



AVCA welcomes many new neighbours to our community. If you have a new family living next door to you, please inform them of AVCA and encourage them to connect via email. We welcome your ideas and your participation as we experience changes in our community. Please let us know your thoughts by sending an email to <u>avcatoronto@gmail.com</u>.

## **AVCA Annual General Meeting**

Our AGM on October 28, 2024 was well attended with over 50 residents meeting with each other, listening to guest speakers and discussing community issues. Minutes are posted on our AVCA website at avcatoronto.ca. Concerns raised at the meeting will be discussed by the Executive with Councillor Mantas.

## **AVCA 2025** Committee Volunteers

Please consider volunteering on one or more of our committees as our strength is in our volunteers as we work to have a voice to improve the quality of living for all. It is through our committees that we are able to host events that bring our community together. The following is a list of committees – please consider adding your name where there is a blank and signing up by sending your name to <u>avcatoronto@gmail.com</u>.

Knott Park Improvement – Donna
Community Development – Chin, Donna, Rhoda
Membership – Bill, Judy
Agincourt Adopt-A-Station – Fran, Koreen
Webmaster – Simon
Metrolinx – Randy, Heather, Koreen
April Free City Tree & Shrubs Distribution – Lesi
April 19, 2025 Community Clean-Up – Brian, Shanley, Luigi, Michelina, Donna
May 10, 2025 Yard Sale – Elli, Richard, Michelina, Donna
May 31,2025 Havendale Day- Sarah
June 14, 2025 for July Canada Day Red Maple Leaf Display
Bike Safety & August 16, 2025 Huntingwood Day- Sarah, Nicholas, Hadzia, Desta
Newsletter Updates - Rhoda
AVCA Facebook Page
Volunteer Flyer Distributers Venki, Donna
Other Committees

### **Good News – AVCA Winners**

Names were drawn at our AGM and the following AVCA members won \$50 Gift Certificates! It looks like Canadian Tire was the focus for their gift certificates except for Bill at PHO MCOM DAT VIET!







Bill





Fran

Derrick

## \$50 Gift Certificates Donated by Sheppard East Village BIA

AVCA members are encouraged to shop or use a service on Sheppard Avenue between Midland Avenue to Markham Road. Thank you to the businesses of Sheppard East Village BIA for supporting AVCA. Ernie McCullough has given more \$50 Gift Certificates to AVCA to be distributed to lucky members throughout 2025. It could be you if you are a paid 2025 member! **Thank you Sheppard East Village BIA!** 

## How to Pay Your AVCA 2025 Membership

As previously decided AVCA requests \$20 per household per year. These monies pay for meeting room rentals, printing of flyers, business cards, signage, website host, and various expenses. As AVCA is non-profit, should there be excess monies donations would be made to charitable organizations or spent on public spaces within our community.

Please help by paying your 2025 membership if you did not pay at the AGM. Cash or cheque payable to Agincourt Village Community Association can also be dropped off to President Rhoda Potter, 38 Agincourt Drive, Scarborough M1S 1M3. You will receive a 2025 membership card.

### **Community Involvement**

During the recent holiday season it was wonderful to take an evening walk and enjoy the many lighted displays. Lights play an important role in all of our multicultural celebrations. Let's appreciate all Agincourt Celebrations!

Our community enjoyed Halloween in Donalda Park on November 1, 2024. We welcomed many new families to this event. Thank you for your creative jack-o-lanterns!



#### **Sheppard Subway Extension**

AVCA continues to support the Business Case for extending the "subway" from Don Mills to connect to the new McCowan subway station and perhaps go further to connect to the Toronto Zoo and the Rouge Urban National Park! Even more importantly - it would serve so many people needing improved public transit in Northeast Scarborough. Premier Doug Ford in his 2018 and 2022 Election platforms proposed a Sheppard Subway! We need to advocate at the provincial level for budget to build it! AVCA will be presenting at the provincial budget consultations in January 2025. You can help by sending an email to MPP Aris Babikian at aris.babikian@pc.ola.org.

Please join our fight for improved Public Transit on Sheppard Avenue! Sign up at: TheSSAC.com

#### **Agincourt GO Station**

Check out our Agincourt historical photos when the station is open between 6:00 am - 11:45 am on weekdays! The Stouffville Corridor GO trains now run hourly and more frequently during commuter times morning and evening. If you are enjoying a game, show or dinner downtown – the last train now leaves Union Station northbound at 12:12 am! Check the Agincourt GO Station schedule for exact times!



AVCA is still working to have the station open for longer hours, open bike storage room, continued maintenance of the landscaping and improved lighting in the pathways to the station on the north end. Should you encounter a safety issue at the station you need to press the *Help Buttons or text HELP to* 77777. Please email your concerns to torontoeast@metrolinx.com.

## **Agincourt Noise Walls**

AVCA continues to request more information from Metrolinx through Freedom of Information regarding the inadequate noise walls on the Stouffville Corridor between Marylin to Finch. Like the Eglinton Crosstown and Finch LRT that are not completed - AVCA Executive feel there are remaining deficiencies in Agincourt that have not been addressed. Hopefully with the new Metrolinx CEO some progress will be made!

# 311, 211, 911 Reporting

Help keep our community safe - if you see something say something!

- 911 to Police for emergencies
- Non-Emergencies call 416-808-2222
- Parking Enforcement 416- 808-6600
- 311 Municipal complaints ie garbage, encampments, long grass, unlicensed multitenant houses
- 211 for Mental Health concerns
- You can also report online, and you can call Crime Stoppers Anonymously

# WhatsApp AVCA Neighbourhood Watch

We are fortunate to have members who participate in our WhatsApp AVCA Neighbourhood Watch. To join send an email to <u>avcatoronto@gmail.com</u> and include your cell number.

# AVCA Executive and AVCA Website

The AVCA Executive is working on behalf of our community as various changes, issues and impacts arise. Please check out our website at <u>www.avcatoronto.ca</u>. Please contact the Executive at <u>avcatoronto@gmail.com</u> with any suggestions, questions or concerns.

Thank you for your support of AVCA!