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Dear Ward 43 Residents,

With all this rain, gardens in the community are looking great. I have a list of addresses with incredible garden displays; I encourage you to send me your favorites so I can thank our residents for keeping our community blooming.

Although the summer is a time for family and to slow down; it has been a busy one. My condolences go out to the family at Mornelle Court who lost a son and to the family who now has to find the courage to care for a disabled young adult. Our communities are supposed to be our safe zone. The events which occurred at Mornelle Court have disrupted families.

On Thursday July 24 I hosted a meeting with Superintendent Paul Gottschalk of 43 Division and Toronto Community Housing on the site where the offences took place. The meeting was not to point fingers it was to show that there are services to support and a method to deal with ridding communities of the obstructions which can pollute them.

I am working closely with Toronto Housing and 43 Division to improve the living conditions of residents who not only reside in the City owned buildings but all of the buildings on this court. Phone calls are starting to come into my office asking for improvements. This is a start. The Mornelle Court area has always been on my driving tour list of the ward. In June my staff and I noted many deficiencies and brought them to TCH staffs attention. We will be increasingly vigilant in this regard.

On Monday August 11 from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm I along with staff from the East Scarborough Storefront and Constable Dave Gray will be opening our first community garden in Ward 43. On hand will be city staff, media, community volunteers and 43 Police Division. A bike rodeo will follow with fresh corn for all to enjoy.

Ward 43 will be the home for two new water splash pads in the month of August. Morningside Park has completed it's installation of a state of the art splash pad and play ground; it's worth a visit. Eastview Park splash pad is scheduled for mid August.

I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday August 17 @ the Guild Inn Gardens from 10:00am – 5:00pm. There will be lots for the whole family to do at the "Guild Alive with Culture" Arts Festival. A program is set out in the community events section of this report.

Be sure to visit my website www.paulainslie.com to view scheduled meetings, town halls and special events.

Have a great Summer Season,
Paul

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1. Scarborough East Community Calendar

August 1, 2008 – Judging at Scarborough Ribfest

August 5, 2008 – Coronation Community Association Meeting

August 7, 2008 - Eglinton Crosstown Light Rail Transit project Briefing

August 7, 2008 - East Scarborough Community Festival Market – Opening Day St. Margaret in the Pines Anglican Church

August 8, 2008 - 100th Birthday Celebration Stella Mather Livingston Lodge Resident

August 11, 2008 - Community Garden Official opening and Bike Safety event

August 11, 2008 – Guild Renaissance Group Meeting

August 14, 2008 - East Scarborough Community Festival Market –St. Margaret in the Pines Anglican Church

August 17, 2008 – Guild Alive with Culture Art Festival from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm – Guild Inn Gardens

August 21, 2008 - East Scarborough Community Festival Market –St. Margaret in the Pines Anglican Church

August 25, 2008 - Residents Rising Monthly meeting

August 28, 2008 - East Scarborough Community Festival Market –St. Margaret in the Pines Anglican Church

September 1, 2008 – Happy Labour Day!

2. Seven Oaks

Local Road Rehabilitation is taking place on Highcastle Road. The expected project completion date is September 12, 2008. The City of Toronto, Technical Services will be rehabilitating Highcastle Road from Military Trail to Sealstone Terrace, as part of the 2008 Transportation Capital Program.

The scope of work includes the rehabilitation of the pavement structure, replacement of curb and gutter, replacement of the concrete sidewalk as required, boulevard sod replacement as required. Temporary lane closures and parking restrictions adjacent to construction zones will also be required. Local access and emergency traffic will be maintained at all times. Traffic may be restricted to 1 lane at different times during the construction. Please obey flag people during lane restrictions. Entry into your driveway will be restricted during the construction of the curb and existing sidewalk.

The allowable construction hours will be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and statutory holidays.

The Lakeview community has its' own news letter called the View. Its' maiden issue was a great success. Congratulations to all the residents!

3. Curran Hall

Our transportation staff, have received a public request for the installation of road bike lanes on Brimorton Road from Brimley Road to Orton Park Road. Staff will assess the feasibility to determine the suitability of Brimorton Road for bike lanes. There has also been a request to review the north/south pedestrian timing unit at Lawrence Avenue East and Orton Park Road. If you would like to comment on this matter please contact me at councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca.

I have been receiving many calls from residents who are enjoying the Curran Hall walking trails found in the ravine areas. The grounds are lovely and worth the hike. City staff are on site on a weekly basis to upkeep the ravine so please do report any maintenance issues to my office.

If you should have any questions or concerns with the Tiffany Park homes development please contact John Lyon, City Planning Department at 416-396-7018.

4. Coronation and West Hill

In the early morning hours of June 26 many of us participated in the Sunrise Ceremony to bring in the Pow Wow celebration of the day. Held at Eastview Park the event was a great success with the celebrations carrying on for the entire day including a 5:00 pm traditional feast. An estimated 1000 participants attended.

East View Park Splash pad is scheduled to open in mid August 2008. The pad will be a community use pad controlled by a timer set by users when they arrive. The community has been advised of the location, design and layout of the new play structure since the spring. Many families are excited and anxiously awaiting its' opening.

5. Cedar Ridge

On June 26, 2008 I hosted my first annual BBQ in the Cornell community. Fun was had by all as the well attended event served over 800 residents. I had a wonderful time meeting community members and their families.

The community is blooming this year. The Cedar Ridge property has been beautifully manicured and the walking trails surrounding the building are a treat.

Cedar Ridge Creative Centre offers its annual summer visual arts day camp for children ages 8 to 13 years. Campers will have an exciting opportunity to create and experiment with drawing and painting, printmaking and sculpture, video, arts and crafts, pottery and recreation. Sessions run for two weeks. (Session start dates and costs are as follows: June 30 session/\$230, July 14 session/\$256, July 28 session/\$230 and August 11 session/\$256.)

Extended hours are available for an additional charge from 8-9am and 4-5pm. Expressions does not allow registration for children outside the 8 to 13 age range. Please call Cedar Ridge at (416) 396-4026 for additional information.

6. Guildwood Village

Things have been very busy in the Guildwood community. With the Guild Alive with Culture Festival just around the corner on Sunday August 17 it is sure to be an exciting event for the property.

Arts naturally was very much missed by the community, and I hope that I and the committee members will be able to match the expectations of past festivals. The artist vendor section keeps on growing as over 45 artists have joined the event. There is entertainment for all ages with musical performances, Story Tellers as well as theatrical performances. Food vendors will also be on hand as will a farmers market and children's activities.

I look forward to seeing you all there!

Parks staff have done a fabulous job with the gardens this year, they are certainly worth a visit or you may want to join a tour of the grounds during the festival, scheduled for 2:00 pm or on September 7 at 1:30pm through the Heritage Toronto Walks schedule: Leader John Harris.

As you may have noticed the Guild Welcome sign was taken down last month by our parks department. The Guildwood Village Community Association is working with staff to install a new sign to enhance the community entrance.

7. Residents Rising Community Association

The Residents Rising Community Associations has been a huge success, with over 300 members. The next scheduled meeting is for August 25, 2008. This association is a great tool for the residents who reside in the apartment buildings east of Scarborough Golf Club Road along Lawrence Avenue, Galloway Road, Kingston Road and Morningside Avenue.

Launched in January 2008 the RRCA is designed to help residents living in apartment buildings speak with a strong collective voice to government, schools and city services. If you would like to join the Residents Rising Community Association, please call 416-847-4144 or email residentsrising@gmail.com. There is no membership fee to join the association.

8. Guild Alive with Culture

On Sunday August 17 the Guild Inn Gardens will once again be buzzing as the "THE GUILD ALIVE WITH CULTURE!" Arts Festival gets underway.

The stage of the Greek theatre will ring with the sound of music from the Dukes of Harmony and Here Goes Nothing and Storytellers will weave tales of mystery and magic. There will be fun-filled activities for children. The Artists' Market will offer wonderful delights to view and take home. Meet the people that enhance the community with their talents and creations. The Birchcliff Farmers' Market will tempt your pallet with delectable treats.

Come and see what your Community Groups have to offer. Learn about the many groups and activities in your neighbourhood.

Take a tour of the gardens with a knowledgeable guide. You will walk among the past as you view the artifacts that are treasures from former Toronto city buildings. History will come alive as you hear the stories.

Watch in amazement as a sculpture forms beneath the hands of a skilled craftsman. Sculptors Dorsey James and Gerd Untermann will share their visions as you watch a dull piece of wood metamorph into a fanciful creation.

Perhaps you'll meet a person from the past as he strolls through the garden. Governor John Graves Simcoe has promised to be part of the festival. Speak to him about his historic involvement with Scarborough.

Make sure to mark your calendars for Sunday, August 17 from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm @ the Guild Inn Gardens 201 Guildwood Parkway. Artists' Market 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Storytellers 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Musical Entertainment from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Tour of the Guild Grounds at 2:00 pm

For further information please contact my office 416-392-4008 or visit my website at www.paulainslie.com

9. Toronto Hydro Upgrades

Hydro Construction – Morningside Avenue

Toronto Hydro is planning to extend the underground electrical system on some street in order supply street lights on the proposed City road re-alignment. All the affected areas have been notified by letter.

The proposed work will involve the installation of new concrete encased duct banks within the public road allowance and easements in front of or adjacent to your property. Entry to your house will not be required. If you have any doubts about someone claiming to be "from Hydro", ask to see the person's Toronto Hydro identity card, which includes the employee's name, and colour photograph.

The work is expected to get underway by August 2008. Construction personnel are instructed to take extra care and precautions in order to minimize disruptions on both public and private property. During

the course of our work, you may experience some power interruptions. They will be necessary to switch you on to the new supply arrangements. Toronto Hydro will endeavour to keep the interruptions to a minimum and to give you prior notice.

Once construction begins, Toronto Hydro Inspectors will be on site on a regular basis. Any concerns that arise during construction can be discussed with them.

Restoration will be done in various stages during construction of the project. The grass will be replaced with new sod where we excavate. All asphalt will be replaced between the curb and sidewalk if affected by our excavation. Where no sidewalk exists, we will replace the portion of the driveway between 450mm on either side of our excavation trench or right up to the curb if the curb is within 1.0m of our trench. All disturbed concrete sidewalks will be temporarily repaired with asphalt. After Hydro's construction, the City will make permanent concrete repairs to these sidewalks.

If you were considering repaving your driveway, we would encourage you to hold off until this work has been completed.

Interlocking driveways will be lifted and reset to the Homeowners satisfaction. All work will be performed in a professional and expeditious manner.

Should you require additional information, please contact Dayana Bonifaz at 416-542-3366 or capitalprojects@torontohydro.com.

10. Toronto Museum Project

New museum will focus on spirit of Canada as seen through Toronto's lens

Toronto City Council approved a report that recommends the continued development of the Toronto Museum Project, an initiative that chronicles the story of Toronto through the lens of social, cultural and economic diversity with a strong emphasis on the city's post-Second World War development.

The report recommends that a new, iconic building be built on the City-owned former Canada Malting property at the foot of Bathurst St. to house the museum. In addition to the museum, the new building would also be home to the Global Cities Gallery, a hub for learning, dialogue, research and development of livable, sustainable cities. Development of the Toronto Museum Project is aligned with Toronto's Agenda for Prosperity and promotion of a strong tourism sector that support Toronto's emergence as a successful, globally competitive city.

"The Toronto Museum Project defines Toronto, its people, and its aspirations within a Canadian and a global context," said Mayor David Miller. "It's the story of our people, First Nations, Europeans, Asians, Africans and many others coming together in a new land. It's layer upon layer of shared history that has made - and continues to make - the Toronto story so compelling in the eyes of the world."

"We began work on the Toronto Museum Project more than five years ago following Council's approval of the Waterfront Heritage and Culture Infrastructure Plan. At that time, City staff was directed by Council to

investigate a new Toronto museum that would showcase the entire story of Toronto,” said Rita Davies, Executive Director of Culture. “Since then, we’ve conducted extensive public consultation and, with overwhelmingly positive support from the community, developed a feasibility study that presents a business plan and a concept for the museum based on the themes of gathering place, global village and city soul.”

The Toronto Museum Project report is available online at www.toronto.ca/tmp.

11. City of Toronto Council Highlights

Council Highlights

City Council meeting of July 15, 16 and 17, 2008

Green light for environmental assessment to remove Gardiner east of Jarvis

To help revitalize Toronto’s waterfront, City Council approved an \$11 million environmental assessment to study the removal the Gardiner Expressway east of Jarvis Street. A new boulevard-style roadway would replace the east Gardiner. The new boulevard would allow the City to alter the land use in that area to feature high quality urban design and improve access to the waterfront by cyclists and pedestrians. The environmental assessment will support the City’s plans to retain adjacent employment lands for knowledge-based industries. A steering committee of City and Waterfront Toronto officials will be created to oversee the assessment. The City will consider public and private partnerships as options to finance the proposed dismantling of the east Gardiner. During this assessment period the City will conduct minimal but necessary maintenance on the Gardiner east of Jarvis to ensure it continues to be safe. The removal of the east Gardiner was proposed by the Waterfront Toronto Board of Directors on June 12, 2008. Funding once targeted for the Front Street extension will now be re-allocated to support other waterfront initiatives in the public realm.

Woodbine Live transformation project incentives approved

City Council approved an incentive package to help secure the Woodbine Live project for Toronto. The project is a major development planned for North Etobicoke near Woodbine race track that will include the construction of a new entertainment facility, hotel, and retail complexes. The \$1 billion project is expected to create 9,000 new jobs once the site is open, in addition to the boost to construction employment to build the facilities. Woodbine Live is near three priority neighbourhoods and the project will use a local hiring program to help meet its staffing needs. Woodbine Live is considered a transformative project under the City’s Agenda for Prosperity with its potential to transform North Etobicoke. Through the incentives program Woodbine Live will pay reduced property taxes for up to 20 years, but even with that reduction, the City will net \$171 million in new property tax revenue from this new tourist attraction.

City expands planning to address severe weather through Climate Change

As an extension of Toronto’s Climate Change Action Plan, the City and its agencies, boards and commissions (ABCs) will review the impact of climate change, especially severe weather, and develop plans to mitigate the impacts on City operations and infrastructure. Climate change involves a change in

long-standing weather patterns, which impacts infrastructure such as buildings, roadways, sewers, as well as humans through such change as heat waves. City divisions and ABCs are expected to report back on issues and impacts for the 2009 budget process. The City will also consider the creation of an Extreme Weather Reserve fund.

Transit City - construction on Sheppard East LRT to start in 2009

City Council approved the recommendations of the environmental assessment, paving the way for construction of this first Transit City light rail line to start next year. Detailed design work on the light rail line will now begin. Council also requested that the TTC planning minimize the amount of land along Sheppard that must be expropriated for this project. The final environment assessment study report will be made available for a 30-day public review period.

Council directs funds from Toronto Hydro Telecom sale to Toronto Community Housing

City Council approved that a \$75 million dividend from the sale of Toronto Hydro Telecom will go to the Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC) to help address the backlog of repairs required to the City's public housing units. Council will also use its investment to encourage the provincial and federal governments to make a substantial investment to help repair TCHC buildings. Currently, TCHC sites have a repair backlog with a value estimated at \$300 - 350 million. These buildings were downloaded by the province onto the City with an existing, substantial repair backlog. Included in the telecom sale is the City acquisition of four strands of fibre optic cable to use for information technology needs, and a \$5 million fund for future City information technology initiatives that improve telecommunications infrastructure and accessibility.

Transit City - street access could extend from The Ex to Dufferin Street

Council approved an environmental assessment amendment that would allow expanded service along the Western Waterfront LRT. It would allow streetcars to travel along Fleet Street to the Canadian National Exhibition grounds and continue on to Dufferin Street. The streetcars could travel along the existing GO Transit rail corridor from the CNE to Dufferin, and on to Roncesvalles Avenue.

Award to be named in honour of Dr. Sheela Basrur

Council approved the creation of a new award, the Dr. Sheela Basrur Occupational Health and Safety Award, to be given out annually to the Division that has best contributed to staff safety and health programming through joint management-staff efforts. Dr. Basrur, the City's former Medical Officer of Health, passed away earlier this year.

Shade audits to be conducted for City playgrounds and splash pads

The City will launch a pilot project to help the public guard against harmful UV rays. An audit will be conducted at select locations documenting the amount of shade available to protect people at City playgrounds, splash pads and wading pools. The audits will help determine the shade needed at sites, and how that shade may be provided for existing and new play sites. A preliminary assessment in 2008 indicated most facilities need improvements to the shade provided.

Toronto Bike Plan - series of new bike lanes approved

A total of 4.4 kilometres of new bike lanes were approved for Royal York Road, Simcoe Street, Stanley Avenue and Birchmount Road. The City intends to add 50 kilometres of new bike lanes for 2008. The overall goal is to build 1,000 kilometres of bikeways in the City.

New expense policy for Councillors

Council approved a new Councillor Expense Policy which is available at http://www.toronto.ca/city_council/pdf/councillor-expense-policy.pdf.

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Council Highlights, a summary of selected decisions that were made by City Council, is produced by Strategic Communications for readers' convenience. The official documentation of decisions, and related reports, are on the City's website at www.toronto.ca/council_highlights

12. Community Meetings and Events

August 11th 5:30 – 7:30 pm – The Community R.O.S.E. Garden opening and Bike Rodeo

August 17th 10:00 am – 5:00 pm - The Guild Alive with Culture Arts Festival

September 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th & October 1st – Livingston Lodge Annual Breast Cancer Fundraiser

September 7th - 1:30 pm Heritage Walk of the Guild Inn Gardens, www.heritagetoronto.org

Sunday September 14, 9:00 am Terry Fox Run at Cedarbrook Park.

Sunday September 21, 2008. Starting at 1pm to 4 pm Hat Frenzy! and Creative Yarns Inc. together are hosting a 'Decorate Your Own Hat Party'. Half of the proceeds will be donated to Scarborough Centenary Hospital. For more information www.hatfrenzy.com

Saturday September 27 10:00 am – 2:00 pm - Councillor Ainslie's Environment Day

Events at Albert Campbell Square

10-Aug-08 Walk-A-Thon 8:00 am 4:00 pm

17-Aug-08 Guyana Day Celebration 1:00 pm 8:00 pm

24-Aug-08 Afghanistan Day 10:00 am 8:00 pm

13. West Nile Virus

Mosquito tests positive for West Nile virus

Toronto Public Health reported that a mosquito found in the city has tested positive for West Nile virus (WNV). This is the first WNV positive result this year. So far, no human cases of WNV have been reported this summer in Toronto, and no birds have tested positive for WNV.

“The positive mosquito result reinforces the need for the public to take precautions to safeguard themselves from West Nile virus,” said Dr. Howard Shapiro, Toronto Associate Medical Officer of Health. “Although the overall risk of becoming infected with WNV is low, anyone can get sick from WNV and the risk of severe illness increases with age. People with compromised immune systems due to illnesses or immune suppressing treatments are also at higher risk of severe illness from WNV.”

The risk of becoming infected starts around this time of year, peaks in August and continues into September. The following protective measures are recommended:

- ~Use mosquito repellent approved by Health Canada
- ~Wear light-coloured clothing and cover up when in areas where mosquitoes are present
- ~Take extra precautions, especially in early morning and early evening, when mosquitoes are most active
- ~Remove standing water around your home and property to reduce mosquito breeding sites.

For more information, visit <http://www.toronto.ca/health/westnile/> or call 416-338-7600.

14. Terry Fox Run SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2008

Ken Pearson one of our resident volunteers organizes the Scarborough Terry Fox Run. Ken has done a wonderful job representing the Terry Fox Foundation. Please join Ken, myself and the hundreds of runners on Sunday September 14, 2008 as we kick off the 27th annual Terry Fox Run at Cedarbrook Park (Markham and Lawrence) @ 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

The first Terry Fox Run in 1981 attracted 300,000 participants across Canada and raised \$3.5 million. To date, more than \$400 million has been raised worldwide for cancer research in Terry's name.

There is no entry fee and no prizes are awarded, although a certificate of appreciation is given when participants complete their journey.

You may register: on the day of the event, on-line @ www.terryfoxrun.org, with a corporate team or through donation.

15. Customer Satisfaction Survey

The Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division will be conducting a Customer Satisfaction Survey that will focus on our recreation facilities and programs during the summer of 2008. The survey is in support of our Division's commitment to encourage community engagement in guiding us on how we do our business.

The survey will be delivered to our summer program participants by two methods:

- a manual method – surveys will be distributed through our summer camps, general programs and indoor swimming lessons and be made available for pick up at all our community recreation centers
- an on-line survey through a link at www.toronto.ca/parks , with a go live date of July 21 and completion date of September 05, 2008

In addition, they will also be conducting a manual/phone survey of our summer permit holders. The findings will be used to further enhance service levels. The results of the survey will ultimately assist the City to become a better customer-focused service provider and improve the quality of our programs and services.

16. Youth to help beautify Toronto's 13 priority neighbourhoods this summer

From now until August 14, more than 100 youth in Toronto's 13 priority neighbourhoods are taking part in a number of beautification projects to clean up, spruce up and green up their neighbourhoods through the take BAC 13 (BAC= Beautiful And Clean) program. For its second year, the project brings together City of Toronto priorities under the Community Safety Plan and Clean and Beautiful City initiatives, which aim to engage youth in creating environments that are safe, clean and beautiful.

Under the direction of a team leader, groups of six youth in each of the 13 priority neighbourhoods have chosen an area of their neighbourhood that they would like to transform - and will determine what kind of project they will undertake. Each team is expected to contribute at least 10 hours each week to the project for which each member will receive a \$300 honorarium for his/her six-week participation.

It could be cleaning up a neglected space and planting a flower bed; removing graffiti and creating outdoor art; planting and maintaining a community garden; or any other project that makes a safe, green, clean and beautiful difference in their community. Not only will the teams be responsible for choosing and designing their own project, they will also be required to document and track their progress for presentation and judging by their peers at the conclusion of the project, on August 14. The two teams scoring the most points within the categories of creativity, visible positive impact on the community, and ease of maintenance will receive \$500 each to continue their projects.

"Community safety and clean streets are two things that make Toronto such a livable city," said Mayor David Miller. "Young people want to be part of the solution to make Toronto and all of its neighbourhoods safe, strong, clean and green and this is one way we are doing that."

Supporting and implementing take BAC is a partnership between Toronto Community Housing, Evergreen, Toronto's Clean and Beautiful City Secretariat, Toronto Police Service, Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation, Parks & Trees Foundation and Toronto Social Development, Finance and Administration. Many local businesses have also stepped up to the plate to assist the teams, including Henry's Camera, which donated a brand new digital camera to each team to help them document their progress. For further information contact Cristin Lazier, Clean and Beautiful City Secretariat, 416-392-8234, 416-418-8673 (cell), clazier@toronto.ca

17. Toronto this summer

Fresh Wednesdays and Tasty Thursdays

Fresh Wednesdays and Tasty Thursdays at Nathan Phillips Square offer the perfect summer lunchtime combination - delicious food at great prices and free noon hour concerts featuring blues, jazz, world, roots and reggae to August 28.

Continuing each Wednesday until October 15, Ontario Farmers will provide an array of crisp vegetables, juicy fruits, pastries, fresh-cut flowers and more at the Farmers' Market, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Fresh Wednesdays - concerts:

- August 6 Shawna Caspi (indie folk)
- August 13 Tannis Slimmon (roots)
- August 20 Carey West (singer songwriter)
- August 27 Lindsay Ferguson (acoustic rock)

Tasty Thursdays features a variety of Toronto restaurants bringing their international cuisine to the square for \$5 or less. Lunch runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., to August 28.

Tasty Thursdays - concerts:

- August 7 Latin Jazz
- August 14 Toronto Blues Society New Talent Search
- August 21 Liam Titcomb (pop/rock/blues)
- August 28 Chris Bottomley's Brainfudge (funk)

Sunday Serenades

Featuring swing and big band music to complement Toronto's warm summer evenings, Sunday Serenades runs each Sunday to August 24 from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Mel Lastman Square.

- August 3 Casablanca Orchestra

August 10 Simon Maxwell

August 17 George Lake Big Band

August 24 Skylark

18. Toronto Water

Clicks show water consumption

Toronto Water's daily water consumption report is a couple of clicks away on the Division's website. Figures show daily consumption and total year-to-date average and maximum day consumption for both the total system (City and York Region) and City-only.

www.toronto.ca/water/consumption/report.htm

WaterWatch delivers

The information-packed spring issue of WaterWatch started arriving in mailboxes at the end of April. The newsletter promotes WaterSaver visits and delivers articles on drinking water quality, including recent media attention on pharmaceuticals in the water, flood proofing homes, and more.

HTO to go trailers: on the road again

The arrival of summer weather sends the popular HTO to go water trailers on the road again. Always the centre of attention, especially on hot and humid days, they're available for a wide range of events, city-wide. There is only one way to book a trailer – e-mail at HTOtoago@toronto.ca.

We're drowning...

We're drowning in plastic. That's the tagline of new drinking water quality advertising appearing on free spaces this summer on 155 transit shelters and 180 EcoMedia bins across the city. Two "installation" versions between August 18 and September 7 will feature actual empty bottles. And that's not all. A complementary print campaign focuses more on tap water quality.

WaterSaver visits in demand

This summer, Toronto Water, under the Summer WaterSaver program, is offering lawn and garden assessments to help city residents reduce their outdoor use of water. Those who have booked a free home visit are learning about water-efficient landscape design, water-efficient plants, seasonal maintenance tips and more. Registrations hit the 2,000 capacity mark in June, but those who didn't make the cut-off will be put on the 2009 list.

TW aims at Target Zero

Toronto Water is aiming to meet Target Zero, the City's health and safety campaign. In February, Toronto Water Joint Health and Safety Committee members, directors and managers attended leadership workshops. Topics included building working relationships and capabilities and sharing perspectives on the roles of the Committees in the continuous improvement of health and safety within the Division.

As a next step, Toronto Water is delivering pre-packaged tailgate sessions – short, frequent training sessions to raise awareness of safety issues and promote safe work practices among staff. First up is manual lifting.

For more information about these and other Toronto Water programs: www.toronto.ca/water

20. Quote du Mois

“There shall be eternal summer in the grateful heart” Celia Thaxter

21. Summer fun – Splash Pads in Ward 43

Morningside Park will be opened it's state of the art splash pad and park this past long week-end. The play structure is the first in Toronto, with attention put into every detail it is a true treat for the kids. Morningside Park is a great location in the ward to spend the entire day. The site offers, bathroom facilities, park area, trails, scenic routes, a butterfly totem pole exhibit and as of August 2, a new splash pad and playground area.

Eastview Park splash pad is scheduled to open in mid August. The pad is well anticipated by the community residents and will allow their children to cool off close to home. These two locations are the first two splash pads in Ward 43.

22. Websites for Community Use

Ontario Summer Fun Guide 2007 (www.summerfunguide.ca) – The province of Ontario has a great website featuring a directory of family events, attractions and outdoor activities. It breaks the listings down by region, so you can find things to do close to home or near your vacation spot. Because the province did not charge for these listings, the Guide is extremely comprehensive and includes everything from daytrips to family fun parks.

Twenty-five Activities to Keep Kids' Brains Active in the Summer

(www.educationworld.com/a_curr/profdev073.shtml) – This link might be a bit more tricky to type in but it is worth the extra effort. Part of Education World's website, this list of activities has multiple links and instructions on some great things to do with your children. You can teach your kids to cook using the step-by-step lessons and recipes provided, or make homemade bubble solution with many suggestions on cool bubble-blowing tools found around the house. Create musical instruments from day-to-day items, start a collection like rocks or bugs and research it as a family or help your teenager find ways to redesign their bedroom without spending a lot of money

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

www.ontla.on.ca- Minister Margaret Best M.P.P.

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

www.tamheathervenerables.com -Men's Curling 55 and older

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.scarbcccac.org - Scarborough Community Care Access Centre
www.city.toronto.on.ca/ttc/index.htm - The Toronto Transit Commission
www.gotransit.com - GO Transit
www.torontopolice.on.ca/d43 - 43 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
www.ontariotenants.ca - Ontario Tenants Rights

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