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Dear Ward 43 Residents,

Our community has been making a mark on the City of Toronto landscape with events reaching out and gaining city-wide media attention.

The rain did not slow us down on Saturday May 3rd as I, along with the Mayor and 200 members of the community, participated in "Jane's Walk" from the East Scarborough Storefront to the Guild Inn Gardens. Buttons I donated for the event which expressed **Greater Scarborough Area** were circulated to all the participants. Liz Briggs of Native Child presented a button to the Mayor.

Sunday June 8th, 2008 again brought in city-wide attention for the Cedar Ridge Creative Centre 30th anniversary celebration. A sculpture by was unveiled by myself and Mayor Miller. Congratulations to all staff specifically Joy Hughes who hosted a beautiful event!

On Sunday August 17, 2008, I together with Guild Renaissance Group, the Guildwood Village Community Association, citizen volunteers, and City staff are coordinating our efforts to host "The Guild: Alive with Culture" Arts Festival. Taking place on the Guild Gardens property, the event will be a true reflection of community spirit as our mantra states "For the Community by the Community". I have invited Mayor Miller to attend this event to bring more awareness to the Guild property; as this is essential as we move on to the next phase of bringing the property to its formal glory.

My next community barbeque is scheduled for June 26. It will be held at Cornell Park from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. All of the details can be found in the community events section. Please mark your calendars, and join me and my staff for a hot dog and conversation.

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

All the best,
Paul

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1. Scarborough East Community Calendar

June 3, 2008 - Safety Park Audit Eastview Park

June 3, 2008 - Coronation Community Association of West Hill Meeting

June 5, 2008 - Volunteer Celebration for Cedar Ridge Creative Centre's 30th anniversary

June 5, 2008 - The Guild Alive with Culture Meeting

June 5, 2008 - Safety Walkabout - Lakeview Community

June 5, 2008 - Summer Concert: Two for the Show Guildwood Park

June 6, 2008 - Rouge Park Alliance

June 7, 2008 - Guildwood Village Community Parade

June 8, 2008 - Cedar Ridge Creative Centre 30th Anniversary unveiling of Sculpture with Mayor Miller

June 9, 2008 - Centennial College Institute of Cultural Heritage Reception

June 10, 2008 - Scarborough Community Council

June 10, 2008 - 7:00pm Scarborough Community Council TTC Item 2 Rapid Transit

June 10, 2008 - Guildwood Village Community Association Meeting

June 10, 2008 - Scarborough Preservation Panel Meeting

June 12, 2008 - 43 Div. Community Police Liaison Committee Meeting

June 12, 2008 - Summer Concert: Jeffery Moulton Guildwood Park

June 13, 2008 - Government Management Committee Meeting

June 13, 2008 - 46th Annual Strawberry Festival Poplar Road Junior Public School

June 14, 2008 - 2008 AGM of the Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada

June 14, 2008 - 1:00pm Compost Day - Tam Heather and Sir Wilfred Laurier CI

June 16, 2008 - Curran Hall Community Association Meeting

June 16, 2008 - Toronto Public Library Board Meeting

June 16, 2008 - Guild Renaissance Strategic Planning Meeting

June 17, 2008 - Budget Committee Meeting

June 17, 2008 - Councillor Ainslie Annual Community BBQ Seven Oaks Park

June 17, 2008 - Lakeview Homes Neighbourhood Watch BBQ

June 17, 2008 - Residents Rising Community Association AGM

June 18, 2008 - Toronto Atmospheric Fund Annual General Meeting

June 18, 2008 - 10th Anniversary and Annual General Meeting of Aisling Discoveries

June 19, 2008 - Kingston Road Initiative meeting

June 19, 2008 - East Scarborough Community Festival Market – Opening Day St. Margaret in the Pines Anglican Church

June 19, 2008 - Meet and Greet Centennial Plaza Neilson and Ellesmere

June 19, 2008 - Summer Concert: The Tynes

June 19, 2008 - Guild Renaissance Group Meeting

June 20, 2008 - Scarborough Pow Wow

June 21, 2008 - Masaryk Town Czech, Slovak, Canada Day celebration
June 23, 2008 - Toronto City Council
June 24, 2008 - Toronto City Council
June 24, 2008 - Tam Heather Curling & Tennis Club Board Meeting
June 26, 2008 - Councillor Ainslie Annual Community BBQ Cornell Park
June 26, 2008 - Gabriel Dumont Pow Wow
June 26, 2008 - East Scarborough Community Festival Market St. Margaret in the Pines Anglican Church
June 27, 2008 - Toronto Region Conservation Authority Meeting
June 28, 2008 - Youth Urban Entertainment Festival
June 30, 2008 - Residents Rising Monthly Meeting
July 1, 2008 - HAPPY CANADA DAY
Canada Day Parade RCL Highland Creek Branch 258 10:30 am
Scarborough Canada Day Parade commencing on Borough Drive 2pm -5pm

2. Seven Oaks

I hosted my first community barbeque of the season at the Seven Oaks Park on June 17, 2008. This event has become somewhat of a tradition as many of the residents come out and enjoy an evening with myself and my staff. It was a great evening, as the rains managed to hold off for everyone to have lots of fun. Large amounts of hot dogs, popcorn, and freezies were consumed by all who attended. New this year was a mobile skate board park which was fully equipped with all the needed safety equipment and skate boards from the Boys' and Girls' Club of East Scarborough. We also had a fire truck, an inflatable fire truck bouncer, face painting, henna, and information tables with volunteers from the 1st Centenary Scout group and Parks Forestry and Recreation. Special thanks goes out to the Enbridge (who did all the cooking) the Toronto Firefighter's Association, and the East Scarborough Storefront, Parks Recreation and Forestry and the Boys' and Girls' Club of East Scarborough.

Our Transportation Department has been on hand in the community to review traffic signs. They are in the process of looking at the possible installation of a stop sign at Oakmeadow Boulevard and Creekwood Drive, as requested by a local resident. Parking regulations are being investigated for the building exit at 3050 Ellsemere Road as the sightline to exit the parking lot is deficient, even though parked cars are parking within the by-law, motorists are having a visibility issue upon exiting the parking lot.

The Lakeview community has been collecting signatures to petition City Staff to support their need of traffic lights at Morningside Road and Tams Road. I will be supporting the communities request as the intersection is a busy and difficult one to maneuver, especially for public transit users trying to make their back and forth from home. If you would like to add you name to the petition please contact my office.

On Thursday June 5, the Lakeview community held a Safety Audit. Thank you to all the organizers, Constable Bill Campbell and Crime Prevention and Adult Program Coordinator Leslie Chitra, for walking the neighbourhood to suggest improvements to safeguard the community. If you are interested in holding a safety audit in your neighbourhood please contact me to arrange for one or contact Ms. Chitra directly at 416-225-1102.

Deer crossings have been witnessed on Military Trail. Please do keep this in mind when traveling towards Ellesmere Road near the ravine. Staff have been requested to post additional road signs warning motorists of potential crossings.

I have been working with the Tam Heather Curling and Tennis Club to secure the much needed tennis bubble renovations on site. Work will begin on the courts this Fall and are scheduled to be completed in the Spring of 2009. If you are interested in a membership in the club for either tennis or curling please contact them at: at (416) 284-9251 or info@tamheather.ca

The 1st Centenary Scouts group held a very successful bottle on Sunday June 15. Flyers were distributed to the area residents to place all bottles on the front porch ready for pick up early Sunday morning. All proceeds go towards the camping gear and programming needs

3. Curran Hall

The Tiffany Park homes development has begun to break ground. With machinery on site and the tree protection fencing installed things are moving forward. I have met with the developer and have stressed that the community is anxious to a have the project completed. If you would like further information on this project you may contact John Lyon, City Planning Department at 416-396-7018.

The property located at 20-24 Slan Avenue has new tenants which I have met with and expressed that the corner needs to be beautified. They agreed that the area does require some maintenance and will work towards it this summer season.

The Curran Hall Community Association has been working with our office on issues in your neighbourhood. Recently it has been brought to my attention that there is an increased level of algae in the Curran Hall Creek. City Park Staff were notified and advised that they are on site weekly and had noticed the algae as well. The area was drained and will be monitor for algae build up.

New signage was installed in Botany Hill Park in the forested area to warn residents of the steep edge of the bluffs as there has been some erosion at this area. Some fencing has also been installed. Work is also being being done by Toronto Water Department and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority in the Highland Creek below to try to prevent further erosion.

4. Coronation and West Hill

A Park Safety Audit was held on Tuesday June 3, 2008 at Eastview Park. Residents expressed their safety concerns to Constable Bill Campbell, Crime Prevention and Adult Program Coordinator Leslie Chitra and City Parks Department staff. The safety issues are being addressed by city staff. If you have any park safety concerns please share them with my office and they will be forwarded to staff to address.

This Safety Audit was also done in conjunction with the construction of a new splash pad in Eastview park this summer. This is one of two being built in Ward 43. The other one will be in Morningside Park. Both are being built by the same contractor and are scheduled to be opened by August 1, 2008. Both should be a welcome addition for neighbourhood children, who have limited pool recreational services in the area. While there are in door pools at West Hill, and Laurier, we always seem to be in continual negotiations with the public school board over access to them.

Traffic improvements are being reviewed at several locations to aid with neighborhood traffic flow. Right turn lane improvements under review include the following areas: Kingston Road westbound at Lawrence Avenue East; Kingston Road eastbound at Lawrence Avenue East; Morningside southbound at Kingston Road; Morningside northbound at Kingston Road; Morningside southbound at Lawrence Avenue East and at Lawrence Avenue westbound at Morningside.

I have visited the French Avenue construction site, and have discussed some grading issues with Bill Stamatopoulos, Building Inspector. The landscaping is not yet complete however. The builder is obligated to follow the site plan they filed before construction commenced. City inspectors will continue to monitor for any water drainage issues for up to one year after the new homeowners take possession. If there are problems the City will ensure appropriate action is taken by the developer.

Repairs on Lawrence Avenue East have been a topic of conversation between myself and Councillor De Baeremaeker, Chair of the Works Committee. We have both requested the area be repaired. To date, staff is looking into the request and has not given a final response.

Just north of the Guildwood GO Station our Transportation staff have identified a number of locations where stop signs need to be installed to address safety issues. Please do be careful to adjust to them: Glory Crescent north and south intersections and Celeste Drive, Athenia Court and Celeste Drive, Ares Court and Celeste Drive, and Templeton Court and Celeste Drive.

For some time now residents have been asking that the bus stop at Rodda Boulevard on Lawrence Avenue be relocated because of difficulties they have perceived when trying to turn on to Lawrence. I have pursued this request and have received correspondence from the Chief General Manager of the TTC who has stated that: This matter was investigated in February 2008, in response to you advising us that southbound motorists have reported reduced sightlines when attempting to complete a south-to-east left turn from Rodda Boulevard. While it is true that waiting customers and stopped buses cause a visual blockage, there is **not sufficient justification to warrant the relocation of this bus stop** to a position west of the intersection. Motorists should not attempt the southbound left turn until they have a clear view of approaching westbound traffic and, as we are stopped only momentarily to serve customers, any delay to motorists is very brief. They may either wait until the bus has left, or make a right turn at the intersection. A relocation of this bus stop to a farside position at Rodda Boulevard would have a negative impact on the occupants of the residential properties that back onto Lawrence Avenue East. Since the

current stop is located on a commercial frontage, it does not cause the same concerns for the adjacent property owner. In addition, **because the relocation of this stop to farside would reduce the distance to the following stop, which is located opposite 4125 Lawence Avenue East, we would be required to remove that stop as well.** This action would result in an inconvenience for all of our customers as they would have an increased walk to reach the consolidated bus stop. Since the current stop accommodates approximately 200 boarding customers daily and the following stop has a daily boarding figure of over 100 customers, this would result in a new stop with over 300 customers a day being located next to a residential property. **We cannot support** this given that this current situation is satisfactory. For these reasons, the stop should be retained at its existing location on the frontage of a commercial property."

I made better progress on the formal City side of things where I was able to have all of the newspaper boxes at the intersection moved to give some assistance to motorists.

5. Cedar Ridge

On Tuesday April 22, 2008 I hosted a Town Hall meeting at Cedar Ridge Creative Centre. Well attended residents asked a variety of questions ranging from crime to taxes. Thank you to Constable Dave Gray for attending and answering all of your police related questions.

On Sunday June 8 Cedar Ridge Creative Centre celebrated its 30th anniversary. I was joined by Mayor David Miller, Gerry Divaris, Chair of the Cedar Ridge Studio Gallery and many members of the public to celebrate. The event featured fine art, folk art, pottery, weaving, woodcarving, artist demonstrations, live entertainment and a children's corner. There was a special exhibit and performances from Project Random, a youth project in partnership with City of Toronto Culture, West Hill Community Services and Toronto Community Housing through Neighbourhood Action in the Kingston/Galloway area. The celebration also included a juried exhibition of works by members of Cedar Ridge Studio Gallery.

Celebrated Ontario sculptor Floyd G Elzinga, winner of the Best Three Dimensional Work, Grimsby Festival of Art (2007); Best Outdoor Spring Decor, Canadian Craft Show (2001) and the Globe and Mail Best New Artisan, Canadian Craft Show (1997) was commissioned to create a beautiful sculpture to commemorate the 30th anniversary which sits near the property entrance.

A bench was unveiled in memory of Kay Long, a co-founder of Cedar Ridge Studio Gallery. Kay was a teacher, artist, volunteer and arts activist. As an arts instructor, she was known for her positive critiques and subtle mentoring. She retired from teaching at age 80 and continued to attend the Open Studio sessions until the day before her death in 2008. It was a pleasure to meet her husband, and three wonderful daughters at the unveiling.

In 1968, The Guildwood School of Arts and Crafts was founded by Barbara Jean Rodgers under the patronage of Rosa and Spencer Clark. The school operated out of Corycliffe Lodge and the log cabin on the grounds of the Guild Inn. In 1974, the school moved to Bethune House and became Guildcrest Studios, a federally chartered non-profit organization.

Cedar Ridge, an estate of John Fraser, was acquired by the former City of Scarborough, which invited Guildcrest Studios to relocate to Cedar Ridge. The beauty of the home was retained in the main floor

gallery space, and the upper floor and basement areas were developed into studio space. Renamed Cedar Ridge Studio Gallery in honour of the new location, the volunteer organization has remained at the Cedar Ridge Creative Centre working in partnership with the City of Toronto.

The Cedar Ridge Studio Gallery was the original founding organization of the Creative Centre and the first public gallery with teaching studios in the east end of Toronto. The gallery is a volunteer-run, not-for-profit organization that hosts two fundraising events each year in June and November, and sponsors Rakudu - a special one-day raku festival for schools by providing special workshops. Cedar Ridge Studio Gallery continues to be an active partner with the Cedar Ridge Creative Centre, carrying on its long history of contributing to the arts in Scarborough. Cedar Ridge Creative Centre is operated by the City of Toronto Culture.

Carriage House Studios: The original Cedar Ridge estate included a chauffeur's cottage with an attached three bay garage and stables for three horses. In 1993, the cottage was renovated and made into working studio space. In 1996 the building was renamed Carriage House Studios and was officially opened by the former Lieutenant Governor, The Honourable Hal Jackman. The studios offer a healthy, inviting and inspirational setting for artists.

Cedar Ridge Permanent Art Collection: The Cedar Ridge Collection is a historical and contemporary record of artists who have taught, exhibited and been supporters of Cedar Ridge. The collection includes a representation of every medium taught at Cedar Ridge Creative Centre including painting, sculpture, pottery, woodcarving, fibre art and folk art.

Cedar Ridge Gallery: From January to March, the Cedar Ridge Gallery sponsors the Contemporary Art Exhibitions, five two-week juried exhibits featuring contemporary artists from across Ontario. The See and Be Seen call for entry provides an opportunity for artists to rent gallery space. The program works on a 24-month calendar to allow more artists to exhibit their work.

Cedar Ridge also has space available for rent for meetings and corporate retreats throughout the year, as well as holiday parties. Availability is subject to the seasonal gallery and course schedule. Cedar Ridge is open to any catering company. The client is responsible for obtaining a Special Occasion Permit if alcohol is being served. For detailed information regarding rentals, please contact Cedar Ridge directly at 416-396-4026.

6. Guildwood Village

Guildwood Day was again this year a success! Congratulations to the Guildwood Village Community Association for putting on a great event.

Guildwood Village like other sections of the Ward is on a grass cutting schedule. Grass is cut every two weeks and noxious weeds can be reported to my office for further attention. A delay was experienced with the flower planting at the Village entrance as the water system needed repairs. All was completed in time for Guildwood Day including the planting of the flowers. I am currently working with City staff to utilize some of the City's Clean and beautiful money to look at enhancements along the median of Guildwood Parkway to give back to the community, specifically in appreciation of their love of gardening

and nature. You will also notice the new boulevard trees at Dearham Wood and Poplar Road to be planted this fall.

The Guildwood Village Association has applied and been successful in their bid for a City of Toronto Clean and Beautiful grant to replace the community "Welcome" sign which currently sits at the corner of Guildwood Parkway and Prince Philip Boulevard. I have been working with the City staff to ensure Ward 43 receives the grant monies as well as enhancements for 2008 and upcoming years.

Transportation issues have been raised with my office which has resulted in the request for a four-way stop at Catalina Drive and Prince Philip Boulevard. It has also been suggested the intersection simply requires larger stop signs and an enhanced police presence. There is also a Canada Post green box on one corner which I have asked Canada Post to reposition out of the street site line.

A westbound left-turn lane advanced green feature has also been requested for the afternoon and evening peak time at Kingston Road and Guildwood Parkway. Both requests are with the transportation office for review.

Police presence as well as school board security has been requested to patrol Elizabeth Simcoe Park and the school area in the evening hours to address cars driving through the park property and unruly conduct on the property. 43 Division Community Response Unit will be attending to the area. If you witness any disturbances please do contact 43 Division at 416-808-4300 and the School Security at 416-395-4620.

GRAFFITI ARRESTS took place in Guildwood Village As a result of the continuing graffiti eradication initiative in 43 division, six persons ranging in ages from 16 to 20 years were recently arrested on charges of mischief under \$5,000.00.

At 1:10am on the 18th June 2008 43 Division officers responded to a call in the Guildwood area. Investigation revealed that person/persons unknown had spray painted part of the school property located at the Guildwood Junior School. Further investigation at the scene and surrounding areas resulted in the arrests of four adults and two young offenders. All were transported to 43 division and charged accordingly. It should be noted that all but one of the arrested persons reside in the same area in which the offence was committed.

Graffiti issues across the City are cleaned if on City property within 48 hours. Unfortunately the utility boxes are not our property and we can not clean them. A city-wide pilot project has been mandated to coordinate a blanket solution with the utility companies /Canada Post so the graffiti can be dealt with quicker. At this point in time all graffiti reported to my office is sent to the proper companies and to our Municipal Standards and Licensing Office so that they can monitor how long it takes for the graffiti to be cleaned. This information will then be analyzed by staff where suggestions on how this issue should be handled will be reported on at the fall meeting of the Licensing and Municipal Standards Committee.

Graffiti on private property is handled by our Municipal Licensing and Standards office, who mail a letter to the property owner giving them a time frame to clean the graffiti; usually 2-3 weeks or mandated depending on the size of the area.

Talks are continuing with interested parties who are coming forward with proposals for the former Guild Inn. These parties have been and are continuing to present at the Guild Advisory Committee, with the next meeting scheduled for June 26, 2008. We will have a clearer view of the situation by September. I have made it clear to the City that we need to move forward quickly on this project and have commitments made by this time.

This summer meetings will be scheduled with the community to discuss the cultural precinct on the Guild site: Meeting notices will be delivered to residents next month.

A demolition contractor has been hired and has already been on site to plan for the demolition of the hotel portion of the Guild Inn. As this project has been planned for the 2009 budget I have given direction that the work is to commence in the fall of 2008 as not to disrupt any events or wedding photograph permits for the 2009 year. The demolition is an extensive project and will consist of taking down the hotel towers only which will take up to three months to complete. With the towers gone the safety and integrity of the property will be easier to manage, as well as addressing the safety issue of trespassers in the structure.

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.

7. Residents Rising Community Association

The Residents Rising Community Associations has been a huge success with over 300 members have signed up. With a scheduled meeting on June 30, 2008, this association is a great tool for the residents who reside in the apartment buildings east of Scarborough Golf Club Road along Lawrence Avenue, Galloway Road, Kingston Road and Morningside Avenue.

Launched in January 2008 and there is no membership fee to join the association. 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.

8. Gateway Scarborough - Kingston Road Initiative

Scarborough Community Council discussed an initiative aimed to study and create an urban design vision for the Kingston Road Corridor, creating a Gateway into Toronto. I along with the Councillors Brian Ashton and Ron Moeser have been holding monthly meetings with City staff to create a vision along Kingston Road.

With the desire and initiative along with working with the local business' we can achieve a desirable gateway into East Scarborough.

Last month I also invited local Kingston Road business' to discuss the beautification of Kingston Road to better the business' while improving the community. I would like to thank all the business' representatives who attended the meeting and will work with you to achieve our vision.

9. Water Watch

By now you should have received your copy of "Water Watch". The residential newsletter may also be viewed at www.toronto.ca/water/water_watch/index.htm .

Information on all water related issues including your Municipal tap water, Out door water saving tips, and free Summer WaterSaver visits from May - August. Call 416-392-7000 now to book your assessment and learn how to reduce your outdoor water use by making water-wise changes to your lawn and garden. You can also email your request to savewater@toronto.ca.

Whether booking through phone or email, you must provide your name, full address and phone number.

Last year, more than 2,000 visits took place and program participants across the City reported reduced water usage (equalling savings on their water bill) and successful implementation of the advice they received.

10. Reminder Pesticide Bylaw

The City of Toronto is reminding residents to comply with the pesticide bylaw and choose natural ways to care for your lawns and gardens. The City's Pesticide Bylaw bans weed and bug killers in almost all circumstances. Fines for breaking the bylaw start at \$255.

With this in mind my office has been receiving phone calls regarding the stipulations on golf courses in our community. The Toronto Health Department has advised me that although some golf courses do supply the City with their supply pesticide data it is not mandatory. The Province of Ontario announced this year that are looking towards making Ontario a pesticide free zone, legislation to this regard has not yet surfaced.

Residents wishing the City to request supply data from a golf course may call TPH at 416-808-7600, Toronto staff will visit the establishment and request to view their pesticide use.

Visit www.toronto.ca/pesticides or call 416-338-7600 for information on:

- tips for fighting common weeds and pests
- which products to buy and which ones to avoid
- how to choose the right lawn care company
- natural lawn and garden care basics
- how to safely dispose of unwanted pesticides

Pesticide use is down in Toronto, and more people are using natural ways to care for their lawns and gardens.

11. 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

Please see their 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.

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.

12. Community Meetings and Events

Councillor Paul Ainslie Events:

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:

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

17th August 2008 - The Guild Alive with Culture Arts Festival

Events at Albert Campbell Square

17-Jun-08 National Aboriginal Day 11:30 am 1:30 pm

22-Jun-08 Community Outreach - Garage Sale 7:00 am 6:00 pm

25-Jun-08 Aboriginal Awareness Event 11:00 am 4:00 pm

26-Jun-08 Scarborough Pride 10:00 am 8:00 pm

19-Jul-08 "Satsararavaya" - Musical & Dance 8:00 am 10:00 pm

25-Jul-08 Canadian Tamil Congress 4:00 pm 10:00 pm

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

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

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

13. Glen Rouge Campground opens for the 2008 season

Glen Rouge Campground, nestled in 12,000 acres of forests and meadows in Rouge Park, has opened for the 2008 season. Glen Rouge is operated by the City of Toronto's Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division, and is Toronto's only campground.

Glen Rouge Campground provides a unique urban wilderness experience. Nature enthusiasts can hike or paddle into the heart of the Rouge Park, an ecological treasure and Canada's largest urban park. At the same time, those looking for adventure in the city will find the campground is just minutes away from attractions, including the Toronto Zoo, Lake Ontario beaches and two of Toronto's five municipal golf courses - Tam O'Shanter and Dentonia Park. Just minutes away from downtown Toronto, Glen Rouge Campground is accessible by public transit.

The 8.7-hectare campground is equipped with 125 sites, including 87 that are fully-serviced for recreational vehicles, 27 unserviced sites and 11 that are designed specifically for backpackers. The

facility is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week throughout the camping season until October 14. Amenities include: washrooms, showers, coin laundry, vending machines, fire pits and barbecues, children's play area, volleyball and horseshoes.

Glen Rouge Campground is located off Kingston Rd., just north of Highway 401 and east of the Sheppard Ave./Port Union Rd. interchange.

Reservations can be made from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., seven days a week. To register for a campsite, call 416-338-CAMP (2267) or e-mail camping@toronto.ca. For more information about Glen Rouge Campground, visit www.toronto.ca/parks.

14. City launches Graffiti Pilot Project

The City of Toronto's Municipal Licensing and Standards Division (ML&S) is launching a Graffiti Pilot Project that involves proactive enforcement of the City's Graffiti bylaw. Beginning on May 21, Municipal Licensing and Standards (ML&S) officers began documenting graffiti on buildings used by the City and its Agencies, Boards, Commissions and Corporations (ABCCs) as well as utilities such as poles, signs and publication boxes. After receiving notification, property owners will have three days to remove the graffiti.

"The Graffiti Pilot Project is building on the success of Toronto's award winning Clean and Beautiful City Program," said Toronto Mayor David Miller. "It is believed that if graffiti is not removed, it invites more graffiti and vandalism because it sends the message that the City doesn't care and isn't paying attention. This project demonstrates we are serious about graffiti removal and sends a strong positive message that we care about and are proud of our communities and neighbourhoods."

ML&S officers will advise the affected property owners by registered mail or personal delivery and allow a period of three days after receipt of the notice to remove the graffiti. If after that time has elapsed and the graffiti is not removed:

- for private utilities: ML&S will arrange for removal and add the costs to the owner's taxes; legal action may be pursued (fines will be determined by the courts)
- for City assets: ML&S will arrange removal and recover the costs
- for ABCCs assets: ML&S will arrange removal and recover the costs
- if the graffiti is still there at re-inspection, the City will ensure removal within five days.

"We need everyone's help if we are to win the battle against graffiti," said Licensing and Standards Committee Chair, Councillor Howard Moscoe. "We all have a role to play in making sure Toronto is clean and beautiful, acts as a beacon for tourists and attracts new jobs and investment from the business community."

The pilot will be conducted in targeted areas within the wards of members of the Licensing and Standards Committee (downtown tourist area), and after some arm twisting by myself I was able to have a portion of Ward 43 included, where there was a number of graffiti sprayings last summer:

Ward 43 - area bounded by Scarborough Golf Club to Morningside, between Kingston Road and Lake Ontario.

15. Mural Project on Lawrence Avenue

When driving along Lawrence Avenue this fall be sure to look for the mural which is being painted on the East Scarborough Storefront Building located at 4040 Lawrence Avenue. A Graffiti Transformation Initiative grant has been awarded to the East Scarborough Storefront. The program is to paint murals to prevent and discourage graffiti.

6 youth will have the opportunity to work with an artist (through Project Random) who will coach them on mural techniques. These youth will then support various groups in the community as they design and paint their own panel on the Storefront wall.

T-Dot (Tobacco Don't Own Toronto), Project Random, East Scarborough Boys and Girls Club, YOUTHLINK and Parks, Forestry and Recreation have all shown interest to work with the East Scarborough Storefront on this project.

A banner like painting over the top of the murals will be the "community motto" developed by Residents Rising.

16. Live Green Toronto offers \$9.5 million in grants for neighbourhood actions to green Toronto

The City of Toronto will accept applications from neighbourhood and community groups looking for funding to help them undertake projects that reduce emissions, clean our air and protect our climate. A total of \$9.5 million is available over the next five years.

The funds are part of the City's Live Green Toronto program, a five-year, \$20-million program to support community-based actions that green Toronto. Initiatives eligible for funding include projects to increase tree planting, energy efficiency, renewable energy production, local food production, green roofs, and water conservation.

"With Live Green Toronto, we're taking action on climate change to a whole new level," said Mayor David Miller. "As we engage neighbourhoods and communities in the fight on climate change -and provide them with the expertise, support and funds they've told us they need - we will greatly expand our capacity to green our city and clean our air, and help make Toronto the most liveable city it can be."

Grants to support community-based green initiatives are available through two funds:

Live Green Toronto Community Investment Program

The Community Investment Program provides seed money of up to \$25,000 per project to help communities develop and implement green initiatives. The total available in each of the five years is \$200,000.

Live Green Toronto Capital Fund

The Capital Projects Fund provides partial funding for community-based capital projects, to a maximum of \$250,000 per project. The total available in 2008 is \$500,000. The fund increases to \$2 million per year for 2009 to 2012.

Application details are available online at www.livegreentoronto.ca. The deadline to submit a letter of interest is July 7, 2008.

In addition to the funding opportunities, key elements of Live Green Toronto include Community Animators who will help community groups take their green ideas from concept to implementation. The Community Animators will be in place by the end of July 2008. Also a dedicated website at www.livegreentoronto.ca provides residents with access to resources, rebates, tools and programs at the municipal, provincial and federal levels.

Live Green Toronto is a key component of the City's Climate Change, Clean Air and Sustainable Energy Action Plan, which targets an 80 per cent reduction in the greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change by 2050. City Council unanimously endorsed the action plan in July 2007. Toronto's Climate Change, Clean Air and Sustainable Energy Action Plan is available at: www.toronto.ca/environment.

17. Toronto this summer

Fresh Wednesdays and Tasty Thursdays

Fresh Wednesdays and Tasty Thursdays at Nathan Phillips Square offer the perfect summer lunchtime combination - delicious food at great prices and free noon hour concerts featuring blues, jazz, world, roots and reggae from July 9 to August 28.

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

Fresh Wednesdays - concerts:

July 9 Suzie Vinnick (roots and blues)

July 16 Nine-Mile (acoustic rock duo)

July 23 Melissa Larkin (folk rock)

July 30 Silk Road Duo (classical Chinese and world fusion)

August 6 Shawna Caspi (indie folk)

August 13 Tannis Slimmon (roots)

August 20 Carey West (singer songwriter)

August 27 Lindsay Ferguson (acoustic rock)

Tasty Thursdays features a variety of Toronto restaurants bringing their international cuisine to the square for \$5 or less. Lunch runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., from July 10 to August 28.

Tasty Thursdays - concerts:

July 10 Dane Hartsell (pop, rock and soul)

July 17 The Marigolds (contemporary folk roots trio)

July 24 Alex Cuba (pop-soul Cuban)

July 31 Korexion (Juno award-winning Reggae group)

August 7 The Caf Ol (latin jazz)

August 14 Toronto Blues Society New Talent Search

August 21 Liam Titcomb (pop/rock/blues)

August 28 Chris Bottomley's Brainfudge (funk)

Sunday Serenades

Featuring swing and big band music to complement Toronto's warm summer evenings, Sunday Serenades runs each Sunday between July 13 and August 24 from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Mel Lastman Square.

July 13 A Tribute to Frank Sinatra and Peggy Lee by the Jay Boehmer Band

July 20 Lenny Graf and his Platinum Swing Orchestra

July 27 The Bluesual Suspects

August 3 Casablanca Orchestra

August 10 Simon Maxwell

August 17 George Lake Big Band

August 24 Skylark

Summerlicious presented by American Express returns July 4 to 20 and reservations begin June 19. American Express Cardmembers can go to the Front of the Line to book early reservations on June 17 and 18. Toronto's ever-popular summer edition of the annual restaurant promotion will feature more than 130 participating fine dining restaurants throughout the city offering three-course prix-fixe menus at \$15 or \$20 for lunch and \$25 or \$35 for dinner.

For more information about these and other Toronto Special Events, call Access Toronto at 416-338-0338 or visit www.toronto.ca/special_events.

18. Art exhibit kicks off events leading to National Aboriginal Day

Defining Aboriginal is a visual arts exhibition of contemporary works by members of First Nations, Inuit and Metis communities and investigates the stereotypes and myths around Aboriginal art. Works by four well-known artists are on display: sculptor David Ruben Piqtoukun, conceptual artist Mimi Gellman, photographer Keesic Douglas and camera artist Jacinthe Roy.

The exhibit is presented by The Metis Artists' Collective as part of the events leading up to National Aboriginal Day on June 21. The metis Artists' Collective is a non-profit aboriginal group of musicians, writers, filmmakers and media artists whose works raise the awareness of metis culture.

The City of Toronto celebrates the 14th National Aboriginal Day on June 21. For a list of events visit www.toronto.ca/diversity.

19. Seniors Month

Members of the Toronto Seniors' Forum and seniors from Toronto's diverse populations celebrated Seniors' Month in style, at City Hall, with an event called Seniors Living in Diversity. The event featured entertainment by seniors' choirs from the African-Canadian community, dance groups from the Asian and Latin American community, and theatre performances.

The Toronto Seniors' Forum, composed of older adult volunteers from across Toronto, is a valuable resource that connects seniors (especially newcomers, seniors living with disabilities and seniors with economic challenges) to services in the city. It also helps seniors to understand the political process and become involved in advocating for issues that are important to them. Created in October 2004, the Forum participates in various community engagement events that include community presentations, advocacy projects and public meetings.

"Forum members pride themselves on being a resource for seniors," said Mildred Margulies, co-chair of the Toronto Seniors' Forum. "Helping seniors to help themselves is what we're all about."

City Divisions, Toronto Parks Forestry and Recreation, Toronto Long-Term Care Homes and Services, as well as the Toronto Public Library, the Ontario Coalition Seniors Citizens Organizations, Ontario Seniors Safety Secretariat and Bringing An Awareness of Seniors Safety Issues To the Community (B.A.S.S.I.C.) had displays at the event that were manned with volunteers eager to answer questions and provide information.

20. Astral Media introduce new street furniture

Toronto City Council is trying to in a new era in the beautification of Toronto's urban landscape with the unveiling of prototypes of the City's new street furniture.

New bus shelters, garbage/recycling receptacles, street benches, newspaper boxes and other pieces will become part of the cityscape. Over the next 20 years, it is expected that more than 25,000 street furniture elements will be placed on Toronto streets. With Astral Media, the street furniture was designed by Toronto's own internationally-recognized designer Jeremy Kramer and his team at Kramer Design Associates.

An advertising-funded approach for the specified street furniture elements was recommended as the best way to ensure the economic viability of the program at no cost to the City. This allows the City to receive a greater number of elements much sooner than would otherwise be possible with maintenance of the equipment provided at no cost.

Advertising will be limited to the transit shelters and info columns only and minimum distances will be established between advertisements to reduce visual clutter.

Photo displays of the street furniture are available at Metro Hall and the North York, Etobicoke, East York and Scarborough Civic Centres this week, or online at www.toronto.ca/involved/projects/streetfurniture.

21. Quote du Mois

A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken. - [James Dent](#)

22. Websites for Community Use

Do you recall those last long days in the classroom waiting for school to end? Wiggling in your seat, trying to concentrate on what the teacher is saying, excited about all the great things you will do this summer and just itching to hear that final bell? It is one of the thrilling rites of childhood often greeted with less enthusiasm by parents. Within days of being at home, the same children who couldn't wait to be there are complaining about having nothing to do, while parents frantically try to find inexpensive and easy ways to keep them entertained.

Don't let your child's summer drift by in a haze of bad cartoons, video games and movies. With the Internet at hand, parents have a great resource to keep boredom at bay and make the summer one to remember.

There are numerous websites that focus on family fun with activity ideas for all ages. As well, your community has many events from camping to festivals and reading programs available, all listed online. Clip this section, put it on the fridge, and the next time one of your children says "I'm bored" you will have a solution.

Along with those great websites, you can find many more ideas for things to make the summer busy just by typing in "summer family fun" into Google. You will pull up a wide variety of websites brimming with lots of suggestions.

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

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

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

Ice Cream in a Bag – Finally, for those especially hot and sticky days when you want something fast, fun and kid-friendly, here is a recipe that children love to make – with the added advantage of keeping them quiet while they polish it off.

Take one large Ziploc bag, a small Ziploc bag, one liter of ice, 60 ml of salt, 250 ml whole milk (soya milk and lactose-free milk also work well), 5 ml vanilla extract and 30 ml sugar. Pour the milk, vanilla and sugar into the small bag and squeeze as much air out as possible before you seal it. Place it into the large Ziploc bag, cover with ice and salt and seal the large bag tightly. Have your children shake, toss and flip it for five to 10 minutes – if it gets too cold, wrap it in a towel or pass it from person-to-person. Don't open it too soon; give it a chance to get very cold. Spoon it out and enjoy. (For other flavours, omit the vanilla and half the sugar and add strawberry or chocolate syrup to the milk instead).

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