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# Residents stunned as Mardi Gras cancelled

Area residents are shocked and disappointed by the abrupt cancellation of a muchanticipated annual Lake Shore Mardi Gras festival that featured dozens of top rock, blues and jazz bands and stars as Kim Mitchell, Rik Emmett, Chilliwack, 54-40 and others over the last 15-years. The popular festival, which

last year celebrated its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary, was founded by Councillor Mark Grimes and attracted 10,000 or more fans to see some of the bands. The stages, tents and rides would be up and lights flashing at Col. Samuel Smith Park for the July 31 to August 3 event. Grimes said the festival was being organized by a volunteer committee and he



**COMMUNITY STUNNER! HUNDREDS OF TOP BANDS HAVE PERFORMED** at the now gone 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Lake Shore Mardi Gras festival; including (from left) B.C.'s rockers 54-40, Rik Emmett, local bluesman Spider Jones and Green River Revival among the many others. Courtesy photos.

was not involved. Members of the committee did not return phone calls or leave an explanation to the community on their website for the closure. "We regret to inform you of the cancellation of Lake Shore Mardi Gras for 2019," said a statement on their site.

"We apologize for the late notice and thank you for your past support." The organizers promised family activities as a kid's zone, interactive games, food vendors, a midway, arts, crafts and jewellery vendors, in addition to a huge beer tent.

"Last year the event was a huge success and this year promises to be bigger and better," the organizers wrote before cancelling the festival.

They said more than 10,000 guests attended the event in 2018 to listen to the bands, participate in the activities or just have fun at the fair. Officials of the Lake Shore and Long Branch BIA's said they had heard of the cancellation of the event which drew thousands of families and music fans to the area for the four-day festival..

"I went to the festival for the bands every year and the shows were quite good," Peter said. Some of the acts who performed there included: The Ascot Royals, Jerome Godboo, Chuck Jackson, Robin Banks, Johnny Max, Jordan John, Honeymoon Suite and Paul James Band.

### Big changes as iconic BiWay slated to go condos

Business may be drawing to an end for the popular Bi-Way Zone Dollar Store which has been a mainstay at Lake Shore Village for more than three decades by hiring residents and saving others a lot of money.

An application was made to Etobicoke York Community Council last April to rezone for mixed use a four-storey commercial office building at 2970 Lake Shore Blvd. W., at the corner of Eight Street, and a two-storey BiWay store beside it at 2950 Lakeshore Blvd. W. The proposed Weston Consulting development is seeking to construct an eight-to-nine storey mixed use building with 95 residential units and 485-square-metres for ground-floor commercial uses on the site.

Underground parking is proposed for 32 parking spaces and more than 200 bike parking spots. The new building will house 27 bachelor units, 37 one-bedroom units, 15 two-bedroom units and 16 three-bedroom units.



THE BIWAY AND VACANT OFFICE BUILDING NEXT DOOR AT Lake Shore Blvd., and Eight St., may soon end up as an eight-to-nine storey mixed-used condo (right).

"The segment of Lake Shore Blvd. W., adjacent to the subject lands are well-serviced by existing and future public transit and active transportation," according to the planners. "The development will create and support opportunity for new residents to connect to the regional

transit system through multiple modes of transporta-

They said the building will be designed to give prominence to the Lake Shore Blvd. W., frontage, frame and support Eighth St., locate main building entrances so that they are clearly visible and directly accessible from the public sidewalk and provide ground floor uses that have views into adjacent streets.

The applications for Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment and supporting materials are currently being submitted in accordance with the Pre-Application Consultation Checklist. Toronto City Council is expected to vote on the project later this year

BiWay in its heyday employed hundreds of Canadians and operated around 250 stores across the country. The chain operated for more than 30 years.





# Toronto teens enjoy summer work with police

Some local youths are among the 150 Toronto teens who began summer jobs last month working with Toronto Police Service while gaining invaluable experience that would change their lives.

The teens are part of a Youth In Policing Initiative (YIPI) which gives them a chance to work in various police units, such as forensics, marine and K-9 doing administrative and other tasks as required.

The students, who are aged 15 to 18, are selected from more than 1,000 applicants and come from around 40 of the city's at-risk neighbourhoods, including Mount Olive, Silverstone, Jamestown and Thistletown in Rexdale.

"YIPI aims to forge closer relations between the police with youth and the communities they belong to," according to police information. "The program provides a safe employment opportunity and promotes Toronto Police as a potential career option for young people." Police hope to enhance their links with the most marginalized communities by employing teens from at-risk neighbourhoods. Some students say they like the job,

which looks good their résumé and gives them a better understanding of policing.

"I hope to gain a good relationship or connection with the police and be able to kind of see them as more human," one 17-year-old said.

The students received training in Emergency First Aid, use of force, canvassing a crime scene and conducting outreach, like attending a prayer service in Regent Park. The mandate of the YIPI is to promote youth participation in and exposure to the work environment through diverse, educational and productive work assignments; to enhance the link between the police and the neighbourhoods by selecting youth reflecting our culturally diverse city; to provide a safe and positive employment opportunity for youth and promote the Toronto Police as an employer of choice.

The force is now hiring for their Fall after-school program, which runs from August 28 to December 20, in which students work up to 6 hours weekly at a rate of \$14 an hour. Applications are available online. The Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS)



**SOME OF THE MANY STUDENTS WHO** are taking part in a Toronto Police Summer YIPI program in which they are taught valuable skills and have the times of their lives.

announced in 2006 that the government would be funding various youth opportunity initiatives, as part of a strategy to address the growing needs of our youth, which included the YIPI program.

## Monument for the dead in Afghanistan



A NATIONAL MONUMENT FOR THE WAR IN AFGHANISTAN (above) is being built east of the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa. Something similar is planned for Ontario.

Plans are being drawn up by the Ontario government to build a memorial to honour the more than 159 Canadian Armed Forces members who lost their lives in Afghanistan. A petition is being circulated calling for the government of Ontario to construct a memorial 'to honour the heroes of the war in Afghanistan.'

The petition which is obtained at branches of the Royal Canadian Legion Branches is being circulated by Christine Hogarth, the MPP for Etobicoke-Lakeshore.

It states that more than 4,000 Canadian armed forces members served in the bloody war in Afghanistan, which led to 159 Canadians losing their lives on the battlefield.

"The memorial will show our gratitude to our veterans, their families and to their descendants," the petition by Hogarth states. "The memorial will be a place for remembrance, a form of tribute and a reminder to future generations of the sacrifices that helped to shape our country."

The document calls on Ontario Premier Doug Ford to "immediately construct the memorial to honour the heroes of the war in Afghanistan."



ALL IS SAFE TODAY IN ALDERWOOD as Spiderman was spotted by alert citizens patrolling the Brown's Line and Horner Ave., area making it safer for residents. Photos by Tracy Phillips, Susanna Basheir.



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Former MP for Etobicoke-Lakeshore 2011-2015

# Ex-MP Trottier fought for area he loves



FORMER MP BERNARD TROTTIER at a press scrum while elected as a PC member to represent Etobicoke-Lakeshore.

Former MP Bernard Trottier moved here from Alberta for a job more than 20-years-ago and loved the area so much that he never left.

Trottier, now a managing partner with strategic planning firm Gartner, has been living since in the same Royal York area home in South Etobicoke with wife, Susan Schutta, and their two grown children.

"I still pay attention to what's going on in the community," says Trottier. "I maintain a keen interest on events that are taking place."

Born and raised in St. Paul, Alberta, he was elected a Conservative MP from 2011 to 2015 to represent the riding of Etobicoke-Lakeshore in the government of Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

The former teacher was elected in a high-profile 2011 federal election when he defeated the controversial Leader of the Liberal Party, Michael Ignatieff, who was also the Leader of the Official Opposition.

He had benefited from the endorsement of Toronto Mayor and the late Etobicoke resident Rob Ford since voters were concerned that Ignatieff might resign in the event the Liberals didn't do well.

Trottier was appointed by Harper as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Public Works and Government Services in September 2013 and in 2015, the able and bilingual politician became Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and for La Francophonie.

"Serving the public was one of my highlights," the former politician recalls. "We did so many good things that improved the lives of residents in the riding."

He fondly remembers the hundreds of immigrants his office helped to obtain visas, citizenship or with other immigration problems.

"We literally helped thousands of people with immigration problems during those four years," Trottier recalls. "There are so many people that we helped to become Canadian citizens."

He wasn't expected to win the seat against Ignatieff but benefited from a collapse of Liberal support in Toronto which saw the Conservatives win eight more seats in the city. Ignatieff had also promised to move into the Etobicoke riding but didn't. Trottier was defeated by Liberal James Maloney in 2015.



FORMER MP TROTTIER IN HAPPIER TIMES with former Interim Liberal leader Bob Rae, who's been elected 11 times to public office.

He previously served with the Etobicoke Philharmonic Orchestra, as the President of the Etobicoke - Lakeshore Conservative Association and of the Sunnylea Co-operative Nursery School. He was also a volunteer coach in the Royal York Baseball League and the Islington Rangers Soccer League..

### Settlement in the works for use of Mr. Christie's land

A long-awaited settlement seems to be getting closer that will decide the future of the 27-acre Mr. Christie's Bakery land in the Park Lawn and Lake Shore W. area. Toronto City Council last month accepted from Mr. Christie's a settlement offer for their prime piece of real estate that will be retained as "Employment Areas," to avert a contested hearing at the Local Planning Appeal



MR. CHRISTIE'S BAKED COOKIES from 1948 to 2012 at a plant on the 27-acre site being redeveloped at Humber Bay Shores. Photo by Dan Arsenault.

#### Tribunal (LPAT).

The company, and others it sold the property to, had sought more mixed use development. The agreement has to be approved by the LPAT, formerly the Ontario Municipal Board. No date has been set.

Councillor Mark Grimes said the proposed settlement will secure the space to accommodate over 3,500 jobs, a majority of which will be for office type uses, including retail and other services.

"By increasing the number of jobs on this site, we can provide opportunities for thousands of residents to work closer to home and ensure our community continues to be the best place to live, work, and play," Grimes says.

City officials can now enter discussions with Metrolinx, TTC, and the owner to pursue new and improved transit connections into the area.

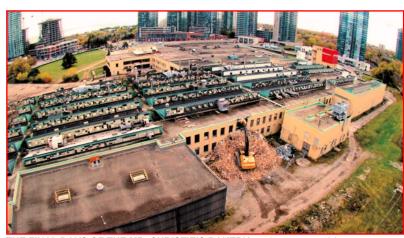
The City voted in 2017 that a new Park Lawn GO Station is a priority for commu-

The proposal states that no residential per-

mission be granted until a major planning study is completed in consultation with the community that will also look at traffic congestion in the area.

It also aims to identify community services that should be located on the site, including the need for affordable housing and day cares.

"This is a very positive start to the process," City officials say. "There will be extensive community consultations to help ensure that the needs of the community continue to be heard loud and clear."



THE FINAL DAYS OF THE MR. CHRISTIE'S BAKERY as heavy machinery demolish the historic building to make room for condo towers and commercial development.

Some area residents said the city have been too slow in dealing with those problems whose roots have gone back many years.

"We're all in a sense suffering from past poor decisions, the cancellations of things that were planned and funded," according to a post on a Humber Bay Shores Facebook page.

The aroma of freshly-baked cookies lingered over the area for more than 60 years. Mr. Christie's built their factory in 1948, where they baked millions of cookies until 2012 when the plant was shut and demolished.



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## Families love to Rendezvous with Romanie



**ROMANIE HAS BEEN WORKING AS A HAIR STYLIST** in South Etobicoke for almost two decades. Her busy Rendezvous salon is filled with residents, satisfied and returning customers. South Etobicoke News photo.

Well-known Long Branch hair stylist Romanie Persaud has been making families in the area look and feel better about themselves for almost two decades.

Romanie, the owner of Rendezvous Hair Salon, at 3693 B Lake Shore Blvd. W., at Thirty Seventh St., is one of the longest-serving hair stylists still working in the South Etobicoke area.

Her bright salon is filled most of the time with men, women, teens or kids waiting for appointments or just passing through and wanted to say hello and chat a little.

"I love my customers," she says in an interview. "I have learned so much about myself and the world from the experience of my customers."

Romanie worked for seven years as a salon manager before making a long-awaited move to start her own salon more than 18-years ago. She's been at the same location for more than a dozen years.

"I get the most satisfaction and joy when I see my customers happy with their look," she reveals. "I can see them transform in front of me and it brings smiles of satisfaction."

Romanie has worked hard to earn a long list of clients who love her work. Many of them thank her online so others can

The salon is on the top of a Google search list of beauty establishments and is highly-recommended by clients who love Romanies' handiwork and easy-go-

One customer from Niagara Falls wrote that a visit to Rendezvous was "one of

the best haircut experiences" she's had in her life.

"Romanie is such a lovely woman and she did a great job on my hair," she wrote in a review. "I recommend this place and will be going back for my next

Many others gave the salon a five-star rating saying it is the "best place get your hair done and at great price."

One satisfied customer gave a five-star rating for the work Romanie did on her

"The whole experience was so positive that I honestly cannot wait for my next appointment," the woman says. "I highly recommend Romanie's expertise and it is no wonder that she has earned the trust and loyalty of so many long-time customers."

She can be reached at 416-252-9530.

We would like to thank our readers for your support since we began publication. More residents are reading us and sending some excellent feedback to improve the community we all love.

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# Residents pleased as Ontario Food Terminal remains untouched now with no cutbacks or condos being built



Area residents are applauding a move by the province to keep the Ontario Food Terminal (OTF) open and alive at its current location on The Queensway. The Ontario government was surprised by a public backlash to move the OTF and early findings of a feasibility study of the terminal shows it will remain in Etobicoke and create even more local job opportunities.

Concerned residents fear the massive terminal will be shut down and moved elsewhere with the hundreds of good-paying jobs.

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"We spoke with everyone who uses the facility: farmers, buyers, distributors, consumers, and restaurant owners and they all agreed our agri-food sector is best served by working to improve the Terminal at its current location," said Ontario's Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Ernie Hardeman.

Area MPP Christine Hogarth says the terminal will provide more jobs

"I know its (OTF) continued success and growth right here in Etobicoke will create even more local job opportunities," Hogarth said at a press briefing last month.

Members of the Toronto Wholesale Produce Association said they are working with the government to make a "significant investment to modernize" the OTF with a focus on the Farmer's Market.

"We are proud to be making a significant investment in the modernization and future of the terminal and the farmers market," says Association president Steve Bamford.

The government is reviewing the OTF and looking at ways to capitalize on modern food distribution systems, infrastructure enhancements for Ontario farmers, and promotion of local food that keeps pace with consumer demand.

The OTF was established in 1954 and is the largest wholesale fruit and produce distribution centre in Canada, and the third largest in North America. More than two billion pounds of produce moves through the terminal annually.

Some 170,000 people directly or indirectly work for the OTF handling an average of 5.6 million pounds of produce moved through the facility

# Former slave Glover lived here as a free man

The hair-raising life and times of Joshua Glover who fled slavery in the U.S. to end up living the rest of his life as a free man in Etobicoke is being brought to the stage at Montgomery's Inn.



THE LIFE OF FORMER U.S. SLAVE Joshua Glover comes to life Aug. 3-4 at Montgomery's Inn.

The dramatic first-person performance called Finding Freedom: The Joshua Glover Story comes to life on August and 4, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the 4709 Dundas St. W.,

Glover, who was from St. Louis, Miss., was sold by his master to

another owner, Bennami Garland in 1850. He worked for Garland for two years before escaping in 1852. Slave owner Garland with the help of a posse managed to round-up Glover

in Wisconsin under the U.S. Fugitive Slave Act. The slave was beaten, according to records, and taken to a Milwaukee jail to await his return to St. Louis.

During the night word had spread and an angry mob managed to batter down the door to Glover's cell and put him in a buggy. He spent over a month traveling between safe houses in The Underground Railroad, a network used by abolitionists to help slaves make their way to freedom in Canada. Glover spent many nights in fear that he would be captured again. Many men and women had risked everything they had to defy the law and keep him safe.

He landed in either Owen Sound or Collingwood, and soon made his way to Etobicoke where he found work with Thomas Montgomery, owner of Montgomery's Inn.

He was not the only runaway slave to find refuge in the area. Glover became one of 39 blacks living in Etobicoke, out of a population of 2,900. He set-

tled into a small house in Lambton Mills. He lived for

more than 20-years in South Etobicoke as a free man. By then he had found a job, place to live and in time got married twice to Irish women.

His second wife Mary

Ann Wattes died about ten years after their marriage. She was thirty-five and is buried in the cemetery of St. George's Anglican Church on-the-Hill on Dundas St. W.

Her death affected the fifty-eight year old Glover greatly.

FORMER SLAVE JOSHUA GLOVER was befriended by Thomas Montgomery, owner of Montgomery's Inn, who helped him to settle into life as a free man.

He died at the York County Home for the Aged in Newmarket in 1888 at the age of 74. Montgomery attempted to retrieve his body for burial, but due to a mix-up it was sent to the University of Toronto for medical research. Glover is buried in Toronto's St. James Cemetery.



ARTSCAPER DON SHORT PUTTING THE FINISHING touches to his Lake Shore Blvd. W., and Tenth St. mural which reflects life in our community. The work, which is called 'The Future of Lake Shore Village,' took 2.5-weeks to complete and reflects wildlife and children from our area. The Toronto artist has completed many pieces of art in Newfoundland and will be teaching the art form in Pickering this year. Photo by Tom Godfrey.





**MOLLY DAVIS BAND** (top) PERFORMED AT **MIMICO SQUARE** last month as part of the Mimico Summer Music Series. Artist FREEMAN DRE (bottom), who has a loyal following, performed on July 26 at the Square and fans were treated to a great show. Appearing this month are the **Etobicoke Jazz** Band, (Aug. 2) The Stop (Aug. 9 and 16), **Tupelo Transistor** (Aug. 23). Leigh Graham (Aug. 30). Photo of the Molly Davis Band by Bob Summers.

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# King of Soul James Brown once played at the Mimicombo



THE MIMICOMBO BOWL AND ROLLER RINK at 2487 Lake Shore Blvd. W., was one of the hottest spots in the community for young and old to meet friends and socialize. The Bowl featured live bands and stars as James Brown and was a hotspot for more than 30-years.

Many Mimico-area residents still smile with joy as they recall countless hours spent at the popular Mimico Bowl and The Mimicombo roller skating rink, which was a hit with young people from across the city. The Mimico Bowl and The Mimicombo Roller Rink, which was located at 2487 Lake Shore Blvd. W., near Mimico Ave., opened in October 1958 and was the place to hang out for young people looking for love

or to 'blade, bowl or listen to live music.

The Bowl at the time had a bowling alley, dance hall and roller rink, which staged many concerts by famous musicians in the 1960's. By 1966 it was converted to roller skating and was shut in the mid-1990s. The building, which also housed Mimico Florist, had a banquet area for weddings and a skate park which was a social

meeting place for many in the community.

Teenagers and young people flocked from the boroughs to The Bowl and The Mimicombo on the weekends to roller skate, socialize or listen to legendary bands as: James Brown, the Ardels and Bobby Kris & the Imperials, who packed the

place from September to November 1965.

Records shows that on the evening that James Brown was to play at The Mimicombo, there was a blackout in Mimico and the surrounding areas. When club owner Wally Bobechko went to pay James Brown for a cancelled show, Brown said "No Wally. You are a good man and this is not

your fault," and handed the money back. As soon as the money changed hands, the lights came on and the show was a go, according to reports. Long-time Mimico residents as Nancy Doran remember going to The Mimicombo when "in high school for roller skating parties around 1975."

been one of my favou-

A TREASURED MIMICOMBO patch was a hot item for The Happy Days gang out this place for a skate.

"Mimico has always

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KING OF SOUL JAMES BROWN'S concert was nearly cancelled in 1965 due to a placpower failure that crippled Mimico.

es to live," Doran wrote on social media. "It has that 'small town' feel in the middle of a Big City." Rosemary Williams says she still has her red Mimicombo shirt. "I remember

well," she

recalls.

"Competed in a club meet, came in third for all three categories."

Former employee Guy Robbins says The Mimicombo was always searching for ways to compete with other businesses. "A decision was made to bring in live bands and to offer a different kind of entertainment," Robbins recalls.

"The live bands would take to the stage after the skating program."

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# Walk in Closet growing on The Queensway volunteers at Storefront Humber

Stylish Queensway merchant Cyndi Bodanis is celebrating the fifth anniversary of Our Walk In Closet Inc., a quality consignment clothing and accessories store that is gaining popularity with area women. Bodanis recently moved her bright and well-stocked store from Richview Plaza to a larger space at 625 The Queensway, across from Tom's Dairy Freeze.

"Our store is very affordable," she says. "Every woman can look good and feel good with the affordable fashion that we provide." She has a long list of repeat customers who stop by regularly to

see what new high-end purses, shoes, clothing or accessories have arrived since the stock goes

Bodanis is also co-author of a best-selling book called The Balancing Act: The quest for a work/life balance. It is published by Women Think Business Book 1.

"The Balancing Act is an intimate account of 12 Women as they share their experiences, challenges, decisions and ongoing transformation as they face obstacles and achieve successes," according to a review of the book. She routinely uses Instagram, Facebook and other social media platforms to post and sell many of her exclusive products. There is also a VIP Club where customers can obtain even much better deals, Bodanis says.

"We offer luxury for less," she explains. "All our items are top quality and we go out of our way to help our customers."



FRIENDLY CYNDI BODANIS IS CELEBRATING the 5th anniversary of her store Walk In Closet, located at 625 The Queensway.

She will call a customer at home when a longsought-after piece arrives at the store for sale. Customer Lydia Allaire says Bodanis offers that personal touch.

"She knows what I like and will call me when a particular piece shows up," Allaire says. "She works personally with her customers." Accessories designer Jan Zanchetta is a long-

time customer who believes in supporting other of years of service. women to help them succeed. "This is a great way to recycle and prevent

items from going to the landfill," Zanchetta says. "The items are being sold to people who love then and will keep them."

She makes a line of necklaces and other items that are sold under the brand Laydeezee Knits. Bodanis has travelled to L.A to visit some quality designer stores to add to her selection. She carries a range of name brands, with only the finest selected for Our Walk in Closet. You can reach her at 416-249-9348.

# Thank you to our hard-working



THANK YOU TO RETIRED STOREFRONT HUMBER BOARD MEMBERS: (from left) Blake Kinahan, Jem Cain, Deborah Paton, Marg Ciupa (seated), Lynda Ryder, Andrew Hukowich (foreground), Rickard Deklerk (back right). Courtesy photo.

Staff and clients of Storefront Humber Inc. will miss and are thanking seven members of their hard-working Board who retired in June, some with dozens

Richard Deklerk, who was on the board for 30-years, said his biggest accomplishment was getting an addition to the third floor of their 2445 Lake Shore Blvd. W., building.

Andrew Huckowich, a board member for 18-years, always made sure he visited Storefront Humber's clients who were in need.

"He felt very useful being asked to deliver Christmas baskets to those in precarious health who were living alone in their apartments," friends said.

Former politician Blake Kinahan began volunteering at Storefront in June 2012 and served for seven-years with only a break to serve on municipal council. Board member Deborah Paton served for eight years and is credited for spotting an accounting error that saved the agency money. She also lobbied to remain at their

Marg Cuipa was one of the original founders of Storefront Humber and became a director in 2016. She watched as their \$5,000 budget exploded to \$6 million. Board member Jem Cain says she loved volunteering and the organization has a positive impact on the community.

Lynda Ryder, a nine year member, is inspired by the staff at Storefront Hum-

Storefront Executive Director Thom Burger and Board Chair Lynn Barber thanked the board members for their "commitment and stewardship of the organization throughout the years and wished them all the best in their future endeavours."

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able adopter is found the cat is returned to us and we handle the rest, according to clinic information. "We believe older pets deserve a chance at adoption and to live out their lives in loving homes," workers say, adding that thousands of animals are expected to be abandoned at shelters with the older ones being the first to be euthanized due to lack of

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All adoptees come with 30 days insurance, all core vaccines up to date, de-

wormed, treated for fleas, and spayed or neutered when over six months of age. All known medical history is disclosed and transferred to the new own-

"Adopting is a great way to help these pets and find a new addition to your family," the clinic says.

You can contact the clinic for more info at 416-251-6787 or by email at <u>LongBranchAnimalClinic@gmail.com</u> CHAOS IS VERY FRIENDLY, affectionate,



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### Lakeside Pharmasave scores GEMS Award for courtesy and great care

by the clinic. We only ask that the foster be responsible for the litter and send-

Hard-working Mimico pharmacist Soroush Nejati knows all his customers by name and they in turn love his personal care.

His Lakeside Pharmasave Pharmacy, at 2438 Lake Shore Blvd. W., at Primrose Ave., was recently recognized for the outstanding care and compassion that they extend to their cus-

tomers.

"We love our customers," Nejati says. "We know and care for our customers and their families."

The popular pharmacy was awarded a GEMS of Etobicoke-Lakeshore Award last May by Etobicoke-Lakeshore MP James Maloney for "the dedication and commitment that you put into making this such an outstanding business."

Maloney wished Nejati much success and that his company "prosper and provide exceptional service for many years to

"We were very proud and touched to have received a GEMS Award," Nejati smiles. "It shows that some people care for all the hard work that we do here." The Iranian-born pharmacy manager has been in the business for 10-years, with



LAKESIDE PHARMASAVE PHARMACY CO-OWNER Soroush Neiati with Nasibeh Nikrayesh at their store at 2438 Lake Shore Blvd.

six of those serving the same Mimico location.

It wasn't so easy when he began and he had to work long and hard to earn success.

The Farsi-speaking Nejati arrived in Canada in 2006 from Iran and had to study English and get acclimatized to Canadian weather and culture.

He took classes here, held menial jobs and gradually worked his way up to co-owning with two others the Mimico pharmacy.

He met his well-educated wife at home and she too has a pharmacy on Eglinton Ave. W. "I love people and for us customer service is our number one priority," stresses Nejati. "We bend over backwards to help our customers the best way we can."

The little store is quite busy as residents find out about the impeccable service. Last month they celebrated their sixth anniversary of serving area residents.

Nejati says over the years his store has provided many medication for free to residents who are in need.

Long-time employee Nasibeh Nikravesh says she enjoys helping her customers feel better when they are suffering from pain.

"It's a great job," Nikravesh says. "I love helping the people."

Nejati can be reached at 465-255-2999 or by email at lakesidepharmacy1@yahoo.ca · ·



FEELING HOT! HOT! PLAYING MAS at the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Toronto Caribbean Carnival parade that took place August 3 along Lake Shore Blvd. W. at the CNE grounds. Some of costumed dancers who took to the stage to be judged best band or costumes. More than 1-million revellers are expected to dance on the streets in what is described as the largest festival in North America, which attracts people from the U.S., Caribbean and Europe. South Etobicoke News photos



### Some of the better patios that The Lake has to offer

A PATIO GUIDE BY

#### **Wayne Gibson**



The old joke often made about Toronto is that there are only two seasons: 'winter and construction'. These days that might be amended to 'winter and patio.' Here is a sampling of what I consider to be the better (and non-restaurant chain) top patio-available establishments in our community.

Starting in the Humber Bay area featuring beautiful Toronto skyline views are *Eden Trattoria* (58 Marine Parade Dr., 416-255-5588) and *Firkin on The Bay* (68 Marine Parade Dr., 647-748-8877.) Generally speaking, restaurants do not take reservations for patios which are available on a first-come basis.

In Mimico, you can visit two restaurants just east of Burlington St.; *Oro di Napoli* (2312 Lake Shore Blvd. W., 416-316-0606) and *Tich* (2314 Lake Shore Blvd. W., 647-349-8424). Here you have a choice between Italian or Indian cuisine on attractive patios that are elevated from the street. To the west, *FBI Pizza* (2336 Lakes Shore Blvd. W., 416-251-0101) last year erected a small patio. FBI focuses, and excels at, making tasty, reasonably priced pizza.

For residents of the New Toronto area *Kitchen on the Sixth* (2976 Lakeshore Blvd. W., 647-349-4412) has an attractive side-patio with a cozy feel to it. They feature musical entertainment. There is also *Maple Leaf House Grill & Lounge*, at 2749 Lake Shore Blvd. W.

In the Long Branch area, we come to *Woody's Burgers* (3795 Lake Shore Blvd. W., 416-546-2093), home of a popular and tasty burger. There are umbrellas in the patio and you can enjoy lunch with a cold beer. There are also *Sloppy Joe's*, at 3527 Lake Shore Blvd. W. and *Southside Johnny's Bar and Grill*, at 3653 Lake Shore Blvd. W.

Nearby is a fine Italian establishment called *Pulcinella Ristorante* (3687 Lake Shore Blvd.W., 416-253-9959): this is the only area restaurant which has taken advantage of a bylaw allowing a patio to be built into a few parking spots on the street.

We cannot forget the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 101 (3850 Lake Shore Blvd. W., 416-255-4381). Tucked in very close to the Long Branch GO Station, they have a sign on their large patio welcoming commuters to 'stop in for a cold beer' should they 'accidently miss' their GO Train. You'll also feel good knowing that you are supporting the

veterans in our community.

On The Queensway, we have the 'Mother of all Patios' (both front and rear) at *Mamma Martino's* (624B The Queensway, 416-251-3337). Bruno Martino has grown a single store to what today covers an entire strip of businesses and the patios have grown along with it. This popular eatery has been a favourite since 1983. There are a number of others to choose from, but these are my faves and lets' do our part to support our local businesses and restaurants



THE TASTY WOODY's BURGERS PATIO at 3795 Lake Shore Blvd. W.



INVITING PULCINELLA RISTORANTE patio at 3687 Lake Shore Blvd. W.

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**THE POPULAR** Firkin On The Bay at Humber Bay Shores.



**CROWD FAVE PIZZERIA ORO DI NAPOLI** at 2312 Lake Shore Blvd. W.



**THE ALWAYS-FILLED EDEN TRATTORIA** at Humber Bay Shores.



**THE KITCHEN ON THE SIXTH PATIO** shows at 2976 Lake Shore Blvd. W., has been gaining steam and followers in the community.



THE ICONIC MAMMA MARTINO'S IS dubbed The 'Mother of all Patios'at 624B The Queensway

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# Friends of Sam Smith Park on the lookout for drones



DRONES AS THIS ONE IS CREATING a havoc at Col.Samuel Smith Park, group says.

The Friends of Sam Smith Park are accusing some drone operators of being reckless by aggressively buzzing people and wildlife with the devices at the Kipling Ave. and Lake Shore Blvd. W. park.

Concerned group members in social media posts say the drones are being flown close to grebe nest platforms, tree swallow boxes and snowy owl on the

docks

"This and any other kind of disturbance of wildlife is a park bylaw offence and should be reported immediately to the City's Municipal Enforcement Office," the group told members.

The community group of local residents and park users is dedicated to protecting, enhancing and preserving the naturalized areas of Sam Smith Park.

They say the Park is a jewel of the Lakeshore featuring a tranquil, waterfront sanctuary of wetlands, woods, shore and meadow. "It supports a magnificent web of life with a diversity of environments that provide food, habitat and protection for the many species of plants and the birds and animals that pass through or call it home," the activist group stressed.

Anyone who sees drones flying near wildlife are urged to call 311.

# Its summer and things to do in our community

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 disable. Call 416-259-4207. There is also a hot lunch program from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

AUGUST 3 is 52nd ANNUAL GRANDE PARADE that is part of Toronto Caribbean Carnival takes place along Lake Shore Blvd., at Ontario Place, from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. More than a million people attend the parade every year. For further info call 416-391-5608.

AUGUST 3-4 FINDING FREEDOM:THE JOSHUA GLOVER STORY, a true first-person true story of Glover, an former U.S. slave who escaped via the Underground Railroad to Upper Canada and Montgomery's Inn, where he lived until his death. Show runs from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Montgomery's

Inn, 4709 Dundas St. W. Tickets required.

AUGUST 9-11 is 18th ANNUAL JERK FEST celebrating jerk cuisine and Caribbean culture takes place from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. at Centennial Park, 256 Centennial Park Rd. Four-time Grammy nominee Jeffrey Osborne, with Ginnuwine, headline Men of Soul 11 on Aug. 9.

AUGUST 10 BLUE TIDE RIDE 2019 to raise funds for the Gatehouse Child Abuse Investigation & Support Site and Prostate Cancer Canada. The 2.5-hour ride starts at Barrie Harley Davidson, 311 Byrne Rd., and ends at Clevelands House Resort on Lake Rosseau.

**AUGUST 10 WATERFRONT FESTIVAL HUMBER BAY SHORES** for 7<sup>th</sup> annual street party from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., featuring live bands, farmers market, food trucks, kid's zone, Toronto Police. Call 416-201-8500.

AUGUST 10 REPAIR CAFÉ EVENT where volunteer fixers repair everything from clothing, electronics, bikes, lamps and more at LAMP, 185 Fifth St. from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to repair, restore or reuse your beloved items. Volunteer fixers are still needed. Contact 416-252-6471 ext. 308.



PHOTO BY URVASHI MEHTA of Friends of Sam Smith Park of a Monarch butterfly drinking its favourite nectar from milkweed flowers last month.

AUGUST 11 FRIENDSHIP MATTERS COMMUNITY

picnic from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Holy Trinity School, 6 Col. Samuel Smith Park Dr. Free food and live music. Contact416-253-9140 or 416-252-2463.

AUGUST 14-17 ARTS IN THE PARKS presents The Echoes, a satirical giant puppet show, at 7 p.m. at Amos Waites Park, 2441 Lake Shore Blvd. W. The show is billed as a 'puppetry romp through our chaotic modern world.' For more visit artsintheparksTO.org

AUGUST 17 FESTIVAL OF BEER at Montgomery's Inn, 4709 Dundas St. W., from 12 noon to 8 p.m. featuring the first South Etobicoke Festival of Beer, with local breweries including Great Lakes

Brewery, Big Rock Brewery, Von Bugle Brewing, Black Oak Brewing and Indie Ale House. Free event with sample tickets \$3 each. Call 416-394-8113 for further info.

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.

AUGUST 17 VERBATIM THEATRE WORKSHOP join artistic producer *Carmen Kurk* and member of Off-Key Productions in a workshop to explore the community through headphone verbatim, in which actors listen to pre-recorded interviews on stage. At Lakeshore Grounds Interpretive Centre, 17 Col. Samuel Smith Park Drive.

AUGUST 24 FOR FREE SCREENING of a yet-to-be determined film for the local community at Tom Riley Park, at Dundas St. W. and Islington Ave. Film to start at 8:30 p.m., and is presented by Montgomery's Inn and Arts Etobicoke as part of enjoying Summer in the City.

UNTIL SEPT. 28 IN THE WAKE of the Passenger Pigeon exhibit at the Lakeshore Grounds Interpretive Center, WEL-104, 2 Col. Samuel Smith Park Dr. The bird, which has been extinct for more than a century, is a unique symbol adopted by the community. Contact 416-675-6622 x. 3801.

WANT TO DONATE? Support Women's Habitat. Many women need help getting the most basic supplies such as diapers, health products and food. Gift cards ranging from \$5 to \$25 for stores like Dollarama, Shoppers Drug Mart or Walmart are greatly appreciated. Call 416-252-7949 ext. 232.

# Ladies knitting group at Chartwell honoured for many good deeds



THE LADIES KNITTING GROUP at Chartwell Scarlett Heights Retirement Residence have been recognized for their good deeds and knitting skills. Courtesy photo.

Kniting away in South Etobicoke.

The hard-working Ladies Knitting Group at Chartwell Scarlett Heights Retirement Residence help many needy families keep warm during the winter months.

The group members have been knitting hundreds of children and family items throughout the year to keep folks in the community warm during the winter. The knitters in recognition of their good deeds were presented with a plaque last May by Rotary Etobicoke for their outstanding work in the community. The knitters make and provides hundreds of hats, gloves and scarves for families and the homeless in Etobicoke.

Every year hundreds of their hand-made labour-of-love gifts are given to the community to show their love and support on those freezing winter days.



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### Keeping busy with 'ball'



**ONE OF THE WINNING TEAMS** of the popular Etobicoke Basketball Association, which is accepting registrations for the upcoming season.

The Etobicoke Basketball Association (EBA) is now taking registrations for its 2019-2020 House League and Junior Hoops Season.

Fees range from \$230 per player for junior hoops to \$400 per player for other divisions.

The fee includes a uniform; jersey and shorts, division size basketball, team-individual photo and a medallion.

Organizers say registrations and payments must be made before September 21 for all House League programs except Junior Hoops. Their website states that only paid players will be placed on teams.

The EBA regularly hosts first-aid clinics, coaching clinics, coaching certification workshops and a variety of fundraising and sponsorship initiatives designed to increase its capacity for community outreach.

The association has entered into the business of hosting its own tournaments, as well as selected divisions of the Ontario Cup for a number of years.

The association host teams for boys, girls, all-Canadian allgirls, adults, summer development and Junior Hoops and March Break basketball camps.

# Riders gearing up for charity ride to aid St. Joseph's Health Centre with its healing

Hundreds of area cyclists are gearing up for an annual fundraising ride to help St. Joseph's Health Centre next month. The Cycle 4 St. Joe's takes place on September 22 and begins and starts at Matammy National Cycling Centre, in Milton. There are four rides which range in length up to 85-kms. "Help the west-end community raise funds for important hospital initiatives like revamping the busy Emergency Department," organizers said. "Rain or



**AN AVID RIDER GETTING IN SHAPE** for the September 22 fundraising bike ride to help St. Joseph's Health Centre continue to help others. Courtesy photo.

shine, riders will take to the beautiful Milton countryside for challenging routes."

The goal is to raise \$425, 000 for the health centre this year.

The top fundraising team that raises over \$50,000 will have their team photo displayed on a huge banner facing The Queensway, Lakeshore and the QEW for one month.

Last year's top fundraising team was ORTHO RIDERS! Most of the team work in St. Joe's Fracture Clinic. They used the \$22,500 they raised to buy new surgical equipment for minimally invasive procedures.

#### Support our local teams...

Registration is taking place for the upcoming season of the Mimico Canadiens Hockey Association.

The rates vary for those registering to play in the

tyke, novice or atom divisions, organizers say.
Established in 1952, the Mimico Canadiens Hockey
Association provides both recreational and competitive hockey for boys and girls ages 4 to 20.

Mimico Canadiens welcomed 16 young hockey players from Pond Inlet, Nunavut, as part of an exchange,

seeing trip to Toronto last March. The visitors were taken to a Maple Leafs hockey game and to other attractions.

Fundraising is underway for 16 players from Toronto to return the visit to Pond Inlet, Nunavut. The trips are part of a cultural and learning *experience* between the regions.

The busy association was also involved in a hockey equipment donation drive to collect gear for kids in remote First Nations and Inuit communities where shipping costs makes the equipment unaffordable..

Registration for this season can be conducted online and questions can be directed to mimicocanadiens@gmail.com

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### Amos Waites pool shut for repairs

Sweating residents longing to stay cool in Mimico will have to wait a few more weeks before the popular Amos Waites Outdoor Pool is reopened, officials warn

The Lake Shore Blvd. W. and Mimico Ave. swimming pool has been closed for several weeks and may be closed for a few weeks longer.

An email from Councillor Mark Grimes office said the filtration tank at the pool developed a crack 'through its mid-section.'

"Replacement tanks have been sourced through a supplier and our technical services team is in the process of procuring the unit," the email state.

Once procured, officials will determine the "timeline for the delivery of the new tanks, removal of the old filter tanks and placement or installation of the new filter tanks."

An official from Grimes' office said there are no plans to close the pool for the remainder of the summer but they have to replace the filtration tanks before it can be reopened.

"This was an unforeseen problem that surfaced mid-season," the email states. Until then, try and stay cool.

-By Bob Summers



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