



Cliffcrest Scarborough Village SW Residents Association

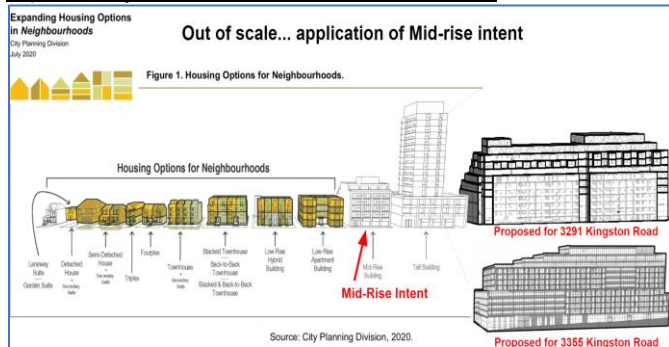
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“Together we preserve the unique nature of our neighbourhoods”

LOOKING at the BIG PICTURE

The Association continues to follow up with City Planning with regards to questions raised for 3291 Kingston Road Development. City Planning recently provided the developer feedback on the proposal advising the need to reduce the scale and orientation of the proposed building. It is our understanding that the developer is now considering this feedback. As we await next steps including timing of the public consultation meeting, we continue to advocate that there should be no rezoning of properties zoned single family home residential and a gradual transition to neighbourhoods for both this proposal and the 3355 Kingston Road site. Follow this link for a recording of the presentation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pu8QCOxTolw>



For the BIG PICTURE of developments being proposed click interactive map, <https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1-V1dBgxR4GSIZBxOeVusDmb34ufJZlCP&usp=sharing>

Read impact analysis for these proposals in December newsletter <https://www.cliffcrestscarboroughvillagesw.ca/news>

ADD YOUR VOICE to the decisions being made about our neighbourhoods, follow this link to become a member. Associate Membership is free. <https://www.cliffcrestscarboroughvillagesw.ca/become-member>

BE AWARE AND GET INVOLVED

This story continues from last month's issue...

Since March this year following a Stop Work Order and Order to Comply to the drawings, constructions had halted at this site. It started again on the Canada Day long weekend. Work started again with NO permits posted on site, as is the requirement. Inquiry to Toronto Buildings Records at Scarborough City Hall confirmed that no other plans had been issued beyond the initial permit. A call to 311 prompted the following actions: the contractor is required to provide an as-built survey which will show the elevations; the area inspector will attend the site and review what has been constructed to date and compare this to the approved permit plans; and, once the assessment is done, the area inspector will take steps to gain compliance where it is found to be necessary.

This is why it is important to BE AWARE & GET INVOLVED!

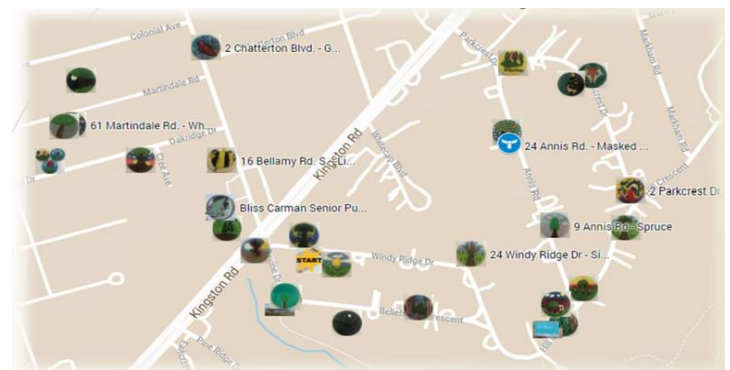
Marina Tadenc, Editor on Location

HAVE YOU NOTICED THE YELLOW RIBBONS?

Are you looking for something fun to do outdoors?

We welcome you to come stroll through our neighbourhood forest to discover the treasures and stories of Cliffcrest Scarborough Village.

The **Tree Ribbon Campaign** was launched by the Association to bring attention to our neighbourhood forest which is at risk of being lost if the decisions made about these neighbourhoods do not give consideration to the value of our trees.



Discover the treasures and stories of Cliffcrest Scarborough Village SW

A **treasure map** was created giving coordinates of trees pinned with badges of honour, artwork created by the students of Bliss Carman Senior Public School, pinned to yellow ribbons. Each badge points to learnings about the tree age, its value to the existing ecosystem and more. Visitors are now invited to take a self-guided tour to discover the treasure found in these neighbourhoods, our tree canopy.

Follow this link to learn about **4 options available** for the self-guided tour, **Treasure Map (cliffcrest scarborough village.ca)**



Stop 1 is easy to find, just look for NEW Community Library, here is a teaser to self-guided tour, <https://youtu.be/JsFP-ooytK4>

NEW COMMUNITY SHARING LIBRARY!

This can be found at stop 1 of the Tree Ribbon Campaign on 3 Windy Ridge Drive. Take a book or leave a book...

Got a book that you don't need, leave it here for others to read, consider it a good neighbourly deed!



NEIGHBOURLY SUPPORT

On Oakridge Drive - Second time at COA for proposed monster home. Even though they reduced the size of the home this time around it was still well beyond the generous guidelines (38% over on FSI) and not in character with our neighbourhood. More than 50 residents (including all surrounding neighbours) signed the Petition of Objection for this development. REFUSED!

On Hill Crescent - This proposed monster home was characterized by relatively small individual variances, but taken as a whole was way out of character for the neighbourhood. The Association and residents organized the local community (over 60 names to the petition of objection). At least 4 local residents volunteered to give effective presentations and the application was REFUSED!

Watch June 23rd COA link to see joint efforts of Association and residents - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tvz2zfVbkhU>

There is strength in numbers! Become a member and add your voice to the decisions being made about our neighbourhoods. "Together we preserve the unique nature of our neighbourhoods"

HELP FOR OUR 4 LEGGED RESIDENTS

One of the things that is special about our neighbourhoods is the biodiversity of wildlife that travels through our community forest.

A useful contact to be aware of is the Toronto Wildlife Center (TWC), a non-profit, charitable organization, funded solely by donations. It is the only agency in Toronto that aids TO wildlife. If you discover a sick, injured or orphaned wild animal

you can reach out to this group for assistance. Recently, Emily & Sarah of TWC responded to sightings reported by residents of a fox pair that appeared to have an early case of mange. Mange can be very successfully treated, but only if captured as treatment needs to be administered for a period of time while in care. Baited traps to capture the fox to administer treatment have been distributed. You can help by reporting sightings to the hotline.

<https://www.torontowildlifecentre.co>



CSVSWRA SPECIAL NEIGHBOURHOOD ALERT



This special alert has been prepared in response to a number of our members expressing concern about receiving unsolicited requests to purchase their homes. Please share with your neighbours.

http://cliffcrestscarboroughvillagesw.ca/data/documents/CommunitySupport_14_MEMBERSHIP-NEIGHBOURHOOD-ALERT.pdf

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

To learn more about the association and membership visit www.cliffcrestscarboroughvillagesw.ca
Call: 647-245-3277 Email: info@csvsw.ca
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/csvsw>

CITY WIDE FRAMEWORK FOR MULTI TENANT HOUSES

The Association submitted a Letter of Opinion and Concern to provide feedback on the "City-Wide Framework for Multi-Tenant (Rooming) Houses Presentation" and the proposed regulatory framework in the staff report "Creating the Regulatory and Compliance Framework for Multi-Tenant Houses across Toronto."

<https://cliffcrestscarboroughvillagesw.ca/data/documents/CSVSWRA-Letter-to-PHC-re-MTHs-19-June-2021.pdf>

The potential extension of zoning for MTH in Scarborough (currently not permitted) at the same time as changes to zoning for Garden suites, represent one of the greatest changes to neighbourhood regulation and characteristics in memory. Sudden massive change in short time frames has great potential for unforeseen and unintended consequences and must not be taken lightly.

NEW SIGNS FOR BROOKLAWN

Councillor Crawford and Monique Lisi visited residents in Cliffcrest on June 2nd to hand-deliver flyers about the changes for summer parking. The community residents in the vicinity of Brooklawn Avenue were glad to see new parking signs posted on the west side of Brooklawn Avenue, restricting parking on the weekends and holidays from May 1 – September 30 from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. The residents appreciated support by the Councillor Team who worked to get the signs up sooner than was expected on June 11th & will decidedly assist with the problematic parking issues experienced by residents.

Parking Concerns: The quickest way to get an Officer dispatched for parking offences is through the new online portal, which sends the request to the dispatcher almost immediately. The portal link is provided below. Or, a call for service can still be made through the non-emergency line at 416 808-2222.

https://www.torontopolice.on.ca/core/immediate_parking_complaint.php

HOME BASED BUSINESS, TO BE LICENSED or NOT?

As the scope of the CSVSWRA continues to grow, so will our reach with respect to supporting local residents not only from inappropriate infill builds and overambitious developers, but also from other challenges. Our recent communiqué with caution on unsolicited home buying attempts and possible pitfalls of walking down that road is one example of this.

The CSVSWRA receives queries from local residents on home based businesses and which ones are required to have a license to operate. There are good reasons why many home-based businesses require a license as the busy and loud ones can be a challenge to neighbours' rights for privacy and quiet enjoyment. Most inquiries seem to fit under the heading of unlicensed Rooming Houses, and other unlicensed "Retail" businesses and "Services" such as home-based auto repair shops. The following link from the City of Toronto is helpful in determining bylaw enforcement and which businesses require a license, and may not be operated from a residential property without a license. Be Aware!

<https://www.toronto.ca/311/knowledgebase/kb/docs/articles/municipal-licensing-and-standards/licensing-services/license-and-permit-issuing-office/bylaw-enforcement-business-licenses-stationary-business-complaints.html>

Story by Y. Di Tullio, Director

"We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children."
Native American Proverb

NEXT ISSUE: Part 9 - BE AWARE & GET INVOLVED find out what happens next at this site! True Story! More conversation on THE BIG PICTURE & more updates on how "Together we preserve the unique nature of our Neighbourhoods"