

POINT *by* POINT

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FALL 2007

North Toronto Community Fair

Hosted by POINT Inc.

**Thursday, October 25,
2007**

11:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Yonge-Eglinton Centre
Concourse Level-Centre Court**

*Information displays by local
non-profit agencies on social,
health & recreational programs*

*Healthy Eating Samples
Entertainment
Draw Prizes
Co-Sponsored*

*by RIO + CAN
Call POINT for Information
416-487-2427*

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- All Candidates Meeting
 - North Toronto Daycare & Nursery/Preschool Fair
- See Pages 2 & 3 For Details*

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Newsletter
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*The Rotary Club
of
Toronto-Forest Hill*



The Great Garden Adventure Blooms Again

It has been another successful year for the "Great Garden Adventure", a children's gardening program sponsored by POINT! The eight-week program was packed with activities that allow children aged 3 to 6 to better understand the environment, nature, and the community.

Partnering with the Toronto Green Community and the Central Eglinton Children's Centre, POINT was able to run an exciting and fun-filled program that guided young children to explore the environment and to take steps to protect and maintain our green space.

This summer, 60 children took part in the program, held at the Central Eglinton Children's Centre and the Eglinton Park Heritage Community Garden. The children experienced hands-on gardening activities like planting, weeding, and watering. Additionally, the program allowed the children to learn about the different roles of other creatures and lifecycles in the garden, like the insects, birds, humans, animals, and water. Each week, the children participated in

different environmental crafts, such as making bird-feeders, food collages, wind chimes, and rock art. But the Great Garden Adventure would not be complete without the numerous environmental games like the "Web of Life", garden scavenger hunts, bug puzzles, story-telling, and "Build a Bug".

Many guest speakers were invited to add a spark to the program as children had fun learning about composting, the water cycle, food security, and music in the garden.

At the end of the program, the children enjoyed their harvest and celebrated the joy of gardening.

You are invited to visit the garden, located directly behind the west end of the North Toronto Memorial Community Centre, 200 Eglinton Ave. W. If you wish to learn more about POINT or the Toronto Green Community, visit their websites: www.pointinc.org and www.ntgc.ca.



PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS
IN NORTH TORONTO

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Pointing the way.

North Toronto All Candidates Meeting

MEET the candidates running in the provincial election for the Eglinton-Lawrence riding and find out their political views!

Sunday, September 30th, 1:30-4:30 pm
(Doors open at 1:15 pm)

at the

**North Toronto
Memorial Community Centre**
200 Eglinton Avenue West, 1st Floor, Multi-Purpose Room

(Parking available under the building. Enter from Eglinton & Lascelles Blvd.)

Ontario Liberal Party.....	Mike Colle
Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario.....	Bernie Tanz
New Democratic Party of Ontario.....	Karin Wiens
The Green Party of Ontario.....	Andrew James
Family Coalition Party of Ontario.....	Rina Morra
Ontario Libertarian Party.....	Tom Gelmon
Freedom Party of Ontario.....	Franz Cauchi

Nominations are open until September 18th, 2007 and the candidates listed above may change. All parties and candidates have been invited to the meeting, but as of newsletter printing, not all candidates have confirmed their attendance.

***PLUS, LEARN ABOUT THE REFERENDUM!**

Special Guest – Brigitte Nowak, from Elections Ontario will be giving a presentation on the Mixed Member Proportional concept. You will have a say on Election Day, on whether or not Ontario should adopt this new voting system.

Light refreshments will be served. Please bring your own mug.

For More Information:
CALL POINT at 416 487-2390
OR VISIT www.pointinc.org

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Q: I live in North Toronto and I have talked to a few of the homeless/panhandlers who ask me about free meals in the area. Are there places that offer meals to homeless or low-income people around here?

A: There are a few places in North Toronto that you can refer them to.

Calvin Presbyterian Church, 26 Delisle Avenue, serves a "Community Breakfast" throughout the year from 8 to 10 a.m., every second and last Saturday of each month.

The North Toronto Citadel, 7 Eglinton Avenue East, has an "Open Door Lunch" Monday to Friday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.. Counselling and referral is available. They also have a 'Clothing Closet' for men. As well, they offer telephone voice mail accounts for those who do not have a permanent telephone.

St. Clement's Anglican Church 59 Briar Hill Avenue, serves lunch on Wednesdays year-round from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Churches-on-the-Hill Food Bank is based out of Timothy Eaton Memorial Church, 230 St. Clair Avenue West. This local food bank is a partnership of several Christian churches in the Yonge St. and St. Clair Ave. area. It is open on Mondays from 6 to 8 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Users must live within a specified boundary in order to access the food bank.

There are a few local churches and synagogues that participate in the "Out of the Cold" program during the winter months. Also, a few area churches give out food vouchers.

We are fortunate to have many North Toronto residents who volunteer their time to help others.

Please contact us anytime when you need more information.

North Toronto Daycare & Nursery/Preschool Fair

Trying to find the right preschool for your child? Wondering about daycare? Not sure where to look for Kindergarten Enrichment? Come and meet representatives from a number of North Toronto Daycares, Nursery Schools and Preschools at this free information fair!

Also, remember to get your copy of the new North Toronto Child Care Directory at this event!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2007
10:00 am – 1:00 pm

NORTH TORONTO MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTRE
200 EGLINTON AVENUE WEST
(Parking available under the building. Enter from Eglinton & Lascelles Blvd.)

*Plus – Don't miss two special presentations at 10:30 and 11:30 am by **Georgine Nash**, Co-Founder of the Parenting Network

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Citizenship Preparation Workshops

- ◆ Know how to prepare for your Citizenship Test
- ◆ Familiarize yourself with commonly asked questions about Canada
- ◆ Get to know study questions on history, culture, people, places, and government.

When: Saturdays (six), 9:30am—12:30pm
October 20—November 24, 2007

Location: North Toronto Memorial Community Centre, 2nd Fl. Rec. Room, 200 Eglinton Ave. W.

For More Information or to Sign Up:
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Saturday Café Socials for Nannies and Caregivers!

Have fun in an informal group setting while you...

- ◆ Check out available community resources
- ◆ Chat and connect with professionals
- ◆ Explore career and training options

When: Saturdays, 1:45pm—3:30pm
Starting September 29, 2007

Location: Central Eglinton Community Centre

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COMINGS AND GOINGS!

POINT welcomed Lourdes Balce to the POINT staff team on August 20th. Lourdes is the Newcomer Outreach Coordinator, a new position generously funded by a grant from the United Way of Greater Toronto. She will develop and implement new POINT programs which will support newcomers to become familiar with relevant community resources and how to access them, and will help newcomers in the local community to integrate more easily into Canadian society. Lourdes will carry out various outreach activities to connect with newcomers, and approach other organizations to partner with POINT to provide further support to these new programs. The first two programs set to begin in Fall/2007 are: "Saturday Café Socials" for Nannies and Caregivers, and Citizenship Preparation Workshops. More program details are provided above on Page 3. Please drop by the POINT office to say hello to Lourdes!



POINT also bid farewell to Carolyn Seager, our Administrative Assistant for the last six years, on June 28th. Carolyn has been an integral part of the staff team and been involved in providing administrative support to the POINT Board and Executive Director, various committees, events such as the POINT Jazz Concert fundraiser, managing the annual Income Tax Clinic, and many other activities. She was always very helpful to POINT clients, and a welcoming presence in the POINT office. We wish Carolyn much health and happiness in her retirement, and hope that she will now have more time to spend at her cottage and pursue her interest in golf!

At this time, we say goodbye to our two outstanding summer students, Nancy Zheng and Al Kabia, who have both done a great job in organizing and running Children's Gardening Program, assisted with the Community Information Service and computer classes, and performed many other tasks at POINT over the summer. Best of luck in the coming school year!



Mark Your Calendar !

- ◆ **Saturday Café Socials (New POINT Program for Nannies & Caregivers)** - Every Saturday 1:45 -3:30pm, starting September 29th. Registration required.
- ◆ **North Toronto All Candidates Meeting**-Sunday, September 30th-1:30 - 4:30pm
- ◆ **North Toronto Daycare & Nursery/Preschool Fair**- Saturday, October 13th - 10:00am - 1:00pm
- ◆ **North Toronto Community Fair** - Thursday, October 25th - 11am - 4pm at the Yonge-Eglinton Centre
- ◆ **Citizenship Preparation Workshops (New POINT Program)** - Saturdays, 9:30am -12:30pm, starting October 20th. Call POINT to register.
- ◆ **POINT Legal Advice & Government Form-Filling Clinic** Every 2nd Friday -9:30am - 12:00pm by appointment only
For more information call POINT at 416-487-2427

Seniors' Community Dining Program

Made possible through partnerships with: SPRINT, Parkdale Golden Age Foundation, POINT, The Departments of Parks and Recreation, and Public Health.
Location: North Toronto Memorial Community Centre, 200 Eglinton Ave. West.
 To make a reservation call POINT at 416-487-2390.
 Lunch (\$5.50), Sunday Brunch (\$6.00), Dinner (prices vary). Tickets can be purchased at the POINT kiosk desk in the Community Centre.

Wednesday Lunch	Friday Dinner	Sunday Brunch
October 3 Birthday Lunch & Bingo 10 No Lunch (Election Day) 17 Lunch & Fun 24 Lunch & Learn	October 19 Dinner Dance	October 14 & 28 (tentative)
November 7 Birthday Lunch & Bingo 14 Lunch & Learn 21 Lunch & Fun 28 Lunch & Learn	November 9 Dinner Dance	November 25
December 5 Birthday Lunch & Bingo 12 Lunch & Learn 19 Christmas Lunch (Tentative)	December 21 Dinner Dance	December 9

POINT Mission Statement

To serve the people who live, work and study in North Toronto by improving availability and increasing awareness of the social and health services in the community through information, education, and advocacy.

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POINT Membership Form

- Yes! I would like to **become a member of POINT**. My membership fee is enclosed. Please add my name to your mailing list. As a member, I will receive the POINT quarterly newsletter, voting privileges at the Annual General Meeting, and other information bulletins. A charitable tax receipt will also be issued.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ Postal Code: _____
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Method of Payment:

Visa _____ Card # _____

Signature _____ Exp. Date: _____

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