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Ward 43 Report

Issue 7

Dear Ward 43 Residents:

School is finally out!

Please watch for all the little ones as they enjoy the fresh air it's easy for them to lose sight of where it's safe to play.

This past month residents have been keeping in touch with me on a number of City Hall issues, the tax revenue tools are on everyone's mind specifically the motor vehicle tax and the land transfer tax. I have made my views public on both these proposals, and have decided not to support either of them. My reasoning being that the vehicle tax does not differentiate nor does it have a special circumstance option. Some do not have the option of taking public transportation as they have special needs to accommodate.

The land transfer tax burdens home buyers in all circumstances. The price of a home has skyrocketed in the past years making it difficult for residents to buy or sell to suit their needs; an additional tax only discourages purchases making home ownership difficult for young families to empty nesters as they make plans for their future.

The Toronto Act gives the City the opportunity to raise funds to meet Toronto's service needs. This tool should be used responsibly and in areas where residents are not affected in a negative manner.

If you have any suggestions I am always eager to hear them.

All the best

Paul

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1. Scarborough East Community Calendar

- July 1 – Canada Day Celebrations – Senior Softball Challenge – Thompson Park
- July 1 - Canada Day Celebrations – Legion Parade 1:00 pm
- July 1 – Canada Day Celebrations - Scarborough Parade 4:00 pm
- July 4 - Joint TTC and City Budget Meeting – 2008 TTC operating Budget
- July 5 – Taste of Scarborough Kick Off
- July 6 – General Government Committee
- July 7 – IGA Community BBQ (Lawrence & Scarborough Golf Road) 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
- July 9 – Guild Renaissance Group
- July 10 – Budget Committee Meeting
- July 12 – Toronto Region Conservation Authority welcome the City's appointees
- July 12 – Youth Strategy Meeting
- July 16 - City Council
- July 17 – City Council
- July 18 – Toronto Library Budget Board Meeting
- July 24 - Kick off Store Front - residents rising regarding TTC route 54A
- July 27 – Toronto Region Conservation Authority Meeting
- July 31 – Tam Heather Board Meeting

2. Seven Oaks

North side of Ellesmere East of Neilson

The water main work has finally been completed. The permanent sidewalk has been poured and the sod has been installed. The areas is now back to its original state after a long disruption.

Lakeview Community

“No litter” signs have been requested by the community to be installed at specific locations where littering is occurring. One of the signs near the forested area has already been installed. Two remaining locations have been requested: one by the entrance of the trail (at the pond) headed out to Morningside Road, and another one to be posted at the end of the fence where the pond is.

Community BBQ Seven Oaks Park

Fun was had by all who attended our June 21st BBQ at Seven Oaks Park. The event was very well attended with all the hot dogs and treats being consumed by hungry residents. The bouncing Castle was a favourite as always as was being able to turn on the police siren in the cruiser. I would like to thank everyone who came out to meet their neighbours and enjoy a night out in our community. A special thank you to Enbridge, 43 Division, Constable David Grey, Toronto Fire, The Toronto Zoo, Toronto Water, Toronto Public Library and the 1st Centenary Scouts.

3070 Ellesmere Road

The Development at 3070 Ellesmere Road was approved at Scarborough Community Council on Tuesday, June 26, 2007. The development will consist of mixed-use development for a 24 storey development that includes ground floor retail with 23 storeys of residential units above. The residential breakdown will consist of 171 one-bedroom units, and 94 two-bedroom units, for a total of 265 apartment units.

If you require further information please contact Frank Stirpe, Planner at (416) 396-7658, or by e-mail at fstirpe@toronto.ca.

3. Curran Hall

June 28 - Town Hall Meeting

Thank you to all residents who attended the June 28th Town Hall, the meeting was very well attended. Many of the questions represented focused on the tax initiatives and the new garbage program passed by Council during the June session. I have concluded that neither of the options are practical for residents and I will not be supporting the proposals.

The garbage bin issue was addressed I explained that when a resident orders a small container the personal out of pocket cost to the resident would be \$0. Although \$209 is added to your residential property tax bill it is reimbursed through your water bill. You will be out of pocket only if you order a larger container. If your water use is low not reaching the \$209 mark for the year then it will continue to be deducted from your water use until the funds are absorbed. Residents also expressed security concerns in Botany Park – I have instructed my staff to speak to our Parks supervisor to address these concerns.

Tiffany Park Homes Brimorton and Orton Park

Staff are continuing to work with the property owner to move this project forward. Calls have been received from residents concerning the billboard advertising the sale of the town homes as it is too close to the road and is impairing motorist’s visibility of the road. Municipal Standards attended the site and the sign has been moved back. We continue to monitor the development as there are a number of concerns over the derelict nature of the plaza. My office has had a number of conversation with Tiffany Park Homes to address the timing for the demolition and how important it is to the community.

4. Coronation and West Hill

Water Tower

A media event took place to announce the demolition of the water tower located on the north side of Lawrence Ave, just west of Galloway Rd. on June 21, 2007 at 2:00pm. The event was well attended. I would like to thank Ron Wootten, Vice President of the West Hill Coronation Community Association who spoke on behalf of the association and to Anne Gloger who spoke for the Scarborough East Storefront.

The Toronto Star, Globe and Mail, Mirror and Global TV all reported on the announcement. Further details are can be found in Section 18 of this report

Car lots on Kingston Road

Please continue to advise our office or call parking enforcement directly if you witness cars parked on the city boulevard.

Parking enforcement has advised that if you see a car illegally parked during the week-end to please call 416 808-2222 and ask for parking enforcement. Please have the address, make and model of the car and license plate number (if one is available) when you place the call.

Habitat for Humanity – 4200 Kingston Road

On July 16, 2007, City Council will address my motion to the Affordable Housing Committee decision which was passed on June 14, 2007 to rebate fees paid to the City by Habitat making the homes more affordable to the purchasers. Support for the request is very favourable and I expect that the item will pass Council.

The first families are scheduled to move into their homes on August 2, 2007. I will be attending the ceremony.

If you would like to volunteer on this site, please visit the Habitat for Humanity website at <http://www.torontohabitat.on.ca/web/ShowBuild.aspx?BuildID=65> or call for details at their Canadian Head Office at (416) 755-7353 ex. 238.

5. Cedar Ridge

Residents are still being asked to provide their input into the renovation work slated for Cedarbrae Library. Comment forms and details about the upcoming focus groups are available at the Cedarbrae Branch, 545 Markham Road, (416) 396-8850, or at www.torontopubliclibrary.ca Once the design process is complete, more details about the project schedule and plans for alternate service while Cedarbrae branch is closed will be available. As a Board member I will be ensuring we see regular bookmobile service at this location, as it is one of the busier District branches.

The project will span three to four years commencing this year with public consultation which started with a meeting held on January 23. This will be followed by focus groups for further community input and design development. Construction is scheduled to start sometime in 2008. For a project of this magnitude work generally takes a minimum of a year from the time the branch closes until it re-opens again. Once the design concept has been developed, there will be an opportunity to see what is proposed and provide further comments.

All aspects of the existing facility will be reviewed to determine the most effective and efficient ways to address the various needs identified. The project will address structural and state of good repair issues, making the branch more energy efficient and also fully accessible. We want to ensure that Cedarbrae branch will be better able to deliver library services in this community.

6. Guildwood

Guild Inn

We have had our first meeting with the Guild Advisory Committee. The committee is to discuss the direction residents would like to see for the Guild Inn property. At this time building 191 has been opened and is staffed by one or two City staff from the Cultural Department. Meetings will take place with the newly formed committee, staff and myself, if you would like to advise me of your suggestions please email me at councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca

We are continuing to work on the Guild Inn and are speaking to parties who have shown an interest in investing in the Inn.

Guildwood Go Station Elevator

The elevator at the Guildwood Go Station is scheduled to be ready in Mid July and at that time certification will take place prior to the elevator being available to the public

7. Volunteers' Corner

Seven Oaks Home for the Aged is Recruiting Volunteers!

If you have some time and love to work with Seniors please volunteer your time at the Seven Oaks Home for the Aged. There are Day time, evening and weekend opportunities available. Some areas of volunteer service include, meal time assistance, Bingo, gift shop, worship Services, rehab programs and friendly visiting. The Seven Oaks volunteer group contributes approximately 12,000 hours of service each year. Experience is not needed. For more information, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Tyrone Bernardo at 416-392-3515 or tbernar@toronto.ca

If your organization is seeking volunteers please do advise me so I can include in my monthly report.

8. Around Ward 43

Neighbourhood Watch

Contact Lesley Chitra - Crime Prevention Coordinator for Toronto East if you are interested being a Street Captain or if you would like to learn more about the Neighbourhood Watch Program at lesley@cpatoronto.org or 416-225-1102. Essentially street captains are to act as a liaison between the community, the police and Neighbourhood Watch. They are responsible for canvassing their street to sign up neighbours. As crime alerts and safety notices are posted, Street Captains are to pass the information unto their neighbours. Most information is circulated via email to help reduce the amount of volunteer time required.

The Toronto Police Traffic Services

Child Seat Safety This free service is offered on an appointment only basis. Please contact 416-808-4366 to book your appointment

Installation of Bike Racks on buses

I have written to Gary Webster, TTC Chief General Manager bring to his attention the need for a bike racks serving the 116 Morningside bus route. The TTC is currently developing a plan to retrofit the existing bus fleet with bike racks, with some

bike rack equipment will begin to be installed this fall. I will continue to address this issue with the General Manager to have the 116 Morningside route placed on the designated route list to receive the equipment.

Late Evening Bus Service - Monday - Friday

Late Evening Bus Service - Monday - Friday to Morningside Heights on the 133 Neilson bus route, this service would improve service by reducing the distance that customers using this route would need to walk to the nearest bus stop. Currently, service is provided only until approximately 10:00 pm, seven days a week.

Splash Pad For Your Enjoyment

Just around the corner from our Ward are two Splash Pads for your convenience, with the hot weather this is a great way to cool off the kids. Splash pads are located at: Heron Park (Manse Rd & Lawrence Ave) and Port Union Commons (Port Union Rd. South of Lawrence Ave. E.).

9. Solar power makes a big splash in the City's pools.

The City of Toronto officially launched the heating of four indoor pools using solar energy. The solar pool heating systems are the largest municipally-owned installations in Canada, and are heating pools at three of the City's recreation centres.

At 312 metres squared (m²), the Jimmie Simpson Recreation Centre solar pool heating system is the largest in Canada (there are two pools at this location, each is serviced by its own system; the smaller solar system is 94 m²). Scarborough Centennial Recreation Centre's solar heating system is 250 m² and the installation at the Agincourt Recreation Centre, where the day's event was held, is 241 m².

"The City of Toronto has committed to very aggressive goals through the Climate Change, Clean Air and Sustainable Energy Plan, projects like this will push us even closer to meeting them," noted Councillor Paula Fletcher, Chair of the Parks and Environment Committee. "These installations alone reduce CO₂ emissions by 103 tonnes. The plan is that all City-owned pools will be heated using solar energy, and I would like to see all privately-owned pools following suit."

"This is a wonderful start to making Toronto a solar city," said Councillor Chin Lee, Director of Toronto Atmospheric Fund who helped finance the early pilot installations. "It helps show that solar energy is a viable local option."

"Swimming is one of the most popular recreational activities for children and families. Now they can also learn about and contribute to a sustainable future at their local swimming pool with the energy retrofit of our pools, arenas and recreation centres," commented Brenda Librecz, General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

The costs of the solar heating systems installations were covered by the City's Energy Retrofit Program, the Toronto Atmospheric Fund (TAF) and Natural Resources Canada (NRCan). TAF funding for these projects totalled \$52,786, while the NRCan funding was \$26,031.

The City's Energy Retrofit Program undertakes retrofit projects in City-owned facilities to reduce their energy and water consumption. Since 2004, more than 200 City-owned buildings have been upgraded through the Energy Retrofit Program.

“Facilities and Real Estate is always looking for innovative ways to improve our facilities, make them greener while saving the City operating costs. The Energy Retrofit Program allows us to do just that,” explained Jodie Parmar, Director, Business and Strategic Innovation, Facilities and Real Estate. “At a time of budget constraints, the Energy Retrofit Program allows us to invest in our aging, sometimes inefficient facilities, and make them operate more efficiently.”

Other projects completed as part of the Energy Retrofit Program include: the City Arenas, Civic Centres, Fire Halls, and a number of buildings at Exhibition Place. Currently City staff are working on energy retrofit projects for Police Division buildings, Transfer Stations and Community Centres.

Toronto is Canada’s largest city and sixth largest government, and home to a diverse population of about 2.6 million people. It is the economic engine of Canada and one of the greenest and most creative cities in North America. In the past three years, Toronto has won more than 50 awards for quality and innovation in delivering public services. Toronto’s government is dedicated to prosperity, opportunity and liveability for all its residents

10. Community Meetings and Events

Sunday July 8, 2007 1:30pm – 5:00pm – Guildwood Village Community Association Garden Tour. The gardens of Guildwood are on display. Fifteen household gardens, some with waterfalls, ponds, sculptures or rare plants, are included in the annual Tour Guides are available for \$5 in the Church of the Holy Trinity parking lot on Guildwood Parkway on Sunday from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Tour proceeds from A Day in the Gardens of Guildwood will support the community group's beautification projects in the area.

Thursday July 26 7:00 pm - July Town Hall Meeting: Guildwood Village Park 219 Livingston Rd. – These Town Hall meetings are casual gathering with residents to discuss their local issues. The meeting takes place in the park – your welcome to bring your lawn chair.

Sunday, August 12, 2007 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m - Voices of the Guild: A Storytelling Festival "The Guild - Alive with Culture - Voices of the Guild: A Storytelling Festival" at the Guild Inn Gardens, 201 Guildwood Parkway, Scarborough.

Saturday September 29, 2007 – 4:00pm – 6:00pm – Paul Ainslie Fall Corn Roast at Curran Hall Community Centre. Fun for all.

11. Environment Day

Environment Day

Saturday September 15, 2007

Morningside Yard

891 Morningside Avenue (south of Highway 401)

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

12. Lawn and Garden Assessments

Toronto Water is offering lawn and garden assessments to local homeowners, including City employees who live in Toronto. The free assessment involves a visit by trained horticultural staff who can advise on your yard's watering needs, new plants to consider, and more. You can register for this summer program by calling 2-7000 or by e-mailing savewater@toronto.ca. Provide your full name, address and phone number. Toronto Water will contact you to schedule a visit.

13. Getting to 70 % Waste Diversion by 2010 Report

As you may know, Works Department Staff have released the "Proposed Initiatives and Financing Model to Get to 70% Solid Waste Diversion by 2010 Report".

This item was presented to the Executive Committee on Monday, May 28, 2007 and was passed unanimously by the members present and will be considered at the June 19/20 Council Session.

The report may be viewed at <http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-3799.pdf>

14. Deserving volunteers

The City of Toronto wants to “shine the light” of appreciation on local residents who are making a noteworthy contribution to local communities through their work as volunteers. Nominations for the 2007 edition of the City’s annual Community Service Volunteer Awards are open. The nomination deadline is August 31.

Everyone is eligible to nominate a friend or colleague who lives in Toronto for recognition at an awards ceremony that will be held at City Hall later this year. Volunteers play a vital role in local communities’ well-being and in Toronto’s overall quality of life. They also help to motivate and provide leadership for other volunteers.

Making a nomination simply involves describing how a resident’s volunteer work has benefited the community. The nominator can, for example, describe the person’s role in a project that has helped a neighbourhood or community, explaining why the nominee deserves recognition. It could involve bringing attention to someone’s long record of volunteer service.

The nomination form, information about eligibility, and criteria for the 2007 Community Service Volunteer Awards are available on the City’s website at www.toronto.ca/volunteer_awards. The nomination form is also included in brochures that are available at libraries, civic centres and community centres throughout the City.

15. Boys and Girls Club of East Scarborough AGM Award Night

The Boys and Girls Club of East Scarborough AGM Award Night was held on Friday May 11, 2007 celebrating its youth and all volunteers. I was pleased to donate a Dyno Bike as one of the prizes to be awarded during the evening.

The Boys and Girls Club of East Scarborough located at 100 Galloway Road is a wonderful organization for our youth to join and volunteer at.

16. Nominations for Scarborough District Trillium Garden Awards

Nominations are now being accepted for the annual Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation - Scarborough District 2007 Trillium Garden Awards. The awards recognize Scarborough's outstanding front gardens that contribute to the beautification of our city through creative landscaping, colourful annuals, perennial plantings and well kept grounds. The nomination submission deadline is Friday, July 13.

Gardens will be judged in late July or early August based on a variety of criteria including design, use of plant material, condition and maintenance, hard landscaping, environmental practices, community contribution and distinction. Gardens will be recognized in the following categories: Residential - Traditional, Residential - Environmental/Alternative, Commercial and Industrial.

An awards presentation will take place on Thursday, September 13.

The Trillium Garden Awards is a successful 31-year partnership between Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation and volunteers from the Agincourt Garden Club and the Scarborough Garden and Horticultural Society.

To submit your nomination(s) or for more information on the Trillium Garden Awards, call the nomination hotline at 416-396-4862 with the address of the home or business you wish to nominate and the closest intersection.

17. Council Member's Expense Forms

Commencing August 15, 2007 routine disclosures will be available for residents to view. This is based on regular disclosures and the City's ongoing objective of openness and transparency. The quarterly expenses reports of Members of Council will be posted on the City website under the title "Accessing City Hall – City Council". Already posted on this site is last years annual report on remuneration and expenses of Member of Council.

18. Water Tower Demolition – Lawrence Avenue

Over 40 years after this water tower was decommissioned, we are finally taking it down. The water tower has been the object of many complaints over the past few years, so we're glad to see it go.

We're replacing an eye sore with a community garden that will not only bring beautify the neighbourhood, it will give our community something to nourish.

The water tower was constructed in 1952 and decommissioned in 1970. Due to competing priorities and budget constraints, it has taken a number of years to have the water tower demolished.

The demolition process will be fairly quick, we will be:

- removing the antenna,
- supporting the tank with the crane,
- cutting each leg from the tank, and
- from there the rest of the tower will be taken down piece by piece.

By mid July, 2007 you'll no longer see the water tower standing here. The view for all of the people living in this area will be greatly improved.

By mid-summer, we should see the start of a new community vegetable garden. We have asked the East Scarborough Storefront to manage the garden and assign plots to community groups.

This is an exciting time for our community.

19. "Support Our Troops" ribbons to remain on Fire, EMS vehicles

I was satisfied to see that my colleagues at City Hall did support to have the yellow ribbons remain on the Toronto Fire and EMS vehicles. I did not have to think twice about my position to support that the ribbons remained on the City trucks.

Many of you also voiced your opinions to me on this issue. Thank you

Toronto City Council voted unanimously to continue the ribbon campaign on Toronto Fire and EMS vehicles for an indefinite period of time as a show of support for the Canadian Forces Personnel Support Agency.

In recommending that City Council unanimously endorse the continuation of the ribbon campaign, Mayor David Miller said that all of Canada's men and women serving in the military have the unwavering support of all Torontonians.

Toronto's emergency services train and work closely with the Canadian Armed Forces. They share the common thread of personal sacrifice, dedication and professionalism with Canadian forces and the two services will continue to support and work with Canada's military.

20. Advisory Panel on making a Safe City Safer Holds Inaugural Meeting

The panel will focus on ensuring alignment of the investments in the priority neighbourhoods, advancing partnership initiatives related to anti-violence intervention and youth opportunities and community safety interventions, as well as documenting progress on making our safe city safer.

The renewed panel will be chaired by the Honourable R. Roy McMurtry, former Chief Justice of Ontario. The Mayor's Advisory Panel will build on the successes to date while responding to the changing needs to Toronto's diverse communities.

"I'm delighted that the former Chief Justice Roy McMurtry has agreed to continue at the helm of my advisory panel," said Mayor Miller. "The groundbreaking work of the panel over the last three years underpins the work that is still ahead of us."

The renewed Mayor's Advisory Panel will focus specifically on key partnership initiatives identified in the Mayor's platform related to public interest partnerships for youth employment, expanding training apprenticeship and education opportunities for youth, creating a centre of educational excellence, and anti-violence intervention.

The panel will meet on a quarterly basis and will be supported by the City's Community Safety Secretariat.

21. Youth Challenge Fund

Youth Challenge Fund (YCF) is an innovative public and private sector initiatives aimed at making investments in community projects that offer positive opportunities for young people growing up in Toronto's most under-served neighbourhoods. The investments are grassroots and aimed at building great ideas, creating youth spaces and providing opportunities for education.

Projects in our area which have been allocated funding: Lil' Ms. Which services Kingston-Galloway as well as other Scarborough communities. For the Herstory – strengthening minds to the next level – Chapter 11. The Herstory project is a young women centered leadership program that is designated to enrich the lives of young women ages 13-16. The project will begin in July 2007 and deliver an 8 week, 16 session program.

22. Scarborough Summer Serenades

Come out and have some fun at the Scarborough Civic Centre main stage located in Albert Campbell Square. Taking place every Wednesday afternoon between 12:00 noon – 2:00 pm:

Dates:

July 4 – Two for the show

July 11 – Bad Dog

July 18 – Sabor Cubano

July 25 – Syncona

August 1 – Robin Boers Trio

August 8 – Jacqueline John

August 15 – Here goes nothing

August 22 – David Hutchinson

August 29 – Abenna Sann & Her Marketplace Ensemble.

23. Summerlicious

The fifth edition of Toronto's ever-popular restaurant promotion, Summerlicious presented by American Express, begins Friday, July 6.

The public can take advantage of incredible value through exclusive prix fixe menus offered at 130 of Toronto's top dining establishments.

The Summerlicious promotion offers three-course prix fixe menus available at \$15 or \$20 for lunch, and \$25 or \$35 for dinner.

New this summer, American Express is offering a contest. American Express Consumer Cardmembers who use their card to pay for their Summerlicious meal will automatically be entered into a draw to win an American Express branded reward card worth \$10,000.

Visit www.toronto.ca/special_events for a complete list of participating restaurants, menus, online reservations and contest details.

24. Quote du Mois

“Look at a day when you are supremely satisfied at the end. It's not a day when you lounge around doing nothing; it's when you had everything to do, and you've done it”. Margaret Thatcher

25. Websites of the Month

What follows below is a list of community groups and resources from here in Scarborough. Of course we would be remiss if we didn't include websites from myself and MP John McKay (we couldn't find MPP Mary-Ann Chambers' homepage).

www.paulainslie.com - A new customer survey and lots of community information

www.johnmckaymp.on.ca - From John McKay, Member of Parliament

www.west-hill.com - A tribute to the West Hill area

www.guildwood.on.ca - The Guildwood Village Community Association

www.scarboroughhistorical.ca - Scarborough Historical Society

www.westrouge.org - The West Rouge Community Association

www.freenet.hamilton.on.ca/Information/sports/leisure/bgco/toronto.htm -East

Scarborough Boys' & Girls' Club

www.spo.ca - Scarborough Philharmonic Orchestra

www.mirror-guardian.com - The Scarborough Mirror

www.scar.utoronto.ca University of Toronto, Scarborough Campus

www.westhill.ntsweb.com West Hill Public School

www.tcdsb.org/schools/popejohnpaulii.html - Pope John Paul II Catholic

Secondary School

www.scarbceac.org - Scarborough Community Care Access Centre

www.city.toronto.on.ca/ttc/index.htm - The Toronto Transit Commission

www.gostransit.com - GO Transit

www.torontopolice.on.ca/d42 - 42 Division- Toronto Police Services

www.scarborougharts.com/groups/renaissance/index.htm - The Guild Renaissance Group

www.torontocaer.com - The Toronto East Community Awareness & Emergency Response

www.scarboroughsoftball.ca/SevenOaks.htm - The Seven Oaks Softball League

www.rougevalley.ca - The Rouge Valley Health Care System (Centenary Hospital)

www.bluffsmonitor.com – Bluffs Monitor

26. Recipe of the Month

Bananas with Vanilla Rum Sauce

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 medium firm, ripe bananas, peeled and split lengthwise
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/4 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1 pint vanilla ice cream, softened
- 1 to 2 tablespoons light rum

PREPARATION:

Melt butter in a large skillet over low heat. Add sugar; stir until melted. Add bananas; sauté for about 10 minutes, until just tender, turning once. In a medium bowl, stir together ice cream and rum. Remove bananas to a serving dish, spooning brown sugar juices over them. Serve with ice cream and rum sauce. Bananas with vanilla rum sauce serves 4.

27. ENews Policy and Contact Information

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