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Dear Residents of Ward 43,

As the winter season draws closer please remember to visit my website for updated information on snow removal on our City streets and sidewalks. The forecast is estimating a long and cold winter.

Last year I started an initiative to introduce benefit cards to those who receive Ontario works assistants the reasoning was to save the City money as issuing cheques is quite expensive. I had read that many American City's had implemented this system and were seeing the financial benefits of the plan. Last July this was put in place in Toronto as the City Services Benefit Card. The benefit card – the first of its kind in Canada – will improve service and save the City of Toronto money. This is a good revenue saving tool with annual savings estimated at between \$2 million to \$5 million gross (\$1 million to \$2.5 million net). I am working hard at City Hall looking for ways to streamline City services to save the city money.

On October 15, 2012 my initiative to increase community fundraising for parks was heard at the Parks and Environment Committee. The report review opportunities to enable communities to suggest ideas and fundraise for park enhancement projects and to report on guidelines for the fundraising activities undertaken by community groups in support of park enhancement projects. The Parks General Manager has been directed to report back to the committee on January 29, 2013.

The item touches on the creation of clearer protocol and guidelines to enable communities to: bring forward new park enhancement requests or support previously approval projects by fundraising/donated for specific park enhancement projects, <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2012.PE16.2> please send me your comments.

The Toronto Zoo has been in the news quiet frequently, I have serviced on the Zoo Board since 2006 and have a passion for its governance to ensure it is run at its full potential. Fundraising has been a challenge. Most recently, there has been an initiative at City Hall to sell the Toronto Zoo. This has made our fundraising efforts extremely difficult, as well as the possibility of putting our Giant Panda exhibit at risk. This is why at City Council this week I introduced a motion to cancel the search for a private operator.

I believe that it would be proper for City Council to consider the Toronto Zoo board's proposal for a non-profit foundation to run the Toronto Zoo gradually ending its reliance on city funds. The operating costs sit at approximately \$11-million annually.

Sincerely,
Paul Ainslie

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1. Calendar

- Nov. 1, 2012 – True Patriot Love Dinner to honour members of the Canadian military and their families
- Nov. 2, 2012 – Brentwood Branch Public Library Re-opening
- Nov. 5, 2012 – Executive Committee
- Nov. 6, 2012 – Scarborough Community Council with evening session
- Nov. 6, 2012 – Guild Renaissance Group Meeting
- Nov. 6, 2012 – Coronation Community Association Annual General Meeting
- Nov. 8, 2012 – Meetings with Community Groups
- Nov. 8, 2012 – Community Meeting Morningside Park Re-Development Master Plan
- Nov. 11, 2012 – Remembrance Day Ceremony Kingston Road Cenotaph at Danforth Rd.
- Nov. 11, 2012 – Remembrance Day Ceremony Royal Canadian Legion Branch 258 - 45 Lawson Road
- Nov. 12, 2012 – Highland Creek Treatment Neighbourhood Liaison Committee
- Nov. 13, 2012 – Rouge Valley Centenary Hospital meeting
- Nov. 13, 2012 – Toronto Public Library Board Strategic Planning Steering Committee
- Nov. 13, 2012 – Community Police Liaison Committee Town Hall Meeting with Guest speaker Chief Bill Blair
- Nov. 13, 2012 – Guildwood Community Association Meeting
- Nov. 14, 2012 – Kingston Galloway Orton Park Safety Meeting
- Nov. 14, 2012 – University of Toronto Scarborough Campus Evening of Special Celebration
- Nov. 15, 2012 – Government Management Committee
- Nov. 16, 2012 – Striking Committee
- Nov. 16, 2012 – 43 Division CPLC Family Skate Day
- Nov. 17, 2012 – Cavalcade of Lights
- Nov. 19, 2012 – Executive Committee Special 2013 Rate-Supported Budget
- Nov. 20, 2012 – Toronto Zoo Human Resources Committee
- Nov. 20, 2012 – Public Community Meeting Pan Am Aquatic Centre Facility
- Nov. 21, 2012 – Neighbourhood Action Partnership Meeting
- Nov. 22, 2012 - Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo meeting
- Nov. 27, 2012 – Toronto City Council
- Nov. 27, 2012 – Local Planning Board meeting KGO
- Nov. 29, 2012 – Toronto Public Library Board Meeting
- Nov. 30, 2012 – Toronto Region Conservation Area

Events in our Community:

Nov. 8: 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. Morningside Park Master Plan update at the Millar Lash House, 130 Old Kingston Rd.

Nov 10: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 20th Annual Christmas Bazaar at St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, 3817 Lawrence Avenue East (Just East of Scarborough Golf Club Road)

Nov. 11: 11 a.m. Remembrance Day Ceremony Kingston Road Cenotaph at Danforth Rd.

Nov. 11: 1:30 p.m. Remembrance Day Ceremony Royal Canadian Legion Branch 258 - 45 Lawson Road

Nov. 12: 7 p.m. Highland Creek Treatment Plant Meeting

Nov 13: 7 pm - 9 pm: 43 Community Police Liaison Committee Town Hall Meeting , in conjunction with the officers of 43 Division, will be holding a Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, at Scarborough Village Community Centre. Police Chief William Blair will be the guest speaker. Everyone is invited to attend.

Nov. 16: 12 noon – 2 pm: Skate Day Hosted by the 43 Division Community Police Liaison Committee. Scarborough Village Community Centre

Nov. 17: Annual Police Toy Drive Starts, 43 Division Police Station @ 4331 Lawrence East New toys can be dropped off at the Police Station.

Nov. 17: 7 p.m. The 46th annual Cavalcade of Lights will kick off the holiday season at Nathan Phillips Square. Musical performances by pop/rock vocalist Suzie McNeil, R&B artist Sean Jones and rising star Alyssa Reid. Throughout the celebration, the public will be able to visit the 100th Grey Cup Festival tent to have photographs taken with the Grey Cup. http://www.toronto.ca/special_events/cavalcade_lights/2012/post.htm.

Dec. 8: 9 a.m. – 12 noon: Breakfast with Santa at Heron Park Community Centre Hosted by City of Toronto Parks & Rec. and Local Community Groups.

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2. Seven Oaks

Seven Oaks Park Play Equipment Opening

We had a wonderful opening of the Seven Oaks playground this summer, many families came out and celebrated the new playground. There is still some time to enjoy the park before the winter. I invite you to enjoy your wonderful community parks and new amenities this equipment is located just south of the Tennis Courts in Seven Oaks Park.

Community Signs

New Seven Oaks Community Signs have been installed in your neighbourhood. The signs are meant to enhance the community and show pride as visitors enter Seven Oaks. I hope you enjoy the new signs which will feature oak leaves and welcome you and visitors into Seven Oaks.

Highcastle Public School

The Toronto District School Board held a public meeting on September 13, to discuss the renovations and addition to the existing building. Information was handed out at the meeting, if you have any questions or concerns please contact your local trustee Jerry Chadwick directly at Jerry.Chadwick@tdsb.on.ca.

Transportation Services 2012 Capital Projects in your Community

Date Received at City: July 26, 2012
Inquirer: Public via 3-1-1
Location: Keeler Blvd (Cindy Nicholas Dr)
Issue: TI-NGHB08 ALL-WAY STOP SIGN CONTROLS
Investigation No: D12-4904981

Date Received at City: September 21, 2012
Inquirer: Public via 3-1-1 (through Councillor's office)
Location: Military Trail / Morningside Avenue
Issue: Pedestrian Issues/Timing/Delays
Investigation No: D12-5007895

Trucks Please Avoid Using "Air Brakes" signs on Morningside Ave prior to Tams Rd

My request for the installation of signs & markings at Morningside Ave prior to Tams Rd to advise trucks not to use their air brakes has been approved. The request was made for both the southbound and northbound approaches to the intersection.

Once installed, it is hoped that the warning signs will inform approaching motorists of the nearby residential area and thereby operate their vehicles in a safe and courteous manner.

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3. Curran Hall Community

website: <http://www.curranhall.ca/>

St. Marks United Church Beautification Project

The City of Toronto worked with St. Marks United Church to implement a beautification project. The project has been very well received and includes 2 benches and a hard surface. 300 daffodil bulbs were planted onsite on Sunday October 14, 2012 to complete the project. This project has enhanced the church property to encourage residents to sit and enjoy the site. Thank you to City Staff and to the board at St. Marks.

Neighbourhood Greening Plan developed for the area around Morningside Park

In February and April, TRCA, City of Toronto, and community partners (Centennial College, Curran Hall Community Association, and others) hosted a series of Neighbourhood Greening workshops in each of our three pilot project areas, including the Morningside Park area, to gather residents' input on ways to green their neighbourhoods and to help identify priority projects. Led by a design team from The Planning Partnership, the workshops were a key step in the development of Neighbourhood Greening Plans for the project. Ideas ranged from improved trail connections, to community gardens, to forest enhancement projects, to lot level storm water management solutions.

For example a group of residents from each of the three pilot project areas are coming together to form a 'Green Team' to help take projects from concept to implementation.

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4. Coronation and West Hill Community

Website: <http://www.coronationca.com/>

Kingston Road

We will be reconstructing the planters in front of 4187 Kingston Road as the area is in need of a clean up to enhance the community. The old wooden boxes will be repaired and replanted. The private business owners have agreed to water the plants which will allow the plants to flourish. There will also be other reconstructing projects taking place on Kingston Road including the southwest corner of Galloway Rd and Kingston Rd. The work is scheduled to take place in the Spring of 2013.

East Scarborough Boys & Girls Club (ESBGC) Landscaping Project

I would like to inform you that Parks Forestry and Recreation Capital Projects plans to undertake a Landscaping Project at the rear side of the East Scarborough Boys & Girls Club.

The main objective of this project is to create a courtyard space for outdoor programs. The City's In-house consultant is working on the final design and tender documents. Tender call will be issued by mid December 2012.

We anticipate that the construction work will be carried out between April 15 and May 31, 2013.

Traffic Study Requests

Our Transportation Division receives many traffic requests from residents all the requests are reviewed and reported on. At this time the following request has been received:

Date Received at City: July 23, 2012

Inquirer: Public via 3-1-1

Location: 2867 Ellesmere Rd

Issue: TI-PRK16 GENERAL PARKING REGULATIONS

Investigation No: D12-4897716

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5. Cedar Ridge Community & Cornell Community

Public Meeting in Cornell Park for Proposed Ball Court

A community meeting was held on July 19, 2012 to discuss a proposed ball court for Cornell Park. The well attended

meeting was very supportive of the new play feature. Residents are continuing to speak to staff on the location of the ball court and any issues they preserve may occur with the installation.

As the City wants to get it right, we welcome your comments on this project. The project lead is Alice Wong, If you should have any questions or would like to see the proposed plan please contact my office councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca, or Alice Wong at AWWONG@toronto.ca

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6. Guildwood Village

Guildwood Village Community Association website: www.guildwood.on.ca

The Guild Renaissance Group (GRG): <http://guildrenaissancgroup.com/>

Guild park & Gardens Bickford Residence Call for Potential Proponents:

On Friday November 2, 2012 the Guild Inn request for proposal was released to the public.

The Guild Park Advisory Committee last met on September 1. Consultant Cameron Hawkins, and City staff who have been working with the committee, formed by Councillor Ainslie in 2007 discussed the process and timelines associated with documents release. Now that the request has been released proponents will have 6 weeks to put forward their interest, our aim is to have a proponent awarded shortly after.

If you wish to view the document please log onto the site with your information, you will then be able to download the document.

<https://wx.toronto.ca/inter/pmmd/calls.nsf/0/C15D951ACCF3BEA285257AAA00519DCC?OpenDocument> - you may have to copy and paste this into your web browser.

Cultural Precinct Landscape Architect

Will remain under the jurisdiction of the City's Economic Development division, to ensure that the landscaping is compatible with the Guild Inn revitalization project it would be best if the projects were done concurrently to ensure that it is cohesive in nature.

Hydro Overhead – Project Livingston Pole Relocation

Toronto Hydro of the Livingston Pole Relocation project designed to improve the electricity system in the Ward. Toronto Hydro has advised that they will advise residents of the project in advance.

This project is expected to start in December 2012 with an approximate completion date of January 2013. The boundaries include Westlake Road (North), Galloway Road (East), Livingston Road (South), and Rowatson Road (West).

A general notification letter describing the project was sent to approximately 232 customers in the project area. Link ([Toronto Hydro notice](#)).

If you have any questions, please contact the Toronto Hydro PowerUp office at 416-542-3366 or capitalprojects@torontohydro.com.

Guild Alive with Culture Arts Festival.

The arts festival held on the grounds of the Guildwood Park and Gardens is part of my commitment to bring visitors to the grounds to showcase the jewel of our community. I hope you had a chance to come out and support the community by attending on one of the days to view the many booths, enjoy the music and take in the new addition by the Olde Stone Cottage Pub, owned by one of you Guildwood neighbours. I would like to thank my staff who along with their regular duties worked diligently in the planning of the festival as well as working during the festival to ensure the festival was a success. The festival is planned by a committee made up of my staff, the members of the Guild Renaissance Group and Guildwood Village residents, if you would like to be involved in next year's festival please contact adinovo@toronto.ca.

Halloween Event

Many children braved the weather on Saturday October 27 to enjoy the Guild Halloween Haunt. I was pleased to co-sponsor the event with the Guildwood Village Community Association to bring this event to the community which featured a costume competition for the children and pets. Halloween treats, pumpkin carving and apple bobbing was enjoyed by all.

Anemometer

Toronto Hydro removed the anemometer on August 25, 2012. Early this summer I had sent a letter to the Toronto Hydro Corporation, requesting they ensure the process be put in motion to remove the anemometer, and to provide regular updates on the decommissioning of it. The removal of the anemometer along with the Province of Ontario's announcement for a moratorium on offshore wind, issued in February 2011 is a victory for all of us. I have stressed to Toronto Hydro to release the data collected over the last two years. They have reported that they will make the information public in the next few months, when they compile the data with the other two agencies they have been working with. I have continued to request that the raw data be made available to the public.

Traffic Study Requests

Our Transportation Division receives many traffic requests from residents all the requests are reviewed and reported on. At this time the following request has been received:

Date Received: August 7, 2012
Inquirer: Resident
Location: Toynbee Trail and Dearham Wood
Issue: Investigate Regulatory Signs
Investigation #: D12-4922547

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7. The Residents Rising Community Association

Each year the City sends out notices to landlords and tenants of rental residential properties where the property taxes have decreased by more than 2.49%. Tenants are permitted to reduce their rents after December 31, 2012 as a result of this decrease, and the notices explain how to calculate the rent reduction amount.

Notices to landlords of 4,817 properties will be mailed out on September 10, 2012. Notices to their tenants (135,130 units) will be sent out by December 15, 2012.

The Landlord and Tenant Board has a telephone information line (416-645-8080) for inquiries about the rules for calculating rent reductions, exemptions, application to the Board for a rent reduction when the tax decrease is 2.49% or less, application for varying the amount of rent reductions, and application for above-guideline rent increases. Information is also available on their website, <http://www.ltb.gov.on.ca>.

Residents may call 311 who will respond to inquiries on the notice. Multilingual assistance is available through this service.

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8. Mornelle Court Resident's Action Coalition

Mornelle Court Residents Action Coalition...Working together to make a change... Be the Change you want to See...
www.mornellecourt.webs.com
Mornellecourtcoalition@yahoo.ca
[mornellecourt@facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/mornellecourt)

Mornelle Court Mobile Good Food Market

The **Mobile Good Food Market** truck will be at Mornelle Court every Wednesday from 1:30-2:30 will be on site throughout the Fall and Winter.

After School Program and Walk to School Program

The Mornelle Coalition continues to offer support to their community through the after school program held at Military School Public School as well as the safe walk program for children attending Military Trail Public School.

Both programs have been a great success enticing other TCHC communities to implement these programs into their neighbourhood as well. The Mornelle community has done a fantastic job volunteering their time and energy to ensure that these programs thrive.

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9. Council Highlights

Council Highlights

City Council meeting of October 2, 3 and 4, 2012

Council Highlights is an informal summary of decisions made by Toronto City Council. The City Clerk provides the formal documentation at <http://www.toronto.ca/council>.

City of Toronto's Public Appointments

Council adopted recommendations of the City of Toronto's Ombudsman to improve the administration of the City's public appointments policy. In addition, Council voted in support of a motion to consider staggering the timing of board appointments. Staggering the timing of appointments would mean not all members of a board could be replaced at the same time. That would maintain some continuity of membership across Council terms.

Sale of Enwave Energy

Council approved the sale of the City's stake as a major shareholder in Enwave Energy Corporation. The purchaser is a partnership sponsored by Brookfield Asset Management. Individual councillors' motions proposing where to allocate the City's estimated net proceeds of about \$168 million were referred to the Budget Committee for discussion.

Future of the Toronto Zoo

Council adopted a motion directing the City Manager to cancel a Request for Expressions of Interest concerning options for the Toronto Zoo that was issued on October 1. Council called for further consideration of the zoo's governance, and requested that the City Manager report to the Executive Committee in January 2013.

Separated bike lanes on Sherbourne Street

Council adopted rules/specifications for the separated bike lanes now being installed on Sherbourne Street - including setting driver fines of \$150 for blocking a separated bike lane. Council also adopted a motion addressing the coordinated installation of the Sherbourne Street bike lanes and the removal of bike lanes from Jarvis Street. The motion specifies that removal of the Jarvis lanes is to be funded from the Transportation Services budget, not from the City's cycling budget.

Port Lands Revitalization Strategy

Council adopted guidelines provided by the Port Lands Acceleration Initiative for moving forward with the revitalization of Toronto's Port Lands. The acceleration initiative involved City staff, Waterfront Toronto and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority working together over the past year, and included public consultation. The work refined the approach to flood protection, and provided a financial plan for revitalization that is practical and implementable.

Amendments to Council's Code of Conduct

Council adopted recommendations from the City's Integrity Commissioner that will amend the Code of Conduct complaint protocol for members of Council to be consistent with recent changes to the Public Inquiries Act and the Constituency Services and Office Budget Policy. The amendments that are tied to the Public Inquiries Act also pertain to members of the City's local and adjudicative boards.

Single-Use Plastic Shopping Bags

Council adopted a deferral motion that includes providing consultation opportunities for the retail industry as well as deputation opportunities on a draft bylaw banning Toronto retailers' provision of single-use plastic carry-out bags. Council deferred its discussion of the matter to its next scheduled meeting, November 27/28. A separate motion to reopen Council's original decision on single-use bags failed to obtain the required number of votes to reopen the matter. The findings of the consultations and deputations will be provided to Council for its November meeting, when the draft bylaw is scheduled to be considered for enactment.

Future Options for Casa Loma

Council authorized the Casa Loma Corporation Board to undertake a Request for Proposal process to find a new operator of Casa Loma. The operator, leasing Casa Loma from the City, will be required to maintain public access, respect the heritage of the land and buildings, and invest in maintenance of the buildings. The City will also solicit expressions of interest concerning the portion of the property that includes a hunting lodge and stables.

Wayfinding system for Toronto

Council adopted the vision and principles presented in the "Toronto 360° Wayfinding Strategy" report and approved the next step - consisting of two pilot projects for multimodal wayfinding. A wayfinding system helps people to find their way by a variety of means including signs, maps and new media, as well as elements of the public realm such as lighting, street furniture and public art. The wayfinding system is expected to enhance tourism by making Toronto a more walkable city.

Bus Lanes on Don Valley Parkway

Council approved plans to increase the availability of bus bypass lanes on portions of the Don Valley Parkway (DVP). The bus lanes are for exclusive use by GO Transit and TTC vehicles. City staff reported that bus bypass lanes established in portions of the north DVP in 2010 have proven effective. The bus bypass lanes are a response to heavy traffic on the DVP that adversely affects GO Transit and TTC bus service.

Sterling Road Traffic Control

Council authorized the replacement of a pedestrian crossover with traffic control signals at the intersection of Dundas Street West and Sterling Road. That location was the site of a fatality last November, when a cyclist was hit by a truck turning onto Dundas Street. In addition to installing traffic lights, a "no right turn on red light" prohibition will be established for traffic approaching Dundas Street on Sterling Road.

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10. "Wishes for the Holidays" Winter Hamper program.

As in years past, Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities is offering our "Wishes for the Holidays" Winter Hamper program.

Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities (SCHC) has served over 1,000 households twice a month at the food bank. This year, they are pleased to be open and accepting new clients on our regularly scheduled days (Wednesdays & Fridays) throughout the holiday season. It has been recognized how important it is to have this service available to the community, particularly during the winter months. The food bank will offer our regular provision of food with some extra holiday treats! It will be closed December 24, 2012-January 2, 2013 but starting in January, the food bank will be open three days per week!

Over the last 16 years they have helped over 16,400 individuals and families by providing Winter Hampers. This program is funded through generous donations from individuals and community groups. Households that have accessed our food bank between January - October 1st, 2012, that live in our catchment area, and have demonstrated financial need are eligible for a Winter Hamper.

Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities continues to need your help to support the 1,000 individuals and families who will need a Winter Hamper. To find out more about how you can help, please contact them directly at **416-847-4141 or 416 847 4142.**

Volunteers are needed to help us sort donations and pack Winter Hampers!

Thank you for your continued support and look forward to making this holiday season special for our community.

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11. School Bus Safety Tips From CAA

Help children get to school safely

The CAA School Safety Patrol program was developed over 80 years ago to help children stay safe while travelling to and from school everyday. The Patrollers involved in the program volunteer their time each year to keeping the children and their community safe. Today more than 800,000 children rely on school buses.

Here's how you can help keep children safe:

Every time you see a stopped school bus with flashing red lights, you must stop, regardless of the direction you're travelling. (The only exception is on highways separated by a median. The traffic coming from the opposite direction is not required to stop.)

Don't move until the red lights stop flashing and the bus begins to move.

Remember, the penalty for not stopping for a school bus is a fine of up to \$2,000 and 6 demerit points.

Let's keep children safe by reporting unsafe drivers

If you witness a driver who doesn't stop for a school bus, safely pull over and record everything you can remember about the incident:

Location, date and time

Make, model, colour and licence plate

Confirm that the bus was yellow with "school bus" written on both ends

Size of the bus (small or large)

Status of the bus (stopped or moving)

Red flashing lights (on or off)

Children boarding or exiting the bus

Driver passed from the front or from behind the bus

Immediately contact police by phone or in person and provide as much information as you can, including the names of any witnesses or photographs.

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12. Community Bus for Scarborough East

I have been notified that the TTC will be discussing our request for a community bus along with requests from other neighbourhoods across Toronto.

The Chief Engineer for Operations Planning has suggested that the most efficient way for the community to provide **input** to staff on "Why KGO needs a Community Bus and why or needs are unique". Please send your emails and letters directly to my office.

Your comments will be sent to the Chief Engineer who will then pass them directly to the staff working on the assessment of our Community Bus requests.

Attend the Toronto Transit Commission meeting! I will advise you when this item is tabled to give you an opportunity to speak or send further letters of support.

Please send me your letters on "Why KGO needs a Community Bus and why or needs are unique"

All comments should be sent under the heading "we need a Ward 43 community bus" to my office at councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca or fax 416-392-4006.

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13. City of Toronto Visitor Services - *We've been Expecting You* Program.

<http://www.toronto.ca/wbey/newsletter/index.htm>

The Visitor Services Unit is the part of the Economic Development and Culture division at the City of Toronto that works alongside Tourism Toronto with a goal that both residents and visitors have experience a positive "Welcome to Toronto" and are able to discover the scope of opportunities available from the city.

We've Been Expecting You Program (WBEY): www.toronto.ca/wbey/

"We've Been Expecting You" (WBEY) is a hospitality excellence initiative that consists of both a training program for people who may come into contact with visitors and a messaging program targeting visitors to make them feel more welcome and refer them to visitor information tools.

WBEY Monthly E-Newsletter

If you have not already done so, [SIGN UP](#) today for this monthly e-newsletter designed to provide information on upcoming events in the city. It is a great way to learn about what is happening across Toronto. If there are any upcoming events in your ward that you would like to include in the e-newsletter, you can contact us by email: visitorservices@toronto.ca.

Attached is a copy of the August newsletter <http://www.toronto.ca/wbey/subscribe.htm>

For other information on programs and services offered by the City of Toronto for visitors, please contact us at visitorservices@toronto.ca.

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14. Private Garbage Collection

Green for Life Environmental Corporation (GFL), the City Council-approved contractor, began daytime curbside waste collection today for the 165,000 Toronto homes west of Yonge Street to the Humber River.

The City expects to save approximately \$11.9 million in the first year of the contract (August 2012 to July 2013) and about \$11.1 million annually after July 2013.

The contract with GFL is for seven years (2012-2019), with an option to extend the contract for two additional one-year periods at the City's discretion. GFL also provides collection west of the Humber River in Etobicoke, having recently acquired Turtle Island, the previous contractor.

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15. Keep in Touch with 43 Division and Toronto Police Service

Emergency: 911

Non Emergency: 416-808-2222

43 Division: 416-404-4300

TPS Main Page: www.torontopolice.on.ca

43 Division Facebook: www.facebook.com/tps43Div

43 Crime Prevention Twitter: @CPO43Div

News Releases: www.torontopolice.ca/newsreleases/

43 Division internet: www.torontopolice.on.ca/d43/

Crime Stats: www.torontopolice.on.ca/statistics

Book Community Room & Special events form: www.torontopolice.on.ca/d43

TPS Links: www.TPS.ca

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16. 43 CPLC Skate Day

Gently Used Skates Are Needed

The 43 CPLC will be holding a Family Skate Day on Friday, November 16, 2012 from 12:00 noon – 2:00 pm at Scarborough Village Community Centre. This is a PA for all TDSB and TCDSB elementary and high school students. Free sharpened skates will be given out to the children and youth who need them. If you have any skates for children and youth of all ages, please consider donating them to the 43 CPLC Skate Day.

Ladies and men's skates are always in high demand. The skates can be dropped off at 43 Division after October 5, 2012.

The CPLC Thanks you.

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17. Terry Fox Run and Permanent Exhibit at the Scarborough Civic Centre

The Scarborough Civic Centre now has a permanent exhibit celebrating Terry Fox's visit in 1980, I would like to thank Ken Pearson who resides in the Seven Oaks community for his tireless efforts to have the exhibit become a reality. Working with my staff and the City of Toronto Archives we have now on display a great assortment of photographs to commemorate Terry Fox's stop in Scarborough during his Marathon of Hope.

Terry Fox began his Marathon of Hope on April 12, 1980 in St. John's, Newfoundland. His goal was to run across Canada raising one dollar for each of Canada's then 24 million people. By the time he reached Scarborough three months later on July 11, the contributions towards cancer research and his fame were growing.

There is no admission to the exhibition at the Scarborough Civic Centre located at 150 Borough Dr. and is open Monday through Sunday, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

This year I am proudly supporting The Terry Fox Foundation in its ongoing work to fund innovative and progressive cancer research programs. I very much hope you will consider making a donation in support of my effort, confident in the knowledge that your kindness will impact the lives of so many people living with cancer.

You can help support me by making a secure online donation using your credit card, or through Paypal. Please click on the link below:

<http://my.e2rm.com/personalPage.aspx?SID=3434720&langPref=en-CA>

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18. Bazaar at St. Stephen's

20th annual Christmas Bazaar at St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, 3817 Lawrence Avenue East (Just East of Scarborough Golf Club Road)

Saturday November 10th, 2012: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Christmas Boutique & Gift Baskets Sewing & Quilted Items Stitchery notions, Kitchen Korner Preserves & Empire Cheese, Fresh Home Baking, Attic Treasures, Jewellery, Keepsakes---Quality Collectibles, Garden Centre, Books & Music, Morning Coffee & Luncheon served in Tea Room

St. Stephen's and Toronto City Mission have a new partnership and programs that are both educational & recreational. Kids in community will gain programming, March Break Camp & seven weeks at Summer camp.

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19. Toronto Sport Leadership : Programing serving youth in-need

www.torontosportleadershipprogram.com

TSLP is a program dedicated to providing youth with the resources they need to make positive life choices.

Vision

All neighbourhoods in Toronto have TSLP Alumni leading positive changes in their communities.

Who do they serve

Any student currently enrolled in a secondary school in Toronto is eligible to apply for this program. The program is offered at no charge to successful candidates. Please note there are age requirements and technical proficiencies for some programs.

In the first 7 years over 800 students completed the program.

The city of Toronto and the YMCA have both benefited by having these dedicated and enthusiastic graduates work at camps, pools and sport programs.

The Toronto Sport Leadership is a collaborative partnership model that has brought together six organizations for a single goal – to offer certification sport based programs to students with the goal of increasing employment opportunities.

The Toronto's Vital Signs report made a link between indicated youth violence and youth unemployment (then at a 10 year high.) The Mayor's Panel on Community Safety created a Sport Working Group – with the intention of developing initiatives that would use sport to develop employment opportunities. Six organizations that were part of the Sport Working Group developed the Toronto Sport Leadership Model.(The six organizations were: The Toronto Community foundation, the City of Toronto, the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board, YMCA of Greater Toronto and the United Way of Greater Toronto).

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20. The HelpXchange is a homesharing service

The HelpXchange is a homesharing service. A 40 year old concept coming to Canada. It is implemented in about 15 different countries. What is it? Homesharing is a way of helping people to help each other. The philosopher of The HelpXchange is there is enough for everyone if we just change our way of doing things. The goal is for everyone to have an easier life, a better lifestyle.

The HelpXchange matches people with different needs, who both have something to offer.

A home provider is someone, often an older person but not always, it can be a professional person with more house than time, it's anyone who has an extra room in their home who would like help or companionship in return for free housing.

A home seeker is someone looking for accommodation and in exchange, can offer about 10 hours of practical support- such as help cooking diner, cleaning, dog walking, doing errands, and many more possibilities. The type of support or exchange of services varies with every matching.

The home seeker can be a student, a retired person or anyone who wants to save money.

Homesharing is not live-in care, a live-in housekeeper or a simple lodger arrangement.

Nursing or personal care (such as help with feeding, toileting or bathing) are not part of this agreement, and should be provided by a professional.

The benefits are vast: both parties have companionship, security of having someone else at home at night, peace of mind knowing that references and police check were carried out, reassurance for your families and friends that you are not alone. The home provider saves a lot of money by not having to pay out any more money for help in the home, and the homeseeker is also able to save money.

To know more go to www.thehelpxchange.com or call 647-778-6801

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21. The Low-Income Energy Assistance Program

The Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) and the saveONenergy Home Assistance Program (HAP): HAP provides energy efficiency upgrades (such as light bulbs, power bars, faucet aerators, appliances, draft-proofing and insulation) to income qualifying participants, free of charge, to help them manage their energy costs.

LEAP provides an emergency financial grant of up to \$500 per year to eligible low-income households who have recently received a 'past due' bill and/or a disconnection notice from Toronto Hydro and are in arrears.

These programs are available all year long.

How can you apply?

Please call 1-855-234-9376 (855 23-HYDRO) or visit www.torontohydro.com/homeassistance to download an application.

How can residents of social housing get information about whether or not they will have an opportunity to participate in the HOME ASSISTANCE Program?

Please call 1-855-234-9376 (855 23-HYDRO) and speak to a customer service representative for more detailed information on the program eligibility requirements

<http://www.paulainslie.com/Paul-Ainslie-LEAPHAP.html>

LEAP:

Brochure

<http://www.paulainslie.com/FILES/LEAP%20flyer.pdf>

FAQ's

http://www.paulainslie.com/FILES/LEAP_FAQs.pdf

HAP

Brochure

<http://www.paulainslie.com/FILES/HAP%20Brochure.pdf>

FAQ's

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21. Morningside Park Master Plan Update

The City of Toronto is undergoing a master planning process for Morningside Park.

The Morningside Park Master Plan Update will propose a concise framework to guide decision making for the on-going improvement and management of the site for park uses as well as for the park's natural environment.

The Master Plan Update will consider the park's diversity of features and functions and their interconnectedness, including natural areas, park infrastructure, recreational amenities, trails, and storm water facilities.

The Master Plan Update will be developed through effective consultation with the community and stakeholders. The City of Toronto will be hosting a public meeting where you can provide your input on the Morningside Park Master Plan Update.

The Morningside Park Master Plan Update is expected to be completed by the end of 2012. The objectives that will guide the master planning process are:

- Natural Heritage – To protect, enhance, and restore where possible the natural environment of the park
- Stewardship - To identify and provide opportunities for natural environment stewardship of the park
- Amenities – To maintain and improve park, amenities, facilities, and infrastructure in a manner consistent with

all other park objectives

- Interpretation – To provide knowledge and understanding of the natural environment of the park, its protection and management, as well as its significance, sensitivities, and interrelationships.
- Recreation – To safely provide and enhance the educational and recreational use of the park, consistent with all other park objectives.
- Cost Effectiveness – to inform Capital and Operating spending on park amenities, facilities, infrastructure, trails and natural areas

Other Jurisdictions – To consider initiatives by other jurisdictions having authority in the park, (e.g. TRCA, Toronto Water, MNR), including stormwater and snowmelt management

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22. Morning side Park Bridge replacement

There is funding in the 2013 capital budget to replace the above mentioned bridge in Morning side Park. The City has hired a consultant to prepare the design and tender documents.[link](#)

Weather permitting work on site is expected to start in July 2013, and to be completed by September 2013. The scope of work includes, replacement of existing pedestrian bridge including new foundations.

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23. Quote of the Month

"First, we are challenged to rise above the narrow confines of our individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity." Martin Luther King, Jr.

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24. Websites for Community Use

<http://www.scarboroughsoftballassociation.com/>
Scarborough Softball – Scarborough Dragons

<http://www.thestorefront.org/contact.php>
East Scarborough Storefront

www.facebook.com/TheTorontoZoo
Toronto Zoo's first official Facebook page

www.toronto.ca/eventcalendar
City of Toronto Events Calendar

www.toronto.ca/wbey/subscribe.htm.
We've been expecting you

<http://onthedon.createsend2.com/t/r/l/tlwukt/bhdtkrth/e/>
TRCA – The Don

<http://www.toronto.ca/seniors/index.htm>
City of Toronto Seniors

http://www.seniors.gov.on.ca/en/seniorsguide/emergency_4.php
Province of Ontario Seniors

<http://www.dementiatoronto.org/0303.asp>
Toronto Dementia Network

http://aging.utoronto.ca/sites/aging.utoronto.ca/files/Section6_Eng%5B1%5D.pdf
Service Directory for Seniors

www.toronto.ca/transportation/snow
City of Toronto Winter Operations - Snow

www.toronto.ca
City of Toronto

www.toronto.ca/city-update
What is happening in our City

<http://wx.toronto.ca/festevents.nsf/>
City of Toronto Festival Page

www.seetorontonow.com/
Tourism Toronto – Official website

www.222tips.com
Crime Stoppers

www.ourkgocommunity.com
Kingston Galloway Community Network

www.torontopubliclibrary.ca
Toronto Public Library

www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca
Toronto Botanical Gardens

www.toronto4kids.com
Great ideas for what the kids can do in Toronto

www.ago.net/gallery-school
Ontario Art Gallery

www.starfall.com
Star fall – great to get the little ones reading

www.coronationca.com
Coronation & West Hill Community Association

www.curranhall.ca/
Curran Hall Community Association

www.guildwood.on.ca

Guildwood Village Community Association

www.mornellecourt.webs.com

Mornelle Court Coalition

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25. E-News Policy and Contact Information

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