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YOUR HOUSE TO HOUSE NEWS

IT'S A SEASON OF EVENTS!

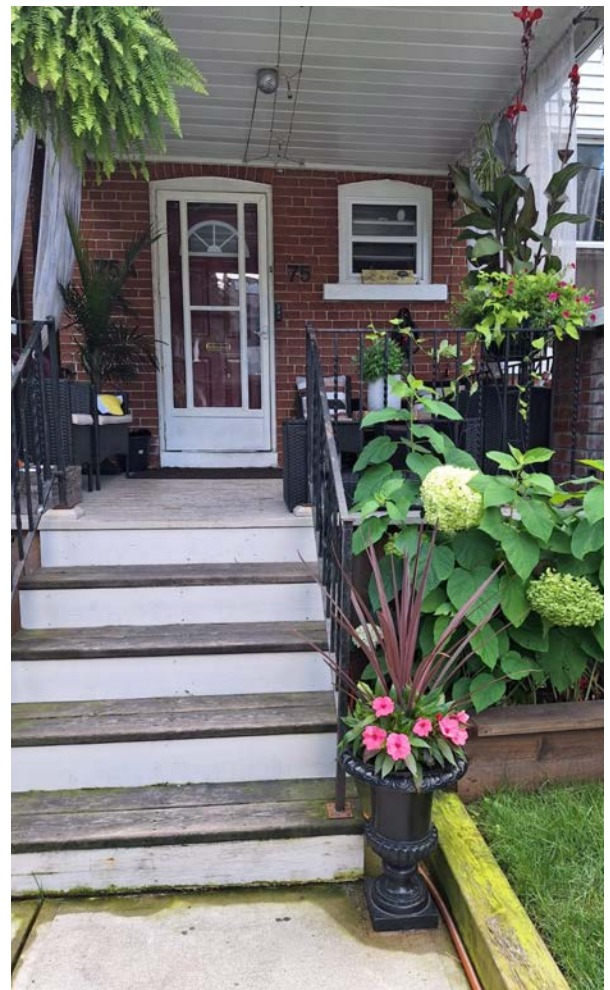


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FLOWER POWER CONTEST 2023

AUGUST 11TH, 2023

>>> A CHALLENGING TASK

The judges faced a challenging decision as they gathered to evaluate the stunning displays at this year's Wigwamen's Flower Power contest. With many households participating, the competition was fierce, and each entry was a testament to the dedication and creativity of each tenant.

As the judges examined the vibrant array of floral arrangements and garden designs, they were well aware that their task would not be easy. To ensure fairness and accuracy in their evaluations, they adhered to a set of well-defined judging criteria. These criteria were carefully crafted to recognize both the beauty and the functionality of the gardens, as well as the effort and thought put into each creation.

GARDENING FUN FACT:

Unlike annuals, which live for just one season, perennial plants live for more than two years – their Latin name means 'through the years'.

>>> CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S WINNERS!

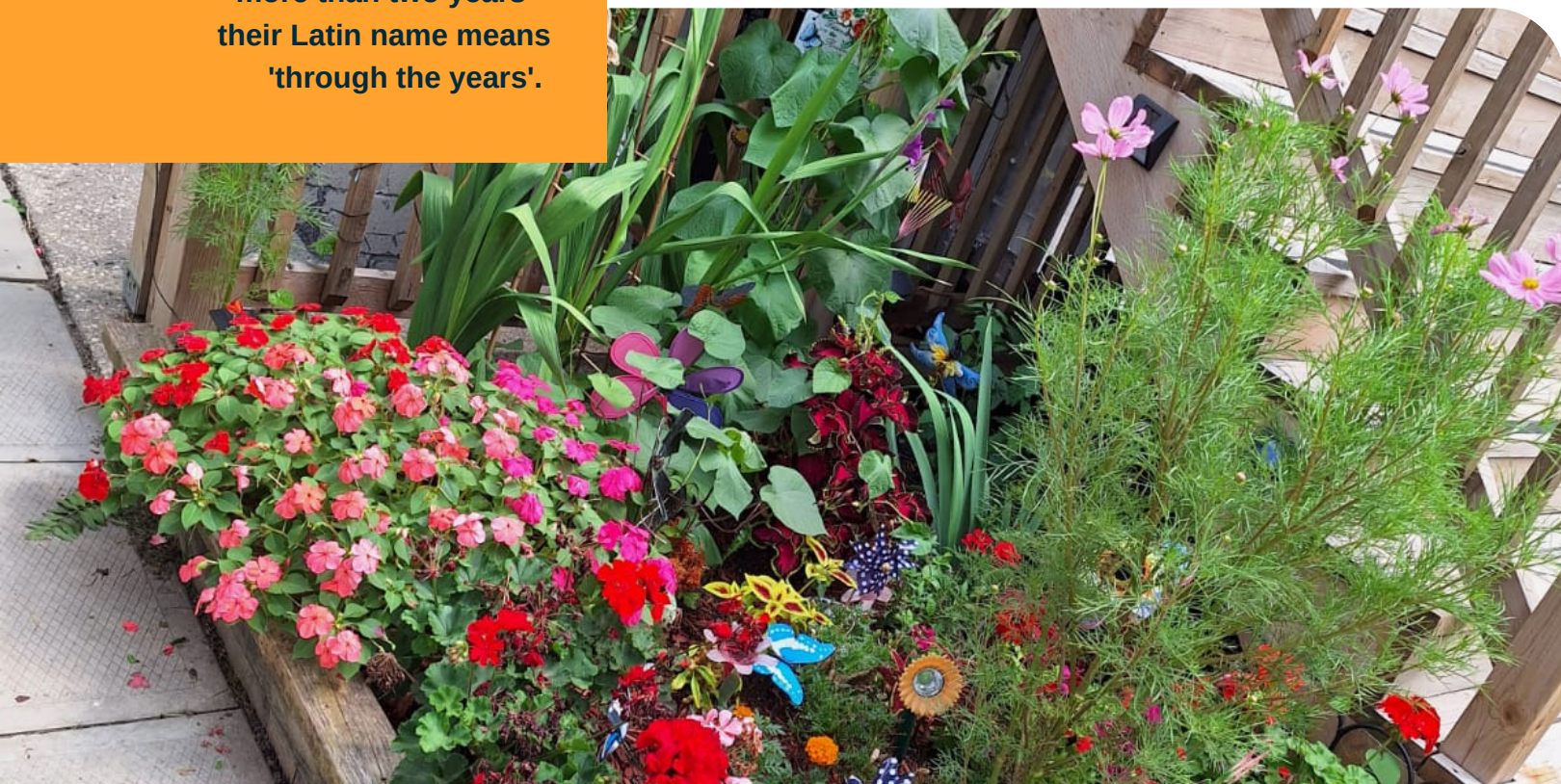
1ST PLACE WINNER: **SHANELL KING**

2ND PLACE WINNERS: **ORIANA LESSARD & KELLY BAISE**

3RD PLACE WINNER: **MANDY MORIN**



FEATURED IN THIS IMAGE IS THE 1ST PLACE WINNING GARDEN



WIGWAMEN'S 21ST ANNUAL PICNIC

AUGUST 26, 2023

»»» FUN IN THE SUN

The year, Wigwamen once again hosted the Annual Tenant Picnic at Christie Pits Park. Over one hundred tenants attended from Wigwamen's properties throughout the GTA.

The festivities were kicked off with engaging games of Bingo that had everyone on their toes, fostering laughter and camaraderie throughout the day. It was a thrilling experience, with more than 20 exciting prizes up for grabs, ensuring smiles and excitement all around.

The generosity of our community partners added an extra layer of delight to the event. Local partners such as the Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto's Ripley's Aquarium, and the Royal Ontario Museum, among others, extended their support by providing generous donations. These community events truly exemplify the spirit of community, reinforcing Wigwamen's commitment to enhancing the lives of our tenants in meaningful ways.



»»» THIS YEAR'S SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

In keeping with tradition, at the picnic, eight dedicated tenants who are pursuing both part-time and full-time college or university studies were honored with scholarship funds of up to \$2,500 each from Wigwamen Incorporated.

Congratulations to our winners!



THIS PICTURE FEATURES THE FOLLOWING WINNERS: CHRISTINA GILLEY, CRISTINA NEBENIONQUIT, CURTIS TREVENA-ANANE, CASSANDRA HALF, EWAEN OSUNDE, AND KEOR CHIAN LIN

WIGWAMEN WAABNONG AT 20 SEWELLS ROAD ANNUAL BBQ

SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2023

On Saturday, September 9th, 2023, Wigwamen Waabnong at 20 Sewells had its Annual Community BBQ. There were crafts and beadwork displayed by one of the residents. Delicious BBQ food smells in the air, with children laughing and running around showing off their tattoos that an airbrush artist had given them.

There was a firekeeper who maintained the fire throughout the event and talked about the medicines. There was also a Knowledge keeper who was engaging the clients with stories and jokes.

The BBQ went way into the afternoon with multiple games of Bingo for the adults and children. Community members won prizes, relaxed and just enjoyed the day.

Miigwetch to the cooks and everyone that came out.

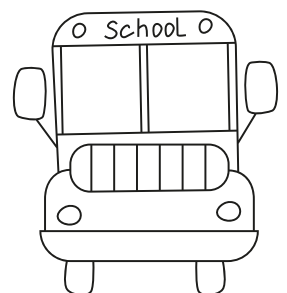
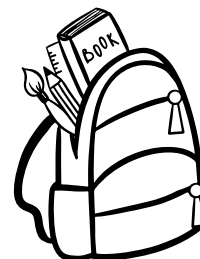
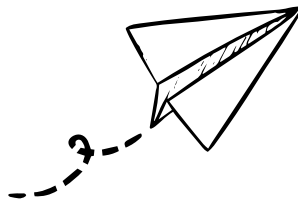
See you next time!



BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

Just before the start of the new school year, over 100 children living at Wigwamen units received new backpacks and supplies!

The Back to School Program is completed each year and provides backpacks and school supplies for children in kindergarten to grade 8. If you are a Wigwamen tenant and your children are in any of those grades, don't forget to register!





UPCOMING TENANT EVENTS



EVENTS DATES WILL BE DETERMINED IN THE COMING DAYS!

➤➤➤ Pumpkin Carving Contest

How Creative are you? How scary can you make a pumpkin ?

Join us at 75 Cooperage (first floor Event space)-email cminer@wigwamen.com



➤➤➤ Landlord and Tenant Rights and Responsibilities Info Session

Do you know your right as a tenant?

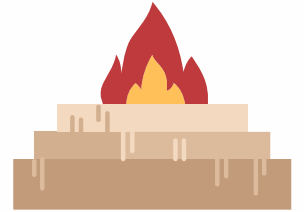
Join us at 75 Cooperage (first Floor Event Space)-email cminer@wigwamen.com for more info



➤➤➤ Honour the Dead - Sacred Fire Ceremony

Do you have someone that passed on to the spirit world?

Join us at 20 Sewells (Worship Room)- email kwainwright@wigwamen.com



➤➤➤ Best Costume

Come and WOW us with your best costume

Join us at 20 Sewells (First Floor Event Space)-email amorra@aboriginalhsc.org for more info





WIGWAMEN Incorporated provides safe and affordable housing to hundreds of Indigenous and non-Indigenous families, singles, and seniors throughout Toronto and Ottawa.

WIGWAMEN HOUSING

- ◆ The Terrace (127 units for Indigenous seniors)
14 Spadina Road, Toronto, ON, M5R 3M4
- ◆ 20 Sewells Road (92 units for Indigenous/ non-Indigenous individuals & families) Scarborough, ON, M1B 3G5
- ◆ 228 Galloway Road (60 units for Indigenous/ non-Indigenous individuals & families)
Scarborough, ON, M1E 5G6
- ◆ Pam Am (145 units for Indigenous/ non-Indigenous individuals & families) 75 Cooperage Street, Toronto, ON, M5A 0J5
- ◆ Scattered Housing (for Indigenous families) 221 homes located throughout the GTA
- ◆ Place Perrault (41 units for Indigenous/ non-Indigenous individuals & families) 205 Eric Czapnik Way, Ottawa, K1E0A5
- ◆ 55 Thora Avenue (20 units for Indigenous individuals & families) Scarborough, ON, M1L 2P7
- ◆ 3738 St. Clair Avenue East (22 units for Indigenous individuals & families) Scarborough, ON, M1M 1T7
- ◆ 525 Markham Road, Scarborough, ON M1H 3H7 (115 units for Indigenous/non-Indigenous individuals)

TO APPLY FOR WIGWAMEN HOUSING

Families & individuals of Indigenous descent should fill out Wigwamen applications that are available:



By mail: call 416-481-4451 to request; or

Online: at www.wigwamen.com

You must submit proof of legal status in Canada and a copy of either your Status Card or an Affidavit of Indigenous Descent for Housing Purposes with your application. Affidavits can be obtained from Aboriginal Legal Services of Toronto.

Non-Indigenous Families & Individuals should fill out an application that is available:

By mail: call 416-981-6111 (Toronto)
or 613-702-5358 (Ottawa) to request a form

Online: at www.housingconnections.ca (Toronto)
or www.placeperrault.ca (Ottawa)

You must submit proof of legal status in Canada and your income with your application.



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From York Mills Station take the 122 bus, which stops directly in front of the building; or the 95 bus (not the express), which stops at Upjohn, just 200 metres south of Head Office. Alternately, from Pape Station, take the 25 Bus, get off at York Mills and transfer to a westbound bus, or walk west for about 5 minutes.

Wigwamen Maintenance ✂

If you have a maintenance issue, please contact your building manager. If you do not have a building manager on site, please call the Head Office at 416-481-4451.

Online Maintenance Request Form:
www.wigwamen.com/housing/maintenance-request-form/

In the event of an after-hours emergency (e.g. a flood or heating failure), please call 416-481-4451 (Toronto) or 613-805-9604 (Ottawa).

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