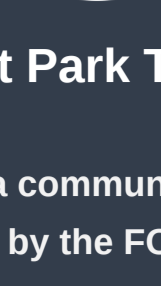


### FOCUS Broadcast News

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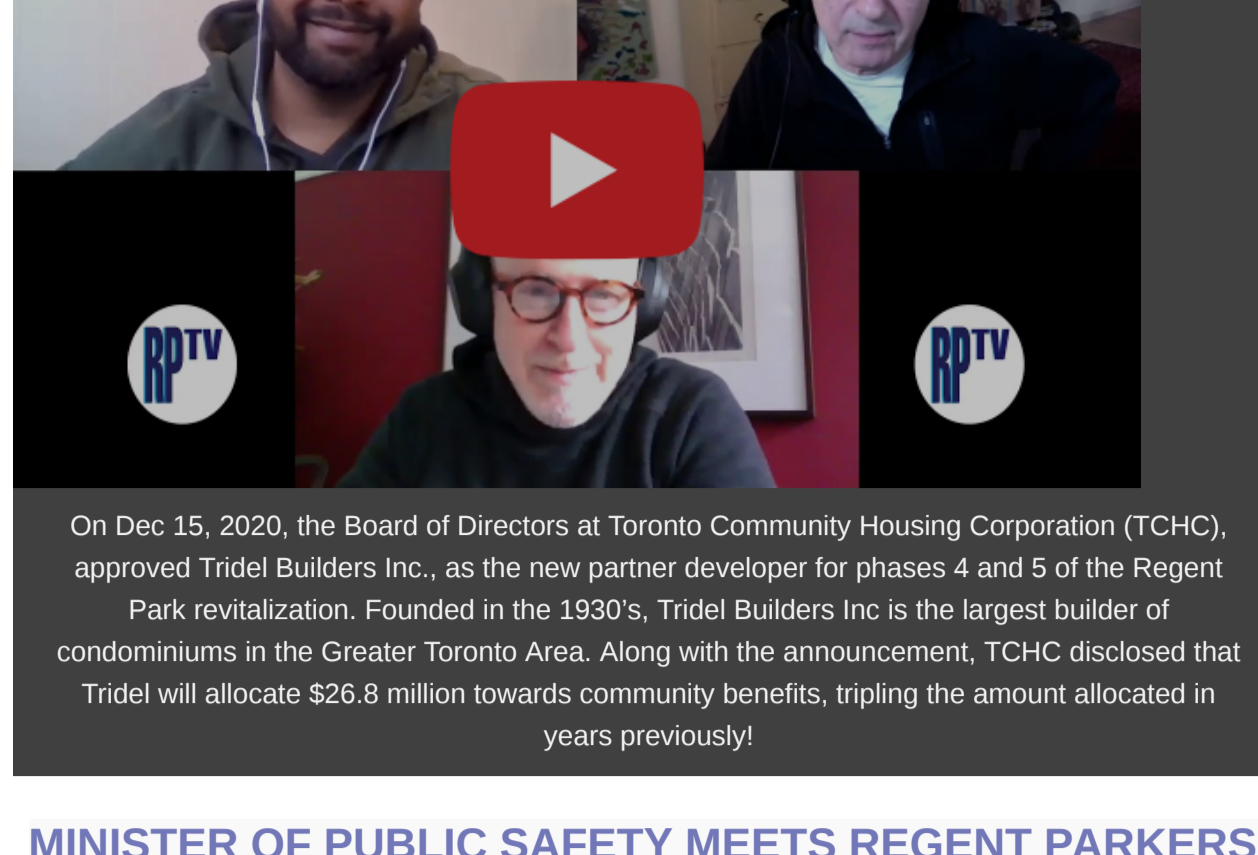
The FOCUS Broadcast News is committed to informing the broader community about radio and TV broadcasts produced by the FOCUS Media Arts Centre (FOCUS)



#### Regent Park TV News

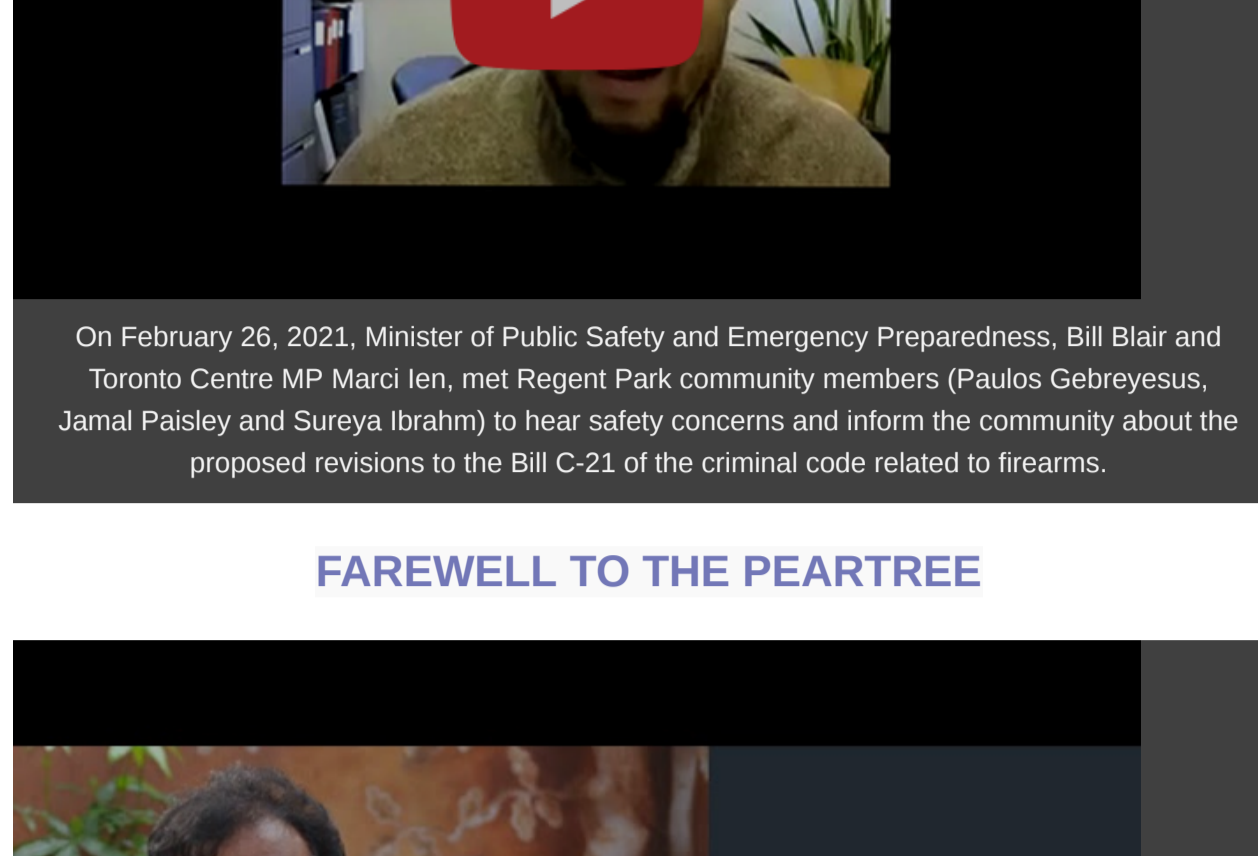
Regent Park TV (RPTV) is a community television station serving Regent Park that is operated by the FOCUS Media Arts Centre. RPTV is accessible to Regent Park residents on Rogers Cable Channel 991 and to the general public on the Regent Park TV YouTube.

#### TCHC SELECTS A NEW DEVELOPMENT PARTNER FOR PHASES 4 & 5 OF REGENT PARK



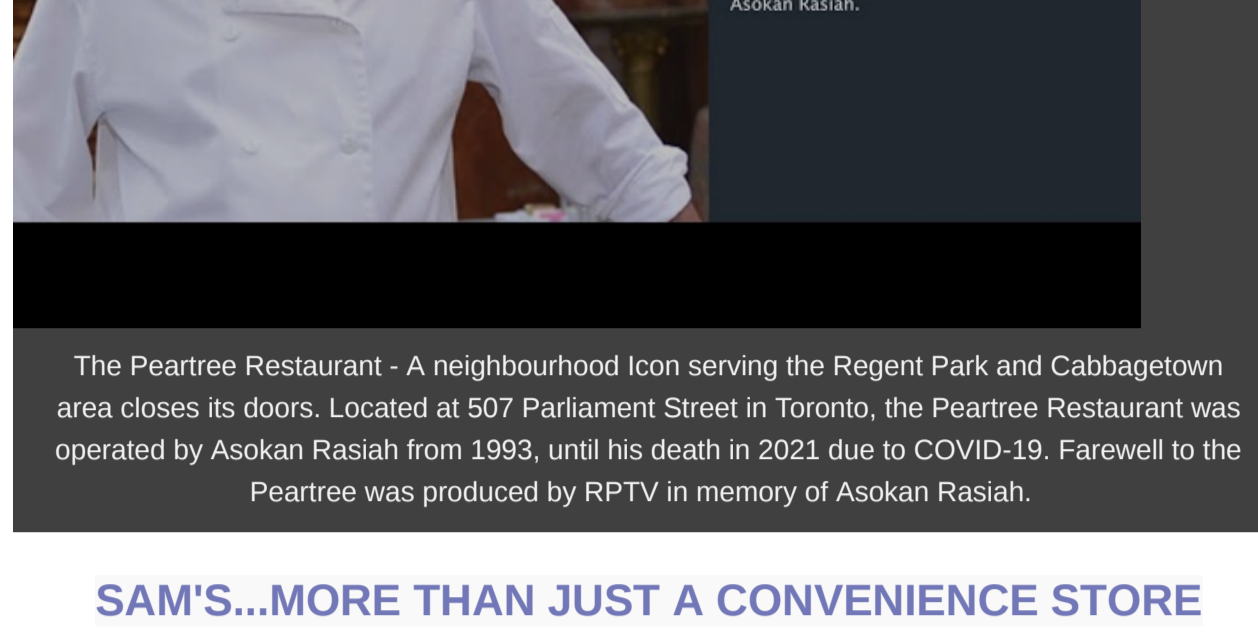
On Dec 15, 2020, the Board of Directors at Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC), approved Tridel Builders Inc. as the new partner developer for phases 4 and 5 of the Regent Park revitalization. Founded in the 1920's, Tridel Builders Inc is the largest builder of condominiums in the Greater Toronto Area. Along with the announcement, TCHC disclosed that Tridel will allocate \$26.8 million towards community benefits, tripling the amount allocated in years previously!

#### MINISTER OF PUBLIC SAFETY MEETS REGENT PARKERS TO TALK ABOUT SAFETY AND CHANGES TO BILL C-21



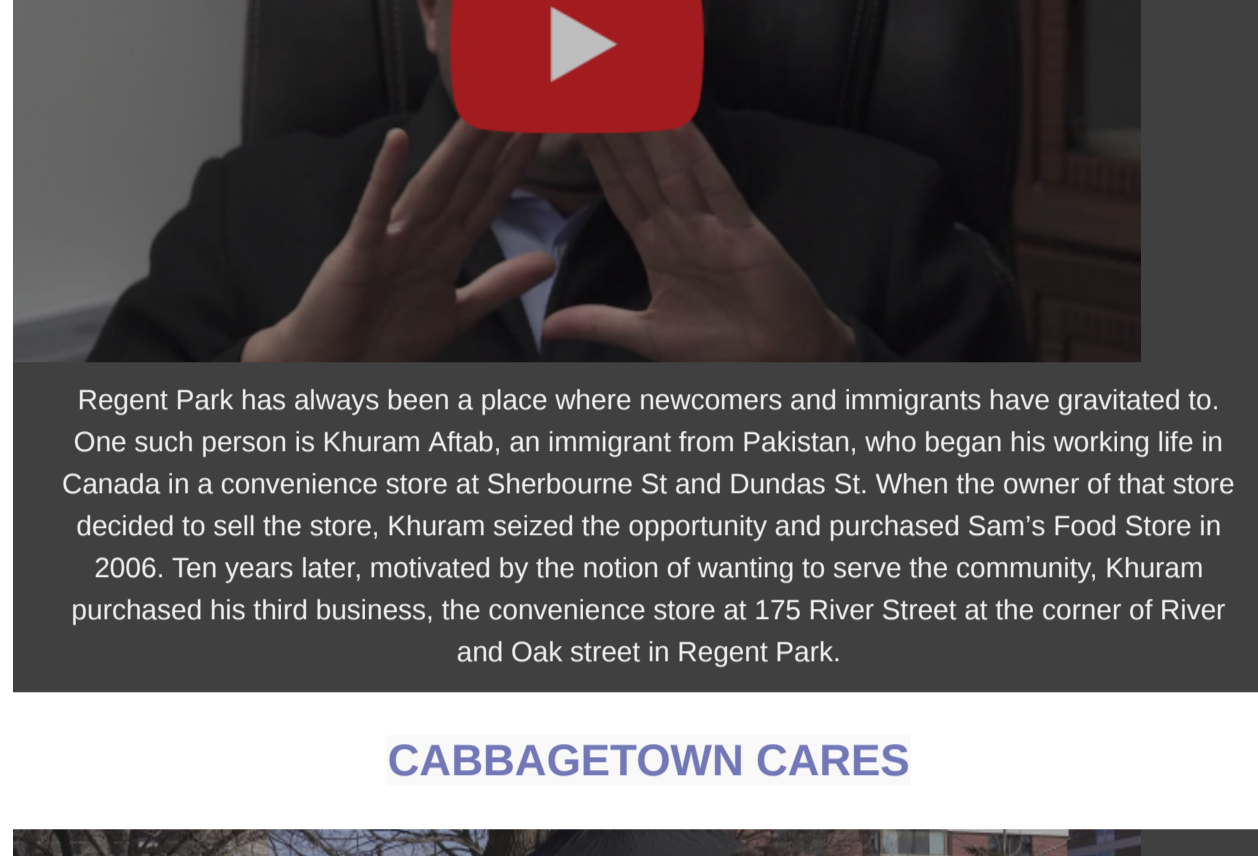
On February 26, 2021, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, Bill Blair and Toronto Centre MP Marco Ieh, met Regent Park community members (Paulos Gebreyesus, Jamal Paisley and Sureya Ibrahim) to hear safety concerns and inform the community about the proposed revisions to the Bill C-21 of the Criminal Code related to firearms.

#### FAREWELL TO THE PEARTREE



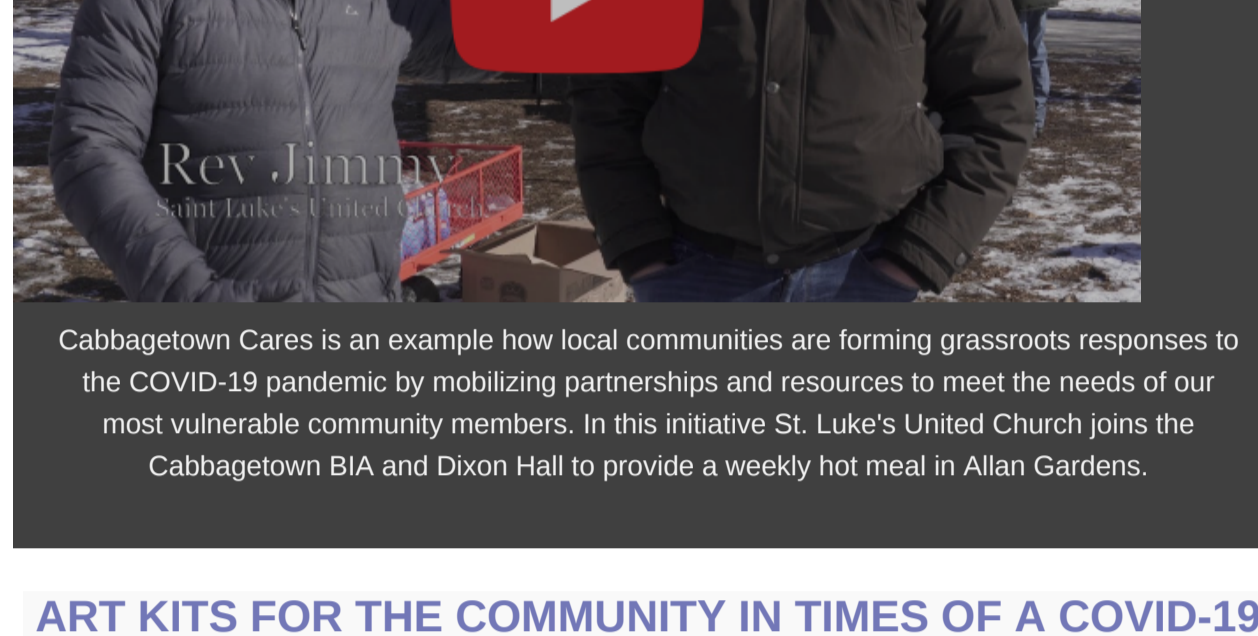
The Peartree Restaurant - A neighbourhood icon serving the Regent Park and Cabbagetown area closes its doors. Located at 507 Parliament Street in Toronto, the Peartree Restaurant was operated by Asokan Rasiah from 1993 until his death in 2021, due to COVID-19. Farewell to the Peartree was produced by RPTV in memory of Asokan Rasiah.

#### SAM'S...MORE THAN JUST A CONVENIENCE STORE



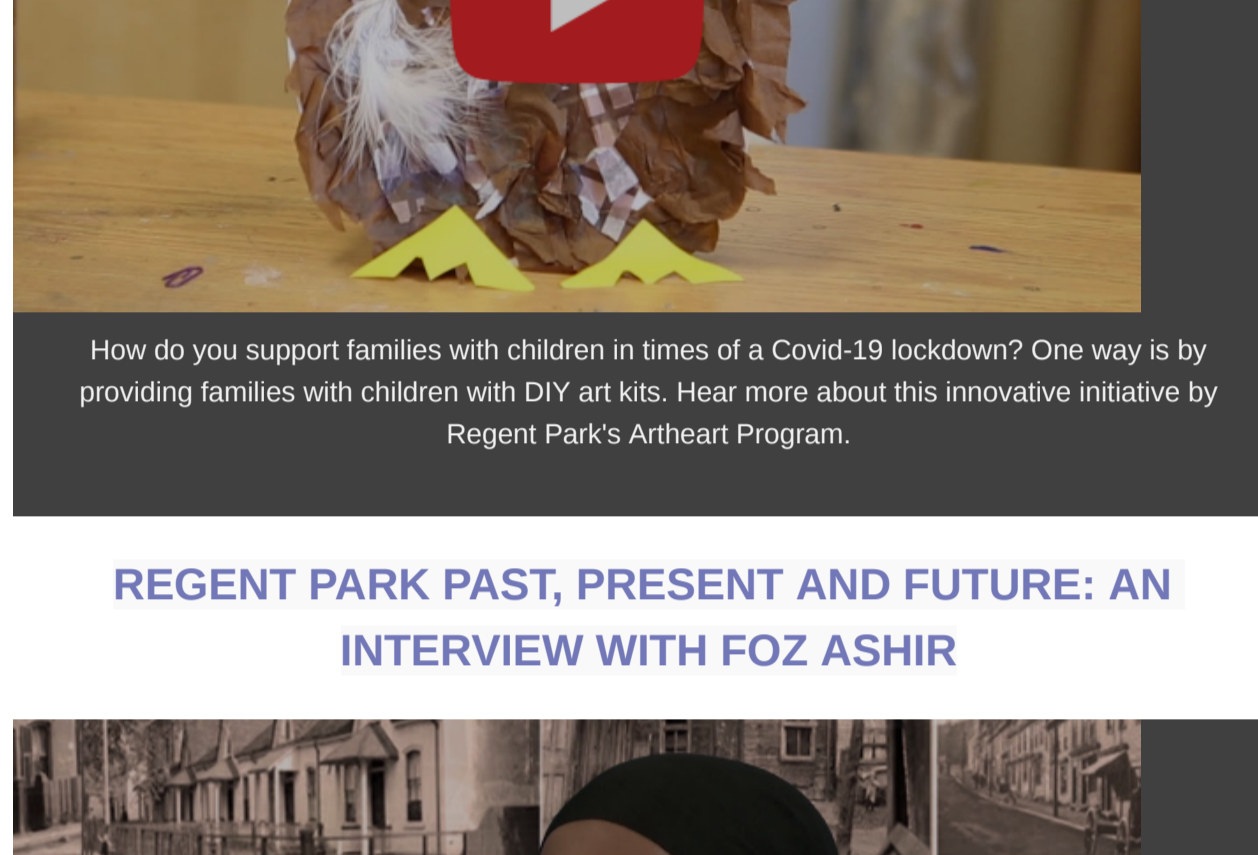
Regent Park has always been a place where newcomers and immigrants have gravitated to. One such person is Khuram Altam, an immigrant from Pakistan, who began his working life in Canada in a convenience store at Sherbourne St and Dundas St. When the owner of that store decided to sell the store, Khuram seized the opportunity and purchased Sam's Food Store in 2006. Ten years later, motivated by the notion of wanting to serve the community, Khuram purchased his third business, the convenience store at 175 River Street at the corner of River and Oak street in Regent Park.

#### CABBAGETOWN CARES



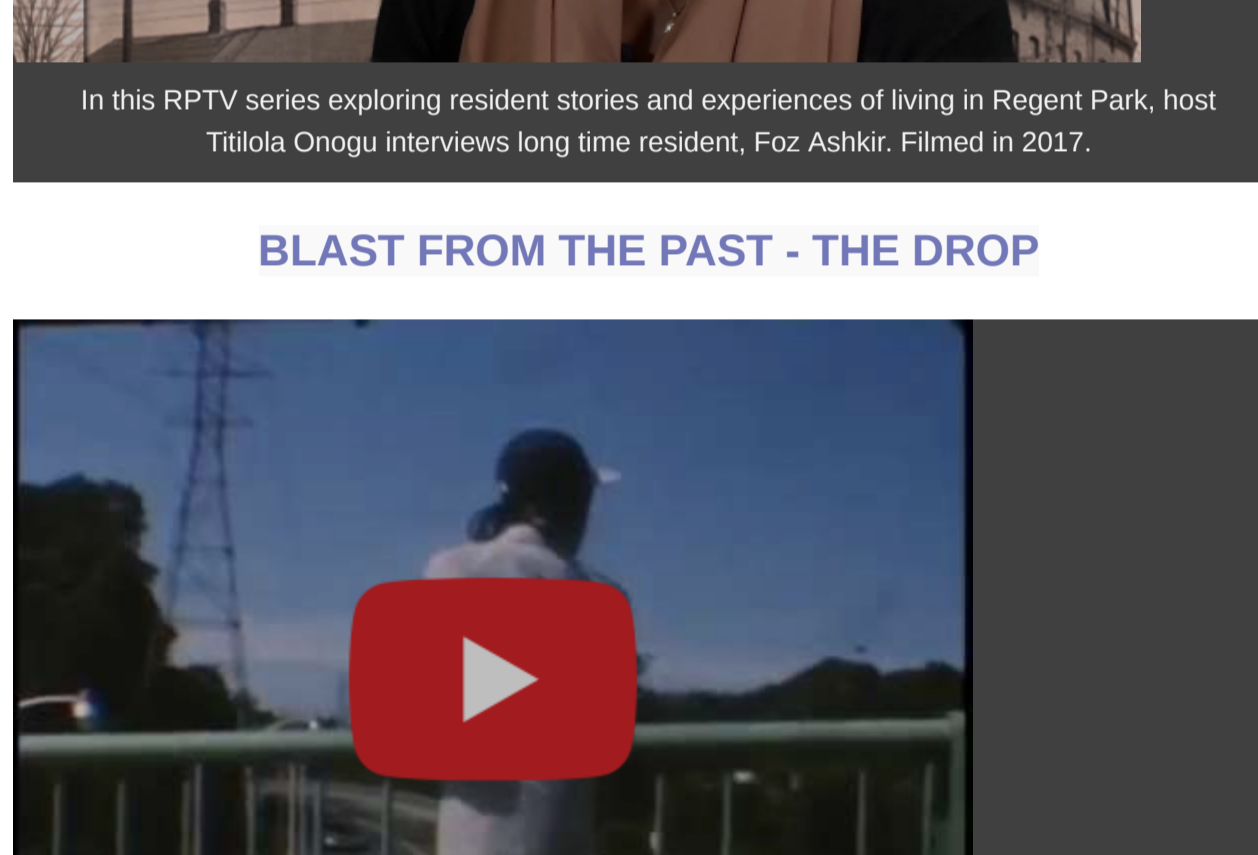
Cabbagetown Cares is an example how local communities are forming grassroots responses to the COVID-19 pandemic by mobilizing partnerships and resources to meet the needs of our most vulnerable community members. In this initiative St. Luke's United Church joins the Cabbagetown BIA and Dixon Hall to provide a weekly hot meal in Allan Gardens.

#### ART KITS FOR THE COMMUNITY IN TIMES OF A COVID-19 LOCKDOWN



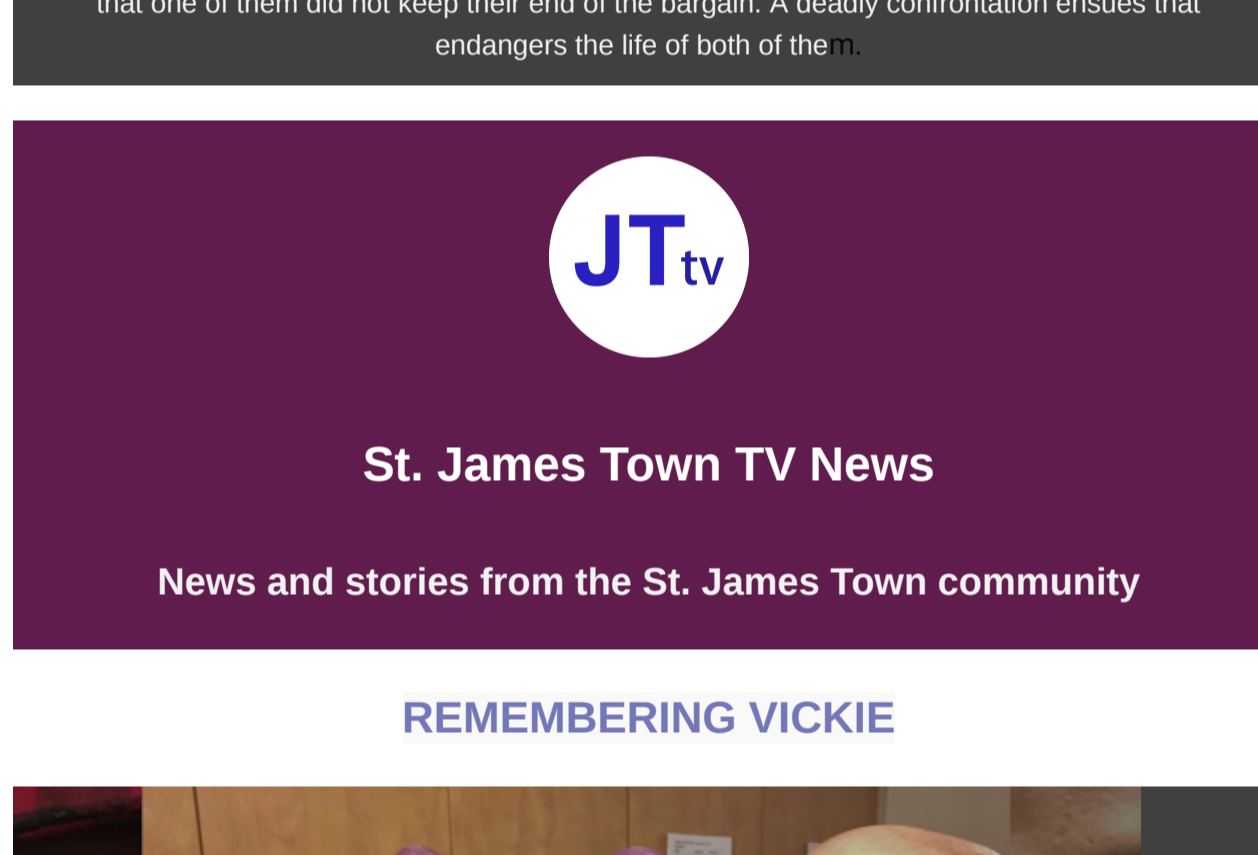
How do you support families with children in times of a Covid-19 lockdown? One way is by providing families with children with DIY art kits. Hear more about this innovative initiative by Regent Park's ArtHeart Program.

#### REGENT PARK PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE: AN INTERVIEW WITH FOZ ASHIR



In this RPTV series exploring resident stories and experiences of living in Regent Park, host Tiliola Onigou interviews long time resident, Foz Ashir. Filmed in 2017.

#### BLAST FROM THE PAST - THE DROP



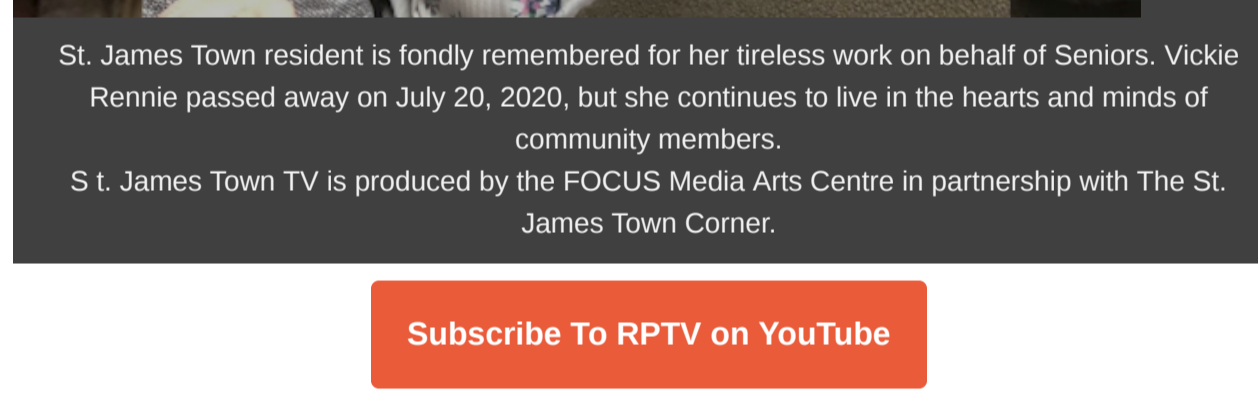
In this short Super-8 Film produced in 2002 by youth participants of the FOCUS MEDIA ARTS (Formerly Regent Park Focus), two spies meet to conduct a secret exchange only to discover that one of them did not keep their end of the bargain. A deadly confrontation ensues that endangers the life of both of the



#### St. James Town TV News

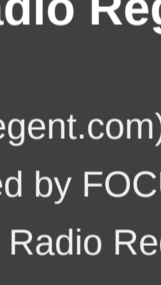
News and stories from the St. James Town community

#### REMEMBERING VICKIE



St. James Town resident is fondly remembered for her tireless work on behalf of Seniors. Vickie Rennie passed away on July 20, 2020, but she continues to live in the hearts and minds of community members. St. James Town TV is produced by the FOCUS Media Arts Centre in partnership with The St. James Town Corner.

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#### Radio Regent

Radio Regent (www.RadioRegent.com) is a 24-hour digital community radio station operated by FOCUS Media Arts Centre. Learn more about Radio Regent and Listen live!

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#### Radio Regent Live Concert Series: Near East



Filmed live from Radio Regent, Paul Corby host of the radio show Corby Orbit presents Toronto's Near East Trio, an Indian/Arabic/Jazz band that features traditional Arabic Music and original compositions.

#### Radio Regent News & Views

March 12, 2021, Episode

In this episode of Radio Regent News & Views, Journalist Georgie Alford talks to Rowena Pinto, Chief Program Officer of Unifac Canada about a number of issues, including systematic racism, gender inequality and Child Marriages, and David Wali welcomes activist Gabriel Alaladna back to the show to continue their discussion about the struggles of migrant workers in Canada, this time focusing on the specific effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Play Episode

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#### Featured Article

[TCHC Selects A New Development Partner For Regent Park](#)  
By Dimitrije Martinovic

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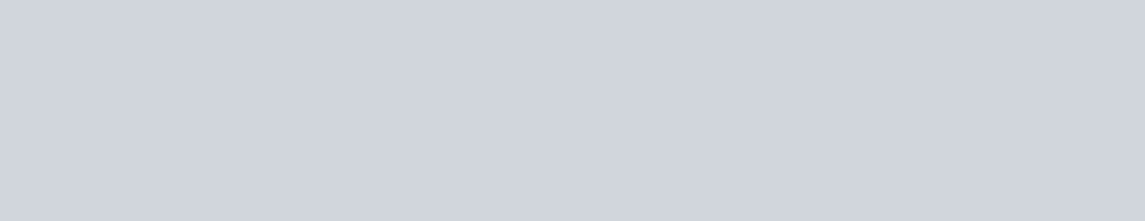
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