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Dear Neighbour,

Happy Easter to Christians who observe this holiday which marks the resurrection of Jesus Christ. My staff and I would like to extend best wishes to those in our community who celebrate Easter.

This year, I have moved my Ward 41 Environment Day to the Nashdene Yard compound at 70 Nashdene Road on Sunday, June 8, 2014. Look for the ad in the upcoming print edition of my Spring 2014 newsletter. I will be holding a Movie Night on June 20, 2014. It will be held at the Baseball Field at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic School (75 Alexmuir Blvd.) from 8 pm to 10 pm.

The Scarborough District CRCs are initiating a *Customer Service Enhancement* Program, and the Staff at the Community Centres will be connecting with residents on this initiative. Ward 41 is included in Local Air Quality Studies this year, going into next. To find out more, please visit <http://www.toronto.ca/localairquality> . With the warm weather comes road construction season, so please see <http://map.toronto.ca/maps/map.jsp?app=TorontoTraffic> for road restrictions.

Municipal elections will be conducted in every municipality in Ontario on Monday, October 27th, and I encourage everyone to learn more by visiting <http://www.toronto.ca/elections>.

As a councillor, I have to read many reports and get much data from multiple sources. While weeding through the data, I am reminded of the first proverb, called the Eastern Proverb, from an elementary school text book that I remember to this day, and I just learned that part of this

proverb is attributed to Confucius (The Analects), and it goes as follows:

He who knows not, and knows not that he knows not, is a fool ... shun him.

He who knows not, and knows that he knows not, is a student ... teach him.

He who knows, and knows not he knows, is asleep ... wake him.

He who knows, and knows he knows, is a wise man ... seek him.

Why am I reminded of this proverb? Because I wonder which of these states or shades of these states the source/author of the report/data was in.

My 2014 Spring Newsletter will be delivered to your mailbox within the next couple of weeks, and if you have not received it, please call my office, and we will be happy to send one to you.

As always, if you have any comments, questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my office at (416) 392-1375 or councillor_lee@toronto.ca

Sincerely,

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Open Street Toronto Festival

At the Economic Development Committee this week, a report was brought forward with the idea to hold an Open Street Festival in Toronto.

The proposal calls for the opening of Bloor Street between High Park (in the west) to just west of Parliament Street, and a loop of Yonge Street, Queen Street and Church Street on 4 Sunday mornings in late July and in August, for only non-motorized traffic. Sunday mornings are the least busy times for vehicular traffic, and if you have been downtown at that time recently, most stores are still closed. Stores may want to open to cater to this festival. Major intersections, eg. Sherbourne, Yonge, Bay, Avenue Rd., Wellesley, Carlton/College, etc. will still be open to vehicular traffic to transverse. The Councillors for the Wards encompassing these streets are supportive of holding this festival.

For more information, please visit <http://www.openstreetsto.org/>.

What is your opinion?

Child Care Division - Quality Improvement and Let's Talk Child Care

The Children's Services Division has announced quality improvement measures and are issuing decals, for display at their premises, to qualified daycare centres who meet this quality measure. For more information, visit www.toronto.ca/children. A report "Let's Talk Child Care" was approved at Council on April 1, 2014. This report summarizes feedback from parents on what they would like to see for improvements in the area of Child Care in the City of Toronto. The report can be viewed at <http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2014/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-67410.pdf>

PanAm and ParaAM Games - Be the Heart of the Games – Volunteer Today

The TORONTO 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games are a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for volunteers.

The Games Organizing Committee is recruiting more than 20,000 volunteers to work at over 50 venues and facilities during Games-time – 15,000 of those volunteers are needed to support the Games in Toronto.

Volunteer tasks can include preparing the field of play, recording quotes from athletes, taking tickets, transporting athletes to events, providing medical services, supporting behind the scenes with Opening and Closing Ceremonies and much more.

Volunteer and become a front-line host and ambassador while gaining valuable skills. You'll help ensure visitors and athletes from around the world feel welcome.

Apply at www.TORONTO2015.org/volunteers

Toronto's Cultural Scene - Get Acquainted

Toronto's cultural scene is home to theatre, dance and opera. To discover what performances are happening in the city, visit www.totix.ca. You can also pick up a copy of Toronto's Official Theatre Guide at the T.O. TIX booth at Yonge-Dundas Square, across from the Toronto Eaton Centre. The theatre guide is your window into what shows are available in Toronto.

Toronto's Ice Storm Protocol for Tree Removal No Longer in Effect

Residents and businesses are advised that the City of Toronto's ice storm protocol is no longer in effect for the removal of tree hazards resulting from ice storm damage.

Returning to regular practice, the City again requires property owners to obtain a permit or Confirmation of Exemption from the Urban Forestry branch of the City's Parks, Forestry and Recreation division prior to removing or injuring trees.

A permit is required if the tree on private property is regulated and protected by the City's various tree protection bylaws. A Confirmation of Exemption is issued if the tree is not regulated and protected – for example, if the tree is diseased and is a hazard. A permit is not required to prune a tree in accordance with good arboricultural practices, including removing cracked or broken branches.

Where an imminent tree hazard is present, property owners are required to submit an arborist report and digital photographs of the subject tree by e-mail, mail or fax, or can drop them off in person. Where appropriate, the City will issue a permit or a Confirmation of Exemption to proceed.

To apply for a tree injury or removal permit, or to obtain a Confirmation of Exemption, residents should contact their Urban Forestry Tree Protection and Plan Review District Office. Details about the four locations:

- North York District: North York Civic Centre, 5100 Yonge St., 3rd Floor, Toronto, M2N 5V7
Fax: 416-395-6714, email: tpprnorth@toronto.ca.
- Scarborough District: Nashdene Yard, 70 Nashdene Rd., Toronto, M1V 2V2
Fax: 416-396-4248 or email: tppreast@toronto.ca.
- Toronto and East York District: Booth Yard, 50 Booth Ave., Toronto, M4M 2M2
Fax: 416-392-7277 or email: tpprsouth@toronto.ca.
- Etobicoke York District: Etobicoke Civic Centre, 399 The West Mall, Toronto, M9C 2Y2
Fax: 416-394-8935 or email: tpprwest@toronto.ca.

More information about Toronto's tree bylaws and related matters are available at <http://www.toronto.ca/trees>.

New Infrastructure Projects Planned for 2014 and 2015 on City Website

The website of the Major Capital Infrastructure Coordination Office (www.toronto.ca/mcic) has been expanded to show the location and type of infrastructure that is planned for construction in 2014 and 2015. New water, sewer, transit and transportation projects are illustrated, as well as work that will be performed by utility companies and other City divisions and external agencies.

The MCIC website also provides a new tool that generates a printable list of infrastructure projects in each ward of the City. The ward list presents major projects that are planned for construction in 2014, and is being expanded to include similar information for 2015.

These tools are used to improve the transparency of infrastructure planning in the City, which has contributed to more efficient capital expenditures and reduced inconvenience to the public.

The City has another site, www.toronto.ca/torontostreets, which contains details on emergency and short term closures as well as special events.

Heritage Toronto Awards: Call for Nominations

The Heritage Toronto Awards celebrate outstanding contributions in the promotion and conservation of Toronto's history and heritage by professionals and volunteers. You can submit a nomination for the 40th Annual Heritage Toronto Awards in the following categories:

William Greer Architectural Conservation and Craftsmanship: Honours building owners for excellence in the restoration or adaptive reuse of a heritage building.

Book: Celebrates non-fiction books about Toronto's archaeological, built, cultural or natural heritage published in 2013.

Short Publication: Honours print and online articles and booklets about Toronto's history published in 2013.

Media: Recognizes production projects such as films, videos, websites and apps.

Community Heritage Award: Cash prizes awarded to volunteer-based organizations for a significant activity that promotes or protects Toronto's heritage.

For eligibility standards and nomination forms, visit heritagetoronto.org, e-mail awards@heritagetoronto.org or call (416) 338-2175. The nomination deadline is May 16, 2014 at 4:30 P.M.

TTC Service Changes

85 Sheppard East

This seasonal service change will see the last bus leave the Toronto Zoo at 8:00 P.M. on weekends and holidays.

86 Scarborough

The last bus will leave the Toronto Zoo at 8:00 P.M. on weekdays to better match the Zoo's extended spring operating hours.

EVENTS (for even more events, see www.toronto.ca/events)

April 24th - May 2nd, 2014 – Hot Docs International Documentary Festival.

There are over 150 Canadian and International documentaries to choose from at North America's largest documentary festival. For more information, visit: <http://www.seetorontonow.com/annual-events/hot-docs/>.

April 26th and April 27th, 2014 – Earth Day – Woodside Square (1571 Sandhurst Circle)

Ontario Electronic Stewardship is hosting an electronic waste collection event at Woodside Square Mall on April 26 and 27. Bring your old electronics so they can be recycled safely.

May 1st – May 31st, 2014 – Scotiabank CONTACT Photography Festival.

The world's largest annual photography festival features over 1000 artists at 200 venues across the Greater Toronto Area. For more information, visit: <http://www.seetorontonow.com/annual-events/scotiabank-contact-photography-festival/>.