

ARECA Avenue Road - Eglinton Community Association

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YOUR Community Association The Newsletter for **YOUR Community** Spring 2014

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ARECA works to be ahead of the game and to make development in the Community better for residents, the general public and the developers ...

Eglinton Connects ... Eglinton LRT ... Things you Need to Know

The construction of the LRT is underway with construction activity now in the area of Eglinton and Latimer. Soon Eglinton and Chaplin will also be disrupted. This situation is expected to impact both north and south lanes for 3 months at a time for a total of at least 6 months. More information about the LRT can be found at www.thecrosstown.ca and you can also sign up for newsletters. While it is not scheduled to open until 2020, there is much activity worth following, particularly as the ARECA area will be affected for years to come. ARECA encourages residents to continue to support local merchants as they will suffer due to the traffic and parking limitations.

Eglinton Park Playground

The make over of the playground will be happening this summer.

ARECA advocated to delay the start of construction to mid-August to permit the maximum length of time for children to use the existing area. Details can be found at www.areca.info.

Both sides of Eglinton Avenue from Yonge to Chaplin will see many changes with the new LRT service. If you live in an NTA, it is proposed Metrolinx vision for the public realm and its operation is long overdue and ARECA sees the opportunities for neighbourhood improvements along Eglinton. HOWEVER, ARECA has learned that City Planning is recommending a 'Neighbourhood Transition Area' (NTA) zone for most of Eglinton Avenue West. If you live in an NTA, it is proposed that your neighbour's house can be purchased by a developer, demolished and a public car park installed. This is so that up to 11 storey buildings can be erected on Eglinton Avenue West.

ARECA believes that legal Notice has not been given to property owners in the affected areas. We understand that the local councillors along Eglinton appear to want the matter of NTAs included within the CROSSTOWN discussion. ARECA does not condone changes to zoning or land use being made without adhering to the rules of Notice as outlined in the Planning Act and the Official Plan. An NTA zoning designation will bring Main Street activity into our Neighbourhoods. This is contrary to the rules of the Official Plan. If passed by Council, the NTA proposal could be a shock to home owners who could have a car park or a public lane-way as their next door neighbour. Contact your local councillor and ask that the rules for development be upheld before your property rights are lost. Also, keep an eye on www.areca.info as we will do our best to keep you up-to-date.

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Developments in the ARECA Area

The ARECA area is still amongst the hottest parts of Toronto for development.

ARECA is keeping an eye on proposals for the old post office building on Yonge Street, 29 storeys at Henning and Eglinton, Montgomery, Helendale amongst others.

Particularly concerning is the proposal for a large townhouse development on the south side of Roselawn between Rosewell and Duplex.



Environment Day Thursday June 19 4:00 - 8:00 pm NT Arena Parking Lot

NEW COUNCILLOR FOR WARD 16

With Councillor Stintz running for Mayor, ARECA and Ward 16 will have a new Councillor at City Hall representing us.

> ARECA will be hosting an ALL CANDIDATES MEETING, **MONDAY OCTOBER 6th** More details in the Fall Newsletter and at www.areca.info

ARECA 2014

The continued strength of any organization is often measured by its numbers.

If you believe as hundreds of households do that ARECA must continue to be active and strong, please support YOUR COMMUNITY!

THANK YOU!

The ARECA Board thanks all community Members for their past support. It is with your financial support that we remain a strong voice for our community. We look forward to your ongoing financial support.

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