



E-newsletter 14 December 2020

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The Lytton Park Residents' Organization (LPRO) is an incorporated non-profit association, representing member households from Lawrence Avenue West to Roselawn and Briar Hill Avenues, Yonge Street to Saguenay and Proudfoot Avenue. We care about protecting and advancing the community's interests and fostering a sense of neighbourhood in our area. We work together to make our community stronger, sharing information about our community issues and events. **"Together we do make a difference!"**

**Announcing the Launch of LPRO's NEW Website - <http://www.lyttonparkro.ca/>**

**After months of hard work, we would like to thank our amazing volunteers who donated their time and energy to update our website's appearance and refresh the content. Our hope is that you find LPRO's website easier to navigate and a great source for community information. Check out the new and improved website at <http://www.lyttonparkro.ca/>**

**LPRO's E-Newsletter - Sign Up Today - It's FREE!**

If you don't already receive the LPRO E-Newsletter and would like to receive it directly, please register your email address at [www.lyttonparkro.ca/newsletter-sign-up](http://www.lyttonparkro.ca/newsletter-sign-up) or send us an email to [LyttonParkResidentsOrg@gmail.com](mailto:LyttonParkResidentsOrg@gmail.com). Please share this newsletter with neighbours!

**LPRO Membership - Time to renew or join for 2021**

As a non-profit organization run by community volunteers, we rely on your membership to cover our costs to advocate for the community, provide newsletters, lead an annual community yard sale and a ravine clean-up, organize speaker events and host election candidate debates. Please join or renew your membership. The membership form and details on how to pay the \$30 annual fee are on the last page of this newsletter or on our web site at <http://www.lyttonparkro.ca/>. Thankyou for your support.

## Support Others This Holiday Season

If you're looking to get involved, there are a number of community organizations that would appreciate your support this holiday season. Some ideas include:

- [Holiday Wish List](#): This list features 14 City-funded community agencies that support individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Each agency has provided a wish list which includes donations of clothes, personal hygiene products, gift cards, toys and more.
- Donations to food organizations such as [North York Harvest](#), [Second Harvest](#), and [FoodShare](#). During this challenging time, the [Daily Bread Food Bank](#) is also accepting monetary donations. Residents can also place online orders at their local grocery store and have it delivered to the Daily Bread warehouse.
- Donations to support pets living with low-income families, medical care for sick and injured animals, as well as to support spay/neuter and vaccination programs. To protect staff and animals during COVID-19, [Toronto Animal Services](#) is accepting financial donations.
- [Firefighters Toy Drive](#): Donate a new, unwrapped toy or a gift card for an older child to your local Toronto Fire Hall.

Donations of funds, goods, and services to City and community partner programs can be made through the [DonateTO](#), the City's official giving portal.

## Welcome T.O. Winter – Canadians CAN Embrace Winter!

City of Toronto has launched [Welcome T.O. Winter Parks Plan](#)

The City continues to urge people to stay at home as much as possible but recognizes public health officials have encouraged people to stay active

Stay active this winter with members of your household with:

- [23 toboggan hills](#) across Toronto.
- 8 snow loops for walking and snowshoeing at the City's five golf courses
- Free, leisure [skating at the City's 54 outdoor ice rinks](#), including local rinks at Otter Creek, Eglinton Park and Ledbury. To reduce the spread of COVID-19 at City outdoor ice rinks, participants must maintain a physical distance of six feet and to ensure masks or cloth face coverings be worn on and off the ice surface. Pleasure skating is available in 45-minute time slots, starting on the hour. Only 25 people are allowed on the ice at a time. Spots are available by advanced reservation with some space left for "walk-ons". In order to use the online reservations system, you need a household "family number" and an individual "client number" for every member of your household who plans to skate. These numbers are available from Toronto Recreation, call 416-396-7378, Monday to Friday, 8 am to 5 pm.
- [Click on this link](#) for many more winter activities!

Click to see [BlogTO's Map of Places to have fun Outdoors in Toronto this winter](#)

## New Traffic Lights on Duplex

From Councillor Mike Colle's [December 2020 Newsletter](#):

"I am happy to inform you that **two new signals** were approved by North York Community Council and Transportation Services staff have advised that traffic lights have been activated on December 7th at the following intersections:

- Duplex Avenue and Montgomery Avenue
- Duplex Avenue and Orchard View Blvd."



More information [available here](#).

### REMINDER

Speed Cameras are now on Avenue Rd by Allenby Junior Public School.

In total 50 cameras were installed city-wide on local, collector and arterial roads in Community Safety Zones near schools.



## City Council Approves Expansion of Sidewalk Snow Clearing

From Councillor [Josh Matlow's December 1, 2020 Newsletter](#):

"As many of you know, I've been advocating for the harmonization of sidewalk snow clearing services across all City of Toronto neighbourhoods for many years. However, with the COVID-19 pandemic forcing us all to be outdoors, I've been urging my colleagues on Council since September to get this done once and for all.



While I would've liked this to come sooner, and faster, I'm very pleased to announce that at last week's City Council meeting my colleagues approved my [motion](#) which asked City Staff to expand the sidewalk snow clearing pilot for this winter and finally provide a path forward towards full harmonization for the 2021-2022 winter season!

My gratitude to Mayor Tory, Councillor Layton the Deer Park Residents Group and so many other local neighborhood groups and residents for their steadfast support. I will continue to provide you with timely updates on this item. We are finally making real progress on creating a more equitable, safe and accessible city. To read more, please see the Toronto Star article [here](#) and the BlogTO article [here](#)."

## Winter Mask Challenges

CBC News December 4, 2020 Article - [It's winter. It's cold. How do I deal with a mask that freezes?](#)

"Will my mask work if it gets wet and/or freezes? The short answer is probably not."

## Outdoor Fire Pits - Open Air Burning Rules

**According to Toronto Fire Services:** [Open-Air Burning](#) means any fire or burning that is conducted outside a building. [Open-air burning is not permitted within the City of Toronto](#) except under the following conditions:

- A permit has been issued by Toronto Fire Services and/or Parks, Forestry and Recreation.
- The open-air burning consists of a small, confined fire that is used to cook food on a grill, barbecue or spit. The burning must be in proportion to the type and quantity of food being cooked and be supervised at all times.
- The appliance being used meets the requirements of the Technical Standards and Safety Act, 2000; is for outdoor use; and has been assembled and installed according to the manufacturer's instructions.

**Remember:** Outdoor fireplaces can be purchased at retail outlets throughout the city, but it does not mean that open-air burning is permitted for their use.

**Wood-Fueled** recreational campfires, fire pits, chimineas (outdoor fireplaces) and fire bowls are not permitted.

**Natural gas and propane-fueled**, decorative fire pits are allowed and do not require a permit; however, they are not intended to be used to cook food. These fire pits must be:

- Operated with natural gas or propane only
- Supervised at all times
- Operated in a safe manner and located away from combustibles
- ULC I CSA approved
- Certified for outdoor use
- Assembled, installed and operated following the manufacturer's instructions

**Never burn:** leaves, rubbish, plastics, accelerants like gasoline, wood or cardboard. Embers from burn leaves and garbage are not only toxic but the embers may be blown into another property and cause a fire. Any open-air burn that does not meet the requirements in the Ontario Fire Code shall be extinguished.

**Key tip:** Avoid ethanol-fueled tabletop fires, which have been the cause of multiple injuries and deaths across Ontario.

Open-air burn can cause significant fire hazards, produce toxic fumes and chemicals, reduce visibility, and increase odors. *“Open air burning is not permitted within the City of Toronto and is enforceable under Ontario Fire Code Article 2.4.4.4.”*

See also: [These are the rules for Outdoor Fire pits at home in Toronto](#)  
by Tanya Mok



## SHOP LOCAL, EAT LOCAL

It is more important than ever to continue supporting our local businesses as we navigate the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. When planning your holiday shopping, please consider supporting the amazing assortment of small businesses in our community by shopping online, purchasing a gift card, or ordering take-out, delivery, and curbside pick-up.

## City Grants for Pollinator Gardens

From Councillor Mike Colle's [December 2020 Newsletter](#):

"Grants of up to **\$5,000** are available to support community-led projects to create or expand pollinator habitat in Toronto. Projects eligible for funding through the City's PollinateTO Community Grants include those that:

- Create pollinator gardens and rain gardens on public and private lands, including residential streets, neighbourhoods and school yards
- Enhance or expand existing gardens with native pollinator-friendly plants



Native pollinators are under threat from climate change, habitat loss, and other stressors. You can help by creating a pollinator garden! **Learn more and apply by January 8, 2021.** Visit [livegreentoronto.ca](http://livegreentoronto.ca) for more info. "

## SolarTO Offers Green Solutions for Property Owners

From Councillor Jaye Robinson December 9, 2020 Newsletter:

"The City of Toronto is encouraging Torontonians to upgrade their homes and businesses with solar photovoltaic (PV) panels through the new [SolarTO](#) program. As a renewable and free energy source, solar power has considerably less environmental impact than alternative power sources.

SolarTO offers access to complimentary consultations on the feasibility of solar PV implementation on your property, including layout, sizing, and budgetary estimates. The benefits of equipping your home or building with solar PV panels include: reducing the cost of your utility bill, increasing your property value, and contributing to the reduction of the City's overall emissions footprint.

I will continue to support new and innovative programs that strive to build a better and greener Toronto. During my time on City Council, I have championed environmental protection initiatives both within Ward 15 and throughout the City including initiatives to shift towards an [Extended Producer Responsibility model for recycling](#), [protect the Great Lakes from sewer outflow](#), and [electrify the TTC's Bus Fleet](#). The adoption of solar energy throughout Toronto will be a significant step towards realizing our [TransformTO](#) goal to transfer the City to 75% renewable and low carbon energy sources by 2050."

## Area Developments - Updates

### 41 Chatsworth Drive

On November 13, the Developer submitted a revised proposal which fails to address many of the concerns of LPRO and City Planning. The revised proposal has slightly increased the proposed height, which remains unreasonable for a low-rise residential area. The proposed density is over 5 times what is currently permitted. The building is too close to Chatsworth Drive and Duplex Parkette. It fails to meet the required on-site parkland dedication.

On December 3, North York Community Council adopted a City Planning Report recommending that the application be refused. The report also recommends the City attempt to reach an agreement with the Developer, failing which the City will oppose the application at an LPAT hearing. The report will be on the agenda of City Council's December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting where there will be a final vote on refusing the current proposal. LPRO sent a [letter](#) to North York Community Council commenting on the Report and revised proposal.

The Developer appealed to LPAT in 2019. LPRO has Party Status in the appeal. All parties agreed to attempt to resolve the matter through mediation.



Revised proposed viewed from Chatsworth Dr.



Revised proposal view from Duplex Parkette

### **2908 Yonge Street (Petro Canada @ Chatsworth)**

The Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) hearing is scheduled to begin on February 16, 2021 and last for two weeks. Thanks to generous support from the community, LPRO has retained a lawyer to represent us and a planner to act as our planning witness. This will allow us to fully participate in the hearing, opposing the current proposal. More information on 2908 Yonge can be found on LPRO's [website](#).

### **1 Alexandra Boulevard (2674- 2704 Yonge Street)**

A Preliminary Report was considered by North York Community Council on November 4. LPRO submitted a letter expressing our thoughts on the application including unresolved issues. We are currently waiting for the date of the upcoming community consultation meeting, which will likely take place in January. More information on 1 Alexandra Boulevard can be found on LPRO's [website](#).



### **Avenue and Lawrence**

Following the October community consultation meeting, we are waiting for First Capital to revise the proposal. These revisions should take into account City and community feedback. More information on the Avenue and Lawrence proposal can be found on LPRO's [website](#).

### **3180 Yonge Street @ Bedford Park**

A new application was submitted in November for a 46.1m/12 storey + mechanical-level building. The Developer did not engage with any resident groups before submitting the proposal. The proposed development disregards City Planning policies and is not acceptable. LPRO, the Bedford Park Residents' Organization and the South Armour Residents' Association have sent letters to City Planning and the Councillor's office expressing our significant concerns. More information on the 3180 Yonge Street application can be found on LPRO's [website](#).

### **2400-2444 Yonge Street @ Roselawn**

The Developer appealed to LPAT several years ago. LPRO and the Eglinton Park Residents' Association were granted Party Status. All parties agreed to mediation. More information on the 2400-2444 Yonge Street application can be found on LPRO's [website](#).

## **Zoom Exercise & Fall Prevention Class**

Circle of Care/Armour Heights Presbyterian Church are now offering additional exercise classes online through ZOOM. Circle of Care provides exercise and falls prevention classes to older adults living in the community. Classes are funded by the Central Local Health Integration Network (CLIN) and are offered to eligible participants free of charge. To view the updated Schedule with additional days and times [CLICK](#) to register.

## Excessive Noise – Councillor Matlow’s Petition

From [Councillor Josh Matlow’s website](#):

“Ontarians are home for longer hours than ever. The vast majority of residents are doing their part to stop the spread of COVID by staying home and limiting their interactions with members of other households. Essential workers deserve a quiet home to return to. Since the provincial government implemented Limitation 2 to Ontario Regulation 130/20 of the City of Toronto Act, residents who live in multi-residential buildings have been dealing with excessive construction noise without any relief from the very early mornings to the late night.

Residential construction, without proper public health protocols, can put residents at risk of COVID-19 infection, as it allows construction workers inside common areas of multi-residential buildings and often within tenants’ units. In addition, mental health is a serious issue for Ontarians as a result of the pandemic and it will only be worsened by constant noise.

Unrelenting noise also impacts the productivity and thus the job security of individuals working from home.”

[Click for more information and to read Councillor Matlow’s petition.](#)

## Re-imagine Yonge Street

[David Suzuki Foundation – Let’s make Yonge safe for walkers and cyclists”](#)

Re-imagine Yonge Shepard to Finch - Please sign the David Suzuki Foundation [petition](#) if you are inclined to support a safer North York Main Street.

## BLOOD DONORS WANTED

### A Message from Canadian Blood Services



Now more than ever, we need to support the **Canadian Blood Services'** (CBS) efforts to solicit blood donors in the City of Toronto.

Since COVID-19, CBS is falling short of their target of 1,048 appointments per week in Toronto. They need **YOUR** help so they can provide the necessary amount of blood to Toronto-area hospitals, including daily shipments to SickKids.

I encourage you to visit [www.blood.ca/donate](http://www.blood.ca/donate) or call **1-888-2-donate** in order to make an appointment to donate, blood, plasma, platelets, or to request a stem cell swabbing kit by mail.

# COVID

Mayor John Tory December 9, 2020 Tweet:



**John Tory** @JohnTory · 1h  
Stay home as much as possible for your family.  
Stay home for your friends.  
Stay home for your neighbours.  
Stay home for the frontline workers.  
Stay home for the essential workers.  
  
Please, stay home for your fellow Torontonians.

Visit the [City of Toronto web site](https://www.toronto.ca/covid19) for new information and resources



**WANT**  
TO HOST A DINNER PARTY

**NEED**  
TO DO IT VIRTUALLY

Stay home. Stay safe. Protect yourself and others.

## FEELINGS OF STRESS AND ANXIETY ARE NORMAL DURING COVID-19

<p>Stay connected. Play a virtual game, check in on a neighbour, have a video chat.</p> 	<p>Be active &amp; take care of yourself. Exercise, eat well, get enough sleep.</p> 	<p>Take time to engage virtually or by phone with friends, family &amp; loved ones.</p> 	<p>Learn something new. Try a new hobby or take an online course.</p> 	<p>Help someone else. Doing good can feel good.</p> 	<p>Reach out for help. Talk to someone you trust or seek professional support.</p> 
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## Lytton Park Volunteers Welcome!

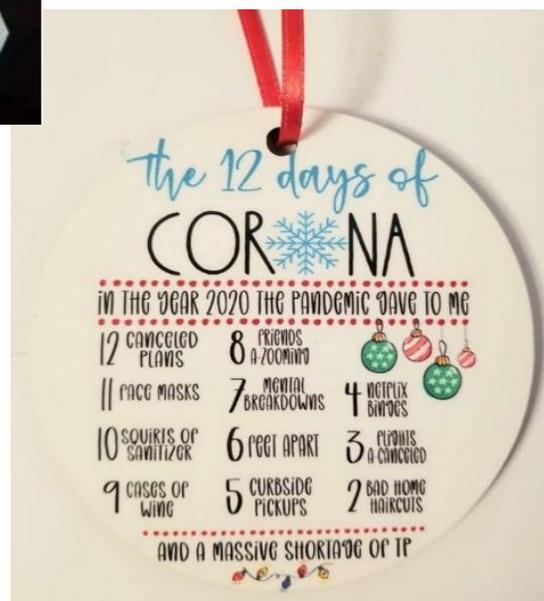
Interested in connecting to your local community and having positive local impact? Become an LPRO volunteer!

Opportunities include newsletter and website contributor, photographer, local historian, event organizer, issue advocate (e.g. bicycling, greening Lytton Park). We also welcome those who would like to share their expertise in urban planning. For more information, contact [LyttonParkResidentsOrg@gmail.com](mailto:LyttonParkResidentsOrg@gmail.com), with *Volunteer* in the subject line.

Newsletter Content - We are always on the lookout for interesting material for the LPRO newsletter. If you have suggestions/ideas, please send them to [LyttonParkResidentsOrg@gmail.com](mailto:LyttonParkResidentsOrg@gmail.com), with *Newsletter* in the subject line.

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## Holiday Holidays!



**Lytton Park Residents' Organization**  
**Annual Membership \$30.00 per household**  
**Join or Renew For 2021!**

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 2021**. Your support helps us vigorously represent our shared neighbourhood interests. Our collective voice has an 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., MAILING ADDRESS PO Box 1348, 2708 Yonge St., Toronto, ON M4P 3J4"; 2) or even easier - donate via Credit Card/PayPal: visit <http://www.lyttonparkro.ca/join-volunteer-donate>; or 3) Cheques with this form can also be dropped off at 235 Glenview Avenue.**

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**2021 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)**  
**Together, we DO make a difference!**