



History

The assembly of Lawrence Park began in 1907 by the Dovercourt Land Building and Saving Company. They acquired the north parcel of the park from John Lawrence, after whom this neighbourhood is named.

The president of the Dovercourt Land Company was Wilfred Servington Dinnick. It was under Dinnick's direction that Lawrence Park was developed as a suburb for the "well to do".

The first advertisement for Lawrence Park trumpeted it as an "aristocratic neighbourhood", "four hundred feet above Lake Ontario, and Far from the Lake Winds in Winter". However, Lawrence Park's development was sporadic. The building of houses was interrupted by two world wars, a recession and a depression. It wasn't until the 1950's that this neighbourhood was completed.

Community

Lawrence Park is one of Toronto's most exclusive residential neighbourhoods. It is located in a very peaceful and tranquil setting that includes gently rolling hills, several parks, a ravine, winding roads, (many of which do not have sidewalks) and a lush topography.

Lawrence Park's shops, schools and recreational facilities are located on its periphery, which keeps traffic on the residential streets to a minimum.

The high profile shops and restaurants in the Yonge and Lawrence area, are well patronized by Lawrence Park residents. This shopping district includes fashion, children's, and sporting goods stores, gift shops, bakeries, gourmet dining, casual restaurants plus the ever popular coffee shops.

Many of the residents belong to the prestigious Granite Club which has an abundance of sports and recreational activities, excellent dining and is conveniently located at Bayview and Lawrence.

Homes

Lawrence Park's whimsical houses include a variety of architectural styles including English Cottage, Tudor Revival, Georgian and Colonial style designs. Most of these homes were built between 1910 and the late 1940's.

Lawrence Park is a good place to find a house that blends the old with the new. For the last few years, parts of Lawrence Park have been redeveloped with magnificent new homes that are architecturally complimenting the old, including leaded glass windows, high ceilings and substantial wood mouldings along with rich hardwood floors. Timeless and elegant with all the amenities for the 21st century these homes now adorn the winding streets of Lawrence Park.

Schools

Blythwood Jr.	2 Strathgowan Crescent	(416) 393-9105 (public)
Sunny View Jr. & Sr.	450 Blythwood Road	(416) 393-9275 (public)
Bedford Park Public School	81 Ranleigh Avenue	(416) 393-9424 (public)
Lawrence Park Collegiate Institute	125 Chatsworth Drive	(416) 393-9500 (public HS)
North Toronto Collegiate Institute	70 Roehampton Ave.	(416) 393-9180 (public HS)
Northern Secondary School	851 Mt. Pleasant Road	(416) 393-0270 (public HS)
St. Clements School	21 St. Clements Avenue	(416) 483-4835 (private)
Havergal College	1451 Avenue Road	(416) 483-3519 (private)
The Toronto French School	296 Lawrence Avenue E	(416) 484-6533 (private)
Crescent School	2365 Bayview Ave.	(416) 449-2556 (private)
Crestwood School	411 Lawrence Ave. E	(416) 444-5858 (private)
Loretto Abbey	101 Mason Blvd.	(416) 393-5510 (public HS)
Blessed Sacrament	24 Bedford Park Ave.	(416) 393-5226 (separate)