

Join us at the Harvest Fair and Tree for Me event

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## **There is lots going on in our neighbourhood!**

Dear Resident

### **City of Toronto municipal election**

We await a ruling from the Superior Court on the legality of the province's Bill 5 (The Better Local Government Act) to reduce the number of council seats to 25.

In the meantime, the number and boundaries of wards continue to be in flux. In the event of a “25-seat council” election, the SERRA area would see FOUR incumbent councillors plus new candidates canvassing in our area. If a “47-seat council” prevails, we would see only our current councillor, Josh Matlow, plus any new candidates asking for your votes.

Although SERRA does not endorse specific candidates during elections, we would be remiss in not thanking Josh Matlow for his excellent service to our community over the last four years. For example, Josh has been front and centre in opposing inappropriate developments, both mid-rise/high-rises and residential homes. In addition, he has championed the creation of new and renovated parks, and heritage properties in our area are being recognized and protected. Josh has also been advocating for a north-south relief transit line to take pressure off the Yonge Line. Lastly, he has been a critical voice advocating

for the abolition of the OMB and for the creation of a new City plan for the Y-E area (“Midtown in Focus,” now in the approval stage at the province).

Josh has invited interested residents to attend his official re-election launch party. Josh Matlow's [Campaign Kick-off](#) - Wednesday, September 12, 2018.

You may not be aware, but if you support a candidate running for City Council, the City of Toronto offers a generous rebate program (almost 75% of your contribution). So a \$100 contribution will, in fact, cost you only \$25 (after the rebate). Learn more at the City of Toronto “[Contribution Rebate Guide for Contributors.](#)”

### **School trustees**

We would also like to thank our school trustee, Shelley Laskin, for her tireless efforts to improve school capacity in our fast-growing area. In addition to securing a brand-new replacement (and larger) Davisville Public School, she has also secured a significant addition to both Hodgson Middle School and Eglinton Jr public school. With Shelley's support, the TDSB is now also formally on the record for agreeing to secure another elementary school for the Y-E area. Together with Josh Matlow and local residents, Shelley also secured our first community centre in the SERRA area at the Davisville Public School grounds! Lastly, together with the Eglinton Jr parents, Shelley has fought for Crosstown LRT construction safety improvements.

To celebrate Shelley's achievements, come out to her event. Shelley Laskin's [Campaign Kick-off](#) Sunday, September 9th 2018

### **Tree for Me**

SERRA proudly announces our second annual “TREE FOR ME” event in support of improving our neighbourhood tree canopy. If you've been thinking of planting a locally grown tree or shrub (free) at your house or apartment, then read the TREE FOR ME information below.

Andy Gort,

President, SERRA

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## Recent news articles

The Star.com article by JENNIFER PAGLIARO, Aug. 31, 2018

[Judge to decide by Sept. 11 on Tory bill cutting Toronto city council wards from 47 to 25](#)

CBC article by The Canadian Press, Aug 31, 2018: [Judge expects to rule quickly on Toronto challenge of council-cutting bill](#)

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## City Council & TDSB wards

Click here on the links below to see the maps:

[Ward 12 - St. Paul's](#)

[Ward 15 - Don Valley West](#)

[TDSB School Wards](#)

To see a list of candidates go to <http://app.toronto.ca/vote/campaign.do>

**Note:** Councillor and Trustee candidates have until 2 pm on September 14, 2018 to register for one of these new wards, therefore the list is not finalized.

### **TDSB Ward 8**

Local TDSB schools in the SERRA neighbourhood include:

- Eglinton Junior Public School
- Davisville Junior Public School
- Spectrum Alternative

### **TDSB Ward 11**

Local TDSB schools in the SERRA neighbourhood include:

- Maurice Cody Junior Public School
- Hodgson Middle School

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## **Keeping Davisville Green Tree For Me event.**

Receive up to two free trees or shrubs to plant on private property.



Supported by the Toronto Parks and Trees Foundation, SERRA is committed to helping our neighbourhood enhance our green space and increase our tree canopy.

Register to receive a FREE TREE OR SHRUB, then pick it up at the Church of the Transfiguration, 111 Manor Road East, on Saturday, October 13th, 2018

between 1:00 and 3:00 pm.

Participants must register for an appropriate tree at [www.treeforme.ca](http://www.treeforme.ca)

All trees are locally sourced and their seeds were collected from the local seed zone, which ensures they will be hardy in our region and support local bird and insect life.

To find out more about the trees and get the tree or shrub that best suits you and your location, check out the Species Information

**Big Trees:**

Red Maple

Bur Oak

**Small Trees:**

Northern Hackberry

White Birch

**Shrubs:**

Serviceberry

Staghorn Sumac

On October 13 while picking up their tree, all participants will view a short demonstration on how to plant the tree, and to care for it afterwards.

Trees on offer weigh less than 5 pounds (2.5 kg) and are 2-5 feet tall (61-152 cm) and are easily transported in a car trunk, a grocery trolley or on the TTC.

\*\* Limit is 2 trees or shrubs per household

***New this year:*** If you live in an apartment or condo you can register to receive saplings.

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SERRA will be at the Mount Pleasant Village Harvest Fair.  
Hope to see you there!

For more information about the Harvest Fair  
visit: <http://www.mountpleasantvillage.ca/harvest-fair>

Saturday, September 22

10AM - 4PM

Mount Pleasant Village

# Harvest Fair

**9th**  
ANNUAL

Live music, pumpkin carving, kids arts & crafts,  
bouncy castle, face painting and caricaturist,  
sidewalk sales and more!

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## **North Toronto Historical Society Walk** **A Jane's Walk - Encore Performance**

This is a repeat performance of SERRA's Jane's Walk from May ... now teamed up with North Toronto Historical Society.

Check out the webpage for the Historical Society:

[North Toronto Historical Society - NTHS Member Page](#)

The North Toronto Historical Society is a volunteer organization which was established in 1975 as the Central Eglinton Historical Society.

### **Fall Walking Tour of Davisville Village**

**Sunday, September 30, 2018 2:00-3:45 p.m.**  
**(rain or shine)**

### **Meet us at the NW corner Davisville and Mount Pleasant (June Rowlands Park)**

Join us to explore the historic village of Davisville with NTHS and SERRA (South Eglinton Ratepayers' and Residents' Association).

Discover its people, farms, homes, industries and schools.





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