

REGENT PARK COMMUNITY needs

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ELECTION SEPT. 15

The Regent Park Community Improvement Association this summer voted to clear itself of any possible conflicts of interest among its Board Members. A potentially conflicting situation was created when an increasing member Board members had salaried positions within the Association.

This is a direct result of the increase in the Tenant Management Program. Three years ago the Association had no such program, and there was one paid RPCIA employee. Two years ago there were 26 full and part-time employees. This year there are 70 full and part-time employees. Several of the people who had worked as volunteers on committees and the Executive applied for and received jobs under this program creating a situation where they were both employer and employee. The Board of Directors is the official employer of all RPCIA employees, but many of the directors were also paid Association employees.

July, 1976 the Executive Committee resigned to clear up the situation. Janet Ross, former President, is now Assistant Manager. Ozzie Smith, Ex First-Vice-President, Marie Niven, ex Second Vice-President, and Monica

Sullivan, ex Secretary, all resigned to keep their positions as Unit Representatives. Barbara Soules, former Treasurer, resigned to take a position as Resident Visitor. Each of them regretted having to leave the positions they were elected to in 1975, but they felt that it would be better for the Association if no one could be accused of making decisions for their own benefit.

The rest of the Board remains in Office until the Special Election which will take place Wednesday, September 15. At that time a new

Executive will be elected and new Directors to fill the vacancies created by the resignation of those who are paid staff of the Association.

Remaining as RPCIA Directors are: Arthur Scullion, Bob Woodgate, Iris Jackman, Maria Hellaman, all of South Regent. From North Regent only Bill Deeley remains. Resigning because they were in a conflict-of-interest position are: Clara Little, Ulric Callender, Marg Varey. Although not in a conflict-of-interest situation Arthur Farrell and Linda Taylor resign for personal reasons.

KITSON vs EGERTON

Gary Egerton and Irene Kitson emerged as contenders for the Presidency of the RPCIA at a nomination meeting held at St. Cyril's, Wednesday September 1, 1976. The position has been held by Janet Ross since her unopposed election in early 1974.

The Election was set for Wednesday September 15 to fill vacancies in the Executive and North and South Regent Board members caused by resignations which the Board itself

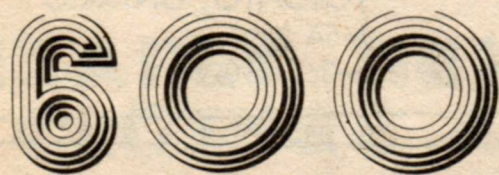
insisted upon to clear up potential conflicts of interest.

The biggest contest will be for the position of President. Irene Kitson and Gary Egerton have both filed nomination papers. Mrs. Kitson is currently a Unit Rep but plans to resign that position if elected. She has been active in the Association since its beginning working on various committees including the Service Unit. She is currently active in the Food Co-
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FESTIVAL 1976
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 11th.

10 a. m. to 11 p. m.

(behind)



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The Food Co - Op offers fresh fruit, vegetables, eggs and cheese when available, at reasonable prices.

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The Regent Park Food Co - Op is located at 203 Oak Street in the portable.

COME ALONG AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS.

Adult Rec. Centre News

605 Whiteside Place #101
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THE REGENT PARK ADULT RECREATION CENTRE

An offshoot of the R.P.C.I.A.

Is open to all tenants of Regent Park who wish to become a member.

Membership fee is \$2.00 two dollars per family and this entitles you to social events and activities, including annual picnics and Christmas party.

The Recreation Centre has just had a very successful picnic at Bruce's Mill.

We are now going all out to make our participation in the coming Fall Festival a success.

Our Co - Ordinator Dick Boundy and his wife is now in the United Kingdom on furlough. We hope to see them back soon to give us ideas on what they have seen in the field of arts and crafts.

The centre is inviting all adults to come in and see what we have to offer.

The Bowling League starts Tuesday, September 14, 1976 at 7 pm in St. Cyrils'. Anyone interested in joining come to the Adult Recreation Centre before that time.

CHURCHES UNITE FOR FESTIVAL OF PRAISE

coming

October 28, 29, 30, 31, 1976

Planned by the local Regent Park Churches of the Community and area. Plan now to attend these exciting and entertaining meetings--- Steel Band, Poetry, Drama, Music ensemble, Speakers and lots of other things for all ages. Meeting place should be Parish Hall at St. Cyrils, Watch for further publicity.



Performers' platform in South Regent Park which was site of several outdoor dances this past summer. Equipment was provided by Parks and Recreation.

MUSIC ?

During the last few weeks of a very unusual summer, the recreation committee has tried to bring music to our ears.

The music involved has been brought to you in the form of a live group and records. Sometimes the sound is rock and sometimes roll but all in all it brings out the people to enjoy a pleasant Sunday evening. When the people of Regent Park are enjoying a summer's evening, worries are forgotten and the "Oldie but Goodies" linger on. The sounds of Buddy Holly, Bill Haley, the Platters, etc., bring back memories to some of us, but also lets the younger ones know that the music some of us know is still accepted today or any day. We take a minute to think that the 50's & 60's were good because of the sounds and the feeling we had.

But there is one thing that we should think about and that is our younger people also have their sounds and feelings, so with a combination of the Platters and the Bay City Rollers, a pleasant evening in Regent Park listening to all our sounds might make Monday Morning a little easier to bear.

(Service Unit)

The service unit has been in existence since 1968 giving various types of service to the community.

The service available at the present time are: Catholic Children's Aid, Metro Children's Aid, Family Benefits, Metro Welfare, Manpower, Di Boone on Fridays and Councillor.

If you have any kind of a problem, don't hesitate to contact the unit at 63 Belshaw Place, Apt 101 or phone 363-1768.

There is always someone on duty to look after your needs between 9 am. to 5 pm. Feel free to drop in for a chat and a coffee, we would like to meet you.

JOBS

CRETARY/RECEPTIONIST

SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST TRAINEE

If you have some secretarial skills typing, filing and like to work with people, but don't think you are ready for a job, maybe you can help us, and we can help you.

The R.P.C.I.A. is looking for a person who has some potential to improve their skills and would like some training and experience before looking for a job. The Manpower Work Adjustment Training (WAT) Program will pay you an allowance of approximately \$110.00 per week to work full time in the Association Office. The Requirements are:

You must be at least 18 and out of school one full year.

You must have some basic understanding of typing and office procedure, even if you only learned some in school.

You must need and want to get a job; manpower will help you after the four month training is over.

If you are interested, come to the R.P.C.I.A. at 44 Blevins Place and fill out an application as soon as possible.

SURVEY ON UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG YOUTH AGED 16-22

The RPCIA and the Downtown Church-worker's Association are conducting a survey on unemployment and related work problems among youth aged 16-22 in the South Don District. The information will be collated and used to make recommendations to Groups who hire and create jobs for our local youngsters. Your co-operation is essential to the success of this project. The Unit Reps and volunteers will be contacting homes within the next two weeks to administer a questionnaire. Results of the survey will appear in future issues of the COMMUNITY NEWS.

THE REGENT PARK COMMUNITY NEWS

is published by the Regent Park Community Improvement Association.

Articles, comments, and photographs are welcomed from any Regent Park resident, Church, agency, political party or anyone else who has something to tell the community. These materials are subject to editing.

The paper is distributed free to all residents of Regent Park and 220 Oak Street, by the Unit Reps of the Tenant Management Program.

Donations are always welcome.

Any questions or material for publishing should be addressed to:

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AUDREY McPHERSON

Audrey McPherson has been a Unit Rep since October 1975. She is a dedicated worker who gives far more time to the Association than is required by her job. In the morning Audrey can be found in the Office seeing that all the laundry rooms are open, watching the phones, and volunteering on the front desk. Audrey also organizing Bake and Rummage Sales, and she is working on getting a big cash Bingo going in the Fall.

Living on the ground floor, Audrey is always available to the tenants of 42 Blevins Place.

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(Candidates)

op and chairman of the Recreation Committee.

Gary Egerton moved recently to Regent Park and joined the RPCIA. He has become active in the Food Co-op and in soliciting donations for this year's Children's Christmas Party. He also serves as an advisor to the Recreation Committee.

Other nominees are: Arthur Scullion for First Vice-President, Pat Travis for Second Vice-President, Iris Jackman for Treasurer, Mrs. Marsden for Secretary, Leona MacNeil for South Regent, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. M Daniels for North Regent. Marilyn Williams was nominated for President but declined. Additional nominations, will be accepted until Friday September 10, 1976.

The Election Committee chaired by Mr. Ulric Callender and including Bob Woodgate, Marg Varey and Clara Little is setting up four polling stations on September 15. Two will be in North at 41 Oak street and 415 Gerrard. The two in South will be at 203 Sackville Green and 23 Belshaw Place.

Each member of the Association will receive a ballot and will have to bring it themselves or by someone else to one of the polling stations.

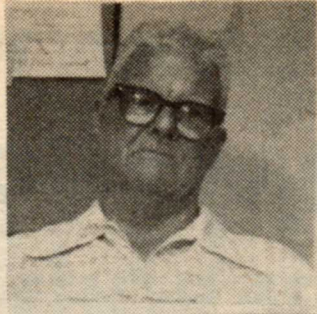
Ballots will be counted at Regent Park United Church from 7:30 pm. the night of the Election. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome.

Candidate Quotes

IRENE KITSON: "I would like to be President for the betterment of the community." (Mrs. Kitson chose not to be photographed)



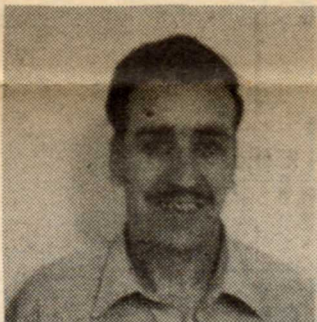
GARY EGERTON: "I would like a chance to present some new ideas for the betterment and improvement of the community. For example, I would like to see better training for Unit Reps to improve their abilities. We should help people to improve themselves rather than relying on others. Our Association office needs improvement, too."



PAT TRAVIS: "I am currently on the Boards of Dixon Hall, FODARA (Federation of Don Area Residents Associations), Community Secretariat, NIP (Neighbourhood Information Post); and I'm the liaison for the 51 Division Crossing Guards. Here in Regent Park I'm on the TMC (Tenant Management Committee). I'm honoured to have my name submitted in nomination. More people should take an interest in the Park. Regent Park could be a very good place to live. The outside landscape is pretty good; we need more improvements inside the apartments now, especially more wall plugs."



IRIS JACKMAN: "If elected I will do the job to the best of my ability. There is a lot of talk about recreation, but, I think, recreation is not as important as tutoring for the kids. The kids ages 6 and over should have some place where they could get some tutoring in education and in handicrafts."



ARTHUR SCULLION: "I've been involved with the Association, on and off, since the beginning. For the past two years I've been on the Board of Directors and now I'm on the TMC as chairman. I'd like to help Regent Park by improving the race problems in the Park. We have a lot of work to do."

The Community News was unable to get in contact with any of the other nominees before press time. The next issue will have a complete story on the election results. RPCIA members will receive a ballot and voting instructions before September 14. If for any reason you are a member and do not receive your ballot get in touch with the office at 364-2909 immediately.

YOU NEED MORE THAN TALK AND PROMISES.

YOU NEED ACTION!

TRY SOMEONE NEW FOR PRESIDENT OF THE R.P.C.I.A.

VOTE

Gary EGERTON

Paid Advertisement

Championship Team!

The Regent Park Pee-Wees, Known as the Mohawk Landscapers, have just landed the championship for East Toronto Baseball season. They are now going to compete in the Toronto Championship. The Regent Park Pee-Wee ages range from 11-13. The players are:

In Fielders

Dennis Gaoway	-----	Catcher
Doug Briggs	---	1st Base
Tommy Dines	-----	2nd Base
Donny Terrell	-----	3rd Base
Jim Foley	-----	Short Stop
Billy Heath	-----	Pitcher

Out Fielders

George Grady	-----	Right Field
Peter Kiss	-----	Centre Field
Don Foley	-----	Left Field

Supporting Players

Fred Barras	Doug Egerton
John Denyk	Raymond McPherson
Sharon Bell	Jimmy Strickland
Arthur Scullion	Ronny Newell
First Coach	----- Gary Egerton
Assistant Coaches	---- Sam & Gordon McPherson.

There has been no definite date set for the Toronto Championship Finals, but it will be held within the next two weeks at Christie Pits in Toronto Maple Leaf Diamonds.

(More information to follow from the coach) by. Darlene W. Egerton

'Y'

St. David's NDP Association is sponsoring a good time get-together at the Brodview 'Y' for residents of the community. All the facilities of the 'Y' will be available free of charge, baseball diamond, soccer, swimming pool, basketball, hand-ball, etc.

Attending the afternoon festivities will be Stephen Lewis, Leader of Ontario NDP, Gord Cressy, Ward 7 Trustee, John Gilbert, Federal MP, and Jim Renwick, MPP.

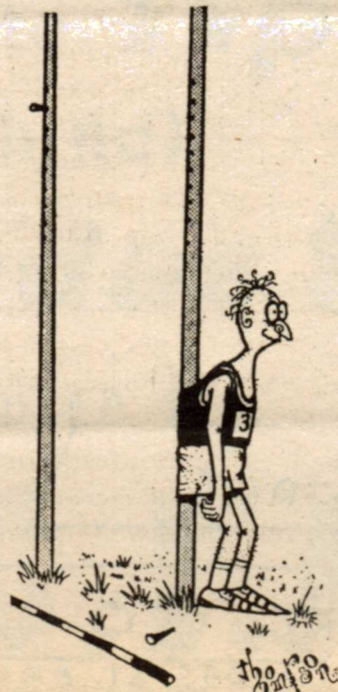
One of the highlights will be a floor hockey match between the Regent Park Camp and the NDP Challengers.

All this will take place on Sunday, September 26, from 2pm. until 6pm.

People who helped make this issue: Bill Anderson, Irene Kitson, Marg Young, Simon Mielniczuk.

Your new volunteer editor is Bill Anderson. We would appreciate any news or information concerning the community. Please feel free to contact the office at 44 Blevins Place or call 364 - 2909. We would like to hear from you soon.

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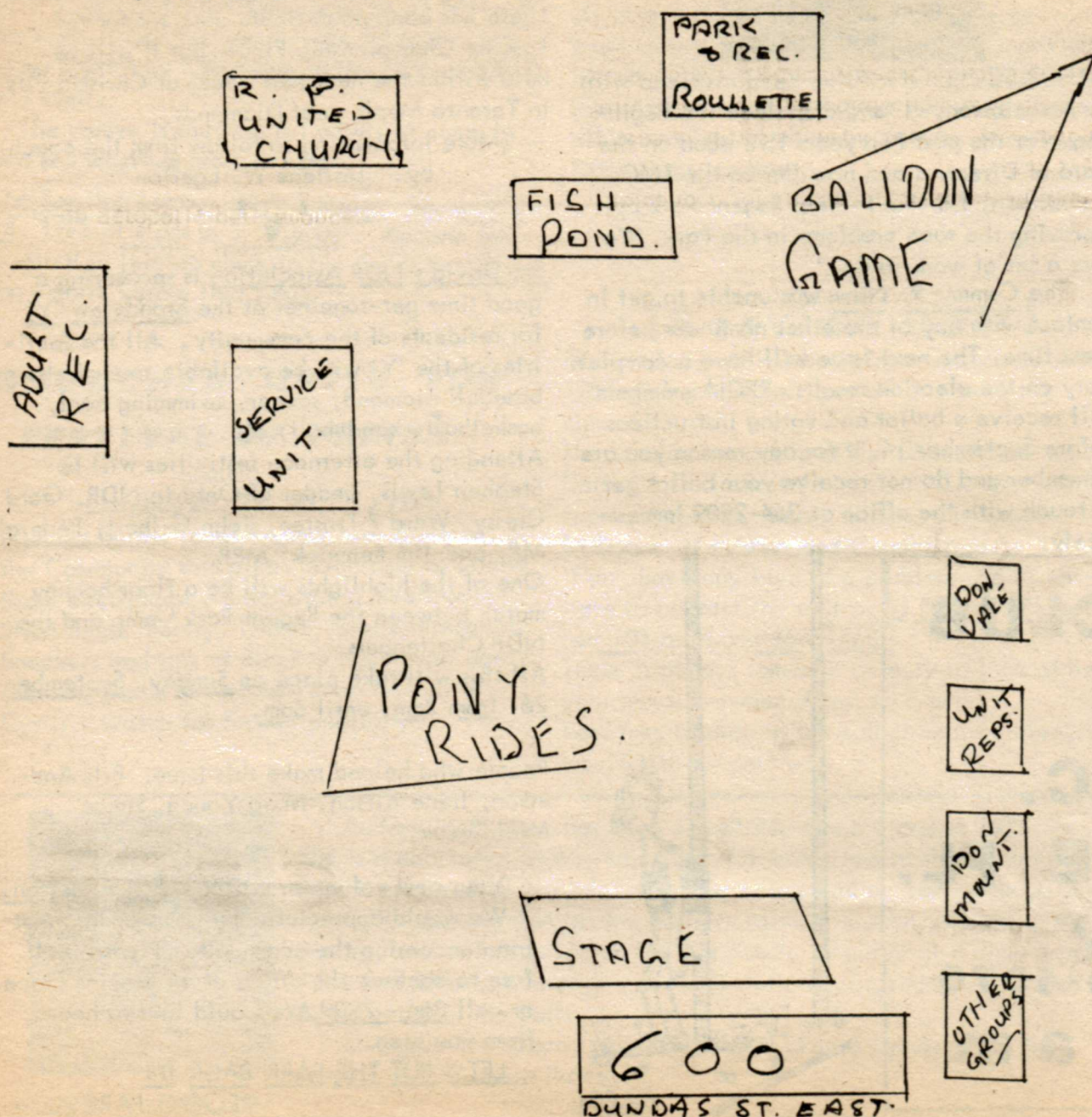
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FALL FESTIVAL

1. Stage presentations: Introduction of dignitaries and R.P.C.I.A. representatives. 1 P.M.
2. Award to Janet and speech from Janet Ross. 2 P.M.
3. Barb Horan's daughter to give an acrobatic performance. 2:30 P.M.
4. Dennise Knox to give a Jazz dance performance. 3 P.M.
5. Irish Dancers from Fort Erie will perform. 4 P.M.
6. Barb Horan's daughter to give another performance. 4:30 P.M.

MUSIC TO FOLLOW
PLUS
Entertainment until 11 P.M.

(Your Guide)



TENANT MANAGEMENT REPORT



HAROLD JACKMAN

RESIDENTS YOUR HOMES ARE YOUR CASTLES

The concept of Tenant involvement in Management if allowed to develop have proven wherever it has been introduced have materially improved the social climate of the community. For many years, tenants had no rights at all, only responsibilities. After the 1939-1945 war people of every nation began to express a desire for changes, tenants have developed an awareness of their problems and are prepared to organize in solving them.

Regent Park have taken the lead in this respect. The people of Regent Park through the R.P.C.I.A. have brought some changes to the face of the area. I am sure all will agree with me when I say that the RPCIA is not a perfect organization, but, I am sure that all of us are proud of our achievements. With the inauguration of management programme in June 1974, the RPCIA accepted the challenge for a change.

The more than two years of the programme existence have proven that tenants can take good care of their community. The Unit Reps, Laundry Attendants, Resident Visitors and the other Management Programme Staff have truly risen to the occasion. Day by day these dedicated servants of the community can be seen performing so many different roles and attending to so many problems, that I believe history will record this period 1969-1976 as the time of People's Involvement in their way of life. What is needed in the future is an increased involvement by many more residents than are involved at the present time.

Regent Parkers have demonstrated that we are proud and noble people. For a community with so many races to ever consider communicating with each other in the settling of disputes, speaks highly of the calibre of leadership which the community have produced. However, a greater sense of understanding of the cultural, religious, racial, linguistic and political differences of the residents of Regent Park must be made clear to all. Remember, a garden produces a variety of flowers which when blended together creates an atmosphere of beauty and serenity. We have all come from different backgrounds, some are white, black, yellow, and red people, we must live together in unity. In unity lies our greatest strength.

There are forces in the society which would like to split Canada apart, by dividing the races. This must not happen here, let it not be said that Canada's division started in Regent Park. We have many examples of this problem in many parts of the world, Northern Ireland, Lebanon, Cyprus, Argentina, North and South Korea and many others. These countries were all strong and united countries at one time, division and death have now become a way of life for millions of people of the world.

The Management Programme is a great social phenomena of our time. The sleeping giant of public housing called Regent Park have awakened from the sleep of indifference which existed prior to the organizing of the RPCIA. We are part of a great nation called Canada. In striving to make our community and country strong, let us have this as our motto. "I will be strive to do my best in whatever field of labour I choose, I will be kind and loving to my fellow men, for in doing so I am saying to the maker of us all, thank you for life and for giving me a beautiful world."

In conclusion I am appealing to all residents to cooperate with your Unit Reps, Laundry Attendants, RPCIA, Community Guardians, and the Police in helping to improve the living conditions of all, for remember, "Your Homes are Your Castles."

Harold Jackman,
Manager-Tenant Mgt. Program