



# Neighborhood News

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## HALLOWEEN PARADE + PARTY

### THE MUST-ATTEND NEIGHBOURHOOD EVENT

Our famous Halloween Parade is back for its 5th year! This year will be another knockout event, with **contests, games, live music, magic**, and of course, TOCA's amazing annual **silent auction!**

This year's auction features an incredible array of items, including **Raptors tickets, theatre and concert tickets, ROM passes, spa packages, sports camps, music lessons**, and much more!

All proceeds support future neighbourhood events, so come ready to bid, and directly support more TOCA events in the future!

Date: **Saturday, October 26 @ 3pm**  
 Parade start: **Van Dusen bridge**

## BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

Activities like our Halloween Parade are made possible by our board of volunteers, a rotating group of residents who help TOCA continue its operations, and plan community activities.

In order for TOCA to carry into another year, we need volunteers to consider joining the Board Of Directors for the 2024-2025 year. Without enough volunteers, TOCA may need to pause activities for the upcoming year. If interested, please write to: [thompsonorchard@gmail.com](mailto:thompsonorchard@gmail.com)



## THANK YOU TO THIS YEAR'S PARADE SPONSORS!





## ROYAL YORK ROAD BRIDGE MURAL

When the Royal York Road bridge over Mimico Creek was due for rehabilitation in 2022, **Arts Etobicoke** was given the task of commissioning a new mural to be painted on the parapet walls.

TOCA was proud to be a part of the consulting committee that helped to gather feedback from the community, and select the mural's lead artist **Curtia Wright**, who led artist mentees and community volunteers in the mural's painting.

The mural was finished this past August, providing a colourful entryway to our neighbourhood from the south. Many thanks to: **Curtia Wright**, **Arts Etobicoke**, to everybody who helped out with the design process and with the final painting of the mural, and also to **Councillor Amber Morley**, and **Royal York United Church** for their crucial support!

Bonus history fun fact: back when the Thompsons had their orchard, Royal York Road was not continuous at this point. To travel south to the village of Mimico, you would have had to take "Trespass Road" (Glenroy and Humbervale) and then rejoin Royal York Rd further south, where there is still a footbridge today. For more history, visit our website at [www.thompsonorchard.ca](http://www.thompsonorchard.ca)

## RESIDENT ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

As your local Residents' Association, we want to be sure you feel properly represented. How can TOCA serve you best? Please scan the QR code, or visit [www.thompsonorchard.ca](http://www.thompsonorchard.ca) to find our member form, where you can tell us what ideas or concerns are on your mind.

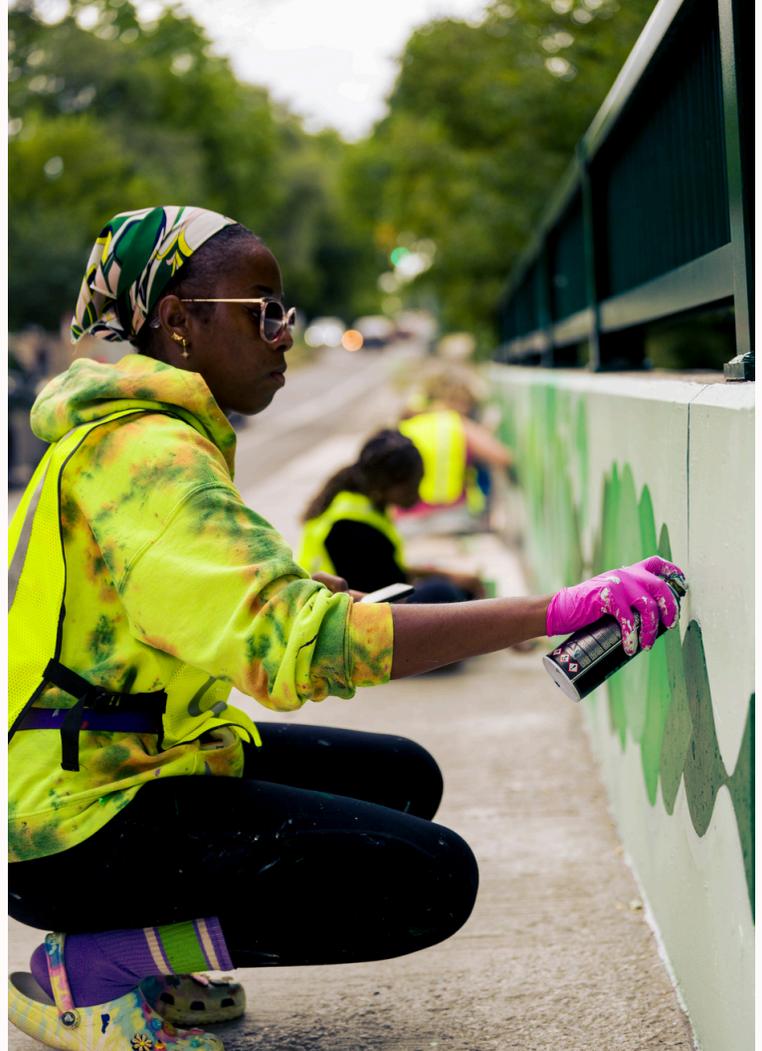
Or maybe you are new to the area? Welcome! We would love to get to know you better! Scan the QR code and tell us about yourself, and to sign up for our e-newsletter!



## SAVE THE DATE: CAROL CONCERT

SAT DEC 7 AT 6:30PM, 19 ORCHARD CRES

Join us for a **Carolling Concert** as we ring-in the holiday season! There'll be hot chocolate and marshmallows for the kiddos, and donations will be raised in support of a local charity.



LEAD MURAL ARTIST CURTIA WRIGHT  
PHOTOS BY JEREMY SALE, AND PROVIDED BY ARTS ETOBICOKE

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please join us for TOCA's 2024 AGM

**Date: Thursday, November 7, 2024**

**Time: 8:00 - 9:00 PM**

This will be a virtual meeting so please email [thomponorchard@gmail.com](mailto:thomponorchard@gmail.com) or visit our website at [www.thompsonorchard.ca](http://www.thompsonorchard.ca) for more info, and to RSVP. (No RSVP required.)

Agenda items include:

- Key TOCA accomplishments in 2023/24
- Ward 3 update from Councillor Morley
- **Election of 2024/25 Board of Directors**
- Open forum for discussion

We hope you will be able to attend.