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WARD 41 E-NEWS REPORT



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Around the Ward & Beyond

Metrolinx Fall Agincourt Community Information Meeting. Please mark your calendars of the next Metrolinx Agincourt Corridor Community Information meeting to be held on Tuesday **October 4th** from **6:30-8:30pm** at the Agincourt Community Recreation Centre at 31 Glen Watford Drive, just north of Sheppard Avenue. At this meeting Metrolinx will be providing neighbourhood residents with a status update on recent and ongoing developments surrounding the twin tracking project already underway along the Agincourt-Stouffville GO Corridor. Please note this meeting replaces the one previously scheduled for September 27. We look forward to seeing you there.

Toronto's Ward Boundary Review is seeking feedback from the public on two ward boundary options. A public meeting will be held in Scarborough on **Thursday, September 15th**, at Scarborough Civic Centre, Committee Room 7, from **7pm to 9pm**. For more information, please visit <http://www.drawthelines.ca/additional-information-participate/>.

Toronto Hydro begins Monthly billings this fall for residential and small commercial customers. Customers will now receive 12 bills per year instead of six, with each bill representing approximately 30 days of energy use. This will be phased in over the fall, beginning in September. This move was mandated by the Ontario Energy Board in 2015. This will help customers manage their electricity costs as it provides a more current view of their electricity habits that are impacting the bill. The Pre-Authorized Payment Plan (PAP) will also be transitioned to monthly billing.

Monthly Utility Billing Option, One Year Pilot Program is now offered by Revenue Services to property owners with the option to receive their utility bills on a monthly basis. Instead of three bills a year, homeowners who are eligible for the pilot will receive one bill per month, meaning smaller, more manageable payment amounts. To learn more about this pilot, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/hvwa872>.

4181 Sheppard Ave OMB Appeal hearing is adjourned upon the applicant's request. A new date is set for Tuesday, April 25, 2017, 10am, at the Ontario Municipal Board, 655 Bay Street, 16th Floor, Toronto.

Organic Fertilizer Application for all sports fields in Ward 41. Some background on the utilization of organic fertilizer – it is beneficial in that it develops the 3 main components of soil – physical, chemical and biological, and in so doing improves soil health, which in turn would grow healthier plants that are naturally more resistant to pest pressures. In addition, organic fertilizer provides water soluble plant nutrients that are slowly released into the soil which supports a more gradual and consistent rate of plant growth. It is also a source of valuable organic matter for the soil.

Arena Roof Replacement at Commander is scheduled to be replaced in spring of 2017 after the hockey season. This project has been brought forward to accommodate the installation of solar panels by the renewable energy office later in 2017.

Community News

Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Home and Community Care Survey is available now until September 12th. The Ontario Government is consulting with patients and caregivers to inform the future of home and community care. Provide your input on a Statement of Values (which will become a checkpoint for policy and decision makers, care providers, and the province) and help inform what the home and community care sector should strive to deliver by completing a short survey. The survey can be accessed at <https://ipsospasurveys.com/s/HCCValueStatementSurvey/>.

Scarborough Arts offers a variety of arts workshop in the fall/winter season and registration is now open! This is a great platform to bring communities together through the celebration of art. To see the full schedule, visit <http://www.scarborougharts.com/Fall-Programs-2016>.

Greening Your Grounds is a *free event* hosted by Toronto and Region Conservation and offers a workshop for the latest trends in residential landscaping using rain barrels, pollinator-friendly gardens, rain gardens, and permeable pavement walkways. Take home a free copy of a step-by-step landscaping guide book and get started on your DIY project at home! To register, visit www.trcastewardshipevents.ca.

Toronto Tree Bylaws hosted by LEAF is a free event where City's Forestry staff will share information on Toronto's tree bylaws. It will touch upon topics such as how to recognize and report contraventions of our street tree and private tree bylaws. Mark Ventresca, Supervisor and Arthur Beauregard, Manager of Urban Forestry Tree Protection & Plan Review will be speaking at this event. It will be held at Metro Hall, Room 308, on Monday, September 19, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Please also refer to the attached poster.

Responsible Dog Ownership Campaign was recently launched by Municipal Licensing & Standards and Parks, Forestry and Recreation, encouraging residents to be responsible pet owners and keep their dogs on a leash at all time. In addition to increased bylaw enforcement in parks, changes in shifts and "zero tolerance" for dogs off-leash. The poster for this campaign is attached in this Enews. You can also visit www.toronto.ca/animalservices and www.toronto.ca/parks/dogs for more information of this campaign.

The Children's Breakfast Clubs 2016 Smile Cookie Campaign runs from September 12th to 18th. The proceeds of every Smile Cookie sold at Tim Hortons locations in Toronto go to The Children's Breakfast Clubs, a major source of funding for the charity. The Children's Breakfast Clubs provide over 5,000 hot, nutritious culturally-reflective meals every week to children who might otherwise go hungry. Visit www.breakfastclubs.ca for more information.

The Children's Breakfast Clubs 2016 Winter Coat Drive runs from October 1st to November 30th at Peanut Plaza, 3030 Don Mills Rd Unit LL8A-II and all Carquest Autoparts Canada locations in Ontario. Visit www.breakfastclubs.ca for more information.

EVENT LISTING

Enterprise Toronto Seminars and Events:
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http://tinyurl.com/p8utmaa

Scarborough Centre for Employment Accessibility (SCEA):
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http://tinyurl.com/pd5vm77

Scarborough Sunday Concert Series:

http://tinyurl.com/ljx9mdm

Cultural Hotspot (May - October):
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http://tinyurl.com/o6paxun

Events in Nathan Phillips Square (100 Queen Street West)

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

The Children's Breakfast Clubs – Smile Cookies Campaign

September 12 – 18, 2016

Tim Hortons in Toronto

Proceeds go to The Children's Breakfast Clubs to fund breakfast, educational, cultural and recreational programs for the children. More information, please visit <http://breakfastclubs.ca/>.

Toronto's Ward Boundary Review Public Meeting

Thursday, September 15, 2016 | 7pm – 9pm

Scarborough Civic Centre, Committee Room 1

150 Borough Dr, Scarborough

Toronto Tree Bylaws

Monday, September 19, 2016 | 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Metro Hall, Rm 308

55 John St, Toronto

Please see the attached poster.

Brave T.O. Challenge in Support of The Scarborough Hospital

Saturday, September 24, 2016

Morningside Park

390 Morningside Ave, Scarb

For more information, visit www.brave.to.

9th Annual YIMPY (Yes In My Back Yard) Festival

Saturday, September 24, 2016 | 12noon – 4pm

Metro Hall Rotunda

55 John St, Toronto

yimbytoronto.org

The Children's Breakfast Clubs – 2016 Winter Coat Drive

October 1 – November 30, 2016

Peanut Plaza

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All Carquest Autoparts Canada locations in Ontario

For more information, visit www.breakfastclubs.ca.

Metrolinx Fall Agincourt Community Information Meeting

Tuesday, October 4, 2016 | 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Agincourt Recreation Centre

31 Glen Watford Dr, Scarb

Greening Your Grounds – Getting Started

Thursday, October 20, 2016 | 7pm – 8:15pm

Milliken Park Community Recreation Centre

4325 McCowan Rd, Scarb

Register for this **free** workshop online at www.trcastewardshipevents.ca.

Inspirational Fair, Elevating and Empowering Women & Girls to live their Best Lives

Friday, October 21, 2016 | 10am – 2pm

Tropicana's Centre of Excellence

1385 Huntingwood Dr, Toronto

For more info and registration, please call Sonia at 416-439-9009 ext. 232 OR see the attached poster.

Small Business Forum 2016

Tuesday, October 25, 2016 | 9am – 4pm

Metro Toronto Convention Centre

South Building, Level 800

Exhibit Halls F & G

222 Bremner Blvd, Toronto

For more information, visit <http://tinyurl.com/pymjld6>.

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