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Dear Friends,

Summer is finally upon us! There are lots of activities to take part in with neighbours, to enjoy the outdoors. I was very happy to see many of you at my annual barbeques last month. It was a great opportunity for us to speak. I hope you are able to get out and enjoy our wonderful City! There are many events to take part in....not just in our community but right across Toronto!

Please continue to contact me at councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca, Tel: [416-396-7222](tel:416-396-7222) or visit my Constituency office located in the Scarborough Civic Centre, 150 Borough Boulevard 2nd Floor. **If I can be of any assistance to you at all.**

Sincerely,
Paul Ainslie,
City of Toronto Councillor
Ward 43, Scarborough East

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1. Calendar

Here are some of the July events and meetings I'll be attending:

July 1, 2014 – Canada Day Parade – Branch #258 Royal Canadian Legion Parade

July 1, 2014 – Scarborough Canada Day Parade

July 3, 2014 – Meeting with Toronto Community Housing Corporation: Capital Works Plan for 2014

July 4, 2014 - Compost Cedar Ridge Community

July 6, 2014 - A Day In The Gardens Of Guildwood by GVCA
 July 7, 2014 – Toronto City Council
 July 8, 2014 – Toronto City Council
 July 9, 2014 – Toronto City Council
 July 10, 2014 – Toronto City Council
 July 11, 2014 – Toronto City Council
 July 17, 2014 - Heritage Preservation Board Agenda
 July 19, 2014 – Councillor Ainslie Annual Environment Day
 July 19, 2014 - Heritage Toronto Tour – Guild Park: Where Art Meets Nature
 July 21, 2014 - Town Hall Meeting - Westhill/Coronation Eastview Park
 July 23, 2014 – Guild Inn Revitalization Update Meeting
 July 24, 2014 - Don Watershed Regeneration Council meeting
 July 25, 2014 – Toronto Region Conservation Authority Meeting
 July 26, 2014 – Guild Alive with Cultural Arts Festival
 July 27, 2014 – Guild Alive with Cultural Arts Festival
 July 28, 2014 - 4000/4100 Lawrence Avenue East Resident’s Association

Community Events and Meetings

July 19, 2014 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Councillor Ainslie's Annual Environment Day Morningside Yard
July 19, 2014 1:30 p.m.	Heritage Toronto Tour – Guild Park: Where Art Meets Nature Guild Park and Gardens – 201 Guildwood Parkway
July 21, 2014 7:00 p.m.	Councillor Ainslie Town Hall – Coronation West Hill Community – Eastview Park – 11 Waldock Avenue
July 23, 2014 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.	Guild Inn Revitalization Information Update Meeting Holy Trinity Church, 85 Livingston Road
July 26, 2014 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Guild Alive with Culture Arts Festival - 201 Guildwood Parkway Guild Park and Gardens – 201 Guildwood Parkway
July 27, 2014 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Guild Alive with Culture Arts Festival - 201 Guildwood Parkway Guild Park and Gardens – 201 Guildwood Parkway

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2. City Council items

List of some of the legislation I put forward at this month's City Council:

Adopted at Toronto City Council July 8, 9, 10, 11, 2014
 Councillor Ainslie appointed to the Planning and Growth Management Standing Committee

Adopted at Toronto City Council July 9, 2014
 2014.MM54.4 Norman Bethune Day - by Councillor Paul Ainslie
<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2014.MM54.4>

Adopted at Toronto City Council July 9, 2014
 2014.MM54.8 Provincial Heritage Plaque for Guild Park and Gardens - by Councillor Paul Ainslie, (Ward 43)
<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2014.MM54.8>

Adopted at Toronto City Council July 9, 2014
SC33.14 Turning Regulations - Tams Road at Morningside Avenue
<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2014.SC33.14>

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3. Seven Oaks

Seven Oaks Annual BBQ

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at my annual Community BBQ, where residents were able to share an evening with neighbours. We were joined by a visit from the Toronto Zoo Panda mascots, the Boys and Girls Club of East Scarborough, Toronto Fire Fighters, Toronto Public library staff and many other community services. It was a great opportunity for me to speak with many of you. The Seven Oaks Community has spirit!

Seven Oaks Park Splash Pad

The Splash Pad is underway! The very wet Spring/Summer has delayed construction as the ground has been too saturated to enable some of the machinery to get onto the grounds. The splashpad is now scheduled for completion in mid August due to the unco-operative weather. Children will still have lots of time to enjoy their new splash pad soon. The washroom facilities on site are also undergoing renovations to keep up with the community demand. Thank you for your patience.

Bonspiel Drive, Tams Road, and Schmirler Terrace Parking and Traffic Concerns

The new traffic and Parking regulations were passed at the July Toronto City Council
SC33.14 Turning Regulations - Tams Road at Morningside Avenue
<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2014.SC33.14>

NO RIGHT TURN (7am - 9am, Mon - Fri)
Southbound Morningside Ave at Tams Rd

NO STRAIGHT THROUGH (7am - 9am, Mon - Fri)
From private road to Tams Rd

NO LEFT TURN (7am - 9am, Mon - Fri)
Northbound Morningside Ave at Tams Rd

85 Keeler Road Development

Please continue to contact my office for any questions on this development. The school is currently in the process of demolition. The Site Plan will be heard at the Scarborough Community Council on August 12, 2014. Please attend or send in your comments to my office councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca and the Committee Clerk. The item will be online 10 days before the meeting for you to preview. www.toronto.ca.

Seven Oaks Compost

Thank you to all the neighbours who were able to attend "Compost Day" in your community. I host several Compost events across Ward 43 to ensure that residents can have access to free compost for their gardens. This year's event at Tam Heather Tennis and Curling Club was very successful and will return next year.

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4. Curran Hall Community

website: <http://www.curranhall.ca/>

Curran Hall Community Signs

With the help of the Curran Hall Community Association, City Staff have developed community signs to be installed at the entry points of the neighbourhood, to add richness and a greater sense of community for all.

The signs will display a scene of Highland Creek which is of great significance to the Community.

Curran Hall Compost

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5. Coronation and West Hill Community

Website: <http://www.coronationca.com/>

Accessible pedestrian signals (APS) were installed at Kingston Road & Poplar Road adding pedestrian safety to this crossing. The APS are push button activated (push button must be depressed for at least three seconds) and adjust to ambient sound levels. If you have any questions, please contact my office at 416-396-7222.

Seeking a No Right Turn on Red Restriction: Traffic Control Signals at Overture Rd & Lawrence Ave E [Link to report](#)

Further to a request, Transportation Services have completed a review of the above-noted matter originating from a citizen request; seeking a northbound no right turn on red restriction, as a means to facilitate an easier access from their driveway just east of the subject intersection. Based on the review, Transportation Services staff has concluded that adopting a "No Right Turn on Red" restriction at the subject location, should not be pursued.

Transportation staff advised they understood the resident envisions an easier access from their driveway by the perceived increased gaps in eastbound traffic by the proposed restriction. However, as an overarching consideration, all motorists must ensure the way is safe before they turn from any private access to the travel portion of any road. This right-of-way rule will always apply at this site despite any new considerations at the traffic control signals at Overture Road and Lawrence Avenue East. Please click on the link above to review the study. If, you have any comments please contact my office or Transportation staff directly.

Transportation Services is reviewing a number of requests made by the Coronation and West Hill Community Association the updates will be posted on my community updates as they are completed.

East Scarborough Storefront 4040 Lawrence Avenue East launches their new multi-sports pad and revolutionary Sky-O-Swale!! It all happens Wednesday August 20th 3PM – 6PM. Lots of fun activities including youth basketball and soccer clinics with coaches from the Toronto Raptors and the Toronto FC!!

5th Annual Bridging Festival - On the Lawrence Ave east Highland Creek Bridge. Friday August 22 5PM – 9:30PM and Saturday August 23rd 2PM – 4PM Come out and support arts and culture in the Kingston/Galloway/Orton Park community www.scarborougharts.com

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6. Cedar Ridge Community & Cornell Community

Cedar Ridge Creative Centre
225 Confederation Drive
(two streets south of Lawrence Ave. E, off of Scarborough Golf Club Rd.)
To register or for information: 416-396-4026 or crcc@toronto.ca

Annual Community BBQ

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at my annual community BBQ, where residents were able to share an evening with neighbours and visit with the Toronto Police Services and many other community services. It was a great opportunity for me to speak to many of you.

Community Safety

A few weeks ago it was brought to my attention that there have been youth hanging around Cornell park which has residents worried about the safety of their own children. I held a meeting with area residents, community leaders, Toronto Police Services, and school staff on security measures to be put in place. I requested the police have an increased presence in the area to provide residents with assurance they could feel safe in their own neighbourhood. I have also asked Parks staff to make the park easily accessible for police to drive through. If you at any time feel that police are needed call 416-808-2222 for any non emergency matter, if it is an emergency please call 911.

Cedar Ridge Compost

Thank you to all the neighbours who were able to attend "Compost Day" in your community. I host several of these each Spring, across Ward 43, to ensure that residents can have access to free compost for their gardens. This year's event in Cedar Ridge was very successful and will return next year.

7. Guildwood Village

Guildwood Village Community Association website: www.guildwood.on.ca
The Guild Renaissance Group (GRG): <http://guildrenaissancgroup.com/>
Friends of Elizabeth Simcoe Park- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsof.ElizabethSimcoePark/>
Friends of Guild Park & Gardens- <http://www.guildpark.ca/>

Bickford Residence (Former Guild Inn) Revitalization Plans at Guildwood Library

City Planning Staff have placed a copy of the plans for the Bickford Residence (Guild Inn) revitalization in the Guildwood Public Library Branch starting on Friday July 11, 2014. Please visit the library to view the plans. I will be hosting an Community Meeting on Wednesday July 23, 2014 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church, 85 Livingston Road, for residents to hear a presentation from City Staff. I have also invited the developer to attend to speak on their proposal. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Background: Dynamic Hospitality & Entertainment Group (Guild Inn Estate Inc.) has filed plans for a new banquet facility and ceremonial building connected to the existing historic Guild Inn building. The interior of the Guild Inn would be adaptively reused to accommodate restaurant and office uses. Additions and wings added to the building over time would be removed, and the exterior would be restored to its 1932 appearance. The new banquet facility is anticipated to be approximately 2,173 square metres (23,390 square feet) in size and located

west of the Guild Inn building. The new ceremonial area would be approximately 389 square metres (4,187 square feet) in size and constructed to the east. 300 surface parking spaces are proposed at a rate of 8.0 spaces

Guild Park & Gardens Management Plan Meeting

The second Guild Park & Gardens Management Plan meeting took place on June 19. Staff worked with the information collected at the April 29 meeting. I really appreciate all residents who took the time to make their suggestions. The meetings focused on enhancing the four themes discussed in the draft management plan: 1. Natural Heritage and Forest Management 2. Culture and Heritage Preservation 3. Trails and Circulation 4. Horticulture and Parks Maintenance. For Information Contact Ruthanne Henry, Senior Project Coordinator at email: rhenry@toronto.ca.

Guild Shoreline – Environmental Assessment Dollars

As explained in my most recent newsletter I was successful during the last budget cycle to have \$1.5 million put towards the Environmental Assessment work on the Scarborough Waterfront Erosion Control and Access Plan. Toronto is funding 50% of the project, leaving the remaining 50% for the TRCA 2015 budget. The funding was directed from the Toronto Water Capital Reserve, it did not require additional tax dollars. As a result TRCA staff will now work with the City to initiate the Scarborough Waterfront Access Plan Individual Environmental Assessment. Most recently I have been advised that the Toronto Region Conservation Authority has met with the Ministry of the Environment and have received direction to proceed with the Environmental Assessment.

The Toronto Region Conservation Authority will follow a public consultation process and inform the public of meetings by way of the local news papers and social media. The vision of the Scarborough Waterfront Access Plan is a system of linked scenic landscapes both along the top of the bluffs and at the water's edge that provide a waterfront experience with opportunities to actively enjoy the outdoors, to relax and reflect, and to learn about and appreciate the natural and cultural heritage.

Guild Alive With Culture Arts Festival

Guild Alive with Culture Festival hosted by Guild Renaissance Group returned this year. This annual arts and music festival has become a favourite event for many. It took place this past weekend, on Saturday July 26 and Sunday July 27, and was a wonderful experience for all. Thousands of people came out! Thanks to everyone who attended and supported all of our community volunteers who bring us this wonderful event on the grounds of the Guild Park and Gardens. The Festival kicked off at 10:00AM daily and ran to 7:00PM on Saturday evening. It wrapped up Sunday at 5:00pm. The weather was beautiful all weekend, which didn't hurt either! www.guildalivewithculture.ca.

Guild Festival Theatre

Guild Festival Theatre presents one of the world's all-time favourite comedies, THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST, by Oscar Wilde, at the gorgeous, open-air Greek Theatre in the Guild Park and Gardens. The cracking wit of Oscar Wilde is on full display here in his most popular play. Two leisured young gentleman, Algernon and Jack, reveal to each other their secret methods of escaping the day-to-day boredom, bigotry and oppressive propriety of Victorian England, with hilarious results. When true love is weighed against monetary gains and "distinct social possibility"... being earnest wins the day! Playing July 17 - Aug 10 2014 Greek Theatre at Guild Gardens 201 Guildwood Parkway www.guildfestivaltheatre.ca

City Parks – Toronto Public Health

Toronto Public Health has applied Bti in the Guild Park and Gardens, Morningside Park and other parks across the City for West Nile Virus (WNV) larvae mosquito control. Toronto Public Health will continue to monitor and when necessary, treat sites as part of their integrated mosquito control program.

The program is in keeping with best practices for WNV as advised by the Ontario Ministry of the Health, Health Canada, and the United States Centers for Disease Control. City Staff are also implementing their invasive species management programs across the City, information on all the programs may be viewed at: <http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vgnextoid=57420dcf3eda5410VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD&vgnextchannel=470bdada600f0410VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD>

Urban Forestry hired contractors to complete treatment of European buckthorn and Tartarian honeysuckle in the Guild Park and Gardens and South Marine Parks in January 2014. The herbicide used was Garlon RTU. Pesticide signs were posted in accordance with Ministry of Environment and legislative requirements. If you have any specific questions please contact the City's Urban Forestry Division, Beth McEwen, Manager, Urban Forestry Renewal, Tel: 416-397-4006 bmcewen@toronto.ca.

Deer Warning Signs

You may notice additional Deer Crossing signs have been installed on Guildwood Parkway. The additions have been installed on Guildwood Pkwy between Kingston Rd and Livingston Rd. I would like to thank the resident who made the request, and to Transportation Services for quickly reviewing the request and installing the signs. Please continue to call my office in order for me to have your suggestions reviewed.

Toronto Hydro

You can see Toronto Hydro staff and vehicles in the area, as they continue to make upgrades to our electrical system from north of Guildwood Parkway to Westlake, Livingston Road east to Galloway Road. The project named: Hydro Rear-Lot Conversion - Project LIVINGSTON / GUILDWOOD, Phase 1 (E11382) will include burying the current wires underground, bringing the overhanging wires from the rear yards to the front yards. The work will be extensive and will be done in 3 phase and is designed to improve the electricity system in the community. If you would like further information on this project please contact Toronto Hydro at capitalprojects@torontohydro.com or call 416-542-3366 visit the website for details at <http://www.poweruptoronto.ca/projects/details/livingston-pole-relocation>.

Grey Abbey Construction – Work is currently stopped due to a stop work order by the City, and Permit Violation from Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA). The TRCA Planning Department Staff have met with the landowner. The landowner has retained an engineering consultant to review the current state of the site, to investigate possible solutions, and to prepare a report with recommendations on how to proceed. TRCA and the landowner will then review the report and try to reach an agreement on a course of action. If you have any questions please contact my office and I will ensure that you may be connected to the TRCA lead on this matter.

Guild Movie Night hosted by Friends of Guild Park and Gardens will take place on **August-22 at 6:30 PM**. The event will feature the movie Frozen, as well as the Guild Park program originally shown on TV in 1980. Support the Friends of Guild Park and Gardens and join in to enjoy a movie and your neighbours.

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8. Mornelle Court Resident's Action Coalition & Tenants Associations in Ward 43

Community Room Renovation at 90 Mornelle Court

I was very proud to work with the 1st Centenary Beavers & Cub Scouts along with the 3rd West Hill Scouts repaint the Community Room for the Mornelle Court Residents' Action Coalition at 90 Mornelle Court, on Wednesday April 30th as part of the Scouts Canada "Good Turn Week" Campaign.

Located at Morningside and Ellesmere Road. The mission of the Mornelle Court Residents' Action Coalition (Mornelle CAN) is "to improve the overall quality of life for residents of the Mornelle Court community." The group is dedicated to improving the health, welfare and safety of its neighborhood and building a community for both young and old to play, work and grow.

To help the Mornelle CAN achieve their mission the 1st Centenary Scout Group is rebuilding a dilapidated community room in a local apartment complex. The room has been used to run summer, winter and March Break camps, as well as an after-hours homework club and a number of other activities – but the potential is to do so much more. The goal of the 1st Centenary Scouts Good Turn is to create a comfortable and safe learning environment to allow more local youth to use the room and outdoor green space.

The Beaver, Cub Scouts and Scouts were busy repainting walls, rebuilding the kitchen and adding a picnic table outside, and building a bbq! This all creates a comfortable indoor and outdoor learning space during the summer months.

The end result is a new, revitalized space that will enable the coalition to expand the programs it offers and increase the number of youth engaged.

Good Turn Week happens once a year and provides an opportunity to highlight the good work scouting does for our communities. It also inspires others to make time for their own simple acts of kindness. - See more at: <http://www.scouts.ca/goodturn/index.php#sthash.QzmiakLr.dpuf>

To find out more about Mornelle Court Residents' Action Coalition visit their website at <http://mornellecourt.webs.com/> and <https://www.facebook.com/mornelle.court?fref=ts>

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9. Guild Alive with Culture and Guild Festival Theatre

Guild Alive with Culture Arts' Festival will take place on Saturday July 26 and Sunday July 27 at the beautiful Guild Park and Gardens. The annual Festival has grown to become one of the best arts festivals held in southern Ontario. The Festival included juried artists, wonderful local entertainment, evening theatre performances and a beer garden, all on the grounds of the beautiful Guild Park and Gardens located at 201 Guildwood Parkway and overlooking the Scarborough Bluffs. Returning will be local restaurant The Olde Stone Cottage, who will once again compliment the local feel with great food, beer and wine.

www.guildalivewithculture.ca

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10. Council Highlights

Council Highlights

Toronto City Council meeting of June 10, 11, 12 and 13, 2014

Council Highlights is an informal summary of Toronto City Council decisions. The City Clerk provides the formal documentation at <http://www.toronto.ca/council>.

Auditor General and Integrity Commissioner appointed

Council appointed a new Toronto Auditor General and Toronto Integrity Commissioner. Valerie Jepson was appointed Integrity Commissioner, effective September 6. Beverly Romeo-Beehler was appointed Auditor General, effective December 16. Council deferred making a decision on the appointment of a Toronto Ombudsman.

Filling of Councillor vacancies

Council declared the Office of Councillor, Ward 20 Trinity-Spadina, to be vacant and will fill the vacancy by appointment at a special meeting of Council to be held on July 7. Former councillor Adam Vaughan recently resigned from the office. Council also approved a plan to make an appointment on July 7 to fill the councillor vacancy in Ward 5 Etobicoke-Lakeshore that will be created as a result of the election of Councillor Peter Milczyn as an MPP elect in the June 12 Ontario election.

Review of ward boundaries

Council approved a work plan for a third-party consultant retained to review Toronto's municipal ward boundaries as earlier requested by Council. Toronto's ward boundary review must follow an independent, unbiased process that includes substantial public consultation and complies with principles set out by the courts, including the Supreme Court of Canada and the Ontario Municipal Board. There are currently significant population discrepancies among Toronto's ward boundaries.

Services for undocumented residents

Council maintained its commitment to ensuring that Toronto residents without full citizenship status or full status documents have access to City services, adopting a series of specific measures to improve undocumented Torontonians' access to municipal services. City of Toronto divisions, agencies and corporations are to review their policies and procedures to ensure consistency with Council's commitment to provide services to undocumented Torontonians.

Future of the Red Door Shelter

Council directed staff to explore all mechanisms, including financial options, to maintain the continuity of the services provided by the Red Door Shelter. The 106-bed emergency family shelter at 875 Queen St. East has a contract with the City to provide shelter services. The site is in the process of being sold for redevelopment. The purchaser has been talking with the City and the Red Door Shelter about options for including the shelter in the new building.

Drop-in service for women

Council authorized staff to pursue establishing two 24-hour-a-day drop-in facilities for women, one in the east end and one in the west end of the city. Council directed that the City should aim to have one or both of the drop-ins in operation before the end of this year. The facilities' services are to include the ability to provide trauma care as well as to meet the safety, counselling and practical needs of street-involved women.

Public service bylaw

Council unanimously approved the establishment of a Toronto Public Service Bylaw as part of the Toronto Municipal Code. The bylaw will strengthen the separation between the administrative and political components of Toronto's government, and will advance Toronto's public service as professional, impartial and ethical. The Toronto Public Service Bylaw takes effect at the end of next year.

Designation of backup for the Deputy Mayor

Council designated Councillor Mike Del Grande to assume the role of the Deputy Mayor, with the powers and duties of Deputy Mayor, when Deputy Mayor Norm Kelly is out of the city or absent due to illness.

Councillor office renovations

Council approved a protocol for renovations to councillors' constituency offices, including the use of a competitive process for any sites that are not City-owned properties. At present, 30 councillors have constituency offices, either as expanded office space at City Hall or at other locations. (My Constituency Office is located in the Scarborough Civic Centre, 2nd Floor)

Sony Centre

In response to a recent audit of the Sony Centre for the performing arts and its current redevelopment, Council decided to replace the centre's board of directors with an interim board. The interim board is chaired by Councillor Gary Crawford and includes four other members of Council as well as three senior City staff members. Among Council's directives is one calling for a comprehensive review of the centre's operating agreement with the City.

Dangerous railway cargo

Several steps addressing concerns about the movement of dangerous rail cargo through Toronto received Council's support. For example, the City will ask railway companies that transport dangerous goods through Toronto to provide the Office of Emergency Management and Toronto Fire Services with documentation demonstrating the state of good repair of track, signals and related infrastructure. The City has its own all-hazards emergency response plan in place and wants the rail companies to have their own emergency response teams readily available for deployment in Toronto as well.

Affordable housing on waterfront

An innovative plan to develop 80 affordable rental homes in a mixed-use market condominium building in the emerging East Bayfront neighbourhood on Toronto's waterfront received Council's authorization. The development is to be built and operated through a partnership among the City, Waterfront Toronto, developer Hines/Tridel and Toronto Artscape. Artscape will operate the City-owned rental housing. The plan for the waterfront calls for 20 per cent of residential units to be affordable.

Bike lanes and cycle track

Council approved pilot projects that will see the installation of a westbound cycle track on the north side of Richmond Street West from York Street to Bathurst Street, an eastbound cycle track on the south side of Adelaide Street West from Bathurst Street to Simcoe Street, and cycle tracks on Simcoe Street from Front Street West to Queen Street West. Cycle tracks are physically separated bike lanes. Council also approved the installation of bike lanes in several locations, including in sections of Kingston Road, Harbord Street and Peter Street.

D-Day tribute campaign

Council adopted a motion I put forward for the City to recognize the D-Day tribute campaign which is commemorating Canada's fallen soldiers of the Second World War with markers on the grounds of Juno Beach Centre in Normandy, France - one marker for every Canadian who died on D-Day (June 6, 1944). The City of Toronto is sponsoring and covering the cost of 22 tribute markers for fallen soldiers from Toronto and the Toronto area who had not yet been sponsored.

Toronto's use of paid-duty officers

Council voted to ask the Government of Ontario to give Toronto the flexibility under the Ontario Highway Traffic Act to use peace officers rather than being required to hire off-duty police officers to direct traffic. Council also decided to review the use of paid-duty officers for celebrations, festivals and other special events in Toronto, with the intention of reducing costs for event organizers.

Transitional housing initiative

Council approved funding for repairs to a Toronto Community Housing property to make it suitable as transitional housing for young women who are victims of sexual exploitation and human trafficking. The housing, a first for Toronto, will be managed and operated by a service agency without any operating subsidy from the City.

Lead in drinking water

Council supported a motion calling for comprehensive updates/reports from staff on the issue of lead in Toronto's drinking water and including, for example, recommendations from the Medical Officer of Health on ways to improve the City's Lead in Drinking Water Mitigation Strategy from a public health perspective. The reports are also to address what additional measures can be pursued to encourage the replacement of water pipes made of lead that remain in thousands of Toronto homes built before the 1950s.

Low water pressure

Council adopted a motion asking the General Manager of Toronto Water to review and report on the policy for emergency replacement of home water services that have low flow – and to assess the financial and operational impact of redefining low flow from taps as anything less than 15 litres per minute. The current minimum flow threshold is seven litres a minute to qualify for emergency water service replacement by the City. The motion notes that many residents are complaining about low water pressure and are unable to afford to pay for upgrades on their own.

Watercourse management plan

Council confirmed a set of principles for Toronto's watercourse management. The principles include direction on erosion control and erosion damage involving both public and private property. The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority is responsible for assessing erosion hazards affecting private property and for taking steps to protect public safety. City divisions with facilities or infrastructure affected by erosion are to collaborate where appropriate in providing and paying for the necessary erosion control.

Park renamed to honour Barbara Hall

Council approved the renaming of the downtown Cawthra Square Park to Barbara Hall Park. A former Toronto mayor and councillor, Barbara Hall is currently chief commissioner of the Ontario Human Rights Commission. She has been a champion of human rights for almost 40 years and recently launched changes to the Ontario Human Rights Code prohibiting discrimination based on gender identity/expression.

Active transportation initiative

Council showed its support for Toronto Public Health's work on an initiative that is promoting active transportation by identifying certain Toronto communities' needs and preferences for pedestrian and cycling infrastructure. Council adopted recommendations such as directing Transportation Services staff to look into ways to improve road safety and access for cyclists and pedestrians travelling to and from Black Creek Community Farm.

Promotion of City's golf courses

Council approved the introduction of a golf marketing incentive to encourage greater use of the City's five public golf courses during underutilized periods, as well as to promote new and repeat participation. Parks, Forestry and Recreation, which runs the golf courses, will sell golf packages and coupons as incentives.

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11. Communities at Risk Federal Grant

On February 14, 2014, the Honourable Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, announced the next call for proposals for the Communities at Risk: Security Infrastructure Program (SIP). This program is designed to help communities at risk of hate-motivated crime improve their security infrastructure, which will help make Canada safer for all Canadians.

Funding is available to eligible not-for-profit organizations linked to a community at risk of being victimized by hate-motivated crime. The funds are to help with the costs of security infrastructure improvements for places of worship, provincially recognized educational institutions, and community centers in communities at risk of hate-motivated crime.

Applicants not eligible for funding include Crown Corporations, public institutions, for-profit organizations and individuals. For more information, please visit the link below:

<http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/cntrng-crm/crm-prvntn/fndng-prgrms/sct-nfrstrctr-prgrm-eng.aspx>

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12. July Flag Raisings

July 1 Canada Day Toronto City Hall
Large Canadian Flag on Official Flag Pole

July 5 Flag of Venezuela Toronto City Hall, Podium Roof Flag Pole
Ceremony at 3:00 p.m.

July 20 Flag of Colombia Toronto City Hall, Podium Roof Flag Pole
Ceremony at 11:00 a.m.

July 27 – August 2* Flag of Peru Toronto City Hall, Podium Roof Flag Pole
Ceremony at 2:00 p.m.

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13. Cyclists new smartphone app to help Toronto create new Cycling Plan

Here's your chance to help contribute to the future of cycling in Toronto.

The City has launched a new free smartphone application, called "Toronto Cycling." The Toronto Cycling app uses GPS on a smartphone to record a cyclist's trip information such as the route taken and the length of the trip.

Some of the information collected from cyclists that use the app will form part of the City's data collection and analysis for developing a new cycling network plan.

The new cycling plan will expand on the city's 570 kilometre existing cycling network. The new plan will be presented to Toronto City Council in 2015.

The app records real-time stats including the average speed, maximum speed and distance during the trip, the number of calories burned by the cyclist and the greenhouse gas offset as a result of the trip.

The app was developed by Brisk Synergies for the City of Toronto and can be downloaded on all Apple and Android devices. The app is simple to use. Cyclists simply press "start" in the app when they begin their trip and press "stop" after their trip is completed. Then, their trip information is submitted to a database as GPS information for analysis.

All information is collected on a secure site to protect the privacy of users.

For more information about the app, visit www.toronto.ca/cyclingapp

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14. Toronto's Beaches

Toronto's swimming beaches are open with lifeguards on site. Toronto's swimming beaches are world class. They provide residents and visitors with a place to relax, exercise and cool off throughout the summer.

Swimming beaches

- Bluffer's Beach
- Centre Island Beach
- Cherry Beach
- Gibraltar Point Beach
- Hanlan's Point Beach
- Kew-Balmy Beach
- Sunnyside Beach
- Ward's Island Beach
- Woodbine Beaches
- Marie Curtis Park Beach
- Rouge Beach

Toronto's beach water quality is tested daily at each of the 11 swimming beaches from June 1 through to Labour Day. The samples are analyzed using the most stringent testing standards in the world. If tests show E. coli levels exceed the provincial standards of 100 E. coli per 100 ml of water, Toronto Public Health will post warning signs against swimming at that beach.

More information about daily water quality testing is available at <http://www.toronto.ca/health/swimsafe/index.htm> or by calling 416-392-7161.

The City's Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division operates and maintains all recreation-related beach facilities and amenities. This service includes regular beach grooming and care of washrooms and changerooms. The Toronto Police Marine Unit provides lifeguard services and takes daily water samples on behalf of Toronto Water and Toronto Public Health.

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15. Cultural Hotspot Events

Cultural Loop Animation Weekend on September 13 & 14, 2014.

Cultural Loops are a series of self-guided tours, developed to encourage residents and visitors to explore the Cultural Hotspot neighbourhoods of south Scarborough. Three Cultural Loops showcase Scarborough's natural beauty, local history, local economy, cultural diversity, arts, culture and eateries. We encourage visitors to choose their own adventure, and explore all that the area has to offer, on foot, bike, TTC or by car.

The Cultural Loops Guide will be published in August. During the weekend of September 13 & 14, Cultural Hotspot will animate the three loops and promote the new Cultural Loops Guide. During this time, guided walks, open houses, and special events will take place in various places within the loops. The Loop Animation Weekend will allow the visitors to experience the area in-depth.

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16. Celebrate Local Author Carole M. Lidgold

Carole M. Lidgold is pleased to announce the publication of her new children's book THE LEGEND OF THE MISSING TOOTH. Attached is the press release regarding this new book.

The Legend of the Missing Tooth: A Young Brave Comes of Age

On his fifth birthday Little Brave received a gift of five bear teeth from his grandfather, the Old Man of Wisdom. Little Brave discovered that there was magic in the teeth. But not until he had been put to a test.

More than anything else, Little Brave was eager to join his older brothers in the buffalo hunt. They laughed at him, saying he was too young to ride with them. Someday, he would. But not yet!

Unhappy, Little Brave went down to the river near his tribe's camp to take his mind off his disappointment. Hearing a sudden cry for help but not seeing anything, Little Brave wondered if his mind was playing tricks on him. But then he heard it again, a young maiden spirit trapped in the river, unable to reunite with her warrior lover until someone would cross the raging river on her behalf.

Meanwhile, far above the earth, Manitou the Creator looked upon Little Brave and decided that this was the time for the child to have a chance to become a young brave. If he could figure out a way to use the magic of the teeth to cross the river, he was worthy of the hunt. This would be his test.

In the course of his quest to help the maiden, Little Brave learns a valuable lesson: Magic is already inside us, and all we need to do to accomplish even the most seemingly impossible task is to find a way to harness our inner magic. All things come from within.

Using an inventive narrative that recalls native myths and legends, veteran writer, Carole Lidgold, who writes histories and historical non-fiction as well as children's books, has put a new spin on an old tale, the coming-of-age story. Though this is a short book suitable for young children, Lidgold, has given her main character a lively and deductive imagination. Readers of an age similar to Little Brave will find much to identify with in our hero and the ingenious way he is successful in his quest.

This is a lovely book for both, boys and girls, a tale with a positive message that is perfect to read to the children (or grandchildren) at bedtime. They will want to hear this story over and over again. And, when they are able to read by themselves, it is this book that they will turn to first.

Author Biography: Carole M. Lidgold, was born in Toronto and attended Winston Churchill Senior High School in Scarborough. She is a mother of one, and has sung with the various church choirs and the Serenata Performers for fifteen years. Carole has self-published a total of 10 books. She will also be attending the Guild Alive with Culture Arts Festival.

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17. Chartwell Guildwood Retirement Residence Speakers

Speakers' Series.

They are very excited about this new initiative and believe it will benefit both seniors and adult children in the community. This series of talks will take place on the **final Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.** Each talk will centre on topics relating to health, well-being, legal matters and how to access the various services that are available to seniors. A short break will follow the talk, and staff will provide refreshments and then there will be a Question & Answer session.

Their first speaker is someone who comes to the table with a great deal of knowledge of and experience with the **CCAC** (Community Care Access Centre). **Maureen McGowan** deals with Community Education and is Outreach Representative for CCAC, Scarborough Branch. She will speak about **CCAC Services and Programs.**

In the months following, always on the **final Wednesday of the month**, at **6:30 p.m.** there will be speakers addressing the following subjects:

- "Brain Health", - what people can do to reduce their risk of developing Alzheimer's disease; 'what is Alzheimer's disease?'; 'what is the difference between AD and dementia?' and some of the warning signs and statistics – July 30
- Occupational therapy – August 27
- Services and programs for seniors from the Toronto Public Library – September 24
- Education, counseling and support for people with hearing difficulties from the Canadian Hearing Society – October 29
- Macular Degeneration – November 26

Chartwell staff do hope you can join them for this very informative series. Bring a friend!

If assistance with transportation is required Chartwell staff will happily arrange some. Just call 647-783-1505 or the office at 416-264-4348.

Chartwell Guildwood Retirement Residence, 65 Livingston Road, Scarborough, ON M1E 1L1

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18. Quote of the Month

"It is imperative to ask our self every morning "what will I give those around me today?" *Hisham El Rouby*

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19. Websites for Community Use

<http://kidsspace.torontopubliclibrary.ca/programsandeventsadu.html>
Toronto Pubic Library Kids Space and Programming

www.toronto.ca/water
Toronto Water home page

enterprisetoronto@toronto.ca

Enterprise Toronto

<http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/recordsmanagement/crimereporting.php> -Citizens Online Crime Reporting

<http://www.toronto.ca/golf> -Toronto's golf courses

<http://www.torontohydro.com/peaksaver> - Peaksaver PLUS

<http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/thebadge/> Toronto Police newsletter "The Badge"

<http://www.scarboroughsoftballassociation.com> - Scarborough Softball – Scarborough Dragons

<http://www.thestorefront.org/contact.php> - East Scarborough Storefront

www.facebook.com/TheTorontoZoo - Toronto Zoo's first official Facebook page

www.toronto.ca/eventcalendar - City of Toronto Events Calendar

<http://onthedon.createsend2.com/t/r/l/tlwukt/bhdtkrth/e/> - TRCA – The Don

<http://www.toronto.ca/seniors/index.htm> -City of Toronto Seniors

http://www.seniors.gov.on.ca/en/seniorsguide/emergency_4.php -Province of Ontario Seniors

<http://www.dementiatoronto.org/0303.asp> - Toronto Dementia Network

http://aging.utoronto.ca/sites/aging.utoronto.ca/files/Section6_Eng%5B1%5D.pdf - Service Directory for Seniors

www.toronto.ca - City of Toronto

www.toronto.ca/city-update - What is happening in our City

<http://wx.toronto.ca/festevents.nsf/> - City of Toronto Festival Page

www.seetorontonow.com/ - Tourism Toronto – Official website

www.222tips.com - Crime Stoppers

www.ourkgocommunity.com - Kingston Galloway Community Network

www.torontopubliclibrary.ca - Toronto Public Library

www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca - Toronto Botanical Gardens

www.ago.net/gallery-school - Ontario Art Gallery

www.coronationca.com - Coronation & West Hill Community Association

www.curranhall.ca/ - Curran Hall Community Association

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

www.mornellecourt.webs.com - Mornelle Court Action Coalition (Mornelle CAN)

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