

Oakwood Village Magazine 2023



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Message from the Board

'Getting to know our community' is the theme of this second edition of the Oakwood Village BIA Magazine. With this publication we are bringing it back to the community to highlight exciting initiatives, great things to see/do, and recent changes that are happening right here in Oakwood.

In these pages:

Check out the incredible local business stories and art as part of our 'Honouring Black History in our Community' project, then visit the weblink to check out the full experience (pg 4).

Take a tour of some of Oakwood Village's great places to eat, play, and explore with 'How to Spend a Day in Oakwood' (pgs 8 to 9). Then explore mouth-watering lunch spots with our 'Oakwood Brunch/Lunch Crawl' (pgs 22-23).

Learn about some of the exciting changes to the local streetscape - from the re-opening of Eglinton Avenue West for the new LRT (pg 30), to new Oakwood Village-branded lighting and banners (pg 6 & 26)!

Enjoy a recap of local initiatives including the Bag of Oakwood (pg 34), Spring Fling (pg 27), and Flower Power (pg 20).

Have fun with our colourable pages of local landmarks (pgs 42 and 43) and the word search (pg 40)

Get a refresher with our Safe Cycling Tips (pg 12)

...and more!

Enjoy this edition of our local publication which helps you to get out there to explore Oakwood and support local.

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Honouring Black History

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In February 2023, coinciding with Black History Month, the BIA undertook a special project that we called "Honoring Black History in our Community".

It featured 12 of our black-owned and identifying member businesses. They were able to share their unique stories and highlight their business. We took a multifaceted approach with this project with the individual businesses hosting some amazing window art in their storefronts, had a mini photo-shoot, some had a video created and were also paired with experienced writers.





Businesses that were featured included: All in One Enterprise, Caribbean Queen Jerk, Earla's Kitchen, Frontlinez Barbershop, Gary's Barbershop, JR's Hair Studio, Nexim Healthcare, Sage & Thistle Handmade Goods, St Skintones Beauty, Tana Printing, The Oakwood Hardware and Vegwood.

One of the magical moments throughout the duration of the project was the community event that was hosted bringing everyone together with live music, great food and an artisan shopping market.

Many thanks and appreciation to the City of Toronto (Main Street Innovation Fund) and the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario for making this project possible with a grant.



Learn More:



OV Banners



📷 Richie Dos Santos 📷 @rich3dee

Many of the lamp posts and hydro poles got a wonderful refresh earlier this year! New banners, designed by Josph Osei-Bonsu were created to reflect the diversity, highlight the variety of small businesses and of course add some placemaking > to let people know they are here in Oakwood Village.

"I was honoured to be a part of this project because I was able to contribute my art in a positive way to the area. The diversity of both the people and businesses is extremely inspiring. When I came back to see the banners installed, I was ecstatic at how they turned out!"

- Joseph Osei-Bonsu

A big thank you to the Government of Canada and FedDev for making this project possible.





How to Spend a Day in Oakwood Village

Our neighbourhood is filled with wonderful businesses, public spaces and art! Spend time in our community and have a wonderful day!

📷 Selina McCallum 📷 @shotbyselina

🕒 10AM

Grab a tea or coffee from [Oakwood Espresso](#) or [Red Scale Bake Shop](#) and walk through Charles Breton Park. Also don't forget to grab a sweet treat from Wild Blue Bakery or Jason's Bakery. Take a seat and enjoy the scenery and your drink.

🕒 11AM

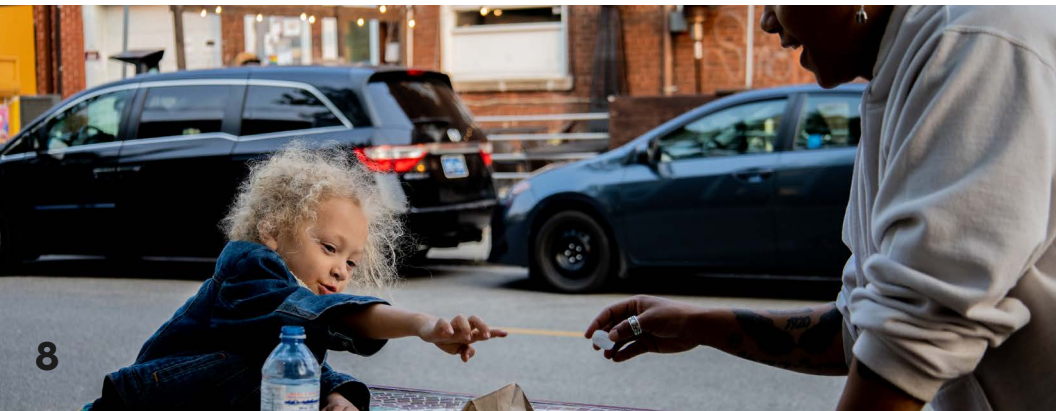
Visit the [Oakwood Village Library](#) and find your next book to read. Spend some time flipping through pages. Be inspired. Learn something new.

🕒 12:30PM

Pick up a bite for lunch from [DAM Sandwiches](#) or [Primrose Bagel](#). These spots and many others in the neighbourhood take pride in the food items they produce for us to enjoy

🕒 1PM

Take care of a couple of errands like picking up or dropping of a prescription at the [Oakwood Village Pharmacy](#), or getting some clothing items hemmed or altered at [Canada Tailoring & Dry Cleaning](#).





An assortment of beautiful goods available at Lush & Found, 376 Oakwood Ave

🕒 1:30PM

Time for some retail therapy (even if it is just window shopping). Stroll the shops like **Lush and Found**, **Sage and Thistle**, and **Grace Jasmin**. Meet some of the local business owners and find out what new products they have.

🕒 2:30PM

Pamper yourself with a manicure or pedicure from Dela's Nails or St Skin Tones Beauty. Need a haircut or visit to the barber? We have lots of options to choose from including **Brazilian Hair Studio**, **Elena's Hair Studio**, **Bookie's Barber Shop**, **JR Hair Studio**, **Gary's Barbershop** and **Frontline Barber**.

🕒 4:30PM

Time to stretch and take a walk to visit all of the murals and art pieces. We have an amazing collection of them scattered throughout the neighbourhood. Be sure to take a photo in front of one of them!

🕒 5:30PM

Head on over to **The Oakwood Hardware** or **The New Casa Abril Restaurant** for a delicious dinner. Both places have fantastic patios to dine on during the warmer months, and can accommodate large parties if more people want to join you for the evening.

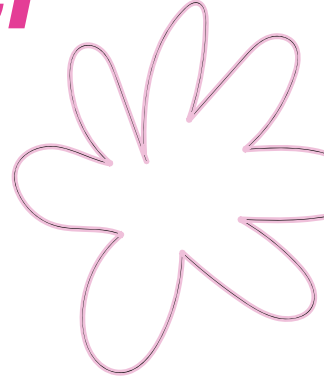
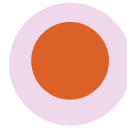
By spending a day in Oakwood Village you are supporting the local economy. We are home to many small businesses within a few blocks of each other offering a great variety of services and goods. Stop in and say hello!

Cheers to Oakwood Village! And we hope to see you here again and again!

For a full list of the businesses in our BIA, be sure to visit the directory near the back of this publication.

Plant & Flower Care Tips

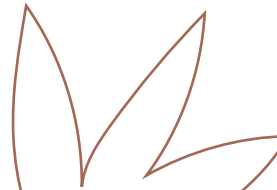
📍 Richie Dos Santos (@rich3dee)



Make Fresh Flowers Last Longer by:

(provided by Chloe from Grace Jasmin Flowers)

- Feeding flower food
- Cut the stems every day by ½ inch
- Remove any leaf which lie below the water level (they can decompose and contaminate the water, killing the flowers)
- If your flowers wilt in the first 3 days, it is possible to revive them by re-cutting their stems and placing them in clean water. It will encourage rehydration





Other Key Tips

(provided by QQ Market)

- Don't over water! Less is usually more!
- Placement of plants and flower is important, so be sure to read the care cards that often come with plants



Gardening Tips

(provided by Mikael Sage & Thistle Handmade Goods)

“When choosing plants for your garden, be sure to include native flowering plants like Bee Balm, goldenrod, and others to feed our native bees & wildlife. Not only are they beautiful and structural, they are integral to the health of our urban ecosystem. As a bonus, most native plants can handle our fluctuating weather patterns, and are perennial, so you only have to buy them once - better for our local ecosystem and your wallet!”

Cycling Safety Tips

As non-motorised road users on a bike you are considered a vulnerable road user. Here are some tips from a person who rides a bike. I hope they can keep you and those around you safe.

#1 Check your ride!

The beauty of riding a bike is being able to pick up and go as far as our legs (or arms) can take us. However, it is important to make sure the bike is in good condition. Check tire pressure, brakes, bell and lights, the fit of the helmet and adjust the seat for maximum comfort. Treat your bike as you would your body. With pride!

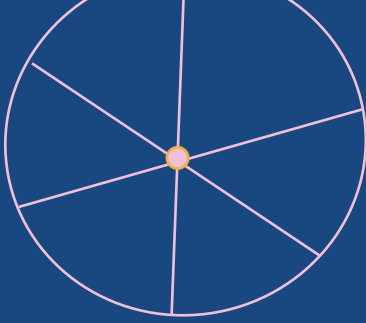


#2 Where you're going matters

Whether you feel comfortable riding on regular streets or only ride in protected cycle tracks, know the route you'd like to take, plan for detours just in case and do a quick due diligence via social media, news or visiting The City of Toronto's Cycling page for updates on maintenance of the cycling network.

#3 Clothing also matters

How you dress is really important. If you think wearing a dress or suit while you ride will save you time, but then you feel restricted and uncomfortable on your bike, DON'T! Wear shorts and t-shirt and pack a garment bag. Check the weather because you can ride in the rain and snow if you take the time to plan head.



Bike Share

406 Oakwood Ave



Bike Share

SW corner of
Oakwood Ave &
Vaughan Rd

#4 You're likely not training for the Tour



No matter your skill level you don't need to rush. You're probably moving faster than an average person walking or rolling, so you're going to get to a destination faster than the majority of other people. You'll actually be pleasantly surprised that you're likely moving faster than many drivers stuck in traffic of their own making. Do your best to follow the rules of the road as you are bound by Ontario's Highway Traffic Act. Stop at red lights and stop signs. Do your best not to ride on sidewalks and yield to pedestrians.

#5 You are riding a Sustainable Urban Vehicle!

Riding a bike can be pure bliss helping both your mental and physical health. Explore the city, your community, your neighbourhood at your own pace. If you have more questions about cycling in the city reach out to the wonderful folks at Cycle Toronto or drop me a line at bicyclemayortoronto@gmail.com

Don't have a bike? No problem! Bike Share Toronto is an amazing network of pay-as-you-go bicycle rentals with over 7100 bikes available and 680 docking stations.

Find them here in Oakwood Village at the south-west corner of Vaughan / Oakwood and at 406 Oakwood Ave in the GreenP Parking Lot.

Lanrick Bennett Jr, Bicycle Mayor of Toronto   @BicycleMayorTO



Warm Weather Health and Beauty Tips

Written and Curated by: Anne Marie Kirsten

As the temperature starts to climb, and gardens come alive, the changing of seasons offers us an opportunity to re-set and refresh in many ways. Here are some helpful tips to help you shine from the inside out.

1) Be gutsy, focus on your health (Goodygut)

The transition from winter to spring gets us thinking about our internal health. One thing that is true and increasingly getting the attention it deserves is gut health. It matters! Annie Menzies, the creator and fermentationist behind the magical Goodygut, has an encyclopedic knowledge of the human microbiome. Her shop is chock full of curated, knowledgeably sourced pre and probiotics, boosters, nuts, seeds, out-of-this-world smoothies and knock your socks off take away food, that is both good for you and genuinely delicious. If you're new to this world, then Annie suggests getting your feet wet with the Apple a Day basket, an assortment of gut healing goods. But do yourself a favour, go in, have a chat and be blown away by this local gem, the only shop of its kind in Toronto.

goodygut.ca | 336 Oakwood Ave.



2) Beat anxie-TEA (Lush & Found)

We know about the harm that stress and anxiety can inflict on our bodies and we know that we need to put ourselves at the top of our to-do list. Sheena White of Lush & Found advises that we take a moment for ourselves, or meet a friend for a cuppa, but make it one that helps to restore balance, nourishes creativity or supports our immune system. Microground tea lattes or adaptogenic mushroom lattes use plant substances to help our bodies manage stress. Lush & Found is the only tea shop in Oakwood Village and the only place serving these types of lattes in the community. And as the weather gets warmer, sparkling, superfood enriched iced teas are on offer. Yummy, good for you and in the form of a soothing beverage? Yes, please!

lushandfound.com | 376 Oakwood Ave.

3) Weave wellness into your workday (Reset)

Put your phone down and join a co-working space that promotes play, well-being and community. Nap zones, unlimited popcorn, tea and coffee, and a phone-free, zoom-free policy. Oh, and did we mention the sauna? Adil from Reset recommends a 30 minute recess twice everyday to boost creativity, energy and general well-being. Welcome to a more uplifting way to work.

thisisreset.org | 634 Vaughan Rd.

4) Breathe in the great outdoors (Oakwood Pharmacy)

How can you enjoy patio season, hikes and park plays with your kids when you're battling watery eyes and a runny nose? Kick those symptoms to the curb with readily available over the counter antihistamines or natural products. The pharmacists at Oakwood Pharmacy are ready to offer their advice on combatting allergy symptoms.

oakwoodpharmacy.ca | 332 Oakwood Avenue.

5) Barbecues, cotton candy and...tooth decay? No way, Jose! (Oakwood Village Dental)

As school lets out and summer approaches, rules and routines can give way to a more relaxed approach to life. But with dental care, Oakwood Village Dental recommends we stick to proper oral hygiene and continue to floss and brush. With the heat comes more outdoor play, and inevitably increased micro-injuries to teeth. Dr. Tannis and his wife Carol, the hygienist, tell us when you're putting your shin guards on your kiddo, consider a mouth guard as well.

oakwoodvillagedental.com | 505 Oakwood Ave.

6) Health is wealth (Unison Health and Community Services)

If there's one thing the last few years has taught us, it is the importance of good physical and mental well-being. Central to this is good care. The Oakwood-Vaughan hub of Unison Health and Community Services offers health care and community services for individuals of all ages residing in this community and the surrounding area. And if you have a young person in your life, aged 13-29, who would rather not talk to you about sexual health, contraception, mental health guidance or a rainbow of other topics, Unison's health care and counselling services for youth is a neighbourhood go-to and great source of support.

unisonhcs.org | 501 Oakwood Ave.



7) Dare to bare (Skin Tones)

As the cold weather layers fly off and our bodies see the light of day, it's important to be mindful of our largest organ - our skin! Novi from Skin Tones Beauty recommends using a sunscreen with an SPF of at least 30. But don't just protect it, pamper it. From facials to brows, body wraps to manis and pedis, cherish the skin you're in.

stskintonesbeauty.com | 371 A Oakwood Ave.



8) Your body is your temple (Mrose Health and Fitness)

Now that it's warmer, Tashawna from Mrose Health & Fitness suggests that you create a plan for what exercise you'll be doing and all the equipment required, take breaks in the shade, and bring your puffer, if needed. She also highlights the importance of hydrating before and after your outdoor workout, wearing loose and dry fit clothing, a cap, shades and remember the sunscreen.

mrose-health-and-fitness-studio.business.site | 5 Rogers Rd., Unit 3

9) Not your dad's barbershop (Jr's Hair Studio)

One step inside JR's Hair Studio and you know exactly why there is a steady flow of clients. They thrive on giving customers more than just a haircut, offering a warm, inviting atmosphere and providing excellent customer service. Junior, the owner, is serene and has a welcoming and friendly demeanour, matching the surroundings. Sometimes neglected in the area of beauty, is the subject of masculine self-care. Oakwood has it! So come to JR's if you want an awesome cut, advice on skin care, suggestions for hair care and tonics, and treat yourself to their newly added hot towel service while you're at it.

Junior's tips for men:

Some men tend to have dry hair especially in the warmer months of spring and summer. To avoid this, he recommends using a deep conditioner or hair oil, to keep hair hydrated and smooth. JR's also carries a variety of mens grooming products.

[instagram.com/jrs.hairstudio](https://www.instagram.com/jrs.hairstudio)



10. Prepare your body for balmy weather (Sage & Thistle Handmade Goods)

Mikael Walter-Campbell, owner of Sage & Thistle Handmade Goods, offers her customers the following skincare wisdom: "Refresh your skincare routine to meet seasonal changes - exfoliate regularly to remove dead skin, do a detoxifying facial once per week to keep pores free of build-up, and always moisturize using natural products to keep your skin fresh and ready for summer!"


<https://sageandthistlehandmade.ca> | 2A Rogers Rd.





Meet the Artist

Curtia Wright

Words by Curtia Wright Instagram  @curtia

 by Selina McCallum Instagram  @shotbyselina

My name is Curtia Wright and I am a Fine Artist, Mural Artist and Arts Educator practicing in Toronto. Although I have experience working in many mediums in different ways professionally I have spent most of my practice as a Public Artist. I have created murals with community, artist teams and independently for 14 years. I have always gravitated towards painting on a large scale as it gives you a sense of freedom and flexibility that you don't get working small. Your whole body becomes animated in movement as you create your lines and fill in large gaps with colour.

I have had the pleasure of working on three murals in the Oakwood neighborhood, two of the three murals can be found at the Beer Store located at 529 Oakwood, both projects were made possible by the STEPS Initiative. The first mural I painted, completed in 2021, is located on the west side of the Beer Store, it was created in Celebration of Black Queer Lives. The figures in the piece show a smile surrounded by vibrant colour, they hold with them a sense of pride in themselves and their histories. I wanted the figures with braided hair to look as if they are connected to each other or rooted into the earth to illustrate their connection to themselves, each other and to the past.

The second mural titled 'Our Crowns' completed last year in 2022 was also a celebration but this time a celebration of Black hair and Little Jamaica, specifically the importance of the support of the community in fostering healthy relationships, the beauty of cultural practices being passed down through intergenerational knowledge and honoring the many immigrant parents who sacrificed a great deal to come to Canada to make a better life for their children. This project was put on in part by Cultural Hotspot and included an interactive community paint day which allowed locals to participate in the painting of the piece.

The most recent mural I painted was a Toronto Raptors themed piece made for Junior owner of Jr's Hairstudio at 15 Rogers Rd. Junior approached me while I was working on the 'Our Crowns' mural and asked for his very own mural in his new barbershop depicting the historic buzzer beater shot made by Kawhi Leonard. Junior's energy and passion for his shop was inspiring and only made it easier for me to paint his dream mural. Overall I have had an amazing experience working in Oakwood, The Oakwood community is vibrant, very welcoming and will always hold a special place in my heart!



Flower Power



Tana Printing
633 Vaughan Rd

 Selina McCallum  @shotbyselina

A big thank-you to Melake from Tana Printing (633 Vaughan Rd) for being the caring steward of the beautiful flowers and gardens at the Oakwood Ave & Vaughan Rd intersection.

Melake meticulously waters, picks up debris and weeds these gardens multiple times a week. And he does it out of the goodness of his heart. These vibrant flowers bring smiles and moments of joy to people passing through.





Brunch/Lunch Crawl

Make a brunch or lunch date here in Oakwood Village!
There are many options to choose from (maybe even more than you realized)

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PRIMROSE BAGEL CO.

317a Oakwood Ave

These win our vote for best bagels thanks to their top-shelf schmear campaign.



GALO DO SARDINHA CHURRASQUEIRA

373b Oakwood Ave

As much grilled chicken as you can handle (quarter/half/whole) with any two sides. We just can't get enough of these perfect roasted potatoes!



DAM SANDWICHES

363a Oakwood Ave

It is a sneaky-good lunch spot for elevated two-handers.



CARIBBEAN QUEEN JERK

371 Oakwood Ave

Jamaican breakfasts & lots of lunch specials. Curry goat lunch puts the bite in your bark. Meaty oxtail stew served with gravy for days!



THE OAKWOOD HARDWARE

337 Oakwood Ave

Brunch Burgers at The Oakwood Hardware are generous in size and offer plenty of toppings. PS It's a great spot for people-watching from their bustling side patio!



EARLA'S KITCHEN

477 Oakwood Ave

Grenadian pepperpot stew at Earla's Kitchen. Earla is a wonderful host and her home-cooking is worthy of repeat visits! A little taste of St. George in the heart of Oakwood Village





FIRST UNITARIAN CONGREGATION OF TORONTO 473 OAKWOOD AVENUE

Hello Oakwood Village! We're the new kid on the block at 473 Oakwood. We are looking forward to meeting our neighbours and becoming friends who make a difference together.

First Unitarian is renovating the building to create a new space for community, connection and collaboration in Oakwood Village. In 2023-2024, we will add elevators, gender-neutral washrooms and green building systems. In 2025, meeting rooms, performance/events spaces and kitchens will be available for rent at this lively community hub.

Questions? Please email firstutoronto@gmail.com or call our office at 416-924-9654

Unitarian Universalism is non-creedal. We agree on how we want to behave rather than what we must believe. We are vibrant, intergenerational, and diverse; we seek answers to questions about life, connections to heal our hurts, and inspirations to serve this complicated world as our best selves. Whomever you love, whatever faiths you have found or lost, and wherever you are on your own spiritual journey, we welcome you.

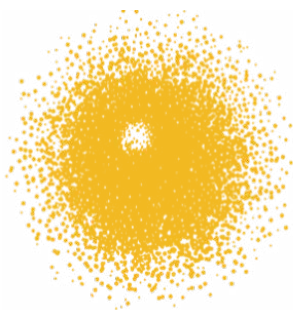
 Dahlia Katz



Nowadays, you can find us in person at Oakwood Collegiate Institute or online on Zoom & Youtube Sundays from 10:30 to 11:30 am. We offer:



- inspiring words from the world's many sources of wisdom
- music of all styles and traditions
- children's and youth programs
- social action opportunities

Visit www.firstunitariantoronto.org to learn more about our approach to faith community and our work to build a better world.





OV Lights

 Richie Dos Santos  @rich3dee

The night sky here along Oakwood Avenue has recently gotten a bit brighter. Earlier in the year, some “OV” branded white logo lights were installed on the classic-style black poles. These lights serve a couple of important functions:

- 1) Neighbourhood placemaking so visitors know where they are
- 2) Illuminate the street, increasing the safety for everyone

This project was made possible with the Tourism Relief grant funded by the Government of Canada and FedDev Ontario.





OV Spring Fling

📷 Richie Dos Santos (@rich3dee)

We love bringing community together! In mid-April, we held a free event that had something for everyone at 473 Oakwood Ave (First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto).

A few local restaurants did pop-ups, some retailers and local artisans had tables showcasing their crafts and treasures. Live music, a photobooth, bubbles, zero-alcohol cocktails kept the amazing vibes going. And the weather was spectacular. It was a taste of summer in early spring.





📷 Anushay Sheik

RESET



Reset is a nonprofit social enterprise that joined the Oakwood-Vaughan community in 2021. Their coworking centre, located at 634 Vaughan Road, is a welcoming community space for anyone looking to bring more well-being and joy into their workday.

Coworking is when people from diverse organizations work together in a shared space, offering help and exchanging ideas. With remote work on the rise and people wanting to avoid isolation, coworking is becoming more popular.

Reset features a cozy design with plenty of plants, quiet areas, nap-zones, interactive art, a garden and unlimited coffee, tea, and popcorn. Like other coworking spaces, it offers various seating options, high-speed internet and kitchen facilities. You can also book Reset for private events on evenings and weekends.



What sets Reset apart, however, is their goal to leave you feeling energized instead of worn out after a day's work. They accomplish this in a number of ways.

For example, Reset is a “phone-free” space, meaning guests are asked to store their phones in lockers at the entrance. This allows for better focus, more presence with others, and a much-needed break from phone usage. Reset is also a “play-full” space, meaning they offer daily 30-minute “recesses” with various optional activities, both individual and group-based, such as dancing, crafting, journaling, puzzles, and games. Reset believes that play is an overlooked way to improve personal and shared well-being so by making more room for play in our lives, we can be more joyful, creative, and avoid burnout.

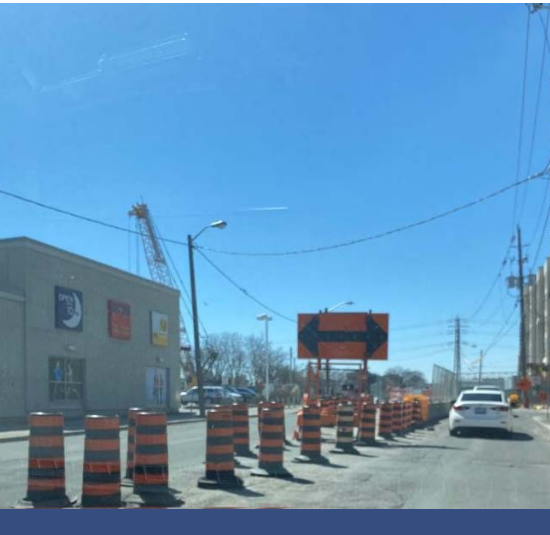
For more information, visit www.thisisreset.org

 @helloreset



BLACK URBANISM TO

📷 Carlos Osorio and Romain Baker



When the barricades on Eglinton Ave West were cleared last summer (2022), it almost completely transformed the neighbourhood. The single west-bound lane at Eglinton and Oakwood was restored to two; the storefronts that were no longer visible from the road were again visible, and to top it off the sidewalks extending from all of the LRT station entrances were brand-new. It felt like a chapter had finally turned for Little Jamaica. With the restored

lanes and physical signs of the LRT stations nearing completion we would be able to look forward to a thriving neighbourhood again.

This initial excitement was short lived as infrastructure work began further west on Eglinton – again reducing the lanes and increasing traffic congestion. With at least two condos currently under construction, several more in the pipeline, and plans for a streetscape redesign through initiatives like eglintonTOday, one can only conclude that Little Jamaica will be facing development pressures for many years to come. So, do we know what impact these developments will have on this already impacted neighbourhood?



To be clear, development is a necessary part of a growing city like Toronto. However, the last decade of LRT construction showed us that business owners and residents were not sufficiently informed and therefore weren't able to prepare for the impact that the LRT would have on the community. With so many variables at play, we can't afford to wait and see what will happen next - there is a need for stability and a strategy to mitigate the uncertainties of the future. This is why Little Jamaica needs a community land trust (or CLT), that is tied to creating sustainability for the future Little Jamaica Cultural District.

CLTs are not-for-profit corporations that acquire and manage land for the use and benefit of the community through community ownership and democratic control. Black Urbanism TO (BUTO) is committed to laying the foundations for a Black-led and operated community land trust that will ensure that there is permanent affordability of community owned spaces to deliver culturally relevant programming, protect the retail corridor against displacement, and address pressing issues like affordable housing and food sovereignty.

As we conclude our Pathways to Community Ownership research project, we look forward to engaging community broadly on this next chapter of Little Jamaica's future.





TORONTO PanAfrikan FILM FESTIVAL

AUGUST 18 - 20,
2023

SCREENINGS:

Oakwood Village
Auditorium
Maria A. Shuchuka Library.

**FREE
ADMISSION**

 tpaff.com  Toronto Pan Afrikan Film Festival

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OV Pizza Crawl

Words by Mark Zwicker

📷 by Mark Zwicker and The Nix Company

Who knew that Oakwood Village was a mini mecca for pizza? There is something for everyone here to enjoy a classic pizza pie. Be sure to try them all!



OAKWOOD PIZZERIA

434 Oakwood Ave

Oakwood Pizza gives you everything you want in a pizza. Classic toppings on a crust that is baked to just the right thickness. If you haven't been to this old school joint, you simply have to try it. Honorable mention goes to the panzerotti.



1 PLUS 1 PIZZA

361 Oakwood Ave

Middle eastern style pizza is usually pretty good, but this place is great. Ingredients are always fresh and the service is fast too.



DOMINOS PIZZA

354 Oakwood Ave

Open late, and with many great customizable features, it is an easy option for when there are many different topping preferences and everyone is hungry. Order online with the app and earn free pizza too!



Bag of Toronto

📍 Oakwood Village BIA

The Bag of Toronto originally started as a pandemic project to support small businesses that had extremely limited ways to get products to customers. It has continued on and even expanded. Hello Bag of Oakwood Village!

What is it exactly? It's a bag full of goodies and products from a specific neighbourhood with a built-in financial donation to a hyper-local charity.

Since its inception, the program has:

- Directly helped more than 120 local businesses
- Generated over \$215,000 in sales for small businesses
- Donated \$15,000 to local charities



The first iteration of the Bag of Oakwood Village launched during the December 2022 Holiday Season, and then offered again for this past spring. Stay tuned to see when it's available again later in 2023 by visiting: bagoftoronto.ca or [@bagoftoronto](https://www.instagram.com/bagoftoronto).



OAKWOOD VILLAGE BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Cafe, Bar, Restaurant, Deli

1 Plus 1 Pizza

📍 361 Oakwood Ave
(416) 656-0656

5 Points Pub

📍 636 Vaughan Rd
(416) 657-6363

Always Fresh Restaurant

📍 620 Vaughan Rd
(416) 410-0880

Caribbean Queen Jerk

Drum Inc. Express

📍 371 Oakwood Ave
(416) 656-2000

Churrasqueira Costa Verde

📍 370 Oakwood Ave
(416) 658-9577

Crystal's Eatery

📍 632 Vaughan Rd
(416) 656-6632

DAM Sandwiches

📍 363A Oakwood Ave
(416) 652-1027

Domino's Pizza

📍 354 Oakwood Ave
(416) 654-3000

Earla's Kitchen

📍 477 Oakwood Ave,
(647) 347-9776

Edmundo's Snack Bar

📍 367A Oakwood Ave,
(416) 654-1570

Goody Gut Co-Labs

📍 336 Oakwood Ave
(416) 728-2894

Jason's Bakery

📍 352 Oakwood Ave
(416) 651-1780

Kera Fresh Meat

📍 621 Vaughan Rd
(647) 417-3827

Mastro Cafe

📍 349B Oakwood Ave
(647) 426-0999

Neiva Sports Bar

📍 327 Oakwood Ave
(416) 658-0478

New Casa Abril Restaurant

📍 475 Oakwood Ave
(416) 953-3960

Oakwood Cafe & Bar

📍 359 Oakwood Ave
(416) 652-0154

Oakwood Espresso

📍 342B Oakwood Ave

Oakwood Pizzeria

📍 434 Oakwood Ave
(416) 654-5655

One Love Sports Bar

📍 630 Oakwood Ave
(416) 226-5376

Primrose Bagel Co

📍 317A Oakwood Ave
(416) 546-9906

Porzia's

📍 319 Oakwood Ave

Sardinha Churrasqueira

📍 373B Oakwood Ave
(416) 410-7777

Sushi Karu

📍 378 Oakwood Ave
(647) 352-5278

The Greens Bar & Restaurant

📍 509 Oakwood Ave
(416) 656-5672


The O.H. Pantry

📍 337 Oakwood Ave


The Oakwood Hardware

📍 337 Oakwood Ave
(416) 658-9898


The Red Scale Bake Shop

 626 Vaughan Rd
(647) 965-0426


Uhuru Bar

 380 Oakwood Ave
(416) 652-6594

Vegwood


 540 Oakwood Ave
(647) 446-3663

Wild Blue Bakery, 366


 Oakwood Ave
(416) 410-0205

Community Services & Faith Based Organizations


Art of Emotions Gallery

 318 Oakwood Ave


Bethel Restoration Ministries

 611 Vaughan Rd
(416) 654-7181

Canada School of Theology

 360 Oakwood Ave
(416) 535-4674

Cornerstone Place


 616 Vaughan Rd
(647) 347-0616

First Unitarian

Congregation of Toronto


 473 Oakwood Ave

For Youth Initiative


 504 Oakwood Ave
(416) 653-3311

Kingdom Hall of


Jehovah's Witnesses

 402 Oakwood Ave
(416) 654-5151


Nia Centre for the Arts

 524 Oakwood Ave
(416) 535-2727


Oakwood Baptist Church

 421 Oakwood Ave
(416) 654-8020


Oakwood Village Library and Arts Centre

 341 Oakwood Ave
(416) 394-1040


Sunflower Montessori School

 582 Oakwood Ave
(416) 656-6300


Reset's Retreat Centre

 634 Vaughan Rd
(416) 333-3056

The New Jerusalem Spanish Church


 312 Oakwood Ave
(416) 657-1441

Toronto Mount Zion Revival


 Church of the Apostales
347 Oakwood Ave

Grocery/ Corner Store


All in One Enterprise

 536 Oakwood Ave
(416) 844-0574


Asmareeno Grocery

 373 Oakwood Ave
(416) 410-0193


Best Choice Vegetable & Grocery

 522 Oakwood Ave
(416) 656-2994


La Cubana Supermarket

 456 Oakwood Ave
(416) 534-8636


Mor's Dollarama

 348A Oakwood Ave
(416) 651-1441


Peter's Variety

 317 Oakwood Ave
(416) 651-1577


QQ Fruit Market

 345 Oakwood Ave
(416) 651-9348

Sam's Food Stores

 620 Vaughan Rd
(416) 656-3005

The Edge Variety Groceries

 368 Oakwood Ave
(416) 410-0596

Yip's Fruit Market

📍 340 Holland Park Ave
(416) 654-5022

Health, Wellness & Fitness

Fighting Arts Collective (Martial Arts)

📍 331 Oakwood Ave
(416) 892-9529

Mrose Health and Fitness Studio

📍 5 Rogers Rd
(416) 652-7000

Nexim

📍 617 Vaughan Rd
(416) 533-3600

Oakwood Dental Office

📍 322 Oakwood Ave
(416) 654-8533

Oakwood Pharmacy

📍 332 Oakwood Ave
(416) 651-5252

Oakwood Village Dental

📍 505 Oakwood Ave
(647) 345-0505

Unison Health & Community Services

📍 501 Oakwood Ave
(647) 798-0441

Laundromat

Bruno's Laundromat

📍 314 Oakwood Ave
(647) 435-6970

Oakwood Coin Laundry

📍 331 Oakwood Ave
(416) 729-4627

Toronto Coin Laundry

📍 627 Vaughan Rd

Professional Services

A-Vaughan Oak Rent-All

📍 495 Oakwood Ave
(416) 652-0265

Alves Driving School

📍 344 Oakwood Ave
(416) 654-2180

Ayala Enterprises

📍 319 Oakwood Ave
(416) 653-5825

Canada Tailoring

📍 342 Oakwood Ave
(647) 774-4751

CIBC

📍 364 Oakwood Ave
(416) 651-5548

Dilena Paralegal Corporation

📍 506 Oakwood Ave
(416) 657-777

Graphics Plas

📍 356 Oakwood Ave
(647) 999-7971

Magic Vision

Photography

📍 374A Oakwood Ave
(647) 688-5814

Spice (Canada) Inc

Brokers and Importers

📍 342C Oakwood Ave

Tana Printing

📍 633 Vaughan Rd
(416) 654-2020

Tax and Business

Anytime Inc.

📍 338 Oakwood Ave
(647) 345-5759

Tony's Driving School

📍 363 Oakwood Ave
(416) 656-1411

Toronto Music Alliance

📍 323 Oakwood Ave
(647) 629-6867

Spa, Beauty, Salon/Barber

4 U Hair Studio


📍 2 Rogers Rd
(416) 653-8381

Bookie's Barber &


Hair Salon

📍 329 Oakwood Ave
(416) 658-9694


Brazilian Hair Studio

 374 Oakwood Ave
(416) 654-6493


Dela's Nails

 628 Oakwood Ave
(437) 227-9732


Elena's Hair Design

 324 Oakwood Ave
(416) 658-7124


Frontline Barber

 511 Oakwood Ave
(647) 964-8441


Gary's Barber & Beauty Salon

 479 Oakwood Ave
(416) 652-3341


St Skintones Beauty

 371A Oakwood Ave
(416) 410-3335


Superior Beauty Supply & Salon

 534 Oakwood Ave
(416) 654-1406


Specialty Retail & Services**Al Assali Jewellery Studio**

 624 Vaughan Rd
(647) 562-4340


Atrevida Store

 507 Oakwood Ave
(437) 227-9732


Cole and Parker - Socks for Leaders and Legends

 510 Oakwood Ave
(866) 730-0532


Computer Hospital + Emergency

 410 Oakwood Ave
(416) 658-1800


Edmundo's Snack Bar

 367A Oakwood Ave
(416) 654-1570


Exquisite Travel Inc

 420 Oakwood Ave
(416) 519-5072

Freta Food | Wholesale and Retail

 483 Oakwood Ave
(647) 342-5355


Grace Jasmin Flower Studio

 400 Oakwood Ave
(416) 410-2888


Jimmy's Handcrafted Gifts

 365 Oakwood Ave


Lush and Found

 376 Oakwood Ave
(416) 617-8123


M Ricci Boutique & Tailor

 334 Oakwood Ave
(416) 651-1653


Terracycle

 504 Oakwood Ave
1 (800) 758 2943


Sage & Thistle Hand-made Goods

 2A Rogers Rd
(647) 549-1581


The Beer Store

 529 Oakwood Ave
(416) 652-0315


Ultramar

 637 Vaughan Rd
(416) 410-3367


Nearby - Just Outside the BIA**JRs Hair Studio**

 15 Rogers Rd
(437) 242-5058

Moradha Immigration Services

 11 Rogers Rd
(647) 348-2742

Soul Provisions

 571 Vaughan Rd
(647) 654-5065

Word Search

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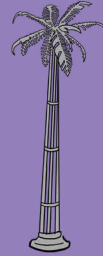
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RESTAURANTS
ROGERS
SHOPPING
SUPPORT LOCAL
TOGETHER
VAUGHAN

OAKWOOD VILLAGE

"Celebrating Queer Black Lives" mural & new mural
Curtia Wright
529 Oakwood Ave



Bude St
Strader Ave
Belvidere Ave



"A Common Thread"
Dan Bergeron



Eleanor Ave
Amherst Ave
Ashbury Ave



"Weaving the Future" mural
Moonlight Murals Collective
477 Oakwood Ave

Oakwood Ave

Jesmond Ave

LEGEND

- Green P parking lot
- Bus stop
- BikeShare Station

Hanson Rd



Mosaic Table Tops
@mmosaics_mehrap
Oakwood Village Public Library
341 Oakwood Ave

Rogers Rd



Holland Park Ave



O'Leary Ave

Earlsdale Rd



LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The land we are standing on today is traditional Anishinaabe (Mississauga) territory. The Mississaugas of the Credit are the oldest group on this land and they are signatories to all the treaties here. It is also home to other Indigenous nations that have a long presence on this land: the Chippewas, the Haudenosaunee, and the Wendat peoples.

Now it is home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit, and the Williams Treaties signed with multiple Mississauga and Chippewa bands.

We also acknowledge the Eriesh Kwaan as the Dish with One Spoon and the Two Row Wampum.

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