

Toronto City Councillor

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**WARD 41 E-NEWS REPORT**



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**Dear Neighbour:**

I'd like to bring your attention to the city's proposed stormwater charge where you'll have a chance to submit your input as part of the consultation process by taking an online survey or attending one of the information sessions as outlined under [Events](#). Please refer to the subject article in this e-News.

I invite you and your family to participate in the annual Clean Toronto Together campaign on **Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**, organized by my office, in partnership with CICS, McDonald's, Rotary and Tropicana, as well as schools in Ward 41. This is our third year participating and hosting and has become a tradition for communities to come together, enjoy each other's company, while getting our beloved public park cleaned. As last year was a tremendous success, we'll gather this year again at Milliken District Park at 10am. Please mark your calendars for this annual clean-up effort!

Please follow my website (<https://chinlee41.wordpress.com/>) and other social media outlets (<https://twitter.com/CncllrChinLee> | <https://www.facebook.com/councillorchinlee>) to keep apprised of any upcoming events. If you or a friend would like to become a volunteer, please email my office at [councillor\\_lee@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_lee@toronto.ca).

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## CANADA 150 LOCAL SERIES – 33 MURRAY

C. D. Farquharson community in Ward 41 was built up around the Harris farm house, a white brick five-bedroom home which still stands at 33 Murray Avenue. You will recognize it by the tall stand of spruce trees and horseshoe shaped driveway leading to the house, which is set far back from the street.

Built in 1894, the farm was active until the '40s when the land was sold to the Shiff Family. Mr. Shiff subdivided the parcel of land bounded by Brimley, Sheppard East, Midland and McDairmid Woods, which used to be called Lucy Bush, named after Shiff's daughter.

He sold building lots to individual families who moved to rural Agincourt and constructed their own homes. In those days the neighbourhood was unique because every home was different and had its own style, unlike modern homes of today that look very much alike.

The third and current owners of 33 Murray were the Whites, who purchased the farmhouse in 1953. Bill White became a famous Scarborough citizen and his wife, Vivian, was very active in the CDF community and remained so after Bill's death in 1981. In fact, it was Vivian who named the street that runs south from Sheppard known as Harrisfarm Gate. It used to be called Harris Avenue. One day workers came with a new street sign bearing a different name that had nothing to do with the Harris pioneers. Mrs. White wrote a letter of complaint to the then-township suggesting the name Harrisfarm. Two weeks later, a crew came to replace the sign with Mrs. White's recommended name.

Alterations to the original structure at 33 Murray included adding a kitchen in the 1940s and extending living room in 1976. On October 3, 2000, when 33 Murray was 106 years old, the City of Toronto's heritage arm in Scarborough, LACAC, designated it to be of historical significance.

Vivian White passed away on August 6, 2016. Her dying wish was that the home would find future owners who would love and protect the heritage of the property as she had during her 63 years of living there.

I would like to thank Sheila White for submitting this brief history of 33 Murray.

If you have stories, historical artifacts, heritage homes and individuals that you think would be suitable for this series, please email my office at [councillor\\_lee@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_lee@toronto.ca) with "E-news Canada 150 Series" in the subject line along with details. Your content may be featured in our upcoming e-Newsletter!

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## CLEAN TORONTO TOGETHER 2017 – MILLIKEN DISTRICT PARK

On Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017, for the third year in a row, my office will be organizing the annual clean-up event as part of the Clean Toronto Together campaign at Milliken District Park at the corner of McCowan Rd and Steeles Ave E. This event is truly a community effort with partnership of community associations such as CICS, Rotary and Tropicana, local high schools and elementary schools, and McDonald's.

We are calling upon community and student champions to join us and kindly ask that high school students sign up prior to the event so we can ensure your volunteer hours are properly acknowledged. Please email my office at [councillor\\_lee@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_lee@toronto.ca) to sign up.

I look forward to seeing you there!

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## 42 POLICE DIV. INFORMS RESIDENTS OF THE UPSWING IN "BREAK&ENTER" CRIMES

Councillor Lee along with 42 Division Police Division wants to inform Ward 41 Residents of an upswing in "Break and Enter" crimes in our area. In fact statistics show an increase of 43% since January 2017. Here is a recent link from CP24: <https://tinyurl.com/14wt3vn>.

The message is that Crime Prevention begins with you, our residents. Here are ways that you can help you protect your home:

- Have well-lit path and walkways around your home
- Trim all shrubs near and around entrances, including doors and windows where criminals can hide.
- Install house alarms, and ensure that they are monitored by an alarm company.
- Make sure your home looks lived in.
- Report suspicious activity to the police immediately – Be a nosy neighbour!
- Remember 911 dispatchers speak many languages, including the ones most spoken in our ward.

Stay tuned for more crime prevention tips and ward events via 42 Division, 42 Division CPLC website ([42divisioncplc.org](http://42divisioncplc.org)) and my website ([chinlee41.wordpress.com](http://chinlee41.wordpress.com)) or e-News.

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## PROPOSED STORMWATER CHARGE

The City of Toronto is seeking residents' input on a proposed separation of stormwater charge on your itemized water bill.

The current stormwater management is embedded in the water rate, which means the amount homeowners pay for stormwater management is based on how much water they use. The question we need to ask is, "Is this a fair way for residents to pay for this?"

The proposal is to remove the portion homeowners currently pay for stormwater management and show it as a separate charge on the water bill. The water bill would decrease by approximately 20% and the stormwater charge would be added which would be based on property size and the average amount of hard space on properties of a similar size. It varies from bill to bill. **If approved**, the change could come into effect in 2019.

For more information, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/lksb22r>.

Public consultation sessions are available if you are interested in learn more or have questions about this proposal – please see **Events** for the date and location of these sessions or visit <https://tinyurl.com/lm6k4hl>.

An online survey is also available if you cannot attend the consultation sessions - <http://cityoftoronto.fluidsurveys.com/s/stormwater-charge-survey-2017/>.

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## TORONTO SENIORS STRATEGY SURVEY EXTENDED – OPEN UNTIL APRIL 15

Toronto Seniors Strategy has extended the deadline of the online survey and would like to your input into the development of the next Toronto Seniors Strategy 2.0 to improve City services for older Torontonians and make Toronto a more age-friendly city. The survey can be accessed at <http://cityoftoronto.fluidsurveys.com/s/tss/>.

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## **TORONTO HYDRO RELIABILITY IMPROVEMENT – PROJECT PORT ROYAL PHASE II**

Phase II of Project Port Royal will commence soon with the civil portion expected to begin by late March 2017 with an approximate completion date of October 2017, and the electrical portion tentatively scheduled for 2018. The approximate project area includes Copthorne Ave., Duxbury Dr., and Port Royal Tr. Between Ashcott St (East) and Withycombe Cres (South). For more information, please see the attached notice and Key Map.

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## **BELL LAYING NEW FIBRE IN OLD AGINCOURT**

Just received notice that Bell Canada is laying new fibres in the Old Agincourt area to improve and add features to their service.

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## **CONSULTATIONS & SURVEY ON SHORT-TERM RENTALS (AIRBNB)**

Residents are invited to have their say about short-term rentals at upcoming consultations and/or via an online survey. The term "short-term rental" describes rentals that occur over a short period of time (e.g., less than 30 days), facilitated by popular online platforms such as Airbnb, Flipkey and so on.

There will be two public consultation meetings held at the following locations:

- Tuesday, March 28, 6:30pm – 8:30pm, North York Civic Centre, Council Chambers
- Wednesday, April 12, 6:30pm – 8:30pm, City Hall, Committee Room 2 (livestream available)

An online survey pertaining to this topic will be launched on March 28<sup>th</sup> and can be accessed at <http://www.toronto.ca/mlshaveyoursay>.

A final report with recommendations is expected at the June Executive Committee meeting.

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## **CHINESE FAMILY SERVICES OF ONTARIO FOR INDIVIDUAL WELL-BEING & FAMILY HARMONY**

The Chinese Family Services of Ontario for Individual Well-being & Family Harmony (CFSO), located at 3330 Midland Avenue, Suite 229, Scarborough, ON, M1V 5E7 facilitates mental well-being, family harmony and individual contribution to society via a wide range of services covering all age group. All information provided to the CFSO is strictly confidential.

CFSO provides the following services:

- Settlement Services
- Individual/Couple/Family Counselling
- Family Violence & Support
- Mental Health Counselling Program
- Counselling Services for Probations
- Gambling, Drug & Alcohol Addiction
- Youth Services for leadership development
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Program

Services are provided in English, Cantonese and Mandarin. Please see Office hours below:

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 9am – 5pm
- Tuesday & Thursday – 9am – 8:30pm

CFSO can be reached at (416)979-8299 by phone or (416)979-2743 via fax.

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## EVENTS:

### Stormwater Charge – Public Consultations

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday, March 28	6pm – 9pm	York Civic Centre, Chamber, 2700 Eglinton Avenue West
Thursday, March 30	4pm – 9pm	Metro Hall, Rotunda, 55 John Street
Tuesday, April 4	6pm – 9pm	North York Civic Centre, Room 1, 5100 Yonge Street

For pop-up sessions, visit <https://tinyurl.com/lm6k4hl>.

### Information Session and Workshop on Service Canada

**Date:** Wednesday, March 29, 2017

**Time:** 12:30pm – 2pm

**Location:** Philadelphia Seventh Day Adventist Church, 65 Grand Marshall Drive, Scarb.

**Details:** This meeting is being held in the interest of the area community members to share important information about Service Canada and learn about the Canada Pension Plan; Old Age Security and Safety & Fraud Protection. Please refer to the attached poster for more information.

### 42 Division CPLC Community Response Unit Officers Meet & Greet

**Date:** Thursday, March 30, 2017

**Time:** 11am – 4pm

**Location:** Malvern Town Centre, Centre Court, 31 Tapscott Rd

**Details:** Meet and greet our new neighbourhood police officers, share your ideas, comments concerns and get involved. Learn about the CPLC. Please see the attached poster for more information.

### Free Seminar on Depression in response to the WHO

**Date:** Saturday, April 1, 2017

**Time:** 9:30am – 12noon

**Location:** Hallelujah Chinese Evangelical Free Church, 393 Middlefield Road, Scarb.

**Details:** In response to WHO's recent finding that there is an alarming increase (18%) in depression, the Rapha Christian Development Canada Association is organizing a free seminar on depression in Cantonese and Mandarin. For more details, please see the attached poster.

### Scarborough Seedy Saturday & Green Fair

**Date:** Saturday, April 1, 2017

**Time:** 11am – 4pm

**Location:** Blessed Cardinal Newman High School, 100 Brimely Rd South (South of Kingston Rd), Scarb.

**Details:** Annual heirloom seed exchange/sale, gardening and environmental event with a special focus on Bio/Diversity and Saving our Bees this year. For more information, contact [scarboroseedysaturday@gmail.com](mailto:scarboroseedysaturday@gmail.com) or visit <https://www.facebook.com/SSSGFair>.

### YWCA Toronto Employment Centre Job Fair

**Date:** Wednesday, April 5, 2017

**Time:** 10am

**Location:** 2425 Eglinton Ave. East, Suite 303, Scarb.

**Details:** Please call 416-264-5788 to register. For more information, please see the attached poster.

### *YWCA Toronto Employment Centre S.R.T Med-Staff Job Fair*

**Date:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017

**Time:** 10am

**Location:** 2425 Eglinton Ave. East, Suite 303, Scarb.

**Details:** Please call 416-264-5788 to register. For more information, please see the attached poster.

### *Clean Toronto Together – Councillor Lee's Community Clean-up Day*

**Date:** Saturday, April 22, 2017

**Time:** 10am – 12noon

**Location:** Milliken District Park

**Details:** We're continuing our annual tradition in beautifying our beloved public park. This year, we'll be cleaning Milliken Park once again and are calling upon school and community champions to join us on this effort. Please contact my office to sign up.

### *Annual Job Fair at Scarborough Civic Centre*

**Date:** Wednesday, May 3, 2017

**Time:** 10am – 4pm

**Location:** Scarborough Civic Centre, Rotunda, 150 Borough Drive, Scarb.

**Details:** An annual Job and Career Fair to meet employers from a variety of sectors. Bring your resume and be prepared for an on-the-spot interview. An opportunity to connect with Employers and apply for jobs. For more details, see the attached poster or visit <http://www.toronto.ca/job-careerfair>.

### *Councillor Lee's 2017 Community Environment Day*

**Date:** Saturday, June 3, 2017

**Time:** 10am – 2pm

**Location:** Nashdene Yard, 70 Nashdene Rd, Scarb.

**Details:** Join Councillor Lee at the annual Community Environment Day where you can pick up free compost to start/renew your spring garden, drop off hazardous household wastes such as used batteries and ink toners, and engage with City departments on various services offered.

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