



## October 2019

Welcome to the official e-newsletter of the Guildwood Village Community Association. We send these emails out monthly to keep our members informed about news and events that affect our community. To stop receiving these emails, use the "unsubscribe" links at the bottom of the newsletter.

### EVENTS

#### All-Candidates Meeting for Scarborough-Rouge Park



The federal election is on October 21, but early voting options are also available.

There is an upcoming All-Candidates Meeting/Debate for **Scarborough-Rouge Park**, jointly hosted by the West Rouge Community Association, the Centennial Community and Recreation Association, the Highland Creek Community Association, and the Guildwood Village Community Association. This will be a great opportunity to for residents in Scarborough-Rouge Park to hear from their candidates.

The debate will be taking place on Thursday, October 10, 2019 at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 258, 45 Lawson Road, from 7:00-9:00 pm.

Note: Scarborough-Rouge Park is the riding for residents east of Morningside only. The majority of Guildwood residents will vote for a candidate in the Scarborough-Guildwood riding.

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## NEWS

### Native Tree Planting at Guild Park Saturday, September 28



Volunteers learn how to correctly plant native trees and bushes at Guild Park. Photo: Barry Sheffer.

The City of Toronto's Urban Forestry Group, supported by Councillor Paul

Ainslie, provided a fun and educational opportunity for local residents and community visitors to plant more than 300 native trees and bushes in Guild Park.

The Urban Forestry Group were on site early that morning getting all the shovels and material ready for roughly 75 volunteer planters. It was a sticky morning and the Scarborough clay made the digging tough in spots, but working together the group transformed a large open space into what is sure to become another beautiful area in the park.

Beginning with the ice storm of 2013, and continuing with the destruction left by the emerald ash bore, local residents have been asking for an opportunity to step up and begin the process of replacing the lost tree canopy. This event marks a first in many years, and all those who participated greatly appreciated the chance to make a positive contribution to the park, the community and the planet.

Our thanks to the all the City of Toronto staff who helped prepare the site and to lead the event, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

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## EVENTS

### Halloween Haunt Returns to Guild Park



Start working on those costumes!

Councillor Paul Ainslie, Ward 24, Scarborough-Guildwood and Julia Lakats of RE/MAX All Stars Realty Inc., Brokerage are proud to announce that the Halloween Haunt is officially returning this year.

This is a local, free Guildwood event and all are welcome to attend. There will be games, crafts, costume prizes, pet costume contests, tricks & treats plus more for all ages.

The event is taking place on Saturday October 26, 2018 from 10 am to 1 pm. It will be held as previous years on the grounds of the Guild Park & Gardens by the Greek theater.

The event will take place rain or shine! We are looking for local businesses or individuals to volunteer or set up a booth, please contact Julia Lakats at [jlakats@remax.net](mailto:jlakats@remax.net) or 647-238-4895.

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NEWS

## Probus-Guildwood Welcomes New Members

Probus-Guildwood is an inclusive co-ed social club of *very active people* who have different perspectives, interests and careers. We listen to and engage with fascinating guest speakers, enjoy monthly luncheons and opt to participate in other local activities. We're predominantly retirees.

The name **Probus** was created from the contraction of the words of **professional** and **business**. It's an international entity started in England in 1966 as a non-sectarian and non-political fellowship group. In Canada there are 249 clubs.

Our Probus-Guildwood club started in 2011. Many of our members are involved in a wide range of volunteer pursuits. All executive and committee members are volunteers who keep the club engaging.

We meet the second Wednesday of every month, 1:30-3:30 pm, at the Guildwood Community Presbyterian Church hall. Each meeting has a social and refreshment period, review of future activities, and a guest speaker. Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 9, when we host John Mason, President of Friends of Guild Park. We're always searching for excellent speakers and unique activities, and welcoming new members like you!

When you register with Probus-Guildwood, you'll pay a modest initiation fee and an annual membership fee which covers your Probus name badge and

helps to pay for our operating expenses. For more information, go to <http://probus-guildwood.homestead.com>.

-Wendy Hooker, Probus-Guildwood

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## NEWS

### No GVCA New Year's Eve Gala for 2020

After hosting two back-to-back New Year's Eve galas at the Guild Inn Estate, the GVCA Board of Directors have decided that they will not host the event again this year for 2020.

Events Coordinator Dave Arnold advised the Board that earlier in the summer he polled the committee that had worked so hard in first creating our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary New Year's Eve Gala for 2018, and then the encore event that followed for the 2019 New Year's Eve Gala. While the committee greatly enjoyed putting these two fabulous events together, they agreed that a third consecutive year was too much.

The GVCA Board agreed with this recommendation at their meeting on September 10. We are making this announcement to the community now so that our members and their friends and family will have plenty of time to make alternate plans for celebrating New Year's Eve 2020.

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## EVENTS

### More Guildwood Events Coming in October & November

October 19: **Family Ghost Walk at Guild Park**, 6:00 pm

Meet at the boardwalk entrance to Guild Park on Guildwood Parkway (look for signs).

October 21: **Federal Election**, 9:30 am-9:30 pm

See your voter information card or visit [elections.ca](http://elections.ca) for voting locations.

October 24: **Friends of Guild Park Annual General Meeting**, 7:00 pm  
Guildwood Community Presbyterian Church, 140 Guildwood Parkway

Memberships available at the door. More details at [www.guildpark.ca](http://www.guildpark.ca).

October 26: **Halloween Haunt**, 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Guild Park, at the Greek theatre

Free admission, costume contests and games. (Rain or shine)

November 2: **Annual Christmas Bazaar**, 9:30 am-2:00 pm

Church of the Holy Trinity, 85 Livingston Rd.

Meet and have photos with Santa between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm.

November 2: **The Village Fair**, 9:30 am-1:30 pm

Guildwood Community Presbyterian Church, 140 Guildwood Parkway

Includes a café lunch and silent auction.

November 5: **Messy Church**, 6:00 pm

Church of the Holy Trinity, 85 Livingston Rd.

All ages welcome.

November 8: **Remembrance Concert and Reception**, 8:00 pm

Church of the Holy Trinity, 85 Livingston Rd.

Featuring New Horizons Band of Toronto. Donations accepted for The Tony Stacey Centre for Veterans' Care.

For more details and events, see the full calendar on the [GVCA website](#).



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