

EVENTS IN OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

Visit [Events on OldTownToronto.ca](http://Events.onOldTownToronto.ca) for more information.

- ❑ August 26th Free Yoga, St. James Park 12:00pm-12:45pm
- ❑ August 27th, 29th, Sept. 3rd, 5th: 1812 Re-enactors in Berczy Park, 12:30 pm
- ❑ August 27th: Music in the Park. Up Jumped Swing 7:00pm – 9:00pm St James Park

Come to the Library:

- ❑ Tuesday Sep 22 at 7pm: [Discovering Ontario's Orchids and Wildflowers](#)
- ❑ Saturday, September 26 from 2:00pm-4:00pm: Join the [Queens of the Esplanade on a Royal camping trip](#). Partnership with jamiiesplanade.org
- ❑ Wednesday September 30 at 2:00pm: [Tea and Books](#) at the St. Lawrence library

SCHOOL'S BACK: TUESDAY SEPT. 8TH – Watch for our neighbourhood kids when driving!

FEATURE PROFILE: OUR PARTNER - THE BIA: OLD TOWN TORONTO

Do you know what the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood BIA has been up to this summer?

The St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood Business Improvement Area is a non-profit organization whose membership includes every commercial property owner within the St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood.

Take a look around, you will see the efforts of our BIA everywhere you look:

- Every spring the BIA spruces up the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood with **hanging planters, new gardens and trees**. Thank you to Bob Kemp's team as well as other volunteers in the neighbourhood who water and keep this little corner of Ontario beautiful!
- Did you see the **pole wraps along King and Front Streets**? They are designed to promote way-finding AND are resistant to tape! Fewer pole posters makes for a cleaner looking neighbourhood.

Read more about our Neighbourhood BIA on page 2 of this update...

SLNA BOARD REPORT

- **AUGUST 2015** - Your Board is committed to heightening awareness of our neighbourhood & history. Come to the monthly meeting to learn more.
- Development Committee met recently with 75 The Esplanade, a letter is going to the City advising that there is too much height, buildings need to scale down as they step away from Yonge Street. Also more attention needs to be paid along Church Street for more streetscape and public realm. Update on the Sobey's/Acura site: The committee struck a working group with the developer and have met several times over the summer. The community wants to ensure we have a better development than what was originally proposed and that at the OMB pre conference hearing October 14 we can avert a full blown hearing February 1.

Current Activities your Board is performing: **CALLING ALL GARDENERS!**

SLNA wants to support you! Use the [Garden Application](#) to enter for your chance to receive a donation toward your 2015-2016 public-space garden. Garden must be in the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood boundaries. See your building's delegate for more information.



Catch up with us on facebook: [St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association](#).
Browse our website: www.slna.ca

NO AUGUST DELEGATES MEETING. NEXT MEETING:

**Wed. Sept. 30, 2015
7PM, OWN – 115 THE
ESPLANADE**

Agenda:

- Board Report
- Keynote Speaker: TOcore

TOcore, a study of how downtown Toronto should grow to remain a great place to live, work, learn, play and shop.

Things you need to know...

At July's delegates meeting we welcomed **Ken Greenberg** and heard the story of the birth of the St. Lawrence and his role as *Director of Urban Design and Architecture for the City of Toronto*. He was mesmerizing and he talked about being an architecture student and meeting *Jane Jacobs* to review one of his papers and how it was the start of a 40-year friendship. Ken reminded us of how cities evolve and talked about chaos and how planning plays an important role. Ken also spent a lot of time talking about parks and green spaces. He is an avid cyclist and is hoping Toronto will continue to build on cycle tracks. He is one of the founders of Parks People and encouraged us to continue to work with developers and get them to understand and appreciate what this neighbourhood is and hold them to ensuring they follow the guidelines.

Thank you kindly Ken.

Get involved.

*Volunteerism is currency
that appreciates.* --Anonymous

**AUGUST
NO DELEGATES MEETING**

SEPTEMBER
Guest speaker from TOcore



NEIGHBOURS WORKING WITH *Neighbours*

The BIA is finishing up another great season of Music and Movies in St. James Park.

- Thursday August 27th, we present our final concert with Up Jumped Swing featuring Miz Debbie. This 8 piece ensemble play New Orleans style dance music, jazz, swing and blues and the concert will be preceded by a half hour swing dance lesson at 6:30 p.m. at the gazebo. It will be a fun night!
- Our season of programming in St. James Park featured 9 concerts, 3 days of NXNE concerts and 3 movies.

Bard in Berczy. Shakespeare's Love's Labour's Lost

- Performed on Friday and Saturday evenings and Saturday and Sunday matinees from July 24th – August 16th. Audience surveys showed a good mix of residents, theatre lovers and out of towners. The style of the urban performance allows for accessibility for the die-hard theatre fan as well as the novice.

Celebrate contemporary design with KEDD's Life.Style.Fair.

- On September 26th, from 10:00am – 5:00pm, Toronto's largest public festival celebrating contemporary design will once again showcase a harmony of art and design around the King East Design District (KEDD) presented by the St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood BIA and Old Town Toronto with proceeds benefiting Habitat for Humanity Greater Toronto area.
- Installations curated by top local designers and artists using products from local design showrooms, along with one-of-a-kind designed food kiosks, will span the neighborhood, transforming King Street from Church to Parliament and surrounding areas. This year, we will be constructing a stud of a house in a parking lot on the north side of King Street between Princess and Ontario Streets. The public can make a donation and sign the studs, which will be used in a future build. From the anticipated public art project led by George Brown College School of Design students on Frederick Street to the showroom installations curated specifically for this festival, the visual vibrancy of the neighbourhood will set the stage for inspiration.

The BIA's annual Pumpkin Parade in St. James Park will be held on Sunday, November 1st from 6 – 7:30 p.m.

- The BIA will be working with the children at St. Michael's Catholic School and the Downtown Alternative School as well as the families in the St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood to carve pumpkins provided by the BIA and bring them to St. James Park to compete for the prize of best pumpkin design. Businesses in the area will compete for best design by a BIA member. Last year's winner was *Triple A* bar and their winning design will be featured on our transit shelter ad campaign for this year's event.

Cavalcade of Lights tree lighting.

- This year, the event will be in St. James Park (while Berczy is under construction). Date and time to be confirmed but we will have our Victorian carollers and free hot beverages to get everyone in the holiday spirit.



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NEIGHBOURS WORKING WITH *Neighbours*

Calling all gardeners!

The SLNA would like to support the ongoing design and development of public space gardens in the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood.

Win one of ten
\$100.00 gift certificates
to purchase gardening supplies..
seeds or bulbs for next year...

The application is simple.

Take a photo, jot down your plan and how it will benefit residents in your neighbourhood.

Be creative...

describe the exact location, size of garden and visual experience.

Email it to board@slna.ca or give it to a SLNA Board Member. All applications will be reviewed and decided upon at the October SLNA Board meeting. Looking forward to your gardening talents.



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