

April 2008- Issue 14

Dear Ward 43 Residents,

Wow! Now that was a lot of snow! I want to thank everyone for their patience and perseverance during this year's "winter wonderland". My office received complaints about the plowing on some of the streets. While we did receive a lot of snow, and our area had a new contractor plowing the streets, we should still expect quality for our tax dollars. After all they were chosen by the Works Department both for the proposed quality of their work, and the amount of money they would charge the City.

I made a point of visiting areas within the Ward, and then discussed the locations with the Manager in the Transportation Department responsible for snow plowing. The streets, which required attention, were then re-plowed, and sanded. Now that most of the snow has melted, potholes will become visible. Locations can be reported to my office or call the direct hotline at 416-599-9090, press the pound key (#) followed by 164 and leave a detailed description of the location needing repair.

The 2008 Operating Budget was passed on Monday March 31, 2008. Section 9 and 10 of this report lists highlights from the budget which will directly affect residents in our area of Ward 43.

April is community clean up month. The City's Works crews have already been out to sweep away litter, which was hidden under all the snow. A number of community associations have scheduled clean-up events for Saturday April 19, 2008: Coronation West Hill Community Neighbourhood Clean up will begin at 10:00 am at the Giffin Mack Funeral Homes 4115 Lawrence Avenue E. The Guildwood Village Community Association "Spring Clean-up" is set for 9:30-11:30AM, and starts at the southeast corner of Guildwood Parkway and Livingston Road. The Lakeview Community's clean up will commence is set for 10:00am at Lapman Dr. and Cindy Nicholas Drive.

In keeping with tradition I have continued to host monthly Town Hall meetings across the ward. I have found the meetings to be a good tool for me to keep in contact and remain accessible to my constituents. The meetings are posted on my website: www.paulainslie.com. The next Town Hall meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2008 at Cedar Ridge Creative Centre @ 7:00 pm.

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1. Scarborough East Community Calendar

- April 1, 2008 - Coronation Community Association Meeting
- April 3, 2008 - 30th Anniversary of 65 Greencrest senior's buildings
- April 4, 2008 - Rouge Park Alliance Annual General Meeting
- April 5, 2008 – Garbage Bin Roll out viewing Valu-Mart on Guildwood Pkwy from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
- April 7, 2008 – Neighbourhood Action Partnership Meeting
- April 7, 2008 - Curran Hall Community Association Meeting

April 8, 2007 – Scarborough Community Council

April 8, 2008 - Toronto Police Service - Public Forum what will the police face in the future 6:30 pm
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April 8, 2008 – Scarborough Preservation Panel Meeting

April 8, 2008 – Guildwood Village Community Association Meeting

April 9, 2008 - Jane's Walk Preparation Event

April 10, 2008 – 43 Div. Community Police Liaison Committee Meeting

April 14, 2008 - Guild Renaissance Group Meeting

April 17, 2008 - Government Management Committee Meeting

April 18, 2008 – Budget Committee Meeting

April 18, 2008 – City Wide “20 Minute Make-Over”

April 18, 2008 - Garbage Bin Roll out Centenary Plaza at Nielson Road and Ellesmere Rd

April 19, 2008 - East Point Park Shoreline Clean-Up

April 19, 2008 – Coronation West Hill Community Neighbourhood Clean-Up

April 19, 2008 - Annual Guildwood Village Spring Clean-Up

April 19, 2008 – Lakeview Community Clean Up

April 19, 2008 — No Frills Lawrence Ave and Morningside Road 2:00 pm – 4:00pm

April 21, 2008 - Toronto Public Library Board Meeting

April 21, 2008 - Curran Hall Community Association- Gardening Presentation

April 22, 2008 – Town Hall Meeting, Cedar Ridge Creative Centre

April 23, 2008 – Toronto Atmospheric Fund Annual General Meeting

April 24, 2008 - Garbage Bin Order Deadline

April 25, 2008 – Toronto Region Conservation Authority Meeting

April 28, 2008 – Toronto City Council Meeting

April 28, 2008 - Residents Rising Monthly meeting

April 29, 2008 – Toronto City Council Meeting

April 29, 2008 - Tam Heather Curling & Tennis Club Board Meeting

2. Seven Oaks

On April 12, 2008 between 10:00am – 2:00pm our Solid Waste Department will be holding there second public presentation on the new garbage bin system the City will be implementing this upcoming June. You

can see the new bins inside the lobby of the Food Basics at Ellesmere and Nielson. Staff will be on site to answer your questions.

With the Spring weather our Transportation Department has targeted a number of streets in the Seven Oaks area for a complete replacement of asphalt. This project includes the "cold" recycling of the asphalt pavement, and replacing the curbs, and sidewalks. The work will take place this April on Grovenest Drive from Highcastle Road to Oakmeadow Boulevard; and Highcastle Road from Military Trail to Sealstone Terrace.

I received concerns on overhanging dead tree branches on Tweedrock Crescent. A work order has been submitted to have the branches on the entire street trimmed. The normal turn around time for such work is 6- 8 weeks. I have advised forestry that I would like this done as soon as possible as the issue could become hazardous.

Toronto Hydro has inspected the street lights on Purpledusk Trail. Five street lights were found to be in need of replacement. Many lights across the ward are becoming aged and will need replacement in the 2008 calendar year. To report a street light in need of repair or replacement please contact my office.

3. Curran Hall

Constituents have contacted my office to inquire on the demolition of the home at 74 Slan Avenue. The demolition of the property was given approval at the November 2007 City Council session. The Royal Bank who owns the property made application to demolish the home because of mold contamination. Our Planning Department has confirmed that no applications have been submitted to rebuild. It will remain the responsibility of the Royal Bank to keep the grass cut and property clean. If there are any issues with the property please advise our office and we will have the Municipal Licensing and Standards office attend the property.

The development at Orton Park and Brimorton Drive is moving forward. If you would like further information on this project you may contact John Lyon, City Planning Department at 416-396-7018.

Public transit service levels have increased on Lawrence Avenue East. It was concluded that the 54A Lawrence Bus was performing at a less than desirable level of reliability. Significant increases of services have been implemented to this route which took affect on February 17th, 2008. Increases in service include the morning, mid-day and Saturday service. This will include low-floor buses for better handicapped access, and also vehicles equipped with bike racks on the front.

4. Coronation and West Hill

The third and final demonstration of the new garbage bins our residents will start receiving in June will be in the evening of April 17, 2008 inside No Frills at Lawrence Ave and Morningside Road. Solid waste staff will demonstrate how the new garbage containers work, and answer your questions.

On March 6, 2008 and March 27 I held Town Hall meetings in the Coronation West Hill community. Residents raised issues regarding snow removal during the winter snow storms, illegal parking on residential streets, and traffic control. Planning Staff attended the March 6 meeting and spoke on the proposal for a low rise condominium at the corner of Payzac and Kingston Rd. This is the site of the derelict gas station. The proposal has been done under the guidelines of the Kingston Rd Incremental growth Study which was passed a number of years ago. The new building will be 8-floors high and have approximately 67 condominium units in it.

Residents also raised questions on the Kingston Road study as they pertain to car lots. Currently, development on Kingston Road is moving forward. The development of town homes at Galloway and Kingston Road, the Habitat for Humanity homes, and the condominium proposed for Payzac and Kingston Road all stand as examples for the reshaping of Kingston Road. Last fall I with staff from the Municipal Standards and Licensing office walked along Kingston Road and discovered that some of the car lots had encroached on City property. All of these issues are in the process of being addressed so that the City portion of the right of way will be respected.

I have also been working to develop a Business Improvement Area (BIA) along Kingston Road. This will be a lengthy process. With the new developments in progress I believe business owners will have more of an incentive to begin speaking about forming a BIA to improve Kingston Road.

Scarboro Golf and Country Club has submitted an application to the City to build a maintenance building, a storage building and a greenhouse on the property located at 321 Scarborough Golf Club Road. If you would like to speak to staff regarding this proposal please contact Cynthia Owusu-Gyima at (416) 396-7034.

The splash pad planned for Eastview Park has been modified to address some concerns from adjacent residents. The slight modifications do not take away from the play area but addresses privacy and noise issues. The splash pad will serve to enhance the existing playground and ball diamonds, making it much more functional for the surrounding neighbourhood and young families in the community.

5. Cedar Ridge

I will be hosting a Town Hall meeting in your community on Tuesday April 22, 2008 at the Cedar Ridge Creative Centre located at 225 Confederation Drive. I encourage the community to attend to express any concerns or initiatives they may want to present to our community.

During the snow storms, residents called my office to let me know a few streets in the community had not been plowed, specifically Palacky Street and Willstevan Drive. This has been brought to the attention of our Transportation office to ensure that all the streets in the community are cleared during the next snow fall. If you would like to report that your street was missed please do contact my constituency office at 416-396-7222. Our street cleaners will commence their work shortly if there you have any concerns please do inform me.

A gem in your community; the Cedar Ridge Creative Center located is a large mission-style summer home surrounded by beautiful gardens, it 's known for its top-quality arts and crafts classes. This month proves to be a busy one, with many scheduled events:

Through Friday April 4, 2008 Cedar Ridge Creative Centre Instructors & Students Exhibit This annual exhibition showcases the artwork of the instructors of Cedar Ridge Creative Centre and the work of their students.

Sunday April 6 – Friday April 11, 2008 The Extraordinary in the Ordinary

Marilyn Donofrio Opening Reception: Sunday, April 6 from 1 - 4 p.m. Cedar Ridge Gallery presents the first solo exhibition of accomplished artist Marilyn Donofrio. As a watercolour artist, her intent is to see and portray the extraordinary' in the ordinary, be it in a still life or a landscape.

Saturday April 12, 2008 from 1 – 4 p.m. *Workshop - Basket Woven Birdhouse*

Instructor Carey Nicholson will teach participants to create a genuine finch nesting house, for practical or

ornamental use, this project uses simple over/under weave in a fascinating, three dimensional structure. Students will be provided with an equipment list and there will be a materials fee payable to the instructor. Cost: \$18

April 2008 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Workshop - Japanese Woodblock Printmaking In this two-day workshop, participants will be introduced to basic techniques in Japanese water-based woodblock printmaking by instructor Emma Nishimura. Students will apply a design idea to carving an image in the woodblock. Carving will be completed on day one of the workshop. During day two, participants will print using at least two colours as applied with authentic marubake (brushes). Cost: 58/2 weeks

Sunday April 13 – Friday April 18, 2008 *Three very different artists...* Inez Caldwell (mixed media/collage), Andrea Harangozo (ceramic artist) and Heli St. Louis (multi-media artist) Inez Caldwell's complex sketches involving animals, birds, fish or the human face, become abstract collages made up of unusual shapes. Andrea Harangozo shows a whimsical collection of ceramic art, combining the dynamically organic forms of nature, both animal and plant motifs with unique humoresque presentations of colour and form. Heli St. Louis uses colour and shape to communicate and evoke feelings of hope, despair and celebration by allowing the viewer to interpret the story without the use of written words.

Saturday April 19, 2008 from 1 – 4 p.m. *Workshop – A Heart Shaped Basket* Instructor Carey Nicholson will teach participants to take a traditional over/under weave with a simple shape variation and make a basket with heart! This colourful afternoon project is just the right size for gifting chocolates, bath goodies and other delightful treats. Cost: \$18.

Sunday April 20 – Friday May 2, 2008 The Art Guild of Scarborough Enjoy this annual juried art exhibit that will feature a variety of works in watercolour, oil, acrylic and mixed media.

Saturday April 26, 2008 from 1 – 3 p.m./5 weeks KNITTING – SOCK WORKSHOP – Cristina Simionovici teaches participants to knit a pair of classic ribbed socks with a Dutch or French heel. It is assumed that all participants have basic knitting knowledge: at least one method of casting on, knitting, purling, increasing, decreasing and casting of. Enthusiastic beginners, even if not proficient in the above mentioned techniques are welcomed. Cost: \$45/5 weeks

Sunday April 27, 2008 from 1 – 4 p.m. *Workshop - Decorative Painting - Basic Skills* For those who have always wanted to lean to paint in the decorative or "Folk Art" style, this one day workshop with Brigitte Cool will give you all of the basic skills you need to begin exploring this art form. Cost: \$30

CEDAR RIDGE CREATIVE CENTRE – 225 CONFEDERATION DRIVE 416-396-4026 – crcc@toronto.ca
Cedar Ridge Gallery Hours: Mon.-Wed.: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m., Thurs.-Sun.: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

6. Guildwood

Every community across the city will be experiencing street light replacement as part of a project to rid the City of energy inefficient lighting. I have been communicating with Toronto Hydro and advised that the Guildwood community is unique and that any replacements should reflect the historical significance of the area. Toronto Hydro has agreed the replacement poles (when needed) will be similar to the style currently installed in the community. The cobra style lights installed in the community will no longer be used, and I am currently in discussions with Hydro regarding the removal of the recently installed light poles.

Livingston Lodge held three meetings in the community to discuss and gather comments on a proposal to build an addition to the present Livingston Lodge Seniors Home. The owners are now meeting with the City Planning Department where they will undergo a planning process which will engage the community once again. The proposal for the property include the demolition of the adjacent plaza which is also owned by Allegro, and an expansion of the Retirement Residence with more indoor and outdoor amenity space, including approximately 120 more units. I have received a few calls regarding the location plans for the existing BMO located at 67 Livingston Road. In speaking with the BMO, they have asked that clients make their comments known to the Bank Manager.

The proposal to build a Bell Mobility Cellular Tower at 140 Guildwood Pkwy seems at this time to be at a stalemate. The City's objection to the site is with Industry Canada. If Bell Mobility would like to pursue this location they will have to approach Industry Canada and file an impasse to the City's objection. To date this has not occurred. I have asked Industry Canada for a timeline for which Bell Mobility has to act on the file, and was advised that there was not a timeline in place for such matters.

Summer Concerts are returning at the Guildwood Park Greek outdoor theatre. Concerts dates: June 5th, 2008 ~ Two for the Show June 12th, 2008 ~ Jeffery Moulton June 19th, 2008 ~ The Tynes All concerts 7-8:30pm. The concerts are for the entire family, bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the music alongside your neighbours. I have also encouraged that the grounds be used more frequently for cultural and recreational programming.

Our transportation department will be conducting the "Watch Your Speed" Program, on Dearham Wood beginning Monday, April 28 through to Friday, May 2, 2008. This is to address the communities concerns regarding vehicles speeding on Dearham Wood.

7. Residents Rising Community Association

We have a new community association being formed in ward 43! The Residents Rising Community Association meets the last Monday of every month from 5 to 7 p.m. at 4403 Kingston Road, Unit 108. 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.

Residents living east of Scarborough Golf Club Road along Lawrence Avenue, Galloway Road, Kingston Road and Morningside Avenue have the opportunity to become part of the new Residents Rising Community Association.

The Residents Rising Community Association was launched in January 2008 and there is no membership fee to join the association. RRCA members will have an opportunity to participate in the Community Garden at 4040 Lawrence Ave. E., the East Scarborough Community Market at 4130 Lawrence Ave. E., art and musical events, festivals and family activities.

8. Solid Waste Garbage Bin roll-out

Beginning this Spring, the City of Toronto will be implementing the second phase of its recycling/garbage bin plan. While I did not support this program at City Council, and found myself in the minority, I am working with staff to see it is instituted properly with the least amount of grief for my residents. The City will pick up your old blue boxes curbside from May 5 – May 12.

Commencing April 7, 2008 brochures and order cards will be mailed to residents in Scarborough asking you to select a new garbage bin. The garbage bin order deadline for our ward is **April 24, 2008**. In order to make the transition to these new garbage bins as smooth as possible, an Outreach Program has been developed to showcase the bins to the public. You will be able to ask staff questions on ordering options, bin delivery, storage concerns proper usage of your new bin, the new volume based rate structure and the new utility bill.

The bins will be available for viewing in Ward 43 on the following dates.

Saturday April 5, 2008 10:00am– 2:00pm – Valu-Mart located on Guildwood Pkwy 1

Friday April 18, 2008 - 3:00pm – 6:00pm - Centenary Plaza Ellesmere and Neilson Rd.

Saturday April 19, 2008 2:00 pm – 4:00pm - No Frills Lawrence Ave and Morningside Road

The City's volume based garbage system, will take effect November 1, 2008. Four different-sized garbage bins (small, medium, large, extra-large) will be made available to single-family homes to use for curb side collection. There is a corresponding fee for each garbage bin size.

If after receiving your cart you wish to exchange it for another size you can do this by contact my office or contact 416-392-bins. There is no charge for a smaller bin, a larger size will be at a cost of \$10.00 for up to three months after the cart was delivered, after that time the charge will be \$20.00.

If you can not attend on the dates listed above, all the event dates Scarborough wide will be posted on the Target70 website (www.toronto.ca/target70).

Garbage Bins



9. City Hall Report

2008 Operating Budget: Each property tax class within the City of Toronto is charged a different tax rate and tax policy shift according to City Council direction.

2008	%	%	%
	Budgetary Increase	Tax Policy Shift	Net Tax Change
Residential	3.385	0.36	3.75
Multi-residential	1.128	0.36	1.48
Commercial	1.128	0.36	1.48
Small Business	1.128	(2.42)	(1.29)
Industrial	1.128	(2.14)	(1.01)

2008 Operating Budget Highlights

The following are projects included in the 2008 Recommended Operating Budget. These projects are listed by theme.

Public Transit:

- Run all City bus routes from 6 am to 1 am on weekdays effective November 2008 (\$2.616 million gross and net)
- Operate 100 new Ridership Growth Strategy buses to relieve peak overcrowding effective November 2008 (\$1.000 million gross and net)
- Open new bus garage to house 100 new Ridership Growth Strategy buses (\$1.996 million)
- Invest in improving the cleanliness and appearance of subway stations (\$1.250 million gross and net)
- Reduce occupational injury rates by instilling safety as a culture in the TTC (\$2.644 million gross and net)
- Establish Health and Wellness Program – to reduce absenteeism due to sickness and to improve the general physical well-being of TTC staff (\$0.673 million gross and net)

70% Diversion & Climate Change

- To achieve the 70% Diversion Target by 2010, (\$16.849 million and \$0 net), Solid Waste Management Services will:
 - Implement volume-based user fees for waste collection for apartments, condominiums and single family homes in order to encourage more reuse and recycling
 - Provide single unit residences with larger recycling carts that will increase their ability to recycle. Multi-unit residences will also be provided with on-floor recycling carts
 - Expand the range of recyclable materials in the blue box to include polystyrene and plastic film, which could divert 3500 tonnes annually
 - Expand the Green Bin program to include apartments and condominiums.
 - Implement Collection of Usable and Durable Goods for all residents for reuse and recycling (once every two weeks)
 - Establish reusable goods drop-off centres to provide residents with a one-stop location for reusable goods.
- Honour City's stewardship of the environment by contributing to the Perpetual Care of Landfills Reserve Fund (\$3.500 million gross and \$0 net)
- Develop, maintain and support a new billing system to integrate the solid waste billing system with the current water billing system to produce one utility bill (\$1.110 million gross and \$0 net)

- Live Green Toronto - Establish a social marketing and local food campaign to assist Toronto's neighbourhoods and communities to take action on climate change (\$0.800 million gross and net)
- Provide tree maintenance on 2,300 trees annually on Arterial / Main Streets and Commercial Areas (\$0.700 million gross, \$0 net and 1 position)
- Remove Tree Hazards on pathways, picnic areas and park entrances (\$0.705 million gross and net and 3 positions)
- Provide funding for the Smart Commute Initiative to implement workplace-based transportation demand management strategies within Metrolinx (\$0.280 million gross and \$0.150 million net)
- Provide incentives to achieve, through demand response measures, 90 MW of energy savings, in partnership with Ontario Power Authority (\$3.220 million gross and \$0 net)
- Develop and implement a strategy to address forecast changes in weather patterns (\$0.085 million gross and net)
- Establish dedicated financial portfolio management for the Sustainable Energy Plan initiatives (\$0.238 million gross and \$0 net)
- Establish Green Economic Sector Development Initiatives for the Toronto Discovery District - District Energy Assessment, the Municipal Green Vendors Trade Fare and the Green Manufacturing Action Team/Plan (\$0.075 million gross and net)
- Purchase Green Power to meet the electricity requirements of City Hall (\$0.500 million gross and net)

Public Spaces

- Increase Neighbourhood Beautification project funding to \$20,000 per ward (\$0.220 million gross and \$0 net), that will provide \$3,000 per ward for a neighbourhood based community project and \$17,000 per ward for Demonstration Projects that will transform and enhance neighbourhood
- Orphan Spaces Clean-Up – Implement Final Phase of maintenance of 360 landscaped orphaned areas on City streets and boulevards (\$0.400 million gross and \$0 net)
- Establish Public Realm Office– to improve the public realm including the deployment of over 3,500 new street furniture elements in 2008 (\$3.598 million gross and \$0 net)
- Open new Waterfront parkland and facilities (\$0.799 million gross and net)
- Improve service delivery in Community Planning, Heritage Preservation Services, Urban Design and Transportation Planning (\$0.500 million gross and net, and 12 positions)
- Establish Unit to begin implementing the Union Station Revitalization project (\$0.410 million and \$0 net)

Creative City

- Install Stingray Touch Tank Exhibit 2008, Toronto Zoo (\$0.932 million gross, \$1.024 million net revenue)
- Improve Nuit Blanche (\$0.505 million gross and net)
- Begin planning for Bicentennial of War of 1812 (\$0.048 million gross and \$0.025 million net)
- Enhance funding for the Toronto Arts Council, major arts organizations, local arts services organizations, and the Glenn Gould Protégé Award within the Community Partnership & Investment Program mainly to support the Culture Plan established in 2003 (\$1.097 million gross and net)

Community Health and Wellness

- Enhance funding for the Community Services Partnership Investment Program to address inflationary pressures and increasing service needs in emerging communities and priority neighbourhoods. (\$0.467 million gross and net)
- Meet safety requirements as recommended by the SARS Commission Report in Homes for Aged for infection prevention and control demands (\$0.544 million gross and \$0 net)

- Enhance Nutritional and Support Services to ensure compliance with the new Long Term Care Act within Homes for the Aged (\$0.670 million gross and \$0 net)
- Increase support for the Streets to Homes Initiative to help people living on the streets find and keep housing (\$0.116 million gross, \$0 net, 1 position)
- Provide necessary training and supports to Ontario Work clients to find permanent employment through the Woodbine Entertainment Redevelopment project (\$0.491 million gross and \$0 net)

Public Safety and Security

- Increase reception relief coverage hours at Eastview Neighbourhood Community Centre to ensure security is maintained during weekend and evenings (\$0.016 million gross and net)
- Enhance Central Ambulance Communication Centre contingency and disaster recovery planning at EMS (\$0.160 million gross and \$0 net)
- Establish Fleet Safety and Standards to ensure safe operation of City vehicles and equipment (\$0.063 million gross and \$0 net)
- Provide funding to the Native Child and Family Services Toronto to develop two aboriginal child care centres that will create an additional 66 child care spaces (\$2.928 million gross and net)
- Create new child care centres in three elementary schools that will provide up to 69 additional child care spaces for preschool children and school age children in each site (\$2.0 million gross and net)

Improving the Business Climate

- Introduce Financial Services Sector Strategic Initiatives to support the development of an International Centre for Financial Services Training and the Financial Services Information Technology Innovation Initiative (\$0.100 million gross and net)

10. City Council meeting of March 3, 4 and 5, 2008

Retail holiday shopping locations and hours remain unchanged

A report outlining new options for holiday shopping was received for information only by Council, which means the status quo remains. Most stores in the City must continue to close on New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Victoria Day, Canada Day, Labour Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day. Chapter 510 of the Municipal Code lists 15 categories of exempt store types that are permitted to remain open. In addition, stores in the Eaton Centre, Distillery District, Queen's Quay Terminal, Downtown Yonge BIA and the Bloor Yorkville BIA are permitted to remain open on certain designated holidays.

Leaf and yard waste collection and Christmas tree pick-up extended

Council voted to extend the current leaf and yard waste, as well as Christmas tree collection schedules starting in September 2008. Given that religious holiday celebrations now extend into the second and third weeks of January, and that changing climate conditions have altered seasonal weather patterns, the extended spring and fall leaf and yard waste collection, and extended Christmas tree collection will provide better service to residents. Under the new schedule, bi-weekly collection of leaf and yard waste will occur from March 16 through to December 31, and Christmas tree pick-up will take place bi-weekly from January 5 to 23. Currently, the City provides single-family residences with curb side collection of leaf and yard waste beginning the first full week of April and continuing through until the first week of December, on an alternating weekly/bi-weekly schedule. Christmas trees are currently collected from single-family residences weekly during the first two weeks of January.

11. Neighbours' Night Out

The Neighbours' Night Out Program is a fun and easy way to help create a safe community and get to know your neighbours.

Neighbours are encouraged to hold small parties with people in their area, on their street or in their building. The official date for residential events is on the third Tuesday of June which is June 17, 2008. Start planning your neighbourhood event and remember to register with us. Registration forms are available online or you can contact the office. When you register with CPAT we will notify the local police and Councillor so they can attend. Visit our website or contact us for more information, including tips to make your event a success. Registration forms are enclosed and are due by May 26, 2008. Please contact the crime prevention association of Toronto: OFFICE@CPATORONTO.ORG, FAX: 416-225-2340 OR CALL 416-225-1105.

12. Community involvement

Seven Oaks Home for the Aged is Recruiting Volunteers!

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

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

Habitat for Humanity

website at <http://www.torontohabitat.on.ca/web/ShowBuild.aspx?BuildID=65> or call for details at their Canadian Head Office at (416) 755-7353 ex. 238.

Need for gently used warm winter clothing to distribute to those in need. If you have any winter coats please do drop off your donation at one of the local clothing Residents Rising located at 4403 Kingston Road.

Non Perishable food donations can be made to either 3939 Lawrence Avenue East or 4100 Lawrence Avenue East

Neighbourhood Watch

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

The Toronto Police Traffic Services

Child Seat Safety: This free service is offered on an appointment only basis at 43 Division located on Lawrence Ave, just east of Manse Rd. Please contact the Division staff at 416-808-4366 to book your appointment, if you would like your child's car seat examined, to ensure it is properly installed.

13. Community Meetings and Events

My website lists an updated list of events: Please do visit for upcoming Events
<http://www.paulainslie.com/eventscalendar.htm#meetings>

Councillor Events and Meetings:

April 22, 2008 7:00pm - 9:00pm - Town Hall Meeting Cedar Ridge Creative Centre 225 Confederation Dr

June 14th, 2008 1:00pm – Councillor Ainslie's Annual Compost day @ Sir Wilfrid Laurier CI and Tam Heather Tennis and Curling Club

June 17, 2008 5:30pm -7:30 pm Councillor Ainslie's Community Barbeque at Seven Oaks Park

June 26, 2008 5:30 - 7:30pm Councillor Ainslie's Community Barbeque at Cornell Park

September 27, 2008 – Councillor Ainslie's Environment Day

Community Events:

May 3, 2008 – Jane's Walk to meet at East Scarborough Storefront

June 5, 2008 7:00 pm – Concert in Guildwood Park

June 7, 2008 All day event – Guildwood Day

June 7, 2008 10:00am – 4:00pm – Curran Hall Community Association Picnic at Botany Hill Park

June 8, 2008 12noon – 5:00pm – Cedar Ridge Community Centre 30th Anniversary 225 Confederation Dr.

June 12, 2008 7:00pm – Concert in Guildwood Park

June 14, 2008 10:00am – 3:00pm – Coronation Community Association perennial plant exchange 23 Westcroft

June 17, 2008 – 7:00pm – Residents Rising 1st General Meeting (location TBD)

June 19, 2008 7:00pm - Concert in the park at Guildwood Park

14. Watch your Speed Trailer

Watch Your Speed Program (WYSP) 2008 schedule for Ward 43

-Dearham Wood April 28 through to Friday, May 2, 2008

- Neilson Road southbound near Oakmeadow Boulevard from July 7 to 11, 2008,

- Guildwood Parkway eastbound opposite #280 (near Jack Miner SR PS) from September 15 to 19, 2008

- Scarborough Golf Club Road between Brimorton Drive and Lawrence Avenue East from November 24 to 28, 2008.

15. Anti Bullying Poster Contest

Crime Prevention Association of Toronto is pleased to announce the third annual "Take a Stand": Anti bullying poster contest. Designed to challenge students to take a stand against bullying also invited are intermediate students and students who have participated in our anti-bullying workshops.

Students are asked to create an original poster which depicts a bully free environment. This contest will raise awareness of anti-bullying in schools. Bullying is a growing problem, especially with cyber bullying, among students and awareness and prevention is very important. **The deadline for submission is Friday May 02, 2008.**

Poster contest judging will take place and the top ten best submissions will receive a prize and be invited to participate in an award presentation. Additionally, the grand prize winner's poster will be reproduced and distributed to future participants of the "Take a Stand" Keeping Every Youth Safe (KEYS) program.

16. Jane's walk

This year I am excited about the introduction of Jane's Walk to our community schedule for Saturday May 3, 2008. Mayor Miller will be joining the walking tour, so please do join in. This event is being organized through a committee which my office sits on and formed by the East Scarborough Storefront who last year originated "The Amazing Place" a one day walking, transit tour of important sites in our community of Scarborough. The event was very successful thanks to all of the volunteers and put in hours of hard work to have the event run smoothly. Jane's Walk will this year replace last year's event with future goals to install it as a fixed tour of significant locations in our community.

Planning for the event has been ongoing for some months. Jane's walk is a free guided walking tour given by locals who care passionately about where they live, work and play. It is about raising urban awareness through a pedestrian focused event that combines urban history, planning, design and civic engagement by simply walking and observing. A key component is also the interaction of locals with a chance to meet your neighbours while discovering new areas, learning about their community.

Jane's walk was founded as a tribute to Jane Jacobs who passed away in 2006. Her legacy as an Urbanist who championed community-based approach to city building. Her 1961 essay "The Death and Life of Great American Cities" spoke on ground-breaking ideas about how cities function, evolve and fail. More information can be read on www.janeswalk.net

17. Toronto Police Services Public Forum

Toronto Police Services board and the Toronto Police Services are inviting all community members to provide comments on: Challenges that the Toronto Services will face over the next three years.

Scarborough Civic Centre
150 Borough Drive
Committee Room 1
Tuesday April 8, 2008-03-28
6:30 to 9:30 pm

18. Elizabeth Fraser Williamson Sculptures

Replicas of some works from the late Elizabeth Fraser Williamson bronze art collection will soon be available to purchase from Sara Williamson, daughter executrix of Ms. Williamson. Funds are being collected by the estates executors and being raised to support the preservation of the collection and to promote the Ms. Williamsons legacy.

Elizabeth Fraser Williamson, was a resident, sculpture and instructor at on the Guild Inn property until 1995. For further information please contact Sara Williamson at snhw@tbaytel.net or (807) 683-5669.
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19. Pro Action Cops & Kids

In 1991 ProAction Cops & Kids was founded, and since that time ProAction has become the largest private funder of Toronto Police programs for at-risk youth. Most young people involved in ProAction programs are 11 to 18 years old. Police officers and at-risk kids interact in constructive, non-confrontational circumstances and develop a better understanding of each one another.

In 2007 ProAction funded over 80 programs which were designed to create a positive and lasting bond between police and youth. Programs included: a Toronto Police Service –Youth trip to New Orleans where youth and the police worked together to rebuild communities left in array after hurricane Katrina. The youth kept a journal of their experiences to share with others on their return. A Stay in School Keep the Peace Basketball Program ran across the GTA, Police officers coached and participated with the youth

Most programs focus on the arts, sports, education, safety, mentorship, and camping. Some programs are ongoing, while others are run one time. In either case, they provide kids with safe places to go and positive activities. For more information visit www.copsandkids.ca

20. Operation Clean Sweep

Operation Clean Sweep's Pitch in week is on April 21 – 27. This organization helps you organize clean up days; offers clean up materials along with offering downloadable templates for posters, newsletters and other promotional material. For further information visit www.pitch-in.ca

21. City seeking public input on expanded street food options

The City of Toronto wants to add diversity to Toronto's street food menu offered by street vendors, and has taken steps to encourage and regulate the sale of a variety of tasty food alternatives to hotdogs and sausages. In an effort to gauge interest in an expanded street food menu, the City invites the public to fill out a short online survey at www.toronto.ca/business/alacart.htm.

The feedback will help the City determine what types of foods would be favorable, how much the public is willing to pay, and when they would most likely purchase street food.

On July 7, 2007, the Ontario Minister of Health and Long-Term Care announced an amendment to Regulation 562 to allow for a greater variety of street food choices subject to compliance with a new set of food safety regulations. In January 2008, City Council approved a small-scale Toronto Street Food Pilot project ("Toronto a la cart") that started with the planning and consultation on the design of a "Toronto a la cart" food-vending cart.

All the feedback from the survey will be submitted to Council for consideration on how to regulate the pilot program.

More information about Toronto a la cart can be found at www.toronto.ca/business/alacart.htm.

22. Expanded pothole repair results in thousands of additional potholes fixed

The City of Toronto has fixed more than 8,000 potholes on city streets following the completion of its snow removal program.

"The number of freeze/thaw cycles that have taken place this winter has resulted in an increase in the number of potholes on our roads," said Gary Welsh, General Manager, Transportation Services. "Our crews have worked hard throughout the entire winter to fix potholes and this has resulted in an improvement in the overall state of the roads in Toronto."

The City has recently increased the number of staff from 30 to 100 to address pothole repairs. Many of the crews that were assigned to fix potholes were redeployed to work on today's snow storm, but Welsh added that they would be back fixing potholes as soon as the snow clearing operation is complete.

During the last three years, the City of Toronto has repaired an average of 165,000 potholes per year. The City spends approximately \$4 million per year to fix potholes.

Potholes are created when water penetrates the top layer of asphalt through cracks in the road. After the moisture freezes and expands, sections of the pavement are forced up and the weight of vehicles going over this section of the road breaks the pavement and the asphalt is forced up. Potholes are more common during the winter months, especially during repeated freeze/thaw cycles.

City staff fixes potholes by pouring hot asphalt and raking it into the pothole. Then, they tamp down the asphalt and smooth it out to improve the road surface.

The public can assist by reporting potholes. Call the pothole hotline at 416-599-9090, push the pound key (#) then 164 to leave a message about the location of the pothole.

Or alternatively call my office at 416-396-7222

23. Mobile City Toronto Milan- Youth Photography Contest

As part of the twin cities relationship the **Mobile City Toronto Milan- Youth Photography Contest has been launched.** The contest is open to all youth ages 16 to 22 years in the twin cities.

From now to May 15, youth contestants are invited to share their dreams and insights about urban life through the creation of digital photographs. Entrants are required to post a suite of 3 (minimum)-5 (maximum) pictures along with a short artist statement which illustrate urban life in their respective cities. The photos will then be adjudicated by a jury from each city. Commentary on this exciting project is invited and encouraged to help bring Toronto and Milan closer together.

In preparation for the project, Toronto Culture and community arts partners are supporting digital photography programs and drop-in sessions in the City's priority neighbourhoods to ensure all youth have access and opportunity to enter the contest.

Ten photographers from each city will be selected to have their work presented in a public exhibition, win a trip to the 'twin' city and have a chance for further education in photography and learn about the art and culture of each others city in the summer of 2008. A book will be published that will document the experience, showcase their work and capture the cultural exchange of award winners.

For further information please contact, Nadira Pattison Manager Arts Services at Toronto Culture (416) 338-1263, npattis1@toronto.ca

24. Business Permits and Licenses - BizPaL

Starting and running a business in the city of Toronto just became easier thanks to BizPaL, a new online business permit and license service that saves time spent on paperwork and helps entrepreneurs start up faster.

BizPaL is an innovative project that provides entrepreneurs with simplified access to information about permits and licenses that they need to establish and run their businesses. This unique partnership among federal, provincial, territorial, regional and local governments is designed to cut through the paperwork burden and red tape that small business owners encounter.

The BizPaL service in Toronto was developed by the Province of Ontario and the City of Toronto, with the support of Industry Canada.

Area business owners and entrepreneurs can access the service by visiting www.toronto.ca/bizpal or www.serviceontario.ca/bizpal. Visit www.bizpal.ca for additional project history, information and access to the websites of participating partners

25. Local Enhancement & Appreciation of Forests (LEAF)

LEAF offers Toronto residents trees and shrubs for a subsidized price with the intent to create greener and healthier neighbourhoods. The organization has been planting for Toronto residents since 1996, and offers a wide range of trees and shrubs to choose from.

They will visit your home to consult with you on what type of tree is appropriate for your property as well as conduct a 30 minutes yard consultation so your growing needs can be optimized.

For further information visit LEAF @ www.leafontario.org or call 416-413-9244.

26. 2008 Canada Post Community Literacy Award

Nominate a deserving person from your community to receive the 2008 Canada Post Community Literacy Award. Being Canada's only national awards to celebrate the achievements of adult learners, as well as those who have helped them learn to read and write.

Nominations are due on Friday May 23, 2008. Forms can be found at your local Canada Post Outlet or by visiting: www.candapost.ca/literacyawards.

27. Heritage Toronto Awards

In 2007 the Guild Renaissance Group was one of the recipients of the Community Heritage Award, for their tireless commitment to the Guild site; in working to showcase its heritage, the leading of walking tours, and organizing of cultural events to preserve the Guild Inn cultural property. It's an award I was extremely proud to see awarded to the Guild Renaissance Group.

You may nominate a group or individual for categories in: Architectural Conservation and Craftsmanship, Book, Media or Community Heritage. Details on the categories and more information may be viewed at www.heritagetoronto.org. You may also contact Nancy Luno with any questions at 416-338-2175 or nluno@toronto.ca.

28. Quote du Mois

"No one can find what will work for our cities by looking at ...suburban garden cities, manipulating scale models, or inventing dream cities. You've got to get out and walk." - Downtown is for People, 1957. Jane Jacobs.

29. Websites for Community Use

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.

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

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

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