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WARD 41 E-NEWS REPORT



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Dear Neighbour,

It has been a busy and short spring, with the Asia Mission with the Mayor, green bin launch on Agincourt Drive, and Minister Hoskins' announcement to support the Expert Panel Report recommendations for Scarborough's and Durham's healthcare system. The city is proceeding on many initiatives, including moving ahead on a biking network plan, transit planning, new green bin launch, boundary re-alignment, etc.

On a more local level, much work is being undertaken, and I am attaching a few notices of road and utility work that is currently taking place. There will be more of these as the summer progresses, and I will provide updates as these contracts are being farmed out. These notices are also being sent to surrounding property owners, but NOT ward-wide. Please read the articles below as they be beneficial to you, like the food bank drive and the Police 42nd Division Scholarship Award, etc.

With the warmer weather, please drive more cautiously, especially in residential neighbourhoods as there will be more children, seniors, people, and cyclists sharing our thoroughfares. Many pedestrian fatalities are seniors crossing at mid-block. Please watch out for them, and if you are a senior, please refrain from crossing at mid-block.

Get out, enjoy the warm weather and explore our city as there are many things happening in our city that is exciting. Recently, I attended a Laotian New Year and Wesak Day (Buddhist) celebrations, Sai Baba 'Love All, Serve All' conference, 2016 China Super Vocal Final Toronto Audition, and many more economic events. Due to the diversity of our great city, there are lots to do and to explore and to learn.

I do get called by residents to help, and my staff of James, Jenny, Maggie and Vivian are there to help me assist you. We will concentrate on helping people with issues dealing with city business. Unfortunately, my office gets called by constituents with personal

issues with neighbours, and we will assess if the issue is something we can help with, but you have to provide a little more details. There are some that we cannot help you with.

Until my next update, my Very Best Wishes for a Safe and Happy Spring and coming Summer.

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Green bin launch event at Agincourt Village

City has declared war on Raccoons! The new green bin has started rolling out in Scarborough!

The City recently had a green bin launch event and it was right in our ward, hosted by Rhoda Potter from the Agincourt Village. Members of Public Works and Infrastructure along with the Mayor attended the launch, with staff from Solid Waste Management on site to demonstrate the new green bin. The new bin has a larger capacity and a unique locking mechanism where it would only unlock when it's inverted, which automates the collection process while making the bins racoon-resistant.

The rollout started last week in our district and will be staggered for the next six months in Scarborough. The old green bins will be recycled. For more information, please visit http://www1.toronto.ca/City%20Of%20Toronto/Solid%20Waste%20Management%20Services/1.%20Overview/New%20Green%20Bin/Fact%20Sheet%20new%20GBin_v1%202016.pdf.

"Please Slow Down" signs – Spring Safety Campaign 2016

The "Please Slow Down" signs have relaunched as part of the Spring Safety Campaign 2016 and they are going fast! These yellow signs with "Please Slow Down" scribed in bold, is a good visual cue and reminder for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians to take extra caution when travelling in residential neighbourhoods. These signs encourage all motorists to driveway safely as they travel in our neighbourhoods.

So far four schools in our ward and a number of neighbourhoods have taken part in this year's campaign. If you are interested in receiving a sign, please contact our office to make an arrangement. Please also refer to the attached document for the general information on these signs.

Resurfacing of Middlefield, south of McNicoll to McCowan

The City is planning to undertake a resurfacing project on Middlefield Rd from 175m south of McNicoll Ave to McCowan Rd. This project is expected to start in July 2016 and be completed by the end of October 2016. Contractor will work extend hours in order to minimize the disruption to traffic and the surrounding community, with the following hours for the bulk of the resurfacing work, Mon to Fri: 7am – 11pm and Sat: 7am – 11pm (no heavy breaking, etc before 9am). The contractors will be permitted to work 24 hours a day for the intersection work and/or top asphalt paving until the intersection can be reopened fully to traffic.

Information on Recent City Works

Sewer Inspection and Condition Assessment of the Laterals on Amanda Dr

The City conducted inspection and condition assessment of laterals of the sewer system on Amanda Dr, from Brimwood Blvd to 100m north of Brimwood Blvd during the week of May 2. This project is part of the Council-approved 2015 Capital Works Program and will help improve local sewer collection system.

Watermain Replacement on Huntingwood Dr

Watermain replacement on Huntingwood Dr. from Kitterly Blvd to Brimley Rd has been completed and the contractor returned on May 2, 2016 to permanently restore the disturbed section of the road.

If you have any questions about the work performed, please refer to the attached public and construction notices.

Dr. Eric Hoskins announcing his support for the Expert Panel Report

On April 28th, Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care announced his support for the implementation of recommendations from the final report of the Scarborough/West Durham Panel related to hospital governance, service delivery, and planning to give patients better access to care in the community.

In Scarborough, the implementation of the recommendations will create an integrated hospital system under one corporation and one board of directors to oversee the three Scarborough hospital sites, develop a facility Master Plan for a new, comprehensive acute care hospital in Scarborough, and make short- and medium-term capital investments to ensure that existing facilities continue to support quality patient care until new hospital facilities are built in Scarborough.

Minister Hoskins also announced a capital funding grant of \$20 million to better integrate and expand diagnostic imaging services at TSH's General site which will provide a better patient experience through improved access to much needed diagnostic services, and up to \$5 million for a planning grant to develop the facility Master Plans for Scarborough and Durham region hospitals.

The final report can be assessed at

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/news/bulletin/2015/docs/scarborough_west_durham_panel_20151218.pdf. For the News Release, please visit <https://news.ontario.ca/mohltc/en/2016/04/ontario-acting-on-expert-report-for-scarborough-and-durham-health-care.html>.

The 42 Division Community presents The Metro Label Youth Scholarship – Submission Deadline: May 31st

Toronto Police's 42 Division is pleased to present the Metro Label Youth Scholarship in the amount of \$5,000 on behalf of the Lal family. This is an initiative to provide financial support to youth living and attending school in the community and will be awarded to one student who has demonstrated leadership, academic achievement, and commitment to the community.

Here is the criteria for who can apply:

- Must live or attend school in the geographic area of 42 Division
- Must be graduating in 2015/2016
- Have demonstrated commitment to extracurricular activities and/or community service
- Currently enrolled, or enrolled within the last year, in a full-time, recognized academic secondary school or equivalent institution

- Have applied to or been accepted by and will be enrolling in a post-secondary institution in 2016

Please refer to the attached poster and application form for more information.

The 17th Annual Doors Open Toronto – May 28 & 29

Doors Open Toronto has announced its lineup of buildings and enhanced programming for Sat, May 28 and Sun, May 29! Its 17th year will offer free and rare access to 130 buildings that are architecturally, historically, culturally and socially significant, where 40 are new participants this year. The programming is also interlaced with an exciting speaker series and citywide walking tours. Details are available at www.toronto.ca/doorsopen.

The weekend activities kick off on Fri, May 27 at 7:30pm at the Design Exchange with the event's first-ever keynote speaker, acclaimed designer Karim Rashid, one of the most prolific and recognized designers of his generation.

ACSA food bank needs community support

The Agincourt Community Services Association Food Bank located at 1911 Kennedy Rd, Unit 105, in the ACSA Dorset Park Community Hub, is struggling to provide food hampers adequate to the needs of its clients and requires greater community support in raising donations. The food bank is in need of all non-perishable food items on an ongoing basis.

Donations can be dropped off at 4155 Sheppard Ave East, Suite 100 (Midland and Sheppard) between 9am and 5am Monday to Friday. If you require any additional information and/or would like to organize a local food drive, please contact Christine Markwell, ACSA Food Bank Coordinator, 416-292-6912 extension 304 or mchristine@agincourtcommunityservices.com.

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

Scarborough Food Truck Festival – in support of Children & Youth programs at the Boys and Girls Club of East Scarborough

Saturday, May 28, 2016

11am – 7pm

University of Toronto Scarborough, Parking lot
1265 Military Trail, Toronto – Free parking at Lot G
For more information, visit www.esbgc.org

Doors Open Toronto

Saturday, May 28 – Sunday, May 29, 2016

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

Bike to Work Day – Group Commute

Monday, May 30, 2016

Bloor and High Park: 7am

Yonge and Lawrence: 7am

Danforth and Woodbine: 7am

Yonge and Charles St: 7:30am

<http://www.bikemonth.ca/news/join-us-for-bike-to-work-day-may-30-2016>

Celebrate Bike Month (May 30 – June 30) with City of Toronto and Cycle Toronto!

Annual 42 Division Community Picnic

Saturday, June 11, 2016

Burrows Hall Community Centre

1081 Progress Ave, Scarborough

The 4th Annual Scarborough Worldwide Film Festival

Thursday, June 2 – Saturday, June 11, 2016

<http://scarboroughfilmfestival.com/>

The 25th Toronto Challenge! – Raising funds for local non-profit organizations that improve the quality of life for seniors in the community

Sunday, June 12, 2016

Race starts at approximately at 10:30am

Metro Hall

55 John St, Toronto

For more information and how you can participate, see www.toronto.ca/challenge

Councillor Lee's Environment Day

Saturday, July 9, 2016

10am – 2pm

Nashdene Yard

70 Nashdene Rd, Scarborough