

Things looking up for a new elevator at RTCC!

As you may have heard (or experienced), the current elevator at the Centre is showing its age. It groans and moans, it creeps and lurches, and sometimes it goes wandering. And its days are numbered.

The replacement of the RTCC elevator was included in the City's Capital Plan. For the first half of the year, engineers and consultants worked on the elevator replacement, preparing drawings and drafting the bid documents. At the beginning of October, the contract was signed with the construction firm who will be undertaking the project.

The necessary parts are currently being ordered and manufactured. Work on replacement of the elevator and all of the mechanicals will likely begin in January 2018, with completion expected around mid-February. The elevator will remain fully operational through the remainder of 2017.

Leading up to the project, some of the necessary pre-construction work will take place, such as preparing for new cooling units for the elevator mechanical room. A temporary ramp will be constructed to ensure accessibility to the library. The wood doors to the library will be temporarily replaced with accessible doors. During the construction, the wood doors will be refinished and preserved and replaced once construction is complete. The Saulters Street door, which is deteriorating and will act as the main entrance at times during the construction, will be permanently replaced with a new metal door. Finally, a lockup for garbage bins will be built in the rear parking lot, and it will be converted into stroller parking after construction has ended.

The Ralph Thornton Community Centre is grateful for the outstanding work by City staff in moving forward this project, and to Councillor Fletcher in her advocacy to make sure that the elevator remained a priority. Stay tuned to the RTCC Update for more information as the project moves forward.



RALPH THORNTON COMMUNITY CENTRE



SUNDAY ESCAPE!

Professional childcare
Exciting programming
Restaurant discounts
Make your escape!

Kids can escape to fun activities, including outings, cooking, theme nights, and movie nights—dinner provided!
Parents can escape to do whatever parents do when their children are being looked after, and take advantage of 20% off your meal at participating local restaurants*

Sunday Escape is open to children aged 3 to 12 years old.
Every Sunday Escape offers two sessions:

- Session 1 – from 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm (includes a snack) \$20 per child
- Session 2 – from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm (includes a meal and a snack) \$25 per child
- Both sessions combined for \$40 (\$5 sibling discount per session)

Registration deadline is 5:00 pm on the Friday prior to the program.
The Ralph Thornton Community Centre provides safe, high quality childcare tailored to your child's interests and needs.
For more information visit www.ralphthornton.org, contact info@ralphthornton.org, or call 416-392-6810.

* Excludes alcohol and tips.

Participating restaurants/businesses include :
* AAA Bar * Il Ponte * Peasant Table * I'll Be Seeing You * Smash Ping Pong Lounge * Tabule *

October 15—Autumn Science Lab
October 22— Fall Cooking Creations
October 29—Pumpkin Party

Community Conversations at RTCC: What Community Issues are Important to You?

RTCC has historically been a hub for community discussions on issues important to our community. We are exploring topics to host community conversations on in the coming months.

What are the important issues that you would like to see a community conversation about in the near future?

Share your thoughts...

Email us at info@ralphthornton.org or phone us at: 416-392-6810.

We look forward to hearing from you.



RALPH THORNTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Update

October 16, 2017

Run with Ralph!

On Sunday, October 22nd, "Team Ralph" will be running in the Scotiabank Waterfront Marathon, Half-Marathon, or 5K walk/run as part of the Toronto Neighbourhood Centres contingent. Last year, our team raised over \$2,000 to support children's programming at RTCC - this year we hope to do even better! To sponsor one of our runners, contact RTCC Reception or Sajida Kadri at sajidak@ralphthornton.org or 416-392-6810. So far, we've raised just over \$2,000 of our \$4,000 goal—slightly over half way!



Our team includes our intrepid coach and RTCC Social Media Hound Copper Campey Guzman (pictured left), RTCC Board members Janet Routliffe, Yang Han, and Ryan Acayan, and supporters Craig Fraser, Yvonne Bedford, Joshua Chua-Acayan, and Chris Shantz. Rounding out the team is RTCC Executive Director John Campey, who will be 'representing' Copper in the race again this year.

You can also donate online on the STWM "Charity Challenge" website at <https://tinyurl.com/yas9dhke>

Halloween at the Centre!

On Thursday, October 26, RTCC will be a very 'scary' place—from 3:30 till 5:30, the Queen/Saulter Library and the second floor Auditorium will be open for our 'Howl-o-ween' party! This free event is for children, families and caregivers (see inside for details.) On Saturday afternoon, RTCC will be one of the stops on the Riverside BIA Kiddie Costume Parade, and on Sunday, October 29, the RTCC 'Sunday Escape' will be a Pumpkin Party. Drop by and have a 'frightfully' good time!



www.RalphThornton.org



Ralph Thornton Community Centre Hours

Monday to Sunday
9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Office and Exchange Loft Hours

Monday to Wednesday
9:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Thursday to Sunday
9:30 AM - 8:30 PM

The Ralph Thornton Community Centre's third floor Computer Room is open as the Lewis Pearsall Exchange Loft. We have computers, fax, photocopying and phone.

416-392-6810 info@ralphthornton.org

Queen/Saulter Library Hours

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 12:30 AM - 8:30 PM
Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Thursday: 12:30 AM - 8:30 PM
Friday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Saturday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sunday: Closed

416-393-7723

South Riverdale Child-Parent Centre Hours

Monday: 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM
Tuesday: 1:00 PM - 5:30 PM
Wednesday: Workshops (by prior sign up)
Thursday: 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM
Friday: 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM
Saturday: 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Sunday: Closed

416 469-3776

Winter Wonderland Live and Silent Auction

Live Music
* Johnnie Blue
* Carissa Neufeld of
On the Off Beat Music School

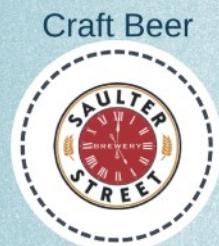


Photo Booth
Dress to the theme!

SAT. NOV. 11,
2017
@ 7 PM

Ralph Thornton
Community Centre
2nd Floor

GET TICKETS NOW
WWW.SRCPC.ORG/AUCTION
\$10 suggested donation

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You're invited to...

Riverside HALLOWEEN

Saturday October 28th

- Jimmie Simpson's Haunted House and Pumpkin Carving (10AM-12PM) – 870 Queen St. E
- Nell and Natasha's face painting, crafts and more (12PM-3PM) – 807A Queen St. E
- Riverside BIA Kiddie Costume Parade – starts at 3PM from 807A Queen St. E
- Riverside Ghost Walk – starts at 5PM from 807A Queen St. E

Let us know if you're coming at <https://riverside-halloween-2017.eventbrite.ca>

Riverdale Share turns 25!

The 25th Anniversary RIVERDALE SHARE CONCERT will take place at 3pm on Sunday, December 3rd, 2017 at The Danforth Music Hall, 147 Danforth Avenue.

The Riverdale Share Concert is a diverse holiday celebration held every December in Toronto's vibrant Riverdale neighbourhood. It's made possible by the contributions of residents, businesses, students, volunteers, civic leaders, and some of Toronto's most celebrated artists.

This 100% volunteer-run organisation plans to once again raise over \$30,000 and truckloads of food for families in crisis in the community in one afternoon. It's made possible by the contributions of residents, businesses, students, volunteers, civic leaders, and some of Toronto's most celebrated artists.

Admission is \$25.00 plus a non-perishable food item. Tickets will be available in November from the Big Carrot or Treasure Island Toys.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, October 25 - RTCC

Board Meeting 6:30 PM

Thursday, October 26—RTCC

Howl-o-ween Party—3:30-5:30 PM

Saturday, October 28—Riverside Hal-

loween

Saturday, November 11—SRCPC

"Winter Wonderland" Auction

Sunday, December 3—Riverdale Share

Concert (Music Hall)

Friday December 15, Riverside "Antler

Breakfast (7:30-10:30 AM)



RTCC hosts over 200 different community groups a year. Last week, the Saint John Ambulance Therapy Dog program used our space to evaluate potential therapy dog teams. RTCC Social Media 'hound' Copper was on hand to welcome the evaluators (she is an 'off duty' therapy dog herself!) If your organization is interested in making use of our space at low (or often no!) cost, contact us at 416-392-6810 or info@ralphthornton.org.

SRCPC 'Winter Wonderland'

Tickets for South Riverdale Child-Parent Centre's Winter Wonderland Live and Silent Auction are now available! The suggested donation is \$10, and tickets are available in the drop-in or [online](#). We look forward to seeing you at this fun night that supports your Centre!



HOWL-O-WEEN PARTY

for children, families and caregivers
(stroller parking is limited!)

Thursday, October 26th

3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Library Level & RTCC 2nd Floor
765 Queen St East

presented by

QUEEN / SAULTER LIBRARY

RALPH THORNTON COMMUNITY CENTRE
SOUTH RIVERDALE CHILD-PARENT CENTRE

