

POINT *by* POINT

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North Toronto Citizens' Assembly

**"School Pools
and the
Toronto District School
Board
Budget Crunch"**

**Hear the Story
&
Voice Your Concerns
to**

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Anne Johnston
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(Executive Assistant To Joe Mihevc)

Thursday February 21, 2002

7:00p.m.-9:00p.m.

North Toronto Memorial
Community Centre

200 Eglinton Avenue West

For Meeting discussion summary visit
www.pointinc.org

This is a non-partisan event. The goal is to promote direct involvement in all aspects of the political process and to keep public officials accountable.

POINT Student Volunteer Resource Guide

POINT has recently developed a new resource to assist youth in the North Toronto area entitled "The Student Volunteer Resource Guide". As you may be aware, in 1999 the Ministry of Education announced that every secondary school student entering grade nine is now required to complete 40 hours of community involvement in order to receive an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).

In order to aid North Toronto students in meeting this requirement, POINT has produced "The Student Volunteer Resource Guide". The purpose of the guide is to provide a resource specifically designed for high school students in North Toronto. This guide lists volunteer opportunities with many agencies/organizations in North Toronto and some agencies/organizations in the City of Toronto that are looking for youth to volunteer. Also, a list of contact telephone numbers and addresses for those organizations is included, along with information on volunteer responsibilities and rights, the volunteer interview and on-line volunteer resources.

The resource guide has been

distributed to 22 high schools in the local community, including the public, private, and separate school systems, and POINT has received very positive initial feedback from students, guidance counsellors, and school principals.

POINT would like to gratefully acknowledge the generous financial support of The Stratton

Fund, part of the portfolio of the Toronto Community Foundation, toward the development of this guide. POINT would also like to thank the following POINT volunteers who aided in the development of "The Student Volunteer

Resource Guide: Jane Bunting, Nancy Graham, Nancy Grant, Dane Liu, Doug and Margaret Ann Lougheed. The resource guide was initially developed by Andre James, a POINT summer student and Diane Werner, Executive Director, with administrative and technical support from Carolyn Seager.



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PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS
IN NORTH TORONTO

POINT

Pointing the way.

HOME MADE SOLUTIONS

A ONE DAY WORKSHOP ON CREATING HOUSING QUICKLY!



February 23. 2002
9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.

This workshop will describe the housing needs of the city's most vulnerable-those without homes - and suggest ways that individuals and groups can begin addressing those needs in a speedy fashion. Wide-ranging government programs are required to build affordable housing and pressure must be exerted on reluctant politicians to respond to this need - but in the meantime many very useful things can be done by groups and individuals working together to provide secure, safe housing for those who most need it. Those practical direct actions including pre-fab housing, and the mechanisms and money they involve, will be the subject of this workshop.



You are invited to attend this workshop

North Toronto Memorial Community Centre

200 Eglinton Avenue West

Suggested Donation \$20.00

Limited Space Available. Call Now To Reserve Your Seat!
416.599.8372 or email: tdrc@web.net

This workshop is sponsored by Christ Church-Deer Park, POINT (People and Organizations in North Toronto) and Toronto Disaster Relief Committee (TDRC)

Community Resources

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

Q *My landlord gave me a letter, informing me about an upcoming rent increase in 30 days. The letter states that I will be required to pay a 10% rent increase; this is much more than I can afford. I approached my landlord with my concern; he told me I have been living in my apartment for almost one year now and that is the basis on which he has decided to increase my rent.*

A If your landlord did not apply to the Ontario Rental Housing Tribunal for permission to raise your rent, your rent increase is therefore il-legal. According to the Tenant protection Act, your landlord can only raise your rent by the annual guideline once every 12 months; he is also obligated to give you written notice at least 90 days before the increase is scheduled to begin.

Here is a list of agencies and their phone numbers for legal assistance when you have a landlord and tenant issue:

- ♦ Ontario Rental Housing Tribunal 1-888-332-3234
- ♦ Legal Aid Ontario 416-979-1446
- ♦ Federation of Metro Tenants Outreach and Organizing Team 416-413-9442

Thank You

POINT wishes to express its appreciation for the generous donation of goods and services provided by the following local area businesses and merchants to the "Grassroots Community Celebration" fund raising events held on behalf of POINT.

Assaggio Ristorante
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Pusateri's Fine Foods
Richter's Herbs
Sheridan Nurseries
Tribal Trade
Seafood Specialty Shop
Weir Foulds Barristers and Solicitors
Young Brothers



Cyber Flash !

Please make a note of POINT's new email and web site address.

email: point@pointinc.org

Web site: www.pointinc.org

Roehampton Park Renamed Charlotte Maher Park

On Tuesday, September 25, 30 different social service organizations, which includes being officially re-named Charlotte a founding member of POINT, and Maher Park to pay tribute to the significant influence that Charlotte Maher has made as a social advocate in Toronto over the past 30 years.

Don Boyle, Director, Parks and Recreation, South District, introduced Councillors Michael Walker and Anne Johnston who spoke warmly about Maher's key involvement with over



her commitment as Trustee for the Toronto's Board of Education since 1972.

Charlotte Maher Park is located at 550 Roehampton Avenue, between Walder and Rowley Avenues, one street north of Eglinton Avenue East.

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Care About Your Environment?

If you care about the environment and would like to get involved in some capacity, call The North Toronto Green community, your local environmental group. We have great environmental programs and are looking for people to get involved.

If you enjoy gardening but have nowhere to garden, call Liz McGroarty at 416-932-9755 to find out how you can help plan, map, seed, plant and clean at the Eglinton Park Heritage Community Garden.

If you love your garden but wish that you knew more about how to make it environmentally friendly, then call Helen Mills at 416-781-7663 and book your Green Garden Visit with a trained horticulturalist. ((\$25.00 fee with an information kit)

Our Tree Program is designed to bring tree planting projects into neighbourhoods. If you would like to find out more about the program or bring the program to your neighbourhood call Tali Erlich at 416-787-6215.

Our Lost Rivers Walks are a fascinating journey into North Toronto neighbourhoods tracing the courses of forgotten tributaries of the Don, evoking images of old mills and native settlements. Call Helen Mills at 416-781-7663 to find out about the 2002 Calendar of Walks.



Mark Your Calendar !

◆ North Toronto Citizens' Assembly

Thursday February 21, 2002 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at the North Toronto Memorial Community Centre, 200 Eglinton Avenue West.

Seniors' Community Dining Program

Made possible through partnerships with: SPRINT, Parkdale Golden Age Foundation, POINT, The Departments of Parks and Recreation, and Public Health. Location: North Toronto Memorial Community Centre, 200 Eglinton Ave. West. Tickets (\$4.50) can be purchased at the POINT kiosk desk in the Community Centre. To make a reservation call POINT at 416-487-2390.

Wednesday Lunch	Friday Dinner	Sunday Brunch
February 6 Birthday Lunch & Bingo 13 Valentine's Special 20 Lunch & Learn 27 Lunch & Learn	February 15 Twilight Twirl	February 10, 24
March Nutrition Month 6 Birthday Lunch & Bingo 13 Lunch & Learn 20 Lunch & Learn 27 Lunch & Learn	March 15 Dinner & Entertainment	March 10, 24
April 3 Birthday Lunch & Bingo 10 Lunch & Learn 17 Lunch & Learn 24 Lunch & Learn	April 19 Dinner & Entertainment	April 14, 28

POINT Mission Statement

To serve the people who live, work and study in North Toronto by improving availability and increasing awareness of the social and health services in the community through information, education, and advocacy.

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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 _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ Postal Code: _____
 Tel: () _____ Fax: () _____

Membership Fee:

Individual \$10.00
 Agency/Organization/Business \$25.00
 Donation \$

Total _____

Method of Payment:

Visa _____ Card # _____
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