



Riverside
6th annual
ANTLER BREAKFAST

Friday, December 15th
7:30 AM- 10:30 AM
Ralph Thornton Centre
765 Queen Street East
(2nd floor)

SANTA
LIVE MUSIC
50/50 DRAW
PRIZES

Tickets & info:
riverside-to.com

Proceeds in support
of the **Rivertowne
Breakfast Program**



December 4 2017

RTCC Hosts "Antler Breakfast" - Friday December 15

Join us on Friday, December 15th in the RTCC Auditorium for the 6th Annual Riverside Antler Breakfast. Join your neighbours at the crack of dawn (7:30-10:30 AM) for some hearty eats, great company and of course, your antlers – all in support of a good cause in your local community! This event is organized and supported by the Riverside BIA, Toronto Food Tours, the Ralph Thornton Community Centre, and the Rivertowne Safety 1st group. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 for the Rivertowne Breakfast Program for 2018.

A big thanks to our Santa-level supporter, **Jason Friesen Mortgage!** "Reindeer" sponsors include

- BMO Queen/Saulter Branch
- BMO Queen/Woodbine Branch,
- Leea Muir,
- Oma Chiropractic,
- MPP Peter Tabuns,
- Samantha Sheppard, ReMax/Team Sheppard
- Nell and Natasha

Our "Elves" include Councillor Paula Fletcher and Murray Henderson. We're still looking for "Reindeer" and "Elf" sponsors – if you would like to support this program, please contact either John Campey (johnc@ralphthornton.org) or Jennifer Lay (marketing@riverside-to.com).

Tickets are \$20 each (\$10 for kids under 12). Get your tickets from the Riverside BIA office (office@riverside-to.com) or at the Ralph Thornton Community Centre, [765 Queen E, 3rd Floor](#) Reception (or just get them at the door!). As well as great food, there will be a **50/50 draw, prizes, and – of course – antlers!** More information at <http://www.riverside-to.com/event/riverside-antler-breakfast-fundraiser-17/>. You can also **donate directly online** to the Rivertowne Breakfast Program via: <https://www.canadahelps.org/dn/11780> and choose 'Rivertowne Breakfast program' in the drop down menu. You will receive an emailed charitable receipt.

The Rivertowne Breakfast Program is championed by Rivertowne Safety 1st, a resident collective comprised of Toronto Community Housing leaders dedicated to making a positive impact in their community. The Breakfast Program runs every Friday, year-round to provide children, youth and families in the neighbourhood with a free, warm breakfast. It also brings people in the community together regardless of their age, income or background and builds a sense of community. This program is supported by a variety of community partners. The program runs in Rivertowne on Friday mornings, 7am-11am, at [50 Matilda Street, Toronto](#).

Update

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Ralph Thornton Community Centre Hours

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

This year, RTCC will be closed from 9:00 PM on Sunday, December 24, to 9:00AM on Tuesday, January 2.

The Queen/Saulter Library will maintain regular hours during that time (December 27-31), but will not have public washroom access.

Office and Exchange Loft Hours

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

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



Visit the December 16 Caribbean Christmas Market at RTCC

Rum cake and Gingerbread Mon cookies. Hibiscus Floral Body Scrub, Mango Body Burst Butter, wire crowns and pendants. Oh, My!

And did we mention the keepsake cook-book that has ALL the Secrets of why Jamaicans run so fast? Taste the Caribbean. Savor the Caribbean. Pop-Up Caribbean Christmas Market, Saturday, December 16, Ralph Thornton Community Centre.

Come in from the cold!

Market time runs from 1 to 6 p.m.

Note: Some vendor spots still available.

Contact: info@jamaicaneats.com; or 647-313-3742.

Exchange Loft welcomes new volunteer.

RTCC welcomes Aisla as a volunteer in the RTCC Exchange Loft. Aisla has lived in East Toronto for over 30 years, and has recently retired after working in the job-profit and private sectors. Her recent volunteer experience includes literacy tutoring and helping out at the Toronto Humane Society. Welcome Aisla!



Things looking up for a new elevator at RTCC!

We are all very excited that the date of installation for our new elevator is fast approaching!

The overall schedule for this work is:

- Installation of new cooling units for the elevator mechanical room in **December 2017**;
- A lockup for garbage bins will be built in the rear parking lot in **December**. This space will be converted into stroller parking after construction has ended;
- A temporary ramp constructed to provide accessibility to the library, and the wood doors to the library will be temporarily replaced with accessible doors in **December 2017**;
- The Saulters Street door, which is deteriorating, will be permanently replaced with a new metal door in **December 2017**;
- The current elevator will be decommissioned and removed starting at the beginning of **January 2018**;
- Installation of the new elevator will take place in **February 2018**, and;

The new elevator should be up and running around the first week of **March 2018**.

While the elevator will remain fully operational through to the end of 2017, the elevator will be entirely out of service from the beginning of January to the beginning of March 2018.

Once the elevator has been decommissioned, access to the third floor, second floor, and the mezzanine will only be possible using the stairs. During the work, there may be times where the front lobby is closed and the Saulters Street exit and rear stairs will be the primary entrance to the building. We will post appropriate signage redirecting users to the Saulters Street door during those times.

In addition, the basement program area will be closed and used by the construction crew as a storage/ staging area for the elevator work. The Ralph Thornton Community Centre's Sunday Escape program will be suspended following the 17 December session, and other programs that usually take place in the basement will be relocated to other parts of the Centre.

We anticipate that the bulk of the work will take place from Monday to Friday, from 7 am to 3:30 pm, with much of the loud work being contained before the building opening and on Mondays and Tuesday mornings. There may be rare instances when work extends beyond 3:30 pm or noisy activities happen outside of the hours noted. We ask for your patience and understanding.

Currently, and throughout the construction, we are meeting with the contractors every two weeks, which will provide an opportunity to both receive updates on activities as well as communicate any problems or issues we, or our users, are having. The Ralph Thornton Community Centre will be posting regular updates on our website.

Please visit <https://www.ralphthornton.org/use-our-space/elevator-modernization-update> for details.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Centre at 416-392-6810 or send us an e-mail at info@ralphthornton.org.

Coming Events

December 15 - Antler Breakfast

December 16 - Caribbean Christmas Market

December 17 - Final "Sunday Escape"

December 25-January 1 - RTCC Closed

January 1 - RTCC Elevator shut down for replacement!

January 24, 2018 - RTCC Board of Management Meeting

Upcoming Rate Increases - RTCC space rentals

Sadly, the elevator at RTCC is not the only thing going up!

The Ralph Thornton Community Centre Board of Management has approved amendments to the Space Booking Policy and Procedures to revise the fees across all user categories. The fees charged for space rentals help support facility upgrades, the Centre's programming, and other activities.

While the Non-Fee Paying Category continues to offer free access for local volunteer-run organizations and local arts and cultural groups with no admission, the fee increases range from \$1/hour to \$9/hour, depending upon the room and user category, effective April 1, 2018. A similar fee increase occurred in early 2017. Even with these rate increases, RTCC space is still one of the best deals around.

The full rate sheet can be found here (<https://www.ralphthornton.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/2018-Fee-Schedule.pdf>).

RTCC closed for the holidays - December 25 - January 1

RTCC will be closed from 9 PM on Sunday, December 24, until 9 AM on Tuesday, January 2nd. We regret any inconvenience to users during this period, but look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year.

The Queen/Saulters Library will be open for regular hours on December 27, 28, 29 and 30.

The staff and Board wish everyone a safe and happy holiday, and all the best for 2018!

News from our partners:

South Riverdale Child-Parent Centre

Our biggest **THANK YOU** to all involved in this year's Winter Wonderland Auction. You helped to raise over \$14,000.00 for the Centre!

Thank you to the volunteers, sponsors, donors and guests who helped to make this year's Auction such a huge success!!