

## April Ward 43 Report

Dear Ward 43 Residents:

With the melting of the snow many of our community streets have become soiled with debris and dirt. As part of the City's Clean and Beautiful program the Scarborough district will be enhancing the current delivery method and levels of service for road sweeping. As of April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007 in-house equipment will increase to six sweepers, along with the introduction of an additional afternoon shift commencing Wednesday April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The afternoon shift will mainly focus on sweeping arterial roads during low traffic volume hours in an effort to increase efficiency and lessen the potential disruption to road users and neighbourhood noise concerns.

All six sweepers are recent purchases and PM-10 (Particulate Matter 10 Microns) compliant. These minute particles have been shown to be connected with the increase in smog days the City has been experiencing in recent years, and as a result should have a positive impact on air quality in our community. Further testing of air quality will continue this summer in various parts of the district to confirm the expected improvement. In addition, removal of a greater portion of Total Suspended Solids in road drainage run-off before it enters the storm sewer system should significantly improve water quality of our streams, rivers and lake to the benefit our environment.

Councillor Paul Ainslie  
Ward 43 – Scarborough East

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### 1. Scarborough East Community Calendar

- April 2 – Operating Budget Committee City Programs
- April 2 - Guild Renaissance
- April 3 - Coronation Community Association
- April 4 –Budget - BC Meeting - Operating -Wrap-up
- April 10 – Guildwood Village Community Association
- April 12- Budget - Special BC Meeting - Final Operating
- April 12– General Government Committee
- April 12 – Toronto Atmospheric Fund Committee
- April 12 - Community Policing Liaison Committee
- April 13 - Toronto Region Conservation Authority Meeting
- April 16 - Brush a mania Galloway Rd. Public School & ST. Martin de Porres C.S.
- April 16 - Library Board Meeting
- April 17 - Recognition of volunteers from Seven Oaks
- April 18 - Pope John Paul High School – Clean Up Day
- April 18 - Annual Mayor's Luncheon
- April 18 – Toronto Atmospheric Fund – AGM
- April 19 - Neighbourhood Action meeting
- April 19 - Kingston Road Transit Environmental Assessment
- April 19 - 928 Bendale Scouts West Scarborough
- April 20 - Special City Council - Operating Budget
- April 21 - GVCA Spring Cleanup

April 21 – Kingston Road Community Clean Up (meet at 4115 Lawrence Avenue East)  
April 23 - Special City Council - Operating Budget  
April 24 - City Council  
April 25 - City Council  
April 26 - Municipal leaders for the Greenbelt  
April 26 - June Callwood Lecture Toronto Reference Library 1st floor  
April 27 – TRCA  
April 27 – Rouge Valley Health System  
April 29 - GRG AGM Scarborough Arts Council 1859 Kingston Rd 2:00 pm  
April 30 - Woodside Public Library Re-Opening

Details for any of the events listed in this section can be found below.

If you are still looking for more information, please give my office a call at 416 392 4008 or send an email to Peter Sinclair at [psincla@toronto.ca](mailto:psincla@toronto.ca)

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2. Seven Oaks  
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The 1<sup>st</sup> Centenary Scouts on March 18, 2007 bottle drive was a success. The group raised \$800.00 towards their Jamboree excursion this fall as well as earning their Canadian Heritage badges.

City staff are continuing to work on the pedestrian walkway project to connect the Lakeview neighbourhood to Morningside Ave. Two drawings have been completed. Staff will be meeting with Ontario Hydro and MTO to pursue the possibility of securing approval to pave the path on their property. I am hopeful of a positive outcome so that the project may move forward.

The "Excellence in Volunteering" award was presented to the Oak Room Bar at Seven Oaks on April 17 by the Toronto Homes for the Aged along with Councillor Ainslie. Recipients included Ken Pearson, Bob Black, Bill Giffen, Bruce Wilkins, John Jenkinson, Herald Parrington and Beverly Parrington.

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3. Curran Hall  
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Tiffany Park Homes Brimorton and Orton Park – The property owner has been on site preparing for the demolition of the plaza. Some internal demolition took place in order for the outside work to begin. My office did receive some phone calls regarding rodents in the area which may be a cause of the demolition work.

If you see any rodents and would like to report it to public health please do at:  
Rat hotline: Public Health Connection: 338-7600 [http://www.toronto.ca/health/rats\\_rodent.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/health/rats_rodent.htm)  
[http://www.toronto.ca/health/pdf/rats\\_rodent.pdf](http://www.toronto.ca/health/pdf/rats_rodent.pdf)

Public Health will determine what division the complaint should go to (Public Health, Toronto Water, MLS) and give that information to the caller.

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4. Coronation and West Hill  
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Saturday May 5 at 10:00 at Eastview Park - Celebration of the thousands of daffodil bulbs that were planted last year in Eastview Park. To welcome the beautification of the park Mark Cullen from CFRB's Gardening Show broadcasting from the location. Toronto Parks and Trees and City dignitaries will be on hand

Transportation Services Division, has advised my office that Galloway Road, will undergo a road designation change from a collector to a local. What this means is under a local road designation the Winter Service level will be altered. Specifically, after a Type 2 Storm Event (i.e., 5-15 cm accumulation) the time to complete snow ploughing on a collector, after a storm ends, would be between 8 to 10 hours, generally 6 hours sooner than would be provided on a local road.

The road does not meet the collector classification as the car load is 2000 daily opposed to the required number of 2500-8000.

Currently, Galloway Road has the following characteristics: an estimated volume of 2000 vehicles in a 24-hour period - this is below the threshold value for a collector route, which is typically in the range of 2500 to 8000 vehicles in a 24-hour period; presence of traffic control signals at Lawrence Ave and Galloway Road; no surface transit present; property access is primary function; no network connectivity between Lawrence Avenue and Morningside Avenue, with connections mainly to local; and not considered a primary route for residence existing the sub-division; several other routes used equally. Based on the aforementioned characteristics, Galloway Road does not meet the road classification criteria for a collector road, as identified in Table 1 - Road Classification Criteria (a summary of the characteristics of the different road classes) included a report entitled, "Road Classification System - A Consolidated Report" dated January 2000, and adopted by City Council, at its meeting of February 29 and March 1 and 2, 2000.

Staff advised that Galloway Road is used equally as some of the other road sections, within the sub-division, to connect with the arterial routes, a change in road classification was recommended. This change will ensure a consistent level of service for all the residence of the community, and more importantly, without any adverse impact.

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5. Cedar Ridge  
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The Community Association meeting has been scheduled at Cedar Ridge Creative Centre located at 225 Confederation Drive at 6:30 PM, Wednesday, May 9th. For furthering information please contact Alonzo Bartley President, Cedar Ridge Community & Business Association  
[alonzobartley@yahoo.com](mailto:alonzobartley@yahoo.com)

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6. Guildwood  
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The negotiations with the Guild Inn proponent Westeinde and staff are still on going. I have been speaking to Staff on a weekly basis as I have made this issue my number one priority. I have been advised that a few issues have risen which need to be investigated by Westeinde. I am very anxious as was my predecessor David Soknacki to see this project finalized with shovel in the ground. I will continue to meet with staff and will advise the community with a status report as soon as one has been provided to me.

The Shoreline restoration is continuing and the TRCA are continuing to have meetings with residents whose properties are directly affected. I will be having a meeting in the coming weeks to review our options for the Guildwood Parkway project including the City's need to reconstruct the outfall at Morningside. Public access during the construction of the Guild Inn Shoreline Regeneration Project is permitted during non-construction hours: from 4:00 pm every Friday until 7:30 am Monday mornings including statutory holidays.

For further information please contact Larry Field, Manager - Government Liaison  
Toronto and Region Conservation Tel. 416-661-6600, ext. 5243

Guildwood improvements underway

Guildwood GO Station Improvements include:

- Longer platforms to allow for longer trains in the future
- Elevators to make the station accessible
- Additional stairs to improve access to the south platform
- A new tunnel leading to the south platform, as well as to the north and south parking lots
- New shelters to replace existing ones

Construction will not impact our train service and is scheduled for completion by the end of the year.

We look forward to serving you better. You may also visit

[http://www.gotransit.com/PUBLIC/news/bulletin/Mar30\\_LakeshoreEast.htm](http://www.gotransit.com/PUBLIC/news/bulletin/Mar30_LakeshoreEast.htm)

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7. Volunteers Corner  
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Seven Oaks Home for the Aged is Recruiting Volunteers!

If you have some time and love to work with Seniors please volunteer your time at the Seven Oaks Home for the Aged. There are Day time, evening and weekend opportunities available. Some areas of volunteer service include, meal time assistance, Bingo, gift shop, worship Services, rehab programs and friendly visiting. The Seven Oaks volunteer group contributes approximately 12,000 hours of service each year. Experience is not needed. For more information, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Tyrone Bernardo at 416-392-3515 or [tbernar@toronto.ca](mailto:tbernar@toronto.ca)

If your organization is seeking volunteers please do advise me so I can include in my monthly report.

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8. Community  
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**The Storefront**

4040 Lawrence Avenue East  
416-208-9889 hours of operation: Mon – Fri 10 am – 7 pm

**Neighbourhood Watch**

Contact Lesley Chitra – Crime Prevention Coordinator for Toronto East if you are interested being a Street Captain or if you would like to learn more about the Neighbourhood Watch Program at [lesley@cpatoronto.org](mailto:lesley@cpatoronto.org) or 416-225-1102. Essentially street captains are to act as a liaison between the community, the police and Neighbourhood Watch. They are responsible for canvassing their street to sign up neighbours. As crime alerts and safety notices are posted, Street Captains are to pass the information unto their neighbours. Most information is circulated via email to help reduce the amount of volunteer time required.

**Bookmobile**

Toronto Public Libraries Bookmobile will again be visiting locations across the City including Centenary Plaza (Nielson & Trailridge Crescent) on April 5, 19 May 3, 17, 31 June 14 and 28. Residents may borrow most items for three weeks as well as return books and other materials at the Bookmobile and branches of the Library.

**The Struggle of Boys in Education**

Wednesday May 16, 2007 at the West Hill CI (350 Morningside) Guest Speaker Michael Thompson Psychologist and best-selling author

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9. 20 Minute Clean up and Illegal Signs  
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April 21 marks this year's Community Clean-Day. I will be joining the Guildwood Community for their scheduled 10 am cleanup and at 11 am joining a team of residents to clean up Kingston Road (meeting location 4115 Lawrence Avenue East). I also joined the students at Pope John Paul on Wednesday April 18 at 9:30 am.

It is important to keep our neighbourhoods clean and maintain our community pride. If you would like to report illegal dumping please call the Clean-up Hotline at 39-CLEAN (25326).

Illegal signs have sprung up across the ward as has graffiti – my staff has been working with Municipal Standards to have both matters dealt with. If you would like to report any illegal signs or graffiti please contact Joan Bannister at my office at 416-396-7222. To report graffiti on school property please contact the principal of the school so they may direct their board to have it cleaned.

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10. Leash Free Park  
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I have received a petition signed by a number of resident regarding leash free areas in our Scarborough parks.

City staff are currently working on a Dogs and People in Parks Strategy which is focused on balancing the needs of dog owners and non dog owners. The strategy is being researched and developed by staff who will be seeking Toronto City Council approval in 2007. Residents will have an opportunity to voice their opinions through Community consultation which will take place this year. (dates are to be finalized)

As a result of this pending strategy staff are holding all requests for new leashed or off-leash areas. The former City of Scarborough did not allow leash-free areas in its City parks. As a result, there are currently no designated off-leash areas in Scarborough district parks.

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11. Community Barbeques and Events  
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Saturday May 5, 10am – Celebration of the daffodil bulbs that were planted last year in Eastview Park. Guests include Mark Cullen from CFRB's Gardening Show broadcasting from the location. Toronto Parks and Trees as well as City Dignitaries

Saturday May 12, 11:00 am– CPLC community Picnic and Open House 43 Division Lawrence and Manse Rd

Saturday May 12, 1:00pm - George B. Little Public School 50th Anniversary of the School

Saturday June 2, All Day event - Guildwood Day 50th Anniversary Parade and Childrens activities 8:30am - 2:30pm. BBQ in the evening 5:00 pm.

**Thursday June 21, 5:00 pm -7:00pm – Councillor Ainslie's Community BBQ (Seven Oaks Park on Military Trail)**

Sunday, August 12, 2007 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m - Voices of the Guild: A Storytelling Festival "The Guild - Alive with Culture - Voices of the Guild: A Storytelling Festival" at the Guild Inn Gardens, 201 Guildwood Parkway, Scarborough.

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12. Compost and Environment Day  
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Please join me and my staff to collect your compost at the beginning of the planting season.

**Compost Day**

Saturday May 26, 2007  
Wilfrid Laurier CI.  
145 Guildwood Pkwy.  
&  
Tam Heather Curling and Tennis Club  
730 Military Trail

Both locations at 2:00 pm

Please attend the locations at 2:00pm as the soil will not be permitted to be taken until that specific time.

**Environment Day**

Saturday September 15, 2007  
Morningside Yard  
891 Morningside Avenue (south of Highway 401)  
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

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13. City Wide  
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Toronto's municipal golf courses open for the season

City of Toronto golf courses begin opening for the season this week. Operated by Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation, the courses are reasonably priced, conveniently located within city boundaries, and easily accessible by TTC. Each course has its own individual appeal. Detailed information about Toronto's municipal golf courses is available at [www.toronto.ca/golf](http://www.toronto.ca/golf) or by calling the courses at the phone numbers listed below.

Dentonia Golf Course - opening Wednesday, April 18, 10 a.m.

The GTA's finest par three course and a great course for a season warm-up round! The Dentonia is located at 781 Victoria Park Ave., less than a one-minute walk from the Victoria Park subway station. For more information or to book a tee-time, call 416-392-2558.

Don Valley Golf Course - opening Wednesday, April 18, 10 a.m.

The oldest and most prestigious municipal course, Don Valley has a classic Howard Watson design, a traditional variety of holes, and a legendary reputation for its exciting natural setting. This year, Don Valley will celebrate its 51st anniversary. It was opened by Fred Gardiner, the first Chairman of Metro Toronto, on August 1, 1956. Don Valley is located at 4200 Yonge St., south of Highway 401. For more information or to book a tee-time, call 416-392-2465.

Humber Valley Golf Course - opening Thursday, April 19, 10 a.m.

Suitable for all ages and skill levels, Humber Valley challenges golfers with its combination of links and valley lands so players need to focus on precision, accuracy and patience, especially on the last three holes. Humber Valley has a licensed restaurant and is located at Albion Rd. and Beattie Ave.. For more information or to book a tee-time, call 416-392-2488.

The two remaining City courses, the Scarlett Woods Golf Course and Tam'Oshanter Golf Course, have been impacted by poor weather conditions and will open soon.

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14. Quote du Mois  
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"We must be the change we wish to see." M.K. Gandhi

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15. eNews Policy and Contact Information  
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