



RALPH THORNTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Update

www.RalphThornton.org

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RTCC is now hiring

If your passion is community, in particular our local community, and you are looking to put your energy, skills and program management experience to good use as part of a great team, RTCC is looking for a **Manager: Strategic Initiatives** to join our small but mighty management team as we seek to move forward RTCC's seven priorities.

We are also seeking **Maintenance/ Caretaking Relief Staff** to provide vacation and sick relief for RTCC's permanent staff.

For more information, visit <https://www.ralphthornton.org>, click on Who We Are and then Job Postings.

Application deadline: February 11.



Ralph Thornton Community Centre

416-392-6810 info@ralphthornton.org

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

Office and Exchange Loft Hours

Monday to Sunday
9:30 AM - 8:30 PM

Note: RTCC will be closed on Family Day, Monday, February 18

The Lewis Pearsall Exchange Loft is opened daily until 8:30 p.m.

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.

Queen/Saulter Library

416-393-7723

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

South Riverdale Child-Parent Centre

416-469-3776

Hours:

Monday: 9:00 AM -1:30 PM
Tuesday: 1:00 PM -5:30 PM
Wednesday: Workshops
Thursday: 9:00 AM -1:30 PM
Friday: 9:00 AM -1:30 PM
Saturday: 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Sunday: Closed

It's a beautiful new life for RTCC's heritage staircase

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EVENTS AT RTCC...

Literacy for East Toronto

January 30 (recurring)

Time: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Cost: Free
<https://literacytoronto.wordpress.com/literacy-in-toronto-east-end/>
Phone: (647) 995-3278

RTCC Mezzanine

Literacy for East Toronto is a not-for-profit agency that provides free one-to-one and small group tutoring for adults who want to read, write or do mathematics better. This is a part-time program. Volunteer tutors and volunteer board members manage the day-to-day operations of the agency.

Free weekly Taekwon-Do classes for children and adults every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 pm-8:30 pm. The classes are a great way to get back into shape and learn self-defense techniques!



Qualified black belt instructors teach basic and advanced punching and kicking techniques, sparring drills, self-defense methods and much more.

Gym clothes required.

Contact the Head Instructor at 416-755-5993

January 29: Joy of Writing (recurring Tuesdays) 7-9 p.m. A weekly writers' workshop and gathering where we read, write, laugh and inspire each other. 416-461-3700 for information.

Don'Worry. Eat Happy: Saturday, March 16, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. CARIBBEAN STREET FOOD FESTIVAL



Jamaican Patty



Doubles



Jerk Chicken

Open the door to a whole world of utter deliciousness. THE ISLANDS ARE CALLING!

**Ralph Thornton Community Centre
2nd Floor Auditorium**



Support the Ralph Thornton Community Centre!

Learn more about how to donate to the Ralph Thornton Community Centre and receive an official tax receipt.

A New RTCC Membership Survey

The RTCC Membership & Outreach committee is conducting a survey to gain more understanding on our members, users and supporters and to improve and strengthen our programs. Please take a few minutes to complete this brief survey.

Information will be kept confidential. We thank you for your participation and look forward to the feedback.

Follow the link to the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S7YHHFW>. Thank you very much!

The Ralph Thornton Community Centre Update is published every two weeks, and is available online and in print at RTCC, with periodic broader community distribution. To subscribe to the online version, please email info@ralphthornton.org or call (416) 392-6810. You can also follow us on Twitter @ralphthornton, or on Facebook at RalphThorntonCommunityCentre. Our website is www.ralphthornton.org.

“No Parking” behind RTCC

The parking lot behind RTCC is only available for staff or contractors who have made prior arrangements to use a parking space.

Sadly, we are not able to make space available for program users or community members.

If your need to access a parking space for loading or unloading, or for other reasons, you **MUST** obtain a temporary parking pass from the RTCC reception desk.

As of January 14, the Parking Authority of Toronto will ticket any vehicle in the parking lot that does not display a RTCC parking pass.

News from our Partners: South Riverdale Child-Parent Centre

**Wednesday, February 6,
Lunar New Year Celebration,
10a.m. - Noon**

It's the year of the Pig! We have planned a special snack and art activity to celebrate. The staff will also lead a lion dance through the Ralph Thornton Community Centre. Join Nina, Sarah, and Robin for the celebration!

Visit our free Drop-in with your child aged 0-6 years old for open activities, snack time at 10:30am, song/circle time at 10:45am and workshops/outings!

Mondays 9:00am to 1:30pm

Tuesdays 1:00pm to 5:30pm

Wednesdays FREE workshops/outings with prior registration required

Thursdays 9:00am to 1:30pm

Fridays 9:00am to 1:30pm

Saturdays 9:30am to 12:30pm (Sept. to May, excluding long weekends)



Wendy Lu's paintings and drawings showcased at RTCC Staircase Gallery

The Ralph Thornton Community Centre has brought new life to the beautiful, heritage staircase at the south end of the building.

Visitors to the Centre can now view the area that has been transformed into the Saulter Street Stairwell Gallery, featuring rotating exhibitions throughout the year.

The inaugural exhibition is Wendy Lu's stunning paintings and drawings in a show titled *The Transformation of Portraits, Landscapes & Technologies*. Her art creatively maps out new forms of non-normative experi-

ences, spaces, and possibilities.

Wendy is a hard of hearing, Taiwan-born, Toronto-based multimedia artist. Since losing her hearing as an infant, she has undergone brain surgery and cochlear implant surgeries. Her visualizations attempt to depict perceptual difference involving drop-outs, disconnects, and scrambling artifacts.

The exhibition runs until Feb. 24. The gallery is open 9 am to 9 pm, and can be accessed through the second or third floor. Admission is free.

For more information on the gallery, and for artists interested in exhibiting their work, please visit <https://www.ralphthornton.org/programs/saulter-street-stairwell-gallery/>



OPEN HOUSE

February 13, 2019

Join us inside the former Unilever industrial building to check out the space before it's transformed into the Soap Factory and learn about the continuous evolution of development plans for East Harbour.

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

DROP-IN TIME: 6:00–8:00 pm

21 Don Roadway, Toronto, ON



EAST HARBOUR

If you need support in getting to the Open House, please reply to this email as soon as you can and we will arrange a shuttle from either Broadview Station or Union Station.

The Open House will be held on the third floor, publicly accessible by stairs. An elevator will be made available as required.