Economic Advisory Council on Economic Security and Trade to bring forward practical solutions. We're calling for public investments that create good jobs—like building housing for Ontarians—and policies that support local industry. That includes requiring governments to contract with local businesses and mandating big box stores label Canadian and American-made products so Ontarians can make informed choices.

A concerning new law: Bill 5

The Ford government has introduced Bill 5, a massive omnibus bill that changes everything from mining and energy rules to environmental protections to Indigenous consultation. One worrying part of this bill is the creation of Special Economic Zones.

In these zones, the government can override environmental laws, public consultation rules, and even municipal bylaws to fast-track development. In practical terms, this means the law stops applying, and projects can be pushed through without oversight. Ontario Place could be one of the first targets.

We've seen the harm that can come from pushing projects forward without proper safeguards. That's why I'll be working with colleagues and communities to push back.

Education: more cuts, more pressure on students and schools

The Toronto District School Board is preparing its 2025–2026 budget, and once again, the numbers don't add up. The board is short \$38.5 million for special education, \$10.9 million for student mental health and safety, and needs \$4.4 billion just to keep buildings in good repair.

Local schools in University-Rosedale are already seeing the impact. Beverley School, which supports high-needs students, has been told it will lose a teacher and may have to close a classroom.

We're organizing with parents to push back. That includes collecting signatures, sharing stories with the media, and bringing parent concerns directly to the Ministry of Education.

If your school is facing cuts, I want to hear from you. Our communities are strong. Let's keep showing up for one another.

Jessica Bell is the MPP for University-Rosedale. You can reach her office at jbell-co@ndp.on.ca or 416 535 7206



Everyone seems happier in May: the days are longer, the weather is lovely, and flowers are springing up everywhere! Thank you to everyone who joined our Community Cleanup at Fred Hamilton Park.

One of the key items approved at April's Council meeting was to upgrade how we manage congestion and coordinate construction that blocks streets and sidewalks. Higher lane occupancy fees, more traffic agents, and stronger coordination, etc. are already noticeably easing congestion and reducing travel times.

Happily, the Superior Court issued an injunction preventing the Province from ripping out the Yonge, University and Bloor bike lanes during the court process. The judge noted 'compelling' evidence that bike lanes improve safety, and do not worsen congestion, despite the Province's 'anecdotal' claims to the contrary. Thank you to Cycle Toronto & Ecojustice for bringing the lawsuit, and to each of the volunteer experts.

Parks staff tell me that their most divisive, emotional issues usually revolve around off-leash dogs. Toronto has about 600,000 dogs. Many of them live downtown with no private outdoor space and play in parks, ravines, and schoolyards. Several reports addressing the issue passed Council in April - one improving the management of dangerous dogs, the other a strategy for dedicated off-leash spaces where dogs can exercise and socialize. The new dog strategy standardizes criteria for new off-leash dog areas, their hours, and when they can be used by commercial dog walkers. It will also improve maintenance and enforcement.

Last month, I persuaded Toronto City Council to allow 16 and 17-year-olds to vote in neighbourhood polls. These are not formal elections, but a form of local consultation. Young people will inherit the consequences of our decisions, so I'm glad to help give them a larger voice in that future.

Much of my work this month was focused on making TTC more reliable. Buses and streetcars are often caught in traffic. The two main solutions are to give transit vehicles their own priority lanes (RapidTO) and priority getting through intersections. Consultation will take place this month for the proposed Bathurst and Dufferin RapidTO lanes, which are essential for rapid, reliable transit on these key routes during FIFA and beyond. However, the cheapest and fastest thing the City can do is to give transit vehicles priority green lights at intersections. I was shocked to learn that only half the intersections on our 20 busiest bus and streetcar lines have signal priority equipment. Worse, 1 out of 4 of those are broken, and most of the remainder are out of date. I am pushing hard at the TTC and at Council to get this fixed. Transit vehicles need true prioritization.

Every month for the rest of the term, I will be donating my salary increase to a worthy charity in Ward 11. Let me know your favourite and why.

Membership Matters!

The SRRA works hard to protect and enhance South Rosedale as a great place to live. Through actions large and small, we protect the heritage and character of our neighbourhood, enhance its parks and ravines, manage traffic, parking and security issues, and much more.

To do all this, we need your financial support. You can help us by ensuring you take out or renew your annual membership of \$100 or \$250 for 3 years

Credit Card payment welcome!

To join or pay your dues, please visit our website at www.southrosedale.org and click on "SRRA Annual Membership".

Meet the Board

In this ongoing feature we introduce board members, their roles and some of the work they are involved in. Today we feature our Secretary, Debra Stockla

I moved to South Rosedale from nearby Moore Park 10 years ago. Although both neighbourhoods are beautiful, I thoroughly enjoy how I can now easily walk to so many places to eat delicious food, see fantastic shows, work out, hike, bike and shop.

I am currently the Secretary for the SRRA. My main tasks are recording the minutes at the monthly meetings and the AGM, and arranging the distribution of the newsletter. I'm also working on updating our by-laws. I retired in 2020 from a long career in finance, and consequently have been able to be involved in a diverse number of SRRA projects. Sometimes my involvement has simply been attending in-person or Zoom meetings with the City or other interest groups and updating my fellow Board members.

Delivering our newsletter can be challenging and I'm eager to hear from volunteers if they, or their children would like some extra exercise in the neighbourhood or volunteer hours. It has been particularly difficult to deliver to condos and apartment buildings as many of the doors to the mailrooms are locked and maintenance workers often toss out anything left at the front door. Please reach out to me if you



live in one of the multi-units and can help resolve this issue. We would like our newsletter to reach all our condo and apartment residents.

New building developments in and adjacent to Rosedale are something that I am trying to keep on top of because these proposals could affect the quality of life for all of us in our community. For example, the City of Toronto has an initiative to increase the density of neighbourhoods such as Rosedale. This can result in residential homes being replaced with tall buildings resulting in less greenery, less sunlight due to shadow effects, wind tunnels, increased traffic and parking issues. I am currently chasing the City for an accurate map of the streets in our neighbourhood that will be affected by these policy changes.

The Board meets monthly to discuss many topics relevant to the neighbourhood such as traffic, crime, heritage, development and membership. We welcome input from residents regarding issues they feel need to be addressed and ideas for improving South Rosedale.

I've found it interesting over the past 5 years getting involved with a variety of issues. I enjoyed participating in last year's Annual Spring Cleanup and this year's Easter family gathering. I'm looking forward to our next walking tour as you learn so much about your neighbourhood. I can be reached at debrastockla@gmail.com.

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SRRA Hosts a Joyful Spring Family Gathering at Craighleigh Gardens

The South Rosedale Residents' Association (SRRA) is pleased to report the success of its first Family Spring Gathering, held on Saturday, April 19 at Craighleigh Gardens. The event welcomed up to 120 attendees throughout the morning, including a brief visit from local MP Chrystia Freeland, who dropped by to enjoy the community spirit.

The Gathering featured classic springtime fun for families, including an Easter egg hunt, egg painting, and "Pin the Tail/Ears on the Bunny." Free food and drinks added to the festive atmosphere, making for a cheerful and well-attended neighbourhood celebration.

The event was spearheaded by Maria M., Chair of SRRA's Children and Family Committee, whose hard work and creativity made the day possible. Maria managed everything from activity planning to volunteer coordination, and her dedication ensured the event ran smoothly and was fun for all ages.

"The turnout and enthusiasm from the community was incredible," said Janice Lo, SRRA President. "Maria deserves full credit for bringing this wonderful event to life."

With residents chatting over coffee, kids laughing through games, and a vibrant setting in Craighleigh Gardens, the morning was a true celebration of community spirit.

The SRRA extends its thanks to all who attended and helped organize the event. Based on the positive response, the Spring Gathering is set to become a beloved annual tradition in South Rosedale.



SRRA Pub Night Brings the Community Together

The South Rosedale Residents' Association (SRRA) is happy to report that our Spring Pub Night, held on May 8, 2025, at the Quail on Yonge St, was a tremendous success. The venue provided a cozy yet lively setting for neighbours to reconnect, meet new faces, and enjoy a cheerful evening out in celebration of spring. Guests were welcomed with optional name-tags, finger food, and a drink ticket! The event reflected the strong and growing sense of community within South Rosedale. There was a genuine buzz of excitement in the air setting a festive tone that lasted through the evening.

This year's Spring Pub Night was made possible thanks to the generous sponsorship of **Monkhouse Law Employment Lawyers**. Their support allowed the SRRA to host an elevated event while keeping it accessible to the community. We are deeply appreciative of their ongoing commitment to helping foster vibrant neighbourhood connections. Attendees mingled comfortably, with many conversations turning into opportunities to discuss neighbourhood initiatives, shared interests, and community projects.

The SRRA is always looking for ways to strengthen community ties through events like this, and we are pleased to see such enthusiastic engagement from our members. If you are interested in helping us continue to host memorable gatherings, **please consider sponsoring a future SRRA event**. Sponsors receive recognition in our newsletters, event signage, and website, and have the chance to support meaningful community-building efforts. For sponsorship inquiries, please contact **Annie Lawton Scurfield** at **membership@southrosedale.org**

As we move forward into the summer months, we're already looking ahead to more events and initiatives to bring our neighbourhood together. Keep an eye on your inbox and on **<https://southrosedale.org/events>** for updates, and thank you for making the SRRA Spring Party such a blooming success!