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WARD 41 E-NEWS REPORT



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Dear Friendly Neighbour:

Happy Black History Month, as we are halfway through February which is Black History Month and the City of Toronto will be hosting a series of events that highlights the tremendous contribution of the African-Canadian community. More in this eNews below.

Happy Lunar New Year 2018 to residents who celebrate this traditional East Asian festival!

On **Saturday, February 17th**, Mayor Tory and I are hosting a Lunar New Year Reception from 1pm to 4:30pm at Scarborough Civic Centre. Please join us for an afternoon of activities and performances.

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

Yours truly,

Chin Lee
Your Ward Councillor

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Around the Ward and Beyond

LUNAR NEW YEAR RECEPTION ON FEB 17 | SCARBOROUGH CIVIC CENTRE

Next week, the Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese will celebrate the traditional Lunar New Year holiday starting Thursday (the eve) that marks the beginning of the Year of Dog.

I will be hosting a Lunar New Year Reception with Mayor Tory at Scarborough Civic Centre on **Saturday, February 17th, from 1pm to 4:30pm** to celebrate this traditional holiday with the community. There will be celebrations throughout the GTA.

Please join us for this joyous occasion where we will have light refreshments, performances, and activities suitable for all ages!

Wishing You and Your Family a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2018 Year of the Happy Dog.

PUBLIC SAFETY ALERTS

We would like alert you of the following incidents in our community received from TPS,

Robberies with a weapon in North Scarborough | Incidents involving a white van have been reported in North Scarborough (and Toronto) at Copperwood and Port Royal, Van Horne and Don Mills, and Burt Bark and Sanwood. In two of the cases, victims' car was rear-ended by the van and while inspecting for damage, the men displayed a firearm and robbed them. More information at <http://torontopolice.on.ca/newsreleases/40272>.

Commercial Break-and-Enters in North Scarborough | TPS would like to make public aware of a steady increase in a series of commercial Break-and-Enters in North Scarborough. Suspects(s) would enter the commercial premise by damaging the front door, mainly in the early morning hours before the businesses are open, and target cash registers, tip jars and any other place they believe cash is being hidden. Business owners are advised to not leave tip jars or cash in the registers after closing time and to display "No Cash On Site" signs. More information at <http://torontopolice.on.ca/newsreleases/40271>.

Phone-based Fraud Scheme | Incidents of phone-based fraud schemes have been reported involving suspect(s) posing as retailers who claim to be alerting members of the public regarding a fraud offence in progress which involves the use of their credit card information. Please be aware of the tactics used by the fraudulent phone calls outlined at <http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/newsreleases/40294>.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Every February, we celebrate the contribution of the African-Canadian community in the City of Toronto through a series of events - <https://www.toronto.ca/explore-enjoy/history-art-culture/black-history-month/>. In honour of Black History Month, I would like to acknowledge the prominent figures who have done so much for the betterment of our community.

William Andrew (Bill) While, III, OC (1915 - 1981), was a Canadian musician, song writer, and humanitarian and social justice activities. He was the first Black Canadian to run for federal office in Canada during the 1948 election, and was appointed & invested into the Order of Canada in 1971 for his contribution to better relations and understanding between people of different racial background. His numerous recognitions also include Scarborough Citizen of the Year and Top 200 citizens in 200 years. Mr. White was a long-time Scarborough resident and still has family living in the CD Farquharson area.

Alvin Curling is a Jamaican-born Canadian politician who served as MPP in the riding of Scarborough and became the first Black Canadian to hold a cabinet-level position in Ontario after he was appointed as the Minister of Housing in 1985. He served many roles during his time at the provincial legislature, including Minister of Skills Development in 1987 and Speaker of the Legislature in 2003. In 2005, he accepted a diplomatic posting as Canada's ambassador to the Dominican Republic. Mr. Curling was made a Member of the Order of Ontario in 2014 and remains active in the community. You may have spotted a street called Alvin Curling Crescent, and yes, it is named after him.

I am sure there are many other local heroes who have contributed to our community and welcome your input in acknowledging them!

I also encourage you to check out **Tropicana Community Services**, located at 1385 Huntingwood Dr, a centre that has been providing great resource and services to youths and families.

WASTE REDUCTION COMMUNITY GRANTS

Have an innovative idea to reduce waste in your community? Grants of up to \$25,000 are available to support innovative community-based efforts to reduce residential waste and increase participation in Toronto's waste diversion programs. Priority for funding will be given to projects that reduce waste in apartments and condos. Examples of projects that could be eligible include waste education and engagement programs and initiatives that align with Toronto's Long Term Waste Management Strategy, such as the repair, exchange, swapping and sharing of goods. Applications close February 23, 2018. For more information and to submit an Expression of Interest visit <http://bit.ly/2pQHNew>.

TORONTO REAL ESTATE BOARD – SIGN BY-LAW INFRACTION COMPLAINT PROCESS

Toronto Real Estate Board (TREB) has worked with the City in reviewing sign by-laws, and is implanting a formal process which will accept complaints from the public and Realtors about sign by-law infractions **by realtors**. Complaints regarding a breach of a municipal sign by-law will be reviewed by TREB and should include the following information:

1. Full name of person making complaint
2. Date & time the signage was seen
3. Location of the signage (i.e., street intersection)
4. The property the signage relates to or the apparent absence of a listing that corresponds with the signage
5. If possible, a clear photograph of the signage that identifies the Member(s) that is also date stamped.

Please submit complaints to signbylawcompliance@trebnet.com for review.

NOTE: Please DO NOT send non-realtor infractions to above, as they DO NOT have jurisdiction over those.

PARKLAND STRATEGY PHASE 2 SELF-GUIDED DISPLAYS

Following the approval of Parkland Strategy's Phase 1 Report (<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2017.EX29.3>) at the November 2017 Executive Committee meeting, work has been underway on the second phase. This is a 20-year plan that will guide decision-making and prioritization of investment of Toronto's parks, including acquisition of new parks, improvements and connections to existing parks. A series of self-guided displays highlighting the findings and analysis from the first phase will be available at Scarborough Civic Centre from February 19 to 23, 2018. For more information, please visit <https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/accountability-operations-customer-service/long-term-vision-plans-and-strategies/parks-forestry-recreation/parkland-strategy/>.

EVENTS

Lunar New Year Reception with Councillor Chin Lee and Mayor John Tory

Date: Saturday, February 17, 2018

Time: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

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

Details: Celebrate the Year of Dog with entertainment and light refreshments

Agincourt Mall Lands Consultation Meeting

Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Time: 6pm

Location: Agincourt Mall, 3850 Sheppard Ave. E., West Entrance, Unit 100, Scarborough

Details: The City is holding a community consultation meeting where you can learn more about this application. Details in the attached Meeting Notice.

Talk on Government Benefit

Date: Thursday, February 22, 2018

Time: 11:00am – 11:30am

Location: Woodside Square Library, Multipurpose Room, 1571 Sandhurst Cr., Scarborough

Details: See attached flyer for more detail.

Metrolinx Management Town Hall

Date: Monday, February 26, 2018

Time: 6pm

Location: 97 Front St. W., Toronto

Details: Please be sure to register to attend or watch the livestream at

<https://www.metrolinxengage.com/en/content/rsvp>.

Scarborough Seedy Saturday & Green Fair

Date: Saturday, March 24, 2018

Time: 11:00am – 4:00pm

Location: Blessed Cardinal Newman High School, 100 Brimley Rd. S., Scarborough (South of Kingston Rd.)

Details: See attached poster for details.

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