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June 2022 Update

Isn't it wonderful to see each other in person again! As we reunite with family and friends during the summer let's keep in mind our public health safety measures. It is the AVCA Executive's hope that COVID cases will remain low to allow for all AVCA members and residents who are new to our community to meet in person at our Annual General Meeting in October 2022. The exact date will be forwarded to you when a location is secured.

Sad News

It is with deep respect and regret that the AVCA Executive announces the passing of our Second Vice President Jim Williams. Jim was a conscientious and valued member of our team who knew Scarborough well and stood up to improve any community issues at hand. He is missed by all of us on the AVCA Executive.

Good News – AVCA Winners

The following AVCA members won \$50 Gift Certificates in 2022! The Certificates were spent in support of our local shops and services:



Kira at The Perfect Chinese



Hye-Young at Chinese Restaurant



Eliza&Margaret at Dumpling House



Yuri at Canadian Tire



Mona&Kayka at Poe It



Mary at Mark's



Elli at Canadian Tire

\$50 Gift Certificates Donated by Sheppard East Village BIA

AVCA members are encouraged to shop or use a service on Sheppard Avenue between Midland Avenue to Markham Road. Thank you to the businesses of Sheppard East Village BIA for supporting AVCA. More \$50 Gift Certificates have been given to AVCA to be distributed to lucky members throughout 2022. It could be you if you are a paid member! *Let's continue to shop these local businesses to help them get "back on their feet!"* **Thank you Sheppard East Village BIA!**

Community Events

On *Saturday, April 23, 2022* many of you helped with our Community Clean-Up in Havendale Park. We met in the park and spanned out into the neighbourhood where there was an area in need of our attention. It was our first in person opportunity in a long time to see each other!

On *Saturday, May 28, 2022* we held a very successful Yard Sale where AVCA realized just over \$1000.00. However, the best part of the day was "seeing" each other again. Thank you to everyone who donated items and to everyone who purchased "treasures!"

On *Saturday, June 11, 2022* many neighbours participated in our "Meet-Up" in Havendale Park. Many children rode their decorated bikes to the event where Cycle Toronto participated with a "tent of information" and Erhard Kraus highlighted cycling safety. Games and treats were enjoyed by all and it was an opportunity to meet up with new and seasoned neighbours. Events such as this continue to build our supportive community as well as welcome new families who have joined us.

New Community Event – Let's Celebrate Canada Day



Our Big Red Maple Leaf is waiting for you to attach a "tag" of celebration of our beautiful Canadian country! The red leaf is located *inside* Agincourt Mall in the centre hallway. Please write your message and/or draw your image onto the tag you have been given in your mailbox and attach it to the red leaf. If you did not receive a tag please email avactoronto@gmail.com and include your address. A tag will be placed in your mailbox!

AVCA wishes to recognize the cooperation of North American Development Group and the staff of Centre Corp Management Group who have been instrumental in helping AVCA, Sarah Martin, Bill Martin and Ron Potter to assemble the Big Red Leaf.

Remember to hang your tag for Canada Day!
Community Support for the Big Red Maple Leaf

AVCA Executive wish to recognize Raj Mahendran one of our members who has provided storage of our Red Leaf during the last two years. His help was essential for us to keep our leaf away from the elements! Thank you!



Stouffville Corridor Train Noise and Noise Wall Concerns

AVCA continues to voice to Metrolinx, the concerns of residents living along the train tracks. The noise wall concern is always raised at our virtual Agincourt GO Station CLC meetings and AVCA is in constant contact with our MPP Aris Babikian. Metrolinx continues to study the matter. As the number and duration of the trains are increasing following their reduction during COVID, you are encouraged to address your concerns regarding train noise to torontoeast@metrolinx.com.

Agincourt GO Station

Construction on the new station continues. Your AVCA Executive meets monthly and virtually with the Metrolinx Community Liaison Committee to learn the station progress and to highlight community concerns and suggestions.

Scarborough Subway – McCowan Station

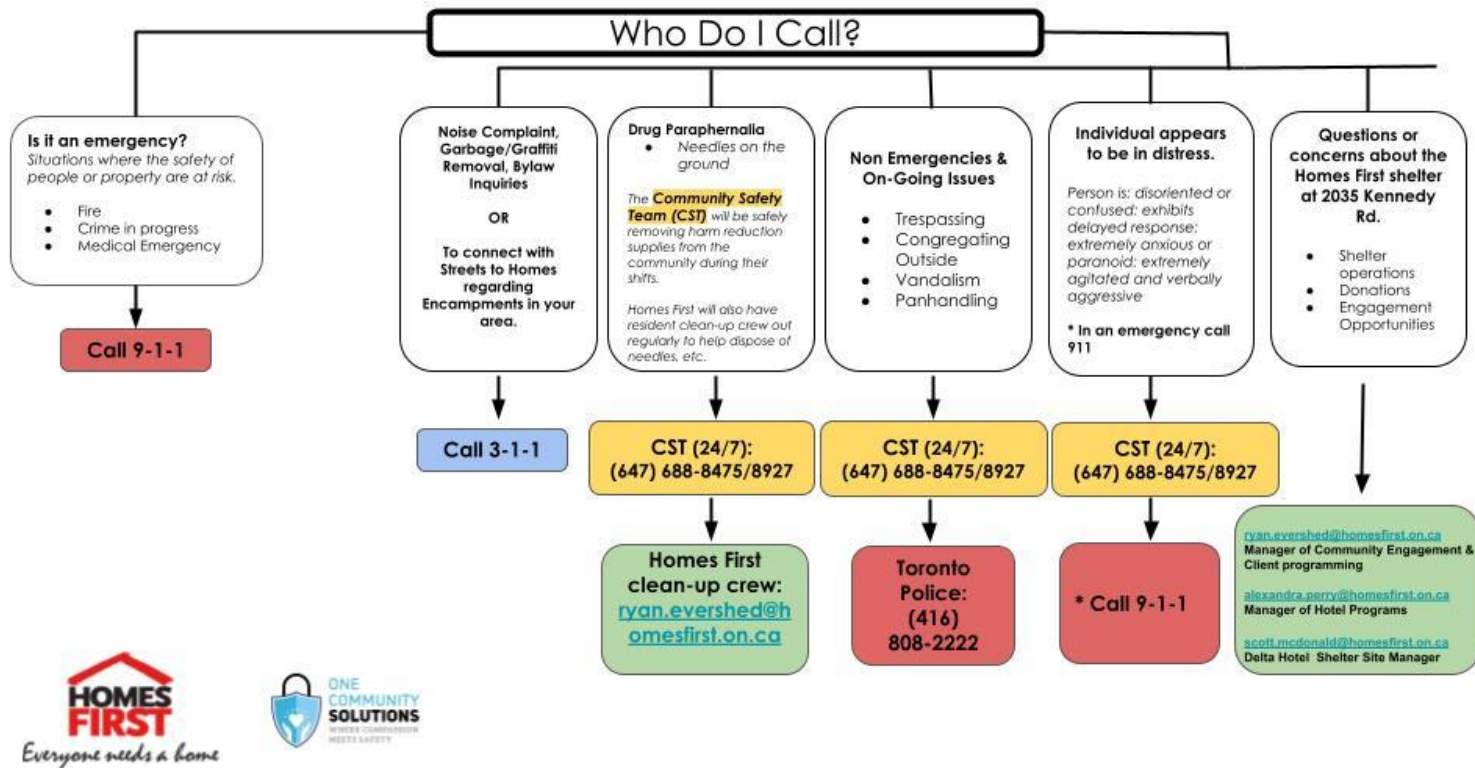
AVCA continues to participate in meetings regarding the Scarborough Subway Extension. Our concern for the McCowan Subway station is that there is NO COMMUTER PARKING planned for the station. The plan for this station is to have a kiis & ride and bus terminal only. AVCA is advocating for commuter parking! Please address your concerns to metrolinxengage.com.

Sheppard Subway – McCowan to Don Mills

AVCA wishes to clarify that the Scarborough Subway does not continue along Sheppard Avenue from McCowan to Don Mills. At present the Sheppard Subway is only a dotted line on the Metrolinx map and is not funded. If you have concerns about this “incomplete loop” please email MPP Aris Babikian at aris.babikian@pc.ola.org and Councillor Mantas at councillor_mantas@toronto.ca.

Community Safety

AVCA continues to be in touch with 42 Division Community Police Liaison Committee, Shelter Support Services at The Delta and our neighbours at Metrogate on Village Green Square. Councillor Mantas has provided the following contact numbers to address helping those on the street who may be in need of support:



Please help the person, yourself and our community by reporting unusual or unsafe situations to 211, 311 and police at 416-808-2222 or email www.torontopolice.on.ca. In unsafe situations call 911.

Bike Paths in North Scarborough

Are there any riders interested in attending a weekly evening bike ride on one of these paths? Meeting place and selection of path would be shared with those who are interested. A few cyclists have responded and we are looking for more participants! It's great exercise! Please respond to avcatoronto@gmail.com. North Scarborough has a network of bike paths that are a great way to experience your neighbourhood. For more information:

<https://www.toronto.ca/services-payments/streets-parking-transportation/cycling-in-toronto/cycling-google-map/>

Huntingwood Drive Bike Lanes

Thank you to those who responded to the survey for the reconstruction of bike lanes and resurfacing of Huntingwood Avenue. This construction is scheduled for Summer 2023.

AVCA October 2022 Annual General Meeting

The AVCA Executive plans to hold our AGM in person in October 2022. Stay tuned for the actual date when a location is secured. Please continue to email any suggestions to your executive at avcatoronto@gmail.com.

WhatsApp AVCA Neighbourhood Watch

We are fortunate to have members who participate in our new WhatsApp AVCA Neighbourhood Watch. To join send an email to avcatoronto@gmail.com and include your cell number.

Membership Has Advantages - 2022 AVCA Membership

Thank you to the many residents who have paid their 2022 membership! Your names have been entered into the draw for 2022 \$50 gift certificates. We will continue to draw names from the paid membership! More lucky draws will be held!

As previously decided AVCA requests \$20 per household per year. These monies pay for meeting room rentals, printing flyers, business cards, signage, website host, Zoom membership, and various expenses. AVCA usually begins collecting membership at the AGM which is not possible this year. Cash or cheque *payable to Agincourt Village Community Association* can be dropped off to President Rhoda Potter, 38 Agincourt Drive, Scarborough M1S 1M3.

AVCA Executive and AVCA Website

The AVCA Executive is working on behalf of our community as various changes, issues and impacts arise. Please check out our website at www.avcatoronto.ca. Please contact the Executive at avcatoronto@gmail.com.