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WARD 41 E-NEWS REPORT



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Dear Neighbour,

Spring is in the air and Transportation is relaunching the **Fall Safety Awareness Campaign** in April to promote road safety, in response to concerns of vehicles speeding on residential streets. We have the yellow "Please Slow Down" signs available to distribute and please contact my office if you are interested in receiving one to be placed near your property.

We are looking for community champions to participate in our spring cleanup as part of the City-wide Community Cleanup Day. This year's cleanup will take place in the Milliken District Park on **Saturday, April 23, 2016**. We encourage everyone's participation and involvement in beautifying our public spaces. This is also an opportunity for high school students to earn their volunteer hours. Contact our office if you would like to join us on April 23 – more details in the attached poster.

Also on **April 23** is a **Town Hall transit meeting at Scarborough Civic Centre**, Council Chambers from 2-4pm. Mayor Tory and elected officials from all three levels have been invited to attend. This meeting will provide you with the latest updates on the transit proposal that will provide greater mobility to the neighbourhoods of Scarborough.

The **new green bin** will start rolling out at the end of April and the implementation period varies depending on where you live. Our district has been selected as the area to launch the green bin. For more information, please refer to the article in this E-news.

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Community Clean-up Day at Milliken Park, Calling on Community and Youth Champions!

Calling high school students! As part of the City-wide Community Clean-up Day, we are participating again this year to clean and beautify our City Parks and public spaces. This year's cleanup will take place in **Milliken Park**, at McCowan and Steeles, **from 10am to 12pm** (meeting time is 9:45am in the Milliken Park Community Centre, Craft Rooms). We are pleased to have student and staff champions from Agincourt Collegiate Institute, Albert Campbell Collegiate Institute, Ontario International College, the Centre for Immigrant and Community Services (CICS) and City of Toronto Parks and Rec Volunteers join us this year. We also welcome the Rotary Club of North Scarborough as a new partner and supporter, who played an integral role as one of five Scarborough Rotary Clubs in establishing the Scarborough Community Renewal Campaign and the Scarborough Business Association. Please refer to the attached poster for more details or give our office a call at (416) 392-1375.

Next Transit Town Hall Meeting with the Mayor on April 23

On Saturday, April 23 from 2-4pm at the Council Chambers Scarborough Civic Centre, 150 Borough Drive, there will be a Town Hall meeting with Mayor John Tory and Scarborough tri-level elected officials to discuss the latest transit proposal. This will be an excellent opportunity to become further informed and to present your comments and questions. **Please note that the Civic Centre will provide free parking in the upper level of the employee parking deck with the entrance off of Town Centre Court.** We hope to see you there.

The new green bin is launching soon

Look out Raccoons, your days are numbered. Beginning April 27, the New Green Bins will be rolled out to our ward beginning with the Agincourt Village Community. Communications regarding the roll out of this raccoon-resistant bin and the collection of

the retired smaller version will be disseminated over the coming weeks from the City's Waste Management Department. While the City is upgrading the website, please enjoy the enclosed video showing befuddled raccoons unsuccessfully attempting to gain entry to the new bin: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t_JgLdNgMtY. Please enjoy and stay tuned!

"Please Slow Down" Signs

Last year you may have seen yellow signs around the City that urges drivers to "Please Slow Down" in areas around schools and on residential streets as part of Transportation's Fall Safety Awareness campaign. The campaign is relaunching in April and residents who are interested in participating this year are encouraged to contact our office to receive the signs.

Toronto Hydro – Notice of Equipment Installation: Project Silver Star/Midland

The electrical phase of Project Silver Star/Midland is underway and Toronto Hydro's crews and contractors will be working in the neighbour (see the attached Key Map) from early April 2016 until late October 2016, as the existing system is nearing the end of its life expectancy. This project will help improve the service reliability and reduce the frequency of outages. Toronto Hydro asks that residents exercise caution as they energize the new electrical system within the underground duct on the street. The affected sidewalks will be temporarily restored after the project and the City will complete the permanent restorations.

Toronto Hydro – Notice of Underground Construction: Project Eastwood Phase 2

Toronto Hydro is planning to rebuild the aging underground electrical system in the area bounded by Hallbank Terrace (north), Keyworth Trail (east), Hayward Crescent (south), and Charterhouse Road (West) – also see the attached Key Map. The rebuild includes the replacement of the existing electrical cables and transformers within the City's public property allowance in front of or adjacent to the lot. Power interruption may be experienced during the electrical portion of the project that is scheduled for 2017. Hydro intends to provide advance notice prior to any planned outages.

2016 Public Health Champion Awards – Nominations open until April 30th

Toronto Public Health is encouraging nomination from the public for individuals and organizations for the 2016 Public Health Champion Awards. Nominations for this year's award are open until April 30th. Online submissions, nomination forms and eligibility guidelines are available at <http://bit.ly/1GHJcTr>. The award ceremony will be held in July.

Local Poverty Reduction Fund

The Local Poverty Reduction Fund provides funding to community organizations and municipalities to support and evaluate their poverty reduction initiatives. The Ontario government is launching the second round of the Fund soon. For more information on who can apply and how to apply, visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/local-poverty-reduction-fund>.

Mayor Tory announces overhaul of online registration process for City of Toronto camps and recreation programs

The City of Toronto is Canada's largest provider of recreation programming, processing 600,000 registrations each year for 80,000 programs and classes at 135 community centres, 40 indoor arenas and 122 pools. Mayor Tory announced that a project director has been hired to lead the replacement of the City's recreation management system, along with the introduction of a three-member Recreation Technology Advisory Group that will help guide short- and long-term improvements to the system's user experience. Residents are encouraged to share their feedbacks about recreation registration by visiting <http://www.toronto.ca/haveyoursay> or by joining the conversation on social media using the hashtag #TOrec.

City of Toronto cautions residents – Toronto Water does not conduct door-to-door sales

The City of Toronto is cautioning residents to beware of notices such as flyers from independent contractors using door-to-door sales tactic, as they are designed to appear as if they are City communications about programs and services associated with Toronto Water. Please note that Toronto Water does not conduct door-to-door sales of any kind and does not sell, partner with or endorse testing of Toronto's drinking-water quality of claiming to be working on behalf of the City, or notices saying mandatory City programs require the purchase of services or equipment.

Please exercise caution when solicited for any service and asked to share personal information. Anyone suspecting fraud should call the Toronto Police Service at 416-808-2222 or the Ministry of Consumer Services at 416-326-8800. Contact 311 or visit www.toronto.ca/water if you have a concern about Toronto Water's programs and services. Water-related service requests can also be submitted online at <http://bit.ly/1rUMhZe>.

City of Toronto's Hi-RIS Financing Program

Attention Landlords:
Want to upgrade your rental apartment building?
Need to reduce operating costs?
The City of Toronto can help.

The City's [High-rise Retrofit Improvement Support Program](#) (Hi-RIS) is an innovative financing program that can help apartment building owners in the City to make energy saving retrofits and upgrades to their properties. With Hi-RIS, qualifying owners can access low-interest fixed rate loans for up to 20 years to take action on improvements and ultimately, save money.

There are compelling reasons to finance your projects through Hi-RIS:

- You can pay for improvements over time and use energy savings to offset the costs.
- A straightforward, accessible application process with no need for property appraisals or building condition reports and no need to register a mortgage on the property.
- You are free to hire the energy auditor and contractors of your choice.
- You can access services, support and advice from the City's Tower Renewal staff at no cost.

For more information:

Visit: www.toronto.ca/tower_renewal

Email: tower@toronto.ca

Call: 416-397-5257

Or, to understand how Hi-RIS can work for you, please take a few moments to complete our [short survey](#). If you include your contact information, the Hi-RIS program manager will follow up with you.

Youth In Policing Recruiting

The 2016 Youth In Policing Fall program is currently recruiting students between the ages of 15-18 years within priority identified neighbourhoods. It offers a platform to see daily police operations from an internal perspective, interact with police officers on a personal level and gain hands on job experience. Please note that the deadline is May 2nd and more information is available in the attached poster.

Increased fines for specific illegal parking on City roads

Effective March 31st, fines for certain types of illegal parking have been increased in support of the City's congestion management plan. Changes reflected in the following areas,

Parking ticket fines will rise to \$150, including for the following four illegal parking practices that add to congestion and pose safety concerns:

- blocking sidewalks
- engaging in double parking
- standing in TTC zones, and
- blocking high-occupancy/reserved vehicle lanes (HOV lanes).

EVENT LISTING:

Enterprise Toronto Seminars and Events:

<http://tinyurl.com/p8utmaa>

Scarborough Centre for Employment Accessibility (SCEA):

<http://tinyurl.com/pd5vm77>

Scarborough Sunday Concert Series:

<http://tinyurl.com/ljx9mdm>

Cultural Hotspot (May - October):

<http://tinyurl.com/o6paxun>

Toronto Community Housing Public Consultation

Monday, April 11, 2016

6:30pm – 9:30pm

Scarborough Civic Centre, 150 Borough Drive, Rotunda

To register: email community@toronto.ca or phone 416-338-3302

Toronto Waste Strategy – Waste Recovery and Residual: How to Handle Remaining Material

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

6:30pm – 8:30pm, presentation at 7pm

City Hall, Committee Room 2, 100 Queen St. W.

Live webcast: <http://tinyurl.com/hellc5j>

Scarborough Arts, EAST Animating Democracy Youth Forum

Friday, April 15, 2016

5:00pm – 9:00pm

Scarborough Civic Centre

150 Borough Drive

www.scarborougharts.com/EAST-Youth-Forum/

Clean Toronto Together 2016 – Councillor Lee's Community Cleanup Day (Poster attached)

Saturday, April 23, 2016

10am-12noon

Milliken Park

4325 McCowan Road

Transit Town Hall Meeting with the Mayor

Saturday, April 23, 2016

2 – 4pm

Scarborough Civic Centre

150 Borough Drive

TransformTO Community Conversations (Poster attached)

April 25 – Metro Hall, 55 John St.

April 27 – Ken Cox Community Centre, 28 Colonel Samuel Smith Park Dr. Etobicoke

May 3 – Scarborough Civic Centre, 150 Borough Dr.

May 9 – North York Memorial Hall, 5110 Yonge St.

Format: 6pm open house; 7pm-9pm presentation & roundtable discussions

Please register at www.toronto.ca/transformto

Doors Open Toronto

Saturday, May 28 – Sunday, May 29, 2016

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

Councillor Lee's Environment Day

Saturday, July 9, 2016

10am – 2pm

Nashdene Yard

70 Nashdene Road, Scarborough