



Agincourt Village Community Association

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AVCA continues to promote community connections as we welcome new residents to our neighbourhood. Many residents enjoyed Huntingwood Day, City of Toronto Free Tree & Shrub Giveaway and Havendale Volleyball Game & Food Drive since our last AVCA Update. We welcome your ideas and your participation as we experience changes in our community. Please let us know your thoughts by sending an email to avcatoronto@gmail.com.

AVCA Annual General Meeting

This is your opportunity to meet neighbours, dialogue with AVCA Executive and express community priorities; as the AVCA Executive works with Councillor Mantas, MPP Aris Babikian and MP Jean Yip to improve the quality of life for all within our neighbourhood.

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Agincourt Public Library

155 Bonis Aveue

6:15 pm -8:00 pm

\$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. Ernie McCullough has given more \$50 Gift Certificates to AVCA to be distributed. It could be you if you are a paid 2024 member!

Thank you Sheppard East Village BIA!

AVCA Huntingwood Day

On August 19, 2023 many cyclists from our community met on Huntingwood Avenue to cycle the North Scarborough Green Loop and the bike lanes on Huntingwood Avenue. Both Councillor Mantas and Councillor Meyers attended to support safe cycling in our community. We were joined by Toronto Cycle, East Toronto Cycle and Scarborough Cycle members who promoted cycling safety, and provided bike tune-ups. We thank Erhard Kraus who led the bike ride and who was the initial instigator of the North Scarborough Green Loop. AVCA continues to advocate for cycling safety – a mode of transportation used by many to attend school, buy groceries, connect to public transit and enjoy physical well-being.

Toronto Free Tree & Shrub Giveaway

On September 30, 2023, many residents retrieved greenery to plant in their yards to enhance their properties and to add to the tree canopy in Toronto. If there is community interest this opportunity will be again available next year. Our gardeners are young and more seasoned as evident in our photos!



Havendale Volleyball Game & Food Drive

Thank you to Sarah and Johnny for organizing this community event! Great weather, great set-up and great fun! Food that was collected for Agincourt Community Services Food Bank is much needed and AVCA thanks you for your donations.



Thank you to the sponsors of the volleyball T-Shirts: [JJ Lawncare](#), for your weekly lawn mowing in Agincourt, [Wedo Photography](#) for your passport photos and wedding/event photography located at 2351 Kennedy Road unit 109 and [Jackphoto.ca](#) for all of your last-minute Christmas photo gifts!

Pumpkins in Donalda Park

Halloween is upon us! AVCA Invites you to carve your pumpkin early and bring it for display at Donalda Park on Sunday, October 29, 2023 between 6:30 – 7:00 pm. At sundown we will light up Agincourt with our pumpkins. Pumpkins must be returned to your home for Halloween night displays. This is another opportunity to meet neighbours and enjoy our beautiful parks!

Stouffville Corridor GO Train Concerns

AVCA appreciates the many residents who are vocal in their concerns regarding use of the Stouffville Corridor trains – a public transit asset for Agincourt residents if the trains run! Since August 18, 2023 trains on the Stouffville Corridor now run on weekdays southbound between 6:00 am until 4:00 pm and northbound between 9:12 am until 7:12 pm. There are now trains on the weekend! Please check the Agincourt Station GO Schedule for exact train times!

For many who rent or have bought in our community and who do not work the 9:00 am -5:00 pm hours, who do not own cars, who attend college or university, who need to reach late appointments or who want to enjoy a sports game, concert or show downtown - this is a tremendous inconvenience with NO EVENING TRAINS. AVCA has advocated tirelessly for improved service. You are encouraged to address your concerns regarding train reduction to torontoeast@metrolinx.com.

AVCA in the Media re: Metrolinx

Our concerns are ongoing. Our community received noise walls that are inadequate in mitigating train noise, reflective and lower than specifications that were provided for noise walls. Our community was the first in the GO RER Expansion that began on the Stouffville Corridor in 2017. Our noise walls are not at the 2022 Metrolinx standard other Ontarians are enjoying. This inadequacy impacts negatively those living along the rail. As a result, AVCA Executive has held many meetings with MPP Babikian and has forwarded a letter to Metrolinx CEO Phil Verster. AVCA is awaiting a meeting with the Minister of Transportation scheduled to happen in October 2023. *Attached is our AVCA letter which was sent to the Minister of Transportation Prabmeet Sarkaria.*

Lack of evening trains results in 1.5 hour TTC rides after 7:12 pm. The Tax Funded New Agincourt GO Station is only accessible for washrooms, seating or in-person assistance between 6:00 am – 11:45 am. Loud GO Station announcements are impacting commuters on the platform as well as those who live along the tracks. Within AVCA boundaries grade separations for our safety are essential on Finch Avenue and Huntingwood Avenue as well as the proposed closure of Havendale Road. Thus AVCA continues to be vocal in the media:

<https://www.toronto.com/news-story/10984076-scarborough-has-hourly-and-weekday-go-trains-back-on-stouffville-line-but-may-wait-until-2031-for-15-minute-service/>

Agincourt GO Station

AVCA Executive is working with Metrolinx to have historical photos displayed within the new station, mirrors installed at each of the stairways into the pedestrian tunnels, continued maintenance of the landscaping and improved lighting in the pathways to the station on the north end. Should you encounter a safety issue at the station you need to press the *Help Buttons* or text *HELP* to 77777. Please email your concerns to torontoeast@metrolinx.com.

City Zoning Changes & Development

Throughout Toronto Multi-Tenant Houses, Laneway Suites, Multiplexes and Garden Suites can be built on properties formerly zoned for single family homes:

The Expanding Housing Options in Neighbourhoods (EHON) Major Streets Proposal Study sets out a proposal for Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments to permit townhouses and small-scale apartment buildings on major streets in neighbourhoods across the city. Consultations from the public are planned. There are 6 consultation events planned between October 12 and 25, 2023.

In-person consultation events: Oct 12: 4:30 - 7:00pm, Scarborough Civic Centre. **Toronto-wide**

Virtual Events: Two webinars are proposed to be held on October 25, 2023: 2:30 - 4:30pm or 6:00 - 8:00pm. For more information as it becomes available, please visit the [City Planning Consultations page](#).

Housing & The Delta Shelter

Many residents have inquired about the decommissioning of The Delta. At present AVCA has been informed that the contract for use of the hotel as a shelter is finished in August 2024. AVCA Executive continually dialogue with Councilor Mantas, MPP Aris Babikian and MP Yip regarding the critical need for supportive and affordable housing in Toronto. At monthly Community Liaison Committee meetings advocates for alternative housing for the Delta clients and the return of The Delta for use by Scarborough residents.

WhatsApp AVCA Neighbourhood Watch

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

AVCA Membership 2024

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 for community events. Cash or cheque *payable to Agincourt Village Community Association* can be dropped off to President Rhoda Potter, 38 Agincourt Drive, Scarborough M1S 1M3. 2024 Membership can also be paid at the October 17, 2023 AGM.

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 with any suggestions, questions or concerns.

Thank you for your support of AVCA! See everyone at the October 17, 2023 AGM!