

Dear Residents of Ward 43,

My community newsletter was sent out to Ward 43 residents. I hope you had an opportunity to view the information on the senior's tax relief program, 2012 budget, Emerald Ash Borer, community events and highlights.

Potholes have been an issue across the City. This month we launched two mobile apps allowing residents to report potholes to the City via their cell phones. The 311 mobile apps capture location information and allow a picture to be included as part of the reporting process. The service request is brought through Open311 API (Application Programming Interface) and directed to the Transportation Services division. The apps are designed to be efficient and cost effective.

Two apps are available. The "See, Click, Fix" app is available for download on Blackberry, iPhone and Android devices. The "TDOT 311" app is available for iPhones only. To access the two mobile apps and links view <http://www.toronto.ca/open311>.

I will be hosting my annual Environment day on Thursday May 10, 2012. Please drop off all of your recycling and disposal electronic devices along with any toxic waste from 4p.m. to 8p.m. at Morningside Yard just south of Hwy 401. On May 27 compost will be made available at two different locations, starting at 8:30AM Tam Heather Curling & Tennis Club, 730 Military Trail and Curran Hall Community Centre, 277 Orton Park.

Earlier this month, I had the pleasure to be invited to speak at a Campaign School hosted by the Academy of the Impossible, a program dedicated to teach those who wish to pursue public office or who wish to play a pivotal role in specific causes. It was an enjoyable afternoon filled with questions.

Sincerely,  
Paul

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**1. Calendar**

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- May 1 - University Toronto Scarborough Campus Entrance Scholarship Recognition
  - May 1 -GRG Meeting
  - May 1 - Coronation Community Association Meeting

May 2 - McHappy Day  
May 3 - Community Inspection  
May 3 - Toronto Fire Chief Retirement Gala  
May 4 - Toronto Fire Fighters' Retirement Recognition Night  
May 6 - Campaign School at Academy of the Impossible - Guest Speaker at UFT  
May 7 - Toronto Public Library Board Strategic Planning Steering Committee  
May 8 - Toronto City Council  
May 8 - Guildwood Village Community Association Meeting  
May 9 - Toronto City Council  
May 9 - Kingston Galloway Orton Park KGO Safety Meeting  
May 9 - Honour Winner of Toronto Public Library Board Design-a-Bookmark Contest  
May 10 - Toronto Zoo Policy & Finance Committee Meeting  
May 10 - Community Police Liaison Committee Meeting  
May 10 - Councillor Ainslie's Environment Day - Morningside Yard just south of hwy. 401 and Morningside Ave.  
May 10 - Annual General Meeting - Boys & Girls Club of East Scarborough  
May 10 - Toronto Zoo White Lion Exhibit  
May 12 - M&M Charity BBQ 4525 Kingston Road, (In the new Morningside Crossing Plaza)  
May 12 - 43 Division Police Station Community BBQ - All invited - 4331 Lawrence Ave. E  
May 14 - City of Toronto Executive Committee  
May 14 - Toronto Public Library Budget Committee  
May 15 - Scarborough Community Council  
May 16 - 2012 Seven Oaks Volunteer Appreciation Celebration  
May 21 - Happy Victoria Day  
May 23 - Neighbourhood Action Partnership meeting  
May 24 - Government Management Committee Meeting  
May 25 - Toronto Region Conservation Authority Meeting  
May 25 - Centenary Hospital Buy a Bed Event - "Bed Race"  
May 25 - East Scarborough Storefront Local Planning Board meeting  
May 27 - Councillor Ainslie's Compost Day - 730 Military Trl & 277 Orton Park  
May 28 - Toronto Public Library Board Meeting  
May 31 - Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo

### **Events in our Community:**

May 10 – Councillor Ainslie's Environment Day – 4 p.m. Morningside Yard just south of hwy. 401 and Morningside Ave  
May 12 – M&M Charity BBQ 4525 Kingston Road, (In the new Morningside Crossing Plaza)  
May 12 – 43 Division Community BBQ 4331 Lawrence Ave. E  
May 27 – Councillor Ainslie's Compost Day – Tam Heather Curling & Tennis Club: 730 Military Trl & Curran Hall  
Community Centre 277 Orton Park  
May 27 - Spring into Summer Event 9am – 1pm Curran Hall Community Centre & Botany Hill Park 277 Orton Park Rd.  
• Free compost for the garden, bring your own shovels and containers, pick-up starts at 8:30 - Compost  
Courtesy of Councillor Paul Ainslie • Participate in the annual Plant Swap or Share. [Click here for flyer & more information](#)

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## **2. Seven Oaks**

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### **Brooks Road Park**

In response to resident inquiries the playground equipment at Brooks Road Park will be repainted and repaired this Spring. The playground equipment will be power washed, cleaned and repainted allowing the area children to again enjoy this playground.

### **Neilson Road Tree Planting**

The tree planting along Neilson Road boulevard commenced on Tuesday April 3, staff had originally identified 60 planting sites but have since added 15 new locations. The 75 trees have now been planted. Staff are reviewing the planting and may additional trees closer to Sheppard Ave.

It was unfortunate that some of the trees were vandalized staff have addressed the damage and pruned the trees in question. If you witness any vandalism please contact 311 or use the new graffiti app, also call the local police department at 416-808-2222. Report the damage when trees and public property are vandalized your taxes through city resources are used to address the damage.

### **Annual Summer BBQ – Seven Oaks Park**

Mark your calendars for **Thursday June 21, 2012 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** I will continue my tradition to host a community BBQ at Seven Oaks Park. If you would like to volunteer or need community hours please contact my office.

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### **3. Curran Hall Community**

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

### **Traffic Study Requests**

Our Transportation Division receives many traffic requests from residents all the requests are reviewed and reported on. At this time the following request has been received:

Date Received at City: April 12, 2012

Location: Scarborough Golf Club and Par Avenue

Issue: Additional pedestrian walk time

Investigation: Staff investigated and granted the request. Additional time will be implemented

Should you have any questions or comments regarding our review, please contact Allan Burrows, Supervisor, Traffic Operations, at [416-396-7147](tel:416-396-7147).

### **Spring into Summer Event Click for PDF link**

Date: SUNDAY MAY 27TH

Time: 9AM TO 1 PM

Location: CURRAN HALL COMMUNITY CENTRE AND BOTANY HILL PARK, 277 ORTON PARK ROAD

- Free compost for the garden, bring your own shovels and containers, pick-up starts at 8:30 - Compost Courtesy of Councillor Paul Ainslie
- Participate in the annual Plant Swap or Share - bring labelled perennial plants divided from your garden to swap with other gardeners or donate to new gardeners. Limited quantities of perennials will be available for new gardeners.

- **Green your home and community**, find out about local community projects, events and green resources to benefit your home, your garden, and community, at staffed information tables in the community centre and outside. Questions and discussions expected and appreciated!.

- Visit the Parks & Recreation table discuss with staff exciting recreation programs and summer camps close to home
- Learn about **urban wildlife** from the experts and more!

This is a free event for people to swap plants and there will be plants that people can have if they are starting a perennial flower garden. 200 potted plants of various types of plants will be at the event.

**Organized and hosted by the Curran Hall Community Association in partnership with the City of Toronto Parks Forestry and Recreation and many others. For more information or to contact visit; [www.curranhall.ca](http://www.curranhall.ca)**

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### **4. Coronation and West Hill Community**

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

## **Go Tracks Tie replacement**

Tie replacement has commenced for Metrolinx/GO on the on the Scarborough to Pickering GO Tracks. The off hours are; Sunday to Thursday 9:30 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. and Friday to Saturday 9:30 a.m. and Sundays 9:30 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. This project is expected to be completed (weather dependant) by the end of June 2012.

This work cannot be performed safely during day time hours due to heavy volume of rail traffic on these tracks.

A Noise Exemption for this work is not required as this work is considered "Necessary Municipal Work" and is exempted in Chapter 591 Noise of the Toronto Municipal Code.

[http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/municode/1184\\_591.pdf](http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/municode/1184_591.pdf)

Please contact, Les or Tim Mann at Sera Total Track Tel: 613 923-5702 or [Tractim.mann@sersatotaltrack.ca](mailto:Tractim.mann@sersatotaltrack.ca) If you have any questions.

## **Toronto Police 43 Division 7th Annual Community Picnic & Open House**

Saturday May 12, 2012, 11 am - 2 pm 4331 Lawrence Ave. East (E of Morningside Ave.)

FREE BBQ Silent Auction Police Station Tours, Child Fingerprinting,Clowns & Balloons,Crime Stoppers,Police Horses,EMS Vehicle,Gym Elites,Fire Trucks,Youth Bands,Bouncy Castle,Police Vehicles,Steel Drum Band,Skateboard Trailer,Henna Hand Painting,Toronto Public Health,Toronto Zoo 'Touch Table'

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## **5. Cedar Ridge Community & Cornell Community**

### **Ball Court for Community**

The community has expressed an interest in installing a hockey ball park in Cornell Park. The play area will be approximately 60 ft x 120 ft with chain link fence and timber wall goals, similar to the installation at Knob Hill Park, Scarborough. At this time the Parks Division has listed this project to be commenced and completed in 2013.

### **What's Happening at Cedar Ridge**

#### **Through May 10**

##### **Barry Chemel**

This solo exhibition features sculpture, installation, photography and drawings by local artist Barry Chemel.

#### **May 13 - 17**

##### **A Jumblies Retrospective**

***Opening Reception: Thursday, May 17 from 6 - 8 p.m. -***

**Featuring presentations by Scarborough Youth & Tamil Seniors**

Video Screening of the performance of Like An Old Tale

May 15, 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Bring your lunch, we will provide beverages and sweets

Cedar Ridge Creative Centre's artists-in-residence an exhibit of the costumes, props, puppets, and masks made by East Scarborough residents & Jumblies artists, for the December 2011 production of Like An Old Tale.

#### **May 20 – June 1**

##### **The Arthur/Free Spirit Show**

***Opening Reception: Sunday, May 20 from 1 - 4 p.m.***

The Art Guild of Scarborough presents their annual Arthur/Free Spirit Show at Cedar Ridge Gallery. This juried show features the work of Guild members. The Art Guild see to bring together people with a mutual interest in the fine arts and to be of service to the community by providing a congenial group interested in the fine arts, foster better understanding of creative art, its origin, techniques, media and means of expression, and to gain from one another new incentive through mutual work and study. They promote and encourage promising artists in the community and organize exhibitions and other programs.

#### **May 26 – 27**

**Doors Open Toronto, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.** Cedar Ridge Creative Centre will be part of the annual Doors Open Toronto on May 26 & 27. Doors Open has attracted more than two million visitors since it began. Toronto was the first North American city to launch a Doors Open event and has advised similar programs like Doors Open Ontario and Open House New York. Doors Open Toronto is produced by the City of Toronto and sponsored by the Toronto Star.  
<http://www.toronto.ca/doorsopen2012/>

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## **6. Guildwood Village**

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Guildwood Village Community Association website: [www.guildwood.on.ca](http://www.guildwood.on.ca)  
The Guild Renaissance Group (GRG): <http://guildrenaissancegroup.com/>

### **Traffic Study Requests**

Our Transportation Division receives many traffic requests from residents all the requests are reviewed and reported on. At this time the following request has been received:

Date Received: April 12, 2012  
Location: Toynbee Trail and Dearham Wood  
Issue: Investigate Regulatory Signs  
Investigation No: D12-4733241

### **Guildwood Park**

The fence across the Guildwood Park and the Guild Inn property will be removed in June. As the fence represented to many a barrier between the community and the park I was asked to have it replaced by shrubs to heighten the appearance of the property. I have asked that the planting not resemble a fence as residents should be able to access the property with ease. I hope that the community reacts positively to this change as I feel it will make the park seem more open and inviting.

### **Guild Inn Bickford Residence**

I have been receiving calls from residents inquiring on the status of the Inn and if any progress has been made in finding a new proponent. As I have reported previously this file is now being handled by both the City Real Estate Division along with Economic Development. The purpose of this change was for Real Estate to actively solicit potential clients for the site which would fit the community's desire for a restaurant on the site. A consultant who has sufficient experience in restaurants and hospitality has been hired. This consultant will help the City Real Estate staff draft a proper list of recommendations in order to release a call for tender. These requirements will be different as the City will not be asking for a large financial commitment from the proponent as was asked for in the previous RFP's. The tender will be open for 60-90 days.

### **Guild Alive with Culture an Art's Festival**

I along with the Guild Renaissance Group are hard at work to bring the community the Guild Alive with Culture Festival this summer. Being held on July 28th & 29th this year's festival promises to be the best ever. The Olde Stone Cottage Pub has joined us this year with the installation of a pub and beer/wine garden showcase. Chris Short, owner of the Olde Stone Cottage is a Guildwood resident and thrilled to come on board. The entertainment and artist vendors are coming together as well. Our aim is to increase the artists to bring more selection to our festival goers. Please mark your calendars and come out to enjoy the festival.

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## **7. The Residents Rising Community Association**

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### **Festival Market**

Residents Rising is proud to bring their annual Festival Market to the community. The Market will run every Thursday starting June 7 – August 30 from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at St. Margaret's in the Pines Parkette located at 4130 Lawrence Avenue East.

Committee members belong to a number of committees to bring your issues to the community table. The safety committee is one ensure that your safety concerns are brought to the forefront to community leaders. If you have any issues you need to discuss with the committee please do not hesitate to contact them.

If you would like to get involved and help create a new vision for the Kingston/Galloway/Lawrence & Morningside Community, the Residents Rising Community Association is looking for new team members. Meeting monthly, the RR

team helps to plan events, brainstorm ideas and works with local partners to improve the neighbourhood. Members represent many cultures, ages, economic levels and abilities. They are looking for local residents who care about the community and are willing to volunteer and participate. The office is located at 4117 Lawrence Avenue East, unit 100A or call [647-347-2342](tel:647-347-2342).

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## **8. Mornelle Court Resident's Action Coalition**

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Mornelle Court Residents Action Coalition...Working together to make a change... Be the Change you want to See...

[www.mornellecourt.webs.com](http://www.mornellecourt.webs.com)

[Mornellecourtcoalition@yahoo.ca](mailto:Mornellecourtcoalition@yahoo.ca)

[mornellecourt@facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/mornellecourt)

Housing consultations to investigate innovative solutions and new partnerships to address the repair needs of Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC) and the future of its single-family homes have begun.

The consultations arise out of Toronto City Council's endorsement of a special working group to investigate alternatives to the sale of 619 occupied TCHC single-family homes. Toronto City Council also requested advice on innovative financial strategies to fund the social housing repair backlog and a strategy to engage the federal and provincial governments in providing long-term, sustainable funding to meet Toronto's affordable housing needs.

Members of the special working group are:

- Councillor Ana Bailão, Chair
- Alan Redway - former Conservative MP and cabinet minister and former Chair of the Daily Bread Food Bank
- Jim Pimblett -Management Consultant and former Executive Assistant to Prime Minister Paul Martin
- Bud Purves - Chair, Toronto Community Housing Corporation Board

The consultation process will include:

- a survey of residents of single-family homes
- public input through meetings and a now active e-mail: [yourvoice@toronto.ca](mailto:yourvoice@toronto.ca)
- a workshop with private sector and non-profit housing experts, and other organizational stakeholders

The working group will deliver its first report on May 28 to the Affordable Housing Committee and a final report to the Executive Committee on September 10.

For more information about the consultation process and the special working group please check for updates at <http://www.toronto.ca/affordablehousing>.

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## **9. Long-term care volunteers City Award Ceremony**

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On April 20th, 2012 volunteers received awards for their dedication and commitment to enhancing the lives of residents in the City's 10 long-term care homes. I had the pleasure of celebrating with the Ward 43 volunteers which included: Olga Grady, Faye Sandy, Lucinda Rhule, and Garfield Bonnell.

Long-Term Care Homes and Services recognized 2400 volunteers who visit residents and support a wide range of services including: arts and gardening programs, therapeutic programs, cultural and religious activities and special events. Long-Term Care Homes and Services' volunteers contributed more than 137,000 hours of service in 2011, which accounts for over 50 hours of time per resident.

Volunteering is one of the most admirable forms of civic participation. The City of Toronto and Long-Term Care Homes and Services admires your commitment and dedication to our residents.

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## **10. Scarborough Softball – Scarborough Dragons**

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<http://www.scarboroughsoftballassociation.com/>

Scarborough Softball is having an exciting year as they undergo restructuring aimed at improving the experience for one and all. They have been working hard over the last few months at merging the leagues to allow them to build on this great sport. Soft ball is a great game which encourages all to work together. The association is improving the experience for players.

Scarborough Softball Association (Scarborough Dragons) is welcoming players for their 2012 summer season, please visit their site for information.

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## **11. Council Highlights**

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### **Council Highlights**

#### **City Council meeting of April 10 and 11, 2012**

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

#### **Toronto's part-time recreation workers**

Council approved a memorandum of agreement between the City of Toronto and the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 79 to establish a new, four-year collective agreement (January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2015) for the recreation workers' part-time unit. Members of that unit voted in favour of ratifying the agreement April 3 after City representatives and the Local 79 bargaining committee discussed outstanding matters involving the unit and agreed on terms of the new memorandum. Information about other collective agreements:

<http://www.toronto.ca/bargaining>.

#### **Municipal sports fields**

Council decided to waive the fees earlier introduced for the use of municipal sports fields this year, and will discuss the subject of fees in general after receiving more input from local sports teams and leagues. Fees for sports fields may be introduced in 2013. Meanwhile, the City needs to address a shortfall of \$1.5 million in Parks, Forestry and Recreation's 2012 operating budget resulting from the waiving of sports field fees that were built into the division's 2012 budget as an anticipated revenue.

#### **Potential sites for new playing fields**

Council directed staff to identify properties under the control of the Toronto Water division that may be suitable for sports and recreational purposes. Many of Toronto Water's properties have green spaces that may have good potential for use as playing fields. Staff have been asked to report back by July.

#### **Cleaning contracts and lower wage jobs**

Council discussed the matter of external contracts for cleaning City of Toronto facilities and adopted a motion requiring bids for any future cleaning contracts to be considered by the Government Management Committee for recommendation to Council. Previously, a staff committee handled those approvals. Council also made various referrals, directing specific committees and staff to address questions about lower wage jobs in Toronto. Staff and the Economic Development Committee, for example, have been asked to look into finding ways to bolster links between workforce development and local job opportunities.

#### **Toronto's street furniture**

Council adopted a series of recommendations from the Auditor General designed to more effectively manage the City's contract with Astral Media for the installation and maintenance of street furniture across Toronto. The street furniture consists of benches, transit shelters, litter/recycling containers, tourist information pillars, public notice structures, bicycle parking stands, publication boxes and automated public washrooms.

#### **Union-Pearson public transit**

Council agreed to ask the Premier of Ontario to direct Metrolinx to alter its current plans for the Union-Pearson Air Rail Link by adding at least nine stops to those already planned by Metrolinx. One of the stops requested, at Eglinton Avenue West, would integrate with the Eglinton LRT line. The other stops proposed by the City are Liberty Village, the Junction, Carleton Village, Jane Street, Etobicoke North, Woodbine, Humber and St. Clair Avenue West.

#### **New waterfront islands under consideration**

Council authorized the Toronto Water division to undertake a study to assess the possible creation of islands in Humber Bay to improve water quality at Sunnyside Beach and help protect the shore from erosion. The islands would be the visible part of a landform extending from the mouth of the Humber River about a kilometre into Lake Ontario.

The study, which may be undertaken jointly with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, will also look into possibly establishing a similar landform in Ashbridges Bay on the eastern side of Toronto. These waterfront projects would, coincidentally and beneficially, provide relatively nearby locations for dumping fill (gravel, clay, rocks) excavated from city construction sites.

### **Funding the fight against bed bugs**

Council agreed to urge the Ontario government to continue funding municipal programs to combat bed bug infestations. Current funding of \$5 million a year for Toronto is at risk of being lost in the current provincial budget process. The City's bed bug team has used the funding to inspect thousands of residences, many of them in apartment buildings, to identify and fight bed bug infestations. There is a concern that progress will be undone and the bed bug problem will get worse if the supportive funding is discontinued.

### **Toronto to celebrate hockey history**

Council supported a motion calling on the City of Toronto to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the famous 1972 hockey series between Canada and the Soviet Union. Details for the celebration still need to be determined. Toronto hosted one of the eight games in the 1972 series and provided some of the players who contributed to the Canadian team's winning result.

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### **12. Cell phone apps to report graffiti vandalism and pot holes**

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New cell phone apps to report graffiti vandalism will improve customer service make government more efficient and make Toronto a cleaner place to live, work and play. The development of cell phone apps illustrates the strength of Toronto's growing ICT sector and its ability to create meaningful partnerships with government.

Information on the apps is available at [www.toronto.ca/open311](http://www.toronto.ca/open311). The tool was developed for residents to have customer service at their fingertips in reporting graffiti, vandalism and pot holes

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### **13. 13th Annual Doors Open Toronto May 26th & May 27th 2012**

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Doors Open Toronto - 200 years of building our city

Toronto's history is marked by its buildings and the stories they reveal - from the inside out. On May 26 and 27, the 13th annual Doors Open Toronto will celebrate and demonstrate how the city has transformed from a small military and farming town into Canada's largest, most diverse city and commercial centre.

Many of the more than 135 locations on this year's roster - now available to view at <http://www.toronto.ca/doorsopen> - are grouped into clusters by theme and by neighbourhood. Many buildings will profile the city builders who helped create these memorable locations.

Highlights of some the groupings by theme include:

**War of 1812:** As part of this year's bicentennial commemoration of the War of 1812, Doors Open Toronto will feature war locations, which include Fort York National Historic site, the First Parliament Interpretive Centre, St. James Cathedral and the Scadding Cabin at Exhibition Place. Visitors can also learn about the Battle of York and Fort York at a Market Gallery exhibition.

**Education:** Toronto's schools provide some of the earliest and most accomplished views on the city's changing architecture, and the city builders who were educated there. Visitors will have rare access to independent schools like Havergal College, Upper Canada College, St. Michael's College School, De La Salle College "Oaklands", TFS - Canada's International School (formerly Toronto French School), Central Technical School and Regis College.



Visitors can experience what a Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) laboratory looks like - at the Humber Centre for Justice Leadership, and learn about makeup and cosmetics alongside the comedy history of Second City and Gilda's Club at the recently renovated Old Firehall. The building is now home to the Completions College of Makeup Art and Design.

Religion: Many city communities were, and are, centred in places of worship, and many of these buildings are leading examples of the city's architecture. This year features Church of St. Alban the Martyr at Royal St. George's College School, Church of the Holy Trinity, Kadampa Meditation Centre, St. Paul's Basilica, Trinity St. Paul's United Church, Church of the Redeemer, Riwoche Tibetan Buddhist Temple of Toronto, Grace Church on-the-Hill, ISKCON Hare Krishna Temple, Islamic Foundation of Toronto, Canadian Turkish Islamic Heritage Association Inc., Metropolitan United Church, Periya Shivan Temple, St. George on Yonge Anglican Church, St. Timothy's Anglican Church North Toronto and St. George's Greek Orthodox Church, among many others.

Architects: Current city builders are acknowledged by featuring the studios of AGATHOM Co. (Adam Thom and Associates), Cannon Design, DTAH (du Toit Allsopp Hillier / du Toit Architects Limited) and Diamond Schmitt Architects. The Toronto Society of Architects will have an Architectural and Design Studio Tour which offers a self-directed tour of the above architectural studios in Toronto as well as tours of the studios of Levitt Goodman Architects, Gow Hastings Architects, Paul Raff Studio, ERA Architects Inc., regionalArchitects and Williamson Chong Architects.

Co-Ops: Toronto has a tradition of co-operative communities. The Karma Food Co-Op, Hugh Garner Housing Co-Op and Mountain Equipment Co-Op represent co-ops this year.

Doors Open Toronto has a presence on Facebook, Twitter and foursquare. The event will also have a photo contest, featuring the chance to win one of five LUMIX DMC-GF3X cameras, and will have mobile applications designed by independent programmers, using open data.

More information is available at <http://www.toronto.ca/doorsopen>.

Doors Open Toronto, produced by the City of Toronto and sponsored by the Toronto Star, has attracted more than two million visitors since it began 13 years ago.

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#### **14. Sir Wilfrid Laurier Pool – Needs Registrations!**

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The community needs to use the pool at Sir Wilfrid Laurier. In order for the City to keep programs at this location the number of users needs to increase. Lane swim is a perfect opportunity to visit the pool to raise the number of visitors to the pool it's not only permitting that is being recorded but visitors to the pool.

The School Board who owns the pool has repaired the lighting leading to the pool entrance and has been asked to add more lighting specifically at the back of the school. Signs advising residents that there is a community pool on site will also be added to the location.

Contact my office for any further details and to advise me what you would like to see programmed at this location (Tel: 416-396-7222).

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#### **15. City gears up for busy construction season to improve Toronto's roads and bridges**

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It's going to be another busy year for road work in Toronto in 2012 as the City works to improve road conditions for all users.

The City will be spending more than \$140 million to improve the quality of Toronto's municipal roads and bridges. Major road work planned for 2012 includes Spadina Avenue from Bremner Boulevard to King Street West, Danforth Road from Midland Avenue to McCowan Road, Burnhamthorpe Road from Martin Grove Road to The East Mall, Finch Avenue from Bayview Avenue to the Don River, and Wilson Avenue from Dufferin Street to Keele Street.

In all, it is expected that the City will complete 90 kilometres of road resurfacing work in 2012.

In addition, \$60 million will be spent on other work, including road work in conjunction with watermain and sewer replacement and a number of public realm initiatives - such as boulevard greening and the installation of new planters and trees.

The City co-ordinates road work, sidewalk repairs and routine maintenance, as well as work performed by utility and communications companies, in order to maximize efficiency and, whenever possible, to avoid having to undertake major work on a road more than once.

The City has also continued its efforts to fill potholes, repairing an average of 225,000 potholes each of the past three years.

As a resource to make it easier for motorists to find their way around Toronto's streets, the City web page at <http://www.toronto.ca/torontostreets> identifies ongoing and emergency road construction, travel conditions on City roads and special events.

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## **16. CIMA Mayor's School Cricket Tournament May 14 to 17**

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The City has officially launched the CIMA Mayor's School Cricket Tournament with partners Amal Ratnayake, Chair, Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA); Police Chief Bill Blair; Raza Hasan, Senior Vice President, CIBC; Chris Bolton, Chair, Toronto District School Board (TDSB) and Ann Andrachuk, Chair, Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB).

The CIMA Mayor's School Cricket Tournament was also initiated as a way for the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants to extend its support, engage youth and contribute to the community and the sport of cricket.

Cricket is one of the fastest growing sports in Toronto. Played in more than 100 countries across the world, cricket is part of the cultural heritage of thousands of Torontonians. It is becoming increasingly popular with school-age children and youth across the city. Cricket is played at several local schools and more than 50 school teams annually take part in Toronto tournaments alone. Cricket rivals basketball in popularity at some schools.

The main objective of the CIMA Mayor's School Cricket Tournament is to provide Toronto's young cricketers with an opportunity to experience tournament play and to learn team-building, cross-cultural communications and leadership.

Last year's pilot tournament winners from Woburn Collegiate Institute and Smithfield Middle School were presented with the new CIBC Trophy. Highfield Junior School received cricket kits donated by CIBC.

The tournament will be held May 14 to 17 at the Eglinton Flats Park, G. Ross Lord Park, Centennial Park and Sunnybrook Park. The final games of the tournament will be held on June 2 at Summerlea Park. Tournament website: <http://www.cima.mayorscricket.com>

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## **17. Live Greet May Events and Green News**

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### **SCARBOROUGH GREEN FAIR, Sat May 12, 11-3 pm**

Blessed Cardinal Newman Catholic High School, 100 Brimley ( S of Kingston Rd)

St Agatha's Catholic School, Stewards of the Earth eco team is hosting their second annual Scarborough Green Fair, Sat May 12. This event will have numerous green exhibits, gardening displays, workshops( composting and container gardening) and great interactive kid activities. Come explore the Bluffs on a nature walk , learn about bird ,butterfly migration and enjoy an eco art exhibition of the best works from area schools! Bring in our electronic waste for recycling , Learn how to green up your community from the Live Green Toronto crew!

<http://scarboroughgreenfair.wordpress.com> Anne Marie or Liza 416-392-5302

### **THE WILD BLUFFS NEW online community**

The Wild Bluffs is an online community with a focus on preservation and re-naturalization of The Scarborough Bluffs. We feature community writers and photographers, as well as monthly newsletters and articles about current issues

regarding The Bluffs. We welcome submissions and comments from community members, and we are working towards our goal of bringing awareness to the geological significance of The Bluffs. [www.thewildbluffs.com](http://www.thewildbluffs.com)

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## 18. Toronto Hydro Electrical Rates

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### **New Rates - Time-of-Use periods for summer**

The Ontario Energy Board announced rate changes to the commodity (kWh) price for electricity. These changes affect both Time-of-Use (TOU) and Tiered rate customers and apply to electricity consumed from May 1, 2012 onwards.

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For those on the Tiered Price Plan, please note:

#### **7.5 cents per kWh**

Residential Customers: First 600 kWh consumed per 30 days

Business Customers: First 750 kWh consumed per 30 days

#### **8.8 cents per kWh**

Remaining kWh consumed per 30 days

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Register online to monitor your hourly, daily, weekly or monthly electricity consumption and find ways to shift your usage to lower price periods at [torontohydro.com/tou](http://torontohydro.com/tou)

### **New home, new savings**

Customers moving this spring can use our electricity savings checklist. Small changes around the house can add up to make a big difference. Taking these four simple steps around a new home can help save electricity and money.

1. Old inefficient fridges and freezers can add up to \$125 a year in electricity costs. Get rid of them, free of charge with the [saveONenergy Fridge & Freezer Pickup](#) program.
2. Upgrading to a programmable thermostat can help save energy when not at home.
3. Replace an inefficient furnace or central air conditioner and receive up to \$650 back with the [saveONenergy Heating & Cooling Incentive](#).
4. Save up to \$30/year on electricity costs by replacing 5 incandescent bulbs with 13W CFL light bulbs.

Building a new home or undertaking a major renovation this spring? Ask your contractor if they're participating in the [saveONenergy New Home Construction](#) program. Now there are more ways to save and be green with new ideas and technologies for homes.

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## 19. Quote of the Month

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"What is not started today is never finished tomorrow" Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

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## 20. Websites for Community Use

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<http://www.thestorefront.org/contact.php>

East Scarborough Storefront

[www.facebook.com/TheTorontoZoo](http://www.facebook.com/TheTorontoZoo)

Toronto Zoo's first official Facebook page

[www.toronto.ca/eventcalendar](http://www.toronto.ca/eventcalendar)

City of Toronto Events Calendar

[www.toronto.ca/wbey/subscribe.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/wbey/subscribe.htm).

We've been expecting you

<http://onthedon.createsend2.com/t/r/l/tlwukt/bhdtdkrth/e/>

TRCA – The Don

<http://www.toronto.ca/seniors/index.htm>

City of Toronto Seniors

[http://www.seniors.gov.on.ca/en/seniorsguide/emergency\\_4.php](http://www.seniors.gov.on.ca/en/seniorsguide/emergency_4.php)

Province of Ontario Seniors

<http://www.dementiatoronto.org/0303.asp>

Toronto Dementia Network

[http://aging.utoronto.ca/sites/aging.utoronto.ca/files/Section6\\_Eng%5B1%5D.pdf](http://aging.utoronto.ca/sites/aging.utoronto.ca/files/Section6_Eng%5B1%5D.pdf)

Service Directory for Seniors

[www.toronto.ca/transportation/snow](http://www.toronto.ca/transportation/snow)

City of Toronto Winter Operations - Snow

[www.toronto.ca](http://www.toronto.ca)

City of Toronto

[www.toronto.ca/city-update](http://www.toronto.ca/city-update)

What is happening in our City

<http://wx.toronto.ca/festevents.nsf/>

City of Toronto Festival Page

[www.seetorontonow.com/](http://www.seetorontonow.com/)

Tourism Toronto – Official website

[www.222tips.com](http://www.222tips.com)

Crime Stoppers

[www.ourkgocommunity.com](http://www.ourkgocommunity.com)

Kingston Galloway Community Network

[www.torontopubliclibrary.ca](http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca)

Toronto Public Library

[www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca](http://www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca)

Toronto Botanical Gardens

[www.toronto4kids.com](http://www.toronto4kids.com)

Great ideas for what the kids can do in Toronto

[www.ago.net/gallery-school](http://www.ago.net/gallery-school)

Ontario Art Gallery

[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)

Star fall – great to get the little ones reading

[www.coronationca.com](http://www.coronationca.com)

Coronation & West Hill Community Association

[www.curranhall.ca/](http://www.curranhall.ca/)

Curran Hall Community Association

[www.guildwood.on.ca](http://www.guildwood.on.ca)

Guildwood Village Community Association

[www.mornellecourt.webs.com](http://www.mornellecourt.webs.com)

Mornelle Court Coalition

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## **21. E-News Policy and Contact Information**

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eNews is a monthly news communication from Paul Ainslie. Each issue of the newsletter is sent only to those who have provided us with their email address for the purpose of corresponding on municipal matters. Email addresses will be kept confidential. If you wish to discontinue receiving our newsletter, please reply with the word "unsubscribe" in the subject line. I welcome your comments on any municipal matter and the opportunity to be of service. Please contact me by email at [councillor\\_ainslie@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca), phone me at [416 396 7222](tel:4163967222), or send a fax to [416 392 4006](tel:4163924006).

Alternately you can visit my Constituency Assistant on the second floor of the Scarborough Civic Centre located at 150 Borough Drive (Ellesmere & McCowan)

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