

# The South Etobicoke News

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## Iconic Blue Goose may soon be back to life

The historic 110-year-old Blue Goose Tavern where thousands of glasses of beer have been slung may be getting a new lease on life as a favourite Mimico landmark.

Public hearings have begun into a proposal to amend the former City of Etobicoke Zoning Code to permit a residential and commercial development on the property at 1 Blue Goose St., to add a fourth storey, an east-side addition, a micro-brewery, renovated restaurant and rental dwelling units.

The plan was considered by Etobicoke York Community Council on June 25 and will go for a vote before Toronto City Council on July 16.

The proposal, which would keep the heritage mixed-use designation according to documents, would contain 30 residential dwellings, including seven townhouses which would be four-storeys high. There would be 33 parking spots. The residential units would feature a second-storey rear deck and a rooftop terrace. Some would also have a third-storey balcony. The 'Goose has had



ARTIST RENDITION OF the 110-year-old Blue Goose Tavern after the construction work is completed.

thousands of patrons come through its doors over the decades. More than a dozen movies have been filmed here; along with hundreds of bands who have passed through.

It has hosted the Stanley Cup four times. Canadian movies like *Men With Brooms* and U.S. Classics as

*American Pie 6* were shot at the. Numerous Canadian television series also filmed there.

The Blue Goose Tavern was built in 1892 as the Windsor Hotel next to the Mimico Train Station. The original structure burned down in 1905 and it was rebuilt as the Windsor Public House in 1909.



## Bracing for more construction on The Queensway



A RENOVATED CLOVERDALE MALL will house a giant food court and stores added to attract more customers.

Residents of The Queensway are bracing up for more construction as work is being planned to extend Cloverdale Mall and build an eight-tower complex at a busy

section of Dundas St. W., at Shorncliffe Rd.

Feedback is now being sought into the redevelopment of Cloverdale Mall to attract new stores and customers to the area. The plans for Cloverdale calls for the demolition of the former Target location to build a massive food court hall, more retail units and office space. Two stand-alone structures would also be built, including a huge fitness facility.

Area residents also have mixed feelings about the proposed eight towers slated for the corner of Dundas St. W., at Shorncliffe, near the Kipling subway.



EIGHT CONDO TOWERS HAVE been proposed to be built at the corner of Dundas St. W., and Shorncliffe Rd.

The plan came before the Etobicoke York Community Council last May 22 and was adopted with amendments. It goes before City Council for a vote on July 16.

An application was made to amend the zoning for the properties at 5415-5481, 5485 and 5487 Dundas St. W., and 15 and 25 Shorncliffe Rd. to permit an eight-tower mixed-use development containing over 16,000 square-metres of office and repair space and 2,864 residential units.

"The towers would range in height from 25 to 43 stories," according to a City staff report, adding the buildings can bring up to 5,000 new residents into the area.

Residents have complained The Queensway cannot handle all the traffic the new buildings will create.

Other residents are happy the regeneration will increase the value of their properties.

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# Innovative police program to help at-risk students

Some at-risk students in the Lakeshore Village area are attending an innovative Toronto Police program in which they attend proceedings at City Hall, area courtrooms, the stock exchange and other institutions that make our democracy function.

The dozen or so Grades 6 to 8 students from local high schools will also spend a day accompanied by some 22 Division Community Response Unit officers at Queen's Park to witness a debate by MPPs and hopefully to the newsroom of a daily newspaper, which are among some of the events planned.

"This program will help build their leadership skills so they can better face challenges," says Unit Sgt. Lhawang Jongdong. "This day-long pro-action program will help the students succeed."

He says the students will spend a day observing how our justice and court system operates and possibly meet some of the lawyers involved.

The innovative three-month program is being run by 22 Division and is designed to help educate and uplift area youths as they prepare for the future, Jongdong says.

"We want to show them how other people live and that they can do the same," he says.

The officers were part of a Lakeshore Village Community Festival staged by 22 Division last month at Lakeshore Village Park, on Garnett Janes Rd.

The festival attracted several hundred ecstatic families who were kept busy with free food, games and events.

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TORONTO POLICE SGT. Lhawang Jongdong with Jasmin Dooh, (center) of LAMP, and MPP Christine Hogarth at the Lakeshore Village Community Festival at Lakeshore Village Park on June 15. Residents had a good time at the festival which featured games, free food, events and information about community services from agencies as LAMP, JobStart, police, emergency services and others. A good time was had by all. Photo by Tom Godfrey.

# Calls for free off-peak TTC rides for veterans, seniors

Many area veterans and seniors who live on a fixed income have their fingers crossed that they will soon be allowed to ride for free on the TTC during off-peak hours.

A petition has been launched by Toronto Councillor Jim Karygiannis to help support a motion that he put forward last January requesting TTC staff study the "cost implications of allowing veterans and senior citizens to ride for free during off-peak hours."



REMEMBER OUR VETS; ONE CITY COUNCILLOR IS calling for our Veterans and seniors to ride the TTC for free during off-peak hours.

"Many of the buses are going empty during off-peak hours," Karygiannis says. "The sacrifices made by our veterans and their willingness to serve in defence of our country merits our deepest respect and praise."

The councillor, who also sits on the TTC board, says the issue will be reviewed at a meeting in the fall.

A TTC staff report is looking at the implications of allowing veterans and se-

nior citizens to ride for free during off-peak hours.

Many community residents agree that it is time that veterans and seniors be given free trips. A number of Royal Canadian Legion Branches have circulated letters to their members suggesting they write and support the motion or sign a petition. "We are gathering support for the vote," Karygiannis vows. "Our veterans and seniors helped to build this country and they deserve it."

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Former Councillor from 1988-2003

# Irene Jones still busy and active in our community



IRENE JONES WAS A POPULAR FORMER Etobicoke and then amalgamated City of Toronto councillor.

Former Etobicoke and Toronto City Councillor Irene Jones at one time conducted walking tours of the community and still remains a living history book of Etobicoke.

The long-time resident served on Etobicoke, then amalgamated City of Toronto council from 1988 until 2003, when she made a failed bid to enter provincial politics.

Over the years she has worked with many residents and groups to make our community a better place for families to live.

She gives her time these days to projects including the Humber Arboretum, bird walks at Col. Samuel Smith Park and is against a proposed ferry service to downtown claiming it will be terrible for fish and natural habitat.

“There is an abundance of nature and wildlife in that area and it is not the best place for a ferry,” Jones says in an interview, adding parts of Long Branch and other areas may be ‘over-developed’. “Parts of the community may be over-built,” she insists. “The Lakeshore has had great growth and it hasn’t slowed down.”

Jones won her second bid for Etobicoke council in 1988, arguing that the city

should purchase waterfront properties for recreational use rather than sell them to developers.

She was re-elected in 1991, and continued to oppose many of the city's development plans, including the prospect of selling land around the Lakeshore Psychiatric Hospital to developers.

“My major concern was the impact to our open space,” Jones recalls. “We don’t have enough and we are not getting any more green space.”

Re-elected in 1994, Jones chaired the city's Board of Health and Urban Environment and Development Committee and supported plans to designate Etobicoke and Toronto as smoke free.

Etobicoke was amalgamated into the City of Toronto in 1997 and Jones was elected to the new Toronto City Council, winning one of two seats in the Lakeshore-Queensway ward.

She ran provincially for the NDP in Etobicoke-Lakeshore in 2003 but was defeated by Liberal Laurel Broten.

A supporter of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), Jones was recognized in 2016 for her contributions and service to the community as city councillor and as an environmental champion with a ceremonial tree unveiling and celebration.

She was a director of Storefront Humber during the 1980s and helped to establish the New Toronto Nursery School.



JONES FOUGHT AGAINST development in South Etobicoke back in the day.

# Long Branch is home of some of oldest trees in C'da

Community historian Bill Zufelt keeps a sharp eye on some of the oldest trees in Long Branch, including one called Titan, which is estimated at 275-years old; and dates back before Confederation.



THIS PROTECTED NORTHERN RED OAK is called Titan and is about 300-years old.

Titan, along with two other ancient trees, Stop 26 and Big Red, are ‘protected trees,’ in that they were deemed Official Heritage Trees in 2018; which means they cannot be cut

down or harmed in any way.

Zufelt, a member of the Long Branch Neighbourhood Association, said Titan is a Northern Red Oak that may be closer to 300-years-old. He is also chair of the History and Culture Committee in Long Branch.

“From a small acorn grows the mighty oak,” he smiles. “This tree is literally a giant amongst its peers.”

The majestic Titan stands over other trees in the backyard of the Thirty Sixth St. home of resident Pat Rice.

“I always knew it was a big tree but I didn’t know it was the oldest and largest,” says proud owner Rice.

Titan is believed to have been a sapling before Canada was formed in 1867 and the tree survived being cut for timber because it was located in Long Branch Park, a favourite destination for gentry and elite of Toronto during the 1890’s.

Zufelt says Stop 26, about 120-years-old and named after a Long Branch tram stop, is the last remaining of a grove of trees from 1910.

Big Red, which is about 200-years-old was deemed the first Heritage Tree in 2018. It is located at Park Blvd. and Long Branch Ave., and survived because it too was protected in Long Branch Park.

“The Long Branch Hotel and water pier in Lake Ontario were in sight of this tree,” Zufelt says. “The historic hotel



COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY FORESTRY STUDENTS about to conduct a survey of Long Branch’s trees and canopy. A report will be written afterwards.

unfortunately burnt down in 1958 but the tree has survived.”

Six college and university students have been hired this summer to conduct a survey of the trees in Long Branch to help with a City study into our tree canopy programs. There are only about 100 designated Heritage Trees in Canada, of which three are in Long Branch.

Zufelt and others are organizing a Long Branch Tree Fest 2019 on September 22 at Marie Curtis Park. More info on the Tree Fest is pending.

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# Residents step up fight against concrete plant



**IRATE JUDSON ST. RESIDENT** Dan Irwin

Long-time Judson St. resident Dan Irwin has been leading a fight by residents for more than a decade to have a concrete batching plant next door shut down or moved to another location.

The Judson Street Community group would like to see a park or green space at 29 Judson St., where a ML Ready Mix plant has been operating since 2007. City Council voted to use \$5 million to buy the property in July 2018, with the

goal of moving the operations to a site on Commissioners St., in the Port Lands. Irwin says it is a year later and nothing has been done.

“We are still here breathing all this dust and who knows what else,” he waves. “We thought that this monster (plant) would be long gone by now.”

Community residents near the plant have raised concerns for years about truck traffic, excessive noise, dust and messy conditions around the site.

Irwin, a retired salesman, is not sure why the deal fell apart or the move did not occur.

The City in a 2018 report stated: “These operations (ML) are adjacent to multiple residential and other sensitive uses which have resulted in inherent land use conflicts and ongoing community concerns.”

City officials said the plant can be relocated in the Port Lands where there are sev-

eral other concrete batching ready-mix facilities.

But Irwin says he and the others have heard all this talk before and now want action be taken.

“We want to be able to open our doors and windows again,” he insists. “We don’t want to wake up every day and wipe the dust from our cars and outdoor furniture.”

Irwin shows a wall around the site that he claims is collapsing and dirty water which is seeping out of the property into the neighbourhood.

He monitors the plant and says close to 400 trucks of different types come in and out of the property daily with each “leaving a trail of dust behind.”

An ML official said his company is trying to expedite the sale and negotiations are still ongoing.



**IRWIN KNOWS SOME OF THE TRUCK** drivers who would be making up to 400 trips daily in front of his house.

In 2016, the company was fined \$160,000 by the province for various Environmental Protection Act violations and “discharging a contaminant.”

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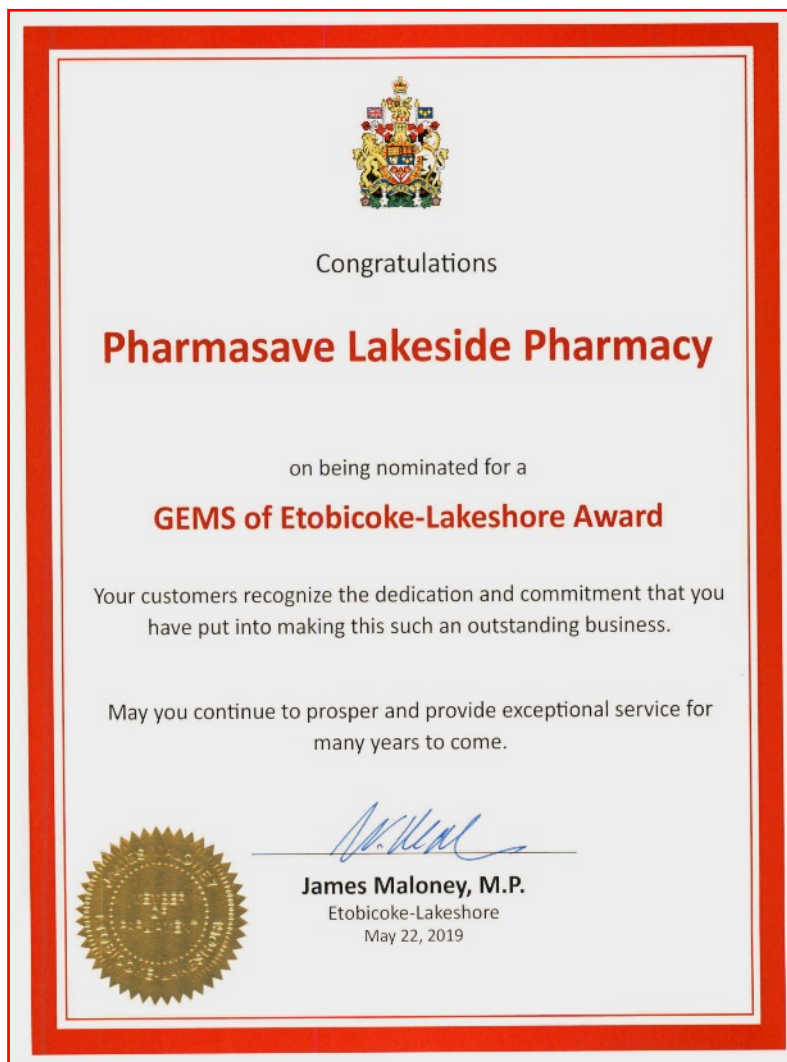
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# Frank mural of Raptors star Kawhi goes viral



A MURAL OF KAWHI LEONARD by street artist Moises Frank in Regent Park has gone viral and the artist was invited to the victory parade to sketch other Raptors' stars.

Moises Frank but may not be familiar with his name or stunning artwork. Frank, who is better known as Luvsumone, has painted the Eight Street Skate Park, Marie Curtis Park mural and other 'electrifying' street art in the community. His most-recent works, with fellow artist, **Javid Jah**, of the Toronto Raptors 2019 Finals Most Valuable Player **Kawhi Leonard** in Regent Park, and those of other team stars, have gone viral and were seen all over the world after the squad won their first NBA Championships last month.

"That drawing went viral and it appeared all over the U.S. and everywhere" a proud Frank says. "That one like all the Raptors art was high-profile and people really liked it."

Frank, who is from Rexdale, was the street artist of the Raptors after being called to help draw murals of the team and their players during their downtown

victory parade that attracted more than a million fans.

He has been drawing street art for more than three years and says 'it is finally starting to pay off.'



STREET ARTIST MOISES FRANK is well known for his impressive murals.

"I am getting more jobs now and I am being paid more," Frank laughs. "It has been a long journey and people are finally starting to pay attention."

His creation this year of a colourful mural on the walls of the South Hydro

building at Marie Curtis Park received kudos from the community.

In that piece, Frank used 12 volunteers to work on a 4,000 square-foot mural, which was completed in less than 10 days.

"I want to say a super-duper special thank you to Lakeshore Arts for believing in me and blessing me with the opportunity to share my passion with the community," he notes.

The artist is also involved in the North Etobicoke Mural Project, which is a series of workshops and training with local community and artists, leading to a summer-long, mural project in North Etobicoke.



MOISES STUNNING WORK CAN BE SEEN at the Eight Street Skateboard Mural Project (background).

Many of us regularly pass by the elaborate murals of well-known street artist



MPP CHRISTINE HOGARTH, COUNCILLOR MARK GRIMES (left) and officials from Lakeshore Arts with supporters and area residents who showed up on June 15 to officially launch the stunning Thirtieth Street Underpass mural by street artists **Nick Sweetman** and Traditional wisdom keeper **Philip Cote**. The work, which took hundreds of hours to create, reflects wildlife found in the area many years ago and demonstrates mans' relationship with Mother Earth. Photo by Tom Godfrey.



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# Clock Factory still ticking after 38-years of service

Its Grill Cheese Challenge day in Lakeshore Village and the bright red exterior of The Clock Factory is gleaming from a fresh new coat of paint that will

and hourly singing birds of the many wooden cuckoo clocks. Our slogan says "If it ticks, we can fix it," says owner Patricia Jutzeler-Delfin. "We pride ourselves on the tradition of

been serving the area for decades. "Our family has always been involved in the watch business," the popular store-owner says. "Growing up we knew that we would be involved in some way with watches."

"I remember quite vividly the evenings where the entire family would sit at the dining room table assembling watches," explains the mom of three, who studied watch repairing in Switzerland. "The Clock Factory has been a family business for more than 38-years specializing in selling and repairing watches and clocks," says Patricia, who took ownership of the company in 2005. Her late dad Oscar Jutzeler, who was well-loved, arrived as an immigrant from Switzerland in 1954 and settled in Montreal before moving to Toronto, where he married her mom, Gemma, and raised their family.

Oscar, at 15, was training as a horologist when he arrived here. He learned the skill in his hometown of Grenchen, which has been the watch capital of Switzerland for more than 150-years. He held a number of jobs, including owning a gas station, before opening The Clock Factory. In the early years he made thousands of watches for com-



THE CLOCK FACTORY HAS BEEN HERE for decades. Mom Patricia, with daughter, Jessica, are among the fifth generation of their family to work with complex watches and clocks.

hopefully last for another 40-years. I have always found The Clock Factory, at 2881 Lake Shore Blvd. W., one of the most comforting stores in the area; due to the multitude of soothing ticking sounds, chimes

fine workmanship." Patricia will soon be passing the torch, or tools, to daughter Jessica, who will be the fifth family member in the business. The store is one of a few family businesses left that has



THE LATE AND WELL-KNOWN Oscar Jutzeler, who started the store with wife, Gemma.

panies and was one of the few merchants to buy live advertising spots on AM 640 radio to sell his time-pieces. "My family loved the area and decided to live here and raise their children," Patricia says. "Family members still live here."

# 2019 Grilled Cheese Challenge



THE 2019 GRILLED CHEESE CHALLENGE broke records for attendance, says Chris Korwin-Kuczynski (above), chair of the Lakeshore Village BIA, with member Danuta Gumienik and mascot Elvie. Lake Shore Blvd. W., at Islington Ave. was closed to traffic as dozens of vendors and craft-sellers took to the streets.



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# LAMP Awards attracts hundreds of attendees

# Eager gardeners bloom at annual Long Branch Garden Tour event



**TORONTO POLICE CONST.** William Ross takes a selfie with a resident as Elvis impersonator Lorenz Francke poses for a photo as smiling Mounted officers take in the LAMP Awards of Merit.



**INDIGENOUS HOOP DANCER** Lisa Odjig McHayle

To mark National Indigenous Day Hoop Dancer **Lisa Odjig McHayle** (top right) performed a traditional dance before several hundred residents celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards of Merit by LAMP Community Health Centre on their lawn on Fifth St. McHayle travels the world performing her award-winning North American Native Hoop Dance, which is composed of twirling and dancing through 17 hoops. She has performed before the Queen and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, and has won six Hoop Dance Championship titles throughout Canada and the U.S. She will be

performing to mark National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21. A South Asian Elvis impersonator, **Lorenz Francke**, (top left) of Scarborough, also had some of the crowd calling for more after his performance. This year's Community Champion Award went to classically-trained singer **Mary Bella**, co-founder of the Mimico Children's Choir. The 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.



**SOME OF THE BEAUTIFUL** gardens featured at the popular Long Branch Garden Tour, the largest free garden tour in the city. Courtesy photos.

Hundreds of delighted residents had fun attending the popular 2019 Long Branch Garden Tour, which has been dubbed the largest free garden tour in Toronto. More than three dozen gardens were on display on June 22 for those with a green thumb or who just want to learn more about growing their own flowers or produce. Visitors were able to get an array of tips and pointers from their fellow gardeners. Area residents were treated to a spectacular range of colour and designs, two free garden talks in addition to lots of children's activities. "Long Branch boasts a tremendous variety of gardens of all shapes and sizes," organizers of the event points out. "People are very proud of their gardens." The avid and budding gardeners were given pointers by speaker Sean James, a writer, master gardener and garden designer. Also sharing info was Jeff Mason, who has worked in every aspect of the horticultural industry. "Kids can learn how to care for different plants, learn about pollinators and wildlife in the garden," according to organizers, who were focusing on children. Long Branch has a rich background in gardening and horticulture. The area was originally a vacation resort and in the late 1800s, wealthy Torontonians traveled by steamboat to vacation at the resort. A cottage community was soon established, boasting beautiful wooded lots. The area was permanently altered in 1954 by Hurricane Hazel, when the Etobicoke Creek overflowed its banks, flooding three streets. Tragically, seven people lost their lives and there were lots of property damage. That area most affected is now Marie Curtis Park.

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# Where to find some good restaurants in our area

Reviews by  
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## Posticino Ristorante

Posticino is Italian for ‘little spot,’ but this luxury-dining spot on The Queensway has grown to encompass three storefronts over its twenty-year history.



A GRACIOUS FRANCO FILICE outside his luxury dining spot on The Queensway.

Noted for its efficient and friendly service, the menu runs the usual gamut of Italian dishes ranging from pastas to meat, notably veal, lamb and fish. My favorite dish here though is the Risotto Porcini, a matrix of arborio rice and wild porcini mushrooms: this is a difficult dish to ‘get correct’, since undercooking leaves the rice too hard, and overcooking creates a mushy, unappealing mixture. Suffice to say the Posticino hits all the right notes in this tasty rice and mushroom symphony. It is priced at \$26 (the same price-point as the veal dishes) and while that may seem high in comparison to a meat dish, the preparation involved would be greater. Despite its deceptive simplicity then, it is well worth it. The dining rooms are tastefully decorated and well-appointed, complete with white table cloths. There is a solid wine list that emphasizes Italian choices to complement the menu. Reservations are a must for the weekend, but highly recommended for other nights as well. This is a busy restaurant and deservedly so. Located at 755 The Queensway. Phone 416-253-9207.

## Feast of Dilli

Finding good Saag in Alderwood: Feast of Dilli Fans of Indian food will recognize ‘saag’ as a flavourful sauce whose primary ingredient is pureed spinach.

To me, it is a ‘bellwether’ dish in determining how successful the other dishes in an Indian restaurant will be. If the ‘saag’ is tasty and flavourful and, importantly, not bitter, then chances are the rest of the dishes will be as well.

Since the late, lamented closing of The Moghal (formerly at Bloor and Bathurst) many years ago, I have been looking for a good ‘saag’ and have usually been disappointed. That is until I first tried it at Feast of Dilli in Alderwood a couple of years back.

As with the Saag, all of their dishes follow the same script: well-balanced spicing and generally great taste. Lots of reasonably-priced Lunch Specials (\$11-\$13, including rice and naan) and



A PROUD JAIPAL SINGH ALWAYS liked to cook and wanted to own his own restaurant. He now does and it is called Feast of Dilli.

cold Indian beer to help the cause. For those who like the ‘heat’ their vindaloos are excellent, especially the lamb. For those who want a ‘mild’ dish, their butter chicken doesn’t disappoint.

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# Pickin' Chicken chain still sorely missed by residents



TASTY PICKIN' CHICKEN restaurant with its fleet of VWs was the king of BBQ chicken serving the community long before Uber Eats, KFC and Swiss Chalet.

The company, aside its chicken, is best remembered for its fleet of colourful Volkswagen Beetles that delivered thousands of chicken legs and breasts dinners and assortments to awaiting Etobicoke and Toron-

to residents. Before long there were seven takeout franchise locations and Pickin' Chicken was one of the favourite order-in meals at the time. Hungry residents could have their choice of barbecued chicken as eat in, takeout, or delivered to their front door while the meal was still steaming hot. Many in the community still remember licking their fingers after ordering Pickin' Chicken on a Friday night.

“It was a great place,” agrees one long-time resident. “The chicken was always good and it was well-ahead of its time.”

But like many fast food outlets over the years, the business went bankrupt in 1970.

The property was sold to a developer who was planning to build a large world class hotel, but due to political pressure those plans were dropped. The property would change ownership more than once before it was finally purchased by corporation.

The 46-floor Palace Pier North Tower was completed in 1978 and the South



PICKIN' CHICKEN HAD a number of locations, including this one on Roncesvalles Ave.



THE FIRST PICKIN' CHICKEN stood at the site of the Marina del Ray condos for about 17-years.

Many area residents are still licking their fingers with delight as they recall from yesteryear a busy fleet of VW Beetles that shuttled steaming barbecued chicken to mouth-watering households.

The popular Pickin' Chicken BBQ restaurant opened in 1953 and had developed quite a poulet-loving following in its 17-years of operation in a time before take-out food would become as widespread as it is today with Uber Eats, DoorDash and other apps.

to residents.

The cars were painted in bright colours with the Pickin' Chicken name, phone number and address.

The restaurant, which would later be copied by eateries as KFC, Swiss Chalet and others, stood at the site of Marina del Ray Condominiums, at 2261 Lake Shore Blvd. W., in Mimico.

The business was owned by Saul and Jerry Goldberg, who copied the success and soon opened two other thriving locations on Queen Street W., at Roncesvalles, and on Kingston Rd.

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niors, caregivers and governments to “combat the problem of elder abuse.” Elder Abuse Ontario on that day held an educational, fun-filled afternoon at Queens Quay West to recognize the issue. Featured were speakers, tips to prevent elder abuse, launch of Toronto Police’s new Seniors Resource, local groups that work with seniors and opportunities to speak with members of all levels of government.

The CN Tower was also lit up in purple to help bring awareness to the concerns.

If you have concerns or would like to speak to someone, contact Elder Abuse Ontario at 416-916-6728. Or weaad.elderabuseontario.com



# Getting busy and things to do in the community



STAFF AND FRIENDS had a great time last month at the 17th Annual Great Lakes Brewery BBQ, that featured a hopping beer garden, patio and a great-sounding Jamaican ska band called **The Arsenal**s.

**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.

**EVERY FRIDAY MORNING** the Long Branch Baptist Church, at 3381 Lake Shore Blvd. W., offers a free clothing outlet from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. for those in need of clothing for themselves or their families. You can also donate gently used clothes that others can use. Contact 416-251-1525.

**JULY 2 to AUGUST 23 SALVATION ARMY LAKESHORE** holding its KidZone Summer camp, a free camp for kids aged 6 to 12. The camp, which features outdoor games,

dress up days, treasure hunt, story-telling, carnival games and crafts, takes place at Salvation Army Lakeshore Community Church, 5 Thirtieth St. Call 416-251-8372 to register.

**JULY 3 MONTGOMERY'S INN** Farmers' Market, at 4709 Dundas St. W., from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. for fresh-baked bread, gluten-free baked goods, meat, cheese, local and organic produce and much more.

**JULY 4 - 25 WRITE BY THE WATER** a four-part workshop series designed for local Black, Indigenous, People of Colour youth and adults to express themselves through storytelling and the written word. Join

writer Whitney French and others at 2422 Lake Shore Blvd. W. Email [communityprograms@lakeshorearts.ca](mailto:communityprograms@lakeshorearts.ca)

**JULY 4 MOMENTS IN TIME ART** Exhibition presented by A New Artists Collective that focuses on high-quality realism at the Assembly Hall Gallery from July 3 to August 15. Gallery hours are Monday to Friday 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more visit [assembly@toronto.ca](mailto:assembly@toronto.ca) or call 416-338-7255.

**JULY 13 CLASSIC LATIN AMERICAN COMEDY** Esperando la Carroza (Waiting for the Carriage) takes place at 3 p.m. in English and 5:30 p.m. at the Assembly Hall, 2 Samuel Smith. The play is presented by Canadian Latino-American Experimental Theatre and was written by Uruguayan playwright Jacobo Langster. Check the Hall for tickets.

**JULY 18 to 21 ROYAL CANADIAN FAMILY CIRCUS** at Woodbine Center & Fantasy Fair, 500 Rexdale Blvd., from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. All new action-packed show under the Big Top featuring 'high-flying acrobatics to death-defying tricks.' Call 416-932-1919 for tickets.

**JULY 19 PUBLIC ART CONSULTATION** with Hiba Abdallah. The City of Toronto is developing a new public art strategy to establish a long-term vision for public art in the city. Join artists for feedback on the current state of public art. From 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Lakeshore Arts, 2422 Lake Shore Blvd. W. For info call 416-201-7093.

**JULY 19 MIMICO MOVIE NIGHT AT** Mimico Memorial Park, 75 Hillside Ave., featuring 'The Princess Bride,' which starts rolling at dusk. Bring your own blankets, chairs to the alcohol-free event that usually has a good turnout.

**STARTING JULY 24 FRIENDLY FOOD GROUP** free cooking classes from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Franklin Horner Community Centre, 432 Horner Ave. Classes run every Wednesday for eight weeks with seniors, young adults with autism preparing and enjoying meals together. Contact 647-226-1926 to register.

**JULY 25 TALK ABOUT THE AVRO ARROW** by Edward Liu, of Magellin Aerospace and metallurgy engineer Fernando Richie at 10 a.m. in Room 102 at The Church, 1536 The Queensway. Discover a piece of Canadian aviation history and how the plane's

cancellation still impacts us today. Call Marie at 647-463-8652 to pre-register. By Haven on the Queensway.

**JULY 29 LAMBTON FOR HAVEN** as the renowned Lambton Golf Club is holding a tournament in proceeds will go to Haven on The Queensway programs, as the food bank, clothing closet and Hope with Wheels. Call 416-640-2005 to see how you can help or sponsor a team.



MUSICIANS OF THE ETOBICOKE JAZZ Band entertained the crowd at the 20th LAMP Awards of Merit last month on the lawn of the Fifth St. facility.

**UNTIL SEPT. 28 IN THE WAKE** of the Passenger Pigeon exhibit at the Lakeshore Grounds Interpretive Center, The bird has been extinct for more than a century and is adopted by the community.

**WANT TO DONATE?** Support Women's Habitat. Gift cards ranging from \$5 to \$25 for stores like Dollarama, Shoppers Drug Mart or Walmart are needed. Call 416-252-7949 ext. 232.

## Thank you Tina!



Here is a true sense of community that quietly takes place most days in Lakeshore Village.

This lovely typewritten note was left last month by 'Tina' for staff at Delicia Bakery & Pastry, (inset) at 2864 Lake Shore Blvd. W. The note praised "these kind people," at the bakery for returning her (Tina's) wallet, which she had forgotten on the roof of her car. It is these small kind gestures which makes our community a better and more caring place for all of us.

Delicias' workers were surprised that Tina took the time to leave them such a nice note as "they were only doing their jobs." The store, according to online reviews, is said to be the best Portuguese bakery in Etobicoke.

## Etobicoke Humane Society seeks office volunteers to help out

The Etobicoke Humane Society is looking for office volunteers who can work a three-hour shift on Thursdays from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The three-month positions are ideal for retirees, students, and those look-

ing for office experience, according to the EHS officials. Volunteers are responsible for greeting visitors and accompanying them to adoption areas; answering questions about the process, re-

directing people to other services and accepting and processing money and gift in kind donations. Contact: [office.manager@etobicokehumanesociety.com](mailto:office.manager@etobicokehumanesociety.com)

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## New MMA Champ Dokaj set for Dubai



UP-AND-COMING ETOBICOKE MIXED MARTIAL ARTS (MMA) fighter Dorjan Dokaj on June 22 won the Canadian Middleweight Championship Title, in the 185-pound category, at Est Banquet Hall, 6628 Finch Ave. W. Dokaj in a tough hard-hitting fight defeated high-profile MMA grappler Adam Sproule in a five-round fight, which he took by a unanimous decision. Dokaj, who trains at Xtreme Couture, on Kipling Ave., now goes on to represent Canada at the world championships in Dubai in November. Those familiar with the MMA scene say the young fighter has the potential to become a national champ.

## Minor ball hockey is a huge sport with kids

Luca Toresan founded the Etobicoke Minor Ball Hockey League (EMBHL) five years ago and by next season he expects to have 800 kids playing in the league.

Toresan says the sport is growing by leaps and bounds because its inexpensive, requires little equipment, it allows kids to make friends and its good clean fun.

He says it cost about \$200 to enrol a child aged 4 to 14 for the 10-game season, which runs from April to June, with games played on Saturdays.

“The sport is starting to grow a lot,” says Toresan, a former lacrosse player. “It is cheaper than most other sports and the kids get out and have fun.”

The League wrapped up its championships on June 23 at Sir Adam Beck Arena as teams from across the GTA competed for trophies and bragging rights.

Teams were able to pose for photographs with a sparkling EMBHL trophy at the end of the event.

Parent Neil Williams said his son, Jayden, has been playing ball hockey for more than three years.

“It is a good sport that keeps my son active,” Williams says. “He enjoys playing the game.”

Parent and coach Danny Goulart says the kids enjoy the sport.

“Its all about them having fun,” Goulart says. “It’s a great game for kids and it keeps them active.”



WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!! Ecstatic PeeWee champs (top) with their trophy after winning an energetic Etobicoke Minor Ball Hockey League (EMBHL) tournament at Sir Adam Beck Arena. Below are the winners of the younger Tykes division.



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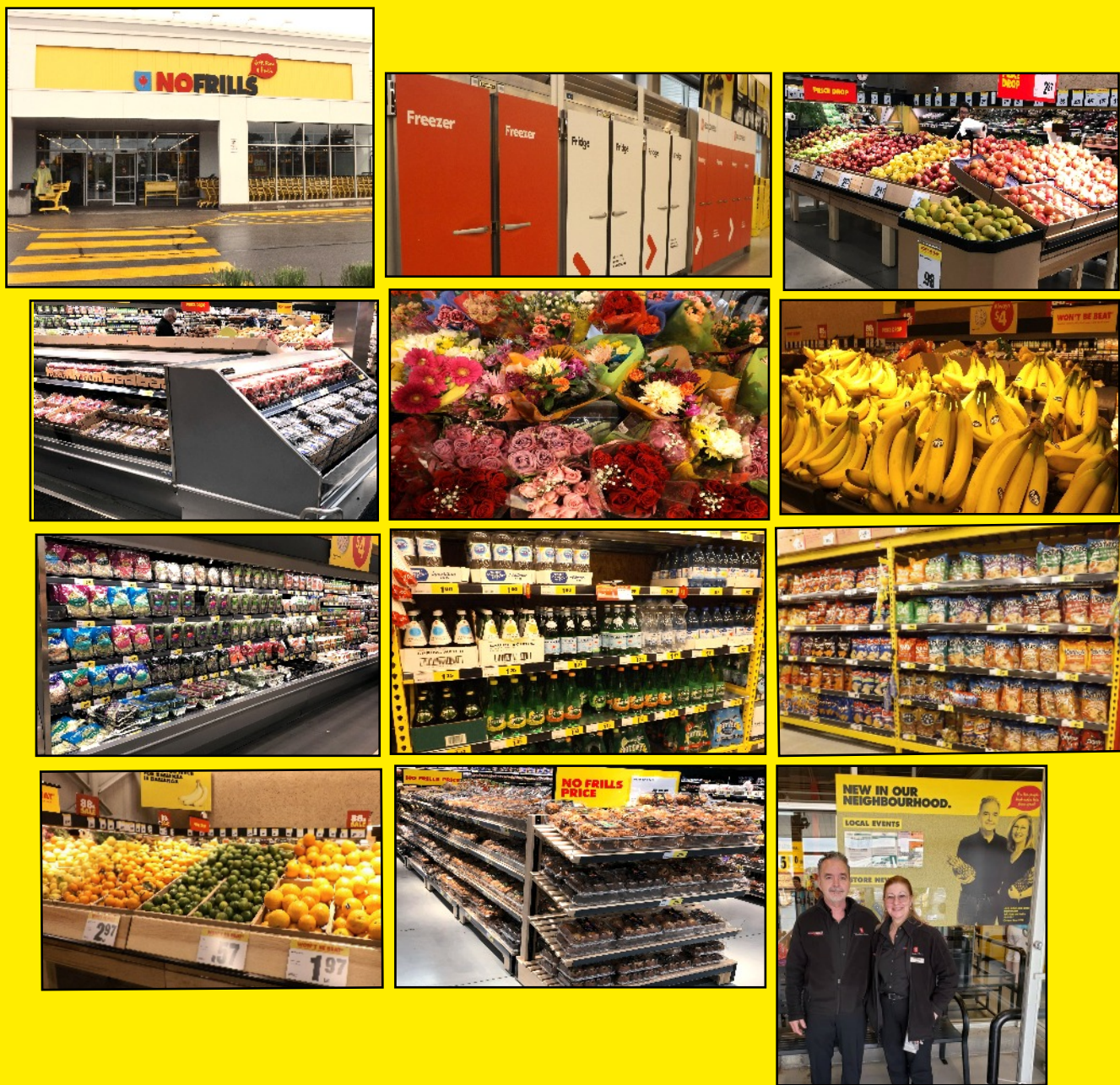




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