



## June 2026 - Volume 26, Issue 180

Dear Scarborough-Guildwood Residents,

With the arrival of warmer weather, I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful start to the season. It's a wonderful time to be out in the community, connecting with neighbours and taking part in local events.

Thank you to everyone who came out to our Compost Days at Cedar Ridge, Seven Oaks, Curran Hall, and Centennial Recreation Centre. Rain or shine, residents showed up in great numbers, and my team and I truly appreciated the opportunity to connect with so many of you while distributing free compost and celebrating the strength of our community.

June is also a time for celebration and reflection. As we mark Pride Month, I invite you to join events across the city that celebrate inclusion, diversity, and the 2SLGBTQ+ community. You can explore a full list of Pride Month events and activities here: <https://www.toronto.ca/explore-enjoy/festivals-events/pride-month/>

We also look forward to celebrating Father's Day this month, a special time to recognize and appreciate the fathers, father figures, and caregivers who play such an important role in our families and communities.

As we head into the summer, the City of Toronto has launched its 2026 Summer Safety Plan, with more than a \$5 million investment in youth safety and well-being. With over 200 programs, expanded access to recreation and community spaces, mental health supports, and employment opportunities for more than 16,000 young people, the plan aims to help youth feel safe, supported, and connected all summer long. Residents are encouraged to explore the City's new online tool to find programs and supports in their neighbourhood. [Learn more here.](#)

Wishing everyone a safe, joyful, and connected summer ahead.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to my office for support with Ward 24 matters.

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**At the Annual Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative Conference, I had the opportunity to speak about**

### **Calls for Federal Action Amid Rising Impacts of U.S. Trade Disputes**

I recently spoke about the growing impact of ongoing U.S. trade disputes on our city and municipalities across Ontario. These tensions are no longer a distant issue, they are directly impacting Toronto's economy, from rising infrastructure costs to challenges faced by local businesses and workers. With tariffs increasing costs in key sectors and slowing economic growth, cities like ours are being forced to make difficult financial decisions. While Toronto is taking proactive steps to support businesses and diversify trade, it's clear that strong and stable federal action is essential. I will continue to advocate for fair and predictable trade relationships that protect our local economy and support our residents. [Read more in my news release.](#)

### **Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative Annual Conference, Impact Award**

This past month, I was honoured to receive the Impact Award from the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative at this year's Annual Conference.

Protecting our freshwater resources and building resilient, vibrant waterfronts is essential to the long-term prosperity. This recognition reflects the strong partnerships and shared commitment to collaboration and environmental stewardship across the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River system.

It was inspiring to join nearly 300 municipal, Indigenous, industry, and environmental leaders to advance the vision of the Fresh Coast Economic Corridor, positioning our region as one of the fastest-growing and most sustainable economic areas in North America.

Together, we are working to attract responsible investment, drive innovation, improve water quality, and strengthen climate resilience, all while safeguarding a resource that provides drinking water to more than 40 million people. [Read more about the award in my news release.](#)

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Honoured to celebrate the Toronto Sport Hall of Honour 2026 inductees, whose impact goes far beyond the field. Find more information about the awards here: [Legacy | TPASC - Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre](#)

### **Summer Recreation Registration has Begun**

Browse summer recreation activities for all ages, interests and abilities through the City's wide range of programs. Create your wish list, update your account and join a waiting list to be notified if a spot opens. Registration begins June 1 for Older Adult (60+) programs, June 2 for Toronto, East York and Etobicoke, June 3 for Scarborough and North York, and June 5 for After-School Recreation Care (2026–2027). [Explore programs](#) and get ready to register on the City's Recreation Programs page.

### **Summer Service Schedule for Toronto Island Ferries**





Ferries are now on a summer schedule from May 13 to September 15, enjoy more frequent service to get to the Toronto Islands. Grab a ticket and check the ferry schedule here: [toronto.ca/ferries](https://toronto.ca/ferries).

### **Summer camp registration is now open at TRCA!**

Families across the GTA can register for nature camps at several TRCA locations, where kids can explore local forests, meadows, and waterfronts while learning about nature through hands-on outdoor activities led by experienced camp staff. [More information and registration here](#)

### **[National Bike Month](#)**

It's National Bike Month! Before you hit the trails for Bike the Creek, make sure your bike is road-ready! Here are some quick maintenance tips. A well-tuned bike means a smooth, safe ride.

-  Check your brakes, gears, and tires for wear and tear
-  Clean your bike to keep everything running smoothly
-  Tighten bolts and ensure pedals spin freely
-  Take a short test ride to make sure everything feels right



**Honoured to attend the Toronto Community Champion Award ceremony last evening to celebrate the incredible organizations making a difference across our city. It was a pleasure to recognize Vasantham – A Tamil Wellness Centre, a recipient from Scarborough-Guildwood, for their outstanding work supporting community health and well-being.**

### **Reminder about upcoming water Meter Transmission Unit (MTU) replacements**

The City is replacing all 470,000 water Meter Transmission Units (MTUs) across Toronto. The City's contractor Neptune Technology Group (Canada) will contact businesses by mail with instructions on how to book your MTU replacement appointment. It's important for business owners or operators to book an appointment as soon as you are contacted. [Learn more about what to expect and when.](#)

### **2026 Final Property Taxes**

The City of Toronto is issuing 2026 final property tax bills. Property owners who pay their final property tax bill by the regular instalment schedule should note that payments are due July 2, August 4 and September 1. For more information, including due dates for the Pre-Authorized Tax Payment program, visit [toronto.ca/propertytax](https://toronto.ca/propertytax).

### **Fire Safety Awareness Month – Keeping Seniors Safe**

This June, Toronto Fire Services is marking Fire Safety Awareness Month with a focus on supporting seniors, as part of the City's celebration of Seniors Month. With seniors facing a higher risk in residential fires, these initiatives aim to provide practical tools and knowledge to help older adults stay safe and age in place with confidence. **More information on fire safety is available on the City's [Fire Safety Public Education Services webpage](#). More information about Seniors Month is available on the [City's webpage](#).**



At the Eid-ul-Adha prayer, a beautiful opportunity to come together in reflection and faith.

## WARD 24 INFORMATION



Honoured to attend the Pride Flag Raising at the Scarborough Civic Centre! Happy Pride Month

## ENCAMPMENTS

The City is committed to addressing these situations through a coordinated approach involving multiple divisions. Staff from the Streets to Homes outreach program conduct daily visits to engage with individuals, offering connections to shelter and housing options, as well as addressing immediate health and safety concerns. Enforcement is only considered once all reasonable offers of support have been declined, or where urgent public health or safety issues are present. For more information about the City's approach, please visit the [Encampment Outreach & Response](#) webpage.

Should you see someone experiencing homelessness who may need outreach support, please contact 311. Staff will continue to visit the location to connect with the individual, monitor their needs and offer available services.

### COMPOST DAYS

Thank you to all the residents who came out to my Compost Days. It was great to see everyone and the enthusiasm residents have for gardening.

If you missed my compost days, you could attend a Community Environment Day and collect bagged compost (limit 2 bags while supplies last). I will be hosting an Environment Day at Centennial Recreation Centre on June 20 and at Morningside Yard on July 18. You can also visit the [www.toronto.ca](http://www.toronto.ca) and search Community Environment Days for other dates and locations.

### PLEASE SLOW DOWN SIGNS (See image below)

Residents can pick up these signs at my Scarborough Civic Centre office at 150 Borough Drive. Please contact my office to make pick up arrangements at 416-396-7222 / [councillor\\_ainslie\\_co@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_ainslie_co@toronto.ca).



### TTC Route 406 Scarborough Guildwood Community Bus Pilot:

Several residents have asked that the route include other destinations, including Cedarbrae Mall. I hear you and have requested TTC to include the route – they are reviewing community feedback and ridership data. **PLEASE RIDE THE BUS TO ENSURE WE KEEP AND EXPAND THE ROUTE.**

- ◇ Runs every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
  - ◇ 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., every 55 minutes
  - ◇ Fully accessible and open to all TTC riders
  - ◇ Stops include - Scarborough Town Centre, Guildwood GO Station, FreshCo, Masaryktown
- TTC has installed physical stop pads and markers along Brimorton Drive to improve accessibility and awareness of this route. Visit <https://www.ttc.ca/routes-and-schedules/406/0> to plan your trip.

### **Community Safety Network Tables:**

Strengthening community safety is a shared responsibility, and our office remains committed to being an active partner in that work. Each month, we participate in three Community Safety Network Tables, which bring together local residents, community organizations, City divisions, and partner agencies to discuss emerging issues and coordinate solutions.

These tables provide an important forum for residents to:

- Raise local concerns affecting safety, well-being, and quality of life
- Hear updates on initiatives our office and the City are advancing
- Share events and programs that support neighbourhood safety
- Collaborate with partners who are working to strengthen their communities

By attending these meetings, our office ensures that resident feedback is heard directly, responses are coordinated across City divisions, and neighbourhood-specific issues receive timely attention.

If you are interested in attending a Safety Table meeting or would like to learn more about how they work, please contact our office at [Councillor Ainslie\\_CO@toronto.ca](mailto:Councillor Ainslie_CO@toronto.ca). We will gladly provide meeting details and answer any questions.

**Scarborough Subway Extension Updates can be found at:** [Scarborough Subway Extension - Latest updates](#) If you have concerns or questions, please email: [ScarboroughSubwayExtension@metrolinx.com](mailto:ScarboroughSubwayExtension@metrolinx.com)



**Had an amazing time at the 43 Division CPLC Picnic!**

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**[Traffic Calming Requests](#)**

Approved speed humps for the community will be installed 2026-2027 on the following streets: Lynnbrook Road, Ben Stanton Boulevard and Benshire Drive.

### **New Traffic Calming Request**

I have received a request for speed humps on Stoneton Drive to address speeding concerns. To move forward in requesting a study, community support from residents who reside on Stoneton Drive is needed. Please contact my office at [councillor\\_ainslie\\_co@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_ainslie_co@toronto.ca) / 416-396-7222 to provide your feedback.

### **Brimorton Drive Roadway Improvements**

Work on this project is anticipated to begin in the fall of 2026. Work is to include road repaving and repairs to damaged sidewalks and improvements to intersections, pedestrian crossings, and school zones.

### **Cedar Ridge Community & Cornell Community**

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### **Cornell Park Splashpad Update - Exciting news!**

A new splash pad is coming to Cornell Park, along with playground upgrades: engineered wood fibre surfacing, resurfacing the basketball court with an addition of two new hoops, creation of a multi-use court to replace the volleyball area, improved hockey rink features, added seating, and a shade structure beside the splashpad. Completion is anticipated for the summer of 2027. [Find more information here.](#)

### **Traffic Calming Updates**

Approved speed humps for the community are in the process of being installed (some already completed) on the following streets: Marcella Street, Confederation Drive, Van Allan Road, Stevenvale Road, Beran Drive, Kollar Drive, Holmfirth Terrace, Stevenwood Drive and Palacky Street.

**Thank you to everyone who attended the Cornell barbecue, and a special thank-you to all the volunteers and everyone who attended!**

### **The Coronation and West Hill Community**

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**I would like to thank everyone from the Coronation/West Hill community for coming out to my Town Hall at St. Martin de Porres Catholic School.**

### **Update from Deputy Mayor Ainslie's Community Meeting**

Thank you to all the residents who attended the community Town Hall meeting. Your engagement and thoughtful questions made the conversation meaningful.

My office is communicating with TTC on your comments on the 225 Morningside route and the bus stop at Rodda. Additionally, a letter was mailed out to the homes on Payzac Avenue asking residents to share their feedback with my office on the request for speed humps on the street

All residents are encouraged to report traffic and community concerns to Toronto Police for their awareness and enforcement by calling the non-emergency number at 416-808-2222 or [reporting online](#).

### **Allstars Community Outreach – new walk program for Eastview Public School!**

We are pleased to share a new initiative by All-Stars Community Outreach designed to support our local families. Now offering a supervised walking program for students attending Eastview Public School.

Trusted adult supervisors, all of whom have completed police background checks, meet participating children at 4301 Kingston Road each morning and walk them to school. In the afternoon, they walk the children back to the apartments after dismissal.

Safety First: To ensure a safe and supportive journey, introductions are arranged in advance so that every child is comfortable with their walking supervisor. Interested? If you would like your child to participate, please reach out to Angela at (647) 769-5900 via text for registration details. Visit [this link](#) for more information

### **Curran Hall Community**

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## **Traffic Amendments on Orton Park Road adopted at Scarborough Community Council May 28, 2026**

Following the meeting with members of St. Mark's United Church, George B Little PS, Traffic Operations and Toronto Police, Traffic Operations reported on the new traffic operations to make the street safer:

### **The following recommendations will be implemented:**

- A prohibition of u-turns for northbound and southbound traffic between Merkley square and Ladysbridge Drive (north intersection)
- Prohibiting westbound left turns at all times at Orton Park Road and the driveway access at 125 Orton Parks Road (school driveway)
- Prohibit movements at all times to Brimorton Drive at Orton Park Road from the driveway access at 125 Orton Park Road (school driveway)
- Prohibit stopping, Monday to Friday, on the east side of Orton Park Road on either side of the driveway to St. Mark's

Additionally, due to the unfortunate recent traffic incidents, various divisions within Transportation Services and Toronto Police are conducting a high-level review of Orton Park Road to ensure that there are no immediate safety deficiencies that need to be added.

## **Guildwood Village Community**

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### **New Sidewalk for Scarborough Golf Club Road from Kingston Road to Hill Crescent**

As part of the City's Missing Sidewalk Program, a new sidewalk is currently planned for Scarborough Golf Club Road from Kingston Road to Hill Crescent.

This segment of Scarborough Golf Club Road is also proposed to include a speed limit reduction to 30km/h, speed humps and cycling wayfinding (pavement markings and signage) to connect the planned bikeways on Kingston Road and Scarborough Golf Club Road to the existing signed waterfront trail route in the neighbourhood.

### **Guildwood Village Neighbourhood Character Guidelines**

Our long-term efforts to protect the unique urban fabric of our community reached a major milestone. Following a direct motion, I brought forward, the City's Urban Design and Community Planning staff conducted a detailed Neighbourhood Character Analysis to establish clear, tailored design guidelines for Guildwood Village, in conjunction with gathering vital community feedback during our public open houses and working with the community association. Staff brought forward the final document to Scarborough Community Council where it was unanimously approved, it will now be at City Council on June 24-25, 2026 for final approval which will ensure that new developments in Guildwood complement and preserve the distinctive heritage and physical character of our neighborhood.

### **Toronto Hydro Work in Your Community**

Toronto Hydro will be upgrading the electrical distribution in your community to improve the reliability of your electrical service. This includes upgrading the overhead electrical cables and replacing hydro poles on City-owned property. The project area includes a section of Morningside Avenue, south of the rail tracks to Guildwood Parkway. Work is anticipated to occur between June and October 2026. Residents can reach out to Toronto Hydro with questions at 416-542-3366

[/capitalprojects@torontohydro.com](mailto:capitalprojects@torontohydro.com) quoting project number P-230000-ED151001.

## **Scarborough Centre Community**

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### **Lee Centre Park Improvements**

Upcoming and ongoing work includes:

- Installation of an armourstone seat wall around the playground areas
- Replacement of wood chips with engineered wood fibre playground surfaces
- Placement of armourstone between trees on the south side of the park to act as a protective barrier
- Creation of a new seating area featuring Muskoka chairs and a mini library

These improvements are intended to make the park safer, more welcoming, and more enjoyable for residents of all ages.

### **40 Bushby Drive (Housing Now Initiative)**

A city-initiated development application for the current Green P parking lot at 40 Bushby Drive has been resubmitted. Located directly adjacent to the future Scarborough Centre Subway Station, the proposal replaces the existing parking lot with three residential towers. This transit-supportive development will deliver 1,695 purpose-built rental homes with a dedicated portion of affordable housing, indoor and outdoor amenity space, ground-floor commercial space, and new public green space. For any questions, please contact my office or planner on file Carl Geiger, (416) 392-7544, [carl.geiger@toronto.ca](mailto:carl.geiger@toronto.ca)

### **Scarborough Subway Extension**

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### **The Scarborough Village Community**

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### **Soccer for All mini-pitch Open at Scarborough Village Park!**

The Grand Opening of the *Scarborough Village Park Soccer for All Legacy* mini pitch took place last month. It was an honour to host and see the community excitement creating more opportunities for people of all ages to play, learn and connect through sport!



I was proud to host the announcement and opening of the first Soccer for All Legacy mini pitch at Scarborough Village Park!

### [Seven Oaks Community](#)

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### **Update from Deputy Mayor Ainslie's Community Meeting**

Thank you to all the residents who attended the community meeting. Your participation and insightful questions helped foster a meaningful and productive discussion.

All residents are encouraged to report traffic and community concerns to Toronto Police for their awareness and enforcement by calling the non-emergency number at 416-808-2222 or [reporting online](#). Residents are encouraged to share their concerns with the removal of automated speed cameras with MPP Andrea Hazell at 416-281-2787 / [ahazell.mpp.ca@liberal.ola.org](mailto:ahazell.mpp.ca@liberal.ola.org).

My staff have requested Transportation Services to do a review of the timing of the lights on Neilson Road from Ellesmere Road to Sheppard Avenue to address reported traffic congestion.

### **Traffic Calming Requests**

Studies for the requests for speed humps on Pineslope Crescent and Highcastle Road have been completed, and Traffic Operations are reporting that speed humps for both streets are warranted. These items will need to be approved at Scarborough Community Council in July. Residents can monitor the committee page at [Scarborough Community Council- July 9, 2026](#) to submit comments once the agenda has been released.



I had the privilege of celebrating the incredible volunteers of Seven Oaks Long-Term Care Home

### **South Cedarbrae Community**

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### **Update on the new Grant Faulkner Park**

New park amenities, including a playground, soccer fields, a cricket cage, seating, a new shade structure, a new parking lot, accessible benches, picnic tables and pathways, are coming to Grant Faulkner Park, with construction starting Summer 2026 and opening planned for the fall.

### **Traffic Calming Requests**

A study for the request of speed humps on Greencedar Drive has been initiated. Approved speed humps are being installed on the following streets: Crusader Street, Banmoor Boulevard, and Farmbrook Road.

### **Woburn Community**

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### **Update on the request for Traffic Calming on Painted Post Drive between Markham Road and Scarborough Golf Club Road**

The study for the request for speed humps on Painted Post Drive has been completed, and Traffic Operations are reporting that speed humps are warranted. This item will need to be approved at Scarborough Community Council in July. Residents can monitor the committee page at [Scarborough Community Council- July 9, 2026](#) to submit comments once the agenda has been released.

### **Brimorton Drive Roadway Improvements**

Work on this project is anticipated to begin in the fall of 2026. Work will include road repaving and repairs to damaged sidewalks and improvements to intersections, pedestrian crossings, and school zone improvements.

## **Woburn Park Playground**

The new playground at Woburn Park is now complete, allowing residents the opportunity to enjoy this new amenity ahead of the summer season. Thank you for your patience during the construction.

## **New Playground Upgrades**

The City will be upgrading the playgrounds at Lusted Park and Densgrove Park. Please see the website for Densgrove, and Lusted Parks. There is a section for the public to sign up to receive email updates. Construction is anticipated to take place Fall of 2026. Residents can reach out to Wendy Li, the project coordinator, with questions at 416-392-1941 / [Wendy.Li@toronto.ca](mailto:Wendy.Li@toronto.ca).

## **High-Rise Communities and Neighbourhoods**

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## **RentSafeTO: Information for Tenants**

**Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC)- Concerns?** Call the Community Safety Unit at 416-921-2323 to report noise disturbances, loitering, trespassing, or other safety-related issues.

**RentSafeTO, also known as Apartment Building Standards,** is a City of Toronto bylaw that enforces maintenance standards in apartment buildings with three or more storeys and ten or more units.

If you experience issues such as pests, inadequate heat, plumbing problems, water leaks, or concerns in shared/common areas, you should first contact your property owner or manager to submit a service request. [RentSafeTO for Building Owners – City of Toronto](#)

Property owners are required to respond:

- Within 24 hours for urgent issues, such as no heat or no water
- Within seven days for non-urgent issues

If the property owner does not take action and the problem continues, contact 311 and request support from the RentSafeTO team, and please advise my office as well.

## **Tenant Rights and Responsibilities Support Resources**

Below are resources about Tenant Rights:

- City-funded Housing Help Centres to help with avoiding evictions and keeping housing [here](#).
- City-funded Financial Support (including RentBank, a one-time interest-free loan to help with making rent) [here](#).
- FMTA Tenant Hotline (advice, referrals, frequent questions): 416-921-9494

“The Guide to Tenants' Rights” (is available in 12 languages) [here](#).

## **Tower Renewal Grant & Financing Opportunities**

If you own or operate an older residential building that is three or more storeys, you may be eligible for grants or financing through the City of Toronto's Tower Renewal programs. Programs include:

- **Taking Action on Tower Renewal (TATR)** Financial and technical support to improve energy efficiency, reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions without negatively impacting affordability for tenants.
- **High-Rise Retrofit Improvement (HiRIS)** Offers up to \$2.5 million in low-cost financing for energy and water efficiency upgrades to supports improvements.
- **Sustainable Towers Engagement People (STEP)** No-cost support to building owners and

property managers to help reduce operating costs and improve residents' quality of life. More information is available on the City's website at [toronto.ca/TowerRenewal](https://toronto.ca/TowerRenewal)

### **Get on the list – Report it!**

If you have an issue with your TCHC unit or building, it must be reported to the Client Care Centre at 416-981-5500 right away. (You may send an email to [help@torontohousing.ca](mailto:help@torontohousing.ca) if it's not an emergency) When repairs are needed, especially to your unit, please make sure you get an EasyTrac number from the call representative.

\*\*\* It is particularly important to remember not to finish the call unless you have your EasyTrac number\*\*\*

Get on the list! [See the maintenance and repair site here.](#)

Then track it on EasyTrac: [see more information.](#)

### **Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC)**

Concerned constituents may call the TCHC's **Community Safety Unit at 416-921-2323** to report noise disturbances, loitering, trespassing, or other safety-related issues.

### **Supporting Tenants**

A [multilingual flyer](#) was delivered to all tenants at both buildings with information on how to contact [311](#), RentSafeTO, and our office. **Residents are encouraged to report unresolved issues to 311 so the City can investigate and take enforcement action where needed.**

### **RentSafeTO: New Colour-Coded Signs**

The RentSafeTO: Apartment Building Standards Program ensures tenants live in safe, well-maintained apartment buildings. Starting June 15, 2026, RentSafeTO building owners are required to display colour-coded signs that reflect building scores. This new colour-coded system aims to make building conditions more transparent and easier to understand, provide information about property maintenance standards and hold building owners accountable for bylaw violations. Learn more about the colour-coded signs on the City's webpage: [toronto.ca/RentSafeTOSigns](https://toronto.ca/RentSafeTOSigns)

### **New requirements for apartment buildings**

Extreme heat is a health risk – especially for seniors, people with disabilities, children and other vulnerable tenants living in apartment buildings. Starting June 1, 2026, RentSafeTO buildings that do not provide air conditioning in every unit are required to cool an existing indoor amenity space from June 1 to September 30 – maintaining a temperature of 26°C or below. Learn about the requirements at [toronto.ca/IndoorTemp](https://toronto.ca/IndoorTemp).

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**Scarborough-Guildwood Residents, The City of Toronto needs your voice and representation!**

**I encourage you to join City Boards, Committees and Tribunals to share your experience and expertise about your community. [City of Toronto Public Appointments – Get Involved!](#)**

### **My Calendar and Community Events - link to My Calendar**

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### **Community Events**

Many exciting events happening in the community!

## [The Cathedral Bluffs Symphony Orchestra's Concerts](#)

### **Applications Open for Summer Festival, Guild Alive with Culture**

**The Guild Alive with Culture Arts Festival** is gearing up for its 19th year and continues to thrive as one of Scarborough's signature summer events. This year, the Festival is happening July 25th and 26th. Artist applications are now open, offering creators an opportunity to display their work in the beautiful setting of Guild Park & Gardens. To participate as an artist, please follow the [Festival policies and complete the application](#). **We're also welcoming volunteers who help make this beloved community festival possible each year, [please sign up here](#).**

### **Join the Team at Guild Festival Theatre This Summer!**

Guild Festival Theatre (GFT) is gearing up for an exciting summer at the Greek Theatre in Guild Park, and we need your help to bring the stage to life. We are looking for local residents to join our vibrant community of volunteers for our performances and outreach activities this summer!

#### **Why Volunteer with GFT?**

- **Students:** A fun, outdoor way to log community service hours.
- **Theatre Lovers:** Enjoy free admission to our acclaimed performances.
- **Career Builders:** Gain behind-the-scenes experience with a professional arts organization.
- **Community Leaders:** Opportunities to join committees and help steer GFT's future strategy.

#### **Opportunities Include:**

- **Outreach:** Staffing booths at community events.
- **Performances:** Ushering and front-of-house for Brontë and Northanger Abbey.
- **Family Fest:** High-energy support for vendor assistance and activity booths at our signature event for children and families.

No previous experience is required! You'll be paired with our experienced "Super-Volunteer" leads who will show you the ropes.

Sign Up Today: [Sign-up Link](#). Questions? Visit [www.guildfestivaltheatre.ca/volunteer](http://www.guildfestivaltheatre.ca/volunteer) for more details.

## Summer Events at the Greek Theatre Guild Park & Gardens



### Season Launch Concert

featuring Nagata Shachu Taiko Drummers



July 4th  
**FREE EVENT**  
6:30pm Workshop  
7:00pm Performance

### Family Fest

Scarborough's Celebration of Kids and Creativity  
July 10-12 Free Performances and Activities



### Mainstage Productions

Scarborough's Summer Theatre



**Brontë:**  
**The World Without**  
July 17 - Aug 3

**Jane Austen's**  
**Northanger Abbey**  
Aug 7-23



For tickets and details visit  
[www.guildfestivaltheatre.ca](http://www.guildfestivaltheatre.ca)

## Public Markets Week – June 6 to 13

From June 6 to 13, Public Markets Week spotlights Toronto's more than 160 public markets, which support more than 4,000 urban and rural entrepreneurs. From farmers' markets to flea markets, Indigenous-led specialty markets and community fresh food markets, these spaces are vital hubs of entrepreneurship, innovation and local resilience. Learn more about public markets near you on the [City's Public Markets web page](#).

## Toronto's Video Game Month Returns

Video Game Month is back this June with more than 50 events taking place across Toronto, many of them free or low cost. From interactive exhibits to live performances, residents of all ages are invited to explore the creativity and innovation behind one of North America's largest game development hubs. Event highlights include:

- [Giant Video Games & Toronto Games Week Kickoff](#) (June 11): Play locally made games

projected onto the Canada Malting Silos at Bathurst Quay Common, with an outdoor arcade and food vendors.

- [The Beautiful Game: A Playable History of Soccer Video Games](#) (June 11–17): An interactive exhibit at the Royal Ontario Museum featuring playable soccer games from the past 50 years.
- [Intro to the Torontons Workshop](#) (June 13): A hands-on workshop at the University of Toronto's Bahen Centre introducing developers to custom arcade cabinets.
- [Rat Race: Soccer Fever Edition](#) (June 14): A citywide scavenger hunt through the PATH, starting at Union Station.
- Elden Ring Symphonic Adventure (June 26): A live concert at Roy Thomson Hall featuring the game's score performed by the Toronto Symphony Orchestra alongside immersive visuals.

A full list of events is available on the [City's website](#)

### Summer Events at Guild Park & Gardens

Enjoy a vibrant season of arts and culture at the Greek Theatre in Guild Park & Gardens with Guild Festival Theatre's summer lineup:

- **Season Launch Concert (July 4)** – Free event featuring Nagata Shachu Taiko Drummers, with a 6:30 p.m. workshop and 7:00 p.m. performance.
- **Family Fest (July 10–12)** – A weekend of free performances, workshops, and activities celebrating creativity for kids and families.
- **Brontë: The World Without (July 17–August 3)** – A captivating mainstage production inspired by the Brontë literary world.
- **Jane Austen's Northanger Abbey (August 7–23)** – A lively theatrical adaptation of Austen's beloved novel.

### Community Environment Day – Join Us!

Great news! Community Environment Days are coming to Ward 24! Please find event details below:

#### July 18, 2026 - [Community Environment Day #2 of 2](#)

Morningside Yard, 891 Morningside Ave (Enter from Pan Am Dr.)

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

#### June 20, 2026 - [Community Environment Day #1 of 2](#)

Centennial Recreation Centre - Scarborough, 1967 Ellesmere Road (enter from Dolly Varden Blvd.)

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

### Win Tickets to See Team Canada

Don't miss your chance to see Canada take on Bosnia-Herzegovina at BMO Field on June 12! Enter the *Love, Scarborough Soccer Sweepstakes* for a chance to win two tickets while supporting Scarborough hospitals and patient care. Entry packages are available, and the contest closes June 8 at 11:59 p.m.

[Visit the link.](#)

### Free Art Workshop Experience

**Date:** Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Time:** 10:00 am – noon

**Location:** Guild Park's Clark Centre for the Arts, 191 Guildwood Pkwy.

Free. Pre-registration required

Be inspired by Guild Park's art and nature. Have fun exploring your own creativity. Enjoy this active workshop, exclusively for seniors 55+. Includes a short outdoor park walk followed by hands-on paper

sculpting. Led by professional artist Carol Knowlton-Dority. No previous art experience required. All materials provided. Part of the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program. Hosted by Friends of Guild Park. Upcoming workshop dates: July 28, August 14, September 10. Advance registration and details at <https://www.friendsofguildpark.com/seniors>

### **Reminder - Pick-up Your Pre-Ordered Trees/Shrubs**

**Date:** Sat, June 13

**Time:** 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Location:** Guild Park's Sculptor's Cabin (near park flagpole)

For everyone who previously registered for the City of Toronto's native tree program. The trees will be available for pick-up at Guild Park's Sculptor's Cabin. Please bring your order receipt and, if possible, a non-perishable item to donate to the local food bank. A limited number of native wildflowers will be available for free – first-come, first-served. The maximum number of plants per person is two (one for each hand) so bring the kids! All trees and plant material must be picked up by 1:00 pm. A community project organized by volunteers of the Guildwood Butterflyway, Friends of Guild Park and the GVCA.

### **Free Welding Training for Skilled Newcomers**

Skills for Change is offering *WeldUp*, a free hybrid training program designed to help internationally trained welders build successful careers in Ontario. Participants can choose from two pathways depending on experience and gain hands-on training, workplace communication skills, and support with job searching. The program also provides valuable industry-recognized micro-credentials and the opportunity to earn Canadian Welding Bureau qualifications. Open to Ontario residents aged 18+ with prior welding experience and CLB 6+ English, this program is a great opportunity to upgrade skills and connect with employers in the skilled trades. If interested, please complete the [REGISTRATION FORM](#) or email [m.fahez@skillsforchange.org](mailto:m.fahez@skillsforchange.org) for more information.

### **Share the Harvest with Not Far From The Tree**

Not Far From The Tree (NFFTT) is helping turn unused backyard fruit into a community resource. Volunteers are matched with local tree owners to harvest surplus fruit, which is shared equally: one-third for the tree owner, one-third for volunteers, and one-third donated to community organizations such as food banks and neighbourhood fridges. Participation is accessible, with a \$10 seasonal fee for volunteer fruit pickers, no cost to join as a Pick Leader in Training, and a \$40 fee for tree owners after their fruit is harvested. These contributions help sustain the program and can be waived where needed. [Learn more here.](#)

### **Scarborough's biggest cultural celebration is here!**

**Join BGC East Scarborough from June 19-21 at the Toronto Zoo at the first ever Scarborough One Love Fest, a 3 day celebration of music, culture, food, community and diversity.**

**Day 1:** Opening Ceremony + Scarborough All Stars & World Dance showcase

**Day 2:** World Dance Showcase + Reggae Night featuring Luciano & Agent Sasco + Spectacular Drone Show

**Day 3:** World Music Showcase + Philippine Independence Celebration + Closing Ceremony

Food Vendors & local artisans all weekend

World Cup Soccer games screened live

@flow98.7 live on-air from the festival

**Location:** Toronto Zoo

**Date:** June 19-21

**Tickets \$10 to \$40 All Ages Welcome**

***Be part of history as we celebrate One Love. One Scarborough. One Community.***

[Get your ticket now](#)

### **Poplar Road Strawberry Festival Returns!**

Celebrate community spirit at the beloved Poplar Road Strawberry Festival, taking place on June 12, 2026, from 6:00–9:00 PM at Poplar Road Junior Public School in Guildwood. A cherished tradition since 1962, this family-friendly event continues to bring neighbours together while raising vital funds to support student programs and school initiatives.

In addition to enhancing opportunities for local students, the festival also gives back by donating a portion of its proceeds to a partner school, extending its impact beyond the community. Join in for an evening of fun, connection, and of course, delicious strawberries!

**TRCA events:** [TRCA Events Calendar - Fun In Nature](#)

[www.guildalivewithculture.ca](http://www.guildalivewithculture.ca)

[Guild Festival Theatre](#) Looking forward to 2026.

[Theatre Scarborough's Season](#)

[Scarborough Harmony Chorus](#)

### **Businesses & Services in the Community**

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### **BusinessTO Webinars & Events**

**For the full list of City of Toronto Programs and Resources:**

- [Business Support](#): An overview of financial assistance, online training and other business support resources offered by the City of Toronto.
- [Toronto Economic Dashboard](#): The online dashboard is updated weekly and provides a snapshot of Toronto's economy including data on financial, labour market, real estate and transportation-related activity.
- [Business licensing and permit application portal](#)
- [Digital Main Street](#): Provides support for businesses interested in adopting technologies.
- [Preventing COVID-19 in the Workplace](#): Guidelines of employers to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace.

[Resources for Businesses Reducing Single-Use and Takeaway Items](#): Supports for retail businesses in complying with the new Single-Use and Takeaway Items Bylaw now in effect

### **City of Toronto Business Webinars in May**

#### **Getting Started with Intellectual Property (IP): Why is IP Important?**

Wednesday, June 3, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. – [Register](#) (Free)

#### **Demystifying the Payment Ecosystem**

Thursday, June 4, from 10 to 11 a.m. – [Register](#) (free)

### **T1 General Small Business Tax Literacy**

Friday, June 5, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. – [Register](#) (Free)

### **Social Media for Your Business**

Tuesday, June 9 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. – [Register](#) (Free)

### **How to Start a Food Business: A General Overview**

Wednesday, June 10, from 10 to 11 a.m. – [Register](#) (Free)

### **Balancing Your Balance Sheet**

Thursday, June 11, from 10 to 11 a.m. – [Register](#) (Free)

### **The Importance of Paid Advertising in the Digital Space**

Tuesday, June 16, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. – [Register](#) (Free)

### **Incubators: How CQCC Can Help Your Business**

Thursday, June 18, from 10 to 11 a.m. – [Register](#) (Free)

### **Service Canada: Support Measures for Businesses in Labour Adjustment**

Wednesday, June 24, from 10 to 11 a.m. – [Register](#) (Free)

### **Financial Survival for Entrepreneurs**

Thursday, June 25, from 10 to 11 a.m. – [Register](#) (Free)

### **Search Engine Optimization: Understanding SEO Basics**

Tuesday, June 30 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. – [Register](#) (Free)

### **T1 General Small Business Tax Literacy**

Friday, July 3, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. – [Register](#) (Free)

### **Email Marketing for Small Businesses**

Tuesday, July 7, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. – [Register](#) (Free)

### **How to Do Business with the City of Toronto**

Wednesday, July 8, from 2 to 3 p.m. – [Register](#) (Free)

### **Accounting for Non-Profits: Understanding Financial Statements**

Thursday, July 9, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. – [Register](#) (Free)

### **[Scarborough Business Association \(SBA\)](#)**

### **[5n2 Food for All – fighting food inadequacy in Scarborough since 2013](#)**

### **Scarborough-Guildwood has many food security locations:**

- Please [click here](#) for a list of food banks in East Scarborough

### **[BGC East Scarborough - helping children, youth, families in East Scarborough](#)**

### **[EarlyON Child and Family Centres](#)**

- Galloway EarlyON Child and Family Centre (100 Galloway Road)

- Mornelle EarlyON Child and Family Centre (110 Mornelle Court - the main floor)
- Scarborough East EarlyON Child and Family Centre (62 Orchard Park Dr)

## [Ontario Early Years Programs](#)

### [The East Scarborough Storefront's KGO Updates: Community e-newsletter for Kingston-Galloway/Orton Park](#)

### [The Reading Partnership – Giving families the tool to help children learn to read](#)

## **Toronto Police Service**

### **Parking Issues and Traffic Complaints**

Residents are advised to contact Toronto Police Parking Enforcement regarding parking complaints at 416-808-6600.

### **Reporting Fraud**

If you are a victim of fraud, report the incident to your [local police](#) and to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre's [online reporting system](#) or by phone at 1-888-495-8501. Members of the public can also find further information or file a complaint with our partners at the Ontario Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery (MPBSD) and [Competition Bureau Canada](#).

Consumers can learn more at about the Consumer Protection Act, 2002 [here](#) or by calling the Ministry at 416-326-8800 or toll-free at 1-800-889-9768. Consumers can file a complaint [here](#).

### **Crime Stoppers**

The Toronto Police Service is asking anyone with information to contact them at [416-808-2222](#), Crime Stoppers anonymously at 416-222-TIPS (8477), [online](#) or text TOR and your message to CRIMES (274637).

### **Toronto Community Crisis Service (TCCS)**

If you or someone you know is 16+ and experiencing a mental health crisis, [TCCS](#) is a 24/7 service that sends trained crisis teams to support mental health crisis calls.

## **East End Arts**

[Sign up](#) for the East End Arts' monthly eNewsletter, or their youth monthly eNewsletter.

### **Connect with [Probus-Guildwood](#)!**

Probus-Guildwood is a social club for retirees of various backgrounds with \$25 initiation fee and \$25 for an annual membership. Join every second Wednesday of each month to listen to diverse speakers at 1:30PM at the **Guildwood Community Presbyterian Church, 140 Guildwood Pkwy**. Go [here](#) for their newsletters. Contact Alan at [alanburt@rogers.com](mailto:alanburt@rogers.com) or call 416-266-4682 for further details.

## **Services Available to you**

### [Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities \(SCHC\)](#)

### [Scarborough Community Renewal Organization \(SCRO\) – creating and realising bold visions to](#)

[renew Scarborough](#)

[Scarborough Women's Centre](#)

Senior Services: [Printable Directory of Services for Seniors and Caregivers](#)

## **Public Service Information, Grants & Projects**

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### **Get SET (Skills, Education and Training)-Pathways to Post Secondary Education**

Looking to continue your education but unsure where to start? United for Literacy is offering a free 5-week online workshop, *Pathways to Post-Secondary Education*, running every Tuesday from May 26 to June 23, 2026. This program is designed to help participants explore education options in Ontario, including college, university, bridging programs, and mature student pathways, while providing guidance on applications, transcript recognition, and exam preparation. With a personalized, supportive approach, attendees will build confidence in their math, reading, and writing skills and receive tailored support to take the next step in their educational journey. For more information or to register, contact [pverma@unitedforliteracy.ca](mailto:pverma@unitedforliteracy.ca) or call 416-276-0902.

### **Summer 2026 International Languages & African Heritage Program**

The TDSB's **Summer 2026 International Languages Elementary & African Heritage Program** runs **July 6–30, 2026** for students in **Senior Kindergarten (as of September 2026) to Grade 8**. Students can explore language and culture through fun, engaging activities, with no prior language experience required. A **\$20 materials fee** applies, and space is limited.

For more information and to register, visit this [website](#).

**The Federation of Public Libraries Advocacy Award** recognizes an individual, group, or organization whose advocacy has significantly advanced the mission, visibility, and value of public libraries. This award celebrates leadership, innovation, and meaningful impact in the promotion and defense of public libraries.

For details on nomination criteria and to access the nomination form, please visit the [awards website here](#). Deadline for submissions is **September 30, 2026**.

### **Register for the Trade Diversification Summit**

The City of Toronto is pleased to present the TradeTO – Trade Diversification Summit on Monday, June 15, at Toronto City Hall. Held during the FIFA World Cup 2026™ period, this full-day summit will bring together business leaders, policymakers, investors and trade experts to explore trade diversification, emerging markets, resilient supply chains and global growth opportunities for Toronto SMEs. Under the theme – Leveraging the FIFA World Cup to Expand Global Opportunities for Toronto SMEs – the event will provide valuable insights, practical tools and networking opportunities to support international business expansion. Please note that all applications to attend are subject to approval. [Register today](#).

### **Applications are open for the Commercial Space Renovation Grant Program**

The [Commercial Space Renovation Grant Program](#) supports small business recovery by offering 50 per cent matching grants up to \$20,000 for interior improvements. Funded by the [Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario](#), the program is open to street-level vacant units, spaces impacted by major transit projects, and past CERS recipients. Round two applications open June 1, at 9 a.m. and close June 5 at noon. Submissions are reviewed in the order received, and a waitlist will form if extra funding allows. [Learn more and apply here](#).

## **Seasonal Recruitment and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority**

TRCA offers seasonal positions that let you work outdoors, meet amazing people, and be part of something bigger! From lifeguarding at scenic parks to guiding visitors through nature, every day is a new adventure. Plus, you'll gain valuable skills and make lasting memories while contributing to your community. [Apply now and start your adventure](#)

**For the full list of Toronto's cultural and economic opportunities, subscribe to the [BusinessTO and CultureTO Newsletters](#).**

I hope you have found my monthly E-Newsletter useful and informative. If you have any suggestions on information, you would like included.... please let me know!

All my Best,  
Paul



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Tel: 416-392-4008

### **Scarborough Civic Centre**

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