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## **Happy Canada Day 2015**

Dear Neighbour,

Please let my team wish you and your family a **HAPPY CANADA DAY!**

We live in one of the best countries in the world, and we call Scarborough HOME. As Chair of the Scarborough Community Council, I have assumed the role of leading the charge to promote Scarborough. I have lived in Scarborough since 1985, minus the 5 years out of country. I chose to move to Scarborough where my wife and I raised our young family and appreciate all that Scarborough has to offer. I have always believed that it was an excellent choice.

As the Chair of Scarborough Community Council, I have taken upon myself the role of promoting Scarborough as a whole. Scarborough is large, with the soon-to-be Rouge National Park in the north east, where the Rouge River runs south into Lake Ontario, and it extends west all the way to Victoria Park Avenue. Scarborough's northern boundary is the north side of Steeles Avenue East, stretching south all the way to Lake Ontario. Scarborough is also part of Toronto, and as part of amalgamation, Scarborough has changed, yet we need to actively ensure we create the vibrancy to best reflect the diversity that is Scarborough.

As a start, let's give ourselves a name more reflective of Scarborough, instead of the Russian sounding one that was pinned on us by the media. One suggestion is: **Scarborites**, as in 'brite' or shining light. If you have any other suggestions, I would like to hear it.

With the short summer of 2015 upon us, we, in Scarborough, have many events to celebrate. Please see the events listing at the bottom of this e-News bulletin. If you are aware of any other events that showcase Scarborough, please let us know and we will endeavour to include onto our website and our next e-News blast.

Please be reminded that the Pan-Am Games and Para-PanAm Games are happening this summer in the GTA Region, and the temporary HOV lane occupies one of the lanes on some of our highways, so please take that into consideration when travelling anywhere around the city. Please use public transportation where possible.

Besides HAPPY CANADA DAY, let me wish everyone a SAFE and HAPPY SUMMER of 2015.

As always, if you have any comments, questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my office at [\(416\) 392-1375](tel:4163921375) or [councillor\\_lee@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_lee@toronto.ca).

Sincerely,

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## Share your Canadian Spirit: Celebrate Canada Day at Thomson Park & Scarborough Canada Day Parade!

Please join us on July 1<sup>st</sup> at Thomson Memorial Park located at 1005 Brimley Rd. for a full day of entertainment to celebrate Canada's 148<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

This annual celebration starts at 10PM at Thomson Park and is followed by the oldest parade, the Scarborough Canada Day Parade at 4PM on Brimley. For detailed information and parade route, please see the attached flyer.

Mayor Tory is scheduled to join the celebration at Thomson Park just before noon.

Fireworks display at nightfall will occur at Milliken Park, as usual.

Come out and celebrate Canada Day right here in Scarborough!

**Please note the following Road Closure on Canada Day:**

Brimley Rd. will be closed from Progress Ave (south of 401) to Lawrence Ave. E. for the duration of the parade (3PM to approx. 5:30PM).

## **Fireworks safety for Torontonians: plan, prepare, protect and prevent**

Fireworks are dangerous and have the potential to cause serious injury. If you plan to host your own display, make sure responsible adults supervise. Take the time to plan, prepare, protect and prevent: plan and prepare for a safe display, protect all participants/viewers and prevent a fireworks-related accident.

Toronto Fire Services prefers that families visit a community fireworks presentation conducted by a professional fireworks display company. The following list of safety tips is for adults who are considering hosting their own backyard fireworks event. Note that Toronto's parks may not be used for personal fireworks displays.

### **Plan:**

- ❖ Fireworks may only be used without a permit on designated holidays (such as Victoria Day).
- ❖ Purchase fireworks from a retailer displaying a City-issued fireworks vendor permit.
- ❖ Always read and follow the manufacturer's label directions.

### **Prepare:**

- ❖ Before fireworks and sparklers are used, they must be kept out of reach of children, preferably in a locked cupboard or drawer.
- ❖ Discharge the fireworks a safe distance from combustible materials such as buildings and trees.
- ❖ Before they are ignited, fireworks should be buried at least half their length into a bucket of sand if portable firing bases are not available. Plant the fireworks directly into the sand to make sure each piece is firmly supported and is aimed straight and away from the audience.

### **Protect:**

- ❖ Light the fireworks at arm's length, stand back and keep your face turned away. If a firework fails to ignite, do not attempt to re-light it. Let it sit in the base for 10 to 15 minutes, then soak it in a bucket of water.
- ❖ The adult igniting the fireworks must wear eye protection and avoid having any part of his or her body over the firework.
- ❖ Never throw or point fireworks at other people.
- ❖ Never carry fireworks in your pocket.
- ❖ Never discharge fireworks in metal or glass containers.
- ❖ Never discharge fireworks indoors.
- ❖ If someone suffers a burn, run cool water over it for a few minutes and consider further treatment.

## **Prevent:**

- ❖ In order to prevent an accident or injury, sparklers should be doused with water, or allowed to cool in a safe place away from children playing. The ends of sparklers continue to stay hot for some time and will easily burn a child's skin, clothing or other nearby combustible material.
- ❖ Do not allow sparklers to be used indoors.
- ❖ Children make a great audience but they must never be permitted to light fireworks. Adults are responsible for handling the fireworks while spectators watch the display from a safe distance.
- ❖ One designated adult should ignite the fireworks.
- ❖ Ignited fireworks must never be hand-held.
- ❖ Light only one firework item at a time.
- ❖ Always have water on hand – a garden hose and bucket of water – to soak fireworks after they have fired.

## **Pan Am & Parapan Am Special: The Pan Am Games Torch Relay is coming to Toronto**

The City of Toronto, in partnership with the University of Toronto Scarborough, invites you to come out and celebrate at the free, family friendly community celebration for the Pan Am Games Torch Relay. Come on out and enjoy music, food, family activities, a visit from the Pan Am flame and take part in a live community art mural.

Where? The Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre at Morningside Ave. and Military Trail (875 Morningside Ave.). When? Sunday, July 5, 2015 from noon to 4 p.m. See attached flyer for more information or visit [toronto.ca/panam2015](http://toronto.ca/panam2015).

## **Welcome to City Hall! Visitor's Program at Toronto City Hall during Pan Am**

As Toronto gears up for the Pan Am Games (July 10-26) and Parapan Am Games (August 7-15), City of Toronto has developed a Visitor's program at City Hall, where members of the public can join public tours that will be offered four times a day (11AM, 2PM, 3PM, and 4PM), from Monday to Friday. Each tour takes about half an hour and no reservation is needed. It is a great way to explore our municipality in light of this wonderful event.

## **Plan before you Travel, Updates about Transit: TTC announces Service Improvements**

Recently, TTC announced citywide route improvements to off-peak buses and streetcar services making it more convenient for Torontonians to travel across the city. This include expanding the overnight or "Blue Night" network that offers service between 2AM and 5AM after regular daytime and evening services have ended. Improvements to the overnight network means that "99 percent of Torontonians will live within a 15-minute walk of a bus stop". The original recommendation was released in May ([https://www.ttc.ca/News/2015/May/5\\_24\\_015\\_NR\\_service\\_improvements.jsp](https://www.ttc.ca/News/2015/May/5_24_015_NR_service_improvements.jsp)).

This improvement covers 61 routes and promises new 10-minute-or-better services on busy routes. The new service standard will impact the operation of the following bus routes that serve our ward:

- 39 Finch East
- 53 Steeles East
- 85 Sheppard East
- 102 Markham Rd
- 129 McCowan Rd

For detailed information and maps, please visit: [https://www.ttc.ca/News/2015/June/0615\\_10min-service.jsp](https://www.ttc.ca/News/2015/June/0615_10min-service.jsp)

## **Scarborough RT Weekend Closure**

Scarborough RT is scheduled to close on July 4<sup>th</sup> and July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015. There will be replacement buses serving all stops between Kennedy and McCowan stations. For more information, please visit:

[https://www.ttc.ca/Service\\_Advisories/Subway\\_closures/Line\\_3\\_Kennedy\\_to\\_McCowan.jsp](https://www.ttc.ca/Service_Advisories/Subway_closures/Line_3_Kennedy_to_McCowan.jsp)

## **Weekend Overnight Work at Malvern Bus Garage west of Sheppard and Markham**

From June 26 to June 29, concrete paving rehabilitation work will take place at Malvern Bus Garage on the North West corner of Sheppard Ave. E. and Markham Rd. This is part of the TTC's project of replacing the entire concrete roadway at this location. Regular bus movements will resume on Monday. Please see the attached notice for more details.

The extent of the work includes saw-cutting, breaking/removing concrete, replacing new concrete. Crew will try their best to minimize noise.

General Schedule:

- June 26 overnight and June 27 daytime: Breaking and hauling away of existing concrete and soil.
- June 27 overnight: Crews will be pouring new concrete.
- June 28: Concrete will cure for a 24 hour period while crews prepare to leave the area.

For more information, please contact Paul Tran at 416-981-1601 or [paul.tran@ttc.ca](mailto:paul.tran@ttc.ca).

## **Community Agencies in the Ward: Affordable farm-fresh goodness right in our own backyard - Enjoy!**

Did you know that the Centre for Immigrant and Community Services has "grown" its services once again to better serve our neighbours? The Good Food Market, which celebrated the grand opening of its summer 2015 season on June 12 will provide a bi-weekly opportunity to enjoy a wonderful selection of fresh fruits and vegetables at below supermarket prices.

Funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation and the Walmart-Evergreen Green Plants Program, the Good Food Market mission is to bring affordable, healthful, fresh produce directly to the

community. In partnership with FoodShare, local and organic farmers are connected to our neighbourhoods in efforts to instill healthful eating practices while building stronger communities. The CICS Good Food Market aims to make this truly a family experience with music, organized games, and workshops to encourage a holistic approach to healthy eating.

For future dates, hours of operations and address, please refer to the enclosed flyer. Come, enjoy the Good Food Market and meet some new neighbours!

## **"Building Connections": more than bricks and mortar.**

The Centre for Immigration and Community Services (CICS) is proud to inform its fellow Ward 41 residents that they are offering an array of services for those who are new to Canada and experiencing challenges in finding gainful employment. If you are already receiving the Ontario Works (OW) subsidy you may be eligible for free essential employment skills training in either Mandarin or Cantonese.

The 8-week program concentrates in providing support in exploring career options, improving employability and enhancing life skills. For more information, please refer to the attached brochure or contact Nicole Li at (416) 292-7510 extension 108 or at [nicole.li@cicscanada.com](mailto:nicole.li@cicscanada.com)

## **Sweet news on growing employment opportunities in Ward 41 will give you a warm and fuzzy feeling.**

**Surati Sweet Mart** is moving to our neighbourhood. As of June 17th 2015, this internally prominent sweet and baked goods company will be calling West Scarborough-Rouge River home. With established brands known both here in Canada and India, Surati has been preparing sumptuous treats from old family recipes that still tantalize palettes and continue to bring smiles to customers new and old alike.

The move to their new location at **300 Middlefield Road** will enable them to grow further and help stimulate our local economy while providing good local employment. With their official grand opening scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup> they look forward to welcoming you as satisfied clientele and share the traditions of past generations. For more information on store hours and their vast selection of goods, please call **416-752-3366** or visit the website at <http://www.suratisweetmart.com>.

**Canada Goose** is expanding to Ward 41, with the acquisition of one of its suppliers. Very few people are aware that one of the most sought after internationally recognized winter outerwear brands in the world has nestled right here in Scarborough. Canada Goose is expanding and has added a minimum of 70 jobs currently, with more in the future. This is indeed a good news story worth warming up to.

This is their second manufacturing plant in the Toronto area, where it will contribute to an increased productivity of 25 percent. This campus will concentrate on producing the line of lightweight jackets and vests known as the **Hybridge collection**. Fashionistas of all walks of life can now don these luxe-labelled items proudly knowing that they were indeed made in Scarborough. Got that cozy Canadian feeling yet?

For opportunities, visit their website: <https://www.canada-goose.com/careers/careers.html>.



## **Community Meeting Notice: You are invited to a Community Safety, Crime Prevention Info Session**

Recent break and entry occurrences reported by residents along Maresfield Drive have prompted the quick attention of 41 Division to organize a Community Safety, Crime Prevention Info session. Please mark your calendars and join us on **Wednesday July 8th, 5-6:30pm at Macklin Public School, 136 Ingelton Blvd** for a session to be hosted by Mike Reimer, Principal, Macklin Public School and led by PC Gary Gomez and PC Dale Nichiporik. For more information please refer to the word doc herein.

### **Around the Ward: Growing a beautiful city**

The Scarborough Trillium Garden Awards has been recognizing the green thumbs of local residents for many years. The award recognizes and appreciates the efforts of homeowners in beautifying our city by planting spectacular gardens and crafting creative landscaping at the front of their properties. Condominiums, apartment buildings and commercial street front gardens are also eligible.

Only gardens in Scarborough are eligible for this contest. The boundaries are Steeles Ave. E. to the north, Pickering Town Line to the east, Lake Ontario to the south and Victoria Park Ave. to the west. Contest winners will be honoured at an awards ceremony in October at the Scarborough Civic Centre.

To nominate yourself or someone you know, call the nomination hotline at (416) 396-4862 before Monday, July 6, 2015. You must provide the address of the home or business you wish to nominate. I contacted the nomination hotline and was told judging will commence the week of July 13.

### **Project Middlefield/Scottfield by Toronto Hydro**

Toronto Hydro will be undertaking work in Ward 41 between July to December 2015 to improve the reliability of our electrical system. The electrical rebuild is tentatively scheduled for 2017. The work area is bounded by Finch Ave. E. to the north, Scottfield Dr. to the east and Middlefield Rd. to the north. For more information, go to

<https://chinlee41.wordpress.com/2015/06/16/notice-toronto-hydro-project-middlefieldscottfield/>.

### **City-wide: Delicious changes for Summerlicious**

Summerlicious runs from July 3 to 26 and features a culinary event series to celebrate Toronto as host city of the 2015 Pan Am Games. The culinary event series features 5 mouth-watering events inspired by the culture and flavours of the 41 nations participating in the Games. They include:

- ❖ A Culinary Celebration of Canada at Casa Loma on July 4, 5, 11 and 12.
- ❖ International Buffet Brunch at Windsor Arms Hotel on July 5, 12, 19, 26.
- ❖ A Dinner in Peru at Malaparte on July 8.
- ❖ 41 at Palais Royale on July 9.
- ❖ Tapas in Parkdale at the Tempered Room on July 17.

Call participating locations to register and to find out prices for the culinary events series. The prix fixe promotion for participating Summerlicious restaurants are \$18, \$23 and \$28 for lunch menus while dinner menus are priced at \$25, \$35 and \$45. For more information, visit <http://www.toronto.ca/summerlicious>.

## **Complete Streets Guidelines project overview**

The Complete Streets Guidelines project is about developing a holistic approach for how we design our city streets, building on many of the City's existing policies, guidelines, and recent successful street design and construction projects. The project is being led by the City Planning and Transportation Services Divisions.

A Complete Streets design approach considers the needs of all people using the street – people who walk, bicycle, drive and take transit – and considers the needs of all ages and abilities. The approach also considers other street uses, like sidewalk cafés, street furniture, street trees, emergency services, utilities and many more.

Streets make up more than 25 percent of Toronto's total land area and are critical to creating a vibrant, healthy, and prosperous city. Streets help people and goods move efficiently around the city and are also important public spaces where people meet and interact.

More than 700 jurisdictions in Canada and the United States are adopting a complete streets approach and other leading cities – like NYC, Chicago and Boston – have recently developed their own Complete Streets Guidelines. We're learning from other cities and developing what will work best in Toronto.

We also recognize there is no single way to make a street 'complete' because every street has a different character and local context. The Complete Streets Guidelines will help prioritize the competing demands on our streets and will be used when streets are designed, reconstructed, or otherwise improved.

### **Have a look at the project information panels**

If you can't make any of the staffed public events, the Complete Streets project panels from the Public Open House will also be displayed at each of the City's Civic Centres as follows:

- ❖ Scarborough Civic Centre (July 6 - 10)
- ❖ Metro Hall (July 13 - 17)



## Events

### **Scarborough Museum Summer Camps**

June 29 to September 4, 2015 (weekly) – Scarborough Museum (Thomson Park) – Registration and information: [www.toronto.ca/torontofun](http://www.toronto.ca/torontofun).

### **Canada Day Celebration at Thomson Memorial Park**

July 1, 2015  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
1005 Brimley Rd.

### **Scarborough Canada Day Parade**

July 1, 2015  
4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
Starts on Brimley Rd. at Ellesmere Rd. to Lawrence Ave. E.

### **Free Fireworks**

July 1, 2015  
Starts at 10 p.m.  
Milliken Park  
5555 Steeles Ave. E.

### **Taste of Lawrence**

July 3 to 5, 2015  
[www.tasteoflawrence.com](http://www.tasteoflawrence.com)

### **Pan Am Games Torch Relay Celebration**

Sunday, July 5, 2015  
Noon to 4 p.m.  
Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre  
875 Morningside Ave.  
[toronto.ca/panam2015](http://toronto.ca/panam2015)

### **Complete Streets Public Open House**

July 6 - 10, 2015  
Scarborough Civic Centre  
150 Borough Dr.

### **Pan Am Games**

July 10 to 26, 2015

### **ParaPan Am Games**

August 7 to 15, 2015

[www.toronto2015.org](http://www.toronto2015.org)

### **TO JAZZ Festival**

Sunday, July 18 - 29, 2015

<http://torontojazz.com/>

### **TO Food Fest**

Sunday, July 12, 2015

1 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Chinese Cultural Centre  
5183 Sheppard Ave. E.

**Junior Carnival**

Saturday, July 18, 2015  
10 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Neilson Park  
1555 Neilson Rd.

**Calypso Extravaganza Show**

July 25, 2015  
Chinese Cultural Centre  
5183 Sheppard Ave. E.

**Toronto Caribbean Carnival Parade**

August 1, 2015  
Lakeshore Blvd. W.  
9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
[www.torontocaribbeancarnival.com](http://www.torontocaribbeancarnival.com)

**Scarborough Town Jazz Festival**

August 6 - 9, 2015  
<http://scarboroughtownjazzfestival.com/>

**Canadian National Exhibition**

August 21 – September 7, 2015  
210 Princes' Blvd. – Exhibition Grounds  
<http://theex.com>

**Buskerfest**

August 27 - 30, 2015  
<http://torontobuskerfest.com/>