**Serving the residents of Chaplin Estates for over 60 years**

**Spring 2017**

Welcome to the spring edition of the Oriole Park Association Newsletter. We would like to welcome all new residents in the area and encourage their contribution to the vibrant Oriole Park/Chaplin Estates neighbourhood.

For those who are not familiar with the Association, we are the local residential ratepayers group administered by a volunteer Board of Directors made up of people from all walks and stages of life with the common goal of making the Oriole Park /Chaplin Estates area one of the best neighbourhoods in the City of Toronto.

One of our prime goals is to communicate relevant issues to the membership and we encourage you to communicate with us to let us know what you are experiencing - nothing is too minor and we will provide the best possible assistance.

Enclosed in the newsletter, are some of the more pressing matters that we have been involved with on an ongoing basis over the past year.

In addition, we liaise with the Toronto Police Services to discuss neighbourhood safety issues, as well as our local Councillor, Josh Matlow, and his staff on behalf of the membership and residents of Oriole Park.

We are fortunate to be bordered by 2 dynamic Business Improvement Areas (BIA) namely, The Eglinton Way BIA and the Midtown Yonge BIA. Both areas provide a wide range of retail and professional services for every need as well as a wide range of restaurant facilities to satisfy all hungers.

# Message from the President

Since our Fall 2016 Newsletter, the Association has been active in positive community endeavors for the good of Oriole Park/Chaplin Estates.

In November 2016, we held our well attended Annual General Meeting at North Toronto Community Center which featured an update from Toronto Police Services presented by Staff Sgt. Matt Moyer, our annual ‘State of the Union’ address delivered by our Councillor Josh Matlow and our featured presenter Steve Paikin, who introduced his latest book on former Premier Bill Davis.

In December, the Association attended a Community Meeting held by Councillor Josh Matlow to discuss the safety and revitalization of Oriole Parkway. Don Johnson and Michael Robinson presented an overview of the ongoing traffic problems. For more information, please see the detailed progress report further on.

We are pleased to announce that with the effort of residents and Councillor Josh Matlow that the ‘speed hump’ proposal for Braemar Avenue between Chaplin Avenue and Eglinton Avenue West has been approved. We are hoping that installation will take place by the opening of Oriole Park JPS in September.

This initiative will make this busy street safer for residents and school children alike.

The OPA Board is taking part in the discussion on the future of the Canada Square site led by Councillor Josh Matlow. This is a positive consultative process with Oxford Developments which will highlight the solicitation of local residents’ opinions during the redevelopment process. To become involved, please refer to the Community Calendar in this issue.

A happy and safe spring / summer to all!!

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***“Spring is the time of plans and projects.” Leo Tolstoy, Anna Karenina***

**Our Garden of the Year Award …… Call for Nominations!!!**

We are expecting a warmer than average spring this year, so we hopefully be able to start planting earlier.

We will be offering three prizes this year: The grand prize for 1st place will be a gift provided by Sheridan Nurseries. Second and third place prizes will be provided by our local businesses.

The Oriole Park Association’s Garden of the Year committee will be nominating gardens and accepting **nominations starting the week of May 26th.** The winning gardens will be announced on **June 30th, 2017**. This award reflects the enormous enjoyment and pride we all take in the beauty of our community.

If you have any questions, please contact Heather Harris at (416) 704 8340 or at heatherharrishomes@hotmail.ca.

**CHAPLIN ESTATES COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE!!!**

**SATURDAY JUNE 3RD, 8AM TO 2PM**

**Upcoming Community Events**



***We hope to offer a garden tour this year to celebrate the beauty of our neighbourhood!***

The Chaplin Estates Community Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2017 from 8am to 2pm.  Anyone living in Chaplin Estates can take part.  **There is no fee!**  Signs will be posted in the neighbourhood in the early morning to advertise the event.  It will also be advertised on social media, The Star and the OPA website.

Please let us know of your participation as a **seller** by sending an email to oriolepk@hotmail.com



Good luck selling and shopping!!!

**ORIOLE PARKWAY SAFETY AND REVITALIZATION**

Since a Community Meeting hosted by Councillor Josh Matlow in December, the OPA set up a Standing Committee for Oriole Parkway Safety and Revitalization, comprised of residents and OPA Board members.

The Committee prepared written presentations to both Councillor Matlow and the residents at large. Over 450 copies of the position papers were distributed to the local residents most affected by this issue. Residents were asked to voice their opinions as to whether a pilot four way stop should be considered at Oriole Parkway and Tranmer. We had a positive response rate, (over 97%), in favour of the pilot project which the Committee shared with Councillor Matlow.

On Tuesday April 4, 2017, Councillor Matlow introduced a motion to Toronto and East York Council in support of the OPA Committee Request. Council was addressed by Don Johnson and Michael Robinson outlining the details of an independent traffic study which supported the community concerns. Upon review of the presentation Toronto and East York Community Council approved the request with a 100% vote in favour. As Oriole Parkway is a designated Arterial roadway with TTC service, the final approval will rest with the full City of Toronto Council at a future Council Meeting. It should be noted that Mayor John Tory has expressed his support of this initiative.

This project also means to revitalize the Oriole Parkway planting areas and bollards /medians. At present, there is no set time for the revitalization of the bollards and medians but it appears that the City would like to wait until the LRT is complete. Only maintenance, including weeding and litter collection will take place at this time. This is not a satisfactory timeline, and a more timely solution will be sought with Councillor Matlow’s office.

**Community Development**

**UPDATE: AVENUE ROAD AND EGLINTON LRT SITE**

Since our last newsletter, the Eglinton LRT construction has continued to progress through our neighbourhood and unfortunately, not without concerns.

In late February /early March we had incidents of heavy construction vehicles using Braemar Avenue, a school zone, which is prohibited. Metrolinx/Crosslinx addressed the situation and the truck traffic has appeared to stop.

The piling is complete at the Eglinton main and secondary entrances and is underway at the Chaplin Station. An update for the Yonge Station is not yet available. Excavation is to commence at each station with truck traffic estimated at 5 trucks per hour per site. We have requested clarification as to the hours of operation and projected overall timeline. We will advise the membership when this is clarified.

The OPA was asked to participate in a Construction Liaison Committee hosted by Metrolinx and Crosslinx and we attended the first meeting on March 28, 2017. Other participants include our neighbouring ratepayer associations north of Eglinton and the Eglinton Way BIA. The meeting brought the stakeholders up to date as to progress and further meetings are planned. The BIA and the ratepayers associations have also formed a committee to address the ongoing issues with Metrolinx/Crosslinx with a unified voice.

With the increased truck traffic, residents need to be aware that this is not allowed on streets adjacent to Eglinton Avenue West. To report these and other concerns to Metrolinx/Crosslinx, please call 416-782-8118 or email the OPA at oriolepk@hotmail.com.

**Community News**

**TTC BUSLANDS**

To encourage the maximum involvement from area residents, Oxford Properties and Brook Pooni will be hosting a series of Idea Fairs, beginning on the evening of Thursday May 4th. More specific details will follow. Members of the area ratepayers associations will be walking the site with Oxford Properties on April 27th to open in earnest the discussion regarding redevelopment of the site.

**TORONTO POLICE SERVICES UPDATE**

This past year was the worst one for fatalities: 63 in Toronto, and 3 in the 53rd division.  There has also been an increase in apartment break and enters, and stolen luxury vehicles.

The 53rd division has spearheaded an initiative to help all residents remain more visible on city streets. A removable reflective wristband is available and will be demonstrated at the community open house on May 13th. All are welcome to come and meet the service horses, dogs, and officers.

Suspicious activity may be reported to: Alex Li   416 808 5308 or Timothy Somers  416 808 5337.

53thdivision@torontopolice.on.ca

**UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Sunday, May 7, GoodLife Fitness Marathon: Early morning to Early Afternoon:** TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS: Yonge Street + local street closures

**Sunday, May 7 at 3-5pm:** St. Paul's Summit at Christ Church Deer Park (1570 Yonge Street)

**Saturday, May 13 at 11-3pm:** 53rd Division Community Open House, 75 Eglinton Avenue West

**Sunday, May 14, Sporting Life Run: Early Morning to Early Afternoon:** TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS: Yonge Street + local street closures –Sporting Life Run

**Wednesday, May 17, 6:30-8:30pm:** North Toronto Memorial Community Centre Temporary Closure Public Meeting

**Saturday, May 27, 11am-3pm:** Oriole Park Jr PS Mayfair and Silent Auction -, 80 Braemar Avenue

**Thursday, June 1, 4-8pm**: Councillor Josh Matlow's Community Environment Day in the North Toronto Memorial Arena parking lot.

**Saturday June 3, 8am-2pm: Chaplin Estates Community Garage Sale** hosted by the Oriole Park Association

**Saturday, June 3, 10am-4pm**- Midtown in Focus Open House (Save the Date), Location TBD

**Saturday, June 17, 12-4pm: Eglinton Way BIA Scavenger Hunt**, Along Eglinton Avenue West between Oriole Parkway and Chaplin Crescent

**Saturday, June 17, 12-4pm: Oriole Park Association Garden of the Year Tour:** nominated front gardens of the 2017 Garden of the Year contest

**November 2017, 7pm: Oriole Park Association Annual General Meeting:** Date to Be Announced

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**BECOME A MEMBER - JOIN THE OPA TODAY!**

Thank you to those who have supported us this past year, and welcome those who have recently moved into the community of Oriole Park.

The Oriole Park Association (OPA) is a not-for-profit ratepayers group working to keep its members and the community informed about activities in our neighbourhood. We strive to promote responsible development, protection of the environment, responsible land development, and the general well-being of all the residents in Oriole Park community.

The OPA continues to work hard on your behalf. Please support our efforts by joining us as a new member or renewing your membership today.

Our annual membership fees are only **$40 per household** - alternatively, you can take advantage of our 3-year membership for only $100. Please complete and mail the form below, or join online through PayPal.

Membership includes: Voting Privileges, Membership Savings, and Advance Notice of all Special Events, E-newsletter Alerts, and Neighbourhood Networking Opportunities.

We look forward to meeting you!

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**Membership Form**

 **Please complete and mail this form**: DATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Household Membership Fees**

* **$40** for an Annual Membership
* **$100** for a 3-year Membership
* E-transfer to oriolepk@hotmail.com
* CHEQUE- payable to: ***Oriole Park Association*** (*please do not send cash*)

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