



Centennial News

A publication of the Centennial Community and Recreation Association

New retirement community being planned for Centennial

By Kathryn Stocks

The Legion property on Lawson Road has been conditionally purchased by V!VA Retirement Communities. V!VA is a Toronto-based, Canadian-owned and operated developer and manager of upscale retirement residences. The company has six locations operating in the GTHA and Ottawa area. Two more are under construction and two are in development.

“We put an emphasis on finding really great communities with close-knit neighbourhoods that have a population that would benefit from our services,” Danny Joseph said. He is V!VA’s Director of Marketing and Sales.

The company looks for locations that are connected to the broader community. Care and wellness are an important part, but V!VA is also interested in social engagement and interaction. “Where a building is located can play a big role in that,” he said.

About the Legion property, Danny said, “There are few locations in Toronto as lush and picturesque right near Lake Ontario.” He also mentioned our great schools and community centres. Something else



V!VA Retirement Communities has a conditional agreement to purchase the Legion property on Lawson Rd. This photo is an artist’s rendering of V!VA Oakville, which is currently under construction and slated to open next year.

that’s important in their planning is access to local shopping and restaurants and available greenspace.

V!VA won’t be able to build on the forested National Heritage part of the property because it has a small watercourse and it’s protected by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA). Monica Dashwood, V!VA’s Director of Development, said they will incorporate it into their outside design.

Their buildings have four to six

storeys and contain 130 to 150 suites, most for singles and 15 to 20 percent for couples. V!VA’s typical model provides one dedicated floor for assisted living, which is about 25 to 30 suites, and the remaining floors for independent living. Respite care and trial suites are also offered and V!VA will be exploring options for senior apartments and memory care.

From a development perspective, they have to decide what the market needs. » *continued on page 3*

Join us for this area’s first Pumpkin Parade!



Date: Thursday, November 1
Time: 6:00 - 8:30 p.m., rain or shine
Location: Port Union Village Common
 (Port Union Road, south of Lawrence Ave.)

Show off your Halloween pumpkins and costumes and keep the Halloween fun going for one more night at this free event.

Bring your carved pumpkins and a votive candle to Port Union Village Common between 5:45 and 6 p.m. on November 1. Then step back and

enjoy the view. All pumpkins will be displayed for neighbours and visitors to admire. Children and grown-ups are invited to wear their Halloween costumes for the evening.

At the end of the evening the pumpkins will be dropped into bins for composting.

This first-ever Southeast Scarborough Pumpkin Parade is hosted by community associations in southeast Scarborough, including CCRA, Highland Creek and West Rouge.

Save these dates!

The next two meetings of the CCRA executive will be on **October 2 and November 6 at 7:15 p.m. at Port Union C.C.**

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All-candidates meeting takes place on October 10

After all the uncertainty created by the provincial government in its tug-of-war with the city in the middle of this municipal election, the decreased number of wards that the premier wanted is now in effect. We will have 25 councillors instead of 47 for the whole city. Centennial will be in Ward 25, which will have the same footprint as the federal and provincial ridings for Scarborough-Rouge Park.

All we can do now is urge you to come out and meet the candidates running for councillor in the October 22 election at our all-candidates meeting on Wednesday, October 10 from 7-9 p.m. at Legion Branch 258 on Lawson Rd. The CCRA is helping to organize this event along with other local community associations. Come and listen to those who want to represent you on Toronto City Council. If you can’t make it, we have biographies of some of the candidates on pages 10 and 11 to help you make your decision.

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Centennial is ranked number two in safety among all city communities by Toronto Life magazine. See page 2

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President's Message

Perfect season to enjoy trees and plant them

By Kathy Rowe

Autumn is arriving and I can't think of a more beautiful season to experience here in Centennial. Our tree canopy continues to grow and this certainly enhances the enjoyment of fall colours in our community. I spent some of September vacationing outside of Canada, yet returning to our safe and picturesque neighbourhood is such a great reward.

Wanita tree planting

Speaking of our tree canopy, the City of Toronto is organizing a native tree and shrub planting event at Wanita Park on Wednesday, October 24 at 10 a.m. Show your support for this important initiative and volunteer your time in one of our beautiful area parks. More information on this can be found on page 18 under our Community Events Calendar.

together to present a Pumpkin Parade on Thursday, November 1. This is an event that allows residents the chance to extend Halloween for another day by bringing their carved jack-o-lanterns and a votive candle to the Port Union Village Common at 5:45 p.m. Parents and kids are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes.

After the pumpkins are placed along the path and the candles are lit, we can all enjoy a walk through the park and admire the effort people put into their carved creations. This is something I've always wanted to see happen in our area. I will see you there!

CCRA still needs you

The CCRA needs someone in the community to take on the role of Conservation Chair on our executive committee this fall. If you're interested in doing something to help your community

Southeast Scarborough Pumpkin Parade

Port Union Village Common Park
Thursday, November 1, 2018
6—8:30 pm, RAIN OR SHINE

Bring your jack-o-lantern and votive candle to the park between 5:45 and 6:00 pm. Then enjoy walking through the park and seeing everyone's creations.

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association, please contact me at news4ccra@gmail.com.

Save the date for AGM

I have booked our Annual General Meeting for Wednesday, November 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Port Union Community Centre. Hope you'll put it in your calendars and join us on that evening.



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Nice to be noticed by Toronto Life

By Kathryn Stocks

Our throw at the bottom of page 1 is significant. In the October issue of Toronto Life Magazine, Centennial is ranked No. 2 in the list of the city's top five safest neighbourhoods.

This is the description under Centennial Scarborough: "Also known as Port Union, Centennial Scarborough was originally a quiet village on Lake Ontario. It still has that secure, small-town vibe, with just a few petty thefts and barely any violent crimes."

Lambton Baby Point is first on the list, Mount Pleasant East is third, Forest Hill North is fourth and Maple Leaf (between Yorkdale-Glen Park and Weston) is fifth. We're in with some pretty great city neighbourhoods. Well done, everyone! We've known it all along but it's nice that someone else is noticing what a safe community we have here in Scarborough.

On another note, with the approach of fall, it's time to start thinking about leaves. It's easy to enjoy their colours but we still have to do something with them when they fall in our yards. I'd like to suggest that residents leave their leaf blowers in the garage this year and try raking again. Picture it, you're out on a crisp autumn day quietly raking your leaves and enjoying the season. Then someone comes out with their blaringly loud leaf blower and shatters the peace. I mean it, try raking again. Then Centennial would be serene as well as safe.



All-candidates meeting

Now that the ward number for Toronto's municipal election has been established, the CCRA hopes that residents will come out to the all-candidates meeting on Wednesday, October 10 at 7 p.m. This event will take place at the Highland Creek Legion on Lawson Road. We hope that all 11 of the candidates running for councillor in our ward will be participating. Please see more details about these candidates on page 10 of the newspaper.

Pumpkin Parade

As you may have noticed on page 1, our area associations are working

Retirement continued from page 1

"We put in as many units as we think will meet the demand in the area," Monica said. They look at population trends and meet with community stakeholders.

When asked if VIVA was high end, Danny said, "We do offer a great level of service and care and our amenities are first class." Those amenities range from a heated saltwater pool and raised planter victory garden to a large-screen movie theatre and golf simulator.

It's extremely early in the process right now and it's going to take some time before anything happens on the site. The development process can take several years from planning to getting approvals on permits. Only then can they start building. "These days development can take as long as construction," Monica said. Because of this slow process, Legion Branch 258 will be able to stay in their building for quite a while.



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Letter to the editor

Why are new trees being planted under hydro wires?

I read with interest your article "City increasing number of trees on our streets" in the September issue. The question you should have asked Jim Hart is: "Why are we planting new trees under hydro wires?"

Have we all forgotten the number of blackouts in Toronto during the last wind storm? The main cause of the numerous blackouts was from trees that knocked down hydro wires. I know that the city trims these trees, but do we want to pay for this extra maintenance by planting more trees there? For safety and comfort reasons, I would suggest we stop planting trees under hydro wires before someone in a home with a power outage gets injured from fallen wires. I would go so far as to say the city should be removing trees from under hydro wires.

Peter Lorenz



The main cause of blackouts is from trees that knock down hydro wires.

We sent Peter's letter to Councillor Jim Hart who forwarded it to Urban Forestry. Here is their response:

In order to achieve the City of Toronto's goal of increasing tree canopy coverage to 40 per cent, Urban Forestry has instituted an aggressive tree planting program that has been approved by City Council. This mandate combined with increasingly limited public space necessitates tree planting in all available locations. This includes planting trees on streets where electricity conductors are present. In order to balance the need for trees with the constraints placed by the presence of overhead utilities, Urban Forestry, in consultation with Toronto Hydro, has developed a series of guidelines to mitigate the effects of trees on energized conductors. These guidelines are used by our trained inspectors when making decisions about the location and species to be planted.

The following guidelines provide direction for tree planting along streets where the safety and protection of existing electrical utility conductors is paramount:

- Where possible, plantings are not located directly under electrical wires. Tree locations are generally offset by 1-3 metres.
- Tree planting locations are 5-8 metres away from existing hydro poles.
- Preference is given to species with growth and branching patterns such that the tree can be properly pruned and trained to grow around the energized conductors.
- While preference is normally given to large-growing native species where the site will accommodate them, medium-and small-growing species are planted on sites that cannot accommodate larger ones.
- Preference is given to slower growing species.

Community

How do your children get to school every day?

By Denise Bacon

The tragic accident outside Morrish Public School last year when a 6-year-old boy was struck and killed by a vehicle has brought a spotlight to student safety, especially as these youngsters come and go from school. The City of Toronto has launched the Active and Safe Routes to School program, a comprehensive community-based pilot that focuses on making neighbourhoods safer for kids to walk or ride their bikes to school. The goal is to reduce the number of cars around schools.

The safety pilot includes five schools in Toronto and one of them is Morrish Public School here in east Scarborough. People in the vicinity of the pilot schools will see new road markings and stencilling on sidewalks along school routes. Students will be enticed to walk or bike to school so they can follow the games and puzzles along the way. Getting to school on foot or by bike will be much more fun.

The four elementary schools in the Centennial neighbourhood are not yet involved with the program. Large numbers of our children get driven to school every day, creating traffic congestion near each of the schools mornings and afternoons. Joe Usan, the crossing guard at Charlottetown Junior Public

School, said that there are more cars dropping kids off here than he has seen at several other schools where he has worked. He acknowledged that even with the high number of cars, the kids are quite safe. He enjoys getting to know parents as they walk their kids from their cars to the school door.

Meraj Jamal had a busy morning driving his two children to Charlotte-town and then driving his wife to work. The 20-minute walk to school for his

Busy and sometimes complex lives mean many parents still drive their children to school, which results in high automobile traffic in our school neighbourhoods.

young kids just didn't fit into their busy schedule at this stage of their lives.

Nimisha Sharma took an enjoyable walk to Charlottetown with her son, Aryan, from the Port Union neigh-



Left, The 20-minute walk to school for Meraj Jamal and his two children just doesn't fit into their busy schedule. Right, morning traffic congestion on the streets around Centennial Road.

bourhood. On this particular day, Aryan rode his Spider bike to his JK class while his mother tried to keep up! Nimisha wants to "inculcate good qualities in Aryan." She wants him to develop interest and curiosity in life and Aryan is entertained by leaves turning colour, trees, birds and squirrels on his trip to school every day.

More than a dozen parents driving to drop off their children to St. Brendan Catholic School stopped only briefly to complain about the lack of parking

as they walked quickly with kids in tow. Even though St. Brendan's has a Kiss and Ride drop-off driveway, the streets around the school were lined with parents' cars.

Busy and sometimes complex lives mean many parents still drive their children to school, which results in high automobile traffic in our school neighbourhoods. It's critical for parents and schools to keep reminding children to be especially careful as they walk or ride near their schools.

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We would like to wish all of our neighbours and their families a wonderful autumn season.






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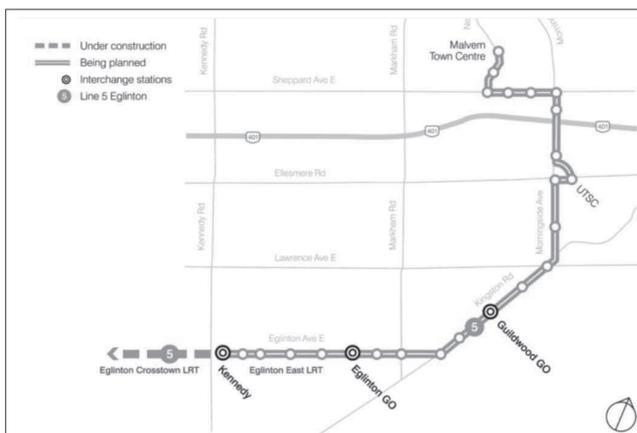
Transit Report

Eglinton East LRT team hosts community drop-ins



Transportation
Gerry Divaris

Three community drop-ins were held last month to focus on the future planning opportunities along the anticipated Eglinton East Light



Rapid Transit corridor in Scarborough. The Eglinton East LRT team came first to the Don Montgomery Community Centre on Sept 5. Similar events were hosted in the communities that will have the LRT traversing them: Malvern Centre, Kingston Road between Galloway/Lawrence and Morningside, and Kingston Road between Markham Road and Kingston Road.

The Eglinton East LRT will be the easterly extension of the Crosstown LRT, and will run from Kennedy Station along Eglinton Ave. East, connecting to Kingston Road and Morningside Avenue. This route should provide LRT service to some 40,000 people who live within walking distance of this transit corridor.

The objective of the community drop-ins is for interested parties and

the public to voice their opinions and desires as to what they would like to see. Given some of the discussion at the Don Montgomery C.C, it was clear that parking and alternate uses of the land around the LRT may be at odds between various interest groups.

Some retailers fear that during the construction phase pedestrian traffic will atrophy and vehicular traffic will encounter frustration. Yet others are concerned that finding affordable housing will be beyond their means as this gentrification unfolds.

Some of the plans of this transit expansion should appeal to cyclists, as plans will not only include bike paths as part of the infrastructure but paths that will also provide connections to the ravine system.

The LRT team is making every effort to satisfy as many people as possible, and they should be commended for it. However, we all know that it may appear to some as a fool's errand. Toronto has been bereft of a proper transit system for so long that any changes are bound to upset a lot of people. Traffic pains are certainly in our collective future. If we want and demand a world-class transit system, we will have to grin and bear it.

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West Rouge celebrates 25th Family Day event

By Barbara Broadley

What a Family Day it was! A beautiful hot summer day in September to celebrate family and the outdoors. This year was the 25th anniversary of West Rouge Family Day so we celebrated with many photos of past and present, along with cakes.

The day began with five antique cars driving through the neighbourhood announcing our event at the West Rouge Community Centre. Many families turned out to the sounds of entertainment on the stage and the smell of food being barbecued by M&M. The fresh corn was sponsored by Coppa's. The children enjoyed the bouncing castles, games, mini motorcycles, cotton candy and snow cones. There was also face painting and tattoos.

We had dogs show up for the mutt show sponsored by Muddy Paws. Thank you to all the vendors. By 3 p.m. many relaxed and enjoyed a beer in the beer garden listening to the sounds of Port United Band.

I want to send a special thank you to all the volunteers under the umbrella of West Rouge Sports & Recreation who organized a great event. And thank you to these local businesses and sponsors: Metro, Muddy Paws, Coppa's, BMO, WRCA, City of Toronto, Parks & Recreation, West Rouge Sports & Recreation Association, and Optimist Club Rouge Valley.

Community

It was a busy summer for Port Union Cares



Port Union Cares is grateful for the recognition of MP Gary Anandasangaree who presented the refugee sponsorship group's Eritrean family with a certificate to commemorate their first year here.

By Beyhan Farhadi

We're back with an update of what happened at our refugee sponsorship group over the summer.

In August, we hosted our Syrian family for dinner, ensuring they continue to feel supported even though they are not formally sponsored by us anymore. It was a festive occasion and an opportunity to celebrate their progress in Canada. Progress comes in many different forms. For most families who arrive as newcomers, it is an opportunity for their children to thrive. Both of the young girls are, indeed, thriving.

We continue to visit our Eritrean family, such that many of us consider

them dear friends. Adjam has started Grade 1 and he's thrilled to be back in school. Senait is too! We also celebrated their first year in Canada. This was a momentous occasion! Not only did we learn that Senait passed Level 4 English (which is quite a feat for her first year) but also, she was presented with a certificate to commemorate their first year by MP Gary Anandasangaree.

Port Union Cares is grateful for this recognition. MP Anandasangaree spent time with our group and shared stories of his journey to Canada. He arrived as a refugee with his mother in 1983, which has informed his advocacy not only for refugees and the principles of multiculturalism but

also to community service and local initiatives like ours.

Last, we've been busy settling our new Afghani family, who arrived in July. They are resilient folks and we are doing our best to support their needs in partnership with their family here. Currently, we're collecting items for them for the winter months. A list is posted on our website portunioncares.ca. You can also contact us at portunioncares@gmail.com.

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Community

Dancing to good health at Port Union Village Common

By Denise Bacon

A radiant, smiling woman came cycling round the corner into Port Union Village Common with a nondescript bag hanging from the handlebars. This was my first impression of dynamo Liang Xiu Wen. This impression was just the beginning of a delightful experience on a beautiful evening in September.

Every evening at 7:30 p.m., Liang makes this bicycle trip from her home in the Port Union community to lead a group of enthusiastic women in dance. Yes, dance! Yes, outside, even as the light gives in to dusk! Her bag contains a small radio, which is the source of beautiful music to which everyone moves with energy and grace.

Liang's persona belies her 70 years of age. She beams as she tells me about how much she loves to dance and to include others in this passion. Dance allows her to "play with people" and exercise. She says that exercise helps keep people healthy in body, mind and spirit. Dance makes people happy and happiness leads to health. In a short moment of reflection and with a twinkle in her eyes, Liang commented that good health reduces medical expenses and the medical burden on

society! Smiling, Liang gushed about how much she loves bringing people together in this wonderful way.

Liang started dancing in Port Union Commons in the summer of 2015. She would spend the summers here with her daughter and wanted to continue dancing as she did at home in China. To our good fortune, Liang is now a permanent resident in our community.

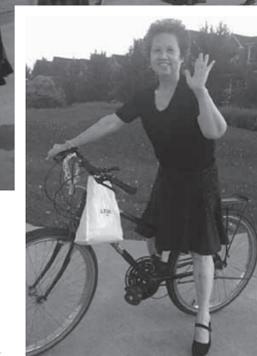
Edna Din, a Centennial resident, noticed the dancing two years ago as she was walking in the area and was drawn in. Edna is now a regular participant and loving the dance and camaraderie. She is learning Mandarin along the way. Edna says that the women come from different backgrounds, and it's quite amazing that there is no language barrier. Music, smiles and dance have become a common language.

Susan, another Centennial resident, mentioned that a friend brought her along in June this year and she, too, has become an enthusiastic regular. This dancing for an hour is the only exercise that Susan does and she proudly told me that she has lost 10 pounds since she started three months ago!

On Friday nights, the women dress in red and black. Recently, they



Every evening at 7:30 p.m., Liang Xiu Wen cycles from her home in the Port Union community to lead a group of enthusiastic women in dance at the Port Union Village Common. All are welcome to join in.



forward to spending their evenings with Liang and with each other. The big concern now is what will happen to this group once the weather turns too

have started purchasing matching outfits, so my visit was a delight of the senses – sight, sound and dance. Passersby stop, smile and comment about what a wonderful community we have!

Most of the women live in Centennial and some bring friends from nearby communities. They look

cold to dance outside. They want to keep up this healthy, fun activity, especially during the cold dark evenings ahead. Liang and her friends are hoping to find a space where they can continue to dance until the weather welcomes them back to Port Union Commons next summer.



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Toronto Municipal Election Candidates 2018

COUNCIL

The CCRA News reached out to the candidates for councillor, TDSB trustee and TCDSB trustee in this municipal election and asked for a short biography of themselves to help introduce them to our readers. We didn't get everyone because the bouncing back and forth between a 47 and a 25-ward council meant that different people were running depending on the number. We weren't sure who was actually running in our ward until September 21. But here are the responses of those who replied. We've also listed the names of those who didn't so you'll know who is on the ballot.

DANIEL CUBELLIS



Daniel Cubellis is a lifelong resident of Scarborough and currently holds a Bachelor of Applied Sciences in Civil Engineering from the University of Toronto. Throughout his life, he has gained a vast amount of experience that is both applicable and needed for a well-rounded city councillor. Some of his experience includes: working on delivery of the 407E Phase II project; aiding in the development of infrastructure asset management plans for the Regional Municipality of York; and researching how Detroit could reduce emissions by 2050 through infrastructure renewal projects, building code amendments, designing livable mixed-use neighbourhoods, and efficient transportation planning.

If elected, Daniel wants to use his experience to make better evidence and technical-based decisions at City Hall. He will work towards having safer streets, better transit, better roadways, more senior programs, and more economic development in our ward. Daniel also wants to be accessible as a councillor by having a local constituency office, giving everyone his cellphone number, and hosting community town halls.

For more information about Daniel and his platform, visit votecubellis.ca, call him at 647-499-2902 or send an email to daniel@votecubellis.ca.

PAUL COOKSON



Paul is a Scarborough native and small business CEO running to be your voice for action and change on City Council.

Paul has built a 30-year career in sales and marketing, helping companies he's worked with achieve measurable growth and success. He will bring his experience developing strategic plans and creative solutions to City Council, becoming an advocate for Ward 25 first. In 2010, Paul founded his Scarborough-based business Ad Army Group Marketing Services where his clients' potential and success are his priority. His business also designs and prints West Rouge Life Magazine, a publication that reflects his belief in supporting local business and community. As a small-business owner himself, Paul advocates for pro-business policies that will allow Scarborough's economy to thrive and help create local jobs. Paul's volunteer work with City Street Outreach has shaped his priorities of fighting for affordable housing, improved transit accessibility, and greater food security for the city's marginalized.

He aims to cut wasteful spending and divert those savings back into our community, while also ensuring Ward 25's support from city-wide initiatives. Paul believes in real results for your real concerns, and will be your advocate for action.

CHERYL LEWIS-THURAB



Cheryl Lewis-Thurab is a candidate for Ward 25. She is a community advocate and alumna of the inaugural Women Win TO program.

In 2017, she ran for appointment as interim city councillor in Ward 44. Cheryl is a certified career councillor and life skills coach who runs her own speaking, empowerment coaching and non-profit consulting business. She is a champion for women and youth empowerment, equity, diversity, accessibility and inclusion. Cheryl's desire to be an agent of change prompted her to run for city councillor. She is committed to working with residents and businesses to build safe, affordable and sustainable communities in Scarborough. Cheryl is a graduate of the University of the West Indies, Trinidad & Tobago, and George Brown College, Toronto. She has over 20 years of experience in community development and is a former staff member of United Way Toronto and Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation. Her career highlights include establishing the highly successful Paint Your School Pink fundraising program. She is a former union representative and Workplace Policy Advisor/Mediator with United Way and served on other boards and committees. As a former tenant representative with Toronto Community Housing, she initiated the Youth Accessing Resources Project.

REZA KHOSHDEL



As a longtime Scarborough resident he's on a mission to bring a voice back to a community that for far too long has been neglected at City Hall.

At 5 years old, he immigrated with his family to Canada, calling Scarborough home ever since. His family struggled to get on their feet and these early experiences helped instill in him the importance of community bonds and the value of education as a change agent in his life and in others. Reza is an MPA/MBA graduate, and previously served as a community organizer and Legislative Advisor to the Minister of Research and Innovation at Queen's Park.

As a grassroots organizer, he helped community residents with complicated issues that were brought to his attention when no other viable solutions were available. His role as a Legislative Advisor entailed working with private and public sector partners, fostering scientific discovery and commercialization of new technologies and products. Upon returning to the private sector, Reza currently serves as an operations executive for a multinational education company that specializes in mathematics enrichment programs for high-performing students.

Reza will bring his political and business acumen to City Hall and deliver for the great residents of Scarborough-Rouge Park.

NEETHAN SHAN



Neethan currently serves as a Toronto City Councillor in Scarborough. He previously served as a math teacher, college professor and

as a Public School Trustee in Scarborough. He is a proud recipient of the Toronto Community Foundation "Vital People" award. He lives in Rouge River with his wife, Thadsha, and together they are raising their two sons in our community.

At Toronto City Council, Neethan represents Scarborough as a member of the Toronto Public Health and the Toronto Arts Council. He is also a director on the board of our local Toronto Zoo.

Neethan is Toronto's Youth Equity Champion and Newcomer Advocate. Before he was elected councillor, he dedicated his time to our youth and their education, as public school trustee and youth worker and on many initiatives towards the well-being of seniors. Neethan has been a strong advocate for bringing more jobs, better rapid transit, well-resourced community centres and diverse arts and heritage programs to the Centennial community and the rest of Scarborough.

Neethan plans to continue being our progressive voice on Toronto City Council and hopes to count on your continued trust and support to build a stronger Scarborough together.

JENNIFER MCKELVIE



I've lived in Centennial with my family for more than a decade. As an environmental scientist, it was important for me to live in a community with

beautiful parks and outdoor recreational opportunities. For the past three years, I served on the Toronto & Region Conservation Authority. I will continue to advocate for funding to complete the Scarborough Waterfront Trail and add a dedicated bike lane.

I am proud to have served as President of the Centennial Community and Recreation Association (2015-2017) alongside our dedicated volunteers. In this role, I worked collaboratively with our neighbouring associations to advocate for residents at City Hall. This included preparing a successful deputation for the Highland Creek incinerator. I was also first President of Renew Scarborough (2016-2018), a non-profit dedicated to creating and realizing bold visions for Scarborough.

As your councillor, my top priorities would include: 1) Advocating for an integrated transit network that includes the subway extension, LRT to UTSC/Malvern and improved bus service; 2) Working closely with local trustees for safer school zones to protect our children; and 3) Creating working groups to support seniors in our ward and foster development of more retirement housing options. To learn more visit: www.votemckelvie.ca.

JOSEPH THOMAS



Joseph is passionate about improving and building an inclusive community that cares for each other. He is a successful business

man, a husband and a father of two young boys. He is a proud resident of Scarborough and would like to represent your voice in city hall.

Joseph knows that it takes a mature and responsible candidate to get the job done for Toronto Ward 25. As a person who gives back to the community in many ways, he is looking forward to the opportunity to serve as city councillor and to fight hard for the key issues that matter to all of us. TOGETHER for a safer city and stronger community, he hopes to earn your support and earn your vote on October 22.

I am committed to:

- Supporting our community, our youth, our seniors and hard-working families.
- Good quality jobs for Toronto.
- Stable property tax.
- Light Rail Transit (LRT).
- Youth development with recreation, sports and employment.
- A clean and green environment for Toronto.
- Safer city and stronger community.
- More affordable housing.
- More health-care facilities.

Final tally in municipal election is 25 wards

By Paul Lewkowicz

On September 10, Justice Edward Belobaba of the Ontario Superior Court ruled that Bill 5, the provincial government's Better Local Government Act, which reduces the size of Toronto City Council from 47 wards to 25 wards, was unconstitutional as it violated the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The government appealed Justice Belobaba's ruling.

On September 19, a three-person panel on the Ontario Court of Appeal granted a stay, which temporarily stops Justice Belobaba's ruling and effectively reinstates the 25-ward model for the October 22 election. A formal appeal of Justice Belobaba's decision is expected to be heard in November, after the election, and is expected to be successful. Due to the granting of a stay, the provincial government has stated it will not proceed with legislation to use the

notwithstanding clause to overturn Justice Belobaba's decision.

City council and school trustee candidates were given until Friday, September 21 to register, if they had not done so already, under the 25-ward model. Anyone who registered under the 47-ward model but did not advise the City Clerk of their intent to run under the 25-ward model was assumed by the City Clerk to have withdrawn their candidacy. The nomination deadline to run for mayor has remained unchanged and closed on July 27.

The municipal election will take place on Monday, October 22 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Advanced voting will take place from Wednesday, October 10 to Sunday October 14 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Centennial Scarborough will be located in Toronto City Council Ward 25: Scarborough-Rouge Park, which also includes the communities of Highland Creek, West Rouge and Morningside

Heights and portions of Malvern and West Hill. The Toronto District School Board will have the same boundaries as the city council ward while the Toronto Catholic District School Board ward will be made up of the city council wards of Scarborough-Rouge Park and Scarborough North.

Centennial Scarborough voters will have the following number of candidates on their ballot:

- 35 candidates for Mayor
- 11 candidates for City Councillor, Ward 25
- 10 candidates for Toronto District School Board (TDSB) Trustee, Ward 22
- 4 candidates for Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) Trustee, Ward 8
- 4 candidates for Conseil scolaire Viamonde Trustee, Ward 2 - Est
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SCHOOL TRUSTEES

TDSB KIRSTEN DOYLE



As a 15-year resident of TDSB Ward 22, Kirsten Doyle has strong ties to the community. She has two sons in

TDSB schools, one with autism. She was instrumental in the creation of a special education class in the elementary school he attended. She wants to bring this level of advocacy to all students in Ward 22.

Kirsten will also champion mental health for students through the reduction of stigma, better availability of services, and mental health awareness initiatives.

The safety of students is also a prime concern. Kirsten will work to improve school zone safety and ensure a safe, comfortable educational environment for all students.

Kirsten has served as school council chair, TDSB community coach, and classroom volunteer. She interacts effectively with parents, students, teachers, school board administrators and community members. Professional experience includes youth advocacy, writing/communications, and project management.

TDSB ROBERT MARSHALL



I am running for school trustee to try to achieve four goals. First, I want to do everything I can to ensure a safe learning environment

for our students, including partnering up with Toronto Police to return community safety officers to our high schools. Second, I want to support the TDSB's and province's efforts to improve our students' fundamental areas of knowledge in the STEM fields. As someone who has tutored university students privately, it is clear we must improve this area. Third, I want to continue to support our school board's progress in the areas of accountability

and financial responsibility. As someone with an educational background in accounting, we must look to the future of our province's finances when making the difficult decisions in the present.

TDSB ANUPPRIYA SRISKANDARAJAH



I am a Professor in the Child and Youth Studies Program at York University. Every day I get the pleasure of

educating future teachers who are in the process of their teacher training. I hold a PhD in Sociology and my research focuses on child and youth issues in Scarborough. I have worked as a research consultant for the Toronto District School Board. Most recently I co-authored "STEM Teaching and Learning in the Toronto District School Board. Deepening, Sustaining, Building Coherence and Fostering Student Learning and Equity." I also worked on the "Renewed Math Strategy" and "Student Achievement reports." As your trustee I aim to focus on three areas, student well-being, school programming, and infrastructure. One of the roles of a school board is to equip students for 21st century realities. Following my research in this area, I aim to integrate STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineer, Art, Math) more readily into the classroom.

TDSB ROXANNE WRIGHT



Roxanne Wright is a TDSB Trustee candidate for TDSB Ward 22. Roxanne has a degree in Criminology and Justice Policies, a diploma in Law and

Security Administration and a Developmental Services Worker certificate.

Roxanne volunteers as a school mentor and tutor through the Big Brother and Big Sister Organization, is a certified sports coach at the Scarborough Boys and Girls Club, and volun-

teers with the Toronto Parole Board, Women's Shelters and numerous charity fundraising events.

Roxanne received a Leading Women Building Communities Award from the government of Ontario acknowledging her exceptional leadership in working to improve the lives of others. She also received a Certificate of Recognition for making a difference through her generosity, dedication and commitment. Roxanne's priorities include student mental and physical health, special ed, safe schools, transportation and school repairs. Roxanne is committed to always being a positive role model for our students and community.

TCDSB MIGUEL POTENCIANO



Miguel Potenciano is a longtime Scarborough resident and an active member of his community. He attended Catholic

schools in Ward 8 before graduating from Ryerson's Radio and Television Arts program in 2003. As a television producer for 15 years, he co-founded News Minute Network, an online video production company. His years working in the production field have honed his negotiating and budgeting skills, while managing teams of professionals to achieve a common goal.

As Catholic School Board Trustee, Miguel will be a clear and progressive voice for students, parents and educators. Miguel will stand up for the Catholic School Board, advocate for the inclusion and acceptance of all students, find solutions to fix and improve our schools, encourage subjects that are at the forefront of today's modern workforce and be an active and involved trustee.

Visit www.miguelpotenciano.com to learn more about Miguel and about the campaign.

More information can be found at myvote.toronto.ca

TCDSB JOBIN JOSE



My name is Jobin Jose and I am running for Toronto Catholic District School Board Trustee in Ward

8. Born, raised and currently living within the boundaries of our community, I am a creative, honest, and energetic young man who is committed to going above and beyond to ensure our students are receiving the most out of their education. I attended Cardinal Leger and Prince of Peace for my elementary years and then Mary Ward Catholic Secondary School. I graduated from York University with a Bachelor of Commerce degree. I believe by promoting Catholic living, improving communication, emphasizing the importance of student wellness, and establishing 21st-century education in schools, we will ensure our students are prepared with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to succeed in today's world. Please visit www.jobin jose.ca for more information on my commitment to you and how we will build a brighter tomorrow.

Here are the other candidates

Council Ward 25

Amanda Cain
Jasper Ghori
Dave Madder
Christopher Riley

TDSB Ward 22

Rigaud Bastien
Vito Greto
Cecilia Kutas
Kabirul Mollah
Akila Rudrasingam
Tharshigan Vijayapalan

TCDSB Ward 8

Luis Castillo
Garry Tanuan

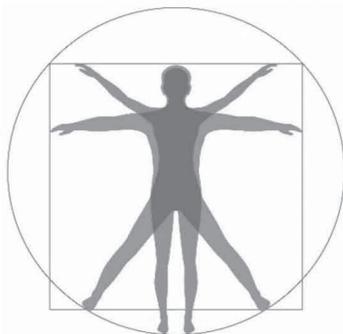
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Councillor's Report

Smart traffic signals will be tried out in the neighbourhood



Jim Hart, Councillor Ward 44

Fire Investigation Update

On May 30, a tragic house fire occurred on Haida Court, which is on the west side of Military Trail in Highland Creek. The fire broke out at a single detached house shortly before 2:30 a.m.

Three occupants escaped the fire and were rushed to hospital for treatment. A fourth occupant, an 18-year-old University of Toronto Scarborough Campus student, was later found deceased in the home.

Upon initial investigation, it was alleged that this home was being operated as a student rooming house and that the property owners were

negligent in providing proper fire and safety protection to the tenants.

On August 31, the property owners, two Toronto residents, were arrested and charged with nine counts of arson by negligence, criminal negligence causing death, and criminal negligence causing bodily harm.

Five other properties that were also being operated as rooming houses on Haida Court have been investigated. Multi-tenant houses, also known as rooming houses, are not permitted in Scarborough.

Smart Traffic Signal Pilot

The city's current Smart Traffic Signal Pilot will help us select a new technology to replace our aging signal infrastructure and expand our use of smart signals to fight congestion. In 2016, the city completed an evaluation of seven



Smart traffic signals will be deployed on Yonge St. and on Ellesmere Ave. E.

leading technologies, and procured two of them for pilot deployments.

During the pilot, they will be evaluated for how well they manage traffic, their reliability and their value. The pilot deployments are located on Yonge Street between Yonge Blvd. and Castlefield Ave., and on Sheppard Ave. East between Neilson and Meadowvale Rds.

The activation of the system on Sheppard will take place this fall. Constituents may notice signal operations that are slightly different from what we have now. This is because smart traffic signals adapt to prevailing traffic conditions throughout the entire day.

The objective of the technology is to reduce the overall delay for travellers, not just at one intersection but across the connected network. Once the pilots are complete, the merits of these technologies will be evaluated with the ultimate goal of installing smart signal technology throughout the city.

Local Updates

Road resurfacing on Lawrence Ave.

from Port Union Rd. to west of Meadowvale Rd. begins September 24 with an expected completion date of November 30. Traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction through the work zones.

Toronto Urban Forestry is hosting a tree planting event in Wanita Park. All are welcome to attend on Oct. 24 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Photo quiz

Where in Centennial? answer from page 7



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MPP report

Vijay Thanigasalam makes his debut at Queen's Park

My name is Vijay Thanigasalam, your newly elected Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) for the new riding of Scarborough-Rouge Park.

True to our promise, this summer has been a busy and a very productive one. In a rarely seen move, our government returned to the Legislature immediately after the election in the summer months when the Legislature is usually not in session. We promised to hit the ground running and that is what we did.

We ended the long York University strike, invested \$25 million over four years in new funding to fight gang and gun violence in the City of Toronto, and the CEO and Board of Hydro One are no longer there — promises made, promises kept.

Although I was at the Legislature becoming more acquainted in my new role and delivering on our campaign



Our new MPP Vijay Thanigasalam, right, was happy to meet with the constituents of Scarborough-Rouge Park over the summer.

promises, I was nonetheless thrilled to crisscross Scarborough-Rouge Park. I attended as many events as possible such as the Junior Carnival and Family Day at Neilson Park, the Highland Creek Heritage Festival, and the Port Union Waterfront Festival.

I was also privileged to meet with various stakeholders such as the representatives from the Tony Stacey Centre for Veterans Care, the Scarborough Campus of the University of Toronto, Scarborough Community Legal Services, and Habitat for Humanity GTA.

Most importantly, I had many opportunities to meet with the constituents of Scarborough-Rouge Park, whether to assist them on provincial

matters, hear how excited they are about the great things our government is doing, and even to listen to them when they strongly disagreed with our government. I also had the chance to sit down and discuss some of the concerns and challenges for families living in our area as well as to hear some of their praise for our great riding.

I am excited about the future as I work hard in my role as an MPP serving the residents to the best of my ability. Beyond our duties at the Legislative Assembly, my office plays the important role of serving as a conduit between the constituents of Scarborough-Rouge Park and the various provincial government services. Our team is r available to provide assistance with the following:

Birth, marriage, and death certificates; driver's licences; health care, health cards, and OHIP matters; Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB); Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP); Family Responsibility Office (FRO); seniors services and information; and providing certificates for milestones such as birthdays and wedding anniversaries.

If you need any assistance in any provincial matter, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office. Our newly opened constituency office is located at 105-8130 Sheppard Ave E. and we look forward to hosting regular meetings with residents at the office on Fridays. Please call ahead to make your appointment to see me or just drop by during our operating hours to speak with one of my staff. You can reach us at vijay.thanigasalamco@pc.ola.org or 416-326-7274.

MP report

Gary honoured to be appointed Parliamentary Secretary

It's great to be back in Ottawa serving the community of Scarborough-Rouge Park.

Parliamentary Secretary



MP Gary Anandasangaree is sworn in as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Canadian Heritage and Multiculturalism.

On August 31, I was incredibly humbled and honoured to be appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Canadian Heritage and Multiculturalism, the Honourable Pablo Rodriguez.

August 31 is a very important day for my family and me, as 35 years ago on August 31, 1983, my mother and I took our first steps on Canadian soil at Montreal's Mirabel International Airport. That day has been etched in my heart forever, and the experience of arriving to Canada as a refugee has guided my work all these years. It is very hard to imagine that that refugee would one day be asked to serve Canada in such a profound and meaningful way. This can only happen in Canada.

To all the people who have played an important part in my life, including my family, my friends, my staff and my constituents, I could not have done this without you. The people of Scarborough-Rouge Park entrusted me to be their Member of Parliament and to represent them and I will continue to work day and night to ensure their interests are represented in Ottawa.

As I accept this new role, I am guided by the values this country has taught me: inclusiveness, diversity, multiculturalism and equality. This new role will enable me to bring my experience and perspective to defend these important values and to ensure that our country remains an open country where we look at people's differences as a source of strength and not as a weakness. I will defend these values each and every day, and work hard towards strengthening our country, and building a more just society.

Fall Walk in the Rouge

As the warm weather winds down and we begin to welcome the fall season, I would like to invite you

and your family to join my team for some quality time in the Rouge National Urban Park. Our Fall Walk in the Rouge is a terrific way to take advantage of the beautiful fall colours, and learn from Parks Canada staff about our local urban oasis. This year's walk will take place on Sunday, November 4 at 9:30 a.m. The walk will begin at the Rouge Valley Conservation Centre (1749 Meadowvale Road) and is open to walkers of all skill levels. Please do not hesitate to contact my constituency office staff if you have any questions about our fall walk. We hope to see you there!

Annual Fall Open House

For those of you who would rather spend their fall indoors, I encourage you to drop by our Constituency Office at 3600 Ellesmere Road on Saturday, November 10 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon for some good

coffee and great conversation. During our annual Fall Open House, my staff and I will be on hand to answer any questions you have about federal government services, federal policy or to just simply say hello! All

are welcome to attend. For those of you who would like to connect with my team, I encourage you to contact my office at 416-283-1414 or Gary.Anand@parl.gc.ca. We are always happy to hear your ideas,

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Total Residential Transactions
There were 6,839 sales in August 2018, up 8.5% compared to August 2017. On a seasonally adjusted basis, TREBMLS' Sales were up 2% compared to July 2018.

Year-Over-Year	Seasonally Adjusted*
AUGUST 2017: 6,306 AUGUST 2018: 6,839 8.5% compared to August '17	JULY 2018: 6,951 AUGUST 2018: 7,092 2% compared to July '18

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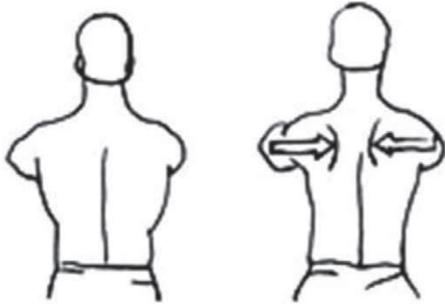
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Exercise of the Month

Shoulder Retraction

By: Lucie Sciberras

Before starting an exercise program, always check with your physician or physiotherapist to ensure it's safe for you to start.



Step 1)
While sitting up straight in your chair, raise both arms to shoulder height with your elbows bent. Do not lift higher than the shoulder.

Step 2)
Squeeze your shoulder blades together by bringing your elbows towards the back. Keep your arms at shoulder height. Exhale when bringing the elbows back.

Step 3)
Return to the start position. Do 1 set of 10 repetitions per day. Progress to 2 sets of 10 repetitions when it becomes easy.

If you have any questions before starting an exercise program, feel free to drop by the Port Union Fitness Centre.

Lucie Sciberras is a CSEP Personal Trainer and Fitness Consultant at the Port Union Fitness Centre.

Social Media

Active Facebook groups in this community

By Linda Barlow

Did you know that in addition to the West Rouge Residents and the West Rouge Buy & Sell Facebook groups there are many local groups that cater to all interests? Here's a list of the active groups in our area:

Rouge Hill Moms & Dads - Rouge Hill Moms & Dads connects parents, grandparents and caregivers of babies and young children from the Rouge, Centennial, Port Union, Highland Creek, West Hill, Guildwood, Pickering/Ajax and immediate surrounding areas.

West Rouge Women Who Cycle - A fun group of ladies who just want to cycle and collect a beer or coffee at the end.

West Rouge Small Biz Networking

West Rouge Book Swap - Share some of the great books you've read with neighbours!

Rouge Hill Runners & Walkers

Cool Dog Group of Port Union Waterfront - Dog lovers of Port Union unite!

Charlottetown Jr PS - School Council - The purpose of our Facebook group is to provide an online community, which is welcoming and inclusive, for families at Charlottetown JPS.

William G. Davis Jr. P.S. Parents - A page for parents of William G. Davis students in West Rouge. This is a group to ask and answer questions and share events and information.

West Rouge Homemade Homemakers - A group for local makers and buyers. Goods are made by local residents.

Parents of kids attending Sir Oliver Mowat CI - This group is created to discuss school events and activities.

Scouts

Scouts learned how to manage a tippy canoe

By Tracy Forsyth

The 2nd Highland Creek Scouting group started this Scouting year with an area canoe and paddling session at the Rouge Marsh. Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and their Leaders learned about water and canoe safety, how to manage a canoe that tips, paddling, first aid and rescue techniques, and other skills for safe canoe use. When many participants went for a swim in the water at the marsh, the swans weren't sure what to do about that. Some Beavers and Cubs managed to paddle to the 40l bridge with adult leaders accompanying them. More pictures of this event can be viewed on our facebook page: facebook.com/beaverscubscoutsventurersrovers

In October, all the 2nd Highland Creek youth and their leaders will be going on a weekend camp adventure to Camp Samac in Oshawa to learn about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) activities.



Our Annual **Apple Day** (weekend) will be **Friday, Oct. 14 and Saturday, Oct. 15**. Our youth members will be at local plazas seeking donations to support our activities and adventures and offering apples as a thank you. We will not be at the GO Station this year as we have in past years. Money collected during Apple Day helps to support our activities, leadership training and school permit fees.

We thank the community for its continued support.

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and their leaders learned about water and canoe safety at an area canoe and paddling session at the Rouge Marsh.

Photo: Krystle Forsyth, Colony and Pack Volunteer Scouter



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COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR				
Organizer	Event	Date & Location	Event Details	Contact
CCRA	Monthly meeting	Tuesday, October 2, at 7:15 pm Port Union Community Recreation Centre	Come out and learn what your CCRA is doing. Volunteer position as Conservation chair is now open.	Kathy Rowe 416-283-9987
The Stacey Centre	New build meeting	Wednesday, October 3 at 7:30 pm Tony Stacy Centre	The community is invited to provide their thoughts on what they would like to see included in the new build of the Tony Stacey Centre	visit tonystaceycentre.ca or contact Diana LeBlanc at 416-284-3333.
Scarborough Garden & Horticultural Society General	Cacti, Succulents and Other Green Things	Wednesday, October 3 at 7 - 9 pm Scarborough Village Recreation Centre	General Meeting/Free Presentation by Expert Ian McCallum - Refreshments included. Guests welcome - Doors open 7pm	www.gardenontario.org
CCRA	All-candidates meeting	Wednesday, October 10 at 7 - 9 pm Legion Branch 258 on Lawson Rd.	Come out and meet the candidates running for councillor in the October 22 election at our all-candidates meeting	Kathy Rowe 416-283-9987
Gear Realty Group	First annual FREE pumpkin giveaway	Saturday, October 13, at 12 - 2:00 pm Plaza at Port Union and Lawrence	We will be giving away pumpkins to the first 200 families. There will also be cookie decoration with Four Sweet Cookies, hot chocolate, colouring contest for \$50 gift cards and much more.	Jodi Gear 416-282-9292
CCRA	Pumpkin Parade!	Thursday, November 1, at 6 - 8:30 pm Port Union Village Common	Keep the Halloween fun going for one more night at this free event. Bring your carved pumpkins and a votive candle.	Kathy Rowe 416-283-9987
MP Gary Anandasangaree	Fall Walk in the Rouge	Sunday, November 4 at 9:30 am Rouge Valley Conservation Centre	Take advantage of the beautiful fall colours, and learn from Parks Canada staff about our local urban oasis. open to walkers of all skill levels.	416-283-1414
CCRA	Annual General Meeting	Wednesday, November 21 at 7:30 pm Port Union Community Centre	CCRA executive community reports as well as executive elections. All Centennial residents welcome so put it in your calendars and join us.	Kathy Rowe 416-283-9987
West Hill - Highland Creek Lions Club	Membership Meet & Greet	Last Tuesday of the month 7 pm, Heron Park CC., 292 Manse Rd.	Meeting and drop-in of the Lions Club	Membership Chair, 416-282-7202 website: www.lionsclub.ca
Port Union Seniors	Port Union Seniors Centre	Monday to Friday, 9 am - 4 pm, Port Union CRC, 5450 Lawrence Avenue East	Drop-in activities and classes for Seniors	416-396-4034

To submit your community event, email details to: webmaster@ccranews.com

Wanita Park tree planting on October 24

A morning of planting native trees and shrubs in Wanita Park is planned for Wednesday, October 24. All are welcome to attend. Tree planting is a perfect activity for community groups, individuals and families. Equipment and materials will be provided.

Volunteers should dress for the weather, wear comfortable clothing, sturdy shoes, long pants, and bring sunscreen and drinking water. You can email greentoronto@toronto.ca for more information or look it up on the City of Toronto's Tree Planting and Stewardship Events calendar.



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Distribution

Impressive number of longtime distributors



Wanda Wierzbicki

There are a few changes to the distribution team this month. My sincere thank you to **Florence Piruzza-Terry** and welcome to Florence's daughter **Stephanie Terry**, who will be taking over the route on Long Island Cres. Welcome also to **Mary Lou Vickers** who will be distributing to homes on Invermarge Dr., taking over from **Betty Karsh**. Betty retains her role as the bundle distributor for our largest route. Thank you, Betty.

This month I want to express my sincere thanks to **Bob and Wanda Bowen** for delivering the CCRA Centennial News to the homes on Chapais Cres. for more than 12 years. Bob and Wanda fondly recall delivering the newspaper when their granddaughters came from Australia and the girls were still in a stroller. When the girls were older, they would help with the distribution. Now the eldest granddaughter is 14 years old and Bob and Wanda are retiring.

Vacancies: We are looking for a distributor for Chapais Cres. (45 homes) and Waterbridge Way (83 homes). If you are interested, please send me an email.

This month I want to focus on some of our long-serving distributors. These are the people who have been delivering the CCRA Centennial News for decades. They exemplify the wonderful community spirit found here in Centennial. Last month I asked the distributors to send me their CCRA volunteer start date. Here is a sampling of the emails I received:

Roy Ward has been delivering since 1978. That is 40 years! He is one of the longest-serving CCRA volunteers.

Frances and Angela Leach are a mother-daughter team. Frances started delivering in 1979 after moving into a new subdivision on Kimbolton Court. She is now in her late 80s and somewhere along the way daughter Angela took over as a way to stay connected to the neighbourhood.

Joan and Keith Roberts have been volunteering since 1983. That was 35 years ago! **Rob Peck** has also been volunteering for 35 years.

Loretta Traynor writes, "I am not sure when I started delivering the CCRA News. It was probably around 1985 or 1986. I remember occasionally paying my eldest son (born in 1973) to deliver them for me if I was busy. Then, over the years I would pay my other two sons occasionally as well. When I went back to work around 1988, I phoned to give it up, but there was no one else to do it, so I continued since it only takes around 40 minutes once a month for 10 months. I have been retired since 2013. My husband

retired in 2014. Now we deliver the CCRA News together - alternating houses."

Ann Eddie writes, "Decades - mid-1980s." That is about 33 years!

Kevin Bullied writes, "I have a few different dates. In 1985, Conference Blvd. needed a distributor. My Dad signed up and I was the delivery person until we moved in 2000. In 2002, I moved into my house on Charlottetown Blvd. and who knew ... the people that lived there before me delivered the CCRA News to Charlottetown Blvd. So I just continued doing it." That is 31 years!

Ron and Karen Heino write, "Best guess 1991." That is 27 years!

Hal Stuart writes, "We think 1992." That is 26 years!

Kelly Drysdale writes, "I'm not sure exactly but I have been delivering the CCRA on Cedarview for about 25 years."

To be continued next month.

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Two **PA Day Programs** on Oct. 5: Snap Circuits for Kids! (Ages 8+) 2:00-3:00 p.m. and 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Play with electricity and circuitry during this hands-on program. Turn on a light, spin a motor, activate a speaker and choose from hundreds of different projects. Or try making your own circuits. There is no registration, but there is a limit of 20 participants per program.

Monday Night at the Movies on Mondays from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

This is a weekly program for adults. Come to enjoy some great films and meet new people.

Knitting and Crocheting Drop-In is held on Saturdays from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

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EarlyON Child and Family Centre staff will continue to present an interactive, drop-in program for children ages birth to 6 years and their parent/caregiver. Each week will focus on a story book theme that will be followed by a craft, table activities and songs to reinforce the theme of the story book. It will be held on Mondays from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

The Sun Life Financial Museum and Arts Pass (MAP) is available year round. Your family can explore some of Toronto's cultural and arts treasures for free. Passes are available to adult library card holders beginning on Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. At the Port Union Library, MAP Passes that are distributed are: the Art Gallery of Ontario, the Toronto History Museums and the Textile Museum of Canada.

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