

# Roehampton Residence News

## Newsletter #1



October 27, 2020

The Roehampton Residence (808 Mount Pleasant Ave.) is a temporary shelter which was activated by the City of Toronto, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration to support physical distancing within shelters in response to COVID-19.

The Roehampton Residence News will be issued regularly in order to provide information and updates to the mid-town community regarding the shelter. The Newsletter is developed by City staff.

## The Newsletter will provide the following:

- Shelter, Support and Housing Administration (SSHA) Update
- Roehampton Residence Update and News
- Shelter Resident Success Story...together we make a difference
- Community Liaison Committee Update, and
- **Spotlight on 47<sup>th</sup> Toronto Brownies**

If you'd like to sign up to receive the Roehampton Residence Newsletters and/or share your questions, comments, and/or feedback with us:

- Send us an email to: [roehampton@toronto.ca](mailto:roehampton@toronto.ca);
- Fill out online feedback form; and
- Read past newsletters, bulletins and other project-related information at: [Toronto.ca/PhysicalDistancingShelters](https://toronto.ca/PhysicalDistancingShelters)

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## 1. Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Update...Preparing for the upcoming winter season

On October 6<sup>th</sup> the City of Toronto announced it's 2020/21 Winter Service Plan which will provide, across our city, safe and welcoming places for those who are experiencing homelessness and/or sleeping rough to be accessed during the winter months.

In addition, as part of the City's Interim Shelter Recovery and Infrastructure Implementation Plan outlined will be the measures needed over the next 12 months to ensure the health and safety of homeless clients while COVID still continues to be a concern.

Please follow links below for further Background Information, and the Press Release for the Winter Service Plan.

<https://www.toronto.ca/news/city-of-toronto-2020-2021-winter-plan-for-people-experiencing-homelessness>

<https://www.toronto.ca/news/torontos-2020-2021-winter-plan-for-people-experiencing-homelessness-includes-more-spaces-and-enhanced-street-outreach>

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## 2. Roehampton Residence Update and News

- The last Residence Meeting occurred on September 28, 2020, with the following covered:
  1. Good Neighbour Policy was reviewed
  2. Covid protocols reviewed, and the new directive that within the 'public' spaces of the shelter all residents must know wear masks
  3. Feedback requested from Dietary Supervisor
  4. Introduction to nursing staff from Inner City Health Associates
- Our 3<sup>rd</sup> floor outdoor deck is complete, there is now an interior outdoor space for clients to use.
- Meals for the residents are now prepared 'in house' instead of being catered. This change allows for more flexibility with menu items, but most importantly allows everyone to enjoy the pleasure of the aromas that come with home cooking.
- Our residents enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner. The menu consisted of turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, veggies, pumpkin pie, and cranberry juice. Thanks to our amazing dietary team.
- We are beginning to plan for the upcoming holidays! Several community members have been donating and asking how they can help. Thank you to everyone who has donated. Please contact [Roehampton@toronto.ca](mailto:Roehampton@toronto.ca) if you would like to inquire about holiday donations.

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### 3. Community Liason Committee Update

#### Overview of the CLC and purpose

The role of the Community Liaison Worker (CLW) is to implement the Neighbourhood Integration Program for shelter operators, which includes managing relationships with community partners, coordination of community engagement programming, and improving client-community relations. The purpose of the Network is to provide a platform to share information and engage in peer support activities to support the integration of their respective shelters into the surrounding communities. It is also an opportunity for the community and Shelter Support and Housing Administration (SSHA) staff to connect and share concerns, successes and engage in capacity building exercises.

#### Organizations Represented on the CLC:

- Central Eglinton Community Centre
- Church of the Transfiguration
- Eglinton Park Residents' Association
- Eglinton Place Condo Corp – 123 Eglinton Ave E (MTCC 1397)
- Lawrence Park Community Church
- Lytton Park Residents' Organization
- Manor Road United Church
- Midtown Community Alliance
- Midtown Safety Group
- Midtown's Tiny Tots
- Midtowners
- Mount Pleasant Village BIA
- Newly Formed Group (yet to be named)
- Norther Secondary School Parent Council
- Republic Residents' Association
- St. Monica Catholic School
- South Eglinton Ratepayers' and Residents' Association
- SPRINT Senior Care
- The Living Room Church
- TSCC 1433 Board of Directors
- TSCC 1987 – 900 Mt Pleasant

**Next Meeting:** November 18, 2020 5:30pm-7:00pm



## SPOTLIGHT

We would like to introduce the 47th Toronto Brownies, and their dedicated leaders, who apparently have special **OWL** names...they are Sunny Owl (Nicole), Brown Owl (Laura) Snowy Owl (Maria) and Laughing Owl (Sandy). These ladies have been Brownie Leaders together for ten years!

On August 17, 2020 an email was sent by the Leaders to Councillor Matlow to inquire about the use of area parks for the Brownie meetings as they would be starting meetings again in September but have been directed that meetings are to be held outdoors. As a result of this inquiry we had the pleasure to correspond with the Leaders, in particular Sunny Owl, on a plan and suggested tips for outdoor use.

On October 9<sup>th</sup> we had the pleasure to receive another email from Sunny Owl (Nicole) informing us that their Brownie Unit will be assembling small care packages for each of the shelter residents, but the nicest part of this was they were going to include a handwritten note in each package.

Nicole shares, “part of being a Brownie is finding ways that you can help others and give back to your community. Every year our unit works on several community service projects, and our girls and families always love participating. We teach the girls that acts of kindness, no matter how small, make a big difference in our world.”

**Thank you!**

