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Dear Scarborough-Guildwood Residents,

As Spring arrives and the Blue Jays season gets underway, I hope you and your family enjoy a safe and relaxing Easter long weekend. For the latest information on City service changes and holiday closures, please stay tuned to my social media channels and be sure to visit the City of Toronto's [What's open & closed - City services on holidays - City of Toronto](#) webpage.

Over the past month, I was pleased to take part in several meaningful community events. Of these events, I had the opportunity to have Mayor Chow join me in visiting the Mornelle All-Stars Community Outreach for their Safe Walk Program and afterschool program supporting youth and their families reach their potential. I am grateful to the dedicated volunteers and leaders who make a real difference every day, with a special thank you to Angela Brackett for her strong leadership and commitment to our community. Thank you as well to Mayor Olivia Chow for joining us and showing support for this important work.

This month at Council, Mayor Chow and I celebrated the inaugural Mayor's AI Awards, recognizing City-led initiatives that use artificial intelligence to improve public service delivery, efficiency, and accessibility for Torontonians. I was pleased to bring this initiative forward to highlight how AI and data can enhance City services and improve the resident experience.

The awards highlighted innovative work by City staff across areas such as 311, Parks and Recreation, and Toronto Building. Recognized projects included the 311 Virtual Assistant, the Building Permit Application Pre-Check, and internal tools like TechAssist and Data-Enabled Recreation Planning. Innovation is not about technology for its own sake; it's about making government work better for people.

Congratulations to all the staff who participated. Digital transformation has always been, and will continue to be, about people. [Find more details here.](#)

I also welcomed recent provincial action to protect consumers from ticket price gouging and hidden fees, strengthening consumer protections and helping ensure residents are not unfairly charged. [More details are available in my news release.](#)

Additionally, I was proud to support Toronto's first-ever Festival Strategy, a comprehensive plan to

strengthen and sustain our city's vibrant festivals and special events sector. The strategy supports cultural organizations across Toronto, improves coordination and permitting, and helps stabilize funding so festivals can continue to thrive and contribute to our economy, communities, and cultural life.

As part of this work, I brought forward an additional motion to modernize special events permitting by expanding online payment options and strengthening accountability through updates to the City's Night Economy Champion. Together, these changes help reduce red tape, make City processes easier to navigate, and ensure Toronto remains a leading global destination for arts and culture. You can read more about this item in the link provided [here](#).

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to my office for support with Ward 24 matters.

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A great time with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority staff celebrating the Sugarbush Maple Syrup Festival, an annual celebration of our region's rich maple heritage.

Last chance to visit: April 3–6.

[Click here to get tickets!](#)

No ICE in Toronto Motion - by Mayor Olivia Chow, seconded by Councillor Paul Ainslie

This past month at Council, we listened closely to the voices of our community, and your message was loud and clear. In response, Mayor Olivia Chow, seconded by me, brought forward a Motion adamantly opposing any involvement by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) within the City of Toronto. This includes rejecting any participation or activity during the FIFA World Cup 2026 and formally communicating this position to the Toronto Police Service Board. I fully support this decision. Toronto is a proud, welcoming, and inclusive city, and there is no place for ICE involvement here, at any time. Our residents deserve to feel safe, respected, and protected, whether in their neighbourhoods or during global events hosted in our city. [Find more information here.](#)

Grocery Store Pilot Project

This month at City Council, I supported a motion to explore a **municipally operated grocery store pilot program** aimed at improving access to affordable, nutritious food across Toronto. The proposal calls for opening City-run grocery stores, with a focus on neighbourhoods facing food insecurity and limited access to full-service grocery options. Operating under a not-for-profit model, this pilot would help reduce costs for residents while addressing rising food prices and supporting healthier communities. [Find more information here.](#)

Endorsement for Hosting a National Hockey League Stadium Series Game or equivalent Outdoor Game in Toronto at Rogers Centre

I brought forward a Motion for City Council's consideration to endorse Toronto as a host city for a major outdoor NHL game, like the NHL Stadium Series. The proposal celebrates Toronto's rich hockey legacy and aligns with the Toronto Maple Leaf's 100th anniversary in 2027. Hosting an event like this, potentially at the Rogers Centre, would spotlight Toronto on the global stage while generating strong economic, tourism, and cultural benefits for our city.

[Find more information here.](#)

Deputy Mayor Paul Ainslie Appointed President of Good Roads Board of Directors

On April 1, 2026, I was honoured to be formally inducted as President of the Good Roads Board of Directors, a historic municipal association dedicated to advancing the quality, safety, and design of Ontario's transportation infrastructure. This appointment follows 14 years of dedicated service on the Board, and I am excited to lead an organization that reflects my strong commitment to building safer, more sustainable, and better-connected roads across the province. [Learn more in my media release.](#)

Toronto Public Library Free Income Tax Clinics

Free income tax clinics are available across the city to help residents file their taxes. Learn more about upcoming clinics, eligibility, and events hosted at the Toronto Public Library on their website. [Programs | Toronto Public Library](#)

National Volunteer Week 2026 April 19th-25th, 2026

April 19–25, 2026 marks **National Volunteer Week**, a time to celebrate civic engagement and recognize the incredible contributions of volunteers across our city. This week honours the dedication and generosity of those who give their time to strengthen our communities. Visit [Volunteer Toronto](#) to learn more about how volunteers will be recognized and how you can get involved.

City of Toronto expands CampTO Nutrition Program

The City began funding snacks for children at select CampTO summer programs last year and expanded this program to a universal model as part of its commitment to food security and fighting the rising cost of living. This includes day camps throughout the summer season. Every child, all 115,000 campers participating in this summer's CampTO program, will receive a nutritious mid-morning meal. [Additional information available here.](#)

City launches city-wide water meter transmission unit replacement program

The City has launched a three-year program to replace all water meter transmission Units (MTUs) due to premature failures. Water meters are still working and continue to measure water use, but many MTUs that transmit water-use data to the City must be replaced to ensure accurate billing. While waiting for their MTU to be replaced, residents may receive estimated bills, but once the replacement is complete and the MTU begins transmitting water-use data to the City, customers will only be billed for the water they use. The City's contractor, Neptune Technology Group Canada, will complete replacements by appointment on a geographical zone-by-zone basis at no cost to customers. Find out when replacements begin in your area: toronto.ca/MTUreplacement

City of Toronto's congestion plan drives co-ordinated action to keep people moving

The City of Toronto is taking coordinated action to tackle congestion and keep people moving. Over the past year, the City has reduced construction-related road closures, improved travel times on transit lines, and deployed traffic agents at key intersections to ease traffic flow. Building on this progress, the 2026 Congestion Management Plan will focus on reducing construction impacts, expanding traffic management, improving transit reliability, using smarter traffic technology, and encouraging more travel options beyond driving. Led by Toronto's first Chief Congestion Officer, this initiative-taking approach aims to make travel across the city more dependable and efficient for everyone. [More information is available here](#)



Incredibly happy to have met with Jodie Bignall - Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of International River Foundation, Philip Weller – Director of International River Foundation and John Mackenzie, CEO of TRCA during their visit to the City of Toronto for the International River Foundation Toronto Roundtable. There is no better time for Toronto to step onto the global stage as we advance one of the most ambitious river restoration projects in North America through the naturalization of the Don River mouth.

New carbon monoxide alarm requirement!

Effective January 1, 2026, all residences with a fuel-burning appliance (such as a gas stove), fireplace or attached garage require a carbon monoxide (CO) alarm on every storey, in addition to the existing requirement of having alarms near all sleeping areas. The new rules also apply to multi-unit residential buildings such as multi-tenant houses, apartments and condominiums, as well as care facilities and certain group homes. These residences now need CO alarms in more locations, such as in all suites and some public corridors. More information is available on the [City's website](#).

Better Homes: Furnace Upgrade Program

The City's Furnace Upgrade program supports homeowners in replacing their aging furnace with an electric heat pump. Get access to low interest financing, find available rebates and incentives, and connect with qualified contractors to make energy efficient improvements easier and more affordable. Better Homes offers a suite of programs to help Toronto residents make their homes more energy-efficient and climate-resilient. Learn more: toronto.ca/BetterHomes.

Come Meet Imara, Toronto Zoo's Baby Giraffe

After more than 23,000 community votes, the Toronto Zoo's new baby giraffe was officially

named **Imara**, meaning *strong and resilient* in Swahili. Imara made her public debut in March and has already captured hearts as she bonds with her mother, Mstari, and begins exploring her habitat. Visitors can see Imara in the Africa Savanna daily from **10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** (viewing begins at **11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays**). For her well-being, the Giraffe House closes promptly at 2:00 p.m. [Click here to find out more.](#)

Landmark multi-billion-dollar partnership: City of Toronto joins with Government of Canada and Province of Ontario in prioritizing housing and transit

The City of Toronto has announced a landmark **multi-billion-dollar partnership** with the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario to accelerate housing construction and expand public transit across the city. As part of the agreement, senior levels of government will help fund a **reduction of development charges by up to 50%** on new housing by supporting essential, housing-enabling infrastructure. [Click her for additional information.](#)

City of Toronto issues 2026 interim property tax bills have been mailed out

Property owners who are not signed up for pre-authorized payment must make their interim bill payments **monthly by Friday, May 1**. The last three instalments, based on actual Budget 2026 rates, are due on Thursday, July 2, Tuesday, August 4 and Tuesday, September 1. Property owners can make payments online, through financial institutions, by mail or in person. [Pay Your Property Tax Bill – City of Toronto](#)

Vacant Home Tax Reminder - Declare Your Property's 2025 Occupancy Status by April 30, 2026.

- **Online:** toronto.ca/VacantHomeTax
- **By phone:** Call **311** (support available in 180 languages)
- **In person:** Visit a **Tax & Utility Payment Counter** at City Hall or any civic centre



Walking alongside the Mornelle All Stars Community Outreach in support of their Safe Walk and After School Program!
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FIFA World Cup

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City of Toronto and MLSE unveil FIFA World Cup 2026 Toronto Stadium upgrades

The City of Toronto, in partnership with Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment (MLSE), has completed all major upgrades at Toronto Stadium at Exhibition Place for FIFA World Cup 2026™. The stadium is set to host six FIFA World Cup 2026 matches in Toronto, including group-stage and knockout round matches. Completing the stadium's key upgrades marks a major milestone in Toronto's preparations as an Official Host City for FIFA World Cup 2026. A detailed overview of the work is available in the City's Toronto Stadium Fact Sheet on the [City's website](#).

Soccer for All Mini-Pitches – Scarborough–Guildwood Park impact – Scarborough Village Park!

To date, more than \$6 million has been raised to support new soccer mini pitches at parks across Toronto as part of the Soccer for All Legacy Program. The first four locations are Apted Park, Amesbury Park, Grandravine Park and **Scarborough Village Park**, with construction expected to be completed by the end of summer 2026. Funding will also support free soccer programming for children and youth in equity-deserving neighbourhoods. webpage: [Soccer for All Mini-Pitches – City of Toronto](#)

WARD 24 INFORMATION

Road resurfacing work scheduled for Scarborough-Guildwood in 2026: Several streets in our community will be enhanced this year. To view the locations, visit: <https://map.toronto.ca/toinview/>

- Celeste Drive from Overture Road to Adams Drive
- Craggview Drive
- Gondola Crescent
- Rowallan Drive
- Banmoor Boulevard
- Landfair Crescent
- Andover Crescent
- Ares Court
- Hiscock Boulevard
- Point Grey Crescent
- Hiscock Boulevard



Through my mobile offices, my staff has been out in the community listening directly to residents. We are deeply committed to meeting people where they are and making sure their concerns are heard. A huge shout-out to my dedicated Constituency staff for their work and continued support of our community every day.

TTC Route 406 Scarborough Guildwood Community Bus Pilot:

Several residents have asked that the route include other destinations, including Cedarbrae Mall. I hear you and have requested TTC to include the route – they are reviewing community feedback and ridership data. **PLEASE RIDE THE BUS TO ENSURE WE KEEP AND EXPAND THE ROUTE.**

- ◇ Runs every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
 - ◇ 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., every 55 minutes
 - ◇ Fully accessible and open to all TTC riders
 - ◇ Stops include - Scarborough Town Centre, Guildwood GO Station, FreshCo, Masaryktown
- TTC has installed physical stop pads and markers along Brimorton Drive to improve accessibility and awareness of this route. Visit <https://www.ttc.ca/routes-and-schedules/406/0> to plan your trip.

Scarborough Subway Extension Updates can be found at: [Scarborough Subway Extension - Latest updates](#) If you have concerns or questions, please email: ScarboroughSubwayExtension@metrolinx.com



I had the opportunity to invite Mayor Olivia Chow to visit 5N2 Kitchen and Farms in Scarborough. An incredible organization leading the way in food rescue, urban farming, and dignified access to healthy meals. Thank you to Seema David and the entire 5N2 team for the warm welcome and for the impactful work you do to support the community.

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Confederation Park is getting a Skate Park!

A new community skatepark is coming to Confederation Park. Construction is anticipated to start in late

fall of 2026. This will also include relocating the existing volleyball courts, the addition of park lighting, accessible pathways, seating and gathering areas, a new water fountain & bottle filling station and improved site drainage. Updates can be found on the project webpage [here](#). Residents can reach out to the project coordinator with questions: Thevishka Kanishkan 416-394-2995 / Thevishka.Kanishkan@toronto.ca.

Toronto Hydro is upgrading the electrical distribution system in the community

Toronto Hydro is conducting this work to support construction of the Provincial Scarborough Subway Extension. The boundaries for the project include a section of McCowan Road and Hurley Crescent, from February 2026 to April 2026. The project number is C-210153-E18908-HR001. For questions, please contact Toronto Hydro at (416) 542-3366 or capitalprojects@torontohydro.com and provide the project number.

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Update on the New Splashpad for Cornell Park

This project includes park improvements including a new splash pad, a seating and gathering area, upgraded playground surfacing and enhancements to the existing basketball court, volleyball court and ball hockey pad. The consultant is now incorporating community feedback from the survey and refining the design accordingly. Construction of the splash pad is anticipated to start in the fall of this year and is anticipated to be completed for opening during the summer of 2027. Residents with questions can reach out to the project lead, Shan Yang at 437-238-3629 / Shan.Yang@toronto.ca. Project updates are available [here](#).

Cedar Ridge Park

TRCA has installed three bat structures at Cedar Ridge Park. You will see hydro poles that have been fitted at the top with a bark-like material. These structures provide a maternity roosting habitat for species at risk. The specific bat habitat is a Branden bark structure and was installed to satisfy the compensation requirements for the Metrolinx Galloway Road Grade Separation Footprint Project.



Image of a Bat Structure

Call for Artists: Cedar Ridge Creative Centre Summer Residency

The Cedar Ridge Summer Residency invites one visual artist to work in the Gardener's Cottage

overlooking Highland Creek from June 15 to September 24. The program supports emerging and mid-career artists and concludes with a fall exhibition in the Cedar Ridge Gallery. **Apply using this link [Toronto.ca/ArtistOpportunities](https://toronto.ca/ArtistOpportunities) by Sunday, April 11.**

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Greenvale Park

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Coronation and West Hill Community

Toronto Hydro is upgrading the electrical distribution in your community

This work includes upgrading underground electrical cables on City-owned property. The project area includes Danzig Street (North), Poplar Road (East), Cultra Square (South), and Galloway Road (West). Work is expected to start May 2026 and be completed in August 2026. Residents can reach out to 416-542-3366 / capitolprojects@hydro.com with any questions- quoting project P-230414-ED161010.

Allstars Community Outreach – New Program for Eastview School Students

We are pleased to share a new initiative by All-Stars Community Outreach designed to support our local families. Now offering a supervised walking program for students **attending Eastview Public School**.

How it works: Trusted adult supervisors, all of whom have completed police background checks, meet participating children at 4301 Kingston Road each morning and walk them to school. In the afternoon, they walk the children back to the apartments after dismissal.

Safety First: To ensure a safe and supportive journey, introductions are arranged in advance so that every child is comfortable with their walking supervisor.

Interested? If you would like your child to participate, please reach out to Angela at (647) 769-5900 via text for registration details.

Visit [this link](#) for more information.

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Curran Hall Community Town Hall

Thank you to everyone who made it out to my Town Hall last month. We had a healthy conversation, and I appreciate all the questions, inquiries and feedback.

Some residents shared traffic concerns, speeding, overtaking, and parking issues. Reminder that the police suggested it is best if you can get the license plate of vehicles to include in your report.

Here are some contacts that were discussed for residents to reach out to:

Parking Enforcement:

[On-line Parking Complaint](#) / Police non-emergency 416-808-2222

On-line traffic complaint link:

[Online Reporting](#) / Police non-emergency 416-808-2222

Residents who wish to comment on the removal of the Automated Speed Enforcement cameras should reach out to MPP Andrea Hazell at ahazell.mpp.cp@liberal.ola.org / 416-281-2787

NOTE: As of the end of November 2025, all **Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE)** cameras have been removed due to the provincial government's ban on ASE cameras.

Residents also had concerns with the snow plowing operations. Reminder to please report your concerns with any damage from the plows, contractor issues, missed plowing and plowing issues to 311. You can then follow up with my office and provide your reference number.

We also discussed multi-tenant housing. If you have concerns, please reach contact 311 to report issues related to multi-tenant houses or reach out to my office at councillor_ainslie_co@toronto.ca.

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Toronto Hydro work in your Community

Toronto Hydro is rebuilding the electrical distribution system in your community to improve the reliability of your electrical service. This rebuild includes upgrading overhead and underground electrical cables and replacing hydro poles on City-owned property. The project area is Tivoli Court to the north, Morningside Avenue to the east, Guildwood Parkway to the south and Scarcliff Gardens to the west. The expected timeline for this work is April 2026 to July 2026. Residents who have questions can reach out to Toronto Hydro at 416-542-3366 / capitolprojects@torontohydro.com -quoting project number P-250017 -ED151002.

Update for the Elizabeth Simcoe Park Skate Spot

This project is currently in the site investigation phase, which has extended the timeline. Staff are working with the design consultant while the site investigations are proceeding. Currently, construction is anticipated to begin Spring 2027 with the skate spot opening Summer of 2027. Residents with questions can reach out to the project lead Max Grandmaison at 416-338-2359 / Max.Grandmaison@toronto.ca. Project updates are available [here](#).

Community Consultation: 60 Guildwood Parkway, Long Term Care Facility re-development. April 7, 2026 @ 7pm, at Sir Wilfrid Laurier Collegiate Institute, 145 Guildwood Pkwy.

The project is proposing the development of a 9-storey Long Term Care Facility containing 512 Long Term Care Resident rooms, including a mix of private and semi-private rooms. Detailed information regarding the proposal, including background information and material can be reviewed [here](#). For any questions/comments please contact Philip Liu, Planner at (416) 396-5574, or by e-mail at Philip.Liu@toronto.ca and copy my office councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca

Church of Holy Trinity Guildwood Presents Eggstravaganza on Sunday April 5th, 2026, starting at 10:30 AM

Holy Trinity Guildwood's annual community Easter event is back! Join in for family-friendly fun, including an Easter egg hunt, crafts, games, and more. [Learn more here](#).

Guildwood Village Community Association's Tree, Shrub & Wildflower Giveaway

The annual Guildwood Village Tree, Shrub and Wildflower **Giveaway is on Saturday, June 13th** at the Guild Park, kicking off Pollinator Week!

Native trees and shrubs provided through the City of Toronto's Forestry Grants program, will be available

by pre-order only, **with ordering opening on Wednesday, April 1st.**

This initiative supports the City's goal of increasing Toronto's tree canopy to 40% by encouraging the planting of native species, particularly in areas of Scarborough where tree cover is limited.

[More information and ordering details here](#)

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Scarborough Subway Extension

Work is continuing on the Scarborough Subway Extension. Visit the project webpage for updates and subscribe for email notifications related to the [Scarborough Subway Extension](#). All construction notices are available under the **Notices** tab. Residents can reach out to Metrolinx with questions or concerns at ScarboroughSubwayExtension@metrolinx.com / 416-202-7900.

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New Community Meeting for 3718-3730 Kingston Road Development

Please be aware that two meetings will be taking place for this development. At the request of residents, a new community meeting has been scheduled along with the statutory planning meeting.

April 21st – New Community Meeting - A virtual community meeting has been scheduled for April 21st from 7:00pm – 8:30pm. For residents to comment on the proposal. [Please see the notice linked below for more information and instructions on how to join.](#)

April 30th – Scarborough Community Council Statutory Planning Meeting will be held at the Scarborough Civic Centre and Virtually. [The meeting will be posted on the City of Toronto site 10 days before the meeting.](#) To submit comments or register to speak please email scc@toronto.ca and copy my office councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca

At this time, you may send your questions and comments to Bitia Mahjoubi, Planner at 416-392-3678, or by e-mail at Bitia.Mahjoubi@toronto.ca and to my office councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca

The proposed development features a 24-storey mixed-use building containing 419 residential units and 672 square metres of non-residential space. The project includes a 7-storey podium with a total gross floor area of 30,905 square metres, representing a density of 5.25 times the lot area. To improve the public realm, existing driveways on Kingston Road will be closed, and all vehicular access—including 219 parking spaces and 327 bicycle spots—will be consolidated into a single 8.2-metre-wide private driveway entering directly from Scarborough Golf Club Road. The site plan also incorporates a 3.44-metre road widening along the Scarborough Golf Club Road frontage to accommodate future infrastructure and enhance pedestrian connectivity.

Detailed information regarding the proposal, including background information and material can be reviewed here www.toronto.ca/3718KingstonRd.

An online version of the April 30 notice, along with information about the April 30th statutory Planning Meeting, is available at: [Public Notice – City of Toronto](#)

Scarborough Village Resource Fair – Mark your Calendar to Attend on April 23 10:00am – 1:30pm

The Scarborough Village Recreation Centre Seniors Executive are hosting their Annual Resource Fair! My office will be attending along with several agencies who provide services to seniors. All are welcome to attend the fair at the Scarborough Village Community Centre at 3600 Kingston Road.

Update on the new Grant Faulkner Park

Grant Faulkner Park is a new 5.4-acre park coming to 320 Markham Rd., just north of Eglinton Avenue East in the Scarborough-Guildwood neighbourhood. The park was [officially named](#) in November 2024 in honour of Grant Faulkner, who tragically died in 2015 while experiencing homelessness. The name not only commemorates his life but also serves as a reminder of the importance of protecting vulnerable individuals and addressing homelessness in the community.

New recreational facilities to be added to the new park include: a playground, three soccer fields (one full-size and two mini), a cricket cage, a new shade structure, seating with accessible benches and picnic tables, accessible pathways, and a new parking lot. Construction is anticipated to begin during the summer with completion and opening of the facility in the fall. Residents with questions can reach out to the project coordinator Neda Nassiri at 416-392-6388 / Neda.Nassiri@toronto.ca. Updates are available [here](#).

Scarborough Village Streets Plan

In consultation with the local community, the City is developing a Neighbourhood Streets Plan (NSP) for the Scarborough Village area that will investigate four main areas of concern:

1. Road safety for vulnerable road users (i.e. seniors, school children, pedestrians and people cycling)
2. Excessive speeding
3. Excessive motor vehicle traffic on local streets
4. Opportunities for active transportation (walking and cycling)

Residents with questions can reach out to the public consultation coordinator Anna Kim at 416-338-1837 / ScarboroughVillageStreets@toronto.ca. You can learn more about this project [here](#).

3434 Eglinton Avenue East Site Visit with the Mayor and RentSafeTO

I along with Mayor Chow, was invited to visit and meet with the East Scarborough Tenants Union, City of Toronto RentSafe TO and the residents of 3434 Eglinton Avenue East to hear directly about the living conditions in the building. I would like to thank everyone who attended. Your continued advocacy and voices were heard and deeply valued.

RentSafeTO, visited every unity and provided important information and assisted with filing and documenting all concerns raised. My office will continue collaborating closely with residents to ensure all outstanding complaints are addressed thoroughly and to the highest standard.

If you have additional concerns, please contact RentSafeTO through 311, or reach out to my office at [Councillor Ainslie Co@toronto.ca](mailto:CouncillorAinslieCo@toronto.ca) or 416-396-7222.

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Morningside Connections Project

Transportation Services is building a new sidewalk on the east side of Morningside Avenue north of Pan Am Drive to the Highway Eastbound On-Ramp, a new bidirectional multi-use trail on the west side of Morningside Avenue from Tams Road to the Highway 401 Eastbound Off-Ramp as well as changes to

the intersection of Tams Road/Pan Am Drive and Morningside Avenue

This will create a safe connection between the Meadoway Trail and future bike lanes on Pan Am Drive, improving safety for all road users.

These changes are being implemented as part of the road resurfacing work planned on Morningside Avenue anticipated to begin August 2026. Residents with questions can reach out to the public consultation coordinator Anna Kim at 416-338-1837 / Anna.Kim@toronto.ca. You can learn more about this project [here](#).

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Update on the new Grant Faulkner Park

Grant Faulkner Park is anticipated to be completed by Fall 2026. The new 5.4-acre park located at 320 Markham Road. The park was [officially named](#) in November 2024 in honour of Grant Faulkner, who tragically died in 2015 while experiencing homelessness.

The recreational facilities in the park include: a playground, three soccer fields (one full-size and two mini), a cricket cage, a new shade structure, seating with accessible benches and picnic tables, accessible pathways, and a new parking lot. Construction is anticipated to begin this summer with completion and opening of the facility in this Fall. Residents with questions can reach out to the project coordinator Neda Nassiri at 416-392-6388 / Neda.Nassiri@toronto.ca. Updates are available [here](#).

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Tredway Woodsworth School Traffic Meeting

Last month my office met with school staff, Toronto Police and Traffic Operations as part of the Green Communities School Travel Plan. We were able to observe the various traffic concerns brought forward from the school and are currently discussing potential changes to improve the safety for all road users and encourage compliance with the City's posted traffic signage.

Update: Confederation Park is getting a Skate Park

A new community skatepark is coming to Confederation Park. Construction is anticipated to start in late fall of 2026. This will also include relocating the existing volleyball courts, the addition of park lighting, accessible pathways, seating and gathering areas, a new water fountain & bottle filling station and improved site drainage. Updates can be found on the project webpage [here](#). Residents can reach out to the project coordinator with questions-Thevishka Kanishkan 416-394-2995 / Thevishka.Kanishkan@toronto.ca.

Update on Woburn Park Playground Improvements and New Skate Spot.

Construction on the new playground will begin this Spring with completion anticipated during the summer, where the playground reopens.

An online public survey for the new skate spot at Woburn Park will be launching. The survey will present two skate spot design options and provide an opportunity for the public to view and vote for their preferred choice. The survey will be open from **April 1st to April 15th** and can be accessed through the link on the project webpage: [Woburn Park Playground Improvements & New Skate Spot – City of Toronto](#).

Residents with questions can reach out to the project coordinator, Max Grandmaison at 316-338-2359 / Max. Grandmaison@toronto.ca. Project updates are available [here](#).



This past month, I took part in a productive meeting with the Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO) as a representative of the City of Toronto. This group brings together leaders from Ontario's largest municipalities, representing over 10.6 million residents, to advocate for the essential services that support communities at every stage of life.

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RentSafeTO: Information for Tenants

Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC)- Concerns? Call the Community Safety Unit at 416-921-2323 to report noise disturbances, loitering, trespassing, or other safety-related issues.

RentSafeTO, also known as Apartment Building Standards, is a City of Toronto bylaw that enforces maintenance standards in apartment buildings with three or more storeys and ten or more units. If you experience issues such as pests, inadequate heat, plumbing problems, water leaks, or concerns in shared/common areas, you should first contact your property owner or manager to submit a service request. [RentSafeTO for Building Owners – City of Toronto](#)

Property owners are required to respond:

- Within 24 hours for urgent issues, such as no heat or no water
- Within seven days for non-urgent issues

If the property owner does not take action and the problem continues, contact 311 and request support from the RentSafeTO team, and please advise my office as well.

Tenant Rights and Responsibilities Support Resources

Below are resources about Tenant Rights:

- City-funded Housing Help Centres to help with avoiding evictions and keeping housing [here](#).

- City-funded Financial Support (including RentBank, a one-time interest-free loan to help with making rent) [here](#).
 - FMTA Tenant Hotline (advice, referrals, frequent questions): 416-921-9494
- “The Guide to Tenants' Rights” (is available in 12 languages) [here](#).

Tower Renewal Grant & Financing Opportunities

If you own or operate an older residential building that is three or more storeys, you may be eligible for grants or financing through the City of Toronto's Tower Renewal programs. Programs include:

- **Taking Action on Tower Renewal (TATR)** Financial and technical support to improve energy efficiency, reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions without negatively impacting affordability for tenants.
- **High-Rise Retrofit Improvement (HiRIS)** Offers up to \$2.5 million in low-cost financing for energy and water efficiency upgrades to supports improvements.
- **Sustainable Towers Engagement People (STEP)** No-cost support to building owners and property managers to help reduce operating costs and improve residents' quality of life.

More information is available on the City's website at toronto.ca/TowerRenewal

Get on the list – Report it!

If you have an issue with your TCHC unit or building, it must be reported to the Client Care Centre at 416-981-5500 right away. (You may send an email to help@torontohousing.ca if it's not an emergency)

When repairs are needed, especially to your unit, please make sure you get an EasyTrac number from the call representative.

*** It is particularly important to remember not to finish the call unless you have your EasyTrac number***

Get on the list! [See the maintenance and repair site here](#).

Then track it on EasyTrac: [see more information](#).

Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC)

Concerned constituents may call the TCHC's **Community Safety Unit at 416-921-2323** to report noise disturbances, loitering, trespassing, or other safety-related issues.

Get Involved in your Community

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Scarborough-Guildwood Residents, The City of Toronto needs your voice and representation!

I encourage you to join **City Boards, Committees and Tribunals** to share your experience and expertise about your community. [City of Toronto Public Appointments – Get Involved!](#)

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Community Events

Many exciting events happening in the community!

[The Cathedral Bluffs Symphony Orchestra's Concerts](#)

Cathedral Bluffs Symphony Orchestra Piano Party-Saturday April 18th, 2026 @ 8:00 PM

This special concert celebrates the restoration of the Cathedral Bluffs Symphony Orchestra's historic Clifford Poole Concert Grand Piano and features outstanding young soloists from our local music festival partners, including winners from the North York Music Festival and the CCC Toronto International Music Festival.

**Location: P.C. Ho Theatre, Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto
5183 Sheppard Avenue East, Toronto, Ontario, M1B 5Z5**

Tickets and more information available [here](#)

Cathedral Bluffs Symphony Orchestra-FREE Open Rehearsal & Instrument Discovery, April 18th, 2026 @ 3:00 PM – 4:45 PM

The Cathedral Bluffs Symphony Orchestra invites you to a **FREE afternoon of music, discovery, and live performance**, perfect for families, newcomers, and devoted music lovers alike. Ever wondered what happens behind the scenes of an orchestra? Now's your chance to step inside and experience it for yourself.

[Click here for more](#)

Applications Open for Summer Festival, Guild Alive with Culture

The Guild Alive with Culture Arts Festival, proudly organized by our office, is gearing up for its 19th year and continues to thrive as one of Scarborough's signature summer events. This year, the Festival is happening July 25th and 26th. Artist applications are now open, offering creators an opportunity to display their work in the beautiful setting of Guild Park & Gardens. To participate as an artist, please follow the [Festival policies and complete the application](#). **We're also welcoming volunteers who help make this beloved community festival possible each year, [please sign up here](#).**

Allstars Community Outreach

We are pleased to share a new initiative by All-Stars Community Outreach designed to support our local families. Now offering a supervised walking program for students **attending Eastview Public School**.

How it works: Trusted adult supervisors, all of whom have completed police background checks, meet participating children at 4301 Kingston Road each morning and walk them to school. In the afternoon, they walk the children back to the apartments after dismissal.

Safety First: To ensure a safe and supportive journey, introductions are arranged in advance so that every child is comfortable with their walking supervisor.

Interested? If you would like your child to participate, please reach out to Angela at (647) 769-5900 via text for registration details.

Visit [this link](#) for more information.

Upcoming Resource Fair at the Scarborough Village Recreation Centre

A Resource Fair will take place on April 23, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Scarborough Village Recreation Centre, featuring vendors from various organizations and information useful for seniors in the Scarborough–Guildwood community.

McHappy Day is back in Scarborough on May 6th, 2026!

Mark your calendars for May 6, 2026! Seven participating McDonald's locations in Scarborough will be giving back, with part of their proceeds supporting Scarborough hospitals. Drop by one of the locations below and help support patients and families in our community.

- 395 Bamburgh Circle
- 2936 Finch Avenue East
- 3305 Sheppard Avenue East
- 3850 Sheppard Avenue East
- 3030 Don Mills Road East

- 1800 Sheppard Avenue East
- 7600 Kennedy Road

EMMA Comes to the Scarborough Village Theatre

Scarborough Theatre Guild presents **EMMA**, a lively stage adaptation of Jane Austen's beloved novel. *EMMA* runs on select dates **April 10–25, 2026**, at Scarborough Village Theatre, with evening and matinee performances available.

Tickets and subscriptions are on sale now. [Click here to learn more or purchase tickets](#)

Serenata Singers Celebrate 50 Golden Years of Harmony

Join the Serenata Singers this May for a radiant anniversary concert, "**The Maple Leaf Forever**," celebrating 50 golden years of music-making in our community. This special program honours Canada's rich choral heritage with beloved works by Canadian composers, performed by a vibrant 60-voice adult choir.

Performances take place at **Scarborough Bluffs United Church** on **Thursday, May 7 at 2:00 p.m.** and **Friday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m.** Tickets are **\$25**, available in April through choir members or by contacting **Charlotte Judd** (charlotte.judd55@gmail.com, 416-887-1249).

Learn more [here](#) and on their [Facebook page](#).

TRCA events: [TRCA Events Calendar - Fun In Nature](#)

www.guildalivewithculture.ca

[Guild Festival Theatre](#) Looking forward to 2026.

[Theatre Scarborough's Season](#)

[Scarborough Harmony Chorus](#)

Businesses & Services in the Community

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BusinessTO Webinars & Events

For the full list of City of Toronto Programs and Resources:

- [Business Support](#): An overview of financial assistance, online training and other business support resources offered by the City of Toronto.
- [Toronto Economic Dashboard](#): The online dashboard is updated weekly and provides a snapshot of Toronto's economy including data on financial, labour market, real estate and transportation-related activity.
- [Business licensing and permit application portal](#)
- [Digital Main Street](#): Provides support for businesses interested in adopting technologies.
- [Preventing COVID-19 in the Workplace](#): Guidelines of employers to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace.

[Resources for Businesses Reducing Single-Use and Takeaway Items](#): Supports for retail businesses in complying with the new Single-Use and Takeaway Items Bylaw now in effect

[Scarborough Business Association \(SBA\)](#)

[5n2 Food for All – fighting food inadequacy in Scarborough since 2013](#)

Scarborough-Guildwood has many food security locations:

- Please [click here](#) for a list of food banks in East Scarborough

[BGC East Scarborough - helping children, youth, families in East Scarborough](#)

EarlyON Child and Family Centres

- Galloway EarlyON Child and Family Centre (100 Galloway Road)
- Mornelle EarlyON Child and Family Centre (110 Mornelle Court - the main floor)
- Scarborough East EarlyON Child and Family Centre (62 Orchard Park Dr)

Ontario Early Years Programs

[The East Scarborough Storefront's KGO Updates: Community e-newsletter for Kingston-Galloway/Orton Park](#)

[The Reading Partnership – Giving families the tool to help children learn to read](#)

Toronto Police Service

Parking Issues and Traffic Complaints

Residents are advised to contact Toronto Police Parking Enforcement regarding parking complaints at 416-808-6600.

Reporting Fraud

If you are a victim of fraud, report the incident to your [local police](#) and to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre's [online reporting system](#) or by phone at 1-888-495-8501. Members of the public can also find further information or file a complaint with our partners at the Ontario Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery (MPBSD) and [Competition Bureau Canada](#).

Consumers can learn more about the Consumer Protection Act, 2002 [here](#) or by calling the Ministry at 416-326-8800 or toll-free at 1-800-889-9768. Consumers can file a complaint [here](#).

Crime Stoppers

The Toronto Police Service is asking anyone with information to contact them at [416-808-2222](tel:416-808-2222), Crime Stoppers anonymously at 416-222-TIPS (8477), [online](#) or text TOR and your message to CRIMES (274637).

Toronto Community Crisis Service (TCCS)

If you or someone you know is 16+ and experiencing a mental health crisis, [TCCS](#) is a 24/7 service that sends trained crisis teams to support mental health crisis calls.

East End Arts

[Sign up](#) for the East End Arts' monthly eNewsletter, or their youth monthly eNewsletter.

Connect with [Probus-Guildwood](#)!

Probus-Guildwood is a social club for retirees of various backgrounds with \$25 initiation fee and \$25 for

an annual membership. Join every second Wednesday of each month to listen to diverse speakers at 1:30PM at the **Guildwood Community Presbyterian Church, 140 Guildwood Pkwy**. Go [here](#) for their newsletters. Contact Alan at alanburt@rogers.com or call 416-266-4682 for further details.

On **April 8, 2026**, Humourist **Tim Westhead** will present “*Remember When...*”—a special event for Baby Boomers. Probus-Guildwood also hosts a popular “**Lunch with Friends**” gathering on the last Friday of each month at local restaurants, with a **book club and movie club** being recent additions.

Services Available to you

[Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities \(SCHC\)](#)

[Scarborough Community Renewal Organization \(SCRO\) – creating and realising bold visions to renew Scarborough](#)

[Scarborough Women's Centre](#)

Senior Services: [Printable Directory of Services for Seniors and Caregivers](#)

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Information Session: Cultural Hotspot Ignite Ideation Funding in KGO

The City of Toronto invites artists, art collectives and community groups to apply for 2026 Cultural Hotspot Ignite Ideation Funding in Kingston-Galloway/Orton Park (KGO). Ignite Ideation Funding offers \$2,500 to \$5,000 to support capacity-building for artistic practice, skill-building, or to assess new community arts project ideas that benefit the KGO community. Register to attend a virtual information session to learn about eligibility criteria and the application process on Tuesday March 24 or Thursday April 9. Applications close Monday, May 4. [Register for an information session](#).

The Federation of Public Libraries Advocacy Award recognizes an individual, group, or organization whose advocacy has significantly advanced the mission, visibility, and value of public libraries. This award celebrates leadership, innovation, and meaningful impact in the promotion and defense of public libraries.

For details on nomination criteria and to access the nomination form, please visit the [awards website here](#). Deadline for submissions is **September 30, 2026**.

Register for the Summer Company grant and training program for students

Are you a Toronto student with a great business idea? The Summer Company program supports eligible students aged 15 to 29, looking to launch and operate a small business during the summer. Apply by Friday, May 8, 4:59 p.m. [Learn more and register](#).

Attend the Toronto Public Library's spring Newcomer Entrepreneur in Residence (NEIR) series

Join the Toronto Public Library for their spring 2026 Newcomer Entrepreneur in Residence (NEIR) program with entrepreneur Lily Akagbosu, which is now underway and runs through May 16. During this eight-week residency, Lily will deliver weekly small business seminars and workshops and provide one-on-one consultations for selected applicants to discuss and evaluate their business ideas and plans. Registration for workshops is encouraged via the Toronto Public Library website; drop-ins are welcome until capacity is reached. [Find dates and learn more](#).

Seasonal Recruitment and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority

TRCA offers seasonal positions that let you work outdoors, meet amazing people, and be part of something bigger! From lifeguarding at scenic parks to guiding visitors through nature, every day is a new adventure. Plus, you'll gain valuable skills and make lasting memories while contributing to your community. [Apply now and start your adventure](#)

Basement Flooding Protection Subsidy Program

During heavy rain, the sewers can become overloaded. It is essential that homeowners take appropriate action to reduce the risk of basement flooding.

Owners of a single-family, duplex, triplex or fourplex residential home can [apply online](#) for a subsidy of up to \$3,400 per property to install flood protection devices. For more information visit: [Basement Flooding Protection Subsidy Program – City of Toronto](#)

Applications are open for the Business Inc. sessions at Toronto Public Library

Ready to launch or expand your small business? Toronto Public Library is now accepting applications for four different Business Inc. streams taking place at various branches across the city. Offered in partnership with the Toronto Business Development Centre (TBDC), this eight-week program gives entrepreneurs the skills, mentorship and confidence to thrive and make their business dreams a reality. The application deadlines vary by library branch. [Learn more and apply.](#)

Community Crisis Response Fund

The Community Crisis Response Fund provides one-time financial assistance to support communities impacted by traumatic incidents and community violence. Two funding streams are available: the General and Youth-led Community Crisis Response Fund Streams. Applications for both are now being accepted. Find more information [here](#).

For the full list of Toronto's cultural and economic opportunities, subscribe to the [BusinessTO and CultureTO Newsletters](#).

I hope you have found my monthly E-Newsletter useful and informative. If you have any suggestions on information, you would like included.... please let me know!

All my Best,
Paul



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