



Weston and Eglinton
- the heart of Mount Dennis

NEWS & LOCAL UPDATES

ICE RINK

This past winter, for the first time in many years, Mount Dennis had a natural ice rink in Pearen Park (near Weston and Eglinton). The rink was set up and maintained by the MDCA and local volunteers. It was freely available for community use. Dozens of skates were donated and volunteers gave free skating lessons for beginners. A big thank you to all those who volunteered. Hopefully next winter, colder weather will allow for more skating!

URBAN ARTS

UrbanArts, in partnership with the City of Toronto, has completed phase one of renovations to their new home at 5 Bartonville Ave. E., (off Weston Rd, south of Jane St.) They hope to complete the renovations and anticipate moving into the building later this year. The space will house both UrbanArts and the Weston-Mount Dennis ProTech Media Centre and will include a dance studio, state-of-the-art music studio, media arts lab, visual arts room and a demonstration kitchen. There are plans to transform the outdoor area into a multi-purpose space that can accommodate performance activities (dance, theatre, movies), community events, parking, and a youth community garden. Programming at the site will encompass UrbanArts' current program line-up as well as graphic and media arts programming for youth and much more.

MOUNT DENNIS LIBRARY REBUILDING

The Mount Dennis branch has been a valued part of our community for 60 years. A major renovation and revitalization began in November 2011. In the meantime, you can visit the Toronto Public Library Bookmobile in the parking lot of the Royal Canadian Legion on Thursday mornings from 11 am to 12:30 pm.

Other branches include: Weston (King St @ Weston), Runnymede (St Clair & Jane), Evelyn Gregory (Dufferin & Eglinton). Mount Dennis Museum and Arts Passes (MAP) can be picked up at the Weston Branch. The MAP passes provide free entrance to the science centre, Blackcreek Pioneer Village, ROM, AGO and more.

For more information, call the Library Board's Answerline at 416-393-7131.

QUICK NEWS

- *Spring Clean* is coming in April. We need your help to clear the litter from our neighbourhood! See Page 2 for more details.
- *Rebuilding at the Mount Dennis Library* has begun. Read more below for details.

DID YOU KNOW?

"Our area gets its name from the Dennis family, Loyalist shipbuilders who owned the property, as well as a boatyard on the Humber River, at the turn of the 19th century."



MDCA is working hard to stay on top of the many issues affecting Mount Dennis. Big issues include the Eglinton LRT, future of the Kodak lands, new development at West Park Hospital and changes to the rail corridor, where our recent work helped secure noise barriers. Let us know if you have any other concerns.



DID YOU KNOW?

There is a beaver that lives near Topham Pond. He has been there for some time. If you are at the Flats and see some cone shaped tree stumps, chances are the beaver was having some lunch!

UPCOMING EVENTS

✚ JANE'S WALK: HISTORY AND HEALTH – A VISIT TO WEST PARK

Join us for the Jane's Walk at the West Park Healthcare Centre. West Park was opened in 1904 to care for severe illness. It continues to provide a range of care, including its historic mandate as a respiratory illness centre. The walk will showcase the beautiful grounds and existing buildings. West Park's history, current services and future plans, including a vast increase in buildings on the site, will be explained. The site is fully accessible, there is free parking for walkers, and is located close to Jane and Weston. From iron lungs to rehab, you will see the evolution of care and get up close and personal to an important historic facility in our community!

Details: Saturday, May 5 starting at 1 pm. The walk is about 1.5 hours.

✚ SPRING CLEAN

- **Saturday April 7, 10am:** Meet at Weston Road and Sidney Belsey (across from Irving Tissue) as we clean along Weston Road towards Jane Street.
- **Saturday April 14, 10am:** Meet at Bayliss and Astoria as we to clean up the ravine along Astoria and Lambton
- **Saturday April 21, 10am:** Meet at the end of Somerville Ave. Clean up in Pearen Park and along the ravine by Glenvalley Dr and Sunnybrae Cres. *Join us for a free BBQ at noon in Pearen Park as we celebrate our first year of having an Ice Rink. Many thanks to all the volunteers!*
- **Saturday April 28, 10am:** Meet in the No Frills Parking Lot—near Photography Drive as we clean up along Black Creek. Sponsored by the Black Creek Conservation Project (bccp.ca).

GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

If you need to contact our representatives from government, here is their contact information:

For municipal, Ward 11 – City Councillor Francis Nunziata:

councillor_nunziata@toronto.ca or 416-392-4091

For provincial, York South—Weston MPP Laura Albanese:

lalbanese.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org or 416-243-7984

For federal, York South—Weston MP Mike Sullivan:

mike.sullivan@parl.gc.ca or 416-656-2526

OUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Please feel free to contact us if you have questions, concerns or want to volunteer with the MDCA.



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



In Facebook search, type in 'Mount Dennis'



Located in the northwest corner of Eglinton Flats, Emmett Avenue Community Garden is an amazing community space where local residents come together to grow food, to share what they've grown, to learn, or spend time with fellow gardeners.

The garden is managed by a committed core group of local residents with the support of Community Action Resource Centre. All are welcome!

For more information Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/EmmettAvenueCommunityGarden or call 416-763-9990.