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North Toronto to get its first supportive housing for seniors

*We are delighted to have this
opportunity to provide housing
for seniors at risk and keep
them in our community.*

Cynthia Luks
Co-chair
PLANTSS-St. George's
United Church Housing Group

The Division of Mission of the United Church of Canada has earmarked \$5 million to allow the PLANTSS-St. George's United Church Housing Group to build North Toronto's first supportive housing project for seniors. It will accommodate up to 50 residents in five separate units. Hopes are that it will open in 2 to 5 years. In the initial project, SPRINT will provide service to 30 people in homes caring for seniors with Alzheimer's disease.

This means that family, friends and neighbours won't have to leave the community when they are no longer able to care for themselves.

"Sondheim a delightful hit"

*...you should be taking guests
to see one of the most
delightful contemporary
musicals currently competing
for your shrinking dollar*

Geoff Chapman
The Toronto Star

Don't miss *Into the Woods* at POINT's Theatre Night, 4 May 1995

It's not too late to get your tickets to POINT's 9th annual Theatre Night!

On 4 May, join friends and neighbours for a delightful evening: savour decadent desserts provided by some of North Toronto's finest chefs and then experience Stephen Sondheim's *Into the Woods*, currently enjoying rave reviews from critics and audiences alike. (Dessert will be served at 6.30 p.m.; the play starts at 8 p.m., at the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts.)

Tickets are \$55 for supporters, or \$85 for patrons. A generous tax receipt is provided. All proceeds go to supporting POINT's activities, such as the Community Information Service, the leadership of the North-Toronto Long Term Care Consortium and much, much more.

To reserve your tickets, contact POINT at 487-2390.

POINT thanks the Theatre Night media sponsor, *The North Toronto-Leaside Post*, its patrons, donors and supporters.



POINT AGM, 17 May 1995

Mark 17 May on your calendar to attend POINT's Annual General Meeting and honour **Anita O'Connor's** retirement from the City of Toronto Department of Public Health and her IMMENSE contribution to our community in North Toronto.

*pssst...Anita O'Connor is also
POINT's newest board
member.*

The meeting starts at 5.30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6.00 p.m. It all happens at the North Toronto Memorial Community Centre.

North Toronto MSA a going concern

Significant statistical trivia...

*Almost 12,000 seniors (65 +)
live in North Toronto. Of
these, over 4,000 are women
over the age of 75.*

With \$25,000 to be provided by the Ministry of Health, POINT continues to lead the development of the North Toronto Multi-Service Agency (MSA). Required under new provincial legislation, the new community-based agency will provide fully-integrated social services to local residents in our community. It will ensure that everybody has access to the full range of support they may require. Services will include, but are not limited to, physical and occupational therapy, social work, care-giver relief and support, home-making etc.

For more information on what the MSA will mean to you, or to find out how to get involved, call POINT's community information service at 487-2390.

Out and about in our community: a new advisory council at Bedford Park Community Centre

Local residents have formed an advisory council at Bedford Park Community Centre. Mandated to work with City of Toronto Parks and Rec. staff, the council seeks to ensure that the burgeoning population of young families in our community is adequately served. For instance, their perseverance means that the well-loved, but well-worn (and not-so-safe) equipment at Woburn Park will be replaced this summer.

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