



Cliffcrest Scarborough Village SW  
Residents Association

# on Location

*“Together we preserve the unique nature of our neighbourhoods”*

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## Invitation to visit 3 Windy Ridge Dr. ACCEPTED

I was thrilled when Councillor Crawford accepted my invitation to visit 3 Windy Ridge, I had so much to tell him.

Joined by Wendy Hooker a resident of Cliffcrest and fellow member, practicing safe social distancing and wearing masks, I had the pleasure of hosting Councillor Crawford and Monique Lisi at my home on my front porch in September.

We were given an incredible opportunity deliver the exciting news of the newly formed **Cliffcrest Scarborough Village SW Residential Association** in person. We explained how group came together following the Windy Ridge Condo announcement and then quickly grew into something bigger. We shared our hopes and some of our plans to build a long-lasting group to support our neighbourhoods. We were very pleased to hand deliver a copy of the Press Release for the New Association.

I was also very glad that our Councilor accepted the invitation to be a judge for our photo contest. **The photo contest is launched as something positive and fun to reach out to engage the community as well as introduce the new Association.** You can learn more about the photo contest by visiting

[www.cliffcrestscarboroughvillagesw.ca/current-events-projects](http://www.cliffcrestscarboroughvillagesw.ca/current-events-projects)



## What's new with your Residents Association

In issue #1 of *on Location* you were introduced to the “Cliffcrest Scarborough Village SW Residents Association”. The newly established Association has been busy building and getting organized so that it can effectively provide support as we move forward.

### Do you want to know what we have been up to?

We have established four Committees within the Association to support its neighbourhoods:

- **Heritage and Environment Team** is engaged as Stewards of the neighbourhoods that will be dedicated to tell the stories and share information about what is precious and should be preserved and remembered in our neighbourhoods.
- **Membership Team** is dedicated to bringing together the residents in the neighbourhoods the Association supports so that they can add their voice in a united organized approach to be inclusive in the decisions that impact our neighbourhoods. The Association currently represent residents in the area bounded by Eglinton Avenue to the north, Lake Ontario to the south, Brimley Road to the west and Markham Road to the east. To encourage community participation the steering committee has decided to make membership free.
- **Planning and Development Team** is dedicated to better understand the process steps set out by the City to then try to provide support and information to residents when they become involved in these processes.
- **Communications and Community Affairs Team** is dedicated to keep the neighbourhoods the Association supports informed and current with the projects and events the Association is participating in.

Together we are here to support and collect the voices of the neighbourhood and advocate for inclusion and awareness in an organized approach in the decisions that impacts our community.

The intention of the Association is to build a relationship with the residents it supports and to be long lasting.

***To learn more about the Association or to add your name as a member, please visit***

[www.cliffcrestscarboroughvillagesw.ca/become-member](http://www.cliffcrestscarboroughvillagesw.ca/become-member)

If you would like to become a member and do not have access to a computer please call us at us 647-508-8153 and we will have one of our street captains come visit to gather your information. Help spread the news please share our webpage details with your neighbours.

## Project News – on Location

### **City Solicitor to oppose inappropriate developments at Local Appeal Body (TLAB)**

Councillor Crawford and staff have been listening to specific 'troubling concerns' from various RA community members about the challenging practices of some developers in the community.

Recently when the Committee of Adjustment, CoA, have denied egregious building applications, the expectation is that the applicants will adjust their designs to adhere to the existing zoning bylaws.

Unfortunately, some developers bypass this process and automatically submit applications to the higher jurisdictional agent, The Toronto Local Appeal Body, TLAB.

This is a challenging process for individual residents to participate in as success truly requires the skills of a lawyer and land planner which the community cannot afford.

On some occasions, city councillors have responded to petitions and letters of resident associations to provide these human resources to "balance the playing field" as recently experienced in Cliffcrest.

To all who have been involved in these processes and to those who are being faced with a new development, it is important to be engaged and to continue to participate in the decisions that come to our neighbourhoods.

Per the mission statement of *Cliffcrest Scarborough Village SW Residents Association*,

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Councillor Crawford and his Chief of Staff sat on my front porch at 3 Windy Ridge looking directly across at ground zero to where the Condo development is being proposed and we discussed our concerns with him. To have had them sit with us looking out at the site for the proposed condo for themselves elevates any letter or picture anyone could have sent about it. Thank you Councillor for taking the time to listen to us.

The meeting that was scheduled for 30 minutes went on for more than 2 hours, ending with a promise to come back and visit with the group in the near future.

The Association looks forward to building a relationship with our Councillor and his team. We look forward to making good things happen long term together.

### **We want to hear from you**

Call us 647-508-8153 Email us at

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Or visit us at

[www.cliffcrestscarboroughvillagesw.ca](http://www.cliffcrestscarboroughvillagesw.ca)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/csvsw>

## **Thanksgiving Food Drive**

Thanksgiving season is a time of year where we reflect and give thanks for what we have.

I am sharing a photo of our two honorary young Association members ready to make a delivery to the Ward 20 Thanksgiving Food Drive. The children were interested in participating in this event so we made sure that two of the boxes were filled with light items so they could participate in hand delivering donations collected by the core Cliffcrest Scarborough Village SW Residents Association Team to the 2229 Kingston Rd site.



The highlight of my day was when someone's little wallet was pulled out and then asked if she could make her very own donation. Here is the photo moment.



This really is what Thanksgiving is all about, being thankful and doing what we can to help.

***CSVSW RA was glad to support 2020 Thanksgiving Food Drive***

**In our next issue:** More updates on how

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New project to bring awareness to our tree canopy coming soon!