

Toronto City Councillor

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WARD 41 E-NEWS REPORT



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Dear Neighbour,

We just celebrated the 149th anniversary of the Dominion of Canada with a 2 day festival, Canada Day Scarborough 2016, at the Scarborough Civic Centre – Albert Campbell Square. It was a success as a pilot for the 150th anniversary celebration on July 1st, 2017. Our team will be posting and updating the website, www.CanadaDayScarborough.ca, with photos and videos, as time permits.

I would like to thank the whole TEAM, sponsors, performers and attendees for the success. I must say that a celebration of this nature cannot be organized and executed without a whole lot of blood, sweat and tears, but the festival was worth it. This celebration is for all of Scarborough, not just Ward 41, as I am currently the Chair of Scarborough Community Council. Planning for next year's event starts now.

Please come out to Ward 41 Environmental Day at Nashdene Work Yard this coming Saturday, July 9th, 10 AM to 2 PM.

My wishes for great weather so you can enjoy the summer with your family.

Sincerely,

Chin Lee

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Environment Day – Saturday July 9, 10am to 2pm at Nashdene Yard

Councillor Chin Lee and City of Toronto

COMMUNITY
ENVIRONMENT DAY

Saturday, July 9, 2016
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Nashdene Yard | 70 Nashdene Rd.

In partnership with
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My Environment Day this year will be held this **Saturday, July 9, 2016, from 10am to 2pm** at **Nashdene Yard (70 Nashdene Rd, Scarb)**. During the event, you may drop off unwanted household items to dispose, donate for reuse (for a full list, please see the attached document) and pick up compost for your garden for free.

The City of Toronto has partnered with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) to consult the public to develop a strategy on Toronto's ravines. One session will

be held in conjunction with my Environment Day at Nashdene Yard. If you are interested in the topic and would like input your ideas on the City's ravine strategy, please join us on my Environment Day.

Reuse, Recycle and safely dispose for a cleaner and greener Toronto.

See: <http://tinyurl.com/m8jogq9>

Also, Toronto OMBUSMAN staffer will be in our booth, to provide information about their office and take any complaints about systemic issues with city services.

Arts in the Park: Shadowland Theatre presents "The SPIRIT of our PARK" in Alexmuir Park – July 9 to 15

As part of the City's "Arts in the Park" initiative, Shadowland Theatre will perform and hold workshops at Alexmuir Park from July 9 to 15 – see the attached documents for an introduction to the program and the full schedule. This project aims to enhance the artistic landscape in Scarborough and animates public parks that is loved and shared by the community. The event has received media attention and made local news - <http://www.metronews.ca/news/toronto/2016/07/05/connecting-with-parks-history.html>.

Please come out and join Shadowland starting July 9, and march in the parade on Friday, July 15 at 5pm!

7 year-old Tru Davidson from Ward 41 qualifies for US Kids Golf World Championship

Exciting news from Scarborough! We have our very own Tru Davidson, from North Agincourt, representing Canada in the World stage at the 2016 US Kids Gold World Championships (7 year old boys division) in Pinehurst, North Carolina. Tru has played competitive golf since the age of 5 and is ranked 8th in Canada for the Canadian Junior Golf Association (9 and under division). We're very proud of Tru and wish him all the best in the upcoming competition! **Tru, All of Canada is behind YOU!**

2680 Midland Ave OMB Appeal

On Wednesday, June 29, 2016, residents from the Agincourt area and I attended the OMB appeal submitted by 2680 Midland Avenue to sever a lot into two small lots and the Chair ruled to deny their appeal. We won at both the Committee of Adjustment Scarborough Panel hearing and the Ontario Municipal Board hearing by presenting logical arguments of character of neighbourhood, official plan and zoning by-laws. I thank the residents, with past political experience, in presenting a strong case against the proposed development.

The applicant had not called my office to ask about this, but filed an application directly to the Committee of Adjustment which denied their application, the decision linked at <http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-86599.pdf>. The applicant then filed by an appeal of this denial to the Ontario Municipal Board, in which I immediately requested City's representation at the hearing, <http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-86598.pdf>.

My office worked with and kept the neighbours informed during the whole process. And yes, it did cost the city to defend against this appeal.

Road Resurfacing on Middlefield Rd from McCowan Rd to South of McNicoll Rd

City is resurfacing the road on Middlefield Rd form McCowan Rd to 175m south of McNicoll Rd. Please see the attached Construction Notice for the details of this resurfacing. The expected completion time is in November, 2016 weather permitting.

Home Energy Conservation Program

Now in its third year, the City's Home Energy Loan Program provides low-interest loans to homeowners who want to improve their home by installing new energy-efficiency furnaces, windows, doors and insulation.

Results show that homeowners who make these kinds of improvements can reduce their energy use by an average of 25% and save over \$1,000 annually on their energy bills.

How does it work? The City provides the loan up front so that the homeowner can complete the renovations, and the homeowner repays the loan over time via instalments on their property tax bill. The loan can be repaid at any time, without penalty.

In addition to a low-interest loan, HELP provides easy access to energy assessments, utility rebates and incentives, and more.

Program funding will end in December 2016. Learn more about HELP and apply at www.livegreentoronto.ca.

MyWaterToronto – Online Tool to Track Water Use

With the warm weather here, residents are reminded that they can track their water use online with MyWaterToronto, a new tool from the City of Toronto that allows customers to view their water use by day, week, month or year.

Toronto Water customers can access the tool by visiting www.toronto.ca/mywatertorontoand and entering their utility account information. In addition to viewing how much water is used at different times, customers can check a box to add in details such as temperature and precipitation to better understand their water use.

The average household uses approximately 765 litres of water per day. Customers using more than that may wish to look at their water use behaviour, as well as the appliances and fixtures in their home. Prolonged and increased water use can also mean you may have a leak.

For tips on how to save water at home, in the garden and at work, visit www.toronto.ca/waterefficiency.

City launches Extreme Weather Web Portal

A new web portable has been launched by the City of Toronto to educate residents about the risk of extreme weather and the actions they can take to help reduce those risks, weather-proof their homes and improve their resilience. More information can be learnt at www.toronto.ca/extremeweatherready.

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

Summer Events in Nathan Phillips Square (100 Queen Street West)

Fresh Wednesdays, July 6 – August 24, 2016 <http://tinyurl.com/mndxnggh>

Tasty Thursdays, July 7 – August 25, 2016 <http://tinyurl.com/pbg7rhh>

Live from City Hall, Thursdays at 12:30pm <http://tinyurl.com/go593j7>

Summerlicious

July 8 – 24, 2016

For more information & reservations, please visit <http://www.toronto.ca/summerlicious>

Pet Adoption

July 8 and 9, 2016

Exhibition Place's Queen Elizabeth Building

200 Princes' Blvd, Toronto

All pet adoption fees will be \$25. Standard licensing fees apply.

Councillor Lee's Environment Day

Saturday, July 9, 2016 10am – 2pm

Nashdene Yard

70 Nashdene Rd, Scarborough

Ravine Strategy Pop-up Consultation in Ward 41

Saturday, July 9, 2016 10am to 2pm

Nashdene Yard,

70 Nashdene Rd, Scarborough

Scarborough Summerfest at Chinese Cultural Centre

Friday, July 8 to Sunday, July 10

Progress Ave and Sheppard Ave East

<http://www.cccgt.org/>

Lovin' Local Food Fest

Saturday, July 9, 2016

11am – 9pm

Yonge and Dundas Square

<http://tinyurl.com/khs5sgo>

Arts in the Park – Shadowland Theatre presents "The Spirit of Our Park"

July 9 – 15, 2016

11am to 5pm

Parade is on Friday, July 15 at 5pm

Alexmuir Park

205 Alexmuir Blvd, Scarborough

www.shadowlandtheatre.ca

TPS Pride Network Picnic

July 12, 2016

5pm – 7pm

David Pecaut Square

Activities include potluck food, board games, and more. Everyone is welcome.

To register, visit <http://tinyurl.com/z7mzd8t>

Motor Poker Run

July 17, 2016 (rain day August 14)

9am start from 42 Division – ending at 42 Division

190 km route travelling north to Lindsay thru Port Perry and Uxbridge

See the attached posters for more information