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e-Newsletter

from your City Councillor

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Ward 5 Etobicoke-Lakeshore

Dear Residents;

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YOUR WARD 5 RESIDENT ASSOCIATIONS & GROUPS

THE FOLLOWING SUMMARIES & CONTACT INFORMATION HAS BEEN SENT TO ME FROM VARIOUS GROUPS & ASSOCIATIONS IN THE WARD. IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR LOCAL GROUP PROMOTED IN FUTURE E-UPDATES, PLEASE EMAIL ME WITH THE RELATIVE INFORMATION.

Islington Ratepayers & Residents Association (IRRA)

This association represents the area bounded by Rathburn (to the north); Bloor (south); Islington (east) and the Hydro lines west of Kipling, plus the area north of Mimico Creek west to Martin Grove. The Board meets every two months. Memberships are \$5.00 /family. They host all candidates meetings during Municipal, Provincial and Federal Elections. Volunteers for newsletter delivery and the annual park clean up needed. Contact: [IRRA, P.O. Box 3, Toronto, ON M9A 4X1](#) or Mr. Reardon @ [416-231-6803](tel:416-231-6803).

Kingsway Park Ratepayers Incorporated (KPRI)

Is a non-profit community association representing the residents of the Kingsway and Sunnylea neighbourhoods. They meet once a month in private homes to discuss membership, roads, traffic, bylaws, City beautification and development matters. They publish a semi-annual newsletter. Memberships are \$20. Membership allows you, as a resident of this area, to utilize their expertise in dealing with the Ontario Municipal Board, The Committee of Adjustments, By-laws and community legalities. Volunteer opportunities on the Board of Directors are currently available. Please contact them at kpri@kpri.ca or Mary Campbell @ marycampbell@sympatico.ca

Kingsway Residents Against Poor Planning (KRAPP)

This residents' group formed a few years ago to represent the Kingsway area on development matters. They originally formed to monitor future development on Dundas St. West, fight development that didn't meet the guidelines of the Avenues Study, and keep an eye on impacts development may have on their neighbourhood. To learn more about them, or to join their email distribution list to stay informed, please email kingswayresidents@gmail.com

Thompson Orchard Community Association (TOCA)

This association represents roughly 330 homes in the area bounded by Royal York (east), Bloor (north), and Mimico Creek (west and south). Board meets at home of the Chair on an as needed basis, often on neighbourhood Committee of Adjustment applications and variance requests. TOCA meets with applicants and neighbours to decide whether they should oppose an application. They oppose about 50%. TOCA also keeps an eye on the Creek

area. Please contact Chair, Dr. Blake F. Kinahan, @ [416-239-3231](tel:416-239-3231) or bkinahan@aol.com. Volunteers needed for creek clean-up and flyer delivery.

West Kingsway Ratepayers Association (WKRA)

This association represents the area bounded by Mimico Creek (east), Kipling (west), Bloor (north) and Titan Road/HEPC power line (south). There are no scheduled meetings at the present time. They provide residents with the means, as a group, to promote discussion and exchange of information regarding municipal and other governmental affairs affecting our area. Volunteer opportunities needed: Treasurer; Chairperson of the Membership Committee; Chairperson of the Environmental Issues Committee. For information on memberships or volunteering, please contact thewkra@yahoo.ca or Mr. Reynolds @ [416-239-9668](tel:416-239-9668)

The Kingsway BIA (Business Improvement Area)

The Kingsway BIA district offers an excellent mix of small specialty shops, fabulous restaurants, a sprinkling of pubs and professional and medical services. Located on Bloor Street West from Prince Edward Drive to Montgomery Road, you will find a wonderful streetscape with unique centre medians, distinct Kingsway flags and banners, beautiful wrought iron park benches, coach lanterns as well as graceful flower gardens. For information on the BIA contact [\(416\) 239-8243](tel:416-239-8243) or kingswaybia@thekingswaytoronto.ca or visit their website at www.thekingswaytoronto.ca

Village of Islington BIA (Business Improvement Area)

The Village of Islington BIA is located on Dundas St. West between Islington and Kipling. They represent 200 business and commercial property owners. Their mandate is to beautify and promote the area. Annual General Meetings are held each fall and a Merchant Mingle in late January or early February. These are held in a different village restaurant each time. They are developing an outdoor art gallery which currently has 12 amazing murals. Two more will be added in 2009. They are looking for volunteers who are media savvy, can write press releases and help us develop a marketing plan / get publicity for the area's must-see murals and "Paint the Street!" Please contact Linda Pedersen @ [416-767-7985](tel:416-767-7985) or Finda35@sympatico.ca or visit their website at www.villageofislington.com

Stonegate Community Health Centre

Stonegate Community Health Centre (SCHC) is a non-profit, community organization that provides comprehensive health and social services to residents living in South-East Etobicoke. They provide primary health care and health promotion programs to residents in the area bounded by Bloor (to the north), The Q.E.W. (south), Royal York Road (west) and The Humber River (east). Their focus is on serving the health and social needs for residents in the 74, low-rise, private, for-profit apartment buildings surrounding the Centre. Programs and services focus primarily on women, children, youth, seniors and newcomers – including immigrants and refugees. Join them for the Seniors Brunch: every Tuesday, 10:00 am – 12 noon, or the Women's Program: every Wednesday, 12:20 – 3:30 pm. Volunteers are always welcome. Please contact Joe Da Silva at [416- 231-7070, ext.246](tel:416-231-7070) to learn more about Stonegate CHC.

Village of Islington BIA & CIBC's 5th Annual Community Tree Lighting

Date: Friday, December 5, 2008
Time: 5:30 pm
Place: Dundas Street West and Burnhamthorpe Road

Join them for a lovely evening in Islington. Carol sing, traditional tree-lighting, and reception with Coffee Time coffee and donuts at the CIBC. Then, head over to Montgomery's Inn for a reading of 'A Christmas Carol' by the Humber River Shakespeare Company and old-time carols in the tavern.

Lakeshore Santa Claus Parade

Date: Saturday, December 6, 2008
Time: 10:00 am
Place: Parade starts at Dwight and travels along the Lakeshore to 36th Street

Victorian Carollers strolling in the Kingsway

Dates: December 6th, 23rd and 20th from 1:00pm - 3:00pm
December 13th and 20th from 5:30 to 7:30pm on the 13th and 20th
For information: contact the Kingsway BIA at 416- 239-8243 or visit their website at
<http://thekingswaytoronto.ca/>

Victorian Carollers will once again be strolling along the Kingsway, filling the air with traditional Yuletide favourites. Join the KBIA for this free entertaining and heartwarming experience.

Waterfront West Light Rail Transit Open Houses

The City of Toronto and the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) are examining ways to significantly improve transit service on Lakeshore Blvd West between Park Lawn Road and the Long Branch GO Station. The TTC is hosting two Open Houses as part of this preliminary planning study to explain the project, to show you what they hope to achieve, to get your comments and to answer any questions you may have.

Date: Tuesday, December 9th
Time: 6:30pm to 9:00pm
Place: James S. Bell School
90 Thirty-First Street
(Gymnasium, southeast entrance)

Date: Thursday, December 11th
Time: 6:30pm to 9:00pm
Place: John English School (cafeteria)
95 Mimico Avenue
(parking and entrance from George Street lot)

For information: The project website is: www.toronto.ca/transitcity
Direct link: http://www.toronto.ca/involved/projects/parklawn_longbranch/index.htm

Etobicoke Philharmonic Orchestra Presents "Jubilant Overtures" Carol Singing and Silent Auction

Date: December 12, 2008
Time: Concert 8 pm Auction Opens 7 pm
Place: Humber Valley United Church, 76 Anglesey Blvd., Etobicoke
Cost: \$20 Adults, \$15 Seniors, \$10 Students
For Info: Box Office: 416-239-5665 info@eporchestra.ca www.eporchestra.ca

CHRISTMAS POPS Hits of Christmas past & present Etobicoke Community Concert Band

Date: Friday, December 19, 2008
Time: 8:00 pm
Place: Etobicoke Collegiate Auditorium, 86 Montgomery Road
Cost: \$18 Adults, \$15 Seniors, \$5 Students; free for children 12 & under
For Information: Box Office (416) 410-1570 or www.eccb.ca

Opening of Outdoor Skating Rinks

Outdoor Artificial Skating Rinks are scheduled to open on December 6th, 2008. This season Council approval 14 of the City's outdoor artificial ice rinks that will offer an extended program, until March 15, 2009. Please check the attached weblink to find the rink closest to you.

http://www.toronto.ca/parks/recreation_facilities/skating/outdoor_ice_rinks.htm

***Please note that the opening of Queensway Rink (8 Avon Park Dr.) will be delayed until**

December 13, 2008 due to some minor servicing issues.

Ward 5 Garden Contest Winners

It has been brought to my attention that there was a second runner up in Ward 5 and I would like to extend my congratulations to 23 Van Dusen Blvd.

Clean up of the Snow dump at the Westwood Theatre

My office has received a number of calls this year about the lack of /slow process for clean up of the snow dumping facility at the former Westwood Theatre site.

The winter season of 2007/08 was the first time the City has ever exceeded capacity at the Westwood snow dump since 1999. The site received in excess of 14,000 loads of snow from City streets and TTC facilities, resulting in a mound 5 stories high and 150 m wide by mid March of 2008 (over 210,000 m3).

Although there has been a lot of activity on the site in terms of managing the snow melt since early summer, the City was limited in terms of what it was able to do effectively as the remnant snow/ice/debris mixture, although receding, remains frozen.

Our action to date is as follows:

- The City has been monitoring drainage on the site since it was put into service last January and undertaking local drainage improvements when required. In response to complaints of pooling water last summer heavy equipment was deployed to break down ice and fine grade the site to ensure positive drainage. Unfortunately, the ground was thawing and our equipment frequently would get stuck in parts of the site.
- During the month of August, when melting was accelerated due to favourable weather, casual summer labour was deployed on site for a period of 2 weeks to collect debris. As noted previously, since much of it was still frozen, the initiative was time consuming and appeared inefficient. As you can appreciate, once a clean up cycle was complete, ice continued to recede exposing further debris.
- In early September the Works Department again deployed loaders to continue breaking down any residual ice to promote melting.
- The mixture of ice, debris and mud on the site has created a challenge in terms of housekeeping and our conventional road maintenance equipment does not lend itself well to this task. Last month, following discussions with Parks' staff, Works staff developed a remedial action plan involving the use of agricultural equipment (large tractor and york rake) that would be able to re-grade, collect debris and break down any residual ice in a single pass.

ETOBICOKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATE

NEXT MEETING OF EYCC (ETOBICOKE YORK COMMUNITY COUNCIL)

Tuesday, January 13, 2008

9:30 a.m.

**Etobicoke Civic Centre, 399 The West Mall
Council Chambers**

To view the entire Community Council Agenda or minutes from previous meetings, please refer to the following City of Toronto website link: <http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2008/agendas/ev.htm>

NOTE – at the time of sending this update, the January Community Council Agenda is not public, and therefore I have not had the opportunity to review and list all Ward 5 items which will be voted upon in January. If you have questions about a previous Agenda or the upcoming Agenda, please refer to the above link or call my office for assistance.

PREVIOUS COMMUNITY COUNCIL DECISIONS

For more information on your Etobicoke York Community Council, the area profile, agendas or reports etc., please refer to the following weblink as I believe you will find it useful and informative:

http://www.toronto.ca/committees/council_profiles/torontowest.htm

CITY COUNCIL NEWS & TORONTO EVENTS

Let It Snow... Let It Snow... Let It Snow – City of Toronto’s Snow Management Plan

It’s that time of year again... Winter. And a Canadian winter means snow – and as was experienced last year, sometimes we get a lot of snow. The City of Toronto snow removal crews are ready for anything that winter can dish out.

As many of you know, the City’s first priority during a major snowfall is to keep the main roads safe and clear for emergency and TTC vehicles. You can do your part by not parking or stopping on these routes during or following a snowstorm.

Once the main roads are clear, then our crews can get to the side streets (local roads). Ploughing on side streets will usually be completed within 15-20 hours *after* the snow stops falling. An additional 24 hours is often required to plough difficult areas where snow has not been completely cleared. Sidewalks on main roads, bus stops and transit shelters will generally be ploughed within 48 hours after a snowstorm.

An important tip about shovelling snow: Please don’t push snow back onto the road. It’s against the law, hampers snow clearing efforts and is very dangerous for motorists.

Remember, you can get current snow ploughing information at **416-338-SNOW**. This telephone line will be available during snow ploughing operations. Residents can call this number to find out how snow ploughing operations are progressing.

FLU VACCINATION CLINICS 2008-2009 – WEST REGION

The City offers a number of Flu Vaccination Clinics.

Please visit the website at http://www.toronto.ca/health/flu/flu_west.htm for more information.

WINTER IN TORONTO: REASON TO CELEBRATE

As the days get shorter and the nights get cooler, there's no better time to bundle up, beat the winter blues and get outside. The holiday season kicks off on November 29 with the opening of the Cavalcade of Lights at Nathan Phillips Square. The festival continues every Saturday night until December 20. Other seasonal events will include the lighting of the official Menorah, Christmas tree, a star-studded holiday concert and spectacular fireworks.

Then the popular WinterCity Festival, a 14-day celebration of culture, creativity and cuisine, heats up the Square, restaurants and attractions throughout the city from January 30 to February 12. Don't miss your chance to enjoy all that winter in Toronto has to offer.

www.toronto.ca/special_events

CHRISTMAS FLOWER SHOWS AT ALLAN GARDENS AND CENTENNIAL PARK CONSERVATORIES

Usher in the spirit of the season with the annual Christmas Flower Shows at Allan Gardens and Centennial Park Conservatories. From December 7 to 30, both conservatories will showcase many of the newest varieties of poinsettias, all lending a Victorian flavour for the holiday season. The conservatories will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit both Conservatories by Candlelight December 15 to 23 and December 26 to 30 from 5 to 7 p.m. The City of Toronto will host an opening event each location that will feature Victorian carollers, hot cider and cookies, children's activities, horse and carriage rides and a visit from Father Christmas. The grand opening of the Allan Gardens Conservatory Christmas Flower Show is on December 7 from noon to 5 p.m. The grand opening of the Centennial Park Conservatory Christmas Flower Show is on December 14, noon to 7 p.m.

Allan Gardens Conservatory is located at Carlton Street between Jarvis and Sherbourne Streets. Centennial Park Conservatory is situated at 151 Elmcrest Rd. Admission is free.

For more information, call Allan Gardens Conservatory at **416-392-7288** and the Centennial Park Conservatory at **416-394-8543**.

TORONTO FIRE SERVICES CAREER PREPARATION COURSE

Career Preparation Course designed for persons 18 years and older who may have never seen fire equipment and want to have a better understanding of the Fire Services and its various career paths. The Career Preparation Course is 12 weeks in length (one night per week for 3 hrs) and is comprised of in-class lectures with one practical day, held on a Saturday at one of the City of Toronto's training centres. Training is delivered by Professional Firefighters.

Start Dates:

Day 1 – February 10, 2009, Tuesday evenings for 12 weeks from 6:30 – 9:30 pm and one Saturday from 8:30 am until 4:00 pm

Day 2 – February 11, 2009, Wednesday evenings for 12 weeks from 6:30 – 9:30 pm and one Saturday from 8:30 am until 4:00 pm

Complete and submit the Career Preparation Course Registration Form. Must be received no later than Noon, Friday, December 12, 2008.

Mail or deliver to:

Employment Equity, Employment Services
c/o Toronto Fire Services, Career Preparation Course
Metro Hall, 5th Floor, 55 John St.,
Toronto, Ontario M5V 3C6

The Career Preparation Course Registration Form can be downloaded at www.toronto.ca/fire/recruitment

Registrants selected to participate in the course will receive an Application Form from Toronto Fire Services by December 31, 2008. A fee of \$235.00 is required with the completed and returned Application Form.

311 NEWSLETTER

The November 2008 edition of the 311 newsletter provides updates on the project's staffing plans, the 311 Knowledge Base and more: http://www.toronto.ca/city_manager/311.htm

LABOUR DISRUPTIONS TO PUBLIC TRANSIT

Council at its meeting of October 29 and 30, 2008 decided to communicate its support to the Province of Ontario for declaring the Toronto Transit Commission's Wheel-Trans Service an essential service and for legislation mandating a minimum of 48 hours notice before any TTC strike can legally take place. Among other related steps taken by Council is a request for the TTC and its staff to negotiate a wider strike protocol that protects and delivers all Wheel-Trans Service in the event of a strike, job action or a lockout.

CLEANER PARKS ON LONG WEEKENDS

In support of strengthening Toronto as a tourism destination, Council at its meeting of October 29 and 30, 2008 approved an operational change to adjust work schedules for Parks crews to provide litter pickup and garbage collection in downtown parks and other high-volume tourist parks during the five long weekends from May to October. The intention is to make sure the parks are clean and inviting. Until now, the parks clean-up service was provided the day after a holiday.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT - BREAKAWAY

Breakaway is a registered charitable organization. All our services are free and confidential. Breakaway is a multifaceted organization that provides a myriad of services including:

- ✓ **The Harm Reduction Outreach Team**
- ✓ **Clear Directions – Day Treatment Program**
- ✓ **Satellite Opiate Addiction Services**

The ***Family & Youth Initiatives Team*** component is a non-residential program developed to meet the needs of youth, 12 to 25, their parents, guardians & role models who are struggling with substance use & abuse problems.

For more information, please contact:

Breakaway

2 Billingham Road. 4th Floor

Toronto M9B 6E1

www.breakawayyouth.org

Phone: 416.234.1942

Fax: 416.234.5702

NEXT TORONTO CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Toronto City Council

January 27th and 28th, 2009

Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Council Chamber

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<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2008/agendas/cc.htm>

If you wish to make a submission to Toronto City Council, please review the following instructions and comments from the City Clerks office.

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Sincerely,



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