



E-Newsletter April 22, 2020

<https://lpro.wordpress.com>

NOTICE! – COMMUNITY YARD SALE CANCELLED

Due to COVID-19 health restrictions the Annual Community Yard Sale co-hosted by LPRO and BPRO scheduled for Saturday, June 6, 2020 has been CANCELLED

We look forward to June 5, 2021! Did you know that in 2019 we had over 150 households participating and MANY shoppers!



STREET SIGNS OF THE TIMES TO CHEER US

SEEN ON LPRO STREETS



ARE YOU CREATING A COVID VICTORY GARDEN?

Send us pictures of your new or expanded vegetable or pollinator gardens! See LPRO's article on lawns and the merits of gardening: <https://lpro.ordpress.com/city-environment-concerns/>

'Almost therapeutic': COVID-19 pandemic has many people turning to their gardens'

CBC News, April 5, 2020 – "Trend is reminiscent of the 'victory gardens' from the world wars, experts say"

PROVINCE OVERRIDING CITY NOISE BY-LAW



Construction hours have been extended from 6 AM - 10 PM seven days a week. The Noise By-law (which only permitted noise between 7AM & 7PM weekdays, 9AM & 7PM Saturdays, and not at all on Sundays and holidays), has been overridden by the new Provincial Regulation. Click [here](#) for a copy of the Ontario Regulation.

Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam said that one could contact the Province's hotline at 1-888-444-3659 between the proper hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and ask why the Province has deemed residential construction essential, and why the Province is permitting this noisy work to occur more frequently, especially if you are expected to stay in your home. You can also contact Premier Doug Ford at premier@ontario.ca and his legislative office at 416-325-1941 to lodge your complaint.

LPRO wrote Premier Ford indicating our concern regarding about the Noise Bylaw changes - click [here](#) to read it.

SHOP & DINE LOCALLY- SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES

Local businesses are attempting to adapt to the new reality in order to continue serving the community, but they need your support to create a 'win-win' outcome during this difficult time.

Yonge north of Eglinton - The following link <http://www.uptownyonge.com/stay-home-shop-local/> includes businesses that remain open, offer curb-side pick-up, or have food "to-go".

North of Lawrence on Yonge and Avenue Road - For a list of shops go to: <https://www.bprotoronto.ca/covid-19/>.

We have a lovely collection of independent, owner-operated restaurants in our neighbourhood with "to-go" food. They need our business, and they need it **NOW!** Let's all do everything we can to support them.

As residents, we try and look out for our neighbours, but we should also be cognizant of businesses along Yonge Street and report any suspicious behaviour to the police. The BIA is taking important security measures, but extra eyes and ears on the street are always welcome!

COVID-19: UPDATES FOR AFFECTED CITY SERVICES AND FACILITIES

This City [webpage](#) lists the changes in their services and facilities brought about by COVID-19/click on "Garbage, Recycling and Organics." Note that the City is asking that all personal hygiene/sanitary products, including **tissues, wipes, masks and gloves be disposed of in the Garbage (Grey Bin) in a sealed plastic bag**, and NOT the green bin.

SUPPORTS for Seniors and Vulnerable People

SPRINT Senior Care is providing grocery delivery, Meals on Wheels and security and wellness checks.

Please contact them through the link if you are interested in volunteering or in receiving services.

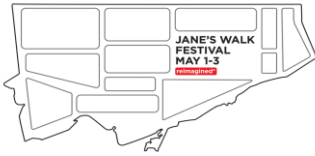
https://sprintseniorcare.org/sites/default/files/covid-19_response_team_flyer_final.pdf

A list of **food access supports and resources for seniors and other vulnerable people** is available at

<https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/covid-19-financial-social-support-for-people/covid-19-seniors-vulnerable-people/>

REIMAGINING JANE'S WALK - ONLINE

Jane's Walk Toronto team is working hard to create new and accessible opportunities to participate online. Some new activities for the online festival May 1-3:



1. **Interactive Map:** will allow you to engage with the walk locations on offer for this year's festival.
2. **Book Club:** a list of books that focus on the principles of Jane's Walk! If you are interested in hosting a virtual book discussion - please reach out!
3. **Toll Free Phone Number:** a new audio experience, which will host clips of podcasts, interviews, and clips from the Jane's Walk festival team. The number is 1-855-966-2925.

4. Small Business Stories: accepting submissions of some favourite small businesses in Toronto and how they can foster community building. See below for more information.

5. Panel Discussions and Audio Clips: will become available during the festival and will engage activists, community leaders, researchers, professionals, and students on the topic of community engagement and city-building.

6. At-home activities: a series of take-home activities that you can check out on the website!

Contact janeswalk.partnershipsto@gmail.com if you are interested in co-creating content with them for the festival!

COTTAGES? – FOR NOW, STAY HOME IN THE CITY!

← Tweet



Health Canada and PHAC @GovCanHealth · 6h

Unless your cottage is your primary residence, or is within the same community, please don't go until the situation in Canada improves.

ow.ly/6rRz50zdThs

#COVID19 #stayhome 🏠



DONATION BINS – DO NOT USE AT THIS TIME!

The City has appealed to all Residents to NOT drop off donations to bins located in the Neighbourhood as the organizations are not able to pick up from the bins. Anything left at the bin sites will end up having to be garbaged. **Please set your donations aside – they will be very much appreciated once regular pickup can start again.** In the meantime, fines will be enforced by the City if items are left at the bin sites.

TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARIES PARTNER WITH FOOD BANKS

The Toronto Public Library (TPL) has partnered with the North York Harvest Food Bank, Daily Bread Food Bank and Second Harvest to set up food bank distribution from library branches across the city to provide alternate service locations for existing food banks that are now closed. Since the implementation of measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 transmission, there has been a dramatic decrease in access to food banks, with over a third closing in recent weeks. TPL's efforts are in support of the City's broader work on food security for Toronto's vulnerable residents (Source: TPL).

Ten food banks are now open at Toronto Public Library locations, in partnership with the North York Harvest Food Bank and the Daily Bread Food Bank. **The complete list is available online [here](#).**

If you are in need of support, you can read more information, including hours and addresses of the food bank locations, at 211Toronto.ca, as well as the City's COVID-19 response website [here](#).

DONATE TO: COVID-19 PORTAL TO SUPPORT PANDEMIC RELIEF EFFORTS

Mayor John Tory announced the launch of the City's DonateTO: COVID-19 portal which allows businesses and residents to make donations of products, services and funds in support of the City's pandemic relief efforts. The City of Toronto is working hard to support everyone impacted by COVID-19 and there are many ways the community can support the relief efforts, including donations of personal protective equipment, other goods and services, food and financial gifts. All donations help the City, in coordination with our community partners to enhance much needed services and supports, especially for the most vulnerable and those who support them.

Residents and business wanting to help support the City's COVID-19 response and recovery efforts can visit www.toronto.ca/covid-19 to make their gift or find out more about volunteer opportunities.

Any questions about donations can be directed to donate@toronto.ca.

HOW TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

Non-profit agencies in the community services sector are facing a shortage of volunteers to help with delivering essential services.

Residents interested in volunteering should register with Spark Ontario at sparkontario.ca and/or with Volunteer Toronto at volunteertoronto.ca.

Once registered, you will receive alerts for volunteer opportunities (some of which may be remote). If you have have questions, please contact Volunteer Toronto at 416-961-6888 or email info@volunteertoronto.ca to connect with an advisor to discuss volunteer opportunities.

Non-profit organizations and agencies' staff are practicing infection prevention measures within their operations and volunteers would be required to do the same.

COUNCILLOR MIKE COLLE COVID-19 UPDATE

View Update #7 at https://mailchi.mp/731cc4d33a39/update6_april7_2020-4783251

CITY OF TORONTO'S CITY HALL LIVE PERFORMANCES MOVE ONLINE



The City of Toronto is launching a livestreamed series called City Hall Live Online. The series will help raise money for Unison Benevolent Fund, while creating paid opportunities for local musicians during this time of closed venues and postponed festivals.

City Hall Live Online streams every weekday at 12:00 noon, and launched Thursday April 16 with a set by The Weather Station: **For more info, please check out** [Facebook.com/CityHallLiveOnline/](https://www.facebook.com/CityHallLiveOnline/)

Make sure to tune in each day and check out other great Toronto artists like Digging Roots, Colin MacDonald of The Trews, LAL, Sydanie, Luna Li, Ahmed Moneka, Amanda Martinez, Charlotte Cornfield and more.

From April 20 on, City Hall Live Online will feature two separate livestreamed sets each day (12:00 / 12:30), and overall will feature over 100 Toronto artists while supporting the great work of Unison Benevolent Fund. Click [here](#) if you're a Toronto musician interested in applying to be considered for bookings through the City of Toronto's Music Office.

FREE MOVIES, TV SHOWS, EBOOKS, AUDIOBOOKS & DIGITAL MAGAZINES

Stuck at home! With a **Toronto Public Library** card – you can watch, listen and read a huge selection of movies, music, ebooks, audiobooks, magazines and newspapers on your smartphone, tablet or PC/Mac -- all at no charge. Click [HERE](#) to register on-line using your library card.

Kanopy (movies & eBooks)

Hoopla (movies)

RBdigital (audiobooks & eMagazines)

BiblioBoard (eBooks from self-published authors)

Flipster eMagazines (current issues of popular magazines)

Safari Tech & Business Books (major technology & business publishers)

PressReader (newspaper & magazine for 100 countries in 60 languages)

NYTimes.com (New York Times newspaper)

CanTook Station (French-language eBooks)

Midici.tv (streaming video of classical music, operas & ballets)

Naxos Music Library (great music spanning medieval to modern)

Naxos Music Library (Jazz)

If no library card try these other **FREE** services:

[CRACKLE](#) (TV & movies)

[hoopla](#) (movies)

[PLEX](#) (movies)

[Pluto TV](#) (livestream ViaComCBS)

[ManyBooks](#) (eBooks)

[Vudu](#) (movies & TV shows)

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[Internet Archives](#) (movies, audio, eBooks, audiobooks)

WILDLIFE RETURNS AS PEOPLE SHELTER IN PLACE IN THE CITIES



Coyotes and foxes have been spotted in the Lytton Park area!

Toronto Star April 19, 2020 [Article : With Humans Away Toronto's Wildlife Comes out to Play](#)

Meanwhile in Scotland....

As people shelter in place and streets remain empty,
the wildlife is returning to Inverness, Scotland ...



A MESSAGE OF HOPE FROM MARGARET ATWOOD

*“And take heart! Humanity’s been through this before.
There will be an Other Side, eventually.
We just need to make it through this part, between Before and After.
As novelists know, the middle section is the hardest to figure out.
But it can be done.”*

(Globe and Mail March 28, 2020)

Lytton Park Residents' Organization
Annual Membership \$30.00 per household
Join or Renew For 2020!

We encourage you to become a member or to 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 is 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 is 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: 1) 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", 2) or even easier - donate via Credit Card/PayPal: visit <https://lpro.wordpress.com> & select "MEMBERSHIP". 3) 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

Together, we DO make a difference!