

May, 2007

Dear Ward 43 Residents:

It looks like the warmer days of summer are finally reaching us, although the weatherman keeps telling us to keep those winter blankets handy at night!

With the warmer weather it has usually meant the duties of the Budget Advisory Committee slowing down, but not this year. There still seems to be lots on our "monetary platter", but I'll have more details later inside this edition of the report

I hope you have a great month gardening!

All the best,

Paul

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1. Scarborough East Community Calendar

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- May 1 - Scarborough Community Council
  - May 1 - Coronation Community Association Meeting
  - May 3 - Meeting with MLS Staff regarding cars on Kingston Road
  - May 7- Curran Hall Community Association Meeting
  - May 8 - Guild Village Community Association Meeting
  - May 9 - Kingston Road Galloway Community Team Meeting
  - May 9 - McHappy Day - Kingston Road and Lawrence Avenue
  - May 10- General Government Committee
  - May 10 - Community Policing Liaison Committee
  - May 11 - Re-Opening of East Highland Creek
  - May 11 - Boys and Girls Club of East Scarborough 2006 Annual General Meeting and Awards
  - May 12 - 43 Division and CPLC Community Picnic and Open House
  - May 12 - George B. Little Public School 50th Anniversary of the School
  - May 14 - Library Board Meeting
  - May 14 - Guildwood Renaissance Group Meeting
  - May 15 - Toronto Professional Firefighters Association Dinner

May 17 - Pope John Paul Second Community Breakfast  
May 23 - City Council  
May 23 - City of Toronto public consultations - possible new revenue tool options under the City of Toronto Act.  
May 24 - City Council  
May 25 - TRCA  
May 25 - Budget Meeting  
May 26 - Compost Day  
May 29 - Scarborough Community Council  
May 29 - Tam Heather Board Meeting  
May 29 - Scarborough Bluffs United Church Volunteer Recognition  
May 31 - Town Hall Meeting - Seven Oaks Community.

Details for any of the events listed in this section can be found below.

If you are still looking for more information, please give my office a call at 416 392 4008 or send an email to my Administrative Assistant Peter Sinclair at [psincla@toronto.ca](mailto:psincla@toronto.ca)

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## 2. Seven Oaks

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With the City's budget approved I can go back to where I'm happiest.....Ward 43. And with that acknowledgement I'm announcing my first community Town Hall Meeting which will take place on Thursday May 31 - 7:30 pm in Seven Oaks Park - Please meet me near the Military Trail Entrance - bring your lawn chair and any of your community issues.

When I was appointed as the Councillor for ward 41- Scarborough Rouge River, I held these meetings on monthly basis to hear the concerns and issues of local residents. I committed to doing this during my election campaign for Ward 43. I've been a little slow getting off the mark with them though. I'll be holding them in parks, playgrounds, schools or community centres depending on the time of year and the weather. Please keep an eye out for the flyer advertising the one coming to your neighbourhood.

As a member of the Toronto Public Library Board, I've worked hard to ensure the Centenary Plaza/ Bookmobiles service continued. Toronto Public Libraries Bookmobile will again be visiting locations across the City including Centenary Plaza (Neilson & Trailridge on May 31 June 14 and 28. Residents can borrow most items for three weeks as well as return books and other materials at the Bookmobile and branches of the Library.

Just south of the 401 Highway & Morningside Ave, I've been working with local residents on two important issues. The first deals with the proper construction of a pedestrian walkway from their new housing development out to Morningside Ave. While there is a makeshift path currently on site my office is now working on the next step which involves getting it paved, and the ownership transferred to the City of Toronto, from Ontario Hydro. While it sounds easy on paper, its much more difficult in reality. A meeting is scheduled to take place between Hydro, City Staff and my office on Wednesday May 30, 2007 to discuss the right of way issues and to continue the discussions in securing approval to pave the path on their property. MTO at this time as requested that the drawings be sent to the Ministry before they meet with us. My office will continue to pursue the issue with MTO to ensure that the file is dealt with. I will continue to update you on this project.

Down at the Rouge valley Hospital- Centenary Site, a number of new developments are under way. As you will all note the housing development is well underway at the site located on the south side of Ellesmere Road at Neilson Road. The Mental Health Program at Rouge Valley Health System (RVHS) will open its Phase 2 Supportive Housing this summer, offering community accommodations in Scarborough. Residents living there will receive several services including: clinical care for major depression, bipolar and other illnesses (no criminal cases); rehabilitation counselling; residential counselling, including training in life skills (i.e. banking, cooking). The site will house an ordinary townhouse complex with an enclosed area for the residents: 30 units of stacked townhouses, in two rows of 14 and 16 units each; 30,000 square feet - including 18,000 for housing, 3,500 for common areas including TV room, lounge, office, dining room, and 7,500 for an adjoining clinic.

The hospital has also begun their latest fundraising campaign to assist in the construction of a new Regional natal care Unit. The hospital's charitable foundation recently held an information session for area politicians to obtain their feedback and ask for their assistance in their fundraising efforts.

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3. Curran Hall  
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Tiffany Park Homes Brimorton and Orton Park: Staff, are continuing to work with the property owner to move this project forward. As many area residents will remember the demolition permit was issued in December 2006. We are monitoring the development as there are a number of concerns over the derelict nature of the plaza.

A traffic study has been conducted on Slan Avenue at Heather Heights Public School by our Transportation Department. The School and parents had requested the study be done to implement improved safety measures, including new parking/non-parking zones. The study concluded that the current no parking signs along the school north side of Slan Ave should be replaced with "30 minute Permissive Parking 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday to Friday" allowing parents to stop and safely lead their children onto the sidewalk in front of the school. "No Stopping 7:00am to 6:00pm Monday - Friday" signs are going to be installed along the opposite/south side of Slan Avenue only in the school vicinity. This is to discourage passengers from boarding or alighting on this side of the road and then crossing in front of traffic on Slan Avenue. My office sent out a letter to all the effected homes and did not receive any opposition to the staff report. The report will be presented to Scarborough Community Council for implementation

When I visited the site, I also noticed the poor condition of the roadway in the vicinity of the school and requested transportation staff to look into repaving the roadway.

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4. Coronation and West Hill  
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The long anticipated project is coming to fruition at 4274 Kingston Road (Kingston Road and Galloway Road). The derelict Montoro Motel was torn down this month to prepare for the new town homes which are to be built on this site. 14 townhouses will be built on Kingston Road, 19 townhouses on Galloway and 20 townhouses on a private road.

In 2003 the City of Toronto passed the Kingston Road Incremental Growth Plan, which put in place long term planning measures to enhance the quality of the area from Bob Johnston Motors in the west, to Jim Davidson Motors in the east. The basic premise being if the allowable density can be increased it will make it attractive for motel and car lot owners to sell to make way for family housing. It has been successful as we've seen the Montoro Motel and the Petro-Canada site demolished. At 4200 Kingston Road, the vacant lot was donated to Habitat for Humanity, and they are hard at work. People will also notice that the City has begun boulevard enhancements along Kingston Rd, most lately across from the Guildwood GO Station where trees were planted on the north side

As an aside Habitat for Humanity is looking for volunteers to help with the building of their 19 townhouses on this site. Those interested in volunteering or finding out more about the project are welcome to visit the Habitat for Humanity website at <http://www.torontohabitat.on.ca/web/ShowBuild.aspx?BuildID=65>. Or call for details (416) 755-7353 ex. 238.

I recently volunteered on their Lakeshore & Islington Ave site in Etobicoke, and will be spending a number of different days on their Kingston Rd project. It is a very rewarding experience. So if you can spend even just a few hours, please do so!

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5. Cedar Ridge  
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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 Cedarbrae Branch, 545 Markham Road, (416) 396-8850, or at [www.torontopubliclibrary.ca](http://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 at the very least 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, budget approval by Council in March 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.

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6. Guildwood  
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During the past week a flyer was delivered to all the homes in the community with information regarding the Guild Inn. I know it got to every home as my staff and I pounded the pavement to ensure every home received one. If your's was misplaced or inadvertently thrown out, please contact my office for another copy at 416 392-4008. The site has also been in some of the papers over the weeks, in an article written in the Mirror on May 8, the author suggests that condominium units were part of the failed plan.

Nothing could be further from the truth, and I submitted the following letter to the Scarborough Mirror for clarification of the facts:

Editorial Piece: May 10, 2007

Clarification: Guild Inn Gardens plans need to look forward, not back

Dear Editor,

I wanted correct a point made in the article which appeared in the Mirror on May 8, 2007 titled "Guild Inn Gardens plans need to look forward, not back".

The article speaks to the matter of condominiums on the site. This misrepresents the original finance model envisioned by Windmill (Westeinde). There was never to be condominiums or was part of the Guild Inn site to be sold to private investors. I would not support a scenario such as this neither would former City Councillor David Soknacki, or a large part of the immediate neighbourhood surrounding the Guild Inn.

I agree with you we do need to look forward to make progress on this site and not always be looking over our shoulder. Although with regards to the past issues with this site, there are changes that can be made to what the future focus will be. To that extent my office is already hard at work in establishing a steering committee with members from the Guildwood Village Community Association, the Guild Renaissance Group and the Scarborough Historical Panel to discuss the Guild Inn's future. My intent is to look forward and serve the needs of the community while remembering and preserving the heritage component of the Site.

I am committed to the economic and cultural restoration of the Guild Inn site and will continue to pursue the development of the site as a significant heritage component of Scarborough and Toronto's broader cultural history.

It is now time that we reflect on the development project and look at options for development that are sensitive to its cultural heritage and is fiscally sustainable in the long term.

Residents have already begun to contact my office with their ideas for the site which will be brought to the Steering Committees for discussion.

Sincerely,

Paul Ainslie, City Councillor  
Ward 43

Since the story first broke in the Scarborough Mirror, along with the distribution of my flyer, residents have been contacting my office on a regular basis with their ideas for what should take place on the grounds.

I will be working very closely not only with City staff, but all residents to see not only a proper vision for the grounds, but a vision which actually becomes a reality.

Over on Dearham Wood I'm working with both residents who live on the street and parents of children who attend the school to reduce speeding which occurs. It seems to be at its height during the morning and afternoon rush-hours as people use the street as a short-cut for the Guildwood GO Station. The Watch Your Speed (WYS) trailer is scheduled to be in place on the street near Poplar Road Jr. Public School on June 18 through to June 20, 2007. I will be also holding a community meeting

with local residents to see what they would like to see done. This also will include reviewing a traffic study Councillor Soknacki had done to see about the installation of an illuminated crosswalk in front of the school.

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## 7. Volunteers' Corner

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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 our Volunteer Coordinator, Tyrone Bernardo at 416-392-3515 or [tbernar@toronto.ca](mailto:tbernar@toronto.ca)

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

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## 8. Around Ward 43

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### **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](mailto: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.

### **Bookmobile**

Toronto Public Libraries Bookmobile will again be visiting locations across the City including Centenary Plaza (Nielson & Trailridge Crescent) on May 31 June 14 and 28. Residents may borrow most items for three weeks as well as return books and other materials at the Bookmobile and branches of the Library.

### **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

Saturday May 26 - 10 am - Cosco - Warden and Ellesmere

Saturday June 9 - 10 am - 43 Division 4331 Lawrence Ave. East

Saturday June 30 - 10 am - 43 Division 4331 Lawrence Ave. East

### **Late Evening Bus Service - Monday - Friday**

Late Evening Bus Service - Monday - Friday to Morningside Heights on the 133 Nielson 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.

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## 9. Revenue Tools & The City Budget

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As a member of the City's Budget Advisory Committee, I did a lot of work reviewing the City's finances as we worked at finalizing the City's budget, which in the end resulted in a property taxes increase of 3.8%

When you compare this to surrounding jurisdictions in the Greater Toronto area, it is actually one of the lowest. While it successfully solved our problems for the current year I worry about future years. This process did very little to solve a lack of funding for social services and transportation costs from the provincial government. It saw us raiding the interest funding available from the Spadina Subway expansion to the tune of \$40 million dollars. While this solved a gap in provincial funding, it basically meant using capital money to pay for operating costs of City services.

I was also troubled near the end of the operating budget process when I moved a motion asking for a report to fully integrate our ambulances with the Fire Department. While fully supportive of the work being done by both areas, I think it can be done better. Integration would mean ambulances in the empty bays we see in a lot of the fire halls, Paramedics on the fire trucks instead of waiting in hospitals to “offload” patients, and an end to three-tier responses. Also the selling off of surplus ambulance stations for financial savings. Unfortunately some of my more left leaning colleagues voted the report request down, even though there is the potential for millions of dollars in savings. One responded with “What will the unions think?” My response back was “I’m not here for the unions I’m here for the tax payers!”

Needless to say my request was defeated by a vote of 4-2. Out of sheer frustration I put forward a motion asking amongst other things for Councillors to cut the \$20,000 out of their own budget for coffee, as well as \$30,000 for office supplies which come from a cabinet which anyone has access to, with little accountability for what they take. My thinking is it wasn’t huge amounts of money, but we should be leading by example, After all it is taxpayer’s dollars. That motion was also defeated by my colleagues.

One of my responsibilities as a Budget Committee member was to review the operating budget of the Facilities and Real Estate Department. One of the “burrs under my saddle” has always been all of the lights we leave on in our building over night. After much harassment during budget talks, and some not too subtle hints, the Department has finally completed a computerized system for turning lights off at night. The savings will be close to \$200,000 annually!

With the budget passed, the City of Toronto is holding a series of public consultations asking Torontonians about the possible new revenue tool options under the City of Toronto Act. While there is potential here for the City, I think other avenues need to be explored fully first, such as proper funding from the provincial and federal government. Are we delivering services for them we shouldn’t be? Should we be receiving more financing for those we are? Are there services we could contract out, or get private businesses more fully involved in?

Revenue tool options available to the City include applying a new alcohol or tobacco sales tax, vehicle ownership tax, land transfer tax and others that could be directed to fund City-building initiatives and service improvements such as transportation, parks and recreation, culture and climate change

I can’t fully support these new revenue tools without first looking at all of our other options first. I will be at the upcoming forum at the Scarborough Civic Centre Wednesday night, and I hope to see you there

Wednesday, May 23 - Scarborough Civic Centre, 150 Borough Dr. -  
7:00pm - 9:00pm

Participants can register in advance by calling Access Toronto at 416-338-0338. TTY 416-338-0889.

If you can’t attend the meeting, but would like to make sure your voice is heard you can also send their comments to Revenue Tools, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen St. W., 5th Floor, East Tower, Toronto, ON, M5H 2N2 or e-mail [revenue\\_tools@toronto.ca](mailto:revenue_tools@toronto.ca) .

Alternatively, please send them to me at [councillor\\_ainslie@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca) and I will give them to the appropriate staff

For further information about the consultation and background information, visit [www.toronto.ca/finance/revenue\\_tools.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/finance/revenue_tools.htm) .

Feedback received from consultations will be included in a report going to the Executive Committee in June 2007.

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10. Community Barbeques and Events  
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**Thursday May 31** - Town Hall Meeting - Seven Oaks Community - Seven Oaks Park 7:30 pm

**Saturday June 2** All Day event - Guildwood Day 50th Anniversary Parade and Childrens’ Activities 8:30am - 2:30pm. BBQ in the evening 5:00 pm.

**Saturday June 2-** Curran Hall Community Association Annual Fun Day

**Saturday June 16 - "The Amazing Place** will be held on June 16th. Registered participants will meet at the Storefront at 1:00 for a scavenger hunt adventure that will lead to our community's social and historical gems. Fun, prizes and food end the day. To register call Dip Habib 416-208-7897. Registration begins May 28th. Spaces are limited"

### **Neighbours Night Out**

This is a friendly reminder that this year Neighbours' Night Out will take place on **Tuesday June 19, 2007**. One of the best and easiest ways to build a safe community is to have a fun night with the people in your area, on your street, on your block or in your apartment building. People find it a great way to get to know their neighbours and to build community spirit. We are encouraging small and simple parties where neighbours can get to know those who live nearby.

Thank you to those who have already registered. For those who have not registered and wish to take part please register your event with us so we can keep you informed and make the police aware of your event so they can hopefully attend.

Please visit our website for more information, including the Neighbours' Night Out flyer, game suggestions, ideas and access to the event registration form which can be completed and faxed in to our office.

[http://www.cpatoronto.org/news\\_events.htm](http://www.cpatoronto.org/news_events.htm).

**Thursday June 21, 5:00 pm -7:00pm - Councillor Ainslie's Community BBQ (Seven Oaks Park on Military Trail)**

**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.

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11. Compost and Environment Day  
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Please join me and my staff to collect your compost at the beginning of the planting season.

### **Compost Day**

Saturday May 26, 2007  
Wilfrid Laurier Cl.  
145 Guildwood Pkwy.  
&  
Tam Heather Curling and Tennis Club  
730 Military Trail

Both locations at 2:00 pm

Please attend the locations at 2:00pm as the soil will not be permitted to be taken until that specific time.

### **Environment Day**

Saturday September 15, 2007  
Morningside Yard  
891 Morningside Avenue (south of Highway 401)  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

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12. Scarborough East News  
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On Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup> I very much enjoyed joining the opportunity along with many other community leaders to participate at McHappy Day at their location at Kingston Road and Lawrence. The location was buzzing with hungry customers helping to raise funds for Canadian children in need. I was joined behind the counter for my shift by members of the Toronto Fire Services, as well as Superintendent Paul Gottschalk of 43 Division. Life is certainly much more hectic looking from behind the counter than when your in line waiting for food. I have a newly found appreciation for Mcdonald's staff!

Last Friday, May 11 I was proud to be invited to speak to staff not only from the City of Toronto, but a number of government agencies at the provincial and federal levels who all worked very hard to re-opening East Highland Creek. The Creek was severely damaged during the August 19, 2005 rain storm when a waste/water sewage pipes which actually runs under the creek burst. Toronto Water, the TRCA and Ministry of Fisheries all worked on the project. The creek over the last two years has been temporarily rerouted to allow for remediation work to be done.

Not only was the creek bed enhanced with new stone to improve water flow, but fish habitat areas were created, the embankments strengthened with stone blocks, and close to 2,000 shrubs, trees, and native plants were planted to prevent soil erosion. If you enter Morningside park and go to the parking lot furthest to the west, follow the creek towards Ellesmere and you can see all of the work which was done.

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### 13. Ward 43 School Happenings

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On Friday May 17<sup>th</sup> I attended a community breakfast hosted by the staff of pope John Paul II Catholic High School for local stakeholders (including politicians)

One very interesting tidbit I took away from the session was information I didn't know about the school's participation in the International Baccalaureate (IB) program. This very intense program is designed to prepare students for their academic work at the university level. It is also a liberal arts program, meaning that students study a variety of disciplines. At Pope, the students study English, History, math, Theory of Knowledge, a second language (French), the sciences, and the arts. In IB students also complete an independent 4000 word essay on a topic of their choice, as well as 150 hours of community work, physical activity, and creative endeavours, compared to the 40 hours the average student must complete before graduation. There are 2000 IB schools around the world Pope has been certified in the IB program since February 2002, and is considered one of the top schools based on grading of all students done not by the school's own staff but an independent agency based in Europe! The school has approximately 20 teachers and 200 students involved in the IB program.

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### 14. City of Toronto's Glen Rouge Campground Opens for the Season

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Glen Rouge Campground, nestled in 12,000 acres of forests and meadows in Rouge Park at Kingston Rd. and Sheppard Ave., is now open for the season. Glen Rouge is operated by Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation and is Toronto's only campground.

Glen Rouge Campground provides a unique urban wilderness experience offering the best of both worlds for travellers and residents alike. Nature enthusiasts can hike or paddle into the heart of the Rouge Park, an ecological treasure and Canada's largest urban park. Those looking for adventure in the city will find the campground is just minutes away from attractions, including the Toronto Zoo, Lake Ontario beaches and two of the City's five public golf courses - Tam O'Shanter and Dentonia Park. Glen Rouge Campground is a short GO train ride away from downtown Toronto, including the CN Tower, Rogers Centre, Toronto Island Park, shopping, theatres and summer festivals.

The 8.7 hectare campground is equipped with 125 sites, including 87 that are fully-serviced for recreational vehicles, 27 unserviced sites and 11 that are designed specifically for backpackers. The facility is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week throughout the camping season until October 8 and is equipped with clean washrooms, showers, coin laundry, vending machines, fire pits and barbecues. Also available are a children's play area, and sites to play volleyball and horseshoes.

To register for a campsite, call 416-338-CAMP (2267) or e-mail [camping@toronto.ca](mailto:camping@toronto.ca). For more information about Glen Rouge Campground, visit [www.toronto.ca/parks](http://www.toronto.ca/parks).

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### 15. Doors Open Toronto

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Green and sustainable features define many of the buildings that are opening their doors this year in Door Open Toronto on Saturday and Sunday, May 26 and 27. Visitors will have a rare opportunity to explore interior spaces seldom open to the public at about 150 buildings of architectural, historic, social or cultural significance across the city. Admission is free. The official Doors Open Toronto Program Guide will be included in the Thursday, May 17 "What's On" section of the Toronto Star. Also, you can check [www.toronto.ca/doorsopen](http://www.toronto.ca/doorsopen) for directions, hours and any last-minute changes. Scarborough East's

submission includes Cedar Ridge Creative Centre & Studio Gallery 225 Confederation Drive, 416-396-4026 Architect and year: R. Nicholls, 1912-13 Subsequent architect(s)/ consultant(s): Raymond Moriyama Visit on, Saturday May 26: 10 am to 4 pm or Last admittance to building: 3:45 pm Sunday May 27 : 10 am to 4 pm  
Last admittance to building: 3:45 pm

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## 16. Scotiabank Nuit Blanche to Return as Annual Event for City of Toronto

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Mayor David Miller today announced that last year's enormously successful Scotiabank Nuit Blanche - the free, city-wide, all-night event celebrating contemporary art - will return on Saturday, September 29 and become an annual signature event for Toronto. Returning as title sponsor this year is Scotiabank.

"Last year's Scotiabank Nuit Blanche was an incredible event that served to showcase Toronto's vibrant arts scene and this city's cultural communities," said Mayor David Miller. "Our artists, curators and artistic institutions are the real stars of this remarkable event that was enjoyed by hundreds of thousands of people in its inaugural year. I'm thrilled that Scotiabank Nuit Blanche is returning and I'm committed to making it an annual event for the city of Toronto."

"Scotiabank is committed to supporting the communities in which we live and work, and once again we are looking forward to being a part of this exciting all-night celebration of contemporary art," said Chris Hodgson, Executive Vice-President and Head of Domestic Personal Banking, Scotiabank. "We are very pleased to again partner with the City of Toronto to bring the very best of contemporary art to the communities and people of Toronto. I am looking forward to joining all of you, as together we again experience the city in a different light."

Unlike any event ever produced in North America, Scotiabank Nuit Blanche 2006 was completely distinctive and a transformative celebration of creativity for Toronto. The overwhelming positive post-event response from the public, media and art community was unprecedented. Attendance figures, estimated at 425,000, significantly surpassed the projected audience of 250,000.

Scotiabank Nuit Blanche will return Saturday, September 29. From sunset at 7:03 p.m. to sunrise on Sunday, September 30 the public is invited to rediscover Toronto through public art commissions, all-night exhibitions, performances, installations and unique programs.

Following the successful structure of last year's event, Toronto will be divided into three geographical zones to accommodate the numerous Scotiabank Nuit Blanche destinations. Each zone will feature one curated Scotiabank Nuit Blanche exhibition and a series of Independent Projects with a unified goal to highlight creative works that inspire wonder and encourage dialogue.

The three Scotiabank Nuit Blanche curated exhibitions will be located in the following areas: Bloor/Yorkville (within Zone A); The Grange/Chinatown (within Zone B) and West Queen West/Liberty Village (within Zone C). For a detailed list of exhibition sites and curators, visit [www.scotiabanknuitblanche.ca](http://www.scotiabanknuitblanche.ca).

To ensure that all Toronto artists - established and emerging - had the opportunity to submit proposals for the 2007 exhibitions, 15 installations were selected by the curators through an open call process.

One hundred and twenty-three Toronto museums, galleries, cultural and educational institutions and neighbourhoods will participate in Scotiabank Nuit Blanche 2007 with more than 150 individual projects. This represents close to a 50 per cent increase in participation from the inaugural event. These additions will expand the reach of Scotiabank Nuit Blanche into new areas across the city, including the Distillery District, Bloor/Landsdowne, Parkdale, Church/Wellesley and Downtown Yonge.

The University of Toronto and the Ontario College of Art and Design played major roles in the inaugural Scotiabank Nuit Blanche. Both will return for 2007, joined this year by Ryerson University and George Brown College, all of which will contribute multiple exhibitions to the event. The scale of the involvement by these educational institutions demonstrates the important role Toronto's emerging artists play in this event.

Scotiabank Nuit Blanche is a unique adaptation of the highly successful Paris event created by the City of Paris in 2002. This annual event is at once a "high" art event and a free event accessible to everyone. Nuit Blanche is such an enormous success in Paris, that similar celebrations are now held in Rome, Brussels, Madrid, Montreal and Riga, among others.

Scotiabank Nuit Blanche won a 2007 Urban Leadership Award in the City Initiatives category. The Canadian Urban Institute awards social and cultural programs and initiatives reflecting Canada's growing awareness that the quality of urban life is deeply rooted in the quality and strength of its public realm.

For more information about Scotiabank Nuit Blanche, visit [www.scotiabanknuitblanche.ca](http://www.scotiabanknuitblanche.ca) or call Access Toronto at 416-338-0338.

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## 17. Summer Bike Tips

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The Ontario Highway Traffic Act in Ontario tells cyclists to ride as far to the right as is practical. Those words are hard to interpret by the road using public. Some motorists feel cyclists should not be in the line of traffic and some cyclists interpret the law as meaning to ride on the sidewalk - but sidewalk cycling is illegal for cyclists on adult-sized bikes in Toronto (bikes with wheel diameters greater than 61 cm. or 24 inches).

What it should mean is to ride far enough out from the curb that you can maintain a straight line and avoid debris, potholes and service covers. Drivers must leave a safety cushion space between their car and the cyclist so there is no chance of collision. This safety cushion is for the cyclist to manoeuvre in while cycling through traffic.

Cyclists are part of traffic and have all the rights and responsibilities that motorists have. Cyclists need room to manoeuvre in traffic and motorists need to provide that room by not crowding cyclists and compromising their safety. When motorists and cyclists are considerate of the space each type of user requires on the roadway, conflict is reduced and everyone is much safer.

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## 18. A Message from CAN-BIKE.

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*The CAN-BIKE safe cycling skills program is the standard for bicycle education across Canada. CAN-BIKE Courses teach riding skills, traffic analysis skills, and collision avoidance techniques. They also provide the basics on safe equipment, and a basic bike inspection. Regardless of your experience, CAN-BIKE will make your cycling more effective, and give you a greater sense of confidence and control in traffic. **For the 2007 CAN-BIKE course schedule, visit [http://www.toronto.ca/cycling/canbike/pdf/canbike\\_courses.pdf](http://www.toronto.ca/cycling/canbike/pdf/canbike_courses.pdf)***

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## 19. Spread the Net on Africa Malaria:

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Every year there are between 350 and 500 million cases of malaria in the world - the vast majority of them in sub-Saharan Africa, and most of those among children. Malaria is the largest single cause of death among African children less than five years of age, claiming more than one million young lives every year. Those who survive the infection can still face severe life-long debilitation. Insecticide-treated bed nets are hung over beds to keep out malarial mosquitoes. They are an inexpensive and highly effective tool for preventing the spread of malaria. When properly used, bed nets can reduce malaria transmission by up to 50 per cent and deaths of children by 20 per cent.

The *Spread the Net* campaign was launched as a partnership with UNICEF Canada in November 2006 by co-chairs Belinda Stronach and satirist Rick Mercer. With the slogan, *1 Net. 10 Bucks. Save Lives*, the goal of the campaign is to raise \$5 million to fund the procurement and free distribution of 500,000 anti-malarial bednets at 10 dollars each, for children in Rwanda and Liberia over the next two years. Visit [www.spreadthenet.org](http://www.spreadthenet.org).

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## 20. Quote du Mois

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"Minds are like parachutes. They only function when they are open." Sir James Dewar, Scientist

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## 21. Websites of the Month

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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](http://www.paulainslie.com) - A new customer survey and lots of community information

[www.johnmckaymp.on.ca](http://www.johnmckaymp.on.ca) - From John McKay, Member of Parliament

[www.west-hill.com](http://www.west-hill.com) - A tribute to the West Hill area

[www.guildwood.on.ca](http://www.guildwood.on.ca) - The Guildwood Village Community Association

<http://webhome.idirect.com/~kdw/> - Highland Creek Community Association

[www.westrouge.org](http://www.westrouge.org) - The West Rouge Community Association

[www.freenet.hamilton.on.ca/Information/sports/leisure/bgco/toronto.htm](http://www.freenet.hamilton.on.ca/Information/sports/leisure/bgco/toronto.htm) -East

Scarborough Boys' & Girls' Club

[www.spo.ca](http://www.spo.ca) - Scarborough Philharmonic Orchestra

[www.mirror-guardian.com](http://www.mirror-guardian.com) - The Scarborough Mirror

[www.scar.utoronto.ca](http://www.scar.utoronto.ca) University of Toronto, Scarborough Campus

[www.westhill.ntsweb.com](http://www.westhill.ntsweb.com) West Hill Public School

[www.tcdsb.org/schools/popejohnpaulii.html](http://www.tcdsb.org/schools/popejohnpaulii.html) - Pope John Paul II Catholic

Secondary School

[www.scarbcccac.org](http://www.scarbcccac.org) - Scarborough Community Care Access Centre

[www.city.toronto.on.ca/ttc/index.htm](http://www.city.toronto.on.ca/ttc/index.htm) - The Toronto Transit Commission

[www.gotransit.com](http://www.gotransit.com) - GO Transit

[www.torontopolice.on.ca/d42](http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/d42) - 42 Division- Toronto Police Services

[www.scarborougharts.com/groups/renaissance/index.htm](http://www.scarborougharts.com/groups/renaissance/index.htm) - The Guild Renaissance

Group

[www.torontocaer.com](http://www.torontocaer.com) - The Toronto East Community Awareness & Emergency

Response

[www.scarboroughsoftball.ca/SevenOaks.htm](http://www.scarboroughsoftball.ca/SevenOaks.htm) - The Seven Oaks Softball League

[www.rougevalley.ca](http://www.rougevalley.ca) - The Rouge Valley Health Care System (Centenary

Hospital)

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22. eNews Policy and Contact Information  
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