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What you need to know about watermain Breaks

Did you know that the City of Toronto has 548 kilometres of trunk of watermain used for the bulk transmission of water? Approximately 6.5% of watermain are more than 100 years old but the majority watermain are approximately 55 years old. The Average number of watermain breaks/year: are 1,200.

Watermain breaks are more frequent in winter months (November to March) when colder temperatures can cause soil to freeze and expand, creating force on the watermain. Prolonged periods of cold weather will result in an increase in the number of watermain breaks.

Toronto Water is spending approximately \$86 million in 2012 for replacement and rehabilitation of watermain (\$110 million is proposed in 2013)

Replacements are determined by considering age, break frequency, material, operational requests, hydraulic performance, future growth and minimizing cost and disruption to the local community in co-ordination with other construction programs (e.g., road, sewer, gas, hydro, etc).

How does the City respond to watermain breaks?

A watermain break is considered emergency work as it provides drinking water to residents and businesses.

When a watermain break is reported to 311, Toronto Water staff are immediately dispatched to determine the location and severity of the watermain break. Workers excavate to expose the break. Depending on the severity, the main might be repaired by using a repair clamp or by replacing the deteriorated section of pipe.

Property owners and businesses affected by a watermain break are notified if water service in the area needs to be turned off. They are advised the expected time to complete the r and when the water will be back on. Most repairs take less than 24 hours.

For more information on watermain breaks see the Toronto Water Video at www.toronto.ca/water/watermain_breaks.htm

To report a watermain break call 311 – available 24 hours per day everyday.

Best Wishes

Mark Grimes

Council Highlights meeting of November 27, 28 & 29, 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>.

Recreation service plan

Council approved a Recreation Service Plan that will guide the City of Toronto's delivery of recreation programs and services over the next five years. The plan aims to increase overall participation in recreation, decrease financial barriers and improve access. The plan outlines the role of the Parks, Forestry and Recreation division in providing recreation within the broader context of Toronto's recreation services sector. Staff will now prepare a detailed implementation plan that takes into account direction provided at the Council meeting.

Plastic bags in Toronto

In light of legal considerations, Council chose not to consider the bylaw to implement a plastic bag ban for January 1, 2013. Council directed staff to report to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee next spring on options for measures that could be taken to reduce the use and disposal of plastic bags.

Mid-term appointments to committees

Council approved mid-term councillor appointments to the Executive Committee, standing and special committees, agencies and advisory bodies for the period from January 1, 2013 to November 30, 2014, and until successors are appointed.

Water and wastewater budget and rates

Council approved water and wastewater rates for 2013, increasing the flat rate by nine per cent. The City of Toronto's water and wastewater operations are fully funded through the combined water and wastewater rate.

Solid waste management budget for 2013

Council approved the Solid Waste Management budget for 2013, with no increase in volume-based user fees, with the exception of an increase of \$2.84 to the small-bin fee. Council decided to suspend the collection of solid waste user fees in 2013 for charitable and non-profit organizations previously eligible for exemption.

Toronto Parking Authority budget

In adopting the Toronto Parking Authority's 2013 budget, Council asked the authority to look into replacing standard tube lighting with LED lighting and to prepare a plan for achieving the greening guidelines for surface parking lots. The guidelines involve taking actions to address matters such as stormwater management to pedestrian safety at parking lots.

Moving the Toronto Zoo's elephants

Council reaffirmed its 2011 decision to transfer the Toronto Zoo's three elephants to the Performing Animals Welfare Society (PAWS) sanctuary in California on or before December 31, 2012, or as soon as possible. The cost of the move is to be paid by PAWS. Council agreed that the due diligence process is complete and that the Toronto Zoo should proceed with making the elephants available for the move.

Etobicoke-Lakeshore employment area

Council agreed to ask provincial authorities to identify the employment lands at the Ontario Food Terminal site and vicinity, including the Mr. Christie's Bakery site at 2140 Lake Shore Boulevard West, as a provincially significant employment area. A November announcement indicated the Christie facility will close next year.

Public service bylaw for Toronto

Council authorized the City Manager to recommend the detailed content of a public service bylaw for City of Toronto divisions and agencies. It will set out roles, responsibilities and authorities for the City Manager and City agencies, and provide for the disclosure of wrongdoing. The bylaw will support the principles of transparency, integrity and accountability in the management of the municipality's human resources.

Future of Toronto's civic theatres

Council requested an audit of the Sony Centre for the Performing Arts for 2006-2011, including its business plans, as part of the City's review of the future of the Sony Centre. Executive Committee had earlier referred a motion back to staff for further input on alternative strategic plans to keep the centre in the City's hands. Council recognized the other two civic theatres – St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts and the Toronto Centre for

the Arts – as community cultural assets, and directed each of them to produce a five-year business plan and long-term strategic plan.

Environment and energy functions, tower renewal

As part of a business item on the City's environment and energy functions, Council adopted recommendations that include reorganizing to improve effectiveness and efficiency while maintaining current services/programs. The Toronto Environment Office and the Energy and Strategic Initiatives section of the Facilities Management Division will be integrated into a new Environment and Energy Office reporting to the Chief Corporate Officer. The Tower Renewal Office will join the Social Development, Finance and Administration division to facilitate collaboration with the Community Revitalization program.

Toronto's tree canopy

Council approved a revised Urban Forestry Service Plan, conditional on funding availability, that will extend by seven years (to 2023) the time frame to fully implement the strategy. The change is necessary because of the cost of combating the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). Management of EAB will cost the City an estimated \$74.5 million over nine years. Council reaffirmed that the City will continue planting the same number of trees annually as indicated in the original Urban Forestry Service Plan for Toronto.

Combating gypsy moth problem

Urban Forestry staff received Council's authorization to implement an integrated pest management program to control the European gypsy moth in an effort to mitigate the damage the insect does to the urban forest. The moth's population has reached outbreak levels in some areas of Toronto, particularly in Wards 2, 3, 4, 5 and 27.

Holiday shopping

Council considered a report on holiday shopping in Toronto and voted in favour of receiving the report for information.

Privately owned public spaces in Toronto

Council agreed to ask for a report that identifies all privately owned public spaces in Toronto, and to work on a plan to ensure that these public spaces have visible signs indicating the space is open to the public. Many parks, plazas, open spaces, squares and walkways created as part of developments are open to the public but many are not well used – often because people are not aware that they can use them.

Uranium processing facility

Council asked the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission to further review the General Electric-Hitachi plant's operations at 1025 Lansdowne Ave. In addition, Council asked the Medical Officer of Health to monitor the facility with respect to uranium-use levels and air and soil test results, and to report that information to the community on a regular basis, including via Public Health's website.

Commemoration of the Nanking Massacre

Council agreed to issue a proclamation marking the 75th anniversary of the Nanking Massacre this month. The Nanking Massacre occurred in China in December 1937.

Support for Nobel Peace Prize nomination

Council endorsed the nomination of Malala Yousafzai for a Nobel Peace Prize and will communicate the City of Toronto's support to the Nobel Committee. The young resident of Pakistan was shot by Taliban militants in October in an attempt on her life because of her advocacy work supporting the right for girls to attend school.

Toronto Argonauts, 2012 Grey Cup champions

Council members supported a motion to congratulate Toronto Argonauts players, coaches and management, specifically naming Argonauts president Chris Rudge and coach Scott Milanovich, as winners of the 100th Grey Cup game. The Argonauts – the oldest professional sports team in North America still using its original name – won the Canadian Football League championship and received the Grey Cup in Toronto on November 25.

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Hitting the slopes

The public can enjoy skiing and snowboarding this winter at two convenient locations in the city. Certified instructors offer private and group lessons designed for people of all ages from beginner to advanced. Both locations offer rental equipment including helmets and lift tickets.

Centennial Ski and Snowboard Centre, Centennial Park, 256 Centennial Park Rd., 416-394-8754 or Earl Bales Ski and Snowboard Centre, Earl Bales Park, 4169

Bathurst St., 416-395-7931

National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

On Thursday, December 6, 2012 all flags on official flag poles at Toronto City Hall, Metro Hall, and the five Civic Centres were flown at half-mast to mark the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

December 6 is the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women in Canada. Established in 1991 by the Parliament of Canada, this day marks the anniversary of the murders in 1989 of 14 young women at l'École Polytechnique de Montréal. They died because they were women.

As well as commemorating the 14 young women whose lives ended in an act of gender-based violence that shocked the nation, December 6 represents an opportunity for Canadians to reflect on the phenomenon of violence against women in our society. It is also an opportunity to consider the women and girls for whom violence is a daily reality, and to remember those who have died as a result of gender-based violence.

Finally, it is a day on which communities can consider concrete actions to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls.

What you can do to **Take Action on Violence Against Women**:

- Speak up about violence in your community
- Encourage people who commit violence to get help
- Teach girls to protect and empower themselves
- Raise children who can resolve conflict without violence
- Make sure your home, workplace and community are safe for women and girls
- Speak out against negative media images of women and girls
- Promote women's economic and political equality
- Support organizations that work to end violence against women
- support your local women's shelter and support services centre



Women's Habitat

Since 1978, the Women's Habitat shelter has provided a safe refuge, counselling, support and advocacy for women and their children who are fleeing violence in Etobicoke Lakeshore. For more than 30 years, they have helped thousands of women and their children rebuild their lives.

If you are interested in donating to Women's Habitat, they ask that you consider the following options.

Grocery and department store gift cards – These gift cards are provided to women who are moving out of the shelter. They are also provided during the holiday season to past shelter residents and to outreach clients.

TTC Tickets: The women who use the shelter and outreach centre live in poverty. They do not own cars. Their means of transportation is the TTC. When you are living on a small income, TTC tickets are expensive luxuries, and yet necessities.

Non-perishable food (tuna, beans, vegetables, peanut butter, soup): Being on a limited income means that the majority of your monthly income goes to pay your rent. At our outreach centre, we have a "mini" food bank, where women can get a few items to make it through the month.

Toiletries: (Deodorant; Shampoo and Conditioner; Toothpaste; Feminine Napkins): With 25 people in the house at all times, we go through a lot of toiletries. And each time a new woman comes in we have a care package in her room waiting. Many times, women arrive at the shelter with just the clothes on their backs.

Cash donations: We use donations to purchase TTC tickets for women to go to court appointments, job interviews, or to take their kids to the doctor. We also purchase grocery and department store gift cards to help set women up in a new home.

To make a donation, or to ask a question about our guidelines, please contact Ursula at 416-252-7949 x230 or ukrubnik@womens-habitat.ca.

If you need help contact the Crisis Line 416-252-5829 TTY: 416-252-0361

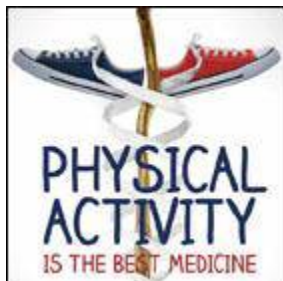
Administration and Outreach 416-252-7949 140 Islington Avenue Etobicoke, ON M8V 3B6

More information is available on their website at <http://www.womens-habitat.ca>

Holiday Gift Wrap Service to support Women's Habitat of Etobicoke

Saturday Dec 8 2012, 10am-6pm Location: Eatonville Care Centre Address: 420 The East Mall

Eatonville Care Centre is sponsoring the Women's Habitat of Etobicoke for the 2012 holiday season. We are hosting a gift wrap service in exchange for donated items. We are collecting household appliances (coffee makers, toasters etc.), gift cards, toys and care products (soap, toothpaste etc). For every item donated we will wrap up to 5 gifts for you! Please come out and help us provide families with a happy holiday season.



Get Active Toronto 2012 report on physical activity released

On June 27, Dr. the Get Active Toronto 2012 report on physical activity called: Physical Activity is the Best Medicine was released. This is an important report and its findings reveal that for the past decade, Toronto residents have recorded low levels of physical activity during leisure time. In fact, only 42% of Torontonians are physically active during leisure time. With largely sedentary work and school environments, now more than ever it is critical for people to incorporate physical activity during their day!

While youth have many opportunities to be physically active in playgrounds, sports teams and in gym class, overweight and obesity among youth is on the rise. Few youth are active enough to derive significant health benefits. The report highlights seven key recommendations to improve physical activity amongst Toronto teens including:

- Involve and integrate youth in the development and implementation of initiatives. This finding was a key take away from the successful Youth Summit where youth explored new innovative ways to increase physical activity;
- Ensure a more equitable distribution of resources, supplies and activities among Toronto schools; Youth are more likely to engage in physical activity when they understand and perceive that physical activity is fun. It is critical to link fun physical activities to health gains for youth - fun, fitness, and education together;
- Link sports, physical activity and recreation to social and networking opportunities to encourage participation of girls;
- Recognize the changing needs of growing girls and adapt sports, physical activity and recreation accordingly;
- Encourage school boards to hire full-time experienced health and physical education teachers; and
- Support the development of walkable neighbourhoods in Toronto, and promote the development of safe recreation spaces (indoor and outdoor) that are accessible to all Torontonians.

For the full Get Active Toronto 2012 report, or to learn more about Get Active Toronto, please visit: www.getactivetoronto.com.



The 12 Strays of Christmas

It's time again for Toronto Animal Services to present the 12 Strays of Christmas. This year, the 12 Strays of Christmas includes dogs, cats and bunnies. These furry friends are looking for "forever" homes to call their own. From December 12 to 23, all bunny adoptions are just \$10 and all cat adoptions are just \$25 plus tax. All pets are spayed or neutered prior to adoption. Every pet adopted comes with a holiday "stocking" of goodies. Visit your local animal shelter to see them in person or view

them online starting December 10.

Project BEAT (Built Environment and Active Transport)

PROJECT BEAT

Active Commute to School for consistent source of physical activity.

– Drive, walk or Cycle to school is the question. -

The University of Toronto is engaging in a study to research How do children and parents view the trip to school - what helps or limits childhood active transport to school

From the Project Beat Website: <http://physical.utoronto.ca/Beat.aspx>

Physical inactivity is recognized as having an important role in the increasing number of children who are overweight or obese. For youth, as time spent on physical activity in school declines, active commuting to school (e.g., walking, cycling) may be an important and consistent source of physical activity.

Given that physical activity declines through adolescence, and that lifelong physical activity patterns are established in childhood, encouraging any amount of active commuting at a young age could be beneficial in the long-term. However, in Canada, over half of children aged 5-17 rely solely on inactive modes of transportation (e.g., car or bus) to and from school. There has been no Canadian research examining how to increase active school transport and specifically the role of the built environment (e.g., organization of streets) in shaping this behaviour. Our research programme will address this gap.

View the Summary Report of Results for Study 2 at <http://physical.utoronto.ca/Beat.aspx>

How do children and parents view the trip to school - what helps or limits childhood active transport to school?

- 1. How do features of the built environment influence the decision to drive or walk to school?*
- 2. Are children who walk or cycle to school more physically active overall, and do they have healthier body weights, than children who do not?*
- 3. What can be changed to help parents and their children consider more active ways to get to and from school?*

This research will provide valuable information for policy makers, practitioners, and researchers by

- a. making the case for policies to help make active transport a more regular activity*
- b. helping schools and children think of ways that they can be more active before and after school, and*
- c. helping us understand how the built environment may encourage or constrain people from being physically active in general.*

Existing research has not yet answered the question of what determines the travel behaviour for the trip to school. Additionally, there is no Canadian research that has studied this question; development of domestic policy around this issue requires local evidence. Accordingly, this pioneering project is unique in the Canadian context and is critical in developing an extensive database about the role of the built environment in helping or hindering active school transport. This work will provide key evidence in support of the development of better policies and programmes designed to positively affect school travel behaviour and the lives of children.

The project is also novel in its development of a more complete conceptual model for understanding the relationship between school transport policies, decisions and the built environment. The development of this model will assist in identifying what factors need to be modified to encourage active transport in Canadian children and youth.

To find out more: Contact Dr. Guy Faulkner, Project BEAT Principal Investigator, at guy.faulkner@utoronto.ca or visit the website.

City of Toronto celebrates human rights champions

The City of Toronto honoured five individuals and one organization tonight at the Access, Equity and Human Rights Awards, held in the Council Chamber of City Hall.

"Toronto City Council is often at the forefront of social justice issues for the simple reason that it has the most direct contact with citizens," said Councillor Mike Layton (Ward 19 Trinity-Spadina), who brought greetings on behalf of Mayor Ford and City Council. "Direct contact provides the best opportunity for citizens to engage government, and to change society for the better."

The 2012 recipients of the City of Toronto Access, Equity and Human Rights Awards are:

- Aboriginal Affairs Award - Native Women's Resource Centre of Toronto
- Access Award - Archie Allison
- Constance E. Hamilton Award on the Status of Women - Carolyn Egan and Ceta Ramkhalawansingh
- Pride Award - Martine Stonehouse
- William P. Hubbard Award for Race Relations - Teferi Adem

The annual ceremony marks Human Rights Day - December 10 - and celebrates advances in human rights in Toronto. December is also the month in which the City proclaims International Day of Persons with Disabilities (December 3) and the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women (December 6).

Volunteers Needed

<http://www.facebook.com/bnaibrithcanada>

Delivering Channukah baskets to the forgotten Jews in Toronto

B'Nai Brith e are looking for volunteers to help make a difference in the lives of so many Jews who are forgotten this Channukah. On Sunday December 9th 8:30am meet at 15 Hove Street to help pack up the baskets and send them off to the people who need it.

While many of us enjoy the custom of giving and receiving gifts, for so many in our community, a small visit from a stranger will bring so much light into lives.

For more information please contact arie@jewishtribune.ca For only \$18, you can sponsor a basket, visit www.bnaibrith.ca or call 416-633-6224 ext. 109 to make a donation.

'Tis the Season....for Slips and Falls!

In your lifetime, the odds of being injured in a fall are: 1 in 184. Odds of winning the lottery: 1 in 135,145,920

What can be done to prevent some of the hazards that cause slips & falls?

- ensure your footwear is suitable to the conditions and treads are in good condition
- walk slowly and carefully on slippery walkways, & take short deliberate steps
- take an alternate sanded or salted path when available, to avoid icy areas
- hold the handrail when using stairs when climbing or descending stairs
- ensure water, spills, slush etc. are cleared from entrances promptly and
- proper non-slip matting is at entrances
- clean up or report liquids on the floor in areas such as bathrooms and kitchens.

- watch for slippery parking lots, roadways, sidewalks, streetcar tracks when walking or exiting and entering your vehicle
- sand/salt slippery parking lots or walkways as soon as possible
- avoid obstructing your view when carrying objects while walking or climbing stairs

Entering or exiting vehicles

- survey your vehicle and the surrounding environment before exiting or entering for ice, snow, grease, oil, uneven surfaces, and exercise appropriate caution
- Look for broken or damaged steps or handholds
- remove ice, debris, or snow from vehicle steps when possible
- face the vehicle where practicable and use a 3 point contact method to enter and exit
- use the access steps, footholds, handholds, rails and/or steering wheels to support you when entering and exiting

Everyone should always be aware of their surroundings. This is never more evident than with the transition from warm summer weather to cold winter weather. Here are a few strategies to ensure to keep injuries free:

Dealing with a Frosty / Snow Covered Vehicle:

- Have you seen those folks driving with windows all covered with snow? Ensure visibility. Remove all snow, ice and frost from windows before driving.
- Avoid excessive reaching by using the car brush from both sides of the vehicle. Consider use of a long handled vehicle brush to get to hard to reach portions of the vehicle.
- Allow your vehicle to warm up & defrost prior to starting your trip. Allowing your vehicle to warm up will limit the requirement of scraping or brushing off the windows. Ensure exhaust pipe is not blocked by a snow bank. (banana, squirrel or other inanimate object).
- Ensuring all windows and exterior mirrors are cleared appropriately in order to see efficiently see through the frosty glass.

Dealing with Icy surfaces:

Use salt or de-icing agents to assist with clearing ice to limit the force requirements and vibration within the hands associated with chipping ice. unexpected movement when slipping on an icy surface. High grip foot wear would also assist with prevention of more serious injuries associated with falls due to icy conditions.

Dress Warmly:

Muscles are tighter and have reduced blood flow when they are cold, increasing the risk of injury, therefore dressing appropriately for the weather is an important ergonomic consideration. Man-made fabrics such as polypropylene are great at keeping you warm and dry when you work up a sweat shovelling snow.

Be Smarter Than Your Snow Shovel!

When shovelling snow this season, make sure that you use the best ergonomic methods possible.

Some basic tips for safer shovelling include:

- Shovel early and often.
- Take your time, snow shovelling almost always occurs at an inconvenient time and, as a result we are in a hurry to finish, increasing our injury risk.
- Wear proper clothing that allows for mobility and breathability.
- Choose a snow shovel that is light weight and with a relatively small blade. If you must throw it avoid twisting the back. Do not lift too much at one time.

If possible, push the snow rather than lift it Consider wearing high grip foot wear to avoid muscular injuries associated with sudden unexpected movement when slipping on an icy surface. High grip foot wear would also assist with prevention of more serious injuries associated with falls due to icy conditions.

Time app focuses on Toronto history



Toronto in Time is a new free mobile app for iOS (Apple) and Android that highlights the history of Toronto through "then and now" photos, slideshows, trails and historical stories for more than 150 locations. Users can meet a cast of characters that includes the inventors, artists, entrepreneurs, bank robbers, visionaries and dreamers who have enriched Toronto's history. Users with or without a mobile device can discover all the features of Toronto in Time online. This project is a partnership of the Historica-Dominion Institute, the City of Toronto's Museum Services, and Heritage

Toronto Zoo Upcoming Events !

Saturday, December 15 and Sunday, December 16, 2012

Get your photo taken with Santa and his Reindeer at the Zoo!

Santa and his 'reindeer in training' will be spreading Christmas cheer at our Courtyard Stage at 10:00 am, 12:00 noon and 2:00 pm (each is a one hour session) and everyone who stops by to see Santa will receive a free gift from the Littlest Pet Shop by Hasbro (while supplies last). Don't forget to bring your camera; we know you will want to share this photo with all your friends on Facebook.

Monday, December 31 : 10th Annual New Year's Eve Family Countdown

Visit with some new and wild friends in the Americas & Australasia Pavilions and in the Tundra Trek. Don't miss some great entertainment including "That 60s Show" tribute band, *Kung Fu Panda* and Majinx Magic Show. Plus check out Meet & Greets with *Kung Fu Panda's "Po"*, The WotWots and of course some WILD animals! The fun begins at 5:00 pm and runs until 8:00 pm when we have our very own Kids' Countdown. Tickets NOW on sale.

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The 2012 Toronto Zoo Adopt-An-Animal Holiday Package Is Here!

This beautiful, White Lion Adoption Holiday Package makes this year's shopping a breeze and includes a keepsake portrait of our three adorable White lion cubs, a delightful plush (keep it yourself or give it as part of your gift!), an invitation to the Zoo's Annual Parent's Day, and more. Bonus for 2012-a chance to win a VIP Behind The Scenes Tour for you and up to five guests!

Holiday at City Museums

You do not have to leave Toronto to experience an old-fashioned Christmas - The City's museums offer a variety of programs and special events. They can even help you with your holiday season shopping at the new Fort York Frost Fair on December 8 and 9 (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and gift shops at the various museums. In addition, Colborne Lodge and Montgomery's Inn are hosting holiday-theme workshops. Details:

www.toronto.ca/holidays

Colborne Lodge in High Park : Colborne Lodge Drive, 416-392-6916

Christmas Centrepiece Workshops - For Adults

Sunday, December 9 at 10 a.m.; Saturday, December 15 at 2 p.m. and Sunday, December 16 at 10 a.m.

Create your own Christmas Centrepiece using natural materials. This 2-hour workshop is a great pre-Christmas get-together activity for groups of friends and families. Set in picturesque High Park, the house offers a cosy historic ambience for this seasonal craft. A tour of the decorated parts of the house and light refreshments are included. Pre-registration and pre-payment required. \$32.50 plus tax.

Christmas Trimmings Workshops - For Kids 6 to 10 years old

Saturday, December 22 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Get a few errands done when you drop off the kids who'll make a Christmas ornament to take home. A visit to the decorated parts of the house and light refreshments are included. Pre-registration and pre-payment required. \$20 plus tax.

Christmas Cookie Creation for Children - For Kids 8 to 12 years old

Sunday, December 23 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Drop off the children, who will have fun making unique and tasty treats for the holidays in this historic baking workshop that uses a Canadian gingerbread recipe from the 1830s. While their cookies bake, participants will tour the house and discover Victorian Christmas traditions and stories. Later, they will take home the Christmas cookies they've made. They might even want to save a few for when Saint Nick comes to visit! Pre-registration and pre-payment required. \$22.50 plus tax (includes supplies and a dozen cookies).

At Montgomery's Inn ; 4709 Dundas Street West at Islington Avenue, 416-394-8113

A vintage-style poster for a 'TWELFTH NIGHT DANCE PARTY'. The text is in a mix of red and black fonts. It lists the date as Saturday, January 5, with a 4:30 Dance Workshop, 6:00 Cold Supper, and 7:30 Ball. Tickets are \$50 for seniors/students \$40. The location is Montgomery's Inn, 4709 Dundas St. W. (at Islington), 416-394-8106. It also mentions 'Visit janeaustendancing.ca' and has logos for 'TORONTO' and 'TCN'. A small illustration shows a group of people in Victorian-era clothing dancing in a room with a Christmas tree.

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DANCE PARTY**

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4:30 Dance Workshop
6:00 Cold Supper
7:30 Ball

Tickets \$50
(Seniors/Students \$40)

Montgomery's Inn
4709 Dundas St. W.
(at Islington)
416-394-8106

Visit janeaustendancing.ca

TORONTO **TCN** Call 311

Carols in the Tavern Friday December 7, 7:30 p.m.

Get some Christmas Spirit in the Tavern while you sing some nineteenth century carols and sip a historic drink. Enjoy savoury treats and mulled cider (included with admission price). Pre-registration required. \$20 plus tax.

A Christmas Carol Thursday December 6, 13 and 14, 7 – 9 p.m. and December 8 and 22, 2 – 4 p.m.

The Humber River Shakespeare Company presents the Dickens classic. Back by popular demand - this time as a full stage production - this holiday season staple is not to be missed! \$15 adults, \$10 children; [tickets can be purchased on-line](#).

Twelfth Night Dance Party Saturday January 5, 4:30 to 10:30 p.m.

- 4:30 to 6 p.m. - Dance Workshop
- 6 to 7:30 p.m. - Cold Supper
- 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. - Ball

Explore English holiday customs of another era -- dance to traditional music played by piano and violin, sample seasonal treats, play games and tour the Inn decked in all its festive decorations. All dances are taught and led. No dance experience or partner are required but the afternoon dance workshop is mandatory and will allow you and the other guests to enjoy the evening dance party to its fullest.

Perhaps you will find the bean in the Twelfth Cake, as they did in old England, and become King or Queen for the night. Learn more about that tradition when you join us on January 5th. Adults \$50, Seniors/Students \$40 (plus tax). Pre-registration required at www.janeaustendancing.com or call 416-394-8106. Please note: Not wheelchair accessible

Events

Holiday Gift Wrap Fundraiser Etobicoke Support Services for Seniors' Annual Gift Wrap fundraising event is taking place at Cloverdale Mall (250 The East Mall) from December 1st - 24th. ESS volunteers will be wrapping holiday gifts, for donation, using environmentally friendly paper. Come visit our booth, near the mall food court, and have your gift wrapped! All proceeds go directly to supporting seniors in your community. To learn more about this event please call us at 416-243-0127

Saturday December 8th, 2012



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Sirius Theatrical Company A Christmas Carol

A dramatic Reading of this beloved story. –

Info – email info@siriustheatrical.com

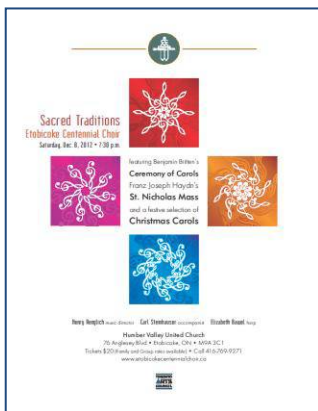


Saturday December 8th, 2012

First Annual Parangfest.

The evening promises to be an enjoyable one with a live band, DJ, door prizes and more!! Proceeds from this event will be used to provide grants to full-time post secondary students for the 2013 - 2014 academic year.

Doors open at 8:00PM, Band's First Performance at 10:00PM **Tickets:** \$25 advance, \$30 at the door 482 Horner Avenue, Etobicoke (Browns Line & Horner) For tickets, please call Roxanne: 416-830-3293, Hyacinth: 416-892-2240 or Joan: 416-209-1481



Saturday December 8th, 2012

Sacred Traditions, a concert of glorious classics and joyous Christmas music

The **Etobicoke Centennial Choir** is launching its 46th season on Saturday, December 8 with **Sacred Traditions**, a concert of glorious classics and joyous Christmas music, including Haydn's *St. Nicholas Mass*, Benjamin Britten's *Ceremony of Carols* and a selection of festive carols to ring in the Christmas season.

Humber Valley United Church 7:30 pm 76 Anglesey Blvd • Etobicoke, Tickets \$) • Call 416-769-9271 www.etobicokecentennialchoir.ca

Sunday, December 16, 2012

Christmas in Mimico!

Community Christmas Carol Concert, Readings and Sing-a-long. All are welcome. Free will

offering. Featuring Mimico Children's Choir, Mimico Presbyterian Church Choir and Mimico Baptist Church Junior High Youth Group.

3:00pm – 4:00pm at Royal York

Where: Mimico Presbyterian Church, 119 Mimico Ave.

Monday, 31 December 2012

New Years Eve Tango Ball

Ukrainian National Federation - Toronto Branch

Four Course Argentinian Dinner, Argentinian Tango Show
Cash Bar, New Years Zabava Champagne Toast & Party Favours
7PM Cocktails, 8PM Dinner & Show, 9PM Zabava 145 Evans Ave





Wednesday, February 6th, 2013

Latin Jazz Night at the Lakeshore Campus - Humber Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning

Hear the sizzling, salsa-drenched sounds of our two top student Latin groups, as they take the chill off a mid-winter evening.

Humber Latin Jazz Ensemble led by Hilario Duran

Humber Latin Jazz Big Band led by Luis Mario Ochoa

is at 8 pm in Humber's Auditorium.

General Admission \$10

Students and Seniors \$5

Free parking behind 3199 Lake Shore Boulevard West, just off 23rd Street.

Civic & Community Engagement



City regulations survey for massage parlours and holistic centres

The Municipal Licensing and Standards Division is reviewing the City's regulations related to massage parlours (where massage services are provided by persons other than a registered massage therapist) and holistic centres (where services with a holistic approach to well-being are provided, e.g. aromatherapy, Reiki, homeopathy) in Toronto. Your input on this subject is important. Members of the public are invited to comment by completing the survey found at <http://www.toronto.ca/licensing> before December 14, 2012

Toronto's Tower Renewal Office and the University of Toronto to share updates on high-rise communities

The City of Toronto's Tower Renewal Office and the Neighbourhood Change Research Partnership based at the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work and Cities Centre at the University of Toronto will share updates on their recent work concerning high rise communities at an event in Toronto next Tuesday. The Tower Renewal Office will highlight current projects and initiatives. Members of the Neighbourhood Change Research Partnership will talk about academic research concerning apartment neighbourhoods.

Speakers from United Way Toronto, ERA Architects and the Toronto Atmospheric Fund will provide their perspectives. The event will also feature Dr. Rebecca Leshinsky, whose research for the City of Melbourne aligns closely with tower renewal.

This collaborative event will be held at Innis Town Hall, 2 Sussex Ave., from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 11. Registration is available online at <http://goo.gl/lpJRW>.

Applications invited for Toronto's Taxicab Advisory Committee

The Municipal Licensing and Standards (MLS) division is creating a Taxicab Advisory Committee as part of the City of Toronto's ongoing review of the taxicab industry in Toronto.

The advisory committee will facilitate input and communication among the taxicab industry, the public and the City of Toronto. Applications are now being accepted for this committee.

The advisory committee will provide advice to the City of Toronto through the Executive Director of MLS, advising on taxi industry issues such as consumer protection, driver/passenger health and safety, and the economic viability/sustainability of the industry.

Committee members will:

- identify and provide advice on emerging issues and concerns within the taxicab industry, as described in the committee's mandate
- provide advice on issues referred by the Executive Director of MLS
- participate in working groups as necessary and as approved by the Executive Director of MLS, and
- provide objective, inclusive and informed advice and recommendations.

The City of Toronto seeks to involve people who reflect the diversity of the community whenever it engages with the public. Applications from women, Aboriginal peoples, persons with disabilities and visible minority group members are encouraged.

Completed application forms must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, December 21.

More information is available in the Taxicab Advisory Committee Terms of Reference document at <http://www.toronto.ca/tac>.

Public Health's HPV vaccine clinics

Do you want to protect your daughter from cervical cancer but are unsure about the HPV vaccine? An informative video called "Should you get the HPV vaccine?" is available to view online. Females born between 1993 and 1998 can get this vaccine free at Toronto Public Health clinics. Details and video link:

<http://www.toronto.ca/health/immunization/hpv/clinics.htm>

Scotiabank Nuit Blanche announces its 2012 economic impact and the event's curators for 2013

The City of Toronto today announced the economic impact of Scotiabank Nuit Blanche 2012 that was held earlier this fall. In addition, the curators for next year's event were officially announced.

The economic impact of Scotiabank Nuit Blanche 2012 was calculated to be \$38 million with an additional \$4.2 million spill over impact for Ontario. The event attracted both local and out-of-town audiences, with an estimated attendance exceeding one million people, including more than 170,000 out-of-town visitors.

Scotiabank Nuit Blanche 2012 brought together the exceptional talents of more than 500 artists and curators, dozens of galleries, museums, cultural and educational institutions and neighbourhoods, 500 volunteers and 30 corporate sponsors and media partners in a collaborative undertaking.

Scotiabank Nuit Blanche 2013

Planning is well underway for the eighth edition of Scotiabank Nuit Blanche scheduled for Saturday, October 5, 2013. Curators Ami Barak (France) Patrick Macaulay (Toronto) Ivan Jurakic (Waterloo) and Crystal Mowry (Cambridge) were selected by the Advisory Committee earlier this year and are now working with artists on their creative visions for the 2013 exhibitions.

The City-produced exhibition includes Open Call projects, which are smaller scale works produced specifically for the event. They are selected by a curator in consultation with the City of Toronto. Funding and production support is provided. The Open Call submission deadline is December 17, 2012.

Each year's event also features Independent projects - self-funded installations created by galleries, schools, neighbourhoods, community organizations or individual artists. The Independent Project submission deadline is February 15, 2012.

Applications are now being accepted for 2013 Open Call projects and Independent projects.

Details on both Open Call projects and Independent Project submissions can be found at http://www.toronto.ca/special_events/snb/.



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The City of Toronto holds public consultations as one way to engage residents in the life of their city. Toronto thrives on your great ideas and actions. We invite you to get involved.

Etobicoke Olympium - Improvement Plans Community Update

Date: Wednesday, December 12

**Time: 6:30 to 8 p.m. Open house
Presentation at 7 p.m.**

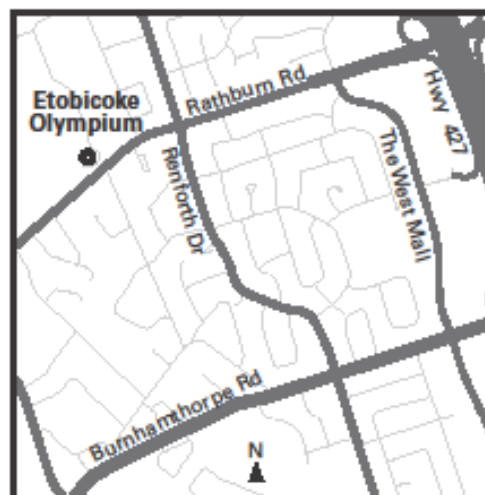
**Location: Etobicoke Olympium
590 Rathburn Rd.
(west of Renforth Drive)**



Please join City of Toronto representatives and project staff to learn more about plans to renovate the Etobicoke Olympium in preparation for the Toronto 2015 Pan/Parapan American Games.

Plans for this facility include the replacement of the existing competition pool, improvements to the building's mechanical and electrical systems, and the complete redesign and renovation of the lobby and administrative areas.

Following the renovations, residents will have access to a significantly improved facility that will continue to serve the community for many years to come.



ASL interpreters are provided for this meeting. Please advise in advance if additional accommodations are required. Call 311.

Information will be collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.