

POINT *by* POINT

Issue 2

Winter 1999

The North Toronto Community Fair

January 28, 1999
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Yonge Eglinton Centre
Concourse Level
Centre Court

Come to the North Toronto Community Fair!

Are you interested in finding out more information about the various programmes and services available in your community? The **North Toronto Community Fair** is just the place! You are invited to drop by this special event, **hosted by POINT**, designed for all ages and interests. A variety of organizations

great displays, information, and staff and volunteers to answer your questions.

Whet Your Appetite

And, to spark your appetite for something new and tasty in the new year, there will be cooking demonstrations during the fair, provided by the chefs of the Seniors' Community Dining Program, which is held regularly at the North Toronto Memorial Community Centre.

Join us at the Fair!

For All Ages & Interests

and agencies providing social, recreational, and health services in the North Toronto area will be on hand with

Volunteer Opportunity

POINT is looking for outgoing volunteers to staff the Community Information Desk.

As a volunteer, you enjoy:

- helping others
- providing information and referrals
- working with dedicated volunteers and caring staff

There is a minimum three hour per week commitment.

Interest in working with computers is essential.

Training is provided.

Please phone Diane Werner at (416) 487-2390 for further information.

Explore the World of Volunteerism During Winterfest

Interested in learning more about volunteerism? Do you want to be more active in the community?

Drop by the CIS Volunteer Booth at Youth Job Fair

POINT's Community Information Service (CIS) would like to open your eyes to a world of volunteer opportuni-

ties in North Toronto.

Drop by the CIS booth at Winterfest, held annually in the North Toronto Memorial Community Centre. The booth, staffed by trained CIS volunteers, will be an exciting addition to Winterfest's summer job fair for youth aged 14 to 24.

The youth job fair will take place on Saturday, February 6th from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Toronto Social Housing Connections

Did you know that the POINT Community Information Service (CIS) is one of the designated community links across the city for Toronto Social Housing Connections?

What is Toronto Social Housing Connections?

The listing of housing providers and community housing agencies combines the previous separate registries of the Metro Toronto Housing Authority and City Home with those of many co-operatives, private non-profits and supportive housing locations. "Housing Connections" maintains waiting lists for over 600 locations in Toronto.

The CIS has application forms and copies of the listing,

which includes: building details, maps, and addresses. Trained volunteers can answer questions about eligibility, give details on specific accommodation and help with completing application forms. For further information on a particular request and for follow-up, the CIS can provide "Housing Connections" local office locations and staff telephone numbers.

Although this new system was designed to provide "one stop access to social housing in Toronto", there is insufficient housing

Waiting lists vary from 6 months to more than 5 years

available. The waiting list has more than 45,000 households on it. Time on the list varies. If a person is interested in shared housing or needs a smaller unit (bachelor), the

waiting period varies from less than 6 months (for seniors) to 4 years (for adults of any age). On average, the wait for larger units can be more than

Trained CIS volunteers can help with applications

5 years.

Two CIS volunteers, as well as the Executive Director, have attended training sessions provided by the Housing Connections staff. Three more volunteers will participate in upcoming training sessions.

At CIS, we are endeavoring to keep up to date! We have on file copies of the policies and procedures and other material for anyone interested.

Please call us or drop by if you would like additional information. - Eileen Barbeau, with data from the City of Toronto's website (www.city.toronto.on.ca)

Senior Transportation is Making Inroads

Getting around town isn't always easy. For seniors and people with disabilities, this is especially true. When there are medical appointments and day to day activities to attend to, transportation is often a problem.

Coordinating a transportation service to meet client needs is difficult, even at the best of times. However, when the demand for transportation exceeds the number of vehicles and drivers available, scheduling rides can become a nightmare.

North Toronto Ride, a pilot project funded by CTAP (Community Transportation Action Program) has been estab-



lished to examine more effective ways of coordinating the transportation service for both providers and consumers. SPRINT is the Funding Sponsor and is working with

POINT, the Anne Johnston Health Station, North Toronto Memorial Community Centre, Toronto Ambulance, Red Cross, Toronto Rehabilitation Institute, St. Clair West Services for Seniors, Burt Transport Ltd., and Wheel Trans to find ways to provide more rides to more people.

The participating agencies hope to share existing resources, like their vehicles, staff, and databases to better meet the transportation demand.

For more information, please call one of the provider agencies: SPRINT (481-6411), Red Cross (480-2500), or St. Clair West Services for Seniors (787-2114).

- Patee Katharos - SPRINT
- Photo courtesy of SPRINT

Community Resources

As your neighbourhood information service, we can POINT you in the right direction!

Resources for Parents and Preschoolers

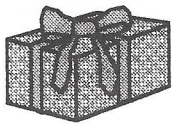
Educational, social, and exercise programmes take place in:

- Libraries
- Community Centres - for exercise, learning, and fun
- Churches - for Moms & Tots groups, babysitting, and more

For more details, call us at (416) 487-2427

or drop in at the **POINT Community Information Service**, located on the first floor of the North Toronto Memorial Community Centre.

POINT's Wish List



Help POINT raise money by contributing an item to our annual theatre night event!

Here are some suggestions:

- Tickets to the ballet, opera, theatre, or other event
- Photography (sitting)
- Interior Decorating
- Pottery or other art work
- Gourmet cooking lessons, wine, or catered dinners
- Videos, CDs, or gift baskets
- Certificates for: restaurants, facials, spa day, hotel rooms, hair salon, or yard work
- Sports equipment or tickets to a sporting event
- Club membership

Do you have another idea? Please give us a call - it may be just the treasure we need!



POINT Joins a Worldwide Celebration



In recognition of the world's rapidly aging population, the United Nations has declared 1999 the International Year of Older Persons (IYOP). The purpose of the year is to foster international awareness of the significant role that seniors play in society and the need for intergenerational respect and support.

In Canada, the senior population is among the fastest

Demographic Shift

growing in the world. Currently, our province of Ontario is home to 1.45 million seniors, or about 38% of all seniors in Canada. This demographic shift will have a major impact on families and communities such as North Toronto,

and will alter the economic, social, and cultural fabric of our country.

Canada's theme for the

"A Society for All Ages"

1999 International Year of Older Persons is "Canada, a society for all ages". The IYOP provides a unique opportunity to acknowledge the enormous contribution made by seniors in so many ways, such as: volunteering, sharing life experiences and knowledge, and various talents in their communities.

POINT salutes the seniors of North Toronto, and will participate in community activities with other local organizations to celebrate this special year.

- Source: Division of Aging and Seniors, Health Canada

Come to POINT's Annual Dinner & Theatre Night!

Les Belles Soeurs

by Michel Tremblay

Thursday, April 29, 1999

Dinner at 6 p.m., Show starts at 8 p.m.

Michel Tremblay describes Les Belles Soeurs, his most famous and best loved play, as "written in the language of real people with gritty, glorious colour". A humorous look at Quebec in the 50's.

Patron	\$100
Dinner & Show	\$75
Show Only	\$60
Show Only (senior)	\$50

Come see your neighbours and join the fun, with a silent auction and/or spectacular twist to the traditional balloon burst.

Mark your calendar now and watch for your invitation! for more information, contact POINT at (416) 487-2390.

Mark Your Calendar!

North Toronto Community Fair

January 28, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Yonge-Eglinton Centre, Concourse Level

- See page 1 for further details

Winterfest

February 5, 6, 7; North Toronto Memorial Community Centre

- The Community Information Service desk will be open February 6th and 7th.
- See page 1 for further details

Seniors' Community Dining Program

- Made possible through partnerships with: SPRINT, Parkdale Golden Age Foundation, POINT, The Department of Parks and Recreation (the North Toronto Memorial Community Centre), and the Department of Public Health.

Wednesday Lunch

January 20, 27
February 3, 10, 17, 24
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

- Begins at 11:45 a.m.

Friday Dinner

January 15
February 5, 19
March 5, 19

- Begins at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Brunch

January 24
February 14, 28
March 14, 28

- Begins at 11:00 a.m.

Location: North Toronto Memorial Community Centre, 200 Eglinton Ave. W.

Tickets (\$4.50) can be purchased at the POINT kiosk desk in the Community Centre on the first floor. Reservations can also be made by calling POINT at 487-2427, or SPRINT at 481-6411.

We want your feedback!

What do you think about this newsletter? Do you have any suggestions for future issues? Do you have a comment about your community which you would like to pass on?

Why not give us a call at (416) 487-2390, or drop by and share your thoughts. We look forward to speaking with you soon!



POINT Membership & Donation Form

- ☐ Yes! I would like to **become a member** of POINT. My membership fee is enclosed. Please add my name to your mailing list. As a member, I will receive the POINT quarterly newsletter, voting privileges at the Annual General Meeting, and other information bulletins. A charitable tax receipt will also be issued.
- ☐ Yes! I would like to **make a donation** to support the work of POINT. A charitable tax receipt will be issued.

Name: _____

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☐ Visa _____ Mastercard _____ Signature _____

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☐ Cheque Please make cheque payable to POINT Inc.

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