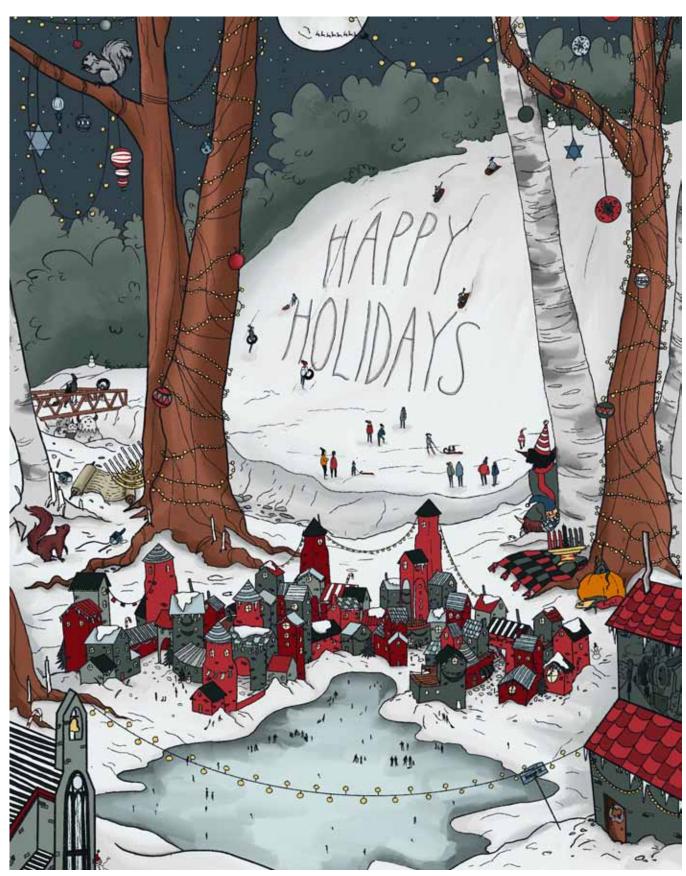


Holiday traditions keep family connections alive - pages 10-11

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There's holiday magic all around us



This delightful art is brought to you by **Emily de Kruyff**, who grew up in Centennial and attended Mowat, Joseph Howe and Charlottetown schools here. She also attended Sheridan College for illustration, visual and creative arts and art fundamentals.

Emily spends most of her time dreaming of other worlds within our own, and she believes if you look hard enough you can find magic in any part of the world. In Centennial she sees tiny elf villages, yetis under bridges, fairies dancing in trees and myths come to life in the parks. She knows there are many hidden worlds all around us, you just have to look for them.

"I wanted kids to look at the illustration and go looking for the tiny village. Hopefully, it inspires some kids," she said.

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Tree lighting party on December 4

A Holiday Tree Lighting Party will take place at the Port Union Community Centre on Saturday, December 4 from 4 - 6 p.m.

Come out and enjoy a hot chocolate and popcorn, some festive singing and a family photo with Santa, Elsa or the Grinch. Feel free to bring bells to ring in the holiday season as the lights on the large tree at the community centre are lit at 5:30 p.m.

This event is being organized by Jill's TEAM, Royal LePage Signature Realty. Donations are welcome and will be shared between Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities and Native Child and Family Services. Jill's TEAM will match all monetary donations collected up to a total of \$5,000.

Hey kids! Can you find these items in the hidden village?

- 6 Christmas trees
- 5 Snowmen
- 6 Candy canes
- 4 Stockings
- 3 Elves
- 3 Yetis
- 3 Kids sledding
- 2 Dreidels
- 2 Squirrels
- 1 Kinara
- 1 Santa Claus
- 1 Street sign The church
- The mural

Highland Creek Festival of Lights

Highland Creek Village's Festival of Lights will be held at the Wesleyan Cemetery on Old Kingston Rd. on Friday, December 3 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The countdown to lighting up the Village is at 7 p.m. Enjoy hot chocolate and sweet treats while listening to carolers and meeting Santa and Mrs. Claus. Food donations will be accepted from 12-8 p.m. and Daily Bread food boxes will be located in front of the cemetery. Presented by volunteers from the Highland Creek Community Association.

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Concerns over condos

Dear Councillors,

It is my hope that you will see fit to deny Altree Developments' application to amend the existing zoning bylaw for the following reasons:

- The developer knew of the existing height bylaw before purchasing the property.
- 2. The Highland Creek community is established as a low-density neighbourhood and adding two eightstory condos does not fit the existing community fabric.
- The proposed structures will be built extremely close to Colonel Danforth Park, which would undoubtedly have an impact on the environment as well as detract from the beauty of the park.
- 4. The eight-story structures will have an impact on the availability of afternoon sunshine to neighbouring residential areas as these structures will cast long shadows given their height. My residence is southeast of the proposed development and it is extremely unfair that my neighbours and I have our existing lifestyle altered by a builder who wants more profit.
- 5. The University of Toronto, Scarborough Campus is currently building new residential premises for its students at Ellesmere and Military Trail. It is understood that the university is planning for a large increase in students. The proposed Altree development has an excessive number of studio and one-bedroom units, and common sense would indicate that a majority of tenants will be students rather than families.
- Finally, if Altree doesn't believe that it can make a reasonable profit by building six-story condo units, it has the option to sell the property or develop townhouses, which would be more adaptable to the fabric of the existing community.

Ken Barnett

President's Message

A joyous holiday season to you and yours

By Kathy Rowe

n November 16, we held our Annual General Meeting. The virtual meeting was well attended and our guest speakers were an asset to the agenda. I'd like to thank Councillor Jennifer McKelvie as well as 43 Division constables Julie Rowe and Leanna Gill for their informative presentations. Highlights included future changes to local roads, community park upgrades and essential safety tips for our cars and homes. Our election for 2022 board members resulted in a new board member who will join us this month. I am pleased to announce that Kathy Rew is now a member of our executive board.

Reflecting on 2021, the CCRA is proud of the matters we advocated for on behalf of the community. The application for the biogas plant on Coronation Drive was withdrawn in February. I believe the pressure that area associations put on the politicians resulted in this decision. It took a great deal of work and support from key players. The decision by the company was music to our ears.

The traffic lights that were turned on in September at Meadowvale and Lawrence now provide a safe crossing for pedestrians and cars. A three-way stop at the intersection of McGrath Court and Tilley Drive has noticeably calmed down vehicle traffic. Most recently, the CCRA wrote a letter of objection to the Committee of Adjustment (COA) regarding an application for variances for a new build on Cedarview Drive. On November 17, I spoke to the objection of this application at the hearing and I am pleased to report that the application

Add two more to Shop Local list

In our November issue, Lorelee A. Sankarlal put together a list of small local businesses for shopping and entertaining this holiday season. Here are two more.

Crafted Tea Company: Handcrafted tea blends with a variety of black, green and white teas as well as herbal blends – www.craftedteacompany.ca, Facebook: @craftedteacompany, Instagram: @craftedtea.co

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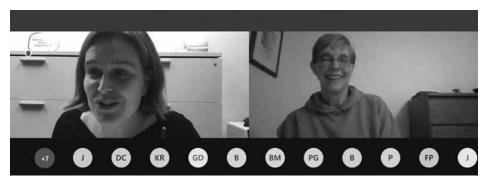
Looking to 2022, the CCRA will present some new projects and hopefully more in-person events!

Farewells

Board members Lori Gagnon and Alex Visan have left our board to pursue other interests. Three years ago, Lori created a donations/fundraising portfolio for the CCRA. Alex was our committee planning chair. I'd like to thank both Lori and Alex for their contributions to the CCRA over the past few years, and we wish them all the best.

Gratitude

I want to express my deep thanks to our board members who gave their time, energy and dedication to the CCRA throughout 2021. This board consists of an exceptionally bright



Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, left, was one of the guest speakers at the CCRA's virtual Annual General Meeting on November 16.

group of volunteers. I couldn't lead without their unwavering loyalty and support. I look forward to another year as we work together for our community.

It's Holiday Time

The Centennial holiday spirit is here! As you saw on page 1, there will be a tree lighting event at the Port Union Community Centre on Dec. 4 and

the Highland Creek Festival of Lights on Dec. 3. West Rouge Sports and Recreation will be hosting its first community outdoor carol sing at the West Rouge Community Centre on Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. Other area holiday happenings include the Toronto Police Auxiliary Toy Drive. Everyone is invited to take part in these events.

The CCRA wishes you and yours a joyous and safe holiday season.



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Directory shines spotlight on local small businesses

2021 West Kouge Local Business Virectory



By Kathy McGrath

Growing up in Centennial as the son of small business owners and entrepreneurs, Andrew Abbate understands how hard it is to promote a new business. When Abbate and his wife Natalie bought their own home in Centennial several years ago, they decided to start a holiday buying guide to help bring attention to local artisans and shop owners.

"I grew up on Bathgate Drive and Natalie grew up in Highland Creek, and we had amazing childhoods," says Abbate. "Now we can provide our children with the same. When we saw on Facebook that a number of local businesses started up as a result of the CO-VID lockdown, we wanted to help."

As a way to give back to their neighbourhood, the Abbates created the West Rouge Holiday Business Directory, which provides free marketing for participating home businesses.

As a real estate agent, Abbate believes the overall health and growth of West Rouge/Centennial is stronger because of small businesses, a reality that became very apparent during the pandemic. "I think our flourishing small business community helped us all feel a little more connected during a time when we weren't able to see loved ones," he says. "I think more people realize how wonderful it is to support their neighbours and help them put food on their tables."

The buying guide is available online at www. WestRougeBusinessDirectory.ca. A hardcopy version will be distributed to all homes in West Rouge/Centennial in the coming weeks.

Home businesses interested in participating next year can email Andrew at *aj.abbate@gmail.com*.

The 'Bike Man' kept our wheels spinning over the years

By Denise Bacon

Summer often meant a visit to the Bike Man on Centennial Road for many residents in Centennial. Joe Schmidt, lovingly known as the Bike Man to kids and grownups alike, tuned up and repaired bikes at his home for about 20 years after retirement until the progression of his Parkinson's Disease got in his way approximately eight years ago. Joe passed away on October 29.

Joe married his beloved wife, Helen, in 1961 and they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this year. They met while out dancing in 1959 and Helen blushingly said it was love at first sight. Helen and Joe had a loving partnership over the years and this led to their "business partnership" when the Bike Man business started about 30 years ago.

Joe was an auto mechanic by trade, and he worked in several garages over the years, including working as a mechanic for Consumers Gas, predecessor to Enbridge. Joe's work career veered to Meter Reading for big buildings, which became the genesis for the Bike Man. Joe would often see bikes discarded behind buildings or in dumpsters and he thought that was a terrible waste. He felt that these bikes could be repaired and given more life.

Once Joe retired from his full-time job, he started picking up discarded bikes and buying old bikes at garage sales. His mechanical aptitude and love of working with his hands easily transferred to renewing and repairing bikes and the Bike Man was born. The business was registered and Helen made sure that all the paperwork was up to date for parts purchases and sales and that taxes were paid every year.

As the business took hold, Joe soon became an icon on Centennial Road. Neighbours will remember seeing bikes lined up against Joe's fence and in front of his home. Meeting people and fixing up bikes to make them happy became a passion for Joe. He would comment on how kids had grown year over year as they brought in their bikes to the Bike Man, a trait that endeared him to his customers.

Joe had a rich life of travel with Helen and his family around North America and Europe and the memories he created will be his legacy. Joe's other passion was the Danube Swabian Klub, which became the Blue Danube Club, where he had first met Helen. Joe was highly involved with the Klub where he rose to President for many years. As President, Joe

took on the role of "Mayor" during Caravan, the Toronto annual festival of past years. He would preside over more than 50 pavilions and enjoy his stage time, singing in front of crowds. The "Mayor" would crown Miss Caravan at the end of the festival at a ball at the Royal York. Those were wonderful times for Joe.

As the Parkinson's contributed to Joe's physical limitations, he never complained, said Helen. He did his best right to the point where he couldn't do more.

Joe Schmidt, the Centennial community shares in the loss of your passing. Rest in peace, Bike Man.



After Joe Schmidt retired from his full-time job, he started picking up discarded bikes and buying old bikes at garage sales. His mechanical aptitude and love of working with his hands easily transferred to renewing and repairing bikes. That's how this community came to know the Bike Man on Centennial Rd.

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Food

Dutch Baby is a dish worth trying for a holiday brunch

By Kathryn McLean

Have you ever had a Dutch Baby? (It's also called a German pancake.)

Dutch Baby is like a cross between a giant pancake and a cream-free quiche. It's sort of the opposite to a crepe because it is puffy, thick and tall, where a crepe is paper thin.

Both are made from a thin batter of eggs and milk with flour cooked in a hot buttered pan.

Whether you're hosting family or friends for a holiday brunch or looking for something new on your weekend, this is a dish worth trying.

This recipe is for the more common Dutch Baby, with a touch of sugar and a splash of vanilla. Serve yours with fresh berries on top and maple syrup or honey at the table. Whipped cream is a nice touch, and my children often spread a little jam over the top of their piece.

If you plan to serve this as brunch, consider filling out the menu with bacon or sausage, cups of yogurt, and fresh fruits – fruit salad pairs nicely or a fruit platter. Even a green salad



Photo credit: Kathryn McLean

alongside is a good idea. Dutch Baby can take the place of both pancakes and eggs, so try it as breakfast-fordinner

First, preheat your oven, then get on with the batter. It's very simple. Just be sure to whisk or stir it well so you don't end up with lumps of flour in the mixture. You can mix everything in a blender if you prefer.

Next, melt butter in a large heavy,

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oven-proof frying pan or skillet (10 or 12").

Pour in the batter, transfer to the oven and bake for 15 minutes.

The Dutch Baby will puff up quite a bit in the oven, but deflate as it cools. It's most impressive to serve it straight from the oven, but even at room temperature it will taste fine.

Dutch Baby Recipe

Ingredients

6 eggs

1 cup milk

½ tsp vanilla extract

1 tbsp white sugar

½ tsp salt

1 cup flour

3 tbsp butter

Directions

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees

If using a mixing bowl, beat the eggs, then add the milk, vanilla, sugar and salt. Stir to combine, then add the flour and mix well so there are no lumps.

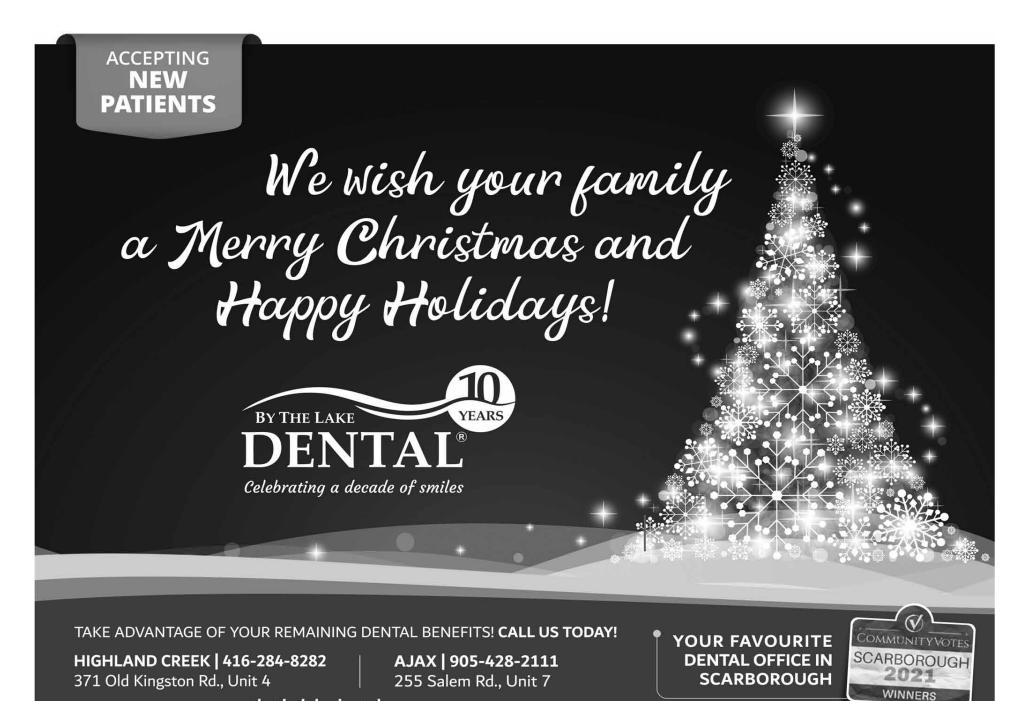
If using a blender, combine all the ingredients at once (starting with the eggs into the bottom of the blender pitcher first) and

blend until smooth.

Melt the butter in a large oven-proof skillet or pan. Once it is completely melted and bubbly, tip the pan to coat it in butter, pour the batter and immediately put the pan into the oven.

Bake for 15 minutes or until risen and nicely browned. There may be some melted butter on top, but it will simply soak into the pancake.

Top with mixed berries and serve. This recipe makes six servings.



CCRA Executive Profile

Crafty secretary helps CCRA meetings run smoothly

By Kathy McGrath

When you enter Laurie MacIsaac's house, it's apparent that she loves to craft things. Her home is adorned with lovely paintings, folk art and quilts, creating a warm, friendly environment.

Laurie is as cordial as her surroundings. But there's another side to the craft maven – she's an extremely organized IT professional who, as CCRA secretary, has helped whip the organization's files into shape.

She took on the volunteer role three years ago, guided by her 25 years of experience as an IT project manager at Sears.

"When I joined the executive committee as secretary, I got a good overall sense of how things were set up," Laurie says. "It gave me the opportunity to say 'Maybe we could do this or that to get things in order."

With the help of executive members Jake Forsyth and Mark Campbell, Laurie moved the CCRA files to the SharePoint system - part of the Office 365 Suite – which the nonprofit group was able to get at no cost.

"Organizing files is right in my wheelhouse," Laurie explains. "We had files all over the place, so I wanted to make sure there was a place for



Laurie McIsaac is a well-organized IT professional who has helped whip CCRA's files into shape.

them and that people knew how to access them."

As CCRA secretary, Laurie prepares for monthly meetings by sending out agendas, pertinent documents and links to attendees. She sits in on all meetings and then compiles and distributes the minutes.

During meetings, Laurie tries to remove herself from the content to focus on the business end of things. "Kathy (CCRA president) has a lot on her plate, so I just try to keep things on track by making sure we approve things properly and address unfinished business," she says.

The Scarborough native, who attended Porter Collegiate, moved with her husband Bruce to Centennial in 2000. She says at the time the area felt like the "boondocks" but they have never regretted the decision.

"We had a house at Midland and Eglinton on a ravine and a cul-desac, and we wanted both those things when we looked for a new place," she explains. "We were lucky to get both features in this house."

Laurie says one of the benefits of joining the CCRA executive has been the number of people she has met. "Not having children or a dog, I only knew a few neighbours until I retired and started helping with the CCRA," she says. "I've met more people in the last three years than in the 19 years before that. I definitely feel more a part of the community."

In terms of her involvement on the executive committee, Laurie says she is proud to be part of an organization that advocates for its residents.

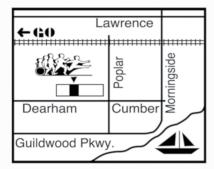
She feels strongly that Centennial residents get a lot for their memberships. "They (memberships) help us as an organization to help the community. A strong membership gives us the ability to keep people informed and to advocate for important causes in the neighbourhood."

She encourages neighbours to reach out to the CCRA with comments or concerns. "Residents have to tell us what's going on, because if we don't hear about it, we can't help."



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Neighbourhood started its own Halloween parade

By Kathy Rowe

Due to the pandemic, Halloween 2020 was cancelled by the City of Toronto just days before October 31.

"We had four boxes of candy in the house and we figured everyone else was in the same boat. The kids already had their costumes!" said Pieter, who lives on Holmcrest Trail with his wife Jackie and their daughter Grace. "Circumstances forced us to improvise, so we decided to put it out there and see if anyone else would like to donate their candy and deliver it to the kids in the neighbourhood." In the process of talking about keeping the spirit of Halloween alive, the idea of a parade was born.

Pieter and Jackie got busy with the help of neighbours, and notices were dropped off to all of the mailboxes in



Above: Eggs and bacon are Teresa and Tim Jones, the parade marshals. Right top: Spider-Man is James Troccoli and the fireman is Noah Medri. Bottom: Serena Powell. Photos by Michael McCabe

the four-street subdivision – approximately 275 homes. The feedback on the parade was very positive and the candy donations were overwhelming.

"I stopped counting at about

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16,000 pieces of candy," said Pieter. Just over 100 generous loot bags of candy were delivered to the homes of trick or treaters on the day of the parade. The excess candy was donated





to our local food bank. Halloween 2020 happened after all!

That parade was such a success that Pieter stepped up and organized a parade again for this year. "Last year we had Spiderman as our grand marshal and this year we had bacon and eggs," Pieter said.

Key volunteers who helped Pieter over both years were: Anne, Paul, Clark, Marion, Mike, Diedre, Al and Lucie. Plans are already being discussed for next year's parade, and with the help of neighbours, Pieter will see it through.

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- 1 teaspoon xanthan gum
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup chopped walnuts or pecans
- Additional confectioners' sugar

Directions

- 1. In a large bowl, cream butter and confectioners' sugar until light and fluffy, 5-7 minutes. Beat in vanilla. Combine the potato starch, cornstarch, xanthan gum and salt; gradually add to creamed mixture and mix well. Stir in walnuts. Cover and refrigerate for 1 hour or until easy to handle.
- 2. Shape into 1-in. balls; place 2 in. apart on ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 400° for 9-11 minutes or until set. Cool on pans for 2 minutes before removing to wire racks.
- Roll warm cookies in confectioners' sugar. Cool completely on wire racks.
 Reroll in confectioners' sugar.

So many ways to give this season

During the month of December, **Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities** is holding an event called "A Gift to Remember." Support families in need with a donation towards a family meal and gifts for the children. For information and to view a video from the 2020 program, go to: schcontario. ca/agifttoremember.html

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Festive events in the city and beyond

By Kathryn Stocks

It's shaping up to be a wonderfully busy season with holiday events and marketplaces popping up all over the city and outside of it. We wrote about the Centennial Tree Lighting Party and the Highland Creek Festival of Lights on page 1. Kathy Rowe's report on page 3 mentions the community outdoor carol sing at the West Rouge Community Centre. Information on the Holiday Marketplace at the Toronto Zoo can be found on Page 17.

Here are a few more events that are happening this month around the city of Toronto and in Niagara:

Cavalcade of Lights

Toronto's Cavalcade of Lights is taking place from Nov. 27 to Jan. 2 at Nathan Phillips Square. City Hall and its surroundings will be a dazzling wonderland each night from 5 - 11 p.m. Skating events will return, and



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As dictated to John Gibb by an old kitchen table ...

you can explore tunnels made from thousands of lights and see glowing ice sculptures in an enchanted forest. See toronto.ca/explore-enjoy/festivalsevents/cavalcade-of-lights

Christmas at the Castle

Explore Casa Loma as it turns into a Christmas castle full of holiday decor featuring a 40-foot tall tree and a collection of Christmas trees decorated by Canadian designers. This year there are both indoor and outdoor activities, including Santa's workshop and the Holiday Lights Tour, where you can go on a self-guided tour through the gardens, walkways and tunnels of the castle. Tickets for the event are on sale with prices starting at \$30. The Christmas castle is open

from November 25 to Dec. 30. See Sundays after 4 p.m., and between Decasaloma.ca/events.

Polar Winter Festival

Toronto's biggest holiday festival runs from November 25 to Dec. 26. It's a walk-through holiday winter festival with photo-ops, a holiday market, amusement rides, food trucks and selfies with Santa. Grownups can sip on cocktails under the stars beside roaring fire pits. Located at Bandshell Park on the exhibition grounds at 100 Prince Edward Island Cres. See polarwinterfestival.com

Distillery Winter Village

Celebrate the start of the winter holidays at the Christmas Market. Tickets are required on Fridays, Saturdays and

cember 20 to 23 after 4 p.m. Tickets are \$8 each (age 6 years and up). This is to help manage capacity during peak hours. All other times, access is free of charge and tickets are not required. See thedistillerywintervillage.com

Winter Festival of Lights in Niagara

The Winter Festival of Lights opened in Niagara Falls on November 13 for its 39th annual festival. It's a free outdoor self-guided tour with the option of either walking or driving through it. The Horseshoe Falls are illuminated with over 3 million LED lights and more than 75 light displays until February 21. Make sure to dress warmly and to wear comfortable shoes if you're walking. See wfol.com





MEMORIES OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON



The more significant celebration is on New Year's Day

Janice Bennink

Even though I love Christmas, my most treasured holiday rituals come from my mother's Japanese New Year traditions. In Japan, New Year's Day is the more significant celebration, so my mom passed her own family customs to me as naturally as she had learned them herself.

Lucky for me, one of the traditions is making and enjoying Japanese food. Every New Year's Day, my mom would serve a fantastic spread of dishes for friends and family who visited our home. So on December 31, I am most often found rolling maki sushi and making mochi (glutinous rice cakes) because they have to be eaten on New Year's Day to ensure good luck in the coming year.

To be honest, a stretchy rice cake in ozoni (a fish-based broth) is not the most attractive or tasty of dishes. It is, however, essential eating in my home on January 1 and I can't even explain why— maybe that's the beauty of traditions made timeless.

Holiday traditions or mementoes keep family connections alive

eading up to the holiday season, we asked a few residents to tell us about their fondest holiday traditions that get passed down from generation to generation and are appreciated every year. We are grateful to those who shared their memories.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to the people of this community! The Centennial News team wishes you peace, joy, love and kindness during this holiday season. And thank you to our advertisers for sticking with the paper during these challenging times. Here's hoping 2022 will be a better year for everyone.



Starting new family traditions Jeanne Laverock

My holiday memorabilia story is a little different. I wish I

had something that has been passed down from my ancestors, however growing up my family did not celebrate. There was always a part of me that wished we did, and I knew that if/when I had a family, I wanted to celebrate with them. When I first moved out, I decided that I would start buying decorations. I was young so I went into our local Biway store (the dollar store of the '80s). These are not the ornaments I would choose for my tree today but 36 years later I still open the boxes and remember my journey. These ornaments (especially this one) are still a special part of our tree. I now have a large family and we LOVE the holidays. We have started many family traditions that my children will pass on to their families, including these





Two different Santas from two families Bonnie and John Gibb

From my side we have those fragile shiny coloured glass ball ornaments with "frosted" decorations including one of Santa in his sleigh. They are placed up high in the tree away from our cat's paws. There's also an old Santa ornament with a Christmas tree that's about 90 years old. Its thin glass makes it too fragile to hang on the tree but we still display it every Christmas.

From my wife's family we have a cute Santa treetop ornament made to have a light inside that dates from the '40s.We also have a tree candle presented to Bonnie by an elderly Finnish family friend in her home town of Atikokan. Bonnie was 6 that Christmas and amazed at the beauty of Annie's tree fully lit by such candles. We attach it each Christmas — unlit!



Father Christmas brings back memories of close friends Myrna Cox

This is a story about just one of the 50 Christmases that we have celebrated in our home on Meadowvale Rd. We have so many beautiful memories, but this one allows us to honour two very close friends who, we are sad to say, left us several years ago.

Some may recall Gord Grieveson. He was a long-term executive member of CCRA. It is Gord's beloved wife Joyce who brings forth our Christmas memories on this occasion.

Joyce was a very talented lady who frequented a craft store called Nautilus in the village. She designed and made many items, many of which she gave away. My Christmas was filled with joy the year she made and presented me with a lovely gift. It was a large Father Christmas, beautifully clothed in blue (my favourite colour) velvet with faux fur trim. It adorns my cabinet every year.

Handmade keepsakes adorn the girls' special little tree

Sean and Megan Krasnewych

The Krasnewych family of

Sean, Megan, Emery and Keira have created their own very special family Christmas tradition. Each year, a four-foot-tall Christmas tree gets set up on the second-floor landing where the young girls see it before going to bed and as they wake up. The tree is chockablock full of special handmade decorations. There's a Christmas wreath made from green felt with a photo of Sean in the middle made by him when he was a little boy in a Beaver troop. Megan's cutout Christmas tree with little stick-on decorations made when she was a little girl is also lovingly displayed. Emery, 10 years old, and Keira, 7 years old, "own" this tree and they decorate it each year with keepsakes from Mom and Dad and their own special creations over the years. Megan expects that they will need a bigger tree in the coming years as the keepsakes keep on growing!



Christmas card circa 1910



Great-grandma's pastry cutter never fails **Amy Stephenson**

Who doesn't love pie? Eight-year-old me, despite the fact that there were amazing homemade apple, cherry and pumpkin pies at the holiday table. So my grandma would make me a special chocolate pudding pie. This was just one of the ways she showed her love at Christmas. I eventually learned to love pie and now see it as quintessential to the holidays. With the public health measure keeping the family bakers (my aunt and grandma) away last Christmas, I was tasked with making a pie. It was an exciting challenge to keep the pie tradition alive. While making pastry is finicky and stressful, I was fortunate to have my great-grandmother's pastry cutter. The cutter is at least twice my age but never fails to bring on the Christmas spirit.

Piece of family history brought good luck Syed and Ryhan Rayman

Every holiday season, Syed and Ryhan Rayman bring out a piece of family history from their birthplace in Guyana. This carving of three wise men was a gift given to Syed's greataunt by her parents. Her father was of Chinese descent and the story of where he got the carving is long lost. It's more than 100 years old and represents Chinese traditional values of long life, happiness and good health. Syed's mother gave them this precious gift as a good luck talisman as they were leaving Guyana for Canada in 1971. Ryhan spoke warmly about how people of various backgrounds respected and celebrated each other's religious holidays in Guyana. "Appreciation for all religions brought so much joy and peace," said Syed. Yes, the three wise men have brought much luck to Syed and Ryhan and their family over the 50 years that they have called Canada and Centennial home.





TDSB Trustee Anu Sriskandarajah



Tentative Local Agreement

The Toronto District School Board has reached a tentative local agreement with the Maintenance & Construction Skilled Trades Council. MCSTC is a trades council that represents approximately 760-1,000 permanent and temporary maintenance and construction members as well as affiliated trade unions that do construction and maintenance projects at the school board. This local agreement must still be ratified by the Board of Trustees and MCSTC.

Student Vaccination Status

The TDSB continues to prioritize keeping schools safe for students and staff and to focus on limiting the number of disruptions to learning as a result of COVID-19. In the event of an interim cohort dismissal related to COVID-19, students who are fully vaccinated are allowed to continue to attend school as long as they have no symptoms. Fully vaccinated staff and students will still have to pass the COVID-19 screening tool each day, confirming they do not have symptoms.

To more effectively manage possible COVID-19 cases and outbreaks in schools, Toronto Public Health has requested that Toronto school boards begin collecting the voluntary disclosure of vaccination status by students born in 2009 and earlier. This is intended to minimize disruption to the

students and support a more efficient dismissal process.

Call the School

One measure of keeping our students safe is to ensure we can account for any absences or reasons for being late to school. If your child is going to be absent or late for any reason, we ask that you contact the school immediately and report the reason for the absence. If we are not informed about the absence, we will make attempts to contact you through our automated call-out system to determine the reason for the absence.

To find out how this automated system works please visit: tdsb.on.ca/ HighSchool/CaringSafeSchools/SafeArrivalProgram

If your contact information, including phone number, changes at any time throughout the school year,

please call the office at your child's school and let them know. Thank you for your continued cooperation to keep your children safe.

TCDSB Trustee Garry Tanuan



Good News Stories

As part of our history of providing excellence in Catholic education, the

TCDSB is pleased to highlight some of the great initiatives/accomplishments taking place at our schools. Throughout the year, we aim to pitch good news stories from our schools to media outlets and invite you to share the good news happening in your schools. Email your submissions along with a consent form to: <code>commdept@tcdsb.org</code>.

Christmas Drawing Contest

The Catholic Register is conducting its 11th annual children's Christmas drawing contest. The top entry in each of three categories will receive a \$75 Amazon gift certificate. The winning drawings will appear in The Register's Christmas edition on December 19. Submission deadline is noon Friday, December 10. For more information see: *The Catholic Register's Christmas drawing contest*.

Academic Award Celebrations

On November 18, St. Mother Teresa Catholic Academy recognized, celebrated and honoured academic and honour roll recipients from the 2020-2021 school year. Principal Jose Alberto Flores said, "These students have demonstrated the ability to achieve excellence in academics while pursuing regular and specialty programs.

"I trust that this celebration of excellence is a source of pride to your families. We need also to recognize the combined efforts of your teachers and support staff who are entrusted to assist you in achieving high academic standards."

Advisory Committees

The TCDSB is pleased to invite members of the community and other partners in education to consider serving on a TCDSB Advisory Committee. For more information, visit *tcdsb.org* and search for "Community/parent committee members needed"

FAQs: tcdsb.org/FORSTUDENTS/back-to-school/Pages/faq

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Councillor Jennifer McKelvie

Wishing you all the best for a safe and happy holiday!

Merry Christmas, Centennial! I hope everyone is enjoying the holidays with loved ones, virtually or in person.

In order to keep our community as safe as possible this season, I encourage all who are eligible to get their third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. To check your eligibility or book your appointment, visit toronto.ca/home/covid-19/ or call the provincial vaccine booking line at 1-833-943-3900.

In addition to city-run clinics, residents can receive their COVID-19 vaccine through one of more than 450 pharmacies that are offering the vaccine, at many doctors' offices and at other health-care partner clinics.

I look forward to connecting with you in the new year and wish you and your family all the best for a safe and happy holiday season!

Celebrating the Holidays Ward 25 Holiday Homes

Once again this year, my office will be celebrating the homes in our community that are showing their holiday spirit with fantastic decorations and light displays. Nominate your favourite homes by emailing their addresses to councillor_mckelvie@toronto.ca by December 15. The community will vote on a shortlist and nominees will have a chance to win great prizes from local businesses. For the latest information, follow me on social media @ McKelvieWard25.

Toronto Police Auxiliary Toy Drive

Our local 42 and 43 Divisions are once again accepting donations of new and unwrapped toys to ensure that all children in our community receive a gift at Christmas. Toys can be purchased online and shipped directly to the stations care of the

Auxiliary Toy Drive at: 42 Division, 242 Milner Toronto, M1S 5C4 or 43 Division, 4331 Lawrence Avenue East,

Toronto, M1E 2T4

Toys can also be dropped off in person. Each station has a donation box inside the front entrance. Donations will be accepted until December 14 at 12 noon.

Toronto Zoo Holiday Marketplace

For the second year, the Toronto Zoo is hosting a Holiday Marketplace, featuring approximately 90 vendors from the local community, with up to 18 vendors each weekend. The Marketplace, which runs until December 23, is a wonderful opportunity to support local small businesses, enjoy some great food and take a photo with the zoo's 35-foot Christmas tree. Tickets are \$5.50 plus HST per person or free with zoo admission. For times and tickets, visit: torontozoo.com/marketplace.

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MPP Vijay Thanigasalam

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays, Centennial!

I want to wish the entire Centennial community a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season. I hope you spend it with family and friends while following all COVID-19 guidelines.

Please note that the information included here might have changed since the time of writing. Feel free to reach me by email at *vijay.thanigas-alam@pc.ola.org* or by phone at 416-283-8448 for the most up-to-date information.

In-Person Remembrance Day

This year I was incredibly honoured to attend the Remembrance Day ceremonies in person at the Toronto Zoo and at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 258 in Scarborough-Rouge Park.

Great to meet veterans and their family members to remember the heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice and honour the brave men and women who served and continue to serve in the Armed Forces.

Long-Term Care Investment

One pillar of our government's plan to fix long-term care is increasing staff so they can provide more high-quality care to residents. This will make Ontario a leader in direct care.

That is why I am proud to announce that we are investing more than \$1.6 million for long-term care homes in Scarborough-Rouge Park.

This includes Altamont Care Community, Ehatare Nursing Home, Extendicare Rouge Valley, and the Tony Stacey Centre for Veterans Care.

This is part of the province's commitment to ensure long-term care residents receive on average four hours of direct care per day by 2024-25

Booster Shots

The provincial government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, has expanded eligibility for booster doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to additional groups of high-risk individuals, providing them with an extra layer of protection against the Delta variant.

The province is offering booster doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to the following vulnerable populations if at least six months have passed since their last dose:

- Individuals aged 70 and over (born in 1951 or earlier)
- Health-care workers and designated essential caregivers in congregate settings (including long-term care home and retirement home staff and designated caregivers)
- Individuals who received a complete series of a viral vector vaccine (two doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine or one dose of the Janssen vaccine)
- First Nation, Inuit and Métis



MPP Vijay Thanigasalam speaking to Second World War veteran John Bow, a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 258.

adults and their non-Indigenous household members.

To book your appointment please visit: *Ontario.ca/bookvaccine*

Mental Health and Addictions Supports

Ontario's frontline health-care workers have been unwavering in their dedication to protect the health and safety of Ontarians throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Just as they are there for us, we need to be there for them.

I have heard from many frontline workers in Scarborough-Rouge Park about how much of a toll it has been on them and their families during the pandemic. That is why we are investing \$12.4 million over two years to provide existing and expanded mental health and addictions supports for frontline health-care workers across the province. The province is partnering with five hospitals, the Canadian Mental Health Association, Ontario Division, and the Ontario Psychological Association to offer these mental health and addictions supports.

If you have any questions or concerns, my office is always here to help. Please reach out by email at *vijay.* thanigasalam@pc.ola.org or by phone at 416-283-8448.





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MP Gary Anandasangaree

Committed to bringing \$10-a-day child care to Ontario

Every child deserves the best possible start in life, and all parents should have the ability to build both a family and career. Eight months since announcing our plan for \$10-a-day child care, eight provinces and one territory have signed onto the agreement, including Alberta.

As we have seen in this pandemic, quality and affordable child care is needed to ensure parents can fully participate in the economy. Our bold child care plan will also create jobs in • Canada for early learning educators.

I recognize the urgency of families in Scarborough-Rouge Park, and can assure them that this government is committed to bringing safe, affordable and nurturing child care to Ontario. We will work with the remaining provinces and territories to halve the average cost of child care by the end of 2022 and reach a \$10-a-day framework by 2026 or earlier.

Reflections on COP26

From record-breaking heat waves last summer to the recent floods in British Columbia, we as Canadians know that there is no greater threat than climate change. The COP26 Summit came at a critical junction, emphasizing the need for countries to work together and to address the climate crisis.

Since 2015, Canada has successfully placed a price on pollution, made huge investments in climate finance, created new middle-class jobs, and much more. In Glasgow, Prime Minister Trudeau affirmed Canada's bold roadmap to net-zero emissions by 2050:

- Phase out conventional coal-fired electricity by 2030 and introduce a ban on the exporting of coal.
- Cut methane emissions in the oil and gas sector by at least 75 percent below 2012 levels by 2030.
- Investments of up to \$57.5 million to help the poorest and most vulnerable nations adapt to the climate crisis.
- Maintain ambitious carbon pricing price trajectory to reach net-zero emissions by 2050, while putting more money in the pockets of Canadians.

I am confident that we will continue to take real climate action to safeguard our beloved green spaces and shorelines while creating new middleclass jobs for Canadians.

Remembrance Day

This Remembrance Day, I joined Canadians in honouring our men and women in uniform, both past and present, for serving their country with valour, distinction and enormous sacrifice. Serving is no easy task. From supporting our long-term care homes in the throes of the pandemic to serv-



MP Gary Anandasangaree had the privilege of paying his respects to veterans at the Toronto Zoo Remembrance Ceremony on November 11.

ing as peacekeepers in war-torn countries, our service members truly represent the best of what it means to be Canadian. I had the privilege of paying my respects to veterans at the Toronto Zoo Remembrance Ceremony and my visit to Legion Branch 258.

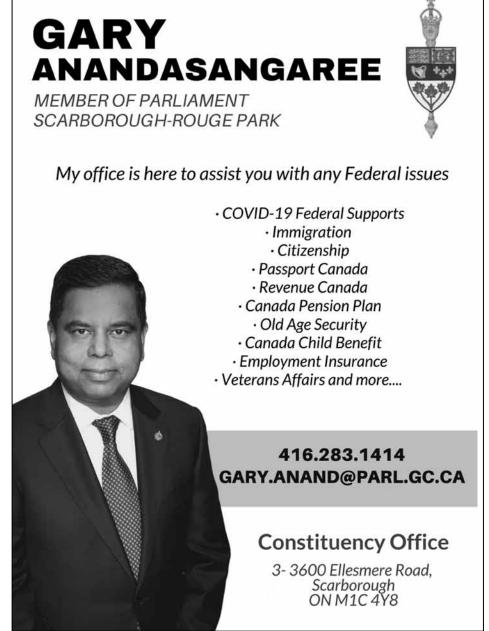
I am proud that our Veterans Organizations Emergency Support fund has been able to help over 40 organizations address the needs of veterans and their families during the pandemic. To all our service members, our veterans and all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, you forever have our sincere gratitude. Lest we forget.

Vaccines for Children

Even as we continue to rebuild from the pandemic, Canadians know that keeping each other safe and finishing the fight against COVID-19 requires continued immunization. After a thorough, independent review, Health Canada has authorized the use of COVID-19 vaccines for children ages 5-11. This is an important step that will protect our children and allow us to safely emerge from this pandemic.

Our government is in the process of delivering 2.9 million paediatric vaccine doses, enough to give every child aged 5 to 11 their first dose. I encourage all parents and guardians to vaccinate their children, and register on the provincial booking system, to keep their young ones safe and healthy.





Scouts for Sustainability

SUSTAINABLE GOALS

SCOUTS FOR SUSTAINABILITY

By Nancy Cyros

With so many taking the time to go for walks and hikes around our nature-filled neighbourhood, admiring all that our Rouge backyard has to offer is so easy to do. Whether it is a mosey along city sidewalks or a stroll down urban trails, Scouting youth at 2nd Highland Creek have had many adventures that involve exploring, hiking, camping, paddling and other ways of enjoying the outdoors. Our youth learn new skills to live in and take care of their environment and leave no trace.

This fall, many of our sections have had the opportunity to turn a new leaf and leave no stone unturned while exploring in various habitats in our area. From our youngest Beavers to our mentor Venturers and Rovers, our youth learn how to be good stewards to the environment, harnessing the importance of sustaining life, preserving habitats and limiting waste in our communities.

With the world's renewed vision to commit and save the Earth from climate change and protect endangered species from extinction, our Scouting leadership and youth continue their commitment to learn about, foster and champion environmental sustainability programs such as bottle drives, eco-drives and clean-ups in our area. We look to our community for continued support with hosting such important annual events that benefit us all. The 2nd Highland Creek

Scouting Group seeks volunteers, event space locations and donors who would like to invest their time and resources for the community and a good cause. Feel free to reach out to nancycyros@msn.com

The Scouts for Sustainability – Sustainable Development Goals Badge Program is under the patronage of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO, which serves as a bridge between Canadians and the vital work of UNESCO — the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. Its activities are guided by the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other UNESCO priorities.



By Kathryn Stocks

Around 80,000 vehicles are stolen in Canada each year with almost 25,000 of those in Ontario, mostly in the Greater Toronto Area. It isn't a huge problem in Centennial, but it's out there.

Vehicle theft has been happening more frequently during the pandemic because the demand for auto parts, especially computer chips, has increased worldwide as auto production has decreased

At CCRA's Annual General Meeting on November 16, Toronto Police Constables Leanna Gill and Julie Rowe told residents that the most-stolen vehicles in this area are the Honda CR-V, Toyota Highlander, Lexus RX350, and Ford F150.

Constables Gill and Rowe said one of the ways to prevent theft is by putting your key fobs in your bedroom to create distance between them and your car so the signal can't be picked up. If that doesn't work, you can put them into a key fob protector or Faraday pouch, an inexpensive device that blocks all radio signals

Vehicles can be stolen for parts, a joyride, a robbery getaway or use in other crimes. But many are taken in the middle of the night by car-theft rings with hightech equipment. In an excellent article in the Toronto Star on November 13, reporter Kevin Donovan wrote about the journey of his Toyota Highlander after it was stolen from his driveway.

Donovan wrote that he kept his key fob in a drawer in the middle of the house to prevent theft, but the thieves were still able to send a signal to it to unlock the car doors. They likely used a diagnostic device after that to create two new fobs and drive it away. It only takes a few minutes.

Two days after losing his car and presuming it long gone, Donovan was told by Toronto police that it had been found in a shipping container in Halifax, ready to be loaded onto a cargo ship heading for the United Arab Emirates. Most of the cars stolen from here are taken to the Middle East.

You can make auto theft more difficult by using a steering wheel club and parking in your locked garage. For more tips from Toronto Police, see *torontopolice*. on.ca/crimeprevention/autotheft.php

Kazi Anwar is the Community Police Liaison rep for CCRA. He can be contacted at *cpl@ccranews.com*.

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Toronto Zoo

ESSO comes to Centennial



Ramesh Jegarajah, independent owner of the gas station at Lawson and Centennial, is happy to have secured a 10-year lease to serve ESSO gas.

By Denise Bacon

Buying gas at the corner of Lawson and Centennial has become much more convenient! Ramesh Jegarajah, independent owner of this gas station since 2013, is delighted to have secured a 10-year lease with ESSO to bring value and high-quality gasoline to his customers.

"We want to make sure to offer good prices to the neighbourhood," said Ramesh who expects gas prices to remain at the same or lower levels than with his previous gasoline supplier.

Customers will now have choices from among four grades of gas and in

ways to pay for it. There is the option to pay at the pump, including tap and go, or customers can pay inside the store where they can buy a variety of items. ESSO purchases qualify for PC Optimum points, which is another benefit for customers.

The old pumps will be picked up and redeployed. They will not be sent to a landfill.

Ramesh appreciates the "very kind neighbours who support this local business." He looks forward to offering gasoline and general store services to his customers in Centennial for a long time.

Visit Holiday Marketplace this month at the zoo



The Holiday Marketplace runs for five consecutive weekends: Friday through Sunday from November 19 to December 19 as well as the week of December 20-23.

By Wanda Wierzbicki

Are you looking for a family-friendly outdoor seasonal activity to enjoy? Look no further than the second Holiday Marketplace at the Toronto Zoo.

Located in the front courtyard and the Indo-Malayan courtyard of the zoo, the Holiday Marketplace showcases over 90 local artists, producers and processors, with 18 vendors per date. You can shop for gifts from local artisans and admire festive décor while enjoying holiday inspired food and drinks and taking photos near the beautiful lighted tree.

The Holiday Marketplace runs for

five consecutive weekends: Friday through Sunday from November 19 to December 19 as well as the week of December 20-23.

If you are visiting for the day, the Holiday Marketplace is free with zoo admission. You can stop by before you leave. If you have tickets for Terra Lumina, the zoo's immersive nightwalk experience, you can visit the Holiday Marketplace beforehand. If you are coming just for the Holiday Marketplace, tickets are \$5.50 + HST. Children 2 and under are free. Timed tickets must be purchased in advance online. For more information torontozoo.com/marketplace



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Altree condo proposal approved for construction

By Annoj Thavalingam

The twin condos at Military Trail and Kingston Rd. have been approved for construction by Scarborough and Toronto City Councils.

The condo proposal from Altree Developments requested zoning amendments to build two storeys beyond the six-storey maximum for the area. This request was met with staunch opposition from the community last summer. An online survey circulated by the Highland Creek Community Association (HCCA) found that among the hundreds of responses received, 91.2 percent of respondents did not wish to see an extension of the condos' height from six to eight

Councillor Jennifer McKelvie was made aware of the survey results, and is no stranger to the HCCA's objection to this zoning amendment. Concerns with the proposal include shadowing on local homes, accelerated erosion of the ravine, reduction in water runoff during heavy rains, and traffic exceeding the capacity of our single-lane roads. Altree Developments has submitted documents addressing these issues, but some environmental issues have yet to be resolved with the Toronto and Region Conservation

Prior to the council hearings on October 15 and November 9, HCCA's Vice- President Bill Yarn and Robert Brown, advisor at the Committee of Adjustment and Local Appeal Body, engaged in discussions with Altree and the city for several months, with the intent of reaching a conclusion favourable to the Highland Creek community.

This hope was dashed when Councillor McKelvie presented a favourable report of the condo proposal to Scarborough Community Council, leading to a unanimous vote in favour of the proposal and zoning amendment. Previously, the councillor had promised to stand by the community and refuse the zoning amendment from six to eight storeys. This was not the case during the City Council meetings.

Negotiations between Altree, the HCCA and the city led to a few positive outcomes. These include a reduction in the number of units, redistribution of unit sizes, and \$1.35 million set aside by the city for community benefits in Ward 25.

It must be said here that Altree has made misleading statements to the HCCA in the past. This includes a presentation to the HCCA in late 2020 where they assured that their condos do not cater to the university student demographic. This hard-to-believe claim was laid to rest a few weeks ago when their advertisement indirectly advertising student housing circulated through mailboxes in Highland Creek.

It is now a near certainty that Altree Developments will build their eight-story condos, with three levels of underground parking, by the valley edge where Military Trail and Old Kingston Road intersect. The HCCA continues to demand that Altree address outstanding concerns, such as deficiencies in their proposal with respect to environmental impact and stormwater management.

	Studio	1-Bedroom	2-Bedroom	3+ Bedrooms	Total Number of Units
Proposal as of July 8, 2020	116	319	88	55	578
Proposal as of Oct 20, 2021	82	238	169	60	549
Percent change	-29%	-25%	+92%	+9%	-5%

Data adapted from City of Toronto files

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Membership & Distribution

Thank you to everyone who joined CCRA this year!



By Denise Bacon

As 2021 draws to a close, CCRA would like to thank all those

residents who became members of the Centennial Community & Recreation Association this year. Every membership is valued as CCRA works year-round to safeguard Centennial's beauty and its character.

You can still become a member this month as any membership payments that are made in December will be applied to 2022. If you didn't get a chance to purchase a membership this year, we encourage you to join us next year.

We wish everyone a very happy holiday this December! Be kind and stay safe.

You can contact me at membership@ccranews.com.

Thanks to entire distribution team!



By Wanda Wierzbicki

As I sit down to write this report, the weather has been unseason-

ably warm and sunny. Many in the neighborhood took advantage of the good weather to put up their Christmas lights and decorations. Smart thinking! Winter is not far off.

Last month I listed a couple of vacancies. I am happy to report all routes have now been filled. Cheryl Ferguson has agreed to be a bundle distributor and Evan and Owen Hoste have agreed to take the Kilsyth Drive route. Thanks for volunteering to take on these roles in addition to your other routes.

As 2021 comes to an end, I hope that the COVID restrictions of the past 22 months will become distant memories. I hope that this year, we can celebrate the holidays safely with family and friends.

At this time, I want to THANK the entire distribution team for your hard work and dedication. I know the last year has been challenging. Things were constantly changing and it was difficult to keep track, but we were still able to print the CCRA Centennial News and distribute it to almost 4,800 individuals and businesses in our community. Thank you! We couldn't do it without you.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year! Happy Holidays!

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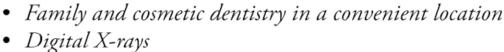
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