



November 2019 Newsletter

## Sidewalk Labs' Quayside Project Community Presentation

### Is Sidewalk Labs' Quayside Project right for Toronto?

Would you like to learn more about the proposed Quayside Community by Sidewalk Labs?

Everyone welcome .... bring your questions!

Hosted by LPRO, Mary-Margaret McMahon (former City Councillor), Sidewalk Labs' Director of Community will discuss Sidewalk Lab's plans for Toronto and their unique approach to addressing urban challenges.

- Tuesday, November 19, 2019
- 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Parlour at Glenview Presbyterian, 1 Glenview Ave

Link: <https://www.sidewalktoronto.ca/>



## Vision Zero Road Safety Plan's "Take Another Look!"

From November to March in Toronto, pedestrian collisions increase by more than 30 per cent during the evening commute hours. The return to standard time means fewer daylight hours and reduced visibility for all road users in the city. As part of our Vision Zero Road Safety Plan, the City has launched a city-wide public education campaign "**Take Another Look**" to promote safety awareness especially during this time when visibility is reduced, people and objects on the road are harder to see. The City is asking motorists to please slow down, turn slowly and stay alert at all times, make sure vehicle headlights and signal lights are functioning properly, obey speed limits and approach all crosswalks, intersections and transit stops with caution, give yourself plenty of time wherever you're going and plan your route in advance, use public transit when possible.

<https://www.toronto.ca/services-payments/streets-parking-transportation/road-safety/vision-zero/>

You can help remind the public to slow down and to be aware by displaying "**Please Slow Down**" lawn signs. The safety of all road users is a priority, and these signs are a way of making motorist aware of their speed as they travel in residential areas. You can pick up signs at your local Councillor's office.

[Contact Your Local Councillor for a Sign](#)

## **Yonge & Eglinton Street and Pedestrian Safety Event**

On Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, stop by the Vibrant Healthcare Alliance Anne Johnston Site (2398 Yonge Street) from 1-3pm for a community event on public safety. Community members and local stakeholders are invited to discuss street safety, pedestrian concerns and construction issues in the Yonge and Eglinton.

## **City of Toronto Street Audit on Road Safety at Yonge and Eglinton**

The City of Toronto will be undertaking a Street Audit of Yonge and Eglinton following the death of a person walking in the area on September 10. Cycle Toronto Midtown and Cycle Toronto Don Valley Midtown called on the City to build safe streets, phase out outdated heavy trucks that compromise pedestrian safety, and increase enforcement of traffic laws.

Friends and Families for Safe Streets (FFSS) also advocated for City Council to make improvements to heavy trucks to ensure vulnerable road users' safety. Their recommendations included: using smaller trucks with better visibility and prohibiting dangerous large trucks in Toronto, making side-guards on trucks mandatory, developing a Safe Fleet Transition Plan for all City vehicles, and working with other levels of government to develop standards to produce safer heavy trucks in Ontario and Canada.

The three Ward Councillors Colle, Robinson and Matlow will be holding a Town Hall at the end of November. Place and time to be announced in the following weeks.

## **City of Toronto Survey - Single-use and Takeaway Plastic**

The deadline to submit written comments to the City of Toronto regarding draft approaches to reduce single-use and takeaway has been extended until November 10, 2019.

If you have already completed the [Online Survey](#) and shared with your networks, thank you! If not, we encourage you to take the survey now and share with anyone you think might be interested via your email lists, social media and networks. The feedback received will help the City create a strategy to reduce single-use and takeaway items in Toronto. For more information about the consultation activities, items and approaches being considered, visit: [www.toronto.ca/single-use](http://www.toronto.ca/single-use)

## **TTC to Stop Selling Tokens, Tickets & Passes on November 30th**

The TTC announced the stop-selling date for TTC tickets, tokens and passes at subway stations will be November 30, 2019.

Riders will still be able to buy tickets and tokens at some third-party retailers, as no end date has been identified for third-party sales. Keeping the TTC's third-party retail network in place may help ease the transition for riders who may not have easy access to purchasing and loading a PRESTO card. The TTC and PRESTO are also looking at ways to continue to make PRESTO accessible for customers to purchase and load cards.

While riders will be able to use previously purchased tickets, tokens and passes to pay their fare, the TTC is encouraging people to switch to a PRESTO card.

For more information: [http://www.ttc.ca/Fares\\_and\\_passes/index.jsp](http://www.ttc.ca/Fares_and_passes/index.jsp)

## Toronto's HomeShare Program

Are you, or someone you know, a senior homeowner who would like help around the home, companionship, and rental income? Does your agency provide support services for seniors? Are you a student looking for affordable housing?

You are invited to attend an Information Session to learn more about Toronto HomeShare and how it might be right for you or someone you know. Toronto HomeShare is a City of Toronto program matching older adults aged 55+ with a spare room in their home with a post-secondary student seeking affordable housing. In exchange for reduced rent (\$400-600 per month), the student provides up to seven hours per week of companionship and light help with household tasks.

The National Initiative for the Care of the Elderly (NICE), in collaboration with the City of Toronto, will be hosting a series of Information Sessions over the coming weeks. Each Information Session will feature a presentation by the HomeShare program team, followed by a question and answer period. Attendees can speak with Toronto HomeShare program staff directly and fill out an application or take home an information package. Light refreshments will be served.

The Information Sessions will be held as follows:

- Thursday November 21 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto, 246 Bloor St W, Rm 114
- Tuesday, December 3 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto, 246 Bloor St W, Rm 100

Light refreshments will be served. For more information, please see [flyer](#).

Please register for the session by emailing Laura Martinez, Program Manager, at [l.martinez@mail.utoronto.ca](mailto:l.martinez@mail.utoronto.ca). For more information regarding the location or accessibility inquiries, please contact Laura Martinez at [l.martinez@mail.utoronto.ca](mailto:l.martinez@mail.utoronto.ca) or 416-978-4706.

## "Not Down The Drain" Campaign

Many items we use on a daily basis cannot go down our toilets or drains. Many products, even those labelled "flushable," do not dissolve. This can cause:

- Damage or blockages to your home plumbing, which could lead to basement flooding.
- Damage to the City's sewer pipes located under the streets, which could lead to basement flooding.
- Damage to wastewater treatment plants.
- Harm to the environment and aquatic habitat in the Lake, local streams and rivers.
- To help keep the entire sewage system working well, please do not flush or put the following products down the drain:
  - Hygiene products (i.e. sanitary supplies, condoms, baby wipes).
  - Fats, oils and cooking grease.
  - Medication (i.e. pills or liquid). Return to the Pharmacy for safe disposal.
  - Household hazardous waste (i.e. paints, pesticides, cleaning products).
- Should you see a spill to the environment or the sewer system, please call 311 immediately.

Please remember not to put grease, baby wipes and dental floss down the drain. For more information:

<https://www.toronto.ca/services-payments/water-environment/water-sewer-related-permits-and-bylaws/sewers-by-law/what-not-to-flush-or-pour-down-the-drain/>

## Bright Ideas Report

The [Municipal Art Society of New York \(MAS\)](#) and [New Yorkers for Parks \(NY4P\)](#) released a new joint report entitled *Bright Ideas*.

The report summarizes nearly a year's worth of research, debate, and conversation about the role of sunlight in the public realm. It serves as the foundation of a campaign led by the two organizations called [Fight for Light](#) which seeks stronger protections for the natural resources that are essential to an equitable city and the health and happiness of city dwellers.

[Read the Bright Ideas Report](#)

*Bright Ideas* explores key concepts, like the difference between shade and shadow, and best practices for safeguarding light and air based on ideas being tested in other cities.

## Compassionate Justice Speaker Event

The Compassionate Justice Speaker Series is sponsored by Eglinton St. George's United Church. A light lunch is served prior to the presentation at 12:30 pm. Free admission, donations gratefully accepted. You do not need to register to attend. ESG is an accessible facility.

- Topic: Beyond Incarceration: Safety and True Criminal Justice
- Eglinton St. George's Church, 35 Lytton Blvd.
- Sunday, November 17 at 12:30 pm, Free admission, donations gratefully accepted.
- Speaker: Paula Mallea, *Criminal Lawyer and Author*

Paula Mallea has practised criminal law for fifteen years in Ontario and Manitoba, and is the author of five books. She defended prisoners in nine different Kingston penitentiaries, spending hundreds of hours with inmates in these institutions.

## Toronto Vital Signs Report - Issue Two: Housing

The Toronto Foundation has just released their Vital Signs Report 2019, a consolidated snapshot of the trends and issues affecting the quality of life in our city; each of the issue areas is critical to the wellbeing of Toronto and its residents. Vital Signs examines ten issue areas.

[https://socialinnovation.org/toronto-vital-signs-report-issue-two-housing/?mc\\_cid=c1cca35a7c&mc\\_eid=4fed5082b3](https://socialinnovation.org/toronto-vital-signs-report-issue-two-housing/?mc_cid=c1cca35a7c&mc_eid=4fed5082b3)

**THE UPTOWN YONGE BONUS E-GIFT CARD IS BACK  
JUST IN TIME FOR YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING AND GIFT GIVING**



Available for purchase November 1st

It works like a regular gift card except we are gifting you an additional 25% bonus. For example, if you purchase a \$100.00 e-gift card we'll put an extra \$25 on your card! The bonus is immediately added to your card and can be redeemed at participating stores in Uptown Yonge. For a list of participating stores, please go to [uptownyonge.com/giftcard](http://uptownyonge.com/giftcard)

To purchase the UPTOWN YONGE BONUS E-GIFT CARD go to [Uptownyonge.com/giftcard](http://Uptownyonge.com/giftcard), [Anycard.ca](http://Anycard.ca) or [Aeroplan.com](http://Aeroplan.com) (using Aeroplan points). The card is purchased online and will be sent by email or text to either yourself or a friend. You can even add it to your Apple wallet.

The UPTOWN YONGE BONUS E-GIFT CARD is simple to use - simply show the card on your device to the merchant who will then record the 9-digit code (the card can also be printed and shown). Once the transaction is complete you will receive a confirmation email and record of your remaining balance.

\*The maximum card purchase is \$500.00. Limit of two \$500.00 cards per customer. Maximum amount per single transaction is \$500.00.

Holiday Bonus offer will run from November 1st until quantities last. This offer will expire however; any balance left on your card will not expire.

The UPTOWN YONGE BONUS E-GIFT CARD bonus card is the perfect way to get a little bit of extra shopping money or the perfect gift to give to a friend.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE UPTOWN YONGE BIA      THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR BUSINESSES**

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## LPRO ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP \$20.00 PER HOUSEHOLD

### ***IT'S TIME TO RENEW FOR 2020***

We encourage you to become a member or renew your membership with Lytton Park Residents' Organization, especially if you care about protecting and advancing the community's interests and fostering a sense of neighbourhood in our area.

LPRO's membership year extends from January to December, so it's time to renew your membership for 2020. Your support helps us vigorously represent our shared neighbourhood interests. Our collective voice has impressive impact and effectiveness in matters affecting our community. Thank you for your continued membership support. It's pivotal for our representative credibility and funding needs. There are approximately 3,000 households in the Lytton Park area. Thank you in advance for supporting your community.

**Ways to Join or Renew:** MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: Lytton Park Residents' Organization Inc. and mail it with the completed form below to "Lytton Park Residents' Organization Inc., Box 45031, 2482 Yonge St., Toronto, ON M4P 3E3", or even easier - donate via **Credit Card/PayPal**: visit <https://lpro.wordpress.com> & select "**MEMBERSHIP**". Cheques with this form can also be dropped off at **235 Glenview Avenue**.

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#### **2020 Membership Form - Membership Type: New / Renewal**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like more information about the LPRO: Yes/No I am available as a community volunteer: Yes/No

I would like to help in the following areas: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Email us at [lyttonparkresidentsorg@gmail.com](mailto:lyttonparkresidentsorg@gmail.com)