

Good Morning / Afternoon

Get your second cup of coffee as this is a long email with a lot of information!!!

Below are several important community issues you might wish to be aware of:

1. Unauthorized Access to Summerhill Home(s) and the many attempts made to do same
2. Bicycles being Stolen
3. Gypsy Moth Issue
4. *Possible* Photo of Man who assaulted woman in Summerhill area and surrounding neighbourhoods – email dated June 29, 2020
5. Dogs Off Leash
6. Litter Collection in the Ravine
7. Notice of Construction Completion: Mud Creek Restoration - Reach 6 (Phase 2 and 3)
8. Your Feedback Is Requested - City of Toronto Building Division
9. Rat update
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1. Unauthorized Access to Summerhill Home(s) and attempts:

Yesterday (September 1st) a man was knocking on Summerhill Area Home doors between 7:00am and 8:30 am. He appeared to be selling some newspapers or delivering parcels. He rang the bell and spoke with the homeowner if s/he answered. If there was no answer he would try the door. In one case that I am aware of he found the front door unlocked, entered and stole a wallet. He was in and out of the home within two minutes. (One homeowner was out at an early appointment, the partner was walking the dog around the block.) Through email communication with immediate and surrounding Summerhill neighbours his actions were caught on several video cameras going from door to door. As he looked liked he was selling or delivering newspapers one neighbour said hello to him. Later as the emails were distributed amongst neighbours one neighbour had noticed a man stash a bag in the shrubs at the garden by the subway and go into the subway. Inside the bag was the wallet minus the money and credit cards. The man was later making purchases at Spadina and Bloor. No one was hurt in this incident **HOWEVER** it is a reminder **to keep your doors locked**. (police have been informed)

Video clips are available on the SRA website, SRA Instagram account.

<https://ring.com/share/9da2f627-ccdc-4941-b911-9004ec2f7701>

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2. Bicycle Thefts:

There has been a rash of Bicycle thefts in the neighbourhood and throughout the City. Recently a home security camera spotted a man around 5:30 am going up and down the Laneway checking backyards. **Lock your bicycles** even if being left unattended for a minute. (police have been informed). In another neighbourhood I was informed that residents drove the bikes into their own backyard. Within 5 minutes someone went into the backyard and removed the bike(s).

<https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/9bceb3aa-3715-4b39-a670-8df676120760/downloads/BikeTheft1.mp4?ver=1599515936521>

<https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/9bceb3aa-3715-4b39-a670-8df676120760/downloads/BikeTheft2.mp4?ver=1599515936521>

<https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/9bceb3aa-3715-4b39-a670-8df676120760/downloads/BikeTheft3.mp4?ver=1599515936521>

3. Gypsy Moth Infe

I understand that some homeowners have had their bushes infested and ruined by a “Gypsy Moth Infestation”. Here is an article on how to identify and deal with the Gypsy Moth. Hopefully the trees are spared. Please keep a watchful eye and call 311 if it is a City Tree.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/london/now-is-the-time-for-homeowners-to-strike-back-against-gypsy-moths-1.5703971>

4. **Update on Incident Near Ravine Entrance at (email dated June 29, 2020)**

Pictured below is a picture believed to be the man responsible for the attack at the entrance to the Ravine. Similar attacks occurred in the Rosedale Area around the same time. Below is a picture of that **'appears'** to be the man identified as the attacker. I do not have an update at the time of writing if the man has been apprehended or if the attacks continue in our area.



5. Dogs of Leash – email from Councillors Office

Below is an email from the Councillor's office

"Our office has been receiving emails from residents about dogs off leash in park areas (and on the City sidewalks) where they are not permitted to be off leash. We have had numerous complaints

Due to the pandemic, park and residential street usage has increased and this includes an increased number of seniors and children as well as adults. It is particularly difficult for this group to manage dogs off leash. Enforcement at the parks has been requested and kindly ask that a reminder be sent through your networks to residents that dogs can only be off leash in designated areas for everyone's safety and well-being and that dog owners need to clean up after their pets".

The following are links to information for messaging:

<https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/animals-pets/pets-in-the-city/dogs-in-the-city/>

<https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/public-notices-bylaws/bylaw-enforcement/dogs-off-leash/>

<https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/animals-pets/pets-in-the-city/dog-off-leash-areas/>

Thanks very much for your assistance with this concern"

Please note this issue has been raised with me by many residents, even those with dogs.

6. Litter Collection in the Ravine

This spring, Parks, Forestry and Recreation began litter collection in hotspot ravine locations in the city, as a key next step to the implementation of the Ravine Strategy. Litter collection was part of the Ravine Strategy Implementation staff report that was adopted by City Council on January 29, 2020.

This spring, litter collection work focused on known hotspots across the city that have been identified through complaints to 311, as well as by staff. Through the summer, more litter picking is planned in the ravines. We just learned that staff plans to be in Toronto and East York District, including our ward, between August 17 and September 11.

The SRA identified areas of concern in our area to the Councillors office for the initial clean-up.

Please note after this clean up if you notice litter a complaint should be made to 311. A Picture and an exact location (as much as possible) should be made available for ease of finding the debris and garbage. Make that call or write that email so as to keep up with the Ravine tidy.

I received a note yesterday from staff that the path to the ravine at Shaftesbury has been cleared. Please see photo attached. I am now working on determining whether low-no maintenance planting can take place so that we mitigate further dumping along the path. Will follow up with you when and if I make headway on that"

This is great news



7. Notice of Construction Completion: Mud Creek Restoration - Reach 6 (Phase 2 and 3)

Below is an email you might find of interest:

Hello Councillor Robinson and Councillor Layton, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), in partnership with the City of Toronto, has now completed the channel restoration works along Mud Creek Reach 6 (Phase 2 and 3), which commenced in fall 2019. Some before and after photos of the work can be accessed [here](#). Due to the upcoming switchback project in this area (Beltline Trail Improvements at Moore Avenue), some fencing and temporary measures have been left in place. The site has been restored in the interim and the trail will remain open until the switchback project commences. More information about this upcoming switchback project can be found on the following webpage (toronto.ca/BeltlineAtMooreAve). This message has been sent to City of Toronto and TRCA personnel, as well as community groups and resident associations in the area."

8. Your Feedback is Requested – City of Toronto Building Division

"The City of Toronto is undertaking a comprehensive review of its building permit and inspection process. Toronto Building is the City of Toronto's division responsible for enforcing provincial and municipal building regulations and bylaws. KPMG has been hired to conduct this work. The review involves an in-depth look at how Toronto Building currently operates, with the goal of developing an enhanced and resilient service delivery model that meets the needs of applicants and the public. Stakeholder feedback is an important part of the review, and we'd like to hear from you!

We've launched an online survey to gather feedback from resident and community associations about your interactions with Toronto Building, including the challenges you face and opportunities to do things better.

You can complete the survey here: <https://advisorysurveys.kpmg.ca/se/7FDA9ED369FB80FA>

The survey will take less than 10 minutes to complete.

The survey will remain open until Thursday September 10th, and is anonymous and confidential.

Please do not include any personal information (name, phone number, address) in your response.

If you have any further questions about the survey, please contact Program Manager, Office of the Chief Building Official, Toronto Building, City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, 16th Floor East Tower, Toronto, M5N 2H2, or by phone at 416-338-5737."

9. Rat Elimination Update:

Thanks to all the homeowners who took part in the attempt to eliminate / slow down the growing Rat population in our area. There were approximately 55 homes that signed the contract with Abell. Some homes in the area that had their own "Rat elimination" contract before the "community project". It is my understanding that one of the infill housing areas will be working to eliminate the rat population. "Feedback that I have received has indicated that homeowners have seen less or no rats for the last few weeks". This is great as we do not want them in our homes this winter.

10. Reminders

MEMBERSHIP DUES 2020 (only \$25)

Due to Covid-19 the SRA did not be do our door to door membership campaign membership drive

Thank You to all those that have paid your 2020 Membership Fees . It is greatly appreciated.

If you have not paid your membership and wish to do so you may:

Pay through PayPal at *Membership/ Sign Up*: <http://www.summerhilltoronto.ca/membership-sign-up.php>.

If paying by CASH please print the form: <http://www.summerhilltoronto.ca/memberships.php> and drop it off or mail it to 123 Summerhill Avenue

NEW SRA WEBSITE: Both websites will continue to operate until November). Please have a look at our New website and check back regularly to see what is new. Thanks to Richard and Sarah for all their hard work to make this a reality.

NEW LINK: <https://summerhillresidentsassociation.ca/>

SRA – MAILING LIST:

If you change your email address PLEASE ensure that you send an updated email address to summerhillresidentsassociation@gmail.com. After two emails have bounced back your address is then removed from our email list.

*If you no longer live in the Summerhill Residents Association catchment area and/or do not wish to receive e-mails from the Association please respond to this message with **REMOVE** in the subject line*

**WHEN NEW NEIGHBOURS MOVE TO OUR COMMUNITY-PLEASE REFER THEM TO THE
SUMMERHILL WEBSITE AND INSTAGRAM PAGE**

Thanks to all for sharing their videos.

Stay Safe, Stay Well

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