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Next generation green bin proposed

The current green bin program is an ecological and financial benefit to the City but it does have its drawbacks – they can be damaged during waste collection and they attract urban wildlife such as racoons.

The City of Toronto is considering a new green bin. Benefits include holding twice as much waste, easier rolling to the curb and mechanical emptying by single crew collection trucks. The biggest bang for our buck is the introduction of a locking device that can only be released when the Green Bin is inverted, preventing racoons from opening them.

If approved, roll-out for the new green bins will begin in Scarborough. For more information on the new bin, please go to the following links:

<http://tinyurl.com/nv27n9f> and
<http://tinyurl.com/o52eqat>.

Dear Neighbour:

The first months in the new term of City Council have been a busy time. I have been elected Chair of the Audit Committee and Scarborough Community Council and Vice-Chair of the Civic Appointments Committee by my colleagues. I am also on the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee, the Employee and Labour Relations Committee and the Toronto Police Services Board.

On the Civic Appointment Committee, we are reading resumes, interviewing and selecting candidates to appoint to various City ABCCs. These appointees help the City set policies and directions to run the various services the city is providing to the residents and visitors.

Providing these needed services, keeping the infrastructure sound and operational, improving current and building new infrastructure come at a cost. All these require an investment from all of us. Like yourself, I may not use all these services, but I am willing to contribute my share to ensure we live in an affordable and liveable city. City Council also passed the 2015 budget, which commits to public transit improvements in Scarborough through the construction of the Scarborough Subway and SmartTrack. We have just appointed a new Police Chief, Mark Saunders, to lead our Police Services in keeping our community safe.

My focus in the next 2 years while I am Chair of Scarborough Community Council will be to champion Scarborough. We, who live in Scarborough, should take pride in that. I have taken the Rotarian's Scarborough Renewal Initiative to heart. I will also work with other organizations and individuals, in this effort. I am looking to rebrand and expand our Scarborough Canada Day celebrations. I am currently working with the other Scarborough Councillors and city staff on this idea, which is still in the planning stages. If you have artistic skills and would like to perform at the Canada Day celebrations, please contact us.

We need to support our hospitals so the medical staff can continue to provide first-rate medical care. I am helping with a Hospital Fundraising Gala, the first by the Chinese Philanthropic Council, to be held on May 8, 2015 at Casa Deluz Banquet Hall in Woodside Square. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, contact Gloria Lee at cpc.tshf@gmail.com.

Recently, there was an explosion in our area, which killed the occupant, demolished his house and damaged others in the neighbourhood. There was also a major fire in the dead of winter. These are investigated by the Ontario Fire Marshall, with support from various experts. I visited both sites and although the experts handle these incidents, my office follows up to ensure the neighbourhoods are looked after. However in all cases, the homeowners need to follow-up with their insurance companies, if you are affected.

As always, if you have any comments, questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my office at (416) 392-1375 or councillor_lee@toronto.ca.

Sincerely,

Councillor Chin Lee
Ward 41 - Scarborough Rouge-River

The Scarborough Hospital needs our help. Please see the back page for how you can help.

Let's keep in touch

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SmartTrack = better transit for Toronto

The City of Toronto is planning SmartTrack – a regional express rail train service similar to the London Overground. It will have transfer points with the current TTC system.

SmartTrack will connect Scarborough to Markham, Union Station and Pearson International Airport. The plan proposes 3 stops in Ward 41: Steeles, Finch and Sheppard. It will provide two-way train service, speeding up your commute and allowing you to spend more time with your family and friends.

This new rail service will share a common fare system with the TTC allowing riders to transfer between the two. This project will provide our community with better access to rapid rail-based public transit and relieve gridlock on other parts of the transportation network – including our roads and highways.



Above: SmartTrack will use existing rail corridors such as the Stouffville right-of-way, pictured above.

In December and January, City Council approved \$2.4 million to study and plan SmartTrack. These studies should research the viability of each proposed station to determine which locations will attract the most ridership and the greatest development. The Government of Ontario recently announced plans to electrify all of the GO Train lines.

Laying the tracks for improved GO Train service

In July 2014, GO Transit released its environmental study on rail service expansion in the Stouffville corridor. The report proposes incremental twinning of the tracks between Mount Joy and Kennedy GO Stations in order to run full GO Train service.

There is a lot of detailed engineering design that remains to be completed such as full road/rail grade separations, installation of noise barriers and the construction of retaining walls. For more

information you can read the environmental study at <http://tinyurl.com/m7op9bk>.

In February, Metrolinx announced that they will build a second set of tracks on a 5 km stretch of the Stouffville corridor from north of Steeles to north of Sheppard. Construction is set to start this spring. Double-tracking the rest of the line will follow and is critical to Mayor Tory's SmartTrack plan.

Keeping Toronto moving during the Pan Am Games

The Pan/Parapan Am Games are coming to Toronto July 10-26 and August 7-15, 2015 respectively and will attract a large number of visitors to the city. This great opportunity to showcase Toronto and Scarborough will increase traffic on our roads and transit. Here's how we plan to manage traffic.

Each venue will have its own traffic management measures, which include parking and loading restrictions, turn prohibitions, temporary road closures and temporary high occupancy vehicle lanes. Short-term, weekend road closures will be necessary for competitions such as cycling and running events.

The Games Route Network is an integral part of this traffic management plan and is comprised of a series of roads and highways connecting the Athletes' Village to competition venues and non-competition sites. It will allow athletes, officials, volunteers and the media to travel safely and efficiently between Pan/ParaPan Am Games sites.

Temporary high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes will be established on sections of the city's highways and some local roads. These thoroughfares will be an integral part of the Games Route Network.

It is the mission of City engineers to establish and implement a Traffic Management Plan and Games Route Network that will provide an enjoyable and safe experience to our visiting athletes and guests while mitigating traffic congestion during the games. We call upon our residents to be patient, proud and welcoming as we showcase Toronto, and Scarborough to much of the world.

For more information, visit <http://www.toronto2015.org/>. For ticket information go to <http://www.toronto.org/tickets>.



Above: The Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre in Scarborough will host swimming and other aquatic events. The Games Route Network will be in effect from June 29 to August 18.

Report potholes to get them fixed

The freeze-thaw cycle associated with cold weather followed by periods of warmer temperatures, salt, snow removal and traffic all take a toll on our roads creating potholes. You can report potholes by calling 311 or visiting the City's website at www.toronto.ca/311. You can also download the ClickFix App.

City of Toronto Programs, Services and Budget

Making 'cents' of the budget

City Council passed the 2015 Budget on March 11, 2015 and was able to find \$110 million in operating efficiencies without cutting services. The City's Operating and Capital Budgets for 2015 includes a 2.75% residential property tax increase. The City's proposed rate supported budget was also passed in March. A breakdown of the property tax impact is:

Property Tax Impact (%)		
	Tax% Increase on Average	
	Residential	Non-Residential
Base Budget	1.25%	0.42%
New Facilities	0.41%	0.14%
Service Enhancements – \$143M	0.59%	0.2%
2015 Budget	2.25%	0.75%
Scarborough Subway	0.5%	0.17%
Total Property Tax Impact	2.75%	0.92%

In addition, a 2005 Tax Shift Policy adds another 0.44% to the residential property tax rate to re-balance the property tax impact on non-residential properties which was causing job losses (estimated at 300,000 at one point) to the 905 area. A CVA impact of 0.01%, brought the total rate increase, on an average house, to 3.2%. There is also the impact on individual properties which was the result of the implementation of the 2013-2016 phase-in of the 2012 CVA from MPAC.

Toronto's Operating Budget for 2015 is \$11.4 billion and makes key investments to improve services. City Council has approved a \$90 million investment in public transit to get Toronto moving. This initiative will improve subway, streetcar and bus service across the TTC network and includes expanding the Express Bus and Blue Night Networks.

The budget has measures to help reduce poverty in the city through the Poverty Reduction Strategic Initiatives. This includes providing more beds in Toronto's shelters, improved services for the homeless during extreme weather and

programs to connect residents with jobs so they can get back on their feet. The City is also making investments in its emergency response services to meet a projected increase in demand for emergency services and to speed up response times.

The City of Toronto is opening a number of new facilities this year. The new facilities are:

- ◆ 2 new library branches – including one at the Scarborough Civic Centre.
- ◆ 2 new community centres and the Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre in Scarborough.
- ◆ 1 new child care centre.
- ◆ The Leslie Barns streetcar maintenance and storage facility.

The City's 10-year (2015-2024) Capital Budget and Plan proposes investing \$31.7 billion in maintaining existing municipal infrastructure in a state of good repair. Here are a few key details:

- ◆ 60 replacement and new subway cars (average lifespan is 30 years) at a cost of \$162 million and 810 new 40-foot buses costing \$600.2 million to enhance service and provide for ridership growth.
- ◆ Replace the existing streetcar fleet with new low-floor vehicles (30 year life span).
- ◆ Speed up the implementation of planned bicycle lanes.
- ◆ \$111,000 to analyze and report on ways to manage traffic congestion.
- ◆ \$443.2 million more to repair the Gardiner Expressway more quickly.
- ◆ \$625.7 million to maintain and enhance our parks and recreation spaces.
- ◆ Construct new or expand existing community centres (13 in total).
- ◆ Build new fire and paramedic stations at a cost of \$31 million.

For more information on the budget, visit www.toronto.ca/budget2015.

Requesting Services from the City of Toronto

A number of residents have mentioned that they sent request for city services to my office but have not received a response from my staff. Upon investigation it was found that my office had no record of these service requests on file.

For privacy reasons, when residents contact 311 directly my staff is NOT informed and is unaware of issues reported to 311.

Although there have been some complaints, many residents have provided positive feedback on 311 and have expressed their appreciation of the 311 service.

I have requested and suggested improvements for the 311 system but for the last 4 years improvements to the 311 systems were halted due to austerity reasons imposed by the previous

regime. In fact, at one point there was an effort to reduce 311 service.

When called, my office is committed to providing the community with excellent customer service. If you have an issue or complaint regarding a service or program provided by the City of Toronto, call my office at (416) 392-1375 or send an e-mail to councillor_lee@toronto.ca and my staff will be happy to assist you.

Also, if you have a private issue which you would rather communicate directly to me, I use an outside e-mail at forward41@gmail.com. But please do not use this to request service from the City as that is NOT its intended purpose.

Tee time in the city

Did you know that the City of Toronto runs 5 award winning golf courses, 2 of which are located in or close to Scarborough? Tam O'Shanter Golf Course is located in Scarborough while Dentonia Park Golf Course is located in East York adjacent to the Scarborough border.

Tam O'Shanter Golf Course is located at 2481 Birchmount Rd. (Birchmount Rd. and Sheppard Ave. E.). This 18 hole, par 72 golf course features a warm-up area, a pro shop, a ladies league, clinics, camps, golf lessons and club championships all at a great price. Dentonia Park Golf Course is located at 781 Victoria Park Ave. just steps away from Victoria Park Station.

So what does this mean for you? It means you can tee off in the city at a much lower price than at a private club, and get there by car or TTC. For more information on Toronto's public golf courses, visit www.toronto.ca/golf.

Beat the Councillor eco-challenge

It is our individual and collective responsibility to reduce our carbon footprint. The Councillor is encouraging each of you through Councillor Lee's Eco-Challenge. The Eco-Challenge will be announced through my monthly e-News. There will be prizes to be won. Please sign up for my e-News to be eligible to enter to win. **Don't miss out!**

親愛的鄰居:

新一屆的多市市議會首幾個月實在非常繁忙，本人李振光市議員除了獲推舉擔任審計委員會主席，士嘉堡區議會主席，和公務員聘用委員會副主席之外，亦被委任為工務及基建委員會、僱員及勞工關係委員會及多市警政委員會的成員，一身兼數職，工作極其繁重。

身為公務員聘用委員會的成員，我們要審閱申請者的履歷、面試及甄選適合的人任擔任市府內各職級的工作。受聘人員要協助市府制訂政策及施政方針，去營運各項市政服務提供給居民及訪客。

這些市政服務的提供，維持基礎設施的有效運作，改善現有基礎設施和興建新的設施，都需要投入資金去成事。像你一樣，我不一定會使用市府提供的所有服務，但我願意作出一個市民的貢獻，承擔有關開支，以確保我們可以居住在一個價格相宜，適合居住的城市。市議會亦通過今年的財政預算案，承諾興建士嘉堡地鐵線及智能路軌運輸計劃，以改善士嘉堡的交通網絡。另外，市議會亦委任了一位新警察總長Mark Saunders，負責領導警隊，以保護社區的安全。

另外，身為士嘉堡區議會主席，本人未來兩年的重要目標是將士嘉堡打造成首屈一指的城市。我們住在這個社區，理應感到自豪，因為我將士嘉堡扶輪社的活化社區計劃常常記掛心中，我本人會全力與各團體及個人合作，推動本區於七月一日舉行國慶日的慶祝活動，重新塑造本市的形象，雖然現時仍然在籌劃階段，假如你有任何設計理念，歡迎你就籌辦國慶日提出意見，與我們聯絡。

同時，我們亦要支持區內醫院的發展，醫療人員才可以繼續為我們提供一流的醫療服務。本人也參予協助這首次由華人社區慈善委員會舉辦的醫院籌款晚宴，於五月八日在士嘉堡區豪門宴酒樓舉行。如欲購票，可電郵。cpc.tshf@gmail.com 與 Gloria Lee 聯絡。

最近，區內發生一宗爆炸事件，屋內一名居民死亡，整幢房屋盡毀，更波及多間房屋受損。今年冬季亦發生一宗嚴重火警。兩宗事故由安省消防署在多位不同專家協助下調查。雖然有專家參予調查，本人仍有到過現場視察，而本人的議員辦事處亦跟進事件的發展，確保居民得到照顧。受影響的鄰居，應與各自保險公司聯絡，商討有關保險賠償的問題。

如已往一樣，市民有任何意見、問題或關注的事項，請與本人的辦事處聯絡，電話 (416) 392-1375 或電郵致本人的電子郵箱 councillor_lee@toronto.ca 即可。

生活艱難戶從今不用愁 多市府資助地稅及水費

多市市府推出連串資助措施，幫助低收入長者及行動不便的低收入人士。如要了解詳情，可瀏覽以下網址：<http://tinyurl.com/pjnwoqy>。

患病或生活極度貧困的人士，可申請取消、減低或退回地稅。詳情請查閱下列網址：<http://tinyurl.com/l4jc5h8>。

“推遲新加地稅計劃”可讓低收入長者及行動不便的低收入人士推遲繳交物業稅；另外，“豁免交地稅計劃”亦為上述人士提供幫助。兩項計劃各有不同申請條件，欲知詳情，請瀏覽下列網址：<http://tinyurl.com/n7gejv8>。

對於一年用水量少於四百立方米的長者及行動不便的低收入人士，“回饋水費計劃”可提供幫助。有關申請資格細節，請查看以下網址：<http://tinyurl.com/okpljub>。

一氧化碳極危險 吸入過量可致命

一氧化碳是無臭、無味、無色的氣體，濃度若超過百萬分之三十五份量，吸入人體之後會引致死亡。燃料如汽油、天然氣及丙烷氣，在燃燒不完全的情況下，就會產生出一氧化碳。

如在車房內開動汽車引擎，或在室內使用戶外燒烤爐，都可引致一氧化碳產生。使用天然氣及燃油的家用爐具，包括暖爐、燒木的爐頭、壁爐及燃燒氣油的器具也會製造這種毒氣。

安省法例規定所有房屋必須在接近睡房或供睡眠的地方安裝一氧化碳警報器，讓居民在警報器響鬧時聽到，可立即逃生。其實，住所每層都應該安裝一氧化碳警報器，及緊記經常測驗它們是否運作正常及更換電池。

多市衛生局指出，吸入一氧化碳後，會出現疲倦、頭痛、暈眩、作嘔或嘔吐及呼吸困難等病癥。假如你出現上述症狀，應立即求醫。另外，一旦聽到警報器鳴響，要立刻離開住所，在外撥電 911 求助。

欲知更多資料，可瀏覽多市衛生局網址：<http://tinyurl.com/mbdnrm4> 或安省省府網址：<http://tinyurl.com/ms2b7kw>。

這些只是部份被挑選的翻譯文章，要參閱全份區報的翻譯文章，請瀏覽李振光市議員的網站 <https://chinlee41.wordpress.com/>

泛美運動會七月揭戰幔 多市準備工作如火如荼

泛美和殘障運動會將分別在七月十日至二十六日和八月七至十五日舉行，大會預計這次運動盛會可吸引大量遊客湧到多市，實在是千載難逢的良機，向世人展示多市及士嘉堡市的面貌，但這亦為區內帶來交通擠塞及運輸系統應付龐大人流的問題，以下是舒緩交通的措施。

每個運動比賽場地都有本身的交通管制措施，包括泊車、上落客貨、車輛掉頭、臨時封路及設立多乘客的汽車快線等規定。此外，短期封路、周末封路以配合比賽，例如單車賽及公路跑步賽等項目。

運動會交通網絡亦是整體交通管理計劃的一部份，如連接選手村至各個比賽場地及非比賽地點的道路連接等安排。這可讓運動員、職員、義工及傳媒等在既安全又快捷的情況下，往返各比賽場地及相關地點。

臨時高載客量行車快線將會在市內某段高速公路及部份區內道路設立，配合運動會順利運作。

市府工程師也成立小組籌劃及推動這個“交通管理計劃”及“泛美運動會運輸網絡”，這措施是要讓參加是次比賽的運動員及訪客在運動會舉行期間，減少他們遇上交通擠塞的困擾。因此，我們希望市民能體諒有關安排，向世人展示多市及士嘉堡市民的耐性、謙遜及熱誠待客的素質。欲知更多資料，請瀏覽 <http://www.toronto2015.org/transportation>。

失智症長者走失比例大 快撥911 求助尋回機會高

尋回患有失智症長者的電話求助，在“緊急反應部門”眾多個案中位於榜首。若發現長者失踪，應立刻致電911，使當局可隨即展開調查，盡快找回走失的長者。

一般數據：

- 五個患有失智症者中有三個通常都在毫無先兆下走失。五成的失踪長者於二十四小時內，因其面對不同環境，諸如寒冬下出現低溫病及遇溺等都會令他們嚴重受傷，甚至死亡。
- 七成半長者於失踪地點方圓二點四公里的範圍內被尋回。

警方追尋患有失智症長者需動用大量資源，例如派出大批警員在可能失踪地點的範圍搜索，而盡快尋回失踪者的關鍵就是時間。其實，預防是最佳的解決辦法。

“安省腦退化症協會”獲得省府資助，推出名為“預防長者走失計劃”。這計劃其中一個環節就是派發資料套件給家人及關顧者，讓他們了解預防長者迷途不識回家的方法。省府亦協助安省警察訓練學院製訂相關課程，教導學員認識長者失踪的知識及預防方法。

家人提供以下資料，有助警方盡快尋回失踪長者：

假如家人知道長者有走失機會，可知會鄰居有關情況，向熟識的鄰里提供長者的身份，有關資料，及你的電話號碼，若鄰居發現這名長者在街上迷途，可盡快與你聯絡。

考慮為讓長者配帶電子追蹤器。

記錄長者經常去或會留連的地方資料，有助警方尋回失踪長者

住所安裝移動影像感應器，當長者開門出外，感應器就會發出警報，提醒關顧者是否長者離家外出。另外，最簡單的預防長者離家的方法，就是在所有通往屋外的門，掛上門鈴。

確保長者隨身攜帶身份證明文件，如病歷手鐲或項鍊等以便識別亦是不錯的選擇。你亦可考慮在長者的衣服上繡上其個人資料及家人的電話號碼，若迷失長者被人發現，可聯絡相關人仕，由家人接回。

士嘉堡醫院尤如父母 多元文化族裔深受惠

士嘉堡是多元文化社區，區民享受家庭的快樂、健康及富足的生活目標。我們擁有這些共同理念，亦深切明白士嘉堡醫院亦需要我們的愛護及關注——這所醫院對大家，與對本人李振光市議員一樣重要，我家三代都在區內居住，成長，及使用士嘉堡醫院。

該醫院屬下有兩間院舍，包括全科大樓及Birchmount分院，雖然在財政不足及面對各樣困境情況下，它們仍然繼續為區內居民提供優質的醫療及專業服務。而在省府緊縮醫療撥款及區內人口不斷增加的壓力下，該醫院的董事局及各級醫療人員亦努力不懈應對多元種裔的需求。Birchmount分院正展開改善新生嬰兒及兒童護理部門的計劃，我們未來的一代就依靠大家的支持。

區內一個慈善團體——華人社區慈善委員會，就肩負重任為士嘉堡醫院籌募經費，將於今年五月八日(星期五)晚，在1571 Sandhurst Circle (McCowan 及 Finch) 即 Woodside Square內的豪門宴酒樓，舉行籌款晚宴。

餐券每位一百二十八元，門票有限。請鼎力支持，預先訂下一桌，與家人及親友共敘，既可共襄善舉，又可享受佳餚，一舉兩得。總而言之，士嘉堡是我們的社區，有完善的醫院服務，你我都受惠。

查詢購票詳情，請聯絡Miranda Zeng 或 Gloria Lee。電話:(416) 443-8600 電郵:cpc.tshf@gmail.com。

士嘉堡居民慎防步下公車後遇劫受傷

士嘉堡地區近期發生了連串街頭暴力搶劫事件，故此呼籲居民及公車乘客出入時留意四周環境。多市警隊提醒區內居民小心，因為這類搶劫個案，賊人增加使用武器行劫，因而傷及受害人。

這些劫匪專以公車乘客為目標，尾隨跟踪下車乘客，等候時機落手打劫，搶去受害人的手提電話及平板電腦等貴重電子產品。因此，市民當警醒留意周圍環境，和避免步行時分心(如低頭發短訊、瀏覽互聯網頁等)，而疏忽提防。

多市警隊亦將個案重演拍成電影，放上互聯網，市民可瀏覽以下網址 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eh9ZRvrb2JI> 觀看。



Above: Chin Lee with students from ACI and ACCI on the April 18th Clean-up Day.

Our Students are Awesome – Thank you for being Scarborough Champions!

Councillor Lee wishes to acknowledge the Cleanup ambassadors from Albert Campbell and Agincourt Collegiate Institutes for rising to the challenge to not only clean up the Finch Hydro Corridor, but to "represent" the quality of youth who call Scarborough home. On Saturday morning, April 18 the green space flanking the intersection of McCowan and McNicoll experienced a much needed spring cleaning. Student Volunteerism and Community engagement are alive and well in our neighbourhoods. Bravo and thank you for making us proud!

Around the Ward and slightly beyond

23 Glen Watford Dr.: There have been no further developments regarding the proposed 31 and 34 storey condominium towers planned for 23 Glen Watford Dr. since I last updated the community about this project in my winter 2013-2014 newsletter.

95 State Crown Blvd.: The City of Toronto has received an application for an auto repair centre consisting of two 1 storey buildings of 12,838 ft² and 13,762 ft² respectively.

300 Silver Star Blvd.: Construction is progressing on the CareFirst Service Centre.

321 Silver Star Blvd.: A 1-storey retail building and 6-storey office building with retail at grade is planned for this site. The Committee of Adjustment recently refused an application of multiple exemptions from the Zoning By-laws.

1993 Brimley Rd.: The owner is proposing to demolish the house on this lot, divide the lot in two and build two detached homes. Each lot would have a frontage of 13.1 m on Brimley Rd. but the minimum required lot frontage is 15 m. As a result, the City's Planning department recommended refusing the application. I have expressed my opposition to this proposal. The Committee deferred this matter on March 18.

2590-2594 Midland Ave.: A developer wanted to build 20 town homes and 2 semi-detached units on 2 residential lots. The city and residents were opposed to the application and the developer appealed this decision to the OMB. The OMB denied the developer's application because the development does not match the physical character of the surrounding community.

4181 Sheppard Ave. E.: A developer proposed constructing 86 townhouse units, 2 semi-detached units, a park and public roads and lanes on the site of the former flea market at Sheppard Ave. E. and Midland Ave. All proposed homes would be 4 storeys in height and have integrated garages. In addition,

one block on the south side of Sheppard Ave. E. would be reserved for future mixed-use development.

The city raised concerns with the developer over this application, mainly that the density of the proposed subdivision is too great for the area, which would limit the development potential of the block of land on the south side of Sheppard Ave. E. The developer has filed an appeal with the OMB contending that the city has not handled their application in a timely manner.

4548 Sheppard Ave. E.: A Seventh-Day Adventist Church is under construction on Sheppard Ave. E. just west of Brownspring Dr.

5789-5951 Steeles Ave. E.: City Planning has been processing development applications on these lands for some time that will permit approximately 622,500 ft² of mixed retail, restaurant and commercial development in a large format retail scheme similar to the development immediately to the east. My investigation indicates that the owner has a permit from the M.O.E. to bring in 'clean' excavated soil from other sites.

Chartwell Shopping Plaza: The owner has applied for additional permitted uses to the Chartwell Shopping Plaza at 2301 Brimley Rd. These include permissions for gym/fitness centre facilities, personal service shops, educational facilities and pet services. For more information, please visit: <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.SC4.19>.

Goldhawk Park: The 1.6 km of trails in this park was repaved last year. The 5 benches will be replaced this year and additional benches may be added to further enhance the park.

McCowan & Middlefield: An Esso gas station is being built.

Milliken Park: The park's pathways will be rehabilitated and a new pathway constructed to facilitate garbage removal.

For more information about developments planned for Ward 41, visit my website at <http://tinyurl.com/ps7ppt3>.

Volunteer to improve your community parks

A successful city has beautiful parks and trails that its residents and visitors can enjoy. Our parks connect us to nature and enable us to pursue healthy and active lifestyles.

There is a way to become even more engaged in your community, and that is to become a champion for your local park. Residents are encouraged to work with the City of Toronto's Parks, Forestry and Recreation (PF&R) Division to help shape the programs and services at our local parks and to let us know how parks can better serve the community's needs.

Residents can volunteer their time to help PF&R staff improve our community parks. Volunteers in the St. Clair West and Oakwood area contributed their time to improve Roseneath Park and transformed it into a green community hub with activities for children, youth and adults.

Do you want to transform your neighbourhood park? Then be a champion for our parks. For more information, visit www.toronto.ca/parks/engagement.

City property tax and water bill relief programs for those in need

The City of Toronto has a series of property tax and water bill relief programs to help low-income seniors and low-income individuals with disabilities. You can find more information at <http://tinyurl.com/pjnwoqy>.

You can apply to have your property taxes cancelled, reduced or refunded if you're experiencing illness or extreme poverty. Please see <http://tinyurl.com/l4jc5h8> for details.

The Property Tax Increase Deferral Program may potentially defer property tax increases for low-income seniors and low-income persons with disabilities while the Property Tax Cancellation Program may potentially cancel property tax increases for those same groups. Each program has its own criteria that need to be met to qualify. For more information, visit <http://tinyurl.com/n7gejv8>.

The Water Rebate Program offers a rebate on your water bill if you're a low-income senior or low-income resident with disabilities who uses less than 400 m³ of water a year. For additional program criteria, visit <http://tinyurl.com/okpljub>.

Police launching "Paws for the Cause" safety initiative

Toronto Police Services 42 Division is proud to introduce a new crime prevention initiative called Paws for the Cause – the Community Safety Dog Walker program.

This new programme takes advantage of the dog walkers' already established presence in our neighbourhoods and utilizes their time walking around the community as a civilian patrol. In so doing the dog walkers' community presence coupled with a small amount of crime prevention training will create an impressive community safety program.

Through the Paws for the Cause program, 42 Division's Crime Prevention and Community Relations officers will train participants to assist in safeguarding their neighbourhood by having extra eyes and ears on the streets. This initiative will make our communities safer.

If you are interested in participating in the programme, please contact Police Constable Gary Gomez at (416) 808-4220 or gary.gomez@torontopolice.on.ca.

Missing elderly persons with dementia

A missing elderly person with dementia is among the highest priority calls within the Emergency Response System. Contact 911 immediately when you realize an elderly person is missing so an investigation can start right away.

Some quick facts:

- ♦ Three out of five people with dementia go missing at some point, often without warning. Fifty per cent of seniors missing for 24 hours risk serious injury or death from exposure to the elements, hypothermia or drowning.
- ♦ 75 per cent of seniors who go missing are found within 2.4 kilometers from where they disappeared.

When police respond to a missing elderly person with dementia, a great amount of resources are used, such as police officers canvassing and searching for the individual as time is of the essence. Prevention is the best solution to missing elderly situations.

With support from the province, the Alzheimer Society of Ontario launched the "Finding Your Way Wandering Prevention Program". As part of the program, the Alzheimer Society of Ontario will distribute kits that include tips and resources to help families and caregivers put plans in place to prevent wandering incidents and act quickly in cases of missing seniors. The province is also providing support for the Ontario Police College

to develop and deliver police training that incorporates wandering prevention into the police training curriculum.

The following are some things that can be done to assist the police with regards to missing elderly persons:

If the person is known or suspected to wander off from a residential home, advise surrounding neighbours of the possibility of him/her wandering. Give known neighbours specific information what to do and a number where you can be reached if they encounter your wandering loved one.

Consider an electronic tracking device. There are some who consider this to be inhumane, but prevention is better than the possible "worst-case" result.

Keep a record of places that the person has been located at or is likely to visit. This information is very helpful to the police when searching for the person.

An alarm system with motion detectors is helpful in alerting caregivers when someone opens an outer door and can indicate when an individual has moved outside a set boundary. A simpler solution to prevent wandering, hang bells on the doorknobs.

Make sure the person always carries ID for easy identification. Medical ID jewellery such as a bracelet or pendant is a good idea. You could also consider sewing identification as well as your phone number into your loved one's jacket.

Beware: robbers using classified websites

The Police would like to remind our community to be careful when using classified websites. Suspects are contacting and meeting victims under the guise of buying or selling personal property then robbing them – either at the agreed upon meeting location or taking them somewhere else. Residents are urged to be very careful when meeting people through any classified advertisement.

Safety is the most important part of the equation. If you are planning on purchasing or selling merchandise on classified websites, visit my website for a list of safety tips from the Toronto Police: <http://tinyurl.com/lh38sav>.

Thieves target Scarborough residents disembarking TTC buses

Pedestrians and transit users should be aware of the surrounding environment after a series of violent street robberies in Scarborough. Toronto Police warn residents that the robberies are becoming increasingly violent as weapons are being used to inflict serious injuries during these thefts.

The thieves have taken to targeting public transit users as they disembark TTC buses in Scarborough. After TTC users exit the bus, they are robbed of their cell phones and tablets. Please stay alert of your surroundings, and avoid distracted walking (e.g. texting, web browsing, etc).

Toronto Police have created a re-enactment video that can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eh9ZRvrb2Jl>.

Carbon monoxide



Above: Carbon monoxide detectors should be located outside sleeping areas and on each level of the home.

Carbon monoxide is an odourless, tasteless and colourless gas that is deadly at concentrations above 35 parts per million (ppm). It is produced by the incomplete combustion of fuel such as gasoline, natural gas and propane.

Carbon monoxide poisoning can be caused by automobiles left running in garages attached to homes or outdoor appliances that are used indoors – such as BBQ's. Household appliances that burn fossil fuels such as natural gas and oil can also cause carbon monoxide poisoning. These appliances include furnaces, wood stoves and water heaters.

Ontario mandates that all homes must have carbon monoxide alarms located close to bedrooms or other sleeping areas so inhabitants can hear the alarm if it is activated. It is a good idea to have carbon monoxide alarms on every floor of your home. And remember to test them and change their batteries regularly.

Toronto Public Health states that "tiredness, headaches, dizziness, nausea or vomiting and shortness of breath" are some of the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning. If you experience any of these symptoms, seek medical attention. If your carbon monoxide alarm sounds, exit your home and call 911 from outside. For more information, visit Toronto Public Health's website (<http://tinyurl.com/mbdnrm4>) or the Ontario Government's webpage (<http://tinyurl.com/ms2b7kw>).

What is the Scarborough Renewal Campaign?

Why do I love Scarborough? Each of us should ask ourselves this one fundamental question. This very query has been resonating in many local auditoriums and town halls alike, where community members, BIA representatives, education professionals and religious leaders have shared their views in a common ideology – **to build up Scarborough**. And now we need you, our constituents, to become engaged by voicing your thoughts and getting involved in what is to be a significant transformation.

As conceptual custodians, the Rotary Clubs of Scarborough have spent the last year leading several discussion groups covering five key focus areas on Scarborough-centric initiatives to include: Economic Development, Social Development, Urban Planning, Arts and Culture and Health Care.

These categories have presented the opportunity for many to speak on issues that are relevant to all of us today, such as new jobs for Scarborough residents, better access to social services and venues, building thriving and vibrant self-sufficient communities with proper transit, a celebration of local art and culture that showcases the rich diversity that is Scarborough, and cultivating a community that embraces all aspects of healthy living, health care and that supports our local hospital, Scarborough General.

Now we are calling all champions to action as we encourage you to stay tuned for news on upcoming events that will invite you to not only witness but to be a part of the renewal realization. For more information, please contact Councillor Chin Lee's office at (416) 392-1375 or at councillor_lee@toronto.ca.

What does Scarborough mean to you? We would like to hear from our engaged residents in Ward 41. Please let us know by dropping us a line at <https://chinlee41.wordpress.com/> and have your say.

McHappy Day is May 6, 2015 at the Woodside Square McDonald's restaurant. All proceeds go to Ronald McDonald Charity House. Come help out on May 6. It's for a good cause.

Canada Day Celebrations

July 1, 2015 at Thomson Park
Pancake breakfast at 8 a.m.
Entertainment throughout the day
Fireworks at Milliken Park after sunset

Scarborough Walk for ALS

June 27, 2015 at Thomson Park –
Section A; check in at 9 a.m.
5 km walk begins at 10 a.m.
www.WALKforALS.ca/scarborough

The Scarborough Hospital is “my hospital”

Scarborough's diverse communities all share a common love of family, health and well-being. As we embrace these ideals we must acknowledge a beacon which has been there for us, and now needs us – our **Scarborough Hospital**. Like many of you, three generations of Councillor Lee's family have used the Scarborough Hospital.

The two locations, the General and Birchmount campuses, provide an excellent array of medical services and professional expertise but are continuing to do so in financially challenging and changing times. With well-publicized provincial funding constraints and an ever-increasing population, its Board and staff are striving to meet the many needs of our diverse communities. A new initiative at the Birchmount Campus is improving its Newborn and Child Care program. Our future generation needs our support.

The Scarborough Hospital Foundation's Chinese Philanthropic Council, is holding a **Fundraising Gala on Friday, May 8, 2015 at Casa Deluz Banquet Hall, 1571 Sandhurst Circle (Woodside Square)**.

Tickets are \$128 per person and are in limited supply. Why not consider reserving a table for your family and friends? After all, Scarborough is about community, helping others and coming together to celebrate a healthy and prosperous future. The Scarborough Hospital will be there for us, with our help.

For ticket information, contact Miranda Zeng or Gloria Lee at (416) 443-8600 or cpc.tshf@gmail.com.

Community Events

TSH Fundraiser Chinese Philanthropic Dinner

May 8, 2015
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Casa Deluz Banquet Hall
Woodside Square

Scarborough Film Festival

June 2 – 7, 2015
UTSC and other locations
<http://scarboroughfilmfestival.com/>

42 Division Community BBQ

June 13, 2015
12 p.m. (noon) – 5 p.m.
Burrows Hall Community Centre
(1801 Progress Ave.)

Councillor Lee's Movie Night

June 19, 2015
8 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.
St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic School (75 Alexmuir Blvd.)

North Scarborough Summerfest

June 21, 2015
11 a.m. – 6 p.m. at 3079 Birchmount Rd.
L'Amoreaux Sports Complex

Taste of Lawrence

July 3 – 5, 2015
www.tasteoflawrence.com

Pan Am/Parapan Am Games

July 10 – 26, 2015 (Pan Am Games)
August 7–15, 2015 (ParaPan Am Games)
www.toronto2015.org

Scarborough Town Jazz Festival

August 6–9, 2015
Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto
(5183 Sheppard Avenue East)
Albert Campbell Square
(150 Borough Dr.)
scarboroughtownjazzfestival.com

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