

The South Etobicoke News

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More condos and parks for Sherway area

Huge plans are being made by City officials to convert the 100-hectare Sherway Gardens area into a more user-friendly space for residents with the addition of trees, parks, walking trails, wide streets and a transit hub.

The proposals, which have been in the works since 2014, were among many discussed in a community open house held on May 27 at St. Ambrose Catholic School, on Coules Crt.

The room was lined with maps and charts to inform residents of long-range plans to beautify the 'Sherway Area' and make it a better experience for pedestrians, shoppers and residents

"The Sherway Area has the potential for significant change," says Melanie Melnyk, of the City's Planning Dept. "To address growth and change in the area, it was determined that a comprehensive review of



CONCERNED RESIDENTS look over the Sherway Area Secondary Plan at a recent Open House in Alderwood. The mall and area is in the background.

the existing planning policy and development framework was required."

toronto City Council hopefully by the fall. The Sherway Area Study focuses on the

The plans also includes the construction of eight condo towers that are more than 30-stories high. It now houses four towers.

Officials say an estimated 6,500 new residents will be moving into the area when construction is completed. The plan has to be approved by Etobicoke York Community Council and then Toronto

lands bounded by a rail corridor to the north, Highway 427 to the east, the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW) to the south and Etobicoke Creek to the west.

The area is bisected by hydro utility corridors that run as towers above-ground; and an Enbridge easement, containing a major natural gas line that runs parallel to The Queensway.

Long-time resident Gabe Quaranta is concerned about all the extra traffic being brought into the area with no new roads being built.

"The area is terrible now with traffic and this will only make things worst," he says. Planners said there are no parks in the area, which is terrible for pedestrians "with many overpasses, underpasses or bridges." City planners insist that in time the Sherway Area will become a "unique destination spot" with its own identity.

Aerial spray programs underway for Gypsy moths



ONE OF THE HELICOPTERS that can be put to use in an aerial spray program that runs until June 15.

The City is urging South Etobicoke residents to cover up as an aerial spray program to control Gypsy moth continues overhead this month.

Two helicopters will take to the air between May 16 and June 15 and City officials warn that while the spray will not

eradicate the gypsy moth populations, it will reduce them to more manageable levels to protect tree canopies.

Property owners in and surrounding the aerial spray blocks will receive an information pamphlet and notification letter in the mail at least 7 days prior to the spray. Notifications will also be placed along some roadways and on social media.

Officials say it will take about 2.5 hours to complete the spray, which can take place on any day of the week. It will take place over large sections of Toronto, Etobicoke and Mississauga.

Health officials claim the public is unlikely to experience any symptoms and no special precautions are necessary. They say chemicals in the spray is not expected to have adverse effects on vulnerable populations including children with asthma, people with weakened immune systems, pregnant women or the elderly.

However, there may be some residents who are more sensitive and may experience skin, eye or respiratory irritation. While no special precautions need to be taken, concerned residents may consider remaining indoors for 30 minutes after spraying to allow for the droplets to deposit onto the tree leaves.

They can also bring inside their laundry, toys and pets before spraying begins. Or cover lawn furniture, pools, BBQs or play equipment or rinse them off with water after the spraying is complete.

Residents can also consider minimize the opening and closing of doors or windows during spraying period, shutting off heating, cooling vents or set to recirculate.

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WW11 VETERAN GEORGE CARPENTER (centre) was invested with the insignia of Knight of the Legion of Honour by Marc Trouyet (left), the Consul General of France, for his involvement in the Liberation of France during WW11. Looking on at Kipling Acres is Councillor Stephen Holyday and Armed Forces member.

Girls urged to go into legal or law enforcement fields



DOZENS OF YOUNG WOMEN pack a room at the Jean Augustine Centre to learn about careers in legal work and law enforcement.

Several dozen young girls interested in careers in the legal and law enforcement fields attended a Choices program to hear professionals in the field speak about their jobs and how they help others. Judge Lloyd Budzinski, lawyer Vince Scaramuzza, Court Operations Bobby Kistow, probation officer Linda Shelly and Assistant Crown Attorney Cheryl Blondell met with the teenage girls on May 30 at the Jean Augustine Centre for Young Women's Empowerment, on Portland St. Organizers say women are under-represented in Ontario's legal and law enforcement fields, which includes policing, becoming lawyers, court workers, paralegals and other professions.

"Women are greatly under-represented in these professions," says Emma Asiedu-Akrofi, the centre's executive director. "We are providing options for the young girls should they choose the legal and law enforcement fields." Mr. Justice Budzinski and the others answered questions from the room and met face-to-face and with the 11 to 17-year-olds. He told the girls to have a plan, remain in school and work towards their goals. The highly-experienced jurist will be retiring this year after almost 30-years on the Bench. He has adjudicated hundreds of cases. One involved a G20 protestor during the Toronto G20 summit who tried to use the courtroom as a soapbox for his issues. He was also involved in a high-profile case involving the late Mayor Rob Ford in 2014. Kistow said his role is to make the courts function smoothly "and to make sure there are no mistakes" or prisoners can walk free. Scaramuzza encouraged the young women to work hard and stay in focus. Organizers hope the girls will take away valuable lessons that will help them pursue a career in the legal field.

Visit Lakeshore Village Festival to meet your neighbours and friends

Community residents are invited to have some fun and meet their neighbours and officers of 22 Division at a Lakeshore Village Community Festival on June 15. The festival takes place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lakeshore Village Park, 46 Garnett Janes Rd. The event will include a free BBQ and soft drinks, bouncy castles, gifts giveaway, Toronto Police employment service, pub-

lic and private sector employment booths. "This event to enhance the confidence and trust of the community members through the TPS' four core principles; of being actively accountable, transparent and engaged, inclusive and collaborative, and being affordable and sustainable," police said. Guests to include Chief Mark Saunders, Mayor John Tory, Councillors Mark Grimes, Stephen Holyday and local athletes and rising stars.



New traffic lights promised to slow traffic after woman hit

New traffic lights are being installed on a stretch of The Queensway, east of Royal York, after a woman was hit by a motorist while crossing the busy street at a marked crossing. A video, which angered many residents, shows the woman being hit by a minivan as she tried to cross The Queensway as horrified spectators watched. The woman was thrown several metres after being hit. She was treated and released. A 56-year-old man was charged. Residents say vehicles usually travel fast along that stretch of The Queensway.

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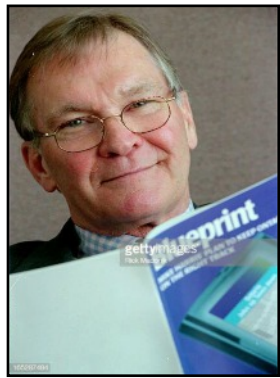
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Former Alderman and MPP

Morley Kells still active in lacrosse and politics

Community booster Morley Kells loves talking about his early days as a reporter for *The Toronto Telegram*



MORLEY KELLS

and his more than 30-years serving the Etobicoke Lakeshore area as an alderman and MPP.

“Lake Shore is in my heart and soul,” says Kells, who has lived in the same

house in the Bloor St. W. and Royal York Rd., area for more than 30-years. “I grew up here and married a beautiful, local Etobicoke girl.” He stays active in the Royal Canadian Legion and still campaigns for some Conservative candidates, including Christine

Hogarth, who represents Etobicoke Lakeshore.

“Politics is in my blood,” Kells insists. “I ran for 10 provincial elections and I won five and lost five.”

Kells became alderman in 1976 and was controller two years later. He ran for mayor of Etobicoke in 1980, but was defeated by incumbent Dennis Flynn. He was as a PC member of the Ontario Legislature on two separate occasions from 1981 to 1985 and again from 1995 to 2003.

In 1981 he won the nomination for Etobicoke-Humber and, in 1983 was appointed as Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation.

He became Minister of the Environment in January 1985 under former Premier Frank Miller. He lasted several months on the job.

He was appointed in 1990 as the president of the Urban Development Institute of Ontario, a non-profit organization engaged in the development of lands in Ontario.

The former marketing man defeated incumbent NDP Ruth Grier to return to the Legislature in 1995 as the MPP for Etobicoke-Lakeshore.

In 2010 he ran for a position on Toronto City Council but was defeated by incumbent Peter Milczyn.

“The Lake Shore area has improved and changed for the better with all the development,” Kells notes. “It is still a community which has that small-town feel where people know each other.”

A former 1955 Minto Cup champion with the Canadian Junior Lacrosse Long Branch team, Kells started the semi-professional Ontario Lacrosse Association in 1972.

He co-founded the National Lacrosse League in 1974 with six teams in North America. He received the Lester B. Pearson Award for contribution to sport



KELLS IN HIS HEYDAY shaking hands with Ruth Grier while being interviewed by the Press after her defeat in 1995. Jeff Goode photo.

in 1973, and was named to the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 1976.

After leaving ‘The Telly,’ Kells became an executive at MacLaren Advertising, before working for five years for Hockey Night in Canada.

He is well-remembered in the community for his work in promoting lacrosse.

Ferry floated at Humber Bay

By BOB SUMMERS



OTTER GUY'S ALEX NOSAL showing a photo of his proposed ferry to area residents. Photo by Bob Summers.

A large number of residents of Humber Bay Shores are in favour of a proposed water taxi service that will take them downtown to work and back for a fee in less time and traffic-related woes.

The Otter Guy Inc., a water taxi company, is proposing the launch of an electric catamaran that will take residents from the Shores’ into downtown and back during rush hour.

Company president Alex Nosal told residents that a one-way 30-minute trip would cost about \$10 to \$15 and the boat will drop off customers a walking distance from their offices.

Nosal says the 49-passenger vessel will run six trips daily during rush hour from Humber Bay Shores to the Yonge Street Water Taxi Terminal

located at 5 Queens Quay W.

More than 100 residents showed up at a meeting on May 30 at the Polish Association of Toronto Hall, at 2282 Lake Shore Blvd. W., to discuss the proposal.

There was an overwhelming show of hands when residents were asked if they’d support the project if the boat docked at Humber Bay Park West instead of Marina Del Rey.

Nosal says the vessel will be enclosed, all-weather, feature Wi-Fi service, a washroom, heating and air-conditioning. It will operate weekdays from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. and then 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Humber Bay Shores’ residents say they are frustrated by the long time they have to spend in traffic while waiting to get home or to work and are concerned about the vessel disturbing local birds and wildlife.

20th Annual LAMP Award of Merits recognize caring residents



MARY BELLA

Some outstanding area residents were honoured this month at the LAMP Community Health Centre’s 20th Annual Awards of Merit: Community Champions.

Journalist Alicia Markson hosted the June 4 event which featured The Etobicoke Jazz Band, Tibetan dancers, an Elvis tribute artist, firetruck, police horses and lots of BBQ for everyone assembled on the lawn of the LAMP office on Fifth St.



BRAD JONES

This Year’s Honor Roll included a new “Community Champions People’s Choice Award” and a centurion award that went to the First Lakeshore Scouts for marking 100 years of community service.

Markson says the Awards of Merit was created before the Gems of the Lakeshore Awards and Urban Heroes Award and “it just goes to show that LAMP is a leader in community health and well-being and in fostering a strong, vibrant place to live.”

This year’s Community Champion’s People’s Choice Award finalists included; well-known Brad Jones, of Ridley Funeral Homes and Jennifer Bazar; curator of Lakeshore Grounds Interpretive Centre.

The Community Champion Award went to Mary Bella, a classically trained singer, choir leader and member of the Canadian Opera Company, who co-founded the Mimico Children’s Choir and is involved in many local groups.

Community Champion Awards of Merit Winners are; Ali Abdirahman, Carol Ledden and the Lakeshore Village BIA, Daily Bread Food Bank, Elena Galvan, Judy Reed, Interfaith Committee Etobicoke Mississauga Faith Community Leaders Forum, Lakeshore Affordable Housing Advocacy and Action Group, Mario and Selina’s No Frills, Mark Koczij, Nadia Stelmach, Sharon Kawabata, Scott Walker and the 22 Division Toronto Police Service Rover Crew Program, Steve Moffat, Tamara Shephard and Zario King.

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Humber's Tullo wins title as top young marketer



HUMBER COLLEGE'S MARY JO TULLO recently won second place in an international marketing competition in Orlando. Courtesy photo.

Etobicoke resident and Humber College graduating student Mary Jo Tullo has been selected as one of the top young marketers in Canada and has many accolades to show for the honour. Tullo, 23, took second place in an international marketing management competition, which was part of a Collegiate DECA (for-

merly Distributive Education Clubs of America), yearly challenge between 1,400 top students from more than a dozen countries that took place last April in Orlando. "It was great and at first I didn't believe I came in second," Tullo says. "It is a very prestigious event and I was competing against some of the top students from Canada and the U.S." The students are given questions related to marketing, to which they have to provide detailed written answers, then answer questions from a panel within certain time frames. "I was ecstatic to get this far," she recalls. "I called my parents and was crying with delight because I was so happy. It took a lot of hard work to get this far." Youssef Youssef, a program coordinator at Humber The Business School, congratulated Tullo on her success in the well-respected competition that is widely recognized. "There were many well-qualified DECA students taking part," Youssef says. "She lives in the area and is one of the best in Canada in this competition." Tullo has started her own company, called JoTires, and loves to compete in marketing and digital marketing competitions around the GTA. "I love meeting new people and providing value to those

in my network," she says. "I help business grow sales and get more customers through marketing strategy, software and services." Earlier this year she won first place in another DECA competition at the University of Waterloo. She has also competed at Queens University, the Schulich School of Business, McMaster and University of Guelph Humber. She scored a second place in marketing management last year at a DECA Competition at Ryerson's Ted Rogers School of Management and at the University of Waterloo. DECA's Competitive Events Program allows students to put their experience, skills and knowledge to the test while representing their college or university. DECA is an international association of more than 250,000 members on 250 campuses across the world who are preparing for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality, teaching, marketing, management and entrepreneurship.



TULLO

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Noted conductor Bastidas wins Heritage Award for leadership



FAMED CONDUCTOR CARLOS BASTIDAS has been awarded a prestigious Heritage Award for leadership and community service. Courtesy photo.

Carlos Bastidas was presented with the award at a black-tie ceremony on June 14 by the Transformation Institute for leadership and innovation at the Royal York Hotel.

"I am very honoured to be recognized with the prestigious Heritage Award for leadership in the arts community," Bastidas says. "I have been working hard in the GTA to develop opportunities for young and experienced musicians to perform in a high-quality orchestra."

One of his goals is "for community audiences to experience concerts with top soloists at a low cost."

"My vision is to have free year-round performances the last Saturday of the month at the new Ontario Place, making it a destination for families and friends to

come and enjoy a great concert," Bastidas says.

Since founding Ontario Pops in 2014, he has led it from its inaugural concert in 2015 to its fourth sold-out season. As Music Director of the Durham Chamber Orchestra since 2016, he has contributed to its success, including increased and diverse audiences.

"We have been getting great community support for our performances which are always very well attended," he reflects. "I have partnered with many choirs and schools to increase exposure to beautiful music in the community and the feedback has been gratifying."

Bastidas has not forgotten his early days after arriving in Canada from Colombia as an international student in 1990 looking for places to play.

The orchestra is offering internships to marketing students at Humber College who contribute to making the concerts a success while also earning their required

work hours.

Many of them are international students and "I know how important those first opportunities are since I was an international student myself."

Bastidas has worked with many leading

Canadian ensembles and has appeared in Open Doors Toronto, Classical 96.3 FM and at the Canada 150 celebrations at Ajax City Hall.

He studied bassoon, composition, conducting and chamber music at the University of Ottawa and conducting at England's Sherborne School of Music.



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In May 1915 Curtiss Aeroplanes and Motors Company of Toronto chose Long Branch to open Canada's first airfield and flying school to train airmen for service in World War I. Famed aviator John A.D. McCurdy was in charge of the Long Branch Aerodrome, which was a muddy field with a small metal hangar to park three planes and a barnhouse. There was a grass and dirt strip for landing.

McCurdy had gained fame in 1909 for being



IMAGE OF CURTISS AIRPLANE parked at the Long Branch Aerodrome circa 1917.

the first person in the British Empire to fly his plane the "Silver Dart" from Baddeck, Nova Scotia.

It wasn't long before aircraft such as the Curtiss JN-4 "Jenny" became a common sight over

da. Both the school and the aerodrome closed in 1919 following WW1. The aerodrome in WW11 served initially as Non-Permanent Active Militia's No 21 Training Centre and then as an army small arms training centre. After the war, the Lakeview Armoury was established on the site, but was demolished in the 1950s. The Small Arms Limited, a large munitions factory, was constructed on the property in the 1940s to support WW11. In addition to an 81,000 square foot factory there was a water tower, several administration buildings and outbuildings. The plant was staffed mostly by women during World War II.

A plaque bearing some of the history of the aerodrome is located on the Waterfront Trail pathway. It wasn't until May 1914 when the first passenger airplane flight was made out of Toronto. It took about 31-minutes to make the flight to Hamilton, which then was about two hours by steamboat, an hour by motorcycle or 51 minutes by express train.



MARKER ON BIKE TRAIL serves as a reminder of the Long Branch Aerodrome.

Long Branch.

In January 1917, the newly designated Royal Flying Corps Canada, opened a Cadet Ground Training School at the airport, which also provided instruction on flying boats at nearby Hanlan's Point on Toronto Islands, the first seaplane base in Cana-

Mimico area hot from rising real estate market and the many condo developments

Mimico residents are gearing up for traffic woes as their much in-demand area is becoming a hotspot for some major condo and other construction projects taking place.

Community residents are learning more about the construction of a new Mimico GO Station and a 27-storey condo building across the street at 327 Royal York Rd.

Developers Vandyk, along with Metrolinx, held a meeting on June 3 at the Trident Banquet Centre 'for an open dialogue' about their vision of 327 Royal York, a proposed 27-storey 242-unit condo called On The Go Mimico.

"Together with Mimico GO Station, 327 Royal York embodies the seamless integration between higher order transit, a beautiful public realm and a dynamic mixed-use development," the builders says.

Vandyk has agreed to pay for all constructions costs for the \$102 million station building in exchange for the right to develop above the station, which will include pedestrian tunnels and re-furbished platforms. Mimico Station was built in 1967 and



ONE OF THE MANY CONDO towers being planned for the Mimico area.

currently serves 1,200 riders daily, but that figure is expected to triple by 2031.

A temporary station is scheduled to be in place by 2023. Metrolinx and Vandyk have yet to negotiate a completion date.

Other developments being planned for the area includes a proposal by Vandyk to build three towers reaching 12, 24 and 39-stories tall at 23 Buckingham St., which will bring 700 residential units to the area.

Another proposal to build three towers at 22, 30 and 36 stories high at 39 Newcastle St., is also in the works.



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Hot real estate market sizzling in South Etobicoke area



ASK A REALTOR with Graham Rowlands

It is finally starting to heat up in Mimico, and I am not just talking about the weather.

After a slower 2018 the market has finally started to show signs of returning to "normal." What does this "normal" mean exactly?

Well, for one thing, the days of double digit price gains seem to be a thing of the past and we are now back at more sustainable single digit returns. At the end of April the year over year growth in the area was 3.87% which to me shows signs of a much healthier market.

The stress test continues to do its job slowing down activity in the higher priced segments of the market, and constraining sales activity somewhat but it still very much is a seller's market as it has been for what seems like an eternity in South Etobicoke.

The key indicators that I use when looking at this data are average days on market and months of inventory as these can tell the best story of what is going on. Three or four-months is considered a balanced market, and anything below this is signs of a seller's market. The average days on market for which indicators demand on the market was a little funny this year. January was super busy, then it slowed right down until about May but May has been a busy month and life is back in the market. Traditionally it gets going much earlier than this so I anticipate that summer, which is traditionally slower, will be a bit busier than normal this year.

Some things to watch out that could have impacts on our market are interest rates, which most industry experts don't anticipate will go up as they had originally thought at the beginning of the year, U.S./China relations as this can have bigger impacts on many other underlying parts of our market and the looming federal election.



Our market continues to be driven primarily by migration and immigration so any government policy around these topics could have an impact and I fully expect affordable housing to be a hot topic this election. Please send me your real estate questions and I will try to answer as many as I can in the upcoming issues of the *South Etobicoke News*.

Question- Is there any truth that being located near power lines will lower the value of a house?

When it comes to getting the absolute top dollar for any home or condo the goal is to get as many people as possible interested. There are certain stigmas (such as power lines) that will prevent some buyers from ever submitting an offer on a place. In a hot market this will be noticed less, but in a slower market it will be more difficult to attract a buyer.

Graham Rowlands is realtor with Blue Elephant Realty. He runs the TorontoCondos.org blog and is founder of Elevate Real Estate. He can be reached at 416-720-0003.

Things to do and keeping busy in our community



THE AWARD-WINNING PORCH VIEW DANCES is brought to you by Lake Shore Arts and the Kaeja d'Dance for a third year. The event invites participants to connect with their neighbours through dance. It runs June 1 and 2 at 22 Stanley Ave., and ends at Mimico Adult Centre field at 255 Royal York Rd.

ADULT DAY PROGRAM at Storefront Humber, 2445 Lake Shore Blvd. W., Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. is a supervised program for those who are frail, cognitively impaired or physically disabled. Call 416-259-4207. There is also a hot lunch program from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

JUNE 1 ANNUAL LOBSTERFEST all you can eat lobster, chicken or beef with salad and desert from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Long Branch Legion, 3580 Lake Shore Blvd. W. Tickets available at the Lakeshore Community Childcare Centre by calling 419-394-7601.

JUNE 4 20th ANNUAL AWARDS of MERIT by LAMP Community Health Centre, at 185 Fifth St., from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. with a BBQ on the lawn. Appearances by the Etobicoke Jazz Band, a piper and Elvis tribute artist. Join LAMP as they celebrate our community champions. Host Alicia Markson. Contact 416-252-6471.

JUNE 8 GRILLED CHEESE FESTIVAL at Islington Ave. and Lake Shore Blvd. W., from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Come eat the best Grilled Cheese in Toronto and vote for your favourites. Top Prize of \$1000 for Best Grilled Cheese. Sponsored by Lakeshore Village BIA in support of LAMP Community Health Centre.

JUNE 9 FRIENDS OF HUMBER BAY PARK nature walk. Meet at 9 a.m. at Humber Bay Park East parking lot, accessed from Marine Parade. Learn and experience nature with expert **Bob Kortright**. Event free and everyone is welcome.

JUNE 14, 21 FREE COMMUNITY COOKING class at Franklin Horner Community Centre, at 432 Horner Ave., from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. You will work to prepare various meals to enjoy for lunch. Everyone gets to take home some of the meal that was prepared.

JUNE 15 IS GREAT LAKES BREWERY 17th Annual BBQ featuring live music, beer garden and patio from 12

a.m. to 5 p.m. at 30 Queen Elizabeth Blvd., in support of Franklin Horner Community Centre. The community is welcome to come and enjoy some great craft beer.

JUNE 15 IS OFFICIAL LAUNCH & Ribbon Cutting of the Thirtieth St. Underpass Mural from 12 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thirtieth St., between Elder and Akron Sts. Meet in the west side parking lot just south of the mural. Come meet the artists and celebrate the amazing artwork.

JUNE 18 JOBSTART WITH VOLUNTEER TORONTO presents a free session from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. on volunteering, how to volunteer and the benefits at 2930 Lake Shore Blvd. W. There will be guest speakers. Contact **Hasita Shah** at 416-231-2295 ext. 6251.

JUNE 22 FREE HOT MEAL at The Branch Church at 85 Thirty First St., at 4:30 p.m. Sponsored by Haven on The Queensway. All is welcome.

JUNE 22 LONG BRANCH gardeners will be opening up their gardens to the public for a free tour of their handiwork from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

JUNE 22 IS COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT DAY held by the City and **Councillor Mark Grimes** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Etobicoke School of the Arts, 675 Royal York Rd. Residents can re-use, recycle and safely dispose of unwanted items.

UNTIL JUNE 28 FREE AFTER-SCHOOL programs for girls aged 7 to 17

at the Jean Augustine Centre for Young Women's Empowerment, at 101 Portland St. Courses on science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM), chef's

catering, sewing and more. To register call 416-253-9797.

UNTIL SEPT. 28 IN THE WAKE of the Passenger Pigeon exhibit at the Lakeshore

ore Grounds Interpretive Center, 2 Col. Samuel Smith Park Dr. The bird, which has been extinct for more than a century, is a symbol adopted by the community. Call 416-675-6622 x. 3801.



HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE ATTENDED the 17th Mimico Village Tulip Festival on May 28. Students from about 20 area schools took part in painting 24 tulip art forms that were proudly displayed along Royal York Rd, south of Evans Ave.

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MEMBERS OF THE LADIES DIVISION of the Etobicoke Dolphins Girls Hockey League take a break after winning a game. The league was started in 1992 and has more than 800 players registered in its programs. It has more than 55 teams for girls and women of all ages who love playing hockey.



PLAYERS FROM BAR DOWN BY THE LAKE show their trophy after competing in a charity ball hockey tournament to raise funds for the fifth year in 'Giving Back Hope,' that has raised more than \$44,000 for the Hospital for Sick Children. More than 150 players from 14 GTA teams descended on Sir Adam Beck Outdoor rink for the worthy cause. Photo by Tom Godfrey.

Humber Bay Bike Trail shut for major repairs



CYCLISTS ENJOY HUMBER BAY BIKE trail before it was closed for repairs.

faster." Access to the park will be limited to Humber Bay Park East or Palace Pier Court.

The improvements include: a new asphalt multi-use trail, pedestrian pathway, paved buffer zone between trail and pathway, selective pathways at the butterfly/home garden to improve safety and new bench seating, seat walls and tree plantings at trail intersections.

There will also be new regulatory signage and pavement markings, officials say.

Humber Bay Shores Park is located west of the Humber Bay Bridge and the Humber River. It is part of a string of parks that are connected by the Martin Goodman Trail.

This park is listed as one of the Top 13 spots to see birds in the City's Birds of Toronto Biodiversity Series booklet. It runs by the popular Humber Bay Butterfly Habitat, which is a lot of fun for nature lovers and those who love the outdoors.

A popular section of the Humber Bay Park Bike Trail will be closed from Humber Bay Park East to Palace Pier for most of the prime summer walking, cycling, roller blading or jogging season.

Phase 2 of the Humber Bay Park Trail Improvements began in May and is expected to continue until late this summer. It means a closure of a scenic and popular 2.1-km lakefront strip of trail that attracts thousands of cyclists and outdoor enthusiasts to the area.

"There's no beating around the bush that the process will be disruptive to park visitors," warns Councillor Mark Grimes.

"Fencing will be erected from Humber Bay Park East to Palace Pier Court to allow for the work to be completed



SCENIC AREAS along the Humber Bay Park Bike Trail.

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