

Toronto City Councillor

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WARD 41 E-NEWS REPORT



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Dear Friendly Neighbour:

The Fall means that night (darkness) arrives earlier, so please be more careful when driving or cycling or running/walking. Please consider wearing brighter clothes. Historical data shows that there is a spike in pedestrian fatalities at this time of the year. A senior was hit and died last week in our community. **Our prayers and thoughts are with his family.** My office is working to see if there are steps to be taken to make this location safer.

Mayor John Tory and Toronto City Council invites you to a Diwali reception at Scarborough Civic Centre to celebrate the Hindu festival of lights on **Monday evening, October 16, 2017** starting at 5:30pm. As space is limited, please register at <https://tinyurl.com/ya6y7e27> or refer to [Events](#).

City of Toronto will be hosting public consultation meetings across the city on the new SmartTrack/GO stations. The Scarborough meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 10th, 2017** from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. More details in this Enews.

On September 28th, 2017, I held a town hall meeting on the topic of rooming houses – Scarborough Mirror article link: <https://tinyurl.com/ybbfepu5>. I appreciate those who attended the meeting and shared your comments with me and City staff. My presentation and an information handout is available on my website - <https://chinlee41.wordpress.com/2017/10/04/multi-tenant-housing-toolkit/>. My office will keep you informed of when the agenda item becomes available for Executive Committee. If you would like to be added to the follow-up mailing list for rooming houses, please email my office.

Follow my **website** - <https://chinlee41.wordpress.com/> and other social media outlets [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) to stay in touch. Also sign up for my e-News!

Yours truly,

Chin Lee

Your Ward Councillor

FEATURED THIS MONTH:

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Around the Ward and Beyond

SMARTTRACK/GO STATIONS PUBLIC MEETING

The new SmartTrack/GO stations build upon Metrolinx's Regional Express Rail program, which includes increased service on 5 of the existing GO rail corridors.

Within Toronto, 6 new SmartTrack stations are planned for the Stouffville, Lakeshore East and Kitchener corridors and two new GO stations are planned for the Barrie corridor.

The City of Toronto and Metrolinx will be undertaking a Transit Project Assessment Process under Ontario Regulation 231/08 to assess the potential environmental effects of the new stations. The public consultation meetings are commencing soon to provide an update on project progress and an overview of planned environmental studies and concept schematics. The project team will be seeking your input on the proposed concept plans and key elements of the project.

There will be 3 public meetings with the following details,

1. **Tuesday, October 10, 2017:** Scarborough Civic Centre, 150 Borough Dr., Scarborough | 6:30pm – 8:30pm (Presentation begins at 7:00pm)
2. **Wednesday, October 11, 2017:** Riverdale Collegiate Institute, 1094 Gerrard St. E., Toronto | 6:30pm – 8:30pm (Presentation begins at 7:00pm)
3. **Thursday, October 12, 2017:** Bloor Street Collegiate Institute, 1141 Bloor St. E., Toronto | 6:30pm – 8:30pm (Presentation begins at 7:00pm)

For more information on SmartTrack, please visit www.smarttrack.to.

CPLC ROAD SAFETY SEMINAR – OCTOBER 15, 1PM-4PM, AGINCOURT REC CENTRE

A Seminar on Road Safety (poster attached) will be presented by 42 Division Community Police Liaison Committee (CPLC) in partnership with Toronto Police Service 42 Division focusing on Education, Engagement and Empowerment. The seminar will be held on **Sunday, October 15th, from 1:00 - 4:00pm** at Agincourt Recreation Centre, 31 Glen Watford Drive, Scarborough (doors opening at 12:30pm).

This seminar will offer an understanding of Vehicular, Pedestrian and Cyclist rules and regulations as they apply to road safety, as well as a concise overview of Insurance, offering a better understanding on the fine print. A question and answer period will follow each speaker. For further information and early bird registration eligible for a draw prizes, please contact: PC Alison Burns – (416)-808-4251, PC Gary Gomez – (416)-808-4220 or seminar@42divisioncplc.org. I hope to see you there.

FALL PLANTING IN BRIMLEY WOODS AND MILLIKEN FOREST

Urban Forestry has plans this fall to plant native trees and shrubs in Brimley Woods Park and Milliken Park. This will enhance the native plant community and improve biodiversity following the removal of invasive trees and shrubs.

CULTURAL HOTSPOT COMMUNITY CONNECT

Cultural Hotspot is coming back to Scarborough in 2018! Toronto's Arts and Culture Division invites interested stakeholders to the first Community Connect on **Wednesday, October 11th, 2017 from 6pm to 8pm**, at Scarborough Civic Centre, 150 Borough Dr., Scarborough.

From May through October 2018, the Cultural Hotspot program will shine a spotlight on arts, culture and community in Centre/North Scarborough (Steeles Ave to the north, Lawrence Ave to the south, Victoria Park Ave to the west and Meadowvale Rd to the east). The program inspires new ideas about where culture thrives in Toronto.

This City of Toronto and partner produced initiative will feature a series of projects that include visual arts, workshops, performance, youth mentorship and employment, and more. To learn more about the Cultural Hotspot program, visit www.toronto.ca/culturalhotspot.

If you would like to attend the first Community Connect, please RSVP to Vanessa at artservices@toronto.ca.

City of Toronto and Beyond

"NOT DOWN THE DRAIN" – MESSAGE FROM TORONTO WATER

Do you know what can and can't go down your drain? Putting the wrong things in your pipes can have some pretty nasty consequences, including basement flooding; polluting our streams, rivers and the Lake; as well as clogging City pipes – something that ends up costing us all.

Items like grease, wipes and dental floss should not go down the drain. Find out more at <http://toronto.ca/notdownthedrain>.

NOMINATIONS FOR WOMEN OF DISTINCTION AWARDS

Every year, YWCA Toronto honours the work of remarkable women who are creating new opportunities for women and girls in our city and around the globe. Help honour a woman who inspires you for the YWCA Toronto Women of Distinction Awards. The nomination deadline is Friday, November 10th, 2017 and the 38th Annual YWCA Toronto Women of Distinction Awards will be held on Thursday, May 24th, 2018 at the Fairmont Royal York. For more information, please visit www.womenofdistinction.ca or see the attached poster.

EXTREME HEAT/COLD PROTECTION

At the end of September, there was a heatwave which impacted many tenants where A/C had been turned off, so Toronto Council is taking note and has moved to review our by-laws.

See <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2017.MM32.50>.

TORONTO PROTÉGÉ PROGRAM

This unique program pairs young female Torontonians with female City Councillors and City Staff for a six month mentorship. Learn about the opportunities for women in local government, gain hands-on experience and understand the multi-faceted roles of City Councillors and City Staff.

For more information, see <http://toronto.ca/youth>.

HENHOUSE PILOT

Council approved a 3-year pilot to allow residential properties in 4 wards (5, 13, 21, 32) to have backyard hens (limit of 4), in a very regulated manner, where the products are for personal consumption.

EVENTS

I TALK TO STRANGERS Foundation Canada – Tai Chi Social

Date: Saturday, October 7, 2017

Time: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Location: L'Amoreaux Community Centre, 2000 McNicoll Ave., Scarborough

Details: A multi-generational event that will connect large population of seniors in the neighbourhood to the people in the community. The event will provide a barrier-free space to socialize, practice Tai Chi, as well as encourage seniors to teach Tai Chi and engage with children, youth, and families of the community. "Tai Chi Social" is a part of the Toronto Strong Neighbourhood strategy.

New SmartTrack/GO Stations Public Consultation Meeting

Date: Tuesday, October 10, 2017

Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Location: Scarborough Civic Centre, 150 Borough Dr., Scarborough

Details: Public meeting to provide information on the new SmartTrack/GO stations being planned in Toronto and to get your feedback. For more information on SmartTrack, please visit www.smarttrack.to.

Adopt-a-Street Tree Information Session

Date: Tuesday, October 10, 2017

Time: 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Location: Gladstone Library, Auditorium, 1101 Bloor St. W., Toronto

Details: Learn about the successes and challenges of Toronto's first street tree stewardship projects and find out about resources available to help start a tree care project in your own community. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

Cultural Hotspot Community Connect

Date: Wednesday, October 11, 2017

Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Location: Scarborough Civic Centre, 150 Borough Dr., Scarborough

Details: For more information, see attached flyer or visit www.toronto.ca/culturalhotspot.

42 Division CPLC Police Road Safety Conference

Date: Sunday, October 15, 2017

Time: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Location: Agincourt Recreation Centre, 31 Glen Watford Dr., Scarborough

Details: A conference on road safety, covering Vehicular, Cycle, Pedestrian and street safety elements with guest speakers, and community and professional agencies on hand for an educational and engaging afternoon. Poster attached.

City of Toronto Diwali Reception

Date: Monday, October 16, 2017

Time: 5:30pm – 9:00pm

Location: Scarborough Civic Centre, 150 Borough Dr., Scarborough

Details: Mayor John Tory and Toronto City Council will be hosting a reception to celebrate Diwali. The reception will take place in the Rotunda of Scarborough Civic Centre. Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/ya6y7e27> as space is limited.

Developmental Services Toronto – Information Fair

Date: Wednesday, October 18, 2017

Time: 1:00pm – 8:00pm

Location: Downsview Park, 35 Carl Hall Rd., Unit 2, Toronto

Details: A free event to provide information from Toronto based agencies on services and supports for transitional youth (16 years of age and older) and adults (18 years of age and older) with a developmental disability. Please refer to the attached flyer for more information.

Milliken Park CRC Children's Halloween Party

Date: Saturday, October 28, 2017

Time: 4:00pm – 7:00pm

Location: Milliken Park Community Recreation Centre

Details: Activities will include an inflatable slide, carnival games, cookie decorating, haunted house, crafts, face painting, science shows and more. Tickets can be purchased at Milliken Park CRC on Saturday, October 14th from 9am to 2pm while supplies last. No tickets will be sold at the door. For more information, please see the attached poster.

2017 City Remembrance Day Ceremony

Date: Sunday, November 5, 2017

Time: 2pm

Location: Scarborough Civic Centre, 150 Borough Dr., Scarborough

Details: Remembrance Day is an opportunity to gather at ceremonies to recognize and honour the bravery and sacrifices of the men and women who gave their lives in the pursuit of peace and freedom. We also pay tribute to those who continue to serve our country today. Please join for the Remembrance Day ceremony in Scarborough.

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