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Toronto City Councillor
Ward 24 Scarborough-Guildwood

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Dear Scarborough-Guildwood Neighbours,

I want to thank everyone for their efforts during these difficult times. Let us all remember COVID will hopefully be stopped, but we all must continue to keep following the mandated rules. We also need to remember, our mental health is paramount, and it is important we take care of ourselves and seek support if needed.

As we continue to fight COVID-19, it is very important we continue to take steps for self-protection, including to practice **physical distancing**, wash your hands as often as possible, wearing a **mask or face covering** where mandatory, or when physical distancing cannot be maintained. Please consider only leaving home for essential activities such as work, education, groceries, and fresh air and exercise. Residents are asked to limit contact with people in the same household, and to remain at home when ill.

Getting a flu shot is one of the best ways to protect yourself and others from the flu. It is especially important this year to help protect our healthcare system during the fight against COVID-19. I am happy to inform after writing a **letter to our Toronto Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Eileen de Villa, requesting for a flu vaccine clinic to be opened in Scarborough**, Toronto Public Health opened its fourth community flu vaccine clinic at Scarborough Town Centre, Exterior Unit D3 (410 Progress Ave) on October 31st. Learn more about the flu online at **www.toronto.ca/flu** and book your flu shot appointment at **www.tphbookings.ca**

Toronto Public Health also encourages residents to download the **COVID Alert app**, which

can help notify individuals who are exposed to COVID-19 in the community.

On Monday October 26th I was joined by Hon. John McKay M.P. and Mitzie Hunter M.P.P. to discuss community healthcare with special guests Liz Buller, President and CEO of Scarborough Health Network, Liben Gebremikael, Executive Director of TAIBU Community Health Centre and Jeanie Joaquin, CEO of Scarborough Centre for Health Communities.

Our special guest for our Town Hall on Monday November 2nd was Mayor John Tory! He joined me and Mitzie Hunter M.P.P. to discuss a wide range of topics. I would like to thank everyone who tuned in and submitted questions for my Live Town Halls last month.

In case you missed any of my Town Hall, you can watch the full meeting on my [YouTube channel](#).

The Province of Ontario introduced modified Stage 2 restrictions for targeted public health regions of Toronto, Ottawa, Peel and York. These restrictions came into effect on October 10, 2020 and will be in effect for a minimum of 28 days:

- Reducing limits for all social gatherings and organized public events to a maximum of 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors where physical distancing can be maintained. The two limits may not be combined for an indoor-outdoor event;
- Prohibiting indoor food and drink service in restaurants, bars and other food and drink establishments, including nightclubs and food court areas in malls;
- Closing of:
 - Indoor gyms and fitness centres (i.e., exercise classes and weight and exercise rooms);
 - Casinos, bingo halls and other gaming establishments;
 - Indoor cinemas;
 - Performing arts centres and venues;
 - Spectator areas in racing venues;
 - Interactive exhibits or exhibits with high risk of personal contact in museums, galleries, zoos, science centres, landmarks, etc.;
- Prohibiting personal care services where face coverings must be removed for the service (e.g. makeup application, beard trimming);
- Reducing the capacity limits for:
 - Tour and guide services to 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors
 - Real estate open houses to 10 people indoors, where physical distancing can be maintained.
 - In-person teaching and instruction (e.g. cooking class) to 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors, with exemptions for schools, child care centres, universities, colleges of applied arts and technology, private career colleges, the Ontario Police College, etc.
 - Meeting and event spaces to 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors, and
- Limiting team sports to training sessions (no games or scrimmages). More information can be read in the [news release](#).

Additionally, to slow the spread of COVID-19 the City of Toronto is extending the cancellation of City-led and City permitted outdoor major events to December 31. This decision is based on public health advice and includes festivals and other large in-person gatherings held at outdoor sites managed by the City or other public locations.

Scarborough-Guildwood has many food security locations:

Please [click here](#) for a list of food banks and soup kitchens in the Ward 24

Please [click here](#) for a list of food banks in East Scarborough

Please [click here](#) for a list of food banks in Scarborough

Call ahead to ensure they are properly stocked. Many of the locations are also in need of Volunteers.

The City's website is updated daily with the latest health advice, and information about City services and social supports. Check <https://www.toronto.ca/covid-19/> for answers to common questions before contacting the Toronto Public Health COVID-19 Hotline or 311.

The City's COVID-19 website includes:

- [Health Advice](#)
- [Affected City Services](#)
- [Community Settings & Workplaces](#)
- [Economy Support & Recovery](#)
- [Social Support](#)
- [Travel Advice](#)

I am continuously updating my social media platforms and my website with up to date information. Please visit and follow:

- Twitter: [@Ainslie_Ward24](#)
- Facebook: [@ward24scarboroughguildwood](#)
- Instagram: [@cllrainslie](#)

Please reach me if you have any concerns or questions at 416-396-7222 or email councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca

All my Best,
Paul

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HOW TO HELP LIMIT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN OUR CITY:



Have close contact only with those in your household



Keep 6 feet from others & wash your hands often



Consider attending events virtually



Limit trips to essential outings like work & school



Wear a mask indoors & if distancing is difficult outdoors



Keep a daily list of where you go



Download the COVID Alert app



Stay home if you are sick

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 TORONTO Public Health

Our actions play a significant role in reducing the risk of COVID-19 in Toronto. Let's all do our part to keep our city safer.

Bendale Community

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South Bendale Park – Invasive to Native Forest Restoration

Urban Forestry's Forest Management staff is planning forest management operations to remove invasive species and replant with native trees and shrub species. The removals will ensure the success of the existing planted area by removing unwanted competition. This work began last month, August 2020, which will be followed by herbicide application. Planting is expected to be completed by the end of November 2020. If you have any questions, please contact my office at 416-396-7222 or councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca

Cedar Ridge Community & Cornell Community

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Pedestrian Crossover at Holmfirth Terrace and Vanwart Drive

The pedestrian crossover at the above note intersection is currently being designed and tendered. Construction for this project is scheduled for 2021.

Watermain Replacement on Janray Drive and Lucerne Court

The City of Toronto will replace the watermain and the City-owned portion of substandard water services along with road reconstruction on Janray Drive and Lucerne Court. The entire project has been deferred to early 2021 and an updated construction notice with precise timelines will be finalized and distributed to all residents in due course. See notice [here](#). If you have any additional questions please contact Field Ambassador: Emily Cameron at field.ambassador.PM3B@ghd.com or 416-473-5799.



On October 9th I joined Mayor John Tory, Councillors McKelvie, Thompson and Crawford and TTC's CEO Rick Leary to officially introduce Toronto's first RapidTO priority bus lanes on Morningside Avenue.

The Coronation and West Hill Community

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Watermain Replacement on Danzig Street from Poplar Road to Kitchener Road

The City of Toronto plans to replace the watermain and the City-owned portion of substandard water services on Danzig Street from Poplar Road to Kitchener Road. The project timeline is from November 2020 to December 2021. More information can be found in [this notice](#).

Watermain Replacement on Rodda Boulevard from Lawrence Avenue East to Westcroft Drive

The City of Toronto plans to replace the watermain and the City-owned portion of substandard water services on Rodda Boulevard from Lawrence Avenue East to Westcroft Drive. The project timeline is from November 2020 to December 2021. More information can be found in [this notice](#).

Falaise Sidewalk Petition Update

Residents who reside on Falaise have contacted my office expressing the need for sidewalks on this street. I'd like to thank all the residents who sent in their response to this petition. This request has now been sent to Transportation Service's staff to begin a study on this item. More details will be provided as soon as possible.

Morningside Park Trail Counter Notification

As part of ongoing trail management outlined in Urban Forestry's [Natural Environment Trail Strategy](#) and in partnership with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, they will be installing a trail counter in Morningside Park adjacent to 4010 Lawrence Avenue East this Fall to collect data on usage patterns. There is currently an informal trail here which provides access to the park. The Morningside Park Master Plan recommends formalization of this access, and the trail counter data will help inform the planning process on trail development, maintenance and improvements. More information on the trail counters can be found in [this brochure](#).

Watermain Replacement on Livingston Road North, Greenvale Terrace, and Kingston Road (Greenvale to Celeste)

The City of Toronto will replace the watermain and the City-owned portion of substandard water services along with road reconstruction on Livingston Road North, Greenvale Terrace, and Kingston Road (from Greenvale to Celeste). The entire project has been deferred to early 2021 and an updated construction notice with precise timelines will be finalized and distributed to all residents in due course. See notice [here](#). If you have any additional questions please contact Field Ambassador: Emily Cameron at field.ambassador.PM3B@ghd.com or 416-473-5799.

Curran Hall Community

Curran Hall Community Centre
277 Orton Park - 416-396-5156
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Toronto Hydro Overhead Civil & Electrical Upgrade: Project 3750 Lawrence Ave East

Toronto Hydro is planning to rebuild the aging underground electrical system in the 3750 Lawrence Ave E area to help improve service reliability. The rebuild includes upgrading underground electrical cables and replacing a transformer. More information can be found [here](#).

Installation Notice - Multi-Use Trail, Ellesmere Road between Markham Rd and Scarborough Golf Club Rd

The City of Toronto is planning to install a new 630 metre multi-use trail (MUT) for active transportation on the north side of Ellesmere Road, between Markham Road and Scarborough Golf Club Road. This work is part of the City's Council-approved Cycling Network Plan to connect existing cycling infrastructure and is aligned with the City's goals through the TransformTO climate action strategy to increase trips taken by foot or bike to reduce the City's impact on the environment. The project is scheduled to be completed in 2021, some of the 2020 works (trail installation, sidewalk and curb repairs) are delayed by a few weeks due to utility locates. Road resurfacing including. Please see [this notice](#) describing the location, design, and what to expect during construction.

New Stop Signs - Milford Haven Drive Area

At the July 17th, 2020 meeting, the Scarborough Community Council adopted staff recommendations for the installation of new stops signs for minor streets in the Milford Haven Drive area in order to clearly define the right-of-way and to regulate traffic flow, which makes our street safer. These intersections are Milford Haven Drive at Greenock Avenue (north & south); Tralee Avenue (west & east); Ingrid Drive; and Frolick Crescent at Greenock Ave. & Tralee Ave. These stop signs and supplementary signs have now been installed.

Curran Hall - Botany Hill Road Watermain Project Update

The City of Toronto is currently cleaning and relining the City's watermain in the area of Botany Hill Road. The scope of the project includes the removal of build-up from inside older watermains and the insertion of a new pipe within the old pipe, strengthening the watermain to extend its service life. Construction involves the excavation of pits to access the watermain and a temporary water supply is connected to properties within the site, in order to provide water supply throughout the project. Additionally, work may also include the replacement of fire hydrants, city valves and the upgrading of any City-owned portion of substandard water services (the pipe from the watermain to the property line). Restorations are the final phase of this project; the project team completes both temporary and permanent restorations. The project team is completing multiple phases of construction throughout the site. These phases include watermain relining, pressure testing, civil works, and water service upgrades. Watermain rehabilitation work is expected to be completed by the third week of November. Restorations are to follow and are planned to be addressed by approximately the end of November. Please note construction schedules are dependent on a variety of factors and Botany Hill Road is one site of several others on this contract, crews must coordinate and rotate between different sites. Please contact

TWCustomerCare@toronto.ca for any issues or questions.

Toronto Hydro Overhead Electrical Upgrade: Project Orton Park – Merkley (Phase 1, 2 & 3)

Toronto Hydro's project to rebuild the aging overhead electrical system in the Orton Park – Merkley area is to help improve service reliability. All three phases are underway, Phase 1 and 2 are now complete, and Phase 3 is currently underway. More details for [Phase 1](#); [Phase 2](#); and [Phase 3](#). Toronto Hydro projects can be checked [here](#).

Road Resurfacing on Ellesmere Road from Orton Park to Markham Road

The City of Toronto will resurface Ellesmere Road from Orton Park Road to Markham Road. The inspection of the road shows it needs resurfacing and sections of damaged curb and sidewalk need to be replaced to bring them to a state of good repair. As part of this work, a multi-use trail will also be constructed between Scarborough Golf Club Road and Markham Road in the north boulevard of Ellesmere Road. Start date is for September 2020 and expected end date is for June 2021 with a winter break from December 2020 to March 2021. More information can be found [here](#).



I was proud to support Boys' and Girls' Club of East Scarborough's Annual Winter Clothing Drive!

The Guildwood Village Community

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Watermain Replacement on Catalina Drive from Livingston Road to Prince Philip Boulevard

The City of Toronto plans to replace the watermain and the City-owned portion of substandard water services on Catalina Drive from Livingston Road to Prince Philip Boulevard. The project timeline is from November 2020 to December 2021. More information can be found in [this notice](#).

Watermain Replacement on South Marine Drive

The City of Toronto plans to replace the watermain and the City-owned portion of

substandard water services on South Marine Drive. The project timeline is from November 2020 to December 2021. More information can be found in [this notice](#).

Accessible Pedestrian Signal at Guildwood Parkway and Livingston Road

I am happy to inform everyone the Accessible Pedestrian Signal at the above noted intersection is now active. This is a push button activated signal and needs to be held for 3 seconds for activation.

Toronto Hydro Lighting Assessment: Catalina Drive

Toronto Hydro has completed a lighting assessment for Catalina Drive and have determined this area needs new lighting. New lights have now been added to Catalina Drive.

Toronto Hydro Overhead and Underground Civil & Electrical Work: Project Kingston Road (Revised Timeline)

Please be advised Toronto Hydro is planning to rebuild and relocate the overhead and underground electrical systems in this area: Greenvale Terrace (North), Galloway Road (East), Scarborough Golf Club Road (West), and Westlake Road (South). Work on this project is ongoing, expected completion is for December 2020. More details [here](#).

Traffic Control Signal at Morningside Avenue and Cumber/Fordover

Traffic Control Signals at the above noted intersection are currently being tendered for installation. Construction for this project is scheduled for completion in 2021.

The Guild Alive with Culture ONLINE Arts Festival

The 2020 Guild Alive with Culture Arts Festival turned in to an ONLINE event, hosted on our Festival website, www.guildalivewithculture.ca, which was launched on July 1st, 2020. With over 30 vendors participating, it is worth a visit for your shopping needs. Please support our artists!

Follow us on Social Media for more information.

Twitter: [@guild_alive](#)

Instagram: [@guildalive](#)

Facebook: [@TheGuildAliveWithCultureArtsFestival](#)

Scarborough Flu Vaccine Clinic

Scarborough Town Centre, Exterior
Unit, D3 (410 Progress Ave)
Open as of Saturday October 31

Book online at
www.tphbookings.ca



Toronto Public Health has opened its fourth community flu vaccine clinic at Scarborough Town Centre. Learn more at www.toronto.ca/flu and book your flu shot appointment at www.tphbookings.ca

The Scarborough Centre Community

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Toronto Hydro Overhead and Underground Civil and Electrical Upgrade: Project 1970 Ellesmere Road

Toronto Hydro has now completed the overhead and underground civil and electrical upgrade for project 1970 Ellesmere Road. The rebuild included the replacement of the existing electrical cables, transformers and poles. This project area includes Progress Ave (North), Markham Rd (East), Ellesmere Rd (South), and Bellamy Rd N (West). More information can be found [here](#).

Warden Woods Respite Centre at 705 Progress Avenue

The Respite Centre has been operating at this address since November 2017 with 49 beds for those in need. Due to COVID-19 it has been reduced to 23-27 persons. The City will continue to use the site as part of the [George Street Revitalization](#), with the potential for 94 beds at this site, addition of 50 beds (during COVID-19 the numbers will remain at 23 -27 persons). The city is placing people from Seaton House at 5 different locations across the city. The Warden Woods Shelter will continue to be operated by the City of Toronto and will focus on supporting people experiencing homelessness to stabilize their lives, improve life

skills, address needs and move toward securing permanent housing and independence. The City has hired an independent facilitator, Paul Dowling, to lead Community Engagement. He is available to respond to any questions or comments you may have. Please contact him via Email: 705Progress@toronto.ca More information can be found at www.toronto.ca/progressshelter. We all have a part in ensuring everyone of our neighbours are secure and healthy. Lets all work to ensure we have a successful community.

Scarborough Centre Station Bridge Rehabilitation

The Toronto Transit Commission began construction work on the pedestrian bridge rehabilitation project at Scarborough Centre Station as part of the state of good repair program.

Work on the pedestrian bridge is scheduled to be **completed by December 2020**. The pedestrian bridge work is taking place in stages and Stage 3 will begin simultaneously as Stages 1 and 2 wind down and will consist of the following:

Stage 1 involves the installation of hoarding on top of the bridge deck on the west side. The east side of the bridge will always remain open to pedestrian traffic while crews complete work at the north and south ends of the bridge on the west side.

Stage 2 involves transferring the construction hoarding on the bridge deck to the east side. The west side of the bridge will always remain open to pedestrian traffic while crews complete work on the north and south ends of the bridge on the east side.

Stage 3 will include barricading the top of the bridge deck. This will limit pedestrian walkways to 2.5 meters to the east and west portions of the bridge, while the construction crew completes repairs in the centre section beneath the bridge.

The work will take place Monday to Friday daytime 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. And, when necessary, work will take place Monday to Friday overnight from 10 p.m. until 6 a.m. Efforts will be made to keep noise and dust to a minimum.

Traffic Control Signals: 68 and 88 Corporate Drive

The Traffic Control Signals on Corporate Drive have been installed. Toronto Hydro is currently having issues installing the hydro transformer required to power the intersection. Activation will be postponed until this issue is resolved. Updates will be provided as soon as possible.

The Scarborough Village Community

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Toronto Hydro Overhead and Underground Civil & Electrical Work: Project Cromwell Senator Electrical

Toronto Hydro is planning to rebuild the aging underground electrical system on: Dale Avenue (North), Dale Ave (East), Kingston Road (South) and Cromwell Road (West) to help

improve service reliability. The rebuild includes the replacement of the existing electrical cables and transformers within the city-owned property. Civil and electrical phases are now complete. More details [here](#).

5 REASONS TO DOWNLOAD THE COVID ALERT APP:

-  Get notified of possible exposures directly
-  If notified, you will know to self-isolate & get tested
-  It does not collect or share your personal information
-  It will work even better, the more people download it
-  It's an added layer of protection to slow the spread

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The COVID Alert app is an important tool we can all use to protect each other as we continue living with this virus. There are many great reasons why it's important to get it. Learn more at www.covid-19.ontario.ca/covidalert

Seven Oaks Community

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Wheel-Trans Access Hub at Neilson Rd and Ellesmere Rd:

My office received concerns from residents who stated the slope is dangerous for the wheelchair users. TTC investigated and designed a solution which includes proposing to push the curb by approximately 1 foot, to gain some height, in order to mitigate the slope. TTC has received the cut permit from the City. The work is scheduled to start this month, November 2020 and is expected to be completed by April 2021.

Keeler Boulevard Speed Bump Petition

On October 16, item SC18.7 Traffic Calming (Speed Humps) for Keeler Boulevard was considered and passed at Scarborough Community Council. This means Keeler Boulevard will have speed humps installed in the future. My office will inform you once a timeline for this installation is available. I'd like to thank all the residents who spoke and wrote in favour of the speed humps. If you have any questions about this item, please do not hesitate to contact my office at councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca or 416-396-7222.

Update on Military Trail Reconstruction from Highcastle Road to Ellesmere Road

Some residents reached out regarding the Military Trail project which is unfortunately experiencing further delays partially due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This project includes the road reconstruction on Military Trail from Highcastle Rd to Ellesmere Rd. More updates will be provided as soon as they are available.

SCARBOROUGH-GUILDWOOD LIVE TOWN HALL WITH GUESTS LIZ BULLER, LIBEN GEBREMIKEL & JEANIE JOAQUIN



Hon. John McKay
Member of Parliament



Mitzie Hunter
Member of Provincial Parliament



Paul Ainslie
City Councillor



Liz Boller
President & CEO,
Scarborough Health Network



Liben Gebremikael
Executive Director,
TAIBU Community
Health Centre



Jeanie Joaquin
CEO, Scarborough
Centre for Healthy
Communities

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26 AT 7PM



To join the town hall: rebrand.ly/THOCT26



Questions or comments? Email:
councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca before October 22 at 12:00pm

On Monday October 26th I was joined by Hon. John McKay M.P. and Mitzie Hunter M.P.P. for a Scarborough-Guildwood Town Hall on community healthcare with special guests Liz Boller, Liben Gebremikael and Jeanie Joaquin.

The South Cedarbrae Community

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Toronto Hydro Overhead & Underground Civil & Electric Work: Project Markham Road

Please be advised Toronto Hydro is planning to rebuild and relocate the overhead and underground electrical system in our community in preparation for the GO Expansion Electrification program. This project area includes Blakemanor Blvd (North), Markham Rd (East), Luella St (South), and Porchester Dr (West). UPDATED project timeline for this project is November 2020 to May 2021. More details [here](#).

The Woburn Community

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Watermain Replacement on Brimorton Drive: Markham Road to Scarborough Golf Club Road

The Watermain replacement project on Brimorton Drive at the above noted area is now complete.

Pedestrian Crossover at Brimorton Drive and Dolly Varden Boulevard

Crosswalk construction, and electrical work, are currently in progress. The intersection has been powered by a temporary bypass. Activation is scheduled to be completed by the end of November 2020.

Restoration of the Meadoway

The Toronto Regional Conservation Authority is repainting the centreline along the Gatineau Trail east of Thomson Memorial Park to Scarborough Golf Club Road and should be completed within the next month. A brilliant blue line has been painted down the centre of the path to separate direction of traffic. Phase 1 of The Meadoway, extending from Brimley Rd to Scarborough Golf Club Rd, is the first completed section of Toronto's newest linear greenway project. It features 3.5kilometres of continuous multi-use trail with pedestrian crossings and fully restored, thriving meadows. The meadows are now in full bloom, this is the perfect time to visit. Check out [this public access map](#) to find the entry points closest to you.

TIPS FOR A HEALTHY WORKSPACE AT HOME

Have a dedicated space for work to separate your work & home life, if possible. 	If working in a common space, move work out of sight at the end of the work day. 	Use a rolled towel/cushion for lower back support if your chair is not adjustable. 	Use books under your screen so it is just below eye level to reduce neck strain. 	If you can, try switching from sitting to standing to improve your posture & energy. 	Schedule time for breaks to stretch, move your body & reduce eye strain. 
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In October we celebrated Health Workplace Month, an opportunity to promote awareness on ways to support a healthy workplace.

High-Rise Communities and Neighbourhoods

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TCHC Lawrence Orton Childcare Facility Update

Completion of the project's construction is expected by late November 2020 following the completion of a final deficiency fix up of the rubberized playground, and the concrete curb in the front of the main entry.

Landlords and condo boards urged to adopt new health and safety measures

The City of Toronto is urging landlords and condo boards to adopt new health and safety measures to protect residents from COVID-19. This includes placing alcohol-based hand

sanitizer or a hand washing station at all building entrances and in common areas which remain open, such as laundry rooms; closing non-essential common areas and regularly disinfecting high traffic common areas. More information is available on the City's website, [here](#), including the General Infection Prevention and Control Guidance for Commercial or Residential Buildings fact sheet, [here](#).

Fraud Warning: TCHC Client Care Centre

TCHC's Our Client Care Centre received several reports from tenants who were called by someone claiming to be volunteers offering to deliver groceries to their homes, and then requesting their banking information. The following message has been shared with TCHC tenants.

FRAUD WARNING:

Tenants: If you get a call from a “volunteer” offering to deliver groceries who then asks for your banking or credit card information, hang up. It’s a scam. If you’ve been the victim of fraud, report it to local police. Toronto Community Housing staff or first responders calling you during the COVID-19 emergency will never ask for your banking or credit information.

Tenant Rights and Responsibilities Support Resources

Below are Resources which may help with finding out about Tenant Rights:

1. City funded Housing Help Centres to help with avoiding evictions and keeping housing [here](#).
2. City funded Financial Supports (including RentBank, one time interest free loan to help with making rent) [here](#).
3. FMTA Tenant Hotline (advice, referrals, general questions): 416-921-9494

FMTA Guide to Tenants' Rights (available in 12 languages) [here](#).

Email Rees for help with writing letters/Civic Engagement: rees@torontotenants.org

Email Joe Ita for Tenant School registration/waiting list: joeita@torontotenants.org

Get on the list – Report it!

If you have an issue with your TCHC unit or building it must be reported to the Client Care Centre at 416-981-5500 right away. (You can send an email to help@torontohousing.ca if it's not an emergency) When repairs are needed, especially to your own unit please make sure you get an EasyTrac number from the call representative. *** **It's very important to remember do not finish the call unless you have your number*****

Get on the list! [See the maintenance and repair site here](#).

Then track it on EasyTrac: [see more information](#).

Concerned constituents may call the TCHC's **Community Safety Unit at 416-921-2323** to report noise disturbances, loitering, trespassing or other safety related issues. This will ensure an appropriate response is made in a timely manner.

Mornelle All- Stars & Second Chance Programs
[**Mornelle EarlyON Child and Family Centre**](#)

PROTECT ONE ANOTHER WHEN DRIVING A TAXI OR RIDE SHARE



Wash or sanitize your hands often



You must wear a mask or face covering



Keep the windows open & ask riders to sit in the back



Clean & disinfect high-touch surfaces (e.g. door handles & buckles)



Stay home & do not drive if you are feeling even mildly unwell



Get this year's flu shot

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 **TORONTO** Public Health

Let's continue to keep ourselves and everyone around us safe. Follow these tips when driving a taxi or rideshare.

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Automated Speed Enforcement and Red Light Camera

Automated Enforcement is a tool that uses technology to alter driver behaviour by enforcing the applicable traffic law, the City of Toronto utilizes Automated Speed Enforcement and Red Light Cameras. You can find the location of City of Toronto Automated Enforcement Camera locations [here](#). Ward 24 Scarborough-Guildwood speed cameras are located at:

- Holmfirth Terrace west of Wanwart Drive and
- Scarborough Golf Club Road north of Lawrence Avenue East

Gypsy Moth Advisory

The City of Toronto's Urban Forestry Service has been monitoring certain areas to assess European Gypsy Moth egg masses through the City. Surveying egg masses allows us to estimate the next season's European Gypsy Moth Population, potential for damage and helps determine what type of intervention (if any) may be required. If you receive a notice from the City, it is to inform you to consider pest management for trees on your private property. Reducing European Gypsy Moth populations in your neighbourhood will help

protect your trees from decline and the health of Toronto's tree canopy. Steps you can take on your property are available online at www.toronto.ca/gypsymoth

Return to School: In-Person Learning and Virtual School

The Toronto District School Board officially welcomed students and staff back to school, for both in-person and virtual learning. For the most up-to-date information, including letters to parents/guardians, please visit:

- www.tdsb.on.ca/returntoschool (in-person learning)
- www.tdsb.on.ca/virtualschool

Independent Learning Activities: Please continue to access the independent learning resources web page where more resources, activities and live teacher-led videos have been added for the second week - www.tdsb.on.ca/Virtual-School/Virtual-School-Elementary/Asynchronous-Learning-Activities.

If you are a parent or staff member with questions or concerns about a child or student in [Learning Centre 3](#):

- Grades K-1, please contact Principal Zorina Alli (Zorini.Alli@tdsb.on.ca)
- Grades 2-4, please contact Principal Phyllis Jackson (Phyllis.Jackson@tdsb.on.ca)
- Grades 5-8, please contact Principal Laura Slater (Laura.Slater@tdsb.on.ca)

More information can be found at www.tdsb.on.ca/Virtual-School. Further questions can be directed to Ward 19's TDSB Trustee Zakir Patel at Zakir.Patel@tdsb.on.ca

COVID-19 Testing in Ontario Pharmacies

Scarborough Pharmacies offering COVID-19 Testing:

- [Village Square Pharmacy at 2941 Finch Ave E | 416-492-4167](#)
- [Rexall at 4459 Kingston Road Scarborough | 416-282-1978](#)
- [Shoppers Drug Mart at 2751 Eglinton Ave E | 416-267-8211](#)
- [Shoppers Drug Mart at 629 Markham Road | 416-439-2121](#)
- [Shoppers Drug Mart at 2301 Kingston Road | 416-269-2171](#)
- [Shoppers Drug Mart at Unit A-1780 Markham Road | 416-412-1780](#)

A full list of pharmacies offering COVID-19 testing can be found [here](#).

Toronto Police Services: [Primary Report Intake, Management and Entry \(PRIME\) & Citizen Online Report Entry \(CORE\)](#)

The TPS PRIME unit provides the public with telephone (416-808-2222) and online response to non-emergency and administrative services. TPS is now taking parking complaints online so members of the public can go to [this link](#) and report their parking complaint and get the

assistance they need without having to place a telephone call. In addition to parking complaints, the public can also report on neighbourhood concerns/issues, graffiti, theft or fraud under \$5000 and more. Visit the [CORE website](#) for more information on online reporting.

Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA)

Conservation Authority (TRCA) announces measures to proactively protect staff and members of the public from the potential risk of contracting COVID-19.

[CLICK HERE FOR A FULL LIST OF CLOSURES AND CANCELLATIONS.](#)

SCARBOROUGH-GUILDWOOD LIVE TOWN HALL WITH MAYOR JOHN TORY



Hon. John McKay
Member of
Parliament



Mitzie Hunter
Member of Provincial
Parliament



Paul Ainslie
City Councillor



John Tory
Mayor

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2 AT 7PM



To join the town hall: rebrand.ly/THNOV2



Questions or comments?

Email: councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca
before Friday, October 30

On November 2nd I was happy to host another Scarborough-Guildwood Live Town Hall with Mitzie Hunter M.P.P. and special guest Mayor John Tory.

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[Link to List of Councillor Ainslie's Motions](#)

- [2020.MM25.1 - Supporting Taxi Operators from COVID-related Financial hardship - by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Paul Ainslie](#)
- [2020.MM25.4 - 3655 Kingston Road - Request for Representation at the Toronto Local Appeal Body - by Councillor Paul Ainslie, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford](#)
- [2020.EX17.6 - Federation of Canadian Municipalities \(FCM\) Cyber Security Update](#)

- [2020.SC18.7 - Traffic Calming \(Speed Humps\) Review - Keeler Boulevard, between Neilson Road and David Drive](#)
- [2020.MM24.32 - Supporting Bill C-8, An Act to Amend the Criminal Code to prohibit Conversion Therapy - by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Paul Ainslie](#)
- [2020.PH16.12 - Examining Parking Requirements for New Development Applications](#)

Toronto Public Health launches online booking for flu vaccine clinics and fourth vaccine clinic location

This year, Toronto Public Health is launching the annual online flu vaccine booking system to help residents schedule their appointments for TPH's annual flu vaccine clinics. This year, flu vaccine clinics will only be available through online appointments. Due to the higher demand for the flu vaccine this year, more TPH flu vaccine clinics will be offering until the end of December.

I am happy to inform everyone after writing a [letter to our Toronto Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Eileen de Villa, requesting for a flu vaccine clinic to be opened in Scarborough](#), Toronto Public Health opened its fourth community flu vaccine clinic at Scarborough Town Centre, Exterior Unit D3 (410 Progress Ave) on October 31st. More information on the flu can be found online at [www.toronto.ca/flu](#). You can book your flu vaccine clinic appointment online at [www.tphbookings.ca](#).

City urges drivers to slow down and watch out for pedestrians and cyclists ahead of time change

The City of Toronto is urging all road users – drivers, motorcyclists, cyclists and pedestrians – to stay alert and obey the rules of the road as daylight saving time has ended. The return to standard time means fewer daylight hours and reduced visibility for all road users in the city. In Toronto, pedestrian collisions increase by more than 30 per cent during the evening commute hours from November to March. The City is asking drivers to follow these safety tips:

- When driving, please slow down and turn slowly. Always stay alert.
- Make sure vehicle headlights and signal lights are functioning properly.
- Obey speed limits and approach all crosswalks, intersections and transit stops with caution.
- Give yourself plenty of time wherever you're going and plan your route in advance. Use public transit when possible.

More information is available at [toronto.ca/VisionZero](#).

City Council moves to rapidly build new affordable and supportive homes for Toronto's most vulnerable with \$203 million federal investment

Following the [Government of Canada announced the City of Toronto will receive \\$203.3 million through the Rapid Housing Initiative \(RHI\)](#), City Council approved Mayor John Tory's motion directing staff to take the next steps to plan and implement the work needed to move forward.

The RHI is delivering \$1 billion in grant funding nationally to rapidly create new affordable rental housing in response to the urgent housing needs of vulnerable and marginalized individuals. Specifically, the RHI aims to support: women and children fleeing domestic violence, seniors, young adults, Indigenous peoples, people with disabilities, people dealing with mental health and addiction issues, veterans, LGBTQ2+, racialized groups, Black Canadians, recent immigrants or refugees, and homeless people or those at risk of homelessness. More information can be read in the [news release](#).

City Council approves extended winter patio program for curbside cafes and expanded private patios

Toronto City Council unanimously approved Mayor John Tory's key item which will extend its winter patio program to provide more outdoor dining options to support local restaurants this winter and into the spring. The successful CaféTO program has been extended and will allow some restaurants to occupy sidewalk space along the curbside, to serve customers and generate revenue. In addition, City Council is extending zoning bylaw amendments, through spring 2021, which will increase the maximum size of outdoor patios on private property and remove restrictions which might prevent an outdoor patio located in front of buildings (frontage café). Council has also voted to waive all fees and charges for Winter CaféTO locations. Restaurant operators interested in creating a winter sidewalk café must first register. More information, including new guidelines, will be available at the start of November at [toronto.ca/CaféTO](#).

City of Toronto partnership with Ritual – Open For Business – supports more than 1,000 local businesses with free delivery until November 8

The City of Toronto announced more than 1,000 local business have enrolled in Open For Business – the City of Toronto's collaboration with Ritual and DoorDash – will receive free delivery until November 8. A list of all participating restaurants is available [here](#). More information can be read in the [news release](#).

Automated Speed Enforcement devices issue more than 15,000 tickets during second month of operations

The City of Toronto's 50 Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) devices issued a total of 15,175 tickets between August 6 and September 5, the second month of issuing tickets to vehicles travelling in excess of the posted speed limit. The program began enforcement on July 6. During the first month of enforcement, the ASE devices issued a total of 22,301 tickets to speeding vehicles and detected 2,239 repeat offenders. Each Ward has two ASE devices recording images of vehicles travelling in excess of the posted speed limit. Signage has been installed in advance of all ASE locations so motorists are aware of their presence. More information about the program and a map of all locations is available at [toronto.ca/ASE](#). Anyone who receives an Automated Speed Enforcement ticket can view images of their offence online using the City's [Court Case Look Up application](#).

RapidTO priority bus lanes on Morningside Avenue to improve transit reliability and

capacity

I joined Mayor John Tory, Councillors Jennifer McKelvie, Michael Thompson and Gary Crawford, along with TTC CEO Rick Leary to officially introduce Toronto's first RapidTO priority bus lanes on Morningside Avenue on October 9th, 2020.

RapidTO is a planned network of transit priority corridors across the city. The new lanes on Morningside Avenue officially begin service this Sunday, October 11 and are part of the Eglinton East Corridor. While the Morningside Avenue lanes will span two kilometres, the new corridor will be fully in place by the end of November and include approximately 8.5 kilometres of new priority bus lanes on Morningside, Eglinton Avenue East and Kingston Road.

Improved reliability and increased capacity of bus routes in the RapidTO network will result in a faster and more reliable commute and improve access to places of work, healthcare and community services. More information can be read in the [news release](#).

Toronto's 2020-2021 winter plan for people experiencing homelessness includes more spaces and enhanced outreach

Homelessness is an extremely complex issue and the City of Toronto continues to experience significant demand for emergency shelter. To ensure safe and welcoming places for people who need them during the coming winter weather, the City is providing details about the 2020-21 winter services plan.

The winter plan will provide approximately 560 new spaces between November and April through a combination of shelter beds, hotel programs and supportive housing units. This compares to 485 spaces offered through last year's winter services plan. Additional space will also be activated at Warming Centres during Extreme Cold Weather Alerts. This is in addition to the 6,700 spaces in Toronto's shelter system currently available year-round.

This will be the fifth consecutive year the City has increased the number of spaces available throughout the winter season. Spaces will be made available through the following:

- 100, 24-hour respite site spaces in the Better Living Centre at Exhibition Place
- 150 beds in hotel programs
- 90 hotel beds as a replacement for the Out of the Cold program

More information can be read in the [news release](#).

City of Toronto COVID-19 Landing Page

The City's website is updated daily with the latest health advice, and information about City services and social supports. Check www.toronto.ca/covid-19/ for answers to common questions before contacting the Toronto Public Health COVID-19 Hotline or 311.

The City's COVID-19 website includes:

- [Health Advice](#)

- [Affected City Services](#)
- [Community Settings & Workplaces](#)
- [Economy Support & Recovery](#)
- [Social Support](#)
- [Travel Advice](#)

HOW TO SAFELY GET YOUR FLU SHOT DURING COVID-19:



Make an appointment at a doctors' office, pharmacy or public health clinic



Stay home if you are sick, even with mild symptoms



Arrive at your appointment on time, do not come earlier



Wear a mask & a loose-fitting shirt



Stay at or near the clinic for 15 minutes to monitor any reaction

TORONTO.CA/COVID19



Getting a flu shot is one of the best ways to protect yourself and others from the flu. It is especially important this year to help protect workers in our healthcare system during the fight against COVID-19.

4. My Calendar and Community Events - [link to My Calendar](#)

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Remembrance Week 2020

The City of Toronto's Remembrance Week November 5th to 11, 2020, commemorates those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the First World War, the Second World War, the Korean War, Peacekeeping missions and in Afghanistan.

Unfortunately, due to the COVID 19 pandemic, there will be no public gatherings on Remembrance Day in 2020. This year commemorations will be virtual and available through the City's website and social media. More information can be found [online](#).

Church of Holy Trinity-Guildwood Virtual Christmas Bazaar 2020

This month the Church of Holy Trinity-Guildwood is hosting their first virtual Christmas Bazaar this year. This Virtual Christmas Bazaar will feature a silent auction, Christmas baskets, raffles and more. For more information please visit this [site](#).

Vision Zero Virtual Senior Safety Zone Review

Vision Zero is hosting a Virtual Senior Safety Zone Review for Lawrence Ave East and

Markham Rd on Friday November 13, 2020 from 2pm to 3pm. You can join by phone or computer! For more information and how to register please visit this [website](#).

Knights of Columbus Drive-Through Community Food Drive

The Knights of Columbus is hosting a Drive-Through Community Food Drive on Saturday November 14, 2020 from 9AM to 12PM in the parking lot of St. Boniface Church (142 Markham Rd).

This will be a Drive-Through Food Drive hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Appropriate COVID-19 protocols will be observed. All community members are invited to bring non-perishable food items, much needed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Members of the Knights of Columbus will take donations from the trunk of your car, so you will not have to leave your vehicle. The food items will then be delivered to our community Food Bank. Thanks in advance to all who can participate.

ShowLoveTO BigArtTO Experience

Explore Artwork Across the City: Experience art illuminated at BigArtTO, a city-wide public art celebration featuring free access of temporary public artworks projected onto local buildings and landmarks. Each of Toronto's wards will have its own BigArtTO Experience. Ward 24 – Scarborough-Guildwood is on November 25 – 28, 2020, 6 – 9 p.m. at Meadowglen Place, 2 Meadowglen Pl. South Wall (can be seen from Markham Road).

Toronto Zoo Holiday Marketplace

Friday, Saturdays & Sundays – November 20 to December 20 and December 21, 22 & 23

Discover the magic of the holiday season this winter with a visit to the Toronto Zoo's brand-new Holiday Marketplace. Free with regular Zoo Admission (until 3:30pm) - After 3:30pm, admission is \$5.50 +HST per person. *Parking is not included*. More information can be found online [here](#).

Toronto Zoo Holiday Marketplace call for vendors

Your Toronto Zoo is looking for local artisans, processors, and producers for the Holiday Marketplace beginning November 20th. Please email tz_partnershipsandevents@toronto.ca for more information about applying.

The Guild Alive with Culture ONLINE Arts Festival

The 2020 Guild Alive with Culture Arts Festival will be an ONLINE event, hosted on our festival website, www.guildalivewithculture.ca, which launched on July 1st, 2020.

The Guild Alive with Culture Arts Festival Committee is proud to support all our Artisan Artists who have over the years made our festival one of the best events in Southern Ontario. Please join us to make your purchases and support them.

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ASK YOURSELF...

WANT
TO HOST A DINNER PARTY



NEED
TO DO IT VIRTUALLY



STAY HOME. STAY SAFE. PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS.

Help us stop COVID-19 in the
Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area.



toronto.ca/COVID19

It's so important we all do what we NEED to do to protect ourselves and others during COVID-19.

5. Services in the Community

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Canada's Economic Response Plan

The Federal Government's Economic Response Plan lists several economic supports for businesses and individuals. Read more about it [here](#).

More information is shared by Hon. John McKay M.P.'s Community Update. To sign up for his updates, or if you have any questions regarding the below 'Federal programs, please contact his office by phone at 416-283-1226 or by email at John.McKay.c1@parl.gc.ca.

Transition to EI and new Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB)

The Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) was created to provide an immediate and necessary temporary response to support Canadians, providing up to 28 weeks of income

support to those who had to stop working due to the global COVID-19 pandemic. The Government of Canada began transitioning Canadians back to the Employment Insurance (EI) program on September 27, 2020, when some workers began to reach their 28-week maximum of the CERB. Find more on the transition to EI and CRB [here](#).

Public Safety Alert, Protecting Vulnerable People

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Toronto Police Service has not experienced an increase in reports for crimes against vulnerable people, however, crimes often go unreported. If you are a victim of any kind of abuse or if you believe someone you know is being victimized, please see the following community resources available below. More information can be found [here](#).

Child Abuse

[Kids Help Phone](#) - 1-800-668-6868

[Children's Aid Society of Toronto](#) – 416-924-4646

[Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto](#) - 416-395-1500

[Jewish Family & Child Service of Greater Toronto](#) - 416-638-7800

[Native Child & Family Services of Toronto](#) - 416-969-8510

Intimate Partner Violence

[Victim Services Toronto](#) - 416-808-7066

[Assaulted Women Helpline](#) - GTA: 416-863-0511 - T/F 1-866-863-0511

Elder Abuse

[Toronto Seniors Helpline](#) – 416-217-2077

[Seniors Safety Line](#) – 1-866-299-1011

[Advocacy Centre for the Elderly](#) - 1-855-598-2656 or 416-598-2656

Managing Stress and Psychological Wellbeing is as Important as Managing your Physical Health

As we adapt to our current circumstances, it's normal to feel overwhelmed. It's important, however, to avoid feelings of isolation as we work to change our behaviours from wanting to connect and be physically close to one another as social beings to respecting social distancing.

Where to find Mental Health help:

- [City of Toronto Mental Health](#)
- [World Health Organization](#)
- [The Psychological Foundation of Canada – Stress Strategies](#)
- [Canadian Mental Health Association](#)

See this link for tips on managing your stress and well-being [here](#).

Additional COVID-19 Resources and Supports

Food delivery for seniors

Call Red Cross at **1-833-204-9952** for seniors who have had to self-isolate and do not have alternative access to food through family, friends, or other food delivery services and are not receiving assistance from another community food program.

The Canadian Automobile Association (CAA) Food Delivery

The CAA is providing Transportation and delivery services to support COVID-19 response for agencies. They will deliver only the following items: Food (uncooked and cooked; Medicine; Pharmaceuticals; Medical equipment (size limitations will apply). If you are interested in using this service please contact: CommunityServicesResponseFleet@caasco.ca and share your organization name, contact name, phone number, address, and the type of pick-up and delivery required.

City of Toronto issues Open Door program call for application to support building new affordable rental housing

The City of Toronto has released the 2020 Call for Applications for the Open Door program. The program provides an opportunity for private, co-op and non-profit affordable housing organizations to apply for support from the City to create affordable rental housing for low- and moderate-income households in Toronto.

The 2020 Open Door application is like previous years, but there are changes aimed at providing greater affordable housing benefits. These changes include:

- The minimum affordability period of 40 years
- A minimum of 50 per cent of the total buildable gross floor area must now be affordable housing
- Only electronic submissions will be accepted by the City

The [application and full program details](#) are available online.

Key dates in the application process are:

- November 17, 4:30 p.m. – Deadline to submit applications
- January 2021 – Staff report to Planning and Housing Committee and City Council with recommended projects

More information can be read in the [news release](#).

Volunteer, Job & Program Opportunities

City of Toronto Holiday CampTO at Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre

Join the City of Toronto Arctic Adventure Camp at the Toronto Pan Am Sport Centre for outdoor activities, interactive games and so much more!

See [this flyer](#) for more information. Call 416-396-7378 or visit www.efun.toronto.ca to register.

Early On Virtual Parenting Workshops: November 2020

- Introduction to Virtual Connection | November 9, 2020 2-5pm
- Guiding Your Child's Behaviour | November 11, 2020 1-2pm
- COVID-19 Protect Yourself, Your Family and the Community | November 16, 2020 2-3pm

Calendar and workshop details can be found [here](#).

TAIBU Community Health Centre Workshops

- **Coping with Fear during COVID-19:** A virtual workshop to support and empower the black community in navigating issues amplified during the COVID-19 pandemic. See [flyer](#) for more information.
- **Grief and Loss Webinar:** A virtual workshop to support and empower the back community in navigating issues associated with grief and loss. See [flyer](#) for more information.

Boys' and Girls' Club Youth Programs 2020:

- **Raise the Grade:** Raise the Grade allows children and teens to develop effective studying habits, through homework help from a tutor. You can gain study tips, set goals, work with club staff to help develop a plan on where you want to be, and make friends.
- **EDGE:** The EDGE program is for young women looking to explore employment and careers. We are providing workshops and services to equipped young women with the necessary tools to succeed in the work force.
- **HOPE:** HOPE Employment Initiative focuses on exploring mental wellbeing, social economic learning, and resume development in order to prep you for the working world.

More information on these programs can be found [here](#).

Manifesting Amazing Dreams Upcoming Virtual Program

The next cohort of the Manifesting Amazing Dreams program will commence on November 3rd, 2020 and will run until December 16th, 2020. The program will have a slight change this time around and will be delivered three times per week - Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday - for 7 weeks. This change is so the program will be finished in time for the holidays. The youth receive an honorarium of \$20 per session for their participation. More details on this program can be found [here](#).

Planned Parenthood Toronto: Connecting and Coping during COVID-19

Build your toolbox of coping strategies, explore ways to connect with other, and plan for

moving forward. Details [here](#).

East Scarborough Storefront

4040 Lawrence Avenue East, Scarborough

Telephone: 416-208-9889

Service Hub details: <https://thestorefront.org/services/>

The East Scarborough Storefront is now in Stage 2 of Re-Opening

The East Scarborough Storefront have extended hours to Mondays to Thursdays, 10am to 3pm. Community partners will now be providing the following one on one services by appointment:

- Settlement Assistance & Family Support; every Wednesday from 10am to 12:30pm
- Connecting Women with Scarborough Services; every Tuesday starting September 15

Call 416-208-9889 to book an appointment. More information [here](#).

KGO Updates: Community e-newsletter for Kingston-Galloway/Orton Park

Latest KGO Update [HERE](#).

East Scarborough Storefront's KGO Updates is a crowd-sourced email newsletter which keeps people in Kingston-Galloway/Orton Park (KGO) informed about what's going on in our neighbourhood. The newsletter goes out every two weeks, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. [Sign up here to stay informed in KGO!](#) (And [check out past issues here](#)).

Scarborough Centre for Health Communities

Find more locations [here](#).

Sign up for the SCHC Newsletter [here](#).

[Boys and Girls Club of East Scarborough](#)

100 Galloway Road, Scarborough

Telephone: (416) 281 - 0262 ext. 208

www.esbgc.net

- [Galloway EarlyON Child and Family Centre \(100 Galloway Road\)](#)
- [Morningside EarlyON Child and Family Centre \(Unit 15 - 4218 Lawrence Ave East\)](#)
- [Mornelle EarlyON Child and Family Centre \(110 Mornelle Court - the main floor\)](#)

Ontario Early Years Programs - Open to all

OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS

Scarborough East EarlyON Child & Family Centre

September 2020 Program Calendar Details

Toronto Public Library

City Librarian's Report

You can stay up-to-date with the latest library news and upcoming programs by signing up for our [What's On at the Library e-newsletter](#). Borrow e-books through Toronto Public Library details [here](#).

Your Library Online

Stay safe and attend the many programs such as story time, computer classes and more, the public library is hosting. Go to tbl.ca/programs in your browser for further details.

Toronto Public Library's **38 Ways to Use the Library from Home**

Visit [this website](#) for more information.

Toronto Police Service

Parking Issues and Traffic Complaints:

Residents are advised to contact Toronto Police Parking Enforcement regarding parking complaints at 416-808-6600.

Crime Stoppers

The Toronto Police Service is asking anyone with information contact them at [416-808-2222](tel:416-808-2222), Crime Stoppers anonymously at 416-222-TIPS (8477), [online](#) or text TOR and your message to CRIMES (274637).

East End Arts

Sign up for the East End Arts' monthly eNewsletter, or their youth monthly eNewsletter.

Please sign up [here](#).

Scarborough Women's Centre

The Scarborough Women's Centre delivers programs and services to promote positive change for women in a safe, inclusive and welcoming environment.

See the Scarborough Women's Centre COVID-19 Response Plan [here](#).



I had an amazing time at the Knights of Columbus annual food drive at St. Martin de Porres last month. Check out the events section of this newsletter for their upcoming food drive at St. Boniface Church on Saturday November 14th.

6. Get Involved in your Community

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Community-Based Crisis Response Model Development Survey

The City of Toronto is looking to re-imagine ways of responding to crisis calls so they are collaborative, innovative and grounded in community needs and desires. To do this, the City wants to understand your priorities for what a community-based crisis response could look like. Complete this [online survey](#) before November 9, 2020.

The City hosting a number of [Community Roundtables](#) with residents and service providers across Toronto started October 19 and run until November 13. These roundtables are topic-specific, and residents interested in joining should visit the [website](#) for details.

City of Toronto launches digital storytelling project to celebrate Toronto Island's unique history

The City is actively seeking submissions for stories. Anyone with a story to share about the Islands is encouraged to submit it at www.toronto.ca/islandstories. All mediums will be accepted, and creativity is encouraged. Some examples of submission formats include:

- images with captions
- video testimonials
- audio recordings
- written submissions
- photo essays

For more information or to join the conversation, visit www.toronto.ca/islandstories and follow [@TorontoPFR](#) on Instagram. For more information please read the [news release](#).

Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) 2020 Education Calendar – Fall Courses

OGRA's 2020 Fall Education Calendar has just been released. OGRA's Executive Director talks about pivoting to the new normal, with most of their popular courses now available in a virtual classroom. Don't miss these and register for courses early as spaces fill quickly! 2020 Fall Education Calendar available [HERE](#).

Is Your Agency Collecting Data to Assist with COVID-19 Response Efforts?

Is your organization already keeping track of programs and services being offered in your community? Contact covidupdates@211ontario.ca to share the data you've collected!

Do you know of other organizations which might be collecting this kind of data? Let covidupdates@211ontario.ca know and they'll follow up!

To update your organization's 211 record, fill out this form: <https://211ontario.ca/tell-211-about-changes-in-services/>

211's Service Navigations are using this data to assist the hundreds of people from across the GTA who are calling 2-1-1 everyday for help with food security, housing assistance, mental health, and other problems exacerbated by this pandemic.

Scarborough Health Network Call for PPE Donations

Help our heroes in the fight against COVID-19. Do you or your business have any Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) could help the Scarborough Health Network care teams and patients safe. Email: PPEdonations@shn.ca

Resources for Volunteers and Non-Profits

Volunteer Toronto is a charity connecting volunteers to the causes looking for them. In response to COVID-19, I am reaching out to share resources for both non-profits and individuals in your network:

- For non-profits: Any non-profits or grassroots groups can contact Volunteer Toronto to start recruiting for urgent response efforts or remote support during COVID-19. Complete this short form and a staff member will reach out: <https://bit.ly/2WplJX3>. All fees have been waived for this service.
- For individuals: Volunteers play a crucial role in helping communities fill urgent needs. For individuals looking to get involved, join Toronto's COVID-19 Volunteer Response Team here: <https://info.volunteertoronto.ca/covid19>. Alerts with urgent community needs are sent to your inbox every 3-7 days.

Help save lives by staying home- Promising signs public health measures are working

As Toronto moves into week seven of this pandemic, officials are seeing promising signs public health measures are working. Dr. de Villa stressed the need to continue to practise social distancing and only leave the house for essential reasons, noting restrictions will be eased sooner if people continue to heed public health advice.

Case status data can be found on the [City's reporting platform](#). The advice from Toronto's public health officials has been clear and consistent: To stop the community spread of this deadly virus, we must reduce all contact with others as much as possible. Stay home, except for essential outings.

Please [click here](#) for a list of food banks and soup kitchens in the Ward 24

Please [click here](#) for a list of food banks in East Scarborough

Please [click here](#) for a list of food banks in Scarborough

Please remember to call ahead to book to ensure they are properly stocked. For those interested in volunteering, food banks are always looking for volunteers, so please feel free to save and share this information.

7. Public Service Information, Grants & Projects

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Grants

Toronto BIA Innovation Fund

The Toronto BIA Office is now accepting applications for Stream 6 of the BIA Innovation Fund. Awards range from \$5000 to \$25000. Funding is Limited. Descriptions of projects previously funded under the program can be found here, along with feature stories. Special consideration will be given to projects addressing economic support and recovery in the context of the current COVID-19 pandemic. The deadline to apply is Thursday, December 10th, 2020 4:30pm. [Apply NOW](#).

Public Service Information

How to find out if you may have been exposed to COVID-19 at a Toronto grocery store

Major grocery stores in Toronto have taken it upon themselves to notify the public of cases among their employees, despite not being required to do so.

Visit the following linked websites to view which Loblaw, Metro and Sobeys Store locations for COVID-19 case notifications:

- [Loblaw Stores](#) (No Frills, Real Canadian Superstore, Z hers, Loblaws and even Shoppers Drug Mart)
- [Metro Stores](#) (Metro, Food Basics and the Metro Distribution Centre)
- [Sobeys Stores](#) (Sobeys, FreshCo, Safeway and IGA)

City of Toronto Waste Wizard and Drop-Off Depots

The City of Toronto's Waste Wizard helps you find out what waste items go where! You can visit the [Waste Wizard online](#) or download the [TOwaste app](#).

The City of Toronto operates seven Transfer Stations which have drop-off depots used to collect, sort and transfer all the City's waste. Residents can also use these depots to dispose of their unwanted items such as [Household Hazardous Waste](#) and [Electronic Waste](#). Find more information on Drop-Off Depot locations, hours of service, list of accepted items [HERE](#).

COVID-19 Provincial Testing Guidance Update

The Ministry of Health has revised their guidelines for those seeking a COVID-19 test at an assessment centre in order to prioritize resources for those who need them. Only those with symptoms, or asymptomatic individuals who have made close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19, and those in other high-risk populations such as health care workers, should seek testing. For more information to testing guidelines please visit this [link](#).

Commemorative Tree Program

The Commemorative Tree and Bench Program was suspended this spring when the pandemic started. Staff have recently resumed working on requests which were on hold during the suspension of service. New applications will be taken beginning in 2021. More information can be found [here](#). If you have any further questions please contact my office at 416-396-7222 or councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca

Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) program

The Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) program is an automated system which uses a camera and a speed measurement device to detect and capture images of vehicles travelling in excess of the posted speed limit. If residents have concerns about speeding on their street and would like to install an ASE camera, residents can request for it [online](#). For more information about the program please visit this [website](#).

511 is a national traveller information service, a bilingual digital traveller information service provided by the Ministry of Transportation. This website has been designed by and for users to help people plan their routes and travel safely and efficiently across the province of Ontario. Ontario 511 can be used to track and construction and or delays while travelling. Check out Ontario 511 [here](#).

Service Canada can help with e-SIN applications!

There is an E-SIN service now where people who are legally entitled to work in Canada can apply for a Social Insurance Number online. More information can be found [here](#).

The Canadian Women's Foundation "Violence at Home Signal for Help"

The social isolation measures necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic are making it more difficult for those who are at risk of abuse or violence to safely reach out for help. "Signal for Help" is a simple one-handed sign someone can use on a video call. It can help a person silently show they need help and want someone to check in with them in a safe way. Details can be found here: <https://canadianwomen.org/signal-for-help/>

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Please remember to call ahead to book to ensure they are properly stocked. For those interested in volunteering, food banks are always looking for volunteers, so please feel free to save and share this information.

Please [click here](#) for a list of food banks in Scarborough

Essential Government Information for COVID -19

Public Health's information line & 311 are experiencing high call volumes. Residents can get the information they need online at www.toronto.ca

The City's website has a tool which can translate pages into 51 different languages.

If you need info on COVID-19, please visit the following websites:

[City of Toronto](#)

[Province of Ontario](#)

[Government of Canada](#)

[World Health Organization](#)

[Official Global Travel Advisory](#)

The City's website is updated daily with the latest health advice, and information about City services and social supports. Check <https://www.toronto.ca/covid-19/> for answers to common questions before contacting the Toronto Public Health COVID-19 Hotline or 311.

I am continually updating my social media platforms as well as my website with up-to-date information:



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