

REGENT PARK COMMUNITY NEWS

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RPCIA FIGHTS FOR ST. CYRIL'S CHURCH

The latest development in the battle for the St. Cyrils church site as the new Regent Park Community Centre is a survey which OHC insists is necessary. Not happy with a survey which was done among RPCIA members in 1975 OHC commissioned PETER BERNARD Ass., a consulting firm, to carry out a survey which could cost upwards of \$22,000.

The RPCIA, long familiar with the peculiar ways of government bureaucracies, agreed to the survey if it would help get the centre bought. However the Association insisted on residents being the main decision-makers on the Centre. OHC on the other hand, wanted local agencies to have the main say about the need for a Centre. On Jan. 12 1977 the RPCIA Board of Directors went along with the survey on the promise that a resident survey would also be included.

The answer from the agencies was overwhelmingly for the use of St. Cyrils Church as the site for the Community Centre. They saw it as a base for community activities in Regent Park. Several mentioned that St. Cyrils is the obvious choice.

Since 1975 RPCIA has been asking the OHC to buy St. Cyrils, from the money left over from the Federal Government grant for landscaping and recreational facilities.

Next the consultants plan to arrange group discussions with interest groups in Regent Park. These will include seniors, teens, single parents, young couples, etc. The people will be selected at random and questioned about what they would like in the Centre and where they would like the Centre.

Although this part of the survey has not yet come before the RPCIA Board of Directors there is a fear that people will not be informed about the excellent opportunity to purchase St. Cyrils. Located in the centre of Regent Park on Dundas and Sackville, it is already the location of many Regent Park dances, bingos, and bowling leagues.

A brand new Community Centre with the same facilities already contained in St. Cyrils would cost upwards of 3½ million, while according to some research done by Gary Egerton, a member of the RPCIA Community Centre Committee, it would cost only \$750,000 to purchase St. Cyrils. The Position of the Tenants Association has been and continues to be that 1. St. Cyril's should be purchased for use as a Community Centre. 2. Residents should have the first say about the use of the Centre. 3. It should be run by a Board of Directors on which Regent Park residents sit as a majority.



RPCIA

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

MEETING

MONDAY FEB. 28 7 P.M.

REGENT PARK UNITED CHURCH

1. NOMINATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2. DISCUSSION ON NEW METRO TENANTS COUNCIL
3. OTHER BUSINESS, OPEN DISCUSSION

REGENT PARK AREA AGENCIES

Gerrard K Club
101 Spruce Street
925--2243

Hours : 3:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. opens again at 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 a.m.

Services and Programs Offered: Crafts, Gym, Woodworking, Cooking, Sewing, Games, Chess, Trips, Hockey, Swimming, and many other things

Cost: 25¢ for ages 7 to 9 years 50¢ for ages 10 to 14 -- \$10.00 for ages 14 to 17-per year

How to get involved: Drop in and fill out application at 101 Spruce Street

More Information: George Riggs, Director
Gerrard K Club
101 Spruce Street.

Busy Bee Club

41 Oak street- Basement Lounge
364-6931

Hours: 1st. and 3rd Wednesday of each Month (sometimes Mondays- Thursday)

Services and Programs offered: Bingo, Euchre, Parties, Trips, Recreation, Senior Home Help Centre.

Ages: 65 and over- membership of over 105

Cost: 50¢ per year

How to get involved: Visit the basement lounge and join.

More information Contact: Mr. H. West, President. at 41 Oak Street. Basement Lounge 364-6931.

Regent Park Services Unit

63 Belshaw Place, Ground Floor Apt. 101
863-1768

HOURS: 9 a.m. - 5-p.m. Evenings by appt.

Services and Programs offered:

Metro and Catholic Children's Aid

Municipal and Provincial agencies

Legal Services- Wednesday Afternoons

Crisis Counselling

Financial and Budget Help

assistance with Furniture

English Classes for New Canadians

Child Care Courses

Emergency Welfare and Clothing

Ages: all ages

Cost: free

How to get involved: Visit 63 Belshaw Place

More information Contact: Sheila Holmes

Co-ordinator, 863-1768.

Fodara- (Community Secretariat)

203 Oak Street

363-3888

Hours : 10 am- 6pm

Services and Programs Offered: Typing or

any Secretary Services, Duplicating of ...

Minutes, Flyers Briefs, Reports, etc. For

Residents Groups or Organizations. Done for Cost of supplies only.

Cost: None

How to get involved: Drop in at 203 Oak st.

For more information contact : Jim Houston at 363-3888

SEW FOR MONEY

Quilters Common, a community-run non profit needle craft business can put your skills to use. We also need cutters, pattern drafters, crocheters and knitters. We're conveniently located at 326 Parliment at Dundas. Call 961-7087, ask for Carol.

XMAS PARTY

On December 17, 1976 The RPCIA hosted a Xmas Party at 203 Sackville Green. There were approximately 125 people in attendance for the supper and dance. Among those who attended were Donald McDonald, Doug Barr, Gord Cressey, Sheila Holmes, Rev. Dayfoot, several Community Gaurdians and their wives, Melody Soetrop and Clem Pinto from OHC, and the Laundry Attendants, Unit Reps and their famalies, plus the RPCIA staff and more.

Santa Claus appeared and distributed gifts in an exchange, between Laundry attendants and the Unit Reps, and staff.

The candle-lit dinner included - Turkey, potatoes, dressing, vegetables/salads, fruit-cake-pie-Jello-cookies- coffee and tea.

After dinner there was a dance with music supplied by John Molin. The music was enjoyed by all.

I wish to thank all who helped work for a most enjoyable evening.

Barbara Soules.

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ADULT REC CENTRE

The Centre is open for another year, and seeking new members, to attend the club.

Members should sign up by May 15th, to allow the board to be aware of how many children will be attending the Picnic and Christmas Party. This year the picnic will be free to the children 12 and under. The bus fare will be \$2.00 to all others.

We are open 5 days a week- 1 p.m.- 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

EUCHRE, CRIBBAGE, BUMPER POOL, PING PONG, SHUFFLE BOARD, COLOUR T.V., STEREO, TEA COFFEE, AND POP. are just some of the activities available.

Come and Visit us and find a cheerful

WELCOME

Phone 364-4915.

DRINKING

Have you a relative or friend who has problems? Then AlAnon. Family group can help you.

COME to Regent. Park United Church 50 Oak st. Thurs. aft. at 2 pm or phone 366-4072

PROBLEM?

DALE'S PHARMACY

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368-2121

368-2251

363-3011

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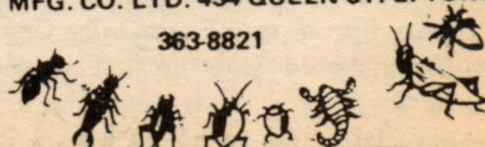
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TENANT MANAGEMENT CONTRACT

Barry Rose former general manager of OHC has left to join The Ministry of Health as Assistant Deputy Minister of administration and health insurance. Mr. Rose stated his perception of his past with OHC and what he looks to in the future. "There has been a marked improvement in the physical standards of our housing, with a noticeable upgrading in maintenance and upkeep as well as landscape and the provisions of recreational facilities. On the Human side, there is now a more active participation of tenants in the management of their projects, with a result that a better relationship has developed between tenants and management." Mr. Rose also stated that he was especially proud of the management trainee program which he was instrumental in setting up.

His successor Mr. Douglas Beesley seems to feel the same of OHC. He believes in encouraging public housing tenants to become more involved in the management of their projects. He also refers to the future need for good property managers in the housing management field, enthusiastic people working directly for OHC.

The People working in tenant Management have the same ideals but one refers to himself as a "guinea pig" and all express dismay over trying to actualize tenant management when dealing with the OHC Bureaucrats.

Mr. Harold Jackman at a meeting of the FOTA conference stated the need for proper training of tenant Managers while Bary Rose former OHC General Manager cites his training program for managers as one of his accomplishments, yet there is not a program for tenants in Management.

Right here in Regent Park Tenant Management Contract negotiations have been derailed by OHC's insistence that a lawyer and labor negotiator and Regent Parks co-ordinator would not be allowed to attend the contract negotiations. Whats gone wrong? The tenants keep chanting tokenism.

The OHC higher-ups keep spilling platitudes while OHC inhibits progress. Is OHC playing games? Are the tenants? Who is to blame?

We will try to answer that question next time.



New Employment Counsellor
Roland Burnelle

Phone 364-2909 for Job information

COMMUNITY GUARDIANS



Lea Alexander came to the Park in the fall of last year, and has already begun to make his mark by his quiet, helpful manner.

A former policeman, with the Toronto force, he is married, and his pride and joy is his little son Shawn. His Hobbies include music, sports, and people.

309 PARLIAMENT ST. (AT DUNDAS)
CINEMA: \$2.00 ADULTS - \$1.50 STUDENTS
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT PRICES: T.B.A.
PROGRAMME SUBJECT TO CHANGES
PHONE FOR TIMES: 363-5502

THE RITZ



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Feb/18 Phantom of the Paradise, the Projectionist, The Rocky Horror, midnight Gimme Shelter	Feb/19 matinee Phantom of the Paradise, The Projectionists midnight (see Fri, eve)
Feb/21 Mean Streets & Loose Ends	Feb/22 The Godfather & Straw Dogs	Feb/23 Montreal Main & Butley	Feb/24 Murder on The Orient Express & Chinatown	Feb/25 The Party, The Clowns, and Laffs from Yuk- Yuks, midnight The Projectionist	Feb/26 matinee Midnight Schlock Horror Fillm Festival
Feb/28 Streetcar named Desire & Last Tango in Paris	March/1 Aloha Bobby & Rose & White Line Fever	March/2 Fox and his Friends & Bitter Tears of Petra Von Kant	March/3 The Original 3 Musketers & The Rich Lesters 3 Musketers	March/4 Live Concert (to be announced) Monty Python's Holy Grail & Now for something Completely Different	
March/5 Monty Python's Holy Grail/And Now For Something Completely Different					

Margaret Scrivener Advisory Centre

298C Gerrard Street East
Toronto, Ontario
M5A 2G7
964-8663

Miss Holley-Ann Brown
Representative

Office Hours

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Thursday
9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Saturday

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Acorn Club
Thurs & Sun.
6:30 p.m.

220 Oak st.

44 Blevins Place
Wed. afternoons
tea coffee, cakes
sandwiches

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NEARLY NEW CLOTHES
AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
605 WHITESIDE PL.
THURSDAY
10:15 ----- 11 a m

FOTA

What the hell does FOTA mean ?

All the people in the RPCIA talk about it and the OHC and the CMHC and the TMC. Now it seems FOTA is starting the MTC to tackle the problems of OHC Tenants in getting the required clout to change things ASAP. This leaves U and I in the DARK/ P.S. The Federation of Ontario Tenants Associations met in room 4 at City Hall Toronto febuarr y 9 1977 to organize the Metropolitan Toronto Tenants Council to get something done about tenant participation in planning policy and management of the projects, tenant representation on Boards, Economic and Social changes for families in public housing, the possible take-over of Ontario Housing, projects by Metro, and the need for more public housing.

I went to this meeting and I hope this group can accomplish these aims without becoming another group of back-slapping power-trippers. Our representative in Regent Park is Irene Kitson 206 Sackville Green 364-4624.

BROADVIEW Y TO CLOSE

For many years the Centre of recreational facilities in the East End, the Broadview Y is being sold to supply funding for other YMCA projects in Metro Toronto. I am sure residents of Regent Park will miss their old friend and neighbor, and regret the closing of another recreational facility when they are most needed to sooth the tensions of high density living through healthful recreation.

IN APPRECIATION

Mrs. Mildred Hedley received an open letter of thanks from many of her fellow tenants of 295 Gerrard st. E. for giving a childrens Christmas Party on December 16, 1976. They also stated that " In the past you have been most helpful in assisting us with our problems especially helpful in the areas of maintenance and other minor headaches." Mrs. Hedley deserves all our thanks in proofing the effectiveness of the Unit-Reps under the Tenant Management Program.



HOME-HELP

The Co-ordinator of Home Help Services will no longer be able to devote herself full time to the needs of the Senior citizens of Regent Park due to a budget cut by the United Way. This seems a very inappropriate time to cut the services of Marjory Campbell who has been doing a very usefull and much appreciated service for the community and is really just beginning to develop her office to its most efficient form. We regret the cut she says but the individual homemakers will not be affected and the service will try to continue, in spite of her only working part-time. Her office hours will be from 10 till 1 p.m. Mon. to Fri.

Phone numbers you should know

Emergency	361-1111
Police	967-2222
Fire Dept.	363-2133
Social Services	
(general inquiry)	367-8623
(emerg. service)	367-8600
(339 George St.)	925-3131
Health Unit	
(15 Belshaw Pl.)	364-2261
Dental Unit	
(15 Belshaw Pl.)	364-2265
Ambulance	489-2111
Regent Park Community Improvement Association	364-2909
Regent Park Service Unit	863-1763
St. Micheals	360-4000
Mount Sinai	596-4200
Sick Childrens	597-1500
Toronto General	595-3111
Wellesley	966-6600
Aldermen	
Janet Howard	367-7916
John Sewell	367-7910

CREDIT TRAP !

The Economists keep bemoaning the fact that people expect something for nothing, The Bible says that the poor will always be with us, the Politicians say when they are in power everything will be rosy. The banks encourage us to save money while they also encourage you to buy everything in sight with their credit cards.

Which leads to success ? which way leads to failure and poverty ? The sure way is don't bet on it. The old adage " A penny saved is a penny earned." is hardly heard anymore but it is true. Getting rich quick happens to one in a million on the lottery, while the poor old bugger who saves his money and plods along not owing anyone a penny is sure to be free of debt, and secure.

What most of us choose is Wintario and Chargex, this is the way to loose out.

You pay 20% more for goods and services received on credit. That 20\$ on every 100\$ could be saved for your security and peace of mind. Then after, saving that 20\$ over a period of years people will say how you too got rich quick.

LEGAL RIGHTS AFTER "60"

Parkdale Community Legal Services and St. Christopher Older Adult Centre are sponsoring a series designed for older adults wntitled LEGAL RIGHTS AFTER SIXTY. The topics will include income security, wills, health legislation, landlord and tenant law, and consumer law. Learn your legal rights Friday afternoons from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in a friendly atmosphere at St. Christopher Older Adult Centre, 761 Queen st. West, just east of Niagara. Nex Friday, Feb. 25 learn about income security. Admission is free. Everyone is welcome.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CREEPS

The award-winning play CREEPS is returning to Toronto for a four-week run at the TWP Theatre. 12 Alexandar st. 925-8640

SQUARE DANCE

Every Friday night, beginning at 7:30p.m. with a live caller. Instruction for beginners \$1.00 for membership, 50¢ raffle. 235 York Quay. 369-4951.

DISCO

Carnival a la Trinidad 8p.m. till 3 a.m. Saturday February 19. free at York QUay.

Saturday Feb. 19

Saturdays at 2 p.m. in the Library House 265 Gerrard East join a discussion about poetry, with host and area poet Norm Craven Bring your poems along for constructive criticism. For information call 921-8674.

Tuesday Feb. 22

The Riverdale NDP holds its General meeting in Ulster Hall, 1047-1/2 Gerrard St East tonight. Admission of \$2.00 includes a Pancake supper at 6:30. Nominations for the Executive begin at 7:30 and a mystery guest speaker will step to the podium at 8:30

Spend Shrove Tuesday at St. Peter's Anglican Church. 190 Carlton Street The = pancake supper starts at 6 p.m. for the hungry and a Punch and Judy puppet show soon after for the kids. At 8 p.m. a screening of the film "Jesus Christ Superstar" For reservaaions call 924-1891 or 962-4518

RUMMAGE SALE

Every Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Regent Park Service Unit will sponser a rummage sale at 63 Belshaw Place in the basement.

Wanted-- Elderly Gentleman requires a male or female home-maker for 3nights a week. phone Mrs. Campbell at 366-0110.