





Spring/Summer 2018

St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood **BIA Member Newsletter**

Summer Events Presented by Your BIA

We have a very exciting summer planned in our neighbourhood - so mark your calendars!

Our very successful series, Music in St. James Park is back every Thursday night from June to August with a fabulous line up of amazingly talented local musicians! June 7th kicks off our concert series with a bike-powered concert featuring Sultans of String. New this year and as part of our music series is our monthly Swing Night. On June 28, July 19 and Aug 30 enjoy a free beginner dance class by Swing Toronto at 6:30pm before the concert and again during the intermission. Practice your dance moves to our featured Swing band of the evening. For the full line up please visit www.oldtowntoronto.ca/events/





beautiful Berczy Park!

Movies in St. James Park

Thursday, June 21 - Pride Affiliate Event, Drag Show at 8pm,

Film at 9pm: Kissing Jessica Stein Thursday, July 26 at 9pm - Coco Thursday, Aug 23 at 9pm - Breaking Away

Berczy Beats - Every Wednesday from 11:30am to 1:30pm in July and August enjoy some lunchtime music in





Yoga in St. James Park

Every Wednesday in July and August at 12pm in St. James Park. Classes are brought to you in July by the Cooper Koo Family Y and in August by Wynn Fitness.

Bard in Berczy

Every weekend in August!

This summer, Dauntless Theatre Productions presents Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing in Berczy Park.



For more info, please visit www.oldtowntoronto.ca/events/

Feast of St. Lawrence Returns August 10 & 11, 2018!



Friday, August 10, 2018 - Dinner Under the Stars

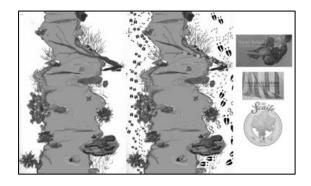
The Feast of St. Lawrence begins August 10th with a delicious 5-course meal with wine pairings served on Front Street by the top Chefs in the neighbourhood. Tickets are limited and go on sale in June!

Saturday, August 11th, 2018 - Market Street Celebration

On August 11th, the festivities continue on Market Street. Bring the family and enjoy outdoor food booths, buskers, live music and lots of children's activities. New this year is our **Audi Feast Stage** and **FEAST for Kids**, sponsored by TD Bank Group! For more information on Feast please go to www.feastofstlawrence.ca.



King Street Pilot Update



The City has released the winners of the "Everyone is King" Design Competition. There will be four public space installations along King St. right in our BIA including the *King's Buried Treasure* road mural depicting a stream, edged with rocks, pebbles, mud and brush; resurrecting the lost creeks of King St.

As a City partner, your BIA is working diligently to beautify and animate King Street, as well as engage its businesses. Check out our new planters along King!

Construction and Parks Update

St. James Park

From now until 2019, construction in St. James Park will be taking place. By the end, there will be a brand new Children's Playground with a suite of other park amenities.

Adelaide Street

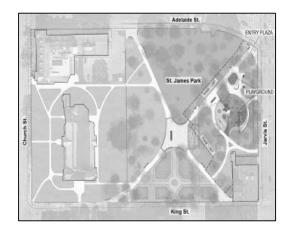
Also happening shortly, there will be a water main replacement and road resurfacing on Adelaide Street East from Jarvis Street to Parliament Street.

Wellington Street

We expect hydro work and reconstruction on Wellington St. to start within the coming months until sometime in 2019. More construction updates will be provided soon.

Harbour Street

The City completed the construction of the new, York-Bay-Yonge (Y-B-Y) off-ramp and the widening of Harbour Street in January. The contractor is completing the remaining road and streetscape work on Harbour Street. This work will affect traffic in the area. Expected completion: Late summer 2018







SLNA Update By: Sharon McMillan, President

The St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association (SLNA), recently celebrated 35 years of serving and representing the residents of "Old Town Toronto" during the Association's Annual General Meeting in March. During that meeting, members elected new directors to fill vacant seats on the SLNA board. Following is the list of the SLNA's current Board of Directors:

President: Sharon McMillan
VP – Internal: Sabina Sormova
VP – External: Suzanne Kavanagh
Treasurer: Toby Tenenbaum
Director: Kathryn Cymbalisty
Director: Cherril Baker
Director: Richard Anobile
Director: Marcus Little

Director: Bruno Leps

As an advocate for responsible development and for improving the quality of life of downtown residents in this area, the SLNA establishes various committees and partnerships to support that mandate. Among the most effective and important partnerships is the one we have with the St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood BIA.

The SLNA is pleased to be partnering with the BIA as sponsors of the Feast of St. Lawrence and the annual summer Music and Movies in the Park initiatives in St. James Park.

Canada Day Parade and Picnic

The biggest upcoming event produced by the SLNA is the annual Canada Day Parade and Picnic, which will happen on Sunday, July 1.

The parade will begin at The Esplanade and Berkeley streets, then progress westward to Scott St., north to Victoria and Lombard streets before moving back east and then south to St. James Park where the picnic will be held. We look forward to celebrating this national holiday and great community event with our local vendors and partners at the BIA.

Development

The SLNA plays a pivotal role in representing the interests of residents when development proposals are being reviewed.

The SLNA has established itself as a credible and collaborative partner and watchdog focused on working with all partners to realize sustainable new developments that respect the heritage fabric of the neighbourhood while providing necessary facilities for residences and commerce. We encourage BIA members to visit the section of the SLNA website focused on development activity.

The SLNA also joins the BIA as members of the Metrolinx Community Advisory Committee. Through this important committee, we are making progress in advancing residents' concerns arising from the Metrolinx Union Station Rail Corridor (USRC) East Enhancement Project. Specifically, we have made the point clear that there is a need for noise walls, window replacements and a stronger program for landscaping.

The most important issue for the SLNA and the BIA is the issue of connectivity to the waterfront. We remain particularly vigilant in monitoring how bridges and underpasses are to be addressed during the USRC project work in our area.

Monthly Meetings

The SLNA holds popular monthly meetings and we encourage all BIA members to attend. Our speakers range from the city's chief planner to acclaimed authors. BIA members are also encouraged to add their names to our subscription list on our website: www.slna.ca.

The almost 40,000 residents in the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood benefit greatly from the SLNA's focus on current priorities and future needs, and the BIA's support of a vibrant and necessary commercial sector. Together we contribute to making the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood one of the most exciting, livable and beautiful neighbourhoods in this great city of Toronto.

New Staff Sergeant + Community Complaints

The St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood BIA along with Cabbagetown BIA, and Church Wellesley Village BIA recently had a meeting with the new Staff Sergeant of Toronto Police 51 Division, Brian Maslowski. We want to share with you two things we learned at this meeting.

1) New Online Community Complaint Form

If you are experiencing/witnessing an ongoing, nonemergency such as trespassing or other nuisance issues, please visit https://www.torontopolice.on.ca/communitycomplaints/. Include your full contact information so that an officer can follow up with you if they have questions. By using this form, you are helping TPS DIV 51 understand our community and our needs better.

2) Police Officers Patrolling on Foot/Bike

Staff Sergeant Brian Maslowski is taking a "less in the cars, more on the street" approach with our local officers who are out on patrol and not responding to emergencies. Crew Officers will be spending less time in their cars and more time walking, biking or travelling by TTC.



Cigarette Butt Litter Campaign



Cigarette butt litter is a huge problem in Toronto. The City is currently running a campaign to bring awareness to people that cigarette butts are litter and there is a way to properly dispose of cigarette butts in street litter bins. Share and help keep our streets clean. If you would like one of these posters for your establishment, please contact the BIA at pamelabriz@stlawrencemarketbia.ca.



Our Streetscape Coordinator and his team are busy on the streets picking up garbage, cleaning poles, sweeping and planting flowers to make our neighbourhood beautiful and welcoming. If you see them around be sure to say hello and thank you!

For a full line up of our events please go to our website at www.oldtowntoronto.ca/events/

If you are not on our email list but would like to receive up-to-date communications from the BIA contact us! If you have any special promotions to share with the members of the BIA, send info to pamelabriz@stlawrencemarketbia.ca.

Be sure to follow and like us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @OldTownTO. If you are active on social media, please tag us and we will do the same!





