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Tis the Season

The Holiday season is upon us and it brings with it the generosity of our residents and local businesses to their neighbours who are less fortunate at this time of year.

The Daily Bread Foodbank, which makes it home in ward 6, and other community agencies, such as Famous People Players, LAMP CHC, Women's Habitat, Storefront Humber, Etobicoke Support Services for Seniors, and the Furniture Bank, along with so many faith communities are with us all year helping those in need.

Local Businesses and volunteers help to swell the ranks of those working together in the community this time of year – with activities such as the Baskets for Women's Shelters spearheaded for many years by Shelley Porritt of Porritt Realty and holiday wrapping in the malls.

The Daily Bread Foodbank has posted that they are fully booked with volunteers for their annual food sort. Thanks you to everyone who has committed to giving their time so generously to this cause. Donations are always welcome. <http://www.dailybread.ca>.

Many of you already know about the wonderful work done by the dedicated members of the Salvation Army. I am sure that you are seeing them all over Toronto with their Christmas Kettles trying to raise money for those less fortunate. Our local branch also collects toys and other donations for those without. They are located at Toronto - Lakeshore Community Church (5 Thirtieth St. Phone: 416 251-8372)

As well Timothy's pub at 344 Brown's Line will be hosting its annual Christmas wish fundraiser for the Salvation Army to be held this Friday, Fri. Dec. 14th- featuring a gigantic silent auction, Timothy's Court Jester's Brass Band, and a caricature artist. The event starts at 6pm.

At Alderwood United Church 44 Delma Dr they will be hosting a Concert for Kenya Benefit December 15th 7:30 pm - Featuring Michael Gabriel at,. All proceeds will be donated to Mikinduri Children of Hope (www.mikinduri.com) to build a classroom in Kenya. For ticket information email mikinduri@hotmail.ca

If you are looking for an outlet to give back to Toronto then we encourage you to visit the volunteer website at www.volunteertoronto.ca

The Spirit of the Season is all around.

Best Wishes

Mark Grimes

Toronto Animal Services presents the 12 Strays of Christmas

Wednesday was the first day of the 12 Strays of Christmas - an animal adoption event the City of Toronto's Animal Services is presenting to heighten awareness of the adoptable animals available in its shelters. These strays, and many others, are all currently available for adoption at one of Toronto's four shelters located across the city, as well as at adoption partner locations.

The 12 Strays of Christmas features three animals from each of the four shelters located in Toronto. You can view the 12 strays (and all the other animals up for adoption) at <http://www.toronto.ca/animalservices>. Consider bringing one of these wonderful animals into your life-long, loving home.

The adoption event runs from Wednesday, December 12 through Sunday, December 23. During that time, all bunny adoptions are just \$10 plus tax, and all cat adoptions are just \$25 (a saving of almost \$60) plus tax and a licence, if applicable. Toronto residents are required to purchase a licence for all cats and dogs in Toronto. Licences for sterilized cats are \$15, with a lower fee (\$7.50) for senior citizens buying a cat licence; for sterilized dogs, licences are \$25, with a reduced fee (\$12.50) for seniors buying a dog licence.

All cats and dogs up for adoption are vaccinated, micro-chipped, spayed or neutered, vet checked and dewormed.

There is a wide variety of animals available for adoption into life-long loving homes at each of Toronto's shelters, including cats, dogs, hamsters, guinea pigs, bunnies, and birds.

For anyone unable to adopt a pet but who wants to contribute to an improved life for these animals, a donation can be made on the website or in person at any one of our four animal shelters.

Torontonians may also drop off a holiday gift for the animals to any of the shelters. These pets are always in need of blankets and towels (new or used), cat treats, dog cookies, leashes, collars and halti-leads, toys, hot water bottles, can openers and even Canadian Tire money.

Pets are available for adoption at these locations:

Toronto Animal Services Shelters

(Open seven days a week from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.)

- West Region - 146 The East Mall (Highway 427 and Dundas Street West)
- North Region - 1300 Sheppard Ave. W. (Keele Street and Sheppard Avenue West)
- East Region - 821 Progress Ave. (Highway 401 and Markham Road)
- South Region - 140 Princes' Blvd. (Exhibition Place, Horse Palace)

Adoption Partners

Toronto Animal Services partners with a number of retailers in Toronto to adopt out pets. A link to a list of all adoption partners is available at http://www.toronto.ca/animal_services/pet_adoption.htm.

Give the gift of Winterlicious

Winterlicious, Toronto's culinary celebration presented by American Express, will offer two programs, the Winterlicious Culinary Event Series and the Prix Fixe Promotion, from January 25 to February 7.

"Winterlicious continues to be one of Toronto's most popular culinary celebrations, generating significant economic activity for our restaurant industry," "The event's outstanding success is based on our strong partnerships with restaurants and corporate partners and the enthusiasm of the public and visitors to our city."

2013 Culinary Event Series

The Winterlicious Culinary Event Series features 14 one-of-a-kind ticketed culinary experiences featuring diverse cuisine hosted by some of Toronto's finest restaurants and venues. These gastronomic events draw inspiration globally - from Scotland's highlands to Paris's bistros to Japan's tea houses. Local fare, theatre and cocktails are also in the culinary event lineup this year.

Tickets for the culinary events make great holiday gifts and go on sale Thursday, December 13. For a complete list of culinary events and how to purchase tickets, visit <http://www.toronto.ca/winterlicious>.

2013 Prix Fixe Promotion

For 2013, 191 restaurants city-wide are participating in the Winterlicious Prix Fixe Promotion. Three-course prix fixe lunch menus are priced at \$15, \$20 and \$25, and dinner is priced at \$25, \$35 and \$45.

The list of participating restaurants is available at <http://www.toronto.ca/winterlicious>. Restaurants start taking reservations for the prix fixe promotion on Thursday, January 10, 2013.

Visitors to the official Winterlicious website <http://www.toronto.ca/winterlicious> can locate and sort restaurants by price, neighbourhood and cuisine, and share their list through social media. An interactive map helps visitors find Winterlicious restaurants across the city. For the latest in Winterlicious news, visit <http://www.facebook.com/LiciousTO>, follow us on Twitter @LiciousTO and tag your Instagram photos with #LiciousTO.



December 2012

It has been such a rewarding experience to see so much support for the Rotary Peace Park Rejuvenation in the last year. The enthusiasm from families in our community is confirmation that our neighbourhood can work together to build a wonderful future in New Toronto.

We saw many of you at the Wine Tasting event at the Lakeshore Yacht Club this past spring and we thank all our supporters and friends who volunteered their time, bought tickets, helped with the Silent Auction, and mostly – donated to our efforts around the playground!

Our event and Silent Auction raised just over \$10,000 which was our goal. We were thrilled with the result and feel that everyone had a great evening.

That said – here is an update on our fundraising efforts to date.

- \$80,000 – from the City of Toronto
- \$10,000 – from the Rotary Club
- \$14,000 from the Wine Tasting, Monster Bash, and Ice Cream contest

Well on our Way!

We have met with the City of Toronto Parks and Recreations staff and have been assured that we can potentially put a “shovel in the ground” by this coming spring with our current funding. We are far from our original goal of \$250K, but we will still be able to purchase a fantastic new play structure with the monies raised so far. That said – we are hoping for a final push of support.

Corporate Donations

We know that many of our neighbours and community members either work for, or know people who work for, local or national firms that have corporate giving programs. Please provide contact names and details that we can forward to City staff who will act as a liaison on our behalf to solicit a corporate gift/donation. Please email the information to rotaryparkrejuvenation@gmail.com, comment on our Facebook page, or speak to us directly.

Gifts In Kind

We are also looking for donated gifts “in kind” for the park. While the City of Toronto is leading the charge in sourcing vendors, contractors and tenders for the work to build our new playground, we can optimize our funds by providing some of this work for free! We are looking for contacts that could donate or assist with: light standards, landscaping (including sand, sod, seed grass, trees, shrubs, wood chips), benches, asphalt, limestone, or boulders. Please email rotaryparkrejuvenation@gmail.com with any or all ideas and contacts!

Donate to Rotary Peace Park

Looking for a meaningful holiday gift? Consider donating to the Rotary Peace Park!

You can donate by making a contribution to this site: <https://torontoparksandtrees.org/rotary-peace-park>

You can also donate on behalf of someone else if you email us the details. You can make your online donation, then we will print out a gift card and send it to you, so that you can give to a loved one. A beautiful park – the gift that gives year after year.

Please email us at rotaryparkrejuvenation@gmail.com

Upcoming Events in Support of Rotary Peace Park

New Toronto Library Meeting: January 23rd 6:30 - 8:00pm

This meeting will be hosted by City of Toronto staff to answer any questions about the process the city is taking from here to build the playground. Committee members will be in attendance to speak to fundraising efforts to date and our final push to make a great playground.

Beer Tasting

Stay tuned for another event in early Spring 2013. Beer tasting anyone? Anyone interested in participating to plan this event please contact us through the e-mail address or through our facebook page. This will be the event to kick off the Spring/Summer season!

Sheared Beaver Head Wraps

There are 2 beautiful sheared beaver head wraps available left from a generous donation to our silent auction. The first 2 people to commit \$50 through our e-mail address will be the proud owners. The retail cost of the head wraps are \$200.

Happy Holidays everyone!

The Rotary Peace Park Rejuvenation Committee

Toronto Hydro old Refrigerator Round Up

Looking to upgrade your fridge or freezer? If you have a fridge or freezer that is at least **15 years** old, call Toronto Hydro before **December 31, 2012** at 1-877-797-9473 (or schedule an appointment online) for **FREE** pick-up. As of **January 1, 2013** we will only be collecting appliances that are at least **20 years** old.



By getting rid of an old fridge or freezer, you can save up to \$125* per year in electricity costs! While we're at your house, we'll even take away your old window air conditioner or dehumidifier at the same time. For more information and to book an appointment online visit torontohydro.com/conservation

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

CJ Skateboard Winter Camp

Introductory Skateboard Lessons 6 For \$6

First time skateboarders only (you must have no previous experience to qualify)

CJ's Introductory Program begins with a focus on safe skateboarding including exposure to a variety of safe falling techniques, the use of safety equipment, and how a skateboard and its different parts work. This program takes all new skaters from their first steps on a board through fundamental maneuvering, moving into intermediate tricks as the program develops. Students are introduced to a variety of terrain where basic tricks are explored as a personal expression of each rider. The Introductory Program enhances the development of balance, strength, and builds confidence, in a fun and safe environment. The Introductory Program closes with a progress report including recommendations for further study. Lessons run for 1 hour, followed by ½ hour of supervised open practice where students practice skills they have learned.

Beginner

Skateboarding Program \$110 for 11 lessons 1 hour each

Program Summary: CJ'S BEGINNER program is designed to be a follow up to our Introductory lesson program (6 for \$6). The beginner curriculum serves to (re)introduce and reinforce skateboarding basics by focusing on teaching skills that are crucial to building a sound understanding of riding fundamentals. All students will receive personal instruction from an experienced skateboarder. Lessons focus on individual creative expression, safety, and encouragement through camaraderie among fellow skaters.

Intermediate

Skateboarding Program \$300.00 for 21 lessons 1 hour each

Program Summary: CJ'S INTERMEDIATE program is intended for skaters who can follow simple instructions and are interested in broadening their skateboarding skills. The Intermediate Program builds on the basics learned at the introductory level.

Advanced \$475 for 21 lessons 2 hours each

Skateboarding Program (by invitation only)

Program Summary: CJ'S ADVANCED program expands on lessons from the Intermediate Program and Advanced Camps. This program is intended for skaters who demonstrate intermediate to advanced skills and an eagerness to learn. Advanced skaters are presented with a variety of strategies and techniques for improving their abilities on and off their skateboards, and are introduced to sport specific stretching and cross-training to maximize time spent skateboarding. Students will also be introduced to advanced contest preparation, including philosophies and strategies. The Advanced Program closes with a progress report including recommendations for further study. Instructors usually recommend skaters for placement in this program.

More information at <https://www.cjskateboardcamp.com/about> Or <https://www.cjskateboardcamp.com/dates/>



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

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!

2012 On-site Visitor Survey Results for Toronto Zoo

Toronto Zoo staff provided the results of the most recent survey of visitors to measure overall customer satisfaction and value with the Zoo visit.

Comments/Discussion:

Highlights of the 2012 study include:

- Overall, visitors are overwhelmingly satisfied with their visit, with 98.7% of respondents rating the Zoo as "good to excellent" value for their money – receiving an average rating of 4.47 on a scale of 1 to 5 (with 5 being excellent).
- Further, 96.6% of respondents indicated that they would "likely/strongly" recommend the Zoo to a friend, receiving an average rating of 4.66 on the rating scale.
- Family outing remains to be the highest prompted response for Zoo visit at 67.1%. 2012 On-Site Visitor Survey
- 88.3% of those who were prompted for a Zoo visit due to special event/exhibit, identified the white lions, polar bear cub, Splash Island and Sharks at Stingray Bay exhibit as the main draws.
- Visitor satisfaction with the overall food experience, was high with a rating of 94.9% of "good to excellent" with an average rating of 4.16 out of 5.

Asked for the first time in 2012, 15.2% of people surveyed indicated having received a specific conservation message/action. 27.1% identified the Zoomobile as the source of conservation message, while 11.6% indicated

City Museums Holiday Happenings December 16 to 31 :

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 gift

shops at the various museums. In addition, Colborne Lodge and Montgomery's Inn are hosting holiday-theme workshops. Details: www.toronto.ca/holidays

Please note: For a complete listing or events organized by Holiday Season theme go to www.toronto.ca/holidays and for events listed by site, please visit www.toronto.ca/museum-events

[Christmas in the Park at Colborne Lodge](#) Until Sunday, January 6, 2013

Tuesdays to Sundays, Noon to 4 p.m.

Discover the magic of Christmas in the winter wonderland surroundings of High Park and enjoy a tour of Colborne Lodge, the picturesque home of the founders of High Park, which is decorated for a Victorian Christmas. You will discover festive traditions, decorations and foods enjoyed during the 19th century in Toronto. Toast the season with a glass of hot mulled cider by the wood stove and nibble on special holiday treats. Holiday admission prices apply.

[The Holiday Season at Fort York National Historic Site](#) December 15 to December 31

Weekdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sample some baking from the 1826 Officers' Mess kitchen and soak up the warmth of a crackling wood fire. Be sure to browse the Museum Store to find that special gift you won't find anywhere else. The Museum Store features gifts suitable for all ages and interests. Regular admission applies.

Get the most up-to-date information on accessing Fort York during the construction of our new Visitor Centre by visiting: http://www.toronto.ca/culture/museums/fort_york_access.htm

[A Victorian Christmas at Mackenzie House](#) Until Sunday, January 6, 2013

This festive season take a step back in time to Victorian Toronto and experience the magic of a traditional Christmas in an 1859 row-house. Escape from the hustle and bustle while you enjoy a sample of mulled cider and a biscuit in the warmth of the historic kitchen. Discover the story of how families celebrated Christmas in 19th century Toronto as you tour the Mackenzie home that is dressed in greenery for the holidays. Included with holiday admission.

[Plus! Write a Letter to Santa \(until December 23\) at Mackenzie House](#)

During the Victorian Christmas program children are invited to write a letter to Santa Claus during their visit. Select a card that has been printed on our 1845 printing press, and write a personal message. Drop the wish card into our magic post box for us to mail for you. Included with holiday admission.

[NEW! Road to Rebellion – An Exhibit at Mackenzie House](#)

This new exhibit examines the personalities on both sides of the conflict: Sir Francis Bond Head's government, determined to preserve the status quo; William Lyon Mackenzie and the Reformers, equally determined to force change. Over twenty years after the War of 1812 had ended, what defined a Canadian patriot? Was it unswerving loyalty to England - or striving for a more independent Canada? Included with holiday admission. Please note:

[A Roaring 1920s Christmas at Spadina Museum](#) Until Sunday, January 6

Tuesday to Friday, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday: 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. (Except Dec. 16)

Enjoy a guided tour of a 1920s Christmas at Spadina. At this festive time of year, holly wreaths, garlands of evergreens and mistletoe adorn the house the way it looked back then, based on the memories of the Austin family grandchildren. The 1920s Christmas tree and accompanying poinsettias fill the Palm Room with Christmas cheer. Nestled in the 1930s kitchen, visitors will enjoy holiday treats made from original recipes and sip mulled cider warmed on the Art Deco gas range. Included with holiday admission. Paid parking next door at Casa Loma.

[Regency Christmas in the Valley at Todmorden Mills Heritage Site](#)

Sunday, December 16 and 23 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Monday, December 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Thursday, December 27 to Sunday, December 30 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Monday, December 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday, January 2 to Sunday, January 6 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Discover the simple pleasures and décor of a Regency-era Christmas at Todmorden Mills. Our early 19th-century historic homes are decorated traditionally for the season with real evergreen garlands as well as the "kissing bough" hanging in the Helliwell parlour, complete with apples, candles and mistletoe. Sample period festive desserts such as "Whim-Wham" and "Hedgehog Topsy Cake." Families can make Regency-style Christmas decorations as a take-home craft. Included with holiday admission.

Christmas Centrepiece Workshop at Colborne Lodge Sunday, December 16, 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.

Swell Sundays: Christmas in the Golden Age of Radio at Spadina Museum

Sunday, December 16, 12 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Shows at 1 and 3 p.m.

Family fun is On the Air! Join us for an afternoon of seasonal fun that harkens back to the Golden Age of Radio when you visit Spadina Museum during Swell Sundays in December. The highlight of these events is a live performance of **Flashman: Fists of Freedom**, a recreated radio play at 1 and 3 p.m. During the 1930s, radio reached its zenith with almost all Canadians tuning in on a daily basis for music, news and entertainment.

Flashman follows the age-old storyline: Super hero meets girl. Super hero loses girl. Super hero fights trees, vulture people, and an entire planet to win her back. Will true love win? Or will evil tear them and the universe apart? Science. Love. An electric mole. All come together in this fast-paced, comedic play. With live music, sound effects and a cast playing multiple roles, **Flashman** lets you experience those wonderful, early days of radio.

During the rest of your visit, enjoy 1930s-style refreshments and see the period Christmas decorations throughout the house. Have fun making a secret message decoder, similar to the gimmicks advertisers would print on cereal boxes or send off to eager children who'd requested them by mail. During radio commercials, sponsors would provide a secret message that only those with decoders could decipher! Admission: Adults \$10, Seniors/Youth \$8 and Children \$6 (plus tax).

Christmas Trimmings Workshop (6 to 10 year olds) at Colborne Lodge

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.

A Christmas Carol at Montgomery's Inn Saturday, December 22, 2 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 at <http://humberrivershakespeare.ca/index.html>

Christmas Cookie Creation for Children (8 to 12 year olds) at Colborne Lodge

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

Children 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. Participants will then 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 to bring home).

Gingerbread Make and Bake! Extra fun for Kids at Fort York (ages 4 and up)

Thursday, December 27 to Monday, December 31 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

While you enjoy a tour of Fort York your kids can join the cooks in the Officers' Mess kitchen to create traditional gingerbread cookies. In this hands-on workshop, kids will use period cooking utensils and tools to sift flour, crush cinnamon, cloves or allspice, pound sugar and grate nutmeg and ginger as they prepare an 1800's gingerbread recipe. Samples can be taken home. If they last that long! Workshop is limited to 15 participants. Included with regular admission, sign up in the Museum Store.

Kids' Crafts at Mackenzie House

Thursday, December 27 to Sunday, January 6, 2013 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Bring the family to visit the last home of Toronto's first mayor, William Lyon Mackenzie, which has been decorated for the holidays. During their visit, children are invited to make and decorate a 2013 calendar, using engravings and the 1845 printing press. Included with holiday admission. Please call 416-392-6915 for further details.any or all of them online at <http://www.toronto.ca/parks/prd/facilities/complex/954/> or call 416-338-4FUN.

Hogmanay! At Mackenzie House

Friday, December 28, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m

Enjoy an evening of Scottish music and foods at this traditional celebration of the New Year. The decorated house will be illuminated by gas and candlelight. Musicians Gin Lane will perform. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. Admission: \$22.50, plus tax. Please call 416-392-6915 for further details.



TWELFTH NIGHT DANCE PARTY
Saturday, January 5
 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 TGN Call 416-394-8106

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

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

Health & Wellness Programs for Seniors

(ESS) Etobicoke Services for Seniors is offering FREE Health & Wellness Programs for seniors aged 55+ in 2013. Programs available in 2013 include weekly exercise classes for different levels and abilities, a Nutrition Workshop to learn about healthy eating for the heart, and a confidential counselling session for individuals and family members coping with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. Space is limited, for more information or to register please call Yvonne Ng at 416-243-0127 ext. 271.

Funding for ESS Health & Wellness Programs has been provided by the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

Local 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



**Christmas Bake Sale
Crafters Sale**
December 8th, 2012
10:00 am to 2:30 pm
 Time running out! Need that last minute gift!
 Not enough hours in the day!
 Let us bake for you this Christmas!
Mimico Presbyterian Church
119 Mimico Avenue
 (corner of Royal York Road
& Mimico Avenue)
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Saturday December 8th, 2012

**Sirius Theatrical Company
A Christmas Carol**

A dramatic Reading of this beloved story. –
 Info – email info@siriustheatrical.com

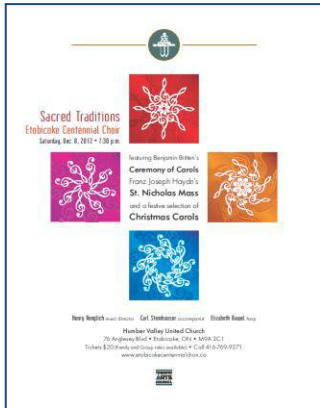


Sirius Theatrical Company
 In support of our Bursary Fund for Local Children & Local Food Banks
 a dramatic reading of
Charles Dickens'
A Christmas Carol
 Saturday, December 8, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.
 Location: Sirius Theatrical Studio: 119 Mimico Ave.
 Tickets: Adults: \$15 In Advance - \$20 At the Door
 Students / Seniors: \$10 In Advance - \$15 At the Door
 Call: 416-236-9011 Email: info@siriustheatrical.com
 Dramatic Readers: John Bourgeois & Humber College Performing Arts Students

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

Concert for Kenya Benefit Concert December 15th 7:30 pm -

Featuring **Michael Gabriel** at Alderwood United Church, 44 Delma Dr. Tickets are \$20 and all proceeds will be donated to **Mikinduri Children of Hope** (www.mikinduri.com) to build a classroom in Kenya. For ticket information email mikinduri@hotmail.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
For Tickets: Ukrainian National Federation of Canada - Toronto Branch 145 Evans Ave. #200 www.unftoronto.com info@unftoronto.com .253.6002 XT1

Wednesday, February 6th, 2013

Latin Jazz Night at the Lakeshore and Advanced Learning

Hear the sizzling, salsa-Latin groups, as they take the Humber Latin Jazz Ensemble led Humber Latin Jazz Big Band led 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.



Campus - Humber Institute of Technology

drenched sounds of our two top student chill off of a mid-winter evening.

by Hilario Duran

by Luis Mario Ochoa

Civic & Community Engagement

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>.

Food Alerts

Get the latest recalls and Health Food Alerts on the Government of Canada website at: <http://www.healthycanadians.gc.ca>. You can also see the results from the latest inspections of Toronto restaurants and eateries at the City's DineSafe website <http://www.toronto.ca/health/dinesafe/>

Registration of Canadians Abroad

Registration of Canadians Abroad is a free service offered by Foreign Affairs and International Trade that keeps you connected to Canada in case of an emergency abroad, such as an earthquake or civil unrest, or an emergency at home.

Whether you are planning a vacation or living abroad, sign up in a few minutes or less.

Why register?

1. It is quick, confidential and simple.
2. They will notify you if there is an emergency in your travel region
3. You can access consular services.
4. Mobile friendly.

You must be a Canadian citizen to register. Registration information for non-Canadians can be found at <http://travel.gc.ca/travelling/registration/not-a-canadian>

Register by mail, fax, phone or in person at a **Canadian government office abroad**, by completing a **registration form** at Travel.gc.ca