



Spring 2025 Newsletter

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AGM 2026
Annual General Meeting

Wednesday June 10
East End Food Hub
1470 Gerrard St E
6:30- 8:30 PM

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Save the Date - Annual General Meeting

Date: **Wednesday, June 10, 2025**

Time: 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Place: East End Food Hub, 1470 Gerrard Street East (one block east of Coxwell)

To register please contact Jakub at 416-461-8092 or initiatives@applegrovecc.ca.

To vote at the AGM you must be a member in good standing as of May 12 and at least 18 years old. Membership is free, and required to participate in programs and a great way to show support for Applegrove.

Please take a moment right now to email us at applegrove@applegrovecc.ca with the word "MEMBERSHIP" in the subject line to:

1. Confirm any changes to your membership information, if you are an existing member (e.g. updates to your contact information)
or
 2. Request a membership form if you are not yet a member and would like to be.
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Join Our Board!

Board members will be elected at our Annual Meeting on June 10. Applications are due by April 28.

We welcome: People who are passionate about community leadership, and ready to share their enthusiasm to build a strong and inclusive Applegrove and East End community.

While we value professional skills and experience, particularly in the areas of fundraising and finance, we are also looking for people who:

- Are interested in advancing our strategic directions: a community-led organization that is responsive to community needs; delivering service excellence, ensuring an inclusive organizational culture and building a centre for future generations
- Are committed to diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging

We focus on: Voices that represent Toronto's diversity and people with a connection to the East End, with a focus on those who live in our catchment area, which spans from Jones Avenue east to Woodbine Avenue and from Lake Ontario north to the railway tracks north of Gerrard Street East.

We encourage all candidates who feel a connection to our mission and work to apply. We recognize that structural and systemic barriers shape peoples' experiences and qualifications, and the board is committed to supporting new members through orientation, training, and mentoring.

For more information about the board, being a board member, and on how to apply [click here](#).

For questions and to submit an application form contact:

Susanne Burkhardt, Executive Director at sburkhardt@applegrovecc.ca or 416-461-5392



Community Petition: Applegrove Deserves a Permanent Home

On April 9th, Councillors on the City's Economic and Community Development Committee will be discussing the future of APPLGROVE. This is an important moment to communicate your support for finding a permanent home for APPLGROVE so that it can continue to grow and thrive as part of this community.

In the early 1990's the City set aside funds for a permanent home for APPLGROVE but then unfortunately took it away. Since 2019, City Council has requested that a permanent home be found for APPLGROVE.

APPLGROVE values its connection with Duke of Connaught School and the S.H. Armstrong Recreation Centre next door, but is outgrowing its space and operating inside of a school presents challenges like lack of program space and limits on accessibility, operating hours and the range of services that can be offered. And with changes happening at school boards across the province it's an uncertain time to be located in a school.

By signing this petition you are letting the Mayor and City Council know that you support a permanent home for APPLGROVE.

Visit <https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/applegrove-deserves-a-permanent-home> to sign the petition. We appreciate your support!

Child & Youth

For program information call **416-461-8019** or email childand youth@applegrovecc.ca



Space Remaining in Summer Programs

We have had an overwhelming response for summer registrations. Thank you! There are still some spots available so grab them while you can:

Summer Adventure Camp - Week 1 (Jun 29 – Jul 03)
Summer Adventure Camp - Week 5 (Jul 27 – Jul 31)
Summer Adventure Camp - Week 6 (Aug 04 – Aug 07)

Summer Leadership Camp - Session 1 (2 weeks: July 6-17)
Summer Leadership Camp - Session 2 (3 weeks: July 28 – August 4, closed August 4)

To learn more or download the registration package visit our [website](#).



Staff Highlight - Child & Youth

We would like to take a moment to extend our heartfelt thanks to our incredible staff for the dedication and care you show every single day. Your hard work truly makes a difference in the lives of the children in our afterschool program.

Through your creativity and commitment, you keep young minds engaged and growing, whether it's through arts and crafts, building and engineering with cardboard and recycled materials, sports, reading, or teaching valuable cooking skills. Just as importantly, you provide patience, guidance, and support during difficult moments, helping children understand and express their emotions.

Their impact goes far beyond daily activities, you are shaping confidence, resilience, and lifelong

skills. Applegrove deeply appreciates your continued hard work, compassion, and unwavering commitment.

Thank you for everything you do Child & Youth staff!

Adults & Seniors

For program information and registration call **416-461-5526** or email seniors@applegrovecc.ca



High Tea Fundraiser Success

Thanks to our wonderful Thriving Together group for organising the High Tea fundraiser event, which was a resounding success! Thanks also to all who attended and helped make the event special. Congratulations to Dawn Barret on winning best hat or fascinator (picture is of the finalists).

Thriving Together is a community consultation group that gets together monthly to discuss issues affecting older adults and seniors and how Applegrove can better serve this community. It aims to develop leadership skills, reduce social isolation and celebrate diversity.



SENIORS Café

East End Food Hub
Auditorium (downstairs)
1470 Gerrard St. E

Drop-in anytime between
3-5 pm

- ☞ for older adults 55+
- ☞ coffee/tea & light refreshments
- ☞ socialize & meet new friends
- ☞ play cards & board games
- ☞ 1 Monday per month:
Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 23,
Apr 27, May 25, Jun 22,
Jul 27, Aug 24, Sep 28,
Oct 26, Nov 23, Dec TBD

For more information contact:
seniors@applegrovecc.ca
647-548-8143



Senior's Cafe

A relaxed and supportive environment that fosters a sense of community and connection. Our gathering place is designed for seniors to socialize, enjoy refreshments, and participate in activities together

Free drop in program taking place 1 Monday per month from 3-5 PM:.

Apr 27, May 25, Jun 22, Jul 27, Aug 24, Sep 28, Oct 26, Nov 23, Dec still to be decided.

Location: East End Food Hub (1470 Gerrard St E.)

Stay afterwards and enjoy the free Nourish East End Community Dinner.

Families & Early Years

For program information call **416-461-5043** or email frp@applegrovecc.ca.
Follow the Applegrove Early-On program on Instagram [@applegrove_earlyon](https://www.instagram.com/applegrove_earlyon)



****NEW** Gross Motor Program**

Build strength, agility and dexterity in our large indoor open space where your little one (6 and under) can run, jump and play with their peers! Snacks, coffee and tea are provided.

Saturdays 9:30 AM - 1 PM

East End Food Hub (1470 Gerrard St E)



Baby and Toddler Yoga

Connect with your child through yoga. Baby Yoga is a gentle practice for grown ups and babies up to 1 year. Toddler Yoga is ideal for toddlers 1.5 - 4 years old. Both hosted by Laurie. No registration is required. Come prepared to move and have fun!

Next toddler session: Wednesday, April 22, 10:30-11 AM

Next baby session: Wednesday, April 8, 1 - 1:45 PM

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