



# Agincourt Village Community Association

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AVCA was very happy to meet many new neighbours at our Community Clean-Up, Meet-Up in Havendale Park and Yard Sale this Spring. 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](mailto:avcatoronto@gmail.com).

### Good News – AVCA Winners

Names were drawn at our recent events and the following AVCA members won \$50 Gift Certificates! It looks like food, flowers and frocks were the focus for their gift certificates!



Bruce at Master Tailor & Cleaners



Judy at Sunflower & Gifts



Wendy at Food Basics

### \$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 to lucky members throughout 2023. It could be you if you are a paid 2023 member!

**Thank you Sheppard East Village BIA!**



### **AVCA Yard Sale**

Thank you to all residents who contributed articles to our AVCA Yard Sale on May 27, 2023. It was a wonderful event with people finding new treasures, meeting neighbours and enjoying the day! AVCA realized \$1376.85 and unsold items were donated to local agencies!

### **AVCA Community Meet-Up in Havendale Park**

What a huge success! On June 17, 2023 we learned about cycling safety from Toronto Cycle, decorated our bikes, had bike tune-ups, participated in a bike ride to Agincourt GO Station, played games, enjoyed the new playscape although we were so busy we forgot the ribbon cutting, and loved the dumplings provided by “Dad’s Dumplings.” Thank you to Alison Stewart & Colleagues from Toronto Cycle, Berlin & Family from Dad’s Dumplings, MP Jean Yip and MPP Aris Babikian for making the event enjoyable!

### **Dad’s Dumplings**



Their Instagram address is:

@dads.dumplings      Contact: Berlin Chen      Text: 647-862-7762

### **Strawberry Social Cancelled**

As mentioned previously AVCA was considering a July Strawberry Social however due to low interest expressed at our Spring Events and the need for more volunteers to facilitate the event we decided to cancel for this year. If you are interested in working on a committee to organize a Strawberry Social for next year please send an email to [avcatoronto@gmail.com](mailto:avcatoronto@gmail.com).

### **AVCA Receives Award**

Cycling safety is included in AVCA’s priority for community safety. AVCA is working with Councillor Mantas, Toronto East Cycle and Toronto Cycle to highlight the need for safer connected bike pathways. As a result of this initiative along with Zuojun Han we received Climate Action Champion recognition for our work. AVCA recognizes that many residents cycle to work, to connect to public transit, to school, to buy groceries and for their own health and pleasure. Improved connections in Northeast Toronto along with the establishment of Bikeshare



for those who do not own bikes are needed.

### **Stouffville Corridor GO Train Reduction Concerns**

Since April 8, 2023 trains on the Stouffville Corridor no longer run on weekdays between 10:00 am – 3:30 pm and after 7:30 pm. There are no trains on the weekend! 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 daytime appointments or who want to enjoy a sports game, concert or show downtown - this is a tremendous inconvenience. AVCA has worked tirelessly to ascertain the reason and timeline for reinstatement. Vague construction that is not posted on the Metrolinx website is not an acceptable response. Ridership cannot increase unless trains are running as they were on an hourly basis throughout COVID! You are encouraged to address your concerns regarding train reduction to [torontoeast@metrolinx.com](mailto:torontoeast@metrolinx.com).

### Your AVCA Executive Looking for Stouffville Trains



### **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](mailto:torontoeast@metrolinx.com).

### **City of Toronto Urban Forestry Tree Planting**

In the interest of increasing the Toronto Tree Canopy our community will receive 50 free trees and shrubs for planting on our own properties. These trees and shrubs will be delivered to a central location within our community in the Fall 2023. More information regarding this environmental endeavor will be forthcoming. Should you be interested in planting a tree or shrub in your front or backyard please email [avcatoronto@gmail.com](mailto:avcatoronto@gmail.com) to have your name added to the list.

### **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](mailto:avcatoronto@gmail.com) and include your cell number.

### **AVCA's Big Red Maple Leaf at Agincourt Mall**

We are celebrating Canada's 156<sup>th</sup> birthday by creating pictures of our favourite places in which to play, live and be in our community. These drawings are posted on cards on the Big Red Leaf in the centre of Agincourt Mall. Thank you to Centre Corp and some talented students for assisting AVCA in this endeavor! There is still time to add your masterpieces – pick up a card from 5 Lockie Avenue or email [avcatoronto@gmail.com](mailto:avcatoronto@gmail.com) indicating your address and a card will be dropped off to your mailbox. Drawings may be hung throughout July. The blank spaces are yours to fill!



### **AVCA Membership 2023**

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. 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](http://www.avcatoronto.ca). Please contact the Executive at [avcatoronto@gmail.com](mailto:avcatoronto@gmail.com) with any suggestions, questions or concerns.

**Thank you for your support of AVCA! Have a wonderful summer everyone!**