

Our Neighbourhood News



Is the traffic on Yonge Street driving you crazy? Wonder what is going on with the subway? Is it true there will be a huge development at Centerpoint Mall?

For answers to these questions, (and light refreshments!) please join us on Wednesday, October 23rd, 7:00 p.m. at Henderson School for our Grandview Area Residents Association (GARA) Annual General Meeting.

Our neighbourhood is squarely in the path of huge changes. The subway is coming with increasing and on-going disruption for years to come. Steeles Avenue and Yonge Street will be lined with a series of super tall condo towers. Major construction is also planned for the areas north of us including a mega development at Yonge and Highway 407. What can be done to protect our neighbourhood during and after these developments?

Keith Irish, our Ward One Markham City Councillor, has agreed to join us for the evening. You will be able to chat with him informally before the meeting begins and he will then give us an insider's update of what to expect and how the city may be able to support us. After his presentation, you will be able to ask him questions about these issues and any other city matters of concern.

This is your once-a-year opportunity to meet with your neighbours, your residents association executive, and your City Councillor. Don't miss it!

Grandview Area Residents Association Annual General Meeting
Henderson Avenue Public School
Wednesday, October 23
Refreshments and Chat 7:00pm - Meeting 7:30—9:00 pm

In-person meeting or contact GaraThornhill@gmail.com for zoom link



Great food close to home

Do you know where you can find organic chicken, homemade sausages, an international selection of cheeses, top grade beef, crusty rye bread, chocolate delicacies, sushi, freshly roasted coffee beans, mid-eastern veggie dishes and salads, smoked fish, homemade lasagna, a weekly variety of soups, and local maple syrup... all under one roof?

We are fortunate to have all of this within a few minutes' drive, at the York Farmer's Market, 7509 Yonge Street, at Elgin. Although it has been here since 1953, it has changed greatly and now meets the needs and tastes of our wonderfully multicultural community.



Stuart Carroll Meats and Reesor's Chicken and Cheeses are mainstays. Stuart Carroll's family has had a business at the market since 1972 and Stuart has worked there since he was 11 years old! He believes in offering the best beef and the best service. He also provides a selection of prepared foods that varies from week to week.

Tom Batsas purchased the Reesor's chicken business in 2007. He has expanded its offerings to include organic poultry, organic eggs, and a huge selection of Canadian and international cheeses.

As well as being able to do your food shopping under one roof, you can also find handmade jewelry, fresh flowers, sculptural beeswax candles, birdfeed. Also a large selection of jams and syrups are sold at the booth owned by Lee Femson, who has been a familiar face at the market for 40 years.

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Halloween is so much fun; it needs to last an extra night! Enjoy the costumes, jack-o'-lanterns and all the spooky fun for one extra day!

Since everyone had such a good time last year, GARA is again sponsoring our neighbourhood pumpkin parade at Grandview Park on Friday, November 1st, starting at 6:30pm.

Everyone of every age is welcome. Wear a costume if you'd like and bring your jack-o'-lantern if you have one. There will be a contest for the best carved pumpkin, and hot chocolate for everyone.

Come and see our park transformed for this one night!

Volunteer?

Can you help? Why would you want to? It can be fun and very friendly. You get to know neighbours throughout the area and feel more connected to our community. You can make a real contribution. You will know more about what's going on and be part of a group often consulted by the City for input.



The GARA Executive would welcome new members. We are especially hoping to find someone to take on the job of Newsletter Editor but there are lots of other ways you can be involved. If you are curious or would like to volunteer to be a member of the Executive, call Rhonda Duma at 905 731-0284 or drop us an email at GaraThornhill@gmail.com preferably before our AGM on October 23rd..

Serving Our Community Since 1989

We wish to respectfully acknowledge that we live in the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Anishinabek Nations, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. We are grateful to live on this land.

Grandview Area Residents Association (GARA)

Join GARA or renew your membership and be a part of the important work
[Click here to join electronically](#)
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Complete the form below and deliver or mail it along with your payment to:

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GARA always needs your help . Please indicate how you can contribute:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Delivering Newsletters | <input type="checkbox"/> Organizing Social Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lobbying Markham Council | <input type="checkbox"/> Park and Woods Maintenance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Various Committee Work (Traffic, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Rink Maintenance |

Membership is \$10.00 per household per year.

Payment by cash, cheque, or etransfer (GaraThornhill@gmail.com) .

Cheques payable to **Grandview Area Residents Association**

Winter is Coming!



Over the years, our Grandview Park skating rink has been an on and off affair. For many years, it disappeared because no one stepped up to make it happen. It is not city run but entirely managed by neighbourhood volunteers. Now they are telling us that they have to have more help.

They are looking for dedicated, hardy individuals who are interested in helping to scrape and flood the ice surface.. No experience is needed. Please contact us at 905 731-0284 or GaraThornhill@gmail.com and let us know you're interested.