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Hi Neighbour!

Plenty of events are happening in Willowdale this weekend, and it's the perfect time to get into the holiday spirit! Whether you're looking to do some seasonal shopping, connecting with your community on a walk around Willowdale, or an Advent Messy Church service, there's something for everyone!

Here's a roundup of what's happening this weekend:

SEE YOU LATER TODAY AT THE WE LOVE WILLOWDALE CHRISTMAS MARKET AT MEL LASTMAN SQUARE!

I hope to see you all **TODAY, Sat. November 30**, at **Mel Lastman Square** for the **Second Annual We Love Willowdale Christmas Market!**

Schedule:

- 2-8pm: Artisan Market
- 6:30-7pm: Festive Tree Lighting Celebration Presented by the Yonge North York BIA
- 7-8pm: Community Sing-a-long

At the market you'll find:

- 50+ artisan vendors and small businesses
- Live Entertainment & Community Sing-a-Long
- Food Trucks
- Hot Chocolate
- Family Photo Booth
- Kids Activities from Sunnyside Up Camp
- Santa and Mrs. Claus
- Cram A 32 Division Cruiser Food Drive - bring a non-perishable food item!

You're encouraged to RSVP each attendee from your group for the market. General RSVP (13+) is a suggested \$5 donation! You can also donate in person at the event! Funds raised through donations from the public go directly to supporting our neighbours this holiday season through NeighbourLink's food bank, senior, youth and newcomer programs!

You can learn more about the market and RSVP at www.neighbourlink.org/christmas

[Click Here](#) for the official map of the Christmas Market!

TODAY AT 10AM! AVONDALE WALK AND TALK

Do you live in Avondale, and want to meet new people and get to know your neighbours in a healthy, authentic way?

Join the Avondale Walk and Talk, hosted by the Avondale Social Events Committee, for a casual fun walk around Avondale and Glendora Park on Saturday, November 30th at 10 am.

Interested? Please RSVP by filling out the waiver form:

bit.ly/avondalewalkntalk

Scroll down for more details.

EDITHVALE COMMUNITY CENTRE'S OUTDOOR ICE RINK IS NOW OPEN!

The outdoor community rink at Edithvale Community Centre is back again! They are looking for volunteers to assist with putting up the boards today, **Saturday, November 30th, at 10 a.m.** If you are available and able to help or just want to see how a community rink is built, head over to Edithvale Park, by the soccer field. Come share in the joy that this rink brings to so many residents in the neighbourhood. The more the merrier, and many hands make light work!

TODAY FROM 11AM - 1PM! ADVENT MESSY CHURCH AT LANSING UNITED CHURCH

Messy Church is an informal and fun way to remember the Christmas story, be creative, live into the season, and enjoy some pizza with your community!

All ages are welcome. Please RSVP by calling **416-221-1722** or emailing lansingunited@lansingchurch.com.

To learn more, please contact Rev. Brad Inglis at 416-268-7592 or minister@lansingchurch.com.

Upcoming Holiday Events in Willowdale

Are you looking for festive fun in Willowdale this holiday season? Whether you're in the mood for Christmas markets, holiday drives, bake sales, tree lightings, or a "Messy" Church service, there's something special for everyone to enjoy!

TODAY! Sat. Nov. 30	We Love Willowdale Christmas Market Market: 2pm - 8pm Festive Tree Lighting: 6:30pm - 7pm Community Sing-a-Long: 7pm - 8pm
TODAY! Sat. Nov. 30, 11am-1pm	Advent Messy Church - Lansing United Church
THIS WEEK! Dec. 4 - 5, 11am-7pm	Holiday Market presented by The Curated Market Co. and JLL Canada at North American Centre, 5650/5700 Yonge St.
THIS WEEK! Thurs. Dec. 5, 6pm-9pm	Cameron Public School's 2024 Holiday Market
STARTING THIS WEEK! Dec. 6 - 23	Holiday Fair in the Square by Epilepsy Toronto at Mel Lastman Square
NEXT WEEKEND! Sat. Dec. 7, 9am-1pm	St. Edward Catholic School's 1st Annual Christmas Market
Tue. Dec. 10, 4pm-7pm	Winter Charity Drive - Lansing United Church (see below for details)
Thu. Dec. 12, 7:30pm	A Cummer Christmas Concert and Carol Sing
Sat. Dec. 14, 10am-4pm and Sun. Dec 15, 12pm-5pm	Artisan Holiday Market at John Mckenzie House (scroll down for more details)
Wed. Dec. 25, 6pm	Annual Chanukah Menorah Lighting at Mel Lastman Square
Sat. Dec. 28, 8pm	Kindred Spirits Orchestra: New Year's Gala
Sat. Jan. 11 '25	Willowdale Community Skate Party at Mel Lastman Square

Other Upcoming Community Events

TODAY! Sat. Nov. 30, 10am	Avondale Walk and Talk starting at Avondale Park
THIS TUESDAY! Dec. 3, 9:30am-3pm	North York Community Council including ReNew Sheppard

	Secondary Plan Revision Click Here to see the agenda.
Sunday, Dec. 15, 5pm-7:30pm	NeighbourLink North York's Newcomer Welcome Tea
EVERY THURSDAY! 7:30pm	Live Lounge at the Novotel Hotel

REMINDER! Please take some action

I hope you can find a window this weekend and provide some feedback to ensure Willowdale voices are represented in the City's many decisions on policy and investment.

ReNew Sheppard Secondary Plan - NEXT TUESDAY, December 3

Community members will have a chance to make deputations (spoken statements made virtually or in person) about the proposed changes that will add significant density along Sheppard east of Wilfred to Leslie. [Click Here](#) to see what is being proposed. [Click Here](#) to see the maps (pages 33-42). [Click Here](#) to register to speak or to submit a written statement.

Want more parks and recreation centres in Willowdale? Help shape the future of Toronto's recreation spaces and parks!

The City is seeking input from community members to guide growth and investment in recreation facilities and parks across the city. Take the online survey by [Clicking Here](#). The deadline is Dec.18. [Click Here](#) to learn more about the plan.

Bishop Park: [Click Here](#) to take the survey. Share your thoughts on what an improved and expanded Bishop Park could look like! The survey closes on Sunday, December 8, 2024.

Wedgewood Park: [Click Here](#) to take the survey. The City of Toronto is improving the playground in Wedgewood Park North York! Help design the new playground by sharing your thoughts on the play equipment in this short survey. [Click Here](#) to learn more about the project.

Maxome/Bishop Traffic: [Click Here](#) to take the survey. In response to recent concerns that have risen around Maxome Ave, this survey is collecting feedback on 3 change proposals along Maxome Ave.:

- Traffic Calming (E.g. Speed Humps) installation on Maxome Ave, from Finch Ave E to Steeles Ave E.
- Removal of Left Turn Prohibition from Bishop Ave onto Maxome Ave. and Right Turn Prohibition from Maxome Ave to Bishop Ave.
- Removal of North-South Travel Prohibition on Steeles Ave E & Maxome Ave.

I hope to see you later today at the **We Love Willowdale Christmas Market** and **Festive Tree Lighting!**

Warmest regards,

Lily Cheng 陳伶俐
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Councillor Lily Cheng

Ward 18 Willowdale / Councillor_Cheng@toronto.ca / 416-392-0210

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COUNCILLOR UPDATES

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WILLOWDALE COMMUNITY EVENTS
Fall 2024 Calendar

MEL LASTMAN SQUARE

- OCT 19-20 North York Diwali Fest
- NOV 30 NeighbourLink Christmas Market w/ Yonge North York BIA Festive Tree Lighting
- DEC 6-22 Holiday Fair in the Square by Epilepsy Toronto
- DEC 25 Hanukkah - Light Up The Night
- Jan 11 /25 Willowdale Community Skate Party

HOLIDAY MARKETS

- NOV 16 Danish Fall Bazaar
- NOV 16 Willowdale Christian School Annual Christmas Bazaar
- NOV 29-30 St. Luke's Christmas Craft Market
- DEC 14/15 Artisan Holiday Market at John McKenzie House

COUNCILLOR & COMMUNITY

- TUESDAYS Bachata Classes by BCNA at St. Agnes Catholic School
- OCT 10 & EVERY THU Art Classes by Willowdale Group of Artists at Edithvale
- OCT 15 Gwendolen Pizza Playdate Park Consultation
- OCT 17 Newtonbrook East Spaghetti Town Hall at Brebeuf College
- OCT 29 Willowdale West Spaghetti Town Hall at St. Edwards Church
- OCT 29-30 EngageFest! Community Building Conference
- OCT 25-27 Sunnyside Up Haunted House at St. Cyril
- OCT 31 Ooo'Oulahan Halloween Night
- NOV 1 Pumpkin Parade at Edithvale by EYCA
- NOV 6 Willowdale East Spaghetti Town Hall at Willowdale Baptist Church
- NOV 6 & EVERY THU Live Lounge at Novotel • Nov.- Mar. Willowdale Arts Collective Follow @NorthTorontoLive
- NOV 7 Willowdale TTC Consultation
- NOV 9-23 Willowdale Group of Artists Art Show
- NOV 9 Silk Road Canvas Arts Event at Lansing United Church
- NOV 16 Willowdale Leadership Symposium
- FEB 8 / 25 Willowdale Lunar New Year Celebration
- MAR 1 / 25 Willowdale Celebrates Nowruz

WILLOWDALE WARD 18

LET'S CONNECT

PLEASE NOTE: Events and times are subject to change. Please sign up for our E-Newsletter or visit www.lilycheng.ca/events for updates, google calendar & printable calendar.

Sign up TODAY!
EVENT & EMAIL UPDATES
www.lilycheng.ca

[@LilyChengTO](#) [lilycheng.ca](#) 416-392-0210 councillor_cheng@toronto.ca

FALL COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR!

Get ready for an autumn of excitement in Willowdale! Looking for fun for the season? Look no further! We've got all the hottest events lined up for you this autumn. From markets to parades, there's something for everyone. Print out our flyer to stay in the loop with all the can't-miss events happening in Willowdale this season!

Print Now!

CITY OF TORONTO UPDATES

Investigation Work at Yonge St. & Steeles Ave. E. (Updated Schedule & Work Hours)

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Hours: 9:00pm - 6:00am

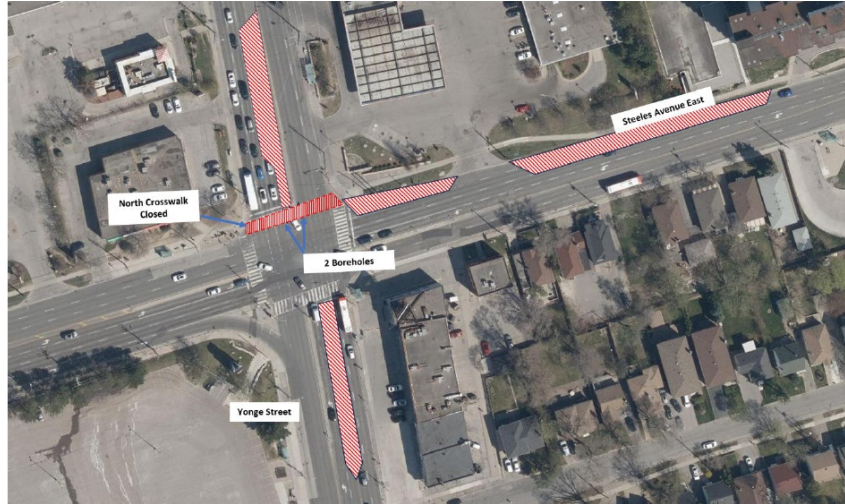


Figure 1: The approximate work zone and traffic controls for geotechnical investigation work. Map is not to scale and for illustrative purposes only.

What is happening?

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About the Yonge North Subway Extension:

The Yonge North Subway Extension will transform the commute in York Region, Toronto and beyond by extending the TTC's Line 1 subway service north from Finch Station to Vaughan, Markham and Richmond Hill. This extension includes five confirmed subway stations along an extension of roughly eight kilometres.

Still have questions? Ask us! YongeSubwayExt@metrolinx.com, or 416-202-7000.

Visit us at: 295 High Tech Road Unit 4, Richmond Hill
Find us on social media @YongeSubwayExt
Visit the website: www.metrolinx.com/YongeSubwayExt
Disponible en français sur demande. Si vous êtes intéressé, veuillez envoyer un courriel à YongeSubwayExt@metrolinx.com.

Information as of: November 19, 2024



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[Learn More](#)

Public Health Agency of Canada
Agence de la santé publique du Canada

GRANT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH

APPLY NOW for the School Health Grant for Youth

\$1000

ARE YOU...

- ✓ A **Canadian youth** aged **16-19**?
- ✓ A student in **secondary** or **post-secondary** school?
- ✓ Passionate about **healthy living**?

YOUTH-LED PROJECTS MUST FOCUS ON ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- **Positive mental health + well-being**
- **Reducing substance-related harms**
- **Healthy eating + nutrition**
- **Physical activity**

Interested in applying?

Check out our website:
Canada.ca/youth-school-grant

SCAN ME!

For more information:
school.health.grant-subvention.sante.scolaire@phac-aspc.gc.ca

SCHOOL HEALTH GRANT FOR YOUTH

Are you aged 16 to 19 and enrolled in secondary or post-secondary school? Are you looking to make a positive difference in your school? Do you have a passion for healthy living?

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) is offering time limited micro-grants of \$1,000 to youth like yourself to develop youth-driven projects that encourage and promote youth healthy living in a school-setting. Micro-grants will be awarded to fund eligible projects on a first-come, first-served basis.

As part of its mandate, PHAC aims to help all people living in Canada, including youth, live healthier lives. One way that PHAC achieves this is by funding projects that help people control, maintain and improve their health. This is called health promotion.

A part of health promotion is health equity, which involves ensuring that everyone has an equal opportunity to be healthy. It is important because not everyone has the same opportunities or faces the same challenges when it comes to their health. For example, youth who live in remote areas or those from equity-deserving groups may face barriers to accessing health related resources. Health equity is about recognizing these differences and working to remove barriers so that everyone can achieve good health. Incorporating health equity in your project activities will help you to consider how diverse groups of people may access and experience them. This can help enhance the reach and impact of your project by making it more inclusive.

Why fund youth-led projects? Youth know best about the health and well-being issues that concern and affect them. Youth also have the right to actively participate in identifying health issues that involve themselves and their peers. With this grant, you as a youth can promote health in your school by developing youth-led projects. The projects can support your peers to make healthy choices and live in healthy ways now and in the future.

Members of official language minority communities are encouraged to apply to this grant.

[Learn More](#)



GWENDOLEN PARK PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENT

The City of Toronto recently engaged with the community about the future of this park through a pop-up session and an online survey, reaching over 250 neighborhood residents.

Based on community feedback, a playground design has been selected and refined to reflect specific requests. **The project is now in the design development phase and on track for construction to begin in summer/fall 2025, with the playground anticipated to reopen in fall/winter 2025.**

You can get more detail about this park project by [clicking here](#).



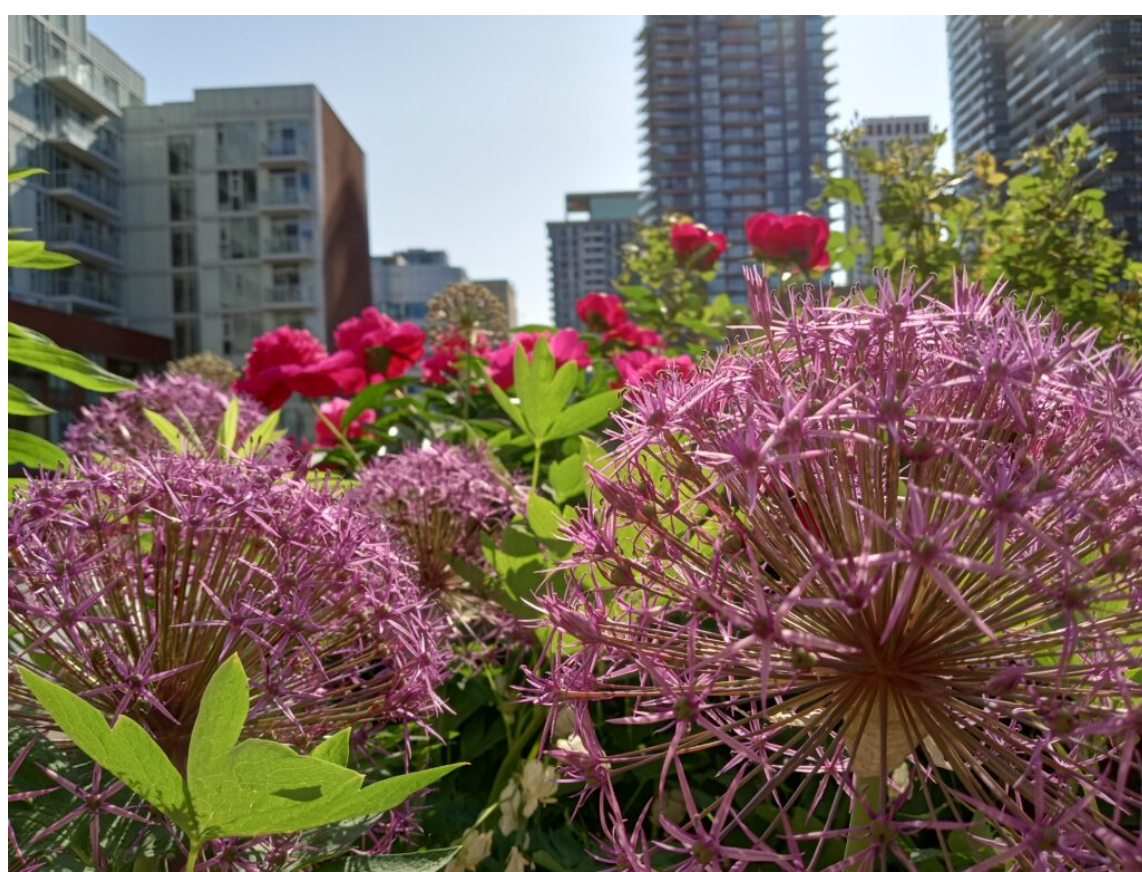
AVENUES POLICY REVIEW: CITY-WIDE CONSULTATION

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Avenues Policy Review: City-wide consultation! If you were unable to make it, don't worry, a recording of the City-wide presentation is available [here](#). Please also see below for resources and information shared in the presentation.

Please click here to access the [slide deck](#) used during the presentation, and the draft [Urban Structure Map](#). This draft map is available on the Housing Action Plan: Avenues, Mid-rise and Mixed Use Areas Study [project webpage](#), where you can also find details of [upcoming meeting dates](#) for the second phase of consultations should you wish to participate further. Project updates will also be posted to the project webpage as they become available.

The following resources were requested as part of the consultation: the [Mid-Rise Buildings Design Guidelines](#), Lake Shore Boulevard West Avenue Study [project webpage](#), and the [Toronto Housing Market Analysis](#).

Please stay tuned for the draft updated Mid-Rise Building Design Guidelines to be presented to the [Planning and Housing Committee on December 5, 2024](#).



CITY OF TORONTO GARDEN CONTEST - WILLOWDALE WINNER!

Congratulations to the winner of the **High Density category in this year's City of Toronto Garden Contest, 5 Kenneth Ave!** We're so proud to have such a beautiful community garden right here in Willowdale.

THANK YOU to the team of dedicated local volunteers for helping to make our neighborhood even more vibrant and green! Let's continue to celebrate the beauty of our community together!



STRATEGIC PARKING FRAMEWORK

The City of Toronto is developing a strategic framework for managing motor vehicle public parking, both on-street and in parking lots.

Good public parking management practices are critical to achieving important city-building goals, such as increasing housing supply, tackling climate change, affordability, and the efficient movement of people and goods. Too much parking, parking in the wrong places and poor parking management contribute to higher levels of traffic congestion, reduced transit reliability, safety hazards, inefficient use of land and lost opportunities for other City building uses such as housing and parks. Effective public parking management contributes to a livable city. The City-Wide Strategic Parking Framework features a comprehensive list of recommended policies and actions, and includes ideas such as:

- Converting underused parking lots into housing and parks
- Creating new systems to track and optimize parking management (i.e. supply and demand)
- Providing mobile apps for improved driver convenience (e.g. wayfinding to help locate available spaces)
- Installing more charging infrastructure for electric vehicles
- Using smart cameras and sensor technology for consistent parking enforcement
- Supporting the growth of carsharing and vehicle-for-hire
- Prioritizing main street curb space for transit, cycling, pedestrians, and deliveries
- Setting parking prices that are fair and align with City objectives

These ideas were created in consultation with parking experts, providers, and users, as well as many business improvement areas (BIAs). The framework makes full use of the City's tools for change:

- Data and technology
- Partnerships and collaboration
- Pricing, regulation and enforcement
- Land use management
- Communication and engagement

[Learn More](#)



LONG TERM WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

The City is updating the Long-term Waste Management Strategy approved by City Council in 2016, for the next implementation period of 2026 to 2036. The first consultation phase is scheduled from November 18 to December 20, 2024, where we are seeking feedback on how we have done so far on implementing the 2016 Waste Strategy and ideas to further reduce and divert waste from landfill. Stay informed on ways to get involved, including a public survey, an in-person drop-in event and virtual public meetings, by subscribing to the [Long-term Waste Management Strategy email list](#) and visiting the [web page](#).



CITY OF TORONTO WARMING CENTRES

Warming Centres are part of the City's [Winter Services Plan for people experiencing homelessness](#). The City activates Warming Centres when temperatures reach minus five degrees Celsius and/or when Environment and Climate Change Canada issues a winter weather event warning.

Warming Centres are pet-friendly and focus on getting and keeping vulnerable residents inside. Facilities provide:

- Resting spaces
- Meals
- Access to washroom facilities
- Referrals to emergency shelter

Individuals do not need to contact Central Intake to access a Warming Centre. Walk-ins are welcome. If someone arrives at a Warming Centre and it is at capacity, the City will assist with transportation to another Warming Centre, if space is available.

Generally, Warming Centres open at 5 p.m. on the day that locations are activated. Once open, Warming Centres remain open 24 hours a day until it is determined that locations will close. Once a Warming Centre closes to new admissions, staff work to refer individuals who remain onsite to alternate spaces in the shelter system.

[Learn More](#)

Recreation Programs Save the dates!



From November 6 Create or activate your account in the **NEW** system.

November 13 View programs

November 21 'Reserve a Spot'

November 26 Older Adult programs registration **NEW!**

December 3 and 4 Winter registration

toronto.ca/OnlineReg

PFR REGISTRATION AND BOOKING SYSTEM

ACTIVENet has officially been launched to members of the public, who are encouraged to create accounts in the new system so they are ready for Winter registration, which begins December 3 and 4.

PFR will be providing all seniors (aged 60+) the ability to register for Older Adult programs, in advance of the regular registration days. For the winter session, this means that all **Older Adult Programs (for persons aged 60+), can be registered for, by seniors, beginning Tuesday, November 26 at 10 a.m.** in person at any recreation or seniors' centre, online and over the phone.

All other programs will be open for registration at 7 a.m. on Tuesday, December 3 and Wednesday, December 4. Seniors wishing to take adult programs (those designed for persons 18+) will have the opportunity to register for these activities as part of the regular registration period.

[Learn More](#)



CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE - 311 - TORONTO AT YOUR SERVICE

The City of Toronto is conducting the **311 Awareness and Usage Survey** to gather feedback from residents, businesses, and visitors regarding their familiarity with the 311 Toronto service. The survey aims to understand the current 311 Service accuracy and clarity of our customer communication. Improving communication within the system will ensure that 311 Customer Service Representatives and our digital channels provide accurate information, ultimately enhancing the overall customer experience.

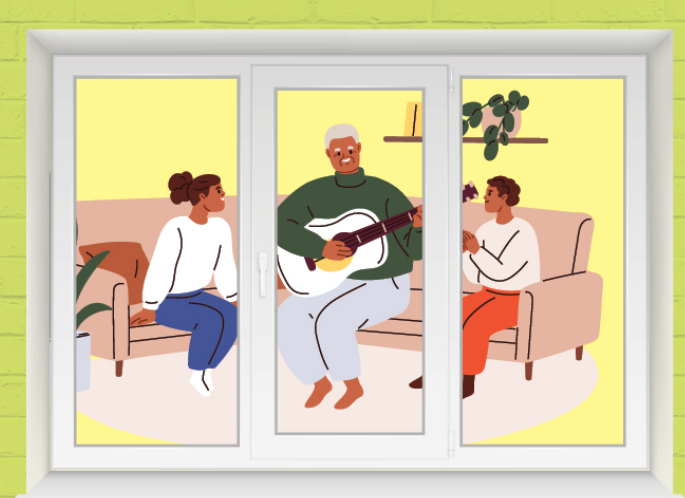
The survey will be live from November 4th to December 4th, 2024. Please take a moment to provide your feedback and help the City improve 311 services.

Please visit the [city webpage](#) for more information.

[Take the Survey!](#)

A home should be *lived in*.

Own a house or condo in Toronto?
Let us know if it's occupied or vacant.



Submit your 2024 Vacant Home Tax declaration today.



toronto.ca/VacantHomeTax



VACANT HOME TAX DECLARATION 2024 - 2025

On November 1, the Vacant Home Tax (VHT) declaration period opened for residential property owners.

Beginning on November 1st, homeowners are now able to declare the 2024 occupancy status of their property in three ways:

- through the online declaration portal at toronto.ca/VacantHomeTax
- by calling 311
- by visiting a Tax and Utility counter at City Hall or a civic centre. (North York Civic Centre - 5800 Yonge St)

If you experience trouble when trying to submit your declaration of occupancy status, you can call 311 or send an email to our office with details of your issue and the following information:

- Property owner's full name
- Property owner's phone number
- Property address (including postal code)
- Assessment roll number
- Details of the issue or problem

Q: What qualifies as a "vacant" home?

A: A house or condo is considered vacant if it is not the owner's principal/main residence or the principal residence of someone they permit to live there, or if it was not occupied by tenants for more than six months during the calendar year.

A property may qualify for an exemption from the Vacant Home Tax if certain conditions apply. If the property is the owner's main residence (where they reside and conduct their daily affairs, receive mail, pay bills, etc.) it can remain unoccupied and would not be considered vacant.

Q: What are the exemptions to the Vacant Home Tax?

A: Vacant Home Tax exemptions include properties that meet the following criteria:

- Property undergoing major repairs or renovations
- Legal transfer of ownership occurred within the taxation year
- Owner(s) is/are in an extended, long-term care facility (can be claimed for two consecutive years)
- Registered owner passed away in the taxation year or the two previous taxation years (can be claimed for three consecutive years)
- Property is required as a secondary residence by the owner or their spouse for full-time employment purposes
- Property is required as a secondary residence by the owner, their spouse or dependent for medical treatment in Toronto
- Property cannot be occupied due to court order
- Property was newly constructed and never occupied or sold and was actively listed for sale during the taxation year (can be claimed for two consecutive years)

Q: How can homeowners who need to make their declaration in another language get help?

A: Homeowners who need assistance making their declaration can call 311 which offers service in more than 180 languages.

Q: What support is available for seniors or those with limited computer access?

A: Homeowners who do not have easy access to a computer can declare the occupancy status of their property by calling 311. Or they can make a declaration at a Tax and Utility counter at Toronto City Hall or a civic centre. Homeowners can also have a family member or friend complete the online declaration for them.

In addition, the City is offering dedicated in-person assistance to submit a VHT declaration at [drop-in sessions on select dates](#).

[Learn More](#)

COMMUNITY UPDATES

EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC OF THE SEASON!

WE LOVE WILLOWDALE
CHRISTMAS MARKET
EST. 2021
NeighbourLink NORTH YORK

YONGE NORTH YORK
FESTIVE TREE LIGHTING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH
Market 2-8pm | Tree Lighting 6:30pm
Mel Lastman Square

FESTIVE EATS & DRINKS 50+ LOCAL ARTISANS ENTERTAINMENT, PHOTOS & GAMES

LEARN MORE & RSVP AT
neighbourlink.org/christmas
yongenorthyork.com/festiveseason

WE LOVE WILLOWDALE CHRISTMAS MARKET

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AVONDALE WALK AND TALK
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30TH 10AM
AVONDALE SOCIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE BRINGING NEIGHBOURS TOGETHER FOR A FUN WALK THROUGH OUR PARKS. JOIN OUR WHATSAPP SOCIAL EVENTS CHAT FOR DETAILS.

QR CODES: WHATSAPP, WAIVER & INFO

Map showing route through Avondale Park, Avonshire Park, and Glendora Park.

9:50 AM MEET AT AVONDALE PARK PLAYGROUND
10 AM HEAD SOUTH ON EVERSON
EAST ON HARRISON GARDEN TO AVONSHIRE PARK
NORTH TO OAKBURN CRES TURN AT AVONDALE P.S.
NORTH TO AVONDALE
EAST TO GLENDORA PARK
RETURN WEST THROUGH GLENDORA PARK
SOUTH ON DUDLEY
WEST ON AVONDALE
SOUTH ON EVERSON TO AVONDALE PARK
*conditions apply

*****Please register in writing for event**
Complete signed waiver and return by Nov 28th, 2024

AVONDALE WALK AND TALK

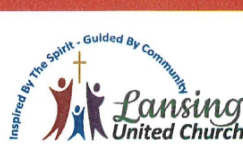
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Please see Poster for more details & information.



Join us for our Advent Messy Church!

Saturday, November 30th 11am to 1pm

49 Bogert Avenue, Toronto M2N 1K4

All are welcome!

Together, we will get ready for Christmas
...we will decorate the church and create/build our nativity family
(Mary, Joseph, Jesus and all of the other characters).

Advent is the season in the church - the four weeks before Christmas when we get ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus - which is why we celebrate Christmas and makes room for all of the other holiday traditions of family, Santa, Peace, Joy, Hope, Love and Goodwill. Messy Church is pretty informal and a fun way to remember the Christmas story, be creative, live into the season and there is always pizza!

Grandparents bring your grandchildren, parents bring your kids, kids bring your adults...you don't have to be a regular at Lansing to join us for this event. This is an intergenerational event and all are welcome!

Please RSVP to the office 416-221-1722 or lansingunited@lansingchurch.com, so we know how much Pizza to order!



If you want to know more, please contact our minister Rev. Brad Inglis at 416-268-7592 or minister@lansingchurch.com.

Merry Christmas!

LANSING UNITED'S ADVENT MESSY CHURCH

Lansing United Church is hosting an Advent Messy Church on November 30th from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM!

Messy Church is an informal and fun way to remember the Christmas story, be creative, live into the season, and enjoy some pizza with your community!

All ages are welcome.

Please RSVP by calling 416-221-1722 or emailing lansingunited@lansingchurch.com.

To learn more, please contact Rev. Brad Inglis at 416-268-7592 or minister@lansingchurch.com.



CAMERON PUBLIC SCHOOL'S
2024 HOLIDAY MARKET
211 Cameron Avenue, TORONTO, ON
(Yonge and 401 area)

DECEMBER | 05 | 6:00 - 9:00 PM

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FACE PAINTING, GAMES & ACTIVITIES, PHOTO BOOTH, FOOD,
and over 40 VENDORS

CAMERON PUBLIC SCHOOL'S 2024 HOLIDAY MARKET

You are invited to Cameron Public School's Holiday Market School Fundraiser!

Join in on **Thursday, December 5th, from 6:00-9:00 PM at Cameron P.S.** for a fun-filled evening with activities the whole family can enjoy, and of course shopping with over 40 local vendors. Admission is \$5.00 per person (children 10 and under are free).

Come out and support our fabulous school, and vendors. Bring your friends and neighbors, and help spread the word!

If you are a local business, and would like to provide an item or service as a donation for a door prize, please email Lisa at epsholidaymarket@gmail.com.



WINTER CHARITY DRIVE

LANSING UNITED CHURCH
49 Bogert Ave, Toronto M2N 1K4
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024
4:00PM TO 7:00PM

ITEMS FOR DONATION:
BRAND NEW WINTER JACKETS
TOOTHPASTE AND TOOTHBRUSHES,
SANITARY SUPPLIES, DEODORANT
SHAMPOO, CONDITIONER, TOILET PAPER

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WINTER CHARITY DRIVE

As the holiday season approaches, the warm-hearted community of Willowdale is thinking of those who may be facing challenges this time of year. One of our caring residents, **Elle Mollaei**, has initiated a Christmas Drive, and what better way to contribute than by donating winter clothing for all ages.

Join us on **December 10th** to make a difference in our neighborhood by giving the gift of warmth to those in need.

When: Tuesday, December 10, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Where: Lansing United Church, 49 Bogert Ave., M2N 1K4



A CUMMER CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND CAROL SING

Join the **North York Concert Band** & **Cummer Avenue United Church Choir** for an unforgettable evening of beautiful music and uplifting singing! Enjoy live performances, great company, and delicious refreshments.

A freewill offering will be accepted. Don't miss out—mark your calendars now!

When: Thursday, December 12, 7:30PM

Where: Cummer Avenue United Church, 53 Cummer Ave., North York

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ARTISAN HOLIDAY MARKET

DEC 14, 10AM – 4PM
DEC 15, NOON - 5PM

John McKenzie Historic House
34 Parkview Ave, North York

Calling all artisan shoppers!

Back by popular demand, the Artisan Holiday Market brings together local and regional makers so you can discover unique, one of a kind, gifts for those you love!

Celebrate the season on the grounds of historic John McKenzie House. A perfect venue to discover a wide range of local artisan makers.

Gift cards, paintings & prints, chocolate, coffee, jewelry, wearables and more. A relaxing and magical shopping experience like no other!

MEET THE ARTISAN MAKERS

DS CONFECTIONS
(CHOCOLATE & PASTARIES)

ELLA HARRISON
(KNITS & PERMANENT BRACELETS)

REVL TEA
(TEA & ACCESSORIES)

TERRA TERRA
(PLANTS & MORE)

FLOUR FLOWER
(BAKED GOODS / SWEETS)

PARKVIEW BLENDS COFFEE

JACK PINE GALLERY
(ART WORK)

AND MORE!

ARTISAN HOLIDAY MARKET

Back by popular demand, Willowdale's own "one of a kind" artisan market brings together local and regional makers so you can discover unique, one of a kind gifts for those you love!

Celebrate the season on the grounds of historic **John McKenzie House**. A perfect venue to discover a wide range of gifts sure to delight: gift cards, paintings & prints, coffee, chocolate, wearables and more. A relaxing and magical shopping experience like no other!

Eat, Drink and Be Merry!

When: Saturday, December 14, 10AM - 4PM and Sunday, December 15, 12PM - 5PM

Where: John McKenzie Historic House, 34 Parkview Ave., North York



KINDRED SPIRITS ORCHESTRA

SALUTE TO 2025!

Overtures, arias and duets from beloved operas by Mozart, Verdi Puccini, Rossini, Donizetti, Gounod, Tchaikovsky, and more

Meridian Arts Centre
George Weston
Recital Hall
5040 Yonge St, Toronto

Saturday
28
DECEMBER
2024
8:00 p.m.

Tickets: TicketMaster.ca
KSOchestra.ca
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416.366.7723

Celebrate the New Year in style!
Give yourself and your loved ones the gift of music.
Mark Wigmore | host (Classical 96.3 FM)

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KINDRED SPIRITS ORCHESTRA: NEW YEAR'S GALA

Celebrate the New Year in style! Join internationally renowned bass-baritone Geo Chobanov, soprano Alexa Frankian, and the Kindred Spirits Orchestra under the baton of maestro Kristian Alexander for a world-class gala featuring overtures, arias and duets from operas by Mozart, Verdi, Puccini, Donizetti, Rossini, Gounod, Tchaikovsky, and more.

When: Saturday, December 28, 8:00PM

Where: Meridian Arts Centre, George Weston Recital Hall, 5040 Yonge St.

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

LIVE LOUNGE
AT THE NOVOTEL NORTH YORK

@LEFT TURN: JUST ONE OF THE GREAT BANDS COMING SOON!

EVERY THURSDAY, STARTING NOV 14

SHOW STARTS 7:30PM

3 PARKHOLM AVE, NORTH YORK

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LIVE LOUNGE AT THE NOVOTEL NORTH YORK

Discover North Toronto's newest indoor live music venue, **Live Lounge at Novotel!** Located in the heart of Willowdale, just off Yonge Street. Experience great music, and good vibes, in the company of friends at our chill venue located at the **Novotel, 3 Park Home Ave.**

Unwind and enjoy some fantastic performances by talented musicians while enjoying a variety of food & drink from the Trio Restaurant and Bar. Whether you're a music enthusiast or just looking for a fun night out, this event is perfect for everyone. Don't miss out on this opportunity to experience live music in a relaxed and inviting atmosphere.

Willowdale Arts Collective has partnered with **T.U. Jazz Fest** to bring live performances from emerging musicians and award-winning artists.

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COMMUNITY RESOURCES
BOOKLET

WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY

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NORTH YORK COMMUNITY RESOURCES BOOKLET

The **North York Community Resources Booklet** is now available! This comprehensive guide provides essential information on local services, programs, and support in our community. Whether you're looking for health resources, legal aid services, or housing supports, you'll find everything you need in one place.

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