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Dear Ward 43 Residents,

This past summer brought a number of good stories to Ward 43 “The Guild: Alive with Culture” Arts Festival held at the Guild Inn Gardens on Sunday August 17 was a tremendous success. It’s estimated over 2,000 people attended the festival bringing more exposure to the grounds, confirming that a zest to maintain an arts festival as an annual event is much desired. Plans to organize a two-day event for next summer have already been put in place. The days' success was attributed to the many participants: artists, musical and theatrical performers, the Town Crier, Lord Simcoe, community groups, a hot air balloon and the children's activities. My office continues to receive requests from entertainers and artists who would like to participate next summer. I would like to thank everyone who volunteered to make the event a great success.

The official opening of the R.O.S.E. (Roots of Scarborough East) community garden and Bike Rodeo was another great event. Taking place on Monday August 11 at the East Scarborough Storefront, many residents walked through the community garden to marvel at the transformation of a tired looking site with a rusted out water tower to a vibrant garden full of vegetables, fruit, herbs and flowers. I was also able to contribute to the 43 Division Bike Rodeo where children learned bike safety rules. Thank you to Constable Dave Grey and Dip Habib, Coordinator-Volunteer Services East Scarborough Storefront for all their community work in Ward 43

Major renovations for the Cedarbrae library branch have started with a scheduled completion date of 2010. The renovation will bring our community a much needed and desired resource. When completed, the library will boast 26,200 square feet of learning and meeting space. The project details are listed in section 3 of this report.

I am continuing to hold monthly Town Hall meetings throughout the Ward and have had the opportunity to host one in each community since January 2007. Residents have been receiving this type of venue well as the relaxed atmosphere allows for good flow of conversation. I will be hosting my 14th town hall meeting at the Tam Heather Tennis and Curling Club on Thursday November 18 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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1. Scarborough East Community Calendar

November 1, 2008 - Seventh Day Adventist Church “Homecoming” Celebration

November 1, 2008 - The Auxiliary Toy Drive Kick Off Toronto Police Services

November 3, 2008 - Budget Committee Meeting

November 4, 2008 – Toronto Public Library Board Meeting

November 4, 2008 – Coronation Community Association

November 5, 2008 – Budget Meeting Public Hearings

November 6, 2008 – Special City Council Meeting

November 6, 2008 - Scarborough Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards

November 7, 2008 - Budget Committee Meeting

November 7, 2008 – East Scarborough Storefront Capital Investment Meeting

November 7, 2008 - St. Martin De Porres Parish Bazaar

November 7, 2008 - Guildwood Community Presbyterian Church Bazaar

November 7, 2008 - St. John the Divine Bazaar

November 7, 2008 - St Stephens Presbyterian Church Bazaar

November 7, 2008 - Scouts bottle drive

November 8, 2008 - St. Martin De Porres Parish Bazaar

November 8, 2008 - Civic Remembrance Day Services at Scarborough Civic Centre

November 10, 2008 - Guild Inn Gardens Park Audit 2:00 p.m.

November 10, 2008 – East Scarborough Storefront Amazing Place meeting

November 10, 2008 – Guild Renaissance Group Monthly Meeting

November 11, 2008 – Remembrance Day Services 2100 Kingston Road Cenotaph

November 11, 2008 - Royal Canadian Legion Branch 258 45 Lawson Road Service

November 11, 2008 - Preservation Panel Meeting

November 11, 2008 – Guildwood Village Community Association

November 12, 2008 - Botany Hill Park Audit 2:00 p.m.

November 13, 2008 – Community Police Liaison Committee Meeting

November 14, 2008 - Striking Committee meeting

November 15, 2008 - Holy Trinity Church Anglican Parish Church Bazaar

November 15, 2008 - 175th Anniversary Celebration of St. Margaret's-in-the Pines

November 17, 2008 - Capital Budget Meeting

November 17, 2008 - Curran Hall Community Association Annual General Meeting

November 17, 2008 - Community Meeting for Meadowcliffe Drive Erosion Control Project Access Route

November 18, 2008 – Scarborough Community Council

November 18, 2008 – Town Hall Meeting Tam Heather Tennis and Curling Club

November 20, 2008 – Neighbourhood Action Partnership Meeting
November 21, 2008 - Government Management Meeting
November 22, 2008 - St Margaret's-in-the-Pines West Hill Anglican Church Bazaar
November 24, 2008 - Residents Rising Monthly meeting
November 24, 2008 – Toronto Public Library Board Meeting
November 24, 2008 - Curran Hall Community Association
November 24, 2008 – Toronto Hydro Public Meeting Sir Wilfrid Laurier CI – 145 Guildwood Pkwy 7:00 pm
November 25, 2008 – Budget Meeting
November 25, 2008 - Community Meeting 4111-4113 Lawrence Ave E at St. Margaret's Public School
7:00pm
November 26, 2008 – Toronto Atmospheric Fund Meeting
November 26, 2008 - Budget Meeting
November 26, 2008 - Tam Heather Tennis and Curling Club Board Meeting
November 27, 2008 - Guild Alive with Culture 2009 Festival meeting
November 28, 2008 – Toronto Region Conservation Authority meeting

2. Seven Oaks

Residents approached me requesting that traffic control signals be installed at Tams Rd and Morningside Avenue. Accidents have taken place at the location and residents expressed to me that they do not feel safe entering the intersection. A petition has been created and was presented at Scarborough Community Council on Tuesday October 7, 2008 when the item was heard. Unanimously supported by Scarborough Council the item will now be heard by the Works Committee and then Toronto City Council.

Two projects are currently taking place at Tam Heather Tennis Curling and Tennis Club one being the refreshing of their main entrance.

The main project, the replacement of the tennis dome is well underway. Staff and the Tams Board have been in discussions and a construction schedule is in place: The demolition and removals of existing south tennis courts is to start on October 25th with a completion date of late December. The demolition of the north courts and new construction of tennis courts and dome is to start the end of April 2009 to be completed by the end of October 2009.

The club is very vibrant and is taking new members, its' renovated lounge offers a relaxed and welcoming

environment for members to enjoy. To join the curling or tennis club please visit: www.tamheather.ca.

Last month unfortunately the hydro poles on Military Trail were once again spray painted, this time with orange faces. Hydro was contacted the week of October 1 to address the issue and have it cleaned as soon as possible. If you have any graffiti complaints please report it to my office at 416-396-7222.

3. Curran Hall

Flyers were sent to all the homes in the Curran Hall Community for their submissions to name the new street in the Brimorton Drive and Orton Park subdivision. I have received close to 200 submissions and the majority of the respondents would like to see the name Curran Hall Crescent used. The suggestion will be sent to the appropriate City Departments for their review of the suggested name.

On Wednesday November 12, 2008 @ 2pm, I will be joined by City park staff and 43 Division Community Officers to walk Botany Hill Park in order to determine if there are any safety issues or needs in the community park. I encourage residents to join me on this day and participate in advising us of any concerns or park needs. Park safety audits are a great tool for residents to communicate with me and the police directly so that issues can be addressed quickly.

Congratulations to the Curran Hall Community Association for their successful food drive on Saturday September 27. 2,585 pounds of food was collected for the food bank along with monetary donations.

The City has at this time addressed and give clearances to the Tiffany Park homes development and are now only waiting for the developer to continue to work with the City to finalize all the permits. Last month the fencing around the property was knocked down but was addressed by the builder and repaired. I have asked that the site be well maintained during this process as construction is a lengthy process with everyone eager for it to be completed. If you have any questions regarding the development or would like to report any issues on the site please contact John Lyon, City Planning Department at 416-396-7018. You may also call my office.

The East Scarborough Storefront unveiled six panels on September 24. The exterior murals are part of the "Graffiti Transformation" City initiative designed to prevent and discourage graffiti. Six youth from various groups in the community had the opportunity to work with an artist this past summer to design and paint their own panel for the Storefront building.

The City's Transportation Division is focusing on a 24 km bike route along Lawrence Avenue from Victoria Park Avenue to Rouge River. Although I support bike lanes and the benefits that come with it environmentally and for personal health, Lawrence Avenue in its present state does not constitute a safe biking environment. The arterial road is in desperate need of repaving but is only earmarked to be done in 2015. I have made it clear that I would only support the introduction of bike lanes if Lawrence East from Kingston Road to Galloway was repaved. It would be irresponsible to add bike lanes if the road was not safe for both motorists and bicyclists alike.

Scarborough Golf Club Road to Orton Park has also been presented to me for the introduction of bike lanes. This is great news but it already exists. You'll notice that when traveling on this stretch of road

there are posted signs indicating that the area is a bike route, white lines already hug the curbs making space for bicyclists. The implementation of a newly signed bike route at this location would be a waste of money and resources.

4. Coronation and West Hill

The splash pad at Eastview Park was completed and ready for play on September 20. Staff, is working to have all the remaining landscaping completed, specifically evergreens along a perimeter abutting residents homes. All the trees have been ordered and will be planted upon their arrival. I would like to thank the community for their input and enjoyed working with you in implementing the final landscape design. The splash pad will reopen in spring 2009. Splash pads are very desirable but unfortunately are usually paid for by developers in new subdivisions. In established communities such as ours I have been working hard to ensure that our communities also receive amenities close to home.

On Thursday October 16, I hosted my 2nd town hall meeting in your community. The meeting took place at the Boys and Girls Club of East Scarborough located at 100 Galloway Road. Ron Rock, Executive Director of the Club spoke about plans on expanding the club to enhance and offer more services to the youth. Constable Bill Campbell 43 Division also attended and spoke on community policing issues.

On Tuesday October 7, 2008 the Coronation Community Association held their annual general meeting the association is looking for new members for their Executive. The association meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm at 43 Division. Those interested may e-mail the association by visiting their website at <http://www.coronationca.com/>

5. Cedar Ridge

Local Road Resurfacing in your community. This work came about after my office received numerous complaints about the condition of the roads, sidewalks, and curbs throughout the area. The much needed work was done on:

Beran Drive - Kollar Drive to Confederation Drive
Confederation Drive - Greencrest Court to Scarborough Golf Club Road
Holton Road - Confederation Drive to #9 Holton Road
Palacky Street - Confederation Drive to Beran Drive
Pelmar Place - Beran Drive to #36 Pelmar Place
Vanwart Drive - Beran Drive to Holmfirth Terrace

If you require further information please contact our office at 416-396-7222.

Cedar Brae Branch has closed for a major renovation, extensive upgrades are planned for the 42 year old Scarborough library. Scheduled for completion in 2010, the renovation to the 26,200 square feet library will:

- Redesign all interior spaces.

- Enhance the branch's street presence with a new street level entrance.
- Provide complete barrier-free access to all areas of the building, including the front entrance, all collections and lounge areas, meeting rooms, staff areas and public washrooms.
- Revamp the auditorium and all the public meeting and program spaces.
- Add new reading lounges for adults, teens and children.
- Add new quiet study rooms.
- Add a new Teen Zone.
- Create separate and unique spaces for multilingual and local history collections.
- Add Kids Stop, an interactive early literacy centre, where children and their parents and caregivers can engage in hands-on activities that build important pre-literacy skills.
- Expand the Learning Centre featuring 15 computers, and increase the total number of computers throughout the building to 64.
- Add specially designed outdoor spaces for reading, relaxing and interacting.
- Add wireless internet access.
- Add express check out and returns.

To learn more about Toronto Public Library, visit our website at www.torontopubliclibrary.ca or call Answer line at 416-393-7131

During the Cedarbrae Branch renovation, hours at the nearby Bendale Branch (1515 Danforth Road) will be extended to 65.5 hours per week. Seasonal Sunday service (1:30 to 5 p.m.) will also be added to Bendale Branch until Cedarbrae's renovation is complete.

Toronto Public Library's Bookmobile will stop weekly Thursdays 11:30 am to 12:30 pm (beginning October 16) in the parking lot of the Cedarbrae Branch. The community can also visit one of several other nearby branches, return books at any Toronto Public Library branch and pick up holds at Bendale Branch or any other Toronto Public Library branch.

The Cedar Ridge Community is wonderful vibrant and diverse. It was wonderful to meet so many of the residents during my June 2008 barbeque and I look forward to continuing this new tradition next year. If you would like to be more involved in the community and would like to share your ideas with me, please contact my office @ 416-392-4008 so we can discuss your ideas.

6. Guildwood Village

On September 24, 2008, Toronto City Council gave City staff the go ahead to commence negotiations with Centennial College in their bid to revitalize the Guild Inn.

Quickly taking action to deal with the Guild Inn property after the previous proponent walked away from the project has proven to be beneficial. Last May I formed the Guild Park Advisory Committee: membership includes the Guildwood Village Community Association, the Guild Renaissance Group, and city staff which meets on a regular basis to ensure community input is heard and addressed.

The formation of the committee was also meant to keep interest in revitalizing the Guild Inn alive. Centennial College has proposed to invest \$30 million in the Guild Inn to develop their world renowned Cultural and Heritage Institute program, along with a boutique room hotel, restaurant and a conference centre. During the next few months, City staff will work with Centennial College and report back to Council in early 2009. Over the course of my term residents have told me that they wanted to see a revitalized Guild Inn where they could go and enjoy a meal with friends, relax in the park and be proud of a landmark in their community.

The Guild Park Advisory Committee has worked very well in bringing forth public comments. The committee will continue to meet throughout the construction of the Centennial building, the establishment of the renewed Cultural Precinct, and well into the future to ensure residents' needs are brought to the forefront. I will keep the community updated and will post updates, on the community board in the Guildwood Plaza and surrounding business.

The next months will be an exciting time for the Guildwood community and I look forward to working with the residents and Centennial College

I have always wanted to ensure the Guild Inn grounds were used, and well maintained as the City searched for a proponent to run the main building. Along these lines I approached staff at the East Scarborough Boys and Girls Club about them being involved in a beautification project. The East Scarborough Boys and Girls Club agreed to provide the labour, if I could get the necessary painting supplies and boards. My goal, to beautify the existing building by painting the plain brown plywood boards covering the Inn's windows and doors on the front. With a donation of supplies from the City's Parks Forestry and Recreation Division, we were able to have area youth involved in the project. The end result was a colourful display of over 40 murals to cover the windows. I hope that you have enjoyed the murals which were installed days before The Guild Alive with Culture Arts Festival. If you haven't had an opportunity to view the art please visit the property. The murals will be preserved once the renovations begin.

The Guildwood community was featured in the October 2008 edition of Toronto Life as a Eastern Star. "Guildwood, a posh pocket of Scarborough, offers the best bungalows in town." What a great write up for the community. Examples of properties were also listed with prices which reached up to \$700,000.

Thank you for your comments on Toronto Hydro's proposal to perform wind testing along Lake Ontario in the vicinity of the Scarborough Bluffs. I along with many of you sent comments to both the Ministry of Natural Resources and to Toronto Hydro. I also during the September Community Council asked my Scarborough Colleagues to support a motion rejecting Toronto Hydro's request.

In a meeting with Toronto Hydro, I along with Councillor Brian Ashton demanded that a public meeting take place to provide constituents a venue to ask question of them. Toronto Hydro held a meeting on Monday October 27, 2008. Unfortunately they did not take my advice to hold the meeting at an auditorium in a local high school. The result saw 200 people inside the meeting, and over 300 people outside the building who could not get in. They have set a new meeting for Monday November 24, 2008
Sir Wilfrid Laurier CI – 145 Guildwood Pkwy 7:00 pm

Based on what has taken place to date, I have a number of concerns. First and foremost, Toronto Hydro is not doing enough to inform residents of the Guildwood area of what they are trying to achieve. In their first public notice, distributed in the Scarborough Mirror on a Saturday in August, there was no mention of the potential for construction of wind turbines off the Scarborough Bluffs. It was left to Councillor Brian Ashton and I, to advise the public and request that Toronto Hydro hold a community meeting.

After the meeting a representative of Toronto Hydro was quoted in the local media, as saying “The Bluffs is the most appropriate place for Toronto Hydro’s wind turbines”. I found this statement to signify that they have already made up their minds on this subject.

I recently requested staff to plant trees in the community in areas which required them such as certain sections of Westlake Road, on the north and south side of the road from the Guildwood Go Station to Galloway Road, on Livingston Road from Westlake Road to Toynbee Trail, as well as north on Dearham Wood from Poplar Road to Schubert Drive, east and west on Poplar Road from Dearham Wood to Portia Street. 95 trees will be planted in total.

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) which has devastated ash trees in southwestern Ontario and parts of the United States since its discovery in Detroit, Michigan in 2002 has been detected in the City of Toronto. The EAB is an introduced insect pest from Asia that attacks and kills all species of ash trees.

Recognizing if your tree is infected is difficult, there are symptoms you may look for such as shoots (suckers), cracking bark, D-shaped holes and thinning crowns only become evident after two or more years of infestation. One or more of these symptoms may appear even without the presence of EAB. If you believe your tree may be infected please visit the City website at www.toronto.ca/trees/eab.htm and follow the link to contact to visit the CFIA website <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/plaveq/pestrava/agrpla/agrplae.shtml> or contact them directly at 1-866-463-6017.

I recently met with City of Toronto Forestry staff. I will be holding a meeting in February or March to ensure all Guildwood area residents are fully informed of what the City is doing, and what residents can do on their own private property to combat any potential infestation.

The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) is preparing to commence construction on Phase 2 of the Guildwood Parkway Erosion Control Project. They have been waiting for the City of Toronto to finish rebuilding a stormwater pipe located at the base of the Bluffs, under Morningside Ave. The TRCA commenced work on the site in mid September and will continue until March 2009 when the in-water construction period closes.

I have raised some matters with the TRCA on issues surrounding the restoration work. This has included a need for garbage and recycling cans along the shoreline, ensuring the roadway is in an acceptable condition during the work for bicyclists and hikers. If you would like to raise your concerns with me please contact my office.

The beach at the bottom of the Bluffs will remain. I have spoken to the TRCA on this point on many occasions and have reinforced that the community utilizes the area and it will remain. The goal for this passageway is to extend the area continuously allowing one to walk along the Bluffs shoreline, as it becomes part of the Great Trail.

A meeting was held on Monday September 29 to discuss the installation of a 7 storey retirement building by Allegro Livingston Lodge located on Livingston Road. This was the first mandated meeting held by the City. Three earlier community meetings were held in the Spring, by Allegro to ensure community input. Once City Planners and Allegro take public comments in to account when drafting their final plans, it will

be brought to Scarborough Community Council for approval. If you would like further information please contact my office.

Parks will be replacing the rotted railing located within the Guild Inn trail, located on the east side of the property which zigzags into the ravine.

Residents may have noticed ongoing construction work on the south side of the Guildwood GO/VIA Station. This is repaving of the parking lot and the driveway at the west end of the property. This is work, GO Transit committed to when they purchased the parking area from the City of Toronto a few years ago. It will also include updated lighting and better drainage. It is scheduled to be completed by December 2008

On the north side, they will also be building a new sheltered area to accommodate what they foresee is an increased demand for storage area for bicycles.

Downtown, the platform numbers and signs at Union Station and bus terminal will be changing the first weekend in October 2008. Changes are being made by GO primarily to make it easier for customers to find their way around. Please allow extra time to get to your train or bus.

7. Residents Rising Community Association

The Residents Rising Community Association continues to meet to address the needs of residents in high rises. While attending meetings I have seen that this unique avenue to reach residents has had a profound effect on so many. I have met some wonderful people who are now themselves joining forces to help others in need. As they live in the same buildings it has become effective to directly address a number of issues, such as loneliness, assistance in getting to appointments, reaching pharmacies to fill prescriptions, learning of programs to enhance their social or work skills, making friends and feeling like a community. I want to applaud the Residents Rising executive as they have made great strides in the short time of their groups existence. Working on a full agenda the group is searching for mentors in several fields

Launched in January 2008 the RRCA is designed to help residents living in apartment buildings speak with a strong collective voice to government, schools and city services. If you would like to join the Residents Rising Community Association, please call 416-847-4144 or email residentsrising@gmail.com. There is no membership fee to join the association.

8. Community Meetings and Events

November 10 @ 2pm – Guildwood Park Safety Audit
November 12 @ 2pm – Botany Hill Park Safety Audit

November 18 @ 7pm – Town Hall Meeting 730 Military Trail Tam Heather Curling and Tennis Club

November 8,9 @ 10 am St. Martin De Porres Parish Bazaar

November 8 @ 9 am Guildwood Community Presbyterian Church Bazaar

November 8 @ 9 am St. John the Divine Bazaar

November 8 @ 9 am St Stephens Presbyterian Church Bazaar

November 8 @ 9 am Civic Remembrance Day Services at Scarborough Civic Centre

9. City of Toronto Council Highlights

City Council meeting of September 24 and 25, 2008 Volume 11 Issue 7

Council gives green light to Mayor's Tower Renewal

The City is moving forward with the Mayor's Tower Renewal initiative designed to make the city's aging apartment towers greener (energy efficient) and to use this as a catalyst for development to help revitalize communities. The project provides incentives to building owners to make their buildings more energy efficient. For example, wrapping an apartment building with a layer of insulation (a bit like putting on a winter coat) could reduce energy use by 50 per cent or greater, ultimately reducing energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions. Program participation could allow building owners to add to the buildings on their site, such as commercial or retail space and features that better serve community needs. Revenues generated by that additional space could provide the funds to support the energy efficiency measures. This program would also provide an opportunity for buildings to upgrade their green space and provide improved neighbourhood gathering spaces. Buildings/properties would be able to: live a greener existence by using energy-generating measures, like installing wind or solar power sources; develop green roofs and community gardens; and enact site water conservation measures and better on-site management of waste. Tower renewal would lead to the creation of local green jobs. Four pilot sites have been selected for the project. Additional details are available at www.towerrenewal.ca.

Joseph Pennachetti confirmed as the new City Manager

Council approved the Mayor's recommendation and appointed Mr. Pennachetti as the new City Manager effective Oct. 6, 2008. The City's Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager replaced Shirley Hoy, who served the City in this capacity for seven years. Mr. Pennachetti joined the City in 2002 and provides 32 years of experience in municipal government, including prior experience as the treasurer and commissioner of finance for Peel and York regions. He holds both a Bachelor of Commerce and Master of Business Administration and is a Certified General Accountant. The City's current Treasurer, Cam Weldon, will assume the role of Acting Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager until an executive search for a full-time replacement is concluded.

City to celebrate its 175th anniversary in 2009

Plans to celebrate the city's 175th anniversary, including a major event on Nathan Phillips Square, were approved by Council. The City of Toronto was incorporated on March 6, 1834 and the event on the square will be marked on that same day in 2009. The public celebration will enhance civic pride and raise awareness about city history. The activities will include the creation of a special Toronto song, a book published by the Toronto Archives on city history, and *Toronto in Words and Images* – an exhibit at the Market Gallery (in the St. Lawrence Market) that marries art with Toronto literature.

City to invest federal funds in youth gang prevention work

Council directed that \$4,932,954 from the Government of Canada's Youth Gang Prevention Fund be used to support a new pilot program for youth gang prevention. The funding is for a four-year period ending in 2012 to put in place an anti-gang strategy. Building on the City's Community Safety Plan, the new strategy will enhance the City mandate to improve safety and will support work with parents, schools and the community, to provide intervention strategies for neighbourhood youth, increasing the ability of communities to decrease the risk factors that lead youth to join gangs.

Fort York to be revitalized for bicentennial celebration

Council approved plans for the City's Bicentennial Commemoration of the War of 1812 and the transformation of Toronto as an urban centre. The celebrations will be spread throughout 2012 and 2013, and serve as a catalyst to revitalize this national historic site. Fort York is the only authentic fort from the war in Canada, and was the first site of a provincial parliament building. Some of the plans include work to secure funding support for the revitalization from the federal and provincial governments, as well as the private sector through fund-raising. Included in the plans are: a new visitor information centre, a new pedestrian/cycling bridge from Stanley Park over the rail lands to the fort and waterfront, full restoration of the fort buildings and the addition of new exhibits, a heritage trail established noting sites of significance in Toronto during the war, and nomination of the fort as a UNESCO heritage site. The site revitalization will increase the fort's profile as a major tourist destination.

Fiona Crean appointed Toronto's first Ombudsperson

Council unanimously approved Fiona Crean as the City's Ombudsperson, a position required under the *City of Toronto Act, 2006*. The Toronto Ombudsperson will receive, resolve and investigate public complaints related to the delivery of City services and programs. The service will be accessible to all Torontonians. Ms. Crean starts her work for the City on November 17, 2008 and has extensive Ombudsman experience. She served as the first Ombudsman and Director of Human Rights at York University. Prior to that, she served as Executive Director of the Ontario Ombudsman's Office where she was responsible for investigating and resolving complaints regarding the administration of government. She also served as interim Ombudsman for Ontario. Ms. Crean developed the first employment equity program for the former City of Toronto and worked for a number of years at the Ontario Human Rights Commission. The appointment of the Toronto Ombudsperson rounds out the City's accountability framework and continues the City's leadership in promoting accountability and open government. The City's other accountability positions include the Auditor General, the Integrity Commissioner and the Lobbyist Registrar. All of the accountability positions are independent of the City administration and report to City Council.

10. Toronto Walks

Walking it's a great way to get around. It's healthy, fun, economical and good for the environment, too.

In fact, the more we walk, the more we can help ourselves, our community and the air we breathe.

The City of Toronto is encouraging residents to get out and walk. That's the idea behind the Toronto Walking Festival. It's a program aimed at promoting walking in our community by highlighting walking activities all across the City. Our community has many great walking trails to enjoy from the trails in the Seven Oaks Community, The Curran Hall Ravine, Morningside Park and the Scarborough Bluffs.

You can find out more about walking events in Toronto by clicking on the Walking Festival Calendar. You can browse the various events and activities and make plans to participate in an event in your area. Click www.toronto.ca/walking to view the calendar.

Walking has some obvious health benefits for you and your family. Walking helps improve your overall level of fitness and gives you more energy. Plus, the more we walk, the better it is for our environment. Taking fewer trips by car means less harmful emissions go into our environment which helps improve the quality of the air we breathe.

There are a lot of great reasons to travel by foot. So, get out and walk. You'll be glad you did.

11. Community Alert System 43 Division

The Toronto Police Service 43 division has installed a community alert e-mail system for the residents in south east Scarborough. Once you subscribe you will automatically receive information on crime alerts, current scams, arrests, information regarding your neighbourhood, crime prevention tips and information on active persons and crimes in 43 division. You may also use this system to contact 43 Division in order to obtain or pass on information. This system is not for making complaints or for calls for service as it is not monitored on a daily basis. 1100 people have already signed up and 600 businesses.

To subscribe: go to google - type in (toronto police service) - click on police stations
- click on 43 division -click on sign up for community alert - follow prompts - click on subscribe

You will now be on the system and receive all 43 division community alerts.

13. Heritage Skills Development Centre

The Heritage Skills Development Centre (HSDC) is pleased to announce the launch of the African-Canadian Youth Entrepreneurship Training Program. The program will be held from Nov of 2008 until Feb of 2009, and is free.

It will consist of workshops offered to nurture and teach participants important skills, such as Developing Marketing Plans, Time Management, Communication Skills, Networking for Success, Basic Accounting/Bookkeeping, Business Planning, Business Financing, Computer Applications, and much more.

To register for an information session please contact: Heritage Skills Development Centre (HSDC),(416) 345-1613

15. Campaign encourages older adults to get active to prevent falls

October 1 marked the International Day of Older Persons, with the launch of an energetic communications campaign to encourage older adults to get active. The goal is to remind adults 55 years and older to get up and get moving in order to help prevent injury from falls.

Thirty to 60 minutes of activity per day is needed to protect and improve health, said Dr. McKeown. "The safest way to reach the level is by slowly increasing your activity level in 10-minute intervals."

The facts: • Every 10 minutes in Ontario, at least one older adult (65 years and older) visits an emergency department due to a fall. • Every 30 minutes in Ontario, at least one older adult is admitted to hospital due to a fall. • In Toronto in 2006, older adults accounted for 4,086 hospital stays and 17,250 emergency department visits due to a fall.

- Reducing the incidence of falls in older adults in Ontario by 20 % would lead to over 4,000 fewer hospital stays, 1,000 fewer older adults being permanently disabled and a cost saving of \$121 million annually (The Economic Burden of Injury in Ontario, 2006).
- In Toronto in 2006, older adults accounted for 4,086 hospital stays and 17,250 emergency department visits due to a fall (Ontario Injury Prevention Resource Centre, 2008).
- In Toronto, the older adult population is expected to grow by 38% by 2031, nearly doubling (2006 Census results).

16. Green Scene Z Toronto Video Challenge helps youth spread their green message

The City of Toronto has launched the GreenSceneZToronto, a video challenge designed to give Toronto's youth an opportunity to express their passion for the environment and inspire Torontonians to live green.

Youth in grades seven through 12 at Toronto schools are invited to submit their idea for a 30-second video on a storyboard; no previous video or filmmaking experience is required. Six winning teams will have the opportunity to work with professional filmmakers at Planet in Focus to turn their green message into a 30-second video.

Winning videos will premiere at the 2009 Green Toronto Awards and be featured on the Live Green Toronto website at www.livegreentoronto.ca.

The deadline to enter is December 15, 2008, and details and entry forms are available at www.livegreentoronto.ca. Winners must be available to attend a video production camp during March Break, from March 16-20, 2009.

GreenSceneZToronto is an initiative of Live Green Toronto, a new program to engage all Torontonians in taking action to reduce energy use and the greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change, in support of the City's Climate Change, Clean Air and Sustainable Energy Action Plan. The plan targets an 80 per cent reduction in emissions by 2050. Live Green Toronto offers a one-stop website with resources, tips and rebates to help people live green; grants and funding for community-based green initiatives; and community animators who will work with neighbourhood groups to help them get organized and turn their green ideas into action.

17. School Resource Officers

One of our community schools Sir Robert L. Borden located at 200 Poplar Road is one of the 29 schools City-wide to have on duty School Resource Officer (SRO) taking up residence in the buildings. The Officers will provide a variety of services from safety to relationship building with the youth.

The SRO will also be on the school council and offer information to the students on programs such as ESP and PEACE as well as work with the surrounding community.

With their presence in the school it is hoped that students will gain a trust with the police force, prevent bullying, reduce drinking and driving and also talk about domestic violence and gang related activity.

18. Quote du Mois

“You cannot dream yourself into a character; you must hammer and forge yourself one.”
Henry David Thoreau

19. Websites for Community Use

www.paulainslie.com
www.johnmckaymp.on.ca - From John McKay, Member of Parliament
www.ontla.on.ca- Minister Margaret Best M.P.P.
www.west-hill.com - A tribute to the West Hill area
www.tamheathervenerables.com -Men's Curling 55 and older
www.guildwood.on.ca - The Guildwood Village Community Association
www.scarboroughhistorical.ca - Scarborough Historical Society
www.westrouge.org - The West Rouge Community Association
www.freenet.hamilton.on.ca/Information/sports/leisure/bgco/toronto.htm -East
www.esbgc.org Scarborough Boys' & Girls' Club
www.spo.ca - Scarborough Philharmonic Orchestra
www.mirror-guardian.com - The Scarborough Mirror
www.scar.utoronto.ca - University of Toronto, Scarborough Campus
www.westhill.ntsweb.com - West Hill Public School
www.tcdsb.org/schools/popejohnpaulii.html - Pope John Paul II Catholic Secondary School
www.scarbcccac.org - Scarborough Community Care Access Centre
www.city.toronto.on.ca/ttc/index.htm - The Toronto Transit Commission
www.go transit.com - GO Transit
www.torontopolice.on.ca/d43 - 43 Division- Toronto Police Services
www.scarborougharts.com/groups/renaissance/index.htm - The Guild Renaissance Group
www.torontocaer.com - The Toronto East Community Awareness & Emergency Response
www.scarboroughsoftball.ca/SevenOaks.htm - The Seven Oaks Softball League
www.rougevalley.ca - The Rouge Valley Health Care System (Centenary Hospital)
www.bluffsmonitor.com - Bluffs Monitor
www.ontariotenants.ca - Ontario Tenants Rights
www.centennialcra.com - Centennial Community and Recreation Association

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