

# The South Etobicoke News

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## Saving our lovely shoreline from floods

Anti-erosion measures ranging from installing large boulders to stop huge waves and fixing sections of the bicycle path around the shoreline of Humber Bay Park West will begin next year due to a \$11.9 million investment from the federal government.



The money from the feds and \$18 million already obtained from the City of Toronto brings to almost \$30 million earmarked for 35 badly-needed infrastructure projects in 17 locations from south Etobicoke to Bluffer's Park, according to Mayor John Tory. The funds will be used in priority areas to replace boulders, increase tree canopies, repair pathways and other projects to protect the waterfront 'against the impacts of higher water levels, flooding and shoreline erosion.' 'There are 17 locations where work is required right now from Humber Bay Park W., to Bluffer's Park in Scarborough,' Tory told politicians and a small crowd on August 19 at the park. 'The times have changed and



**OUR AILING SHORELINE** is getting some much-needed help in the form of \$11.9 from the feds, plus \$18 from the City, to fight erosion and flooding. Here Mayor John Tory, with Councillor James Pasternak (left) and MP James Maloney make the announcement as a swan listens in. Photo of swan by Kathrine Burgsma.

it is our duty to fix our shorelines for the next generation.' MP James Maloney, who represents Etobicoke-Lakeshore, says the funds will be used to improve the shoreline and add tree canopy in the area. 'This waterfront and our shorelines are beautiful and we need to keep it this way for generations to come,'

he vows. 'Past flooding events in Toronto have had significant impacts on the economy, the environment and the community.'

Maloney warns that the threat of floods 'continue to significantly impact our community in 2019.' John MacKenzie, of the Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), said the recent flooding of some rivers and bike paths have caused 'significant damage.'

'This is a big concern for us,' McKenzie says. 'Some of this funding will help with the erosion control at Humber Bay Park and other areas.'

Funds will also be used to elevate some roads on the Toronto islands so that transportation will not be impacted as severely in the event of flooding. The TRCA and City are also fixing parts of Long Branch Park along Lake Promenade at the base of Long Branch Ave., to repair an armourstone headland and revetment along the north shore of Lake Ontario.

## Female team to redevelop former strip club site

Residents and merchants on The Queensway are applauding a proposal of a family-friendly condo project to be built by an all-female development team on the site of a former strip club.



Reina Condos is proposing an eight-storey development with 200 units, 5,000 square feet of indoor amenities and a 6,500-sq.-ft. outdoor courtyard on a site of the infamous House of Lancaster Gentlemen's Club, at 689 The Queensway. Planners say the building will be U-shaped and

stepped back to conform to zoning requirements. The design is yet to be finalized and is meant 'to break the cycle of gender inequity within the sector and deliver buildings designed for women by women,' according to their marketing information.

The development team is made up of 17 top female construction industry insiders, who plan to bring a fresh look that will cater to women and families.



**FINAL IRONY! THE ALL-FEMALE** members of Reina Condos are proposing to build an eight-storey, 200-unit development (sign on left) on the site of the former House of Lancaster. Courtesy pic.

young women to choose careers in the building industry. 'It's gratifying to be able to bring much-needed new housing to an area that has a

'The project would raise awareness of gender inequality and the roles women can play in the building industry,' according to Reina information.

As well as redefining the way condos are designed, the women hope Reina's example will inspire more

main street (The Queensway), schools and an established residential neighbourhood,' Reina officials say.

The team is focused on getting a zoning amendment for the site, and plans to have a sales centre on the lot by early next year.

They plan to go to market in the fall and break ground next year, but before then, there will be input sought from the community.

They held a design consultation in July so residents could share ideas and there is a survey available on the Reina website.

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# Motorists urged to slow down for school kids

Toronto police are reminding motorists to pack a lot of care and patience as kids are returning to schools this month across the region.

Police are warning road users to think about safety first, especially when it comes to school children, pedestrians and cyclists. Officers say they will be out monitoring the roads for speeders, distracted drivers and parking violations in school zones. They said parking violations around school zones cause frustra-

tion, congestion and an unsafe environment for students.

Transit officials are reminding parents that children aged 12 and under ride the TTC for free and that all students, including post-secondary students enrolled full-time at an accredited institution in Toronto, are eligible for a discounted Metropass.

For those using the bus, streetcar or subway, the TTC, they are reminded to be courteous and remove back-

packs while riding on transit and place them on their lap or the floor between their feet.

Drivers should be mindful of children in bus stop areas in the early morning hours, including while it's still dark. Motorists are reminded that when a school bus is stopped and has its red lights flashing, vehicles approaching from either the front or rear must come to a complete stop. Failing to do this is a minimum \$400 fine and six demerit points for a first offence.

## Crossing guards needed

School crossing guards are in demand even though big changes are being made to the program.



Starting this month, the City of Toronto will be taking over management of the School Crossing Guard Program from the Toronto Police Service (TPS). There will be crossing guard services at 704

locations in the City and the service will be delivered through two contracted vendors, city officials say.

The vendors include ASP Inc., for North York and Etobicoke York wards. Carraway Inc., will be handling guards for Toronto, East York and Scarborough.

The crossing guards are hired by the vendors and are not employees of the City. All concerns about the guards on duty can be submitted to 311.

If you are interested in becoming a crossing guard in the Etobicoke area, please contact ASP at 437-244-8740.

The program is the largest of its kind in Canada. It was operated by the TPS from 1947 until last spring when it was transferred to the City.

The guards earn about \$15.24 an hour in Toronto.



**GOOD JOB 22 DIVISION!** Consts. Julie Anne Walker (left) and Patricia Featherstonhaugh with plaque, flowers and sweets presented to them by members of the Sid Shakti Babaji Mandir, at 210 Islington Ave., recently for a job well done. TPS photo.

## Academy help residents learn about policing, laws

Registration is underway for a popular Community Police Academy in which area residents can learn and have a better understanding of police work.

This nine-week course, which begins on September 28, will teach interested residents all about policing in Toronto, officials say.

The Academy is free to anyone 16-years of age and older who lives, works, or volunteers in the city of Toronto. It will be hosted by the Toronto Police College, at 70 Birmingham St., which will offer in-class lectures, discussions and practical exercises.

The TPS has partnered with Humber College to offer credits upon successful completion of the Academy. Graduation for the course is on October 30. It is offered on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact 416-808-2200.

## More students graduate from popular Toronto police YIPI program for youth

South Etobicoke students who were among 153 graduating from a popular Youth In Policing Initiative (YIPI) were all smiles with their families as they successfully completed the annual Toronto Police Service program.

The program, now in its 14<sup>th</sup> year, received 860 applicants from students who reside in what Toronto police identify as priority neighbourhoods. From those, 153 students were selected to work 35-hours weekly at \$14 per hour.



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Former MP Patrick Boyer served the area from 1984 to 1993

# Ex-MP Boyer still busy and loves Mimico

Former Etobicoke-Lakeshore MP Patrick Boyer jokes that he has written about 25 books and is the most published politician in recent Canadian history.



FORMER MP PATRICK BOYER is active working on Indigenous and Constitutional issues. Courtesy photos.

Boyer Q.C., 74, who represented the area under the Progressive Conservative banner from 1984 to 1993, has been living in the same home in the Royal York

Rd., and Lake Shore Blvd. W., for more than 30-years.

The lawyer, journalist and author divides his time between Mimico and a family home in Bracebridge. "There has been so many changes in the community," Boyer notes. "The construction of the many condos and other buildings are changing the character of the Lake Shore community." He loves South Etobicoke and is concerned that the popularity of online shopping may be taking a bite from the earnings of some neighbourhood stores. Even though it has been 26-years since Boyer served the area, he remains highly political and pays attention to local events. He believes the upcoming October 21 federal elections can be won by any party. And he should know.

Boyer began his career on Parliament Hill in the 1960s working for Quebec MP Heward Grafftey and Opposition Leader Robert Stanfield. In the early

1970s he was executive assistant to Ontario Attorney General Arthur Wishart. In 1983, Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau named him executive director of the federal Task Force on Conflict of Interest, which produced the 1984 report *Ethical Conduct in the Public Sector*. That year he was elected as MP for Etobicoke-Lakeshore and chaired committees on election law reform, equality rights, and the status of disabled persons. In 1989 Prime Minister Brian Mulroney appointed him parliamentary secretary to External Affairs Minister Joe Clark. In 1991 he became parliamentary secretary to Minister of National Defence Marcel Masse. In 1993 Boyer ran unsuccessfully for the leadership of the Progressive Conservatives, following Mulroney's announced retirement. In 2001, he unsuccessfully sought the PC nomination in the riding of Parry Sound-Muskoka for a by-election to replace retiring MPP Ernie Eves.

In March 2007, Boyer was again nominated as the PC candidate for the riding of Etobicoke-Lakeshore. He ran in the 2008 federal election but lost to Michael Ignatieff.

Boyer was a founder and contributing columnist of Lawyer's Weekly newspaper. He has written 25 books, hundreds of newspaper articles, columns and six legal texts on Canadian election law.



BOYER HAS WRITTEN 25 books and is a recognized expert on Canadian election law.

# Sky exploded in great Long Branch fire 43-years ago



It was 43-years and two months ago when the skies over Long

Branch lit up with exploding barrels of chemicals in a massive paint factory fire that changed the face of our community.

At about 11:40 a.m. on July 15, 1976, a switchboard of the Borough of Etobicoke Fire Dept., lit up for a "fire at the paint factory," at the huge Canadian Pittsburgh Industrial Ltd., factory and storage site of barrels of chemicals, at the northeast corner of Lake Shore Blvd. W. and Brown's Line, now the site of a No Frills shopping complex. The yard, fire officials said, provided storage for some 5,000 45-gallon drums of

various chemicals used in making paint. The jaw-dropping blaze occurred as a waste disposal tanker was siphoning dirty solvents from a holding tank outside a warehouse which contained raw materials, the EFD said at the time.

Etobicoke's then Deputy Chief Ross Bissell said the fire was at its peak between



BRAVE ETOBICOKE FIREFIGHTERS spray water (in both shots) on a raging fire at the former Canadian Pittsburgh Industries Ltd., paint and storage site in Long Branch 43 years ago. Photos from Borough of Etobicoke Fire Dept.

and westerly direction," Bissell wrote. "As a safety precaution, several blocks of homes were evacuated."

1:30 and 2 p.m., when some of the drums of chemicals began "blowing 150-

to-250-feet into the air." "Many landed 700 feet away, mostly in a south



He said two fire fighters were taken to the hospital after suffering from heat prostration. "They (fire fighters) were packed in ice to lower their body temperatures and released six or seven hours later," according to Bissell. "As the drums exploded and rocketed upwards, many sprayed chemicals into the thermal column, which then blossomed into huge fire

balls over the fire fighters' heads," he warned. To fight the blaze, Bissell had summoned seven pumpers, three aerials, two SCAT wagons, a district chief, an assistant deputy and a deputy chief. Fire officials around 2:20 p.m. finally called a "strike-out," which meant the fire had greatly diminished. By then the intense blaze had caused about \$1.25 million in damage and exposed many difficulties that fire fighters faced. A ladder of one firetruck buckled from the heat.

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# Local author releases 10<sup>th</sup> Brannigan who-done-it



**AUTHOR ELIZABETH J. DUNCAN** is releasing her 13<sup>th</sup> 'comfy mystery' in the Penny Brannigan series (right).

The Mimico home of award-winning novelist Elizabeth J. Duncan backs on to a beautiful view of Lake Ontario and there's no place that the writer loves more than being here.

"This is a great area to live and walk around," Duncan says. "My family live here and I have a home here. The people are like family."

Duncan, who lives near Royal York Rd. and Lake Shore Blvd. W., is the author of 13 mystery novels; which includes 10 brisk-selling Penny Brannigan thrillers and three Shakespeare in the Catskills mysteries.

The so-called "comfy mystery" series follows expat' Canadian Penny Brannigan, who lives in North Wales running the village spa by day and solving murders by night.

This month she is releasing in North Wales her tenth Penny Brannigan who-done-it called "Remembering the Dead." "I now live in North Wales five months out of the year working on the series," she admits. "I am always glad when I come back home."

The former Humber College professor has won a Bloody Words Best Light Mystery Award and was a finalist for the Agatha and Arthur Ellis Awards. She has a U.S. publisher and most of her novels



are sold south of the border "where there is quite a Penny Brannigan following." "People always tell me that they want to go to North Wales after they read one of my books," she says. "That is what all writers want to hear."

The former journalist has worked for the *Ottawa Citizen*, *Hamilton Spectator* and the CBC before she began writing books. She lived in London, England, for five years, while covering stories for the CBC.

Duncan also worked in public relations and is a faculty member of the Humber School for Writers.

She is first Canadian writer to win the Malice Domestic Best First Traditional Mystery Novel Competition. *The Cold Light of Mourning*, her first novel, is also the winner of the William F. Deeck-Malice Domestic Grant and was shortlisted for an Agatha and an Arthur Ellis Award. In her latest, Brannigan attends a dinner party at a posh country house where a historic chair disappears and a waiter is murdered.

The book is "for those who love comfy mysteries," says Alan Bradley, a New York *Times* best-selling author of the Flavia de Luce mysteries.

Duncan is available for talks on books and her titles can be obtained at [elizabethjduncan.com](http://elizabethjduncan.com)

## Cloverdale Mall to offer mixed residential

Public consultation is underway as residents in the Dundas St. W. and Hwy. 27 area prepare themselves for years of construction work as a mixed-use redevelopment, which includes parks and other improvements are being proposed for Cloverdale Mall, turning it into a destination spot.

"We are undertaking a comprehensive master-planning program to redevelop the existing 32-acre mall property into an innovative, dynamic and sustainable mixed-use urban community," says Ben Gilbank, Director of Development, QuadReal Property Group; owner and operator of Cloverdale Mall.

The mall at 250 The East Mall, which opened in 1956, was at first an open-air shopping centre that incorporated walkways, a community hall, bowling alleys and a nursery.

The proposed plan for the mall allows for more green space and a yet unknown amount of mixed residential, retail and community amenities, according to company information. The 32-acre mall property is described as one of the first or last major residential developments bordering Brampton, Mississauga and Toronto.

QuadReal has built a 4,000 sq. ft. space called the Cloverdale Common in the mall, which hosts arts and culture programming, events and open houses to discuss the proposed plans. Cloverdale Common ambassadors are on site during operating

hours to answer any questions and explain the new amenities; including shopping, multi-generational residences, all-season parkland, arts and culture programming, fitness and wellness facilities.

The developers insist feedback from residents and store owners



**ARTIST RENDITION OF PROPOSED** redevelopment of Cloverdale Mall which developers hope will bring new people and businesses into the area.

will be taken into consideration as they strive to create a proposal that will reflect the values of the existing community while attracting new residents. The next public consultation will take place in December, just before submitting a rezoning application to the City of Toronto in December after a year of community consultation.

"Our goal is to help facilitate a new space for the community, influenced by the community," the company said. "We see Cloverdale as the future arts, cultural, and community hub of western Toronto."

The redevelopment will happen in phases, in which mall goers can expect to have access to some retail locations while the mall undergoes construction. They said the new development will consider affordable and multi-generational housing options.

QuadReal also owns the former Campbell's Soup factory site, on Birmingham St., that is now empty after the company moved out after 87-years.

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# Judge Budzinski retires after years of service

Long Branch raised Judge Lloyd Budzinski has pounded his courtroom gavel for the last time after almost 30-years of dedicated legal service to our province. Within days of his retirement, Budzinski was busy with projects around his home that he could not make time for while on the Bench.



ONTARIO Coat of arms

Budzinski, a judge of the Ontario Court of Justice, was appointed to the Ontario Court of Justice in 1992. He was called to the Ontario Bar in 1971 and appointed Q.C. in 1982.

"I grew up right here in Long Branch," he says proudly. "My parents ran the popular Boulevard Fish and Chips store for many

years and I grew up helping them."

The former waiter, teacher, computer programmer, Crown Attorney and Defence Counsel spends a lot of time giving back to his community by speaking to groups or answering questions on the law. He has deep roots in the area, loves the people and the community.

"My parents had a business here for many years," Budzinski says. "I love it here. We are a lovely working middle-class community."

A hard worker, he rose through the legal system and at one time served as Director of Planning-Policy and Assistant Deputy Minister in the Ontario government. He oversaw the implementation of Domestic and Elder Abuse protocols, first Diversion Policies in Ontario, the implementation of the Victim Witness Program, new protocols re-Nursing Home Prosecutions and assisted implementing the Zuber Report on Regionalization.

His role as the Acting Assistant Deputy Minister gave him responsibility for developing and administering an \$80 million budget for 700 lawyers and support persons.

He also created and delivered educational programs and training videos for lawyers, investigators, teachers, probation officers and students at police colleges, universities and community groups.

The retired judge over the years has presided over some exciting high-profile cases including ones involving the late Toronto Mayor Rob Ford and the G20 Summit protestors.

He was also the Chief Prosecutor in the high-profile trial of former RCMP undercover officer Patrick Michael Kelly, who was found guilty of murder for throwing his wife Jeannette, from the 17<sup>th</sup>-floor balcony of their Palace Pier condo in March 1981.



RETIRED AND WELL-RESPECTED JUDGE BUDZINSKI grew up in Long Branch, where his parents once owned a fish and chips store.

Questions for the ex-Judge regarding the law can be emailed to [thesouthetobicokenews@gmail.com](mailto:thesouthetobicokenews@gmail.com)

## Popular local singer Caity Gyorgy wins Calgary Stampede Talent search for her tune 'Two left feet'



TALENTED CAITY GYORGY is busy making tunes and helping others.

Up and coming singer Caity Gyorgy is making a name for herself on Canada's festival stages with her popular style of jazz, blues and contemporary stylings.

Gyorgy, 21, is busy these days playing gigs, volunteering at Humber College and running a jazz jam during the school year to give students 'an opportunity to play music outside of school with their friends.'

The singer is originally from Calgary but fell in love with the South Etobicoke area.

"This is a great place to live," Gyorgy says. "I like the people here and many activities that are taking place."

Called a 'gifted singer,' she won a prestigious Calgary Stampede Talent Search in July, in which she was crowned their 39<sup>th</sup> Champion after performing a song she wrote called "Two Left Feet."

"The Talent Search is a real stepping stone for these performers," says Trish Bronsch, chair of the Stampede Talent Search committee. "Some of the kids

have gone on to perform with Cirque de Soleil, which is really exciting."

Gyorgy says she is influenced by Ella Fitzgerald, Sara Vaughan, Esperanza Spalding, Cecile McLorin Salvant and many others.

She has studied with many prominent musicians including Christine Duncan, Al Kay, Lisa Martinelli, Mike Downes, Pat LaBarbera and other headliners.

"Caity creates hip arrangements of jazz standards to keep them modern and fresh, while still swinging," according to her biography. "Her arrangements and compositions often feature her own vocal improvisation which sets her apart from other jazz singers. She is a thrill to watch!"

"She is the greatest scat singer I've ever seen live in concert," says promoter Jaymz Bee. "She does things I have never heard in my life, and I highly recommend anyone to see her in concert."

For more info visit her website at <https://caitygyorgy.wixsite.com/music>

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# Couple celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with much love



**HAPPY 50<sup>th</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** to Martin and Patricia Mills who want to let their family and friends know that they are still terribly in love with each other. Here they are with some of their congratulatory wedding anniversary scrolls. Photos by Tom Godfrey.

Pretty soon they had purchased a home and Martin had opened a photocopier business in Toronto. Patricia raised three sons and worked as a secretary. They also spend time at their cottage in Stratford.

“We love Mimico because of the people and the lake,” Patricia smiles. “We moved down here to get the best view of the lake.”

The couple now have some of the best views facing the lake from their Lake Superior Ave. apartment.

It is one of the best scenic views from a second-floor apartment that I

have seen in a long time.

“This is like being in the country,” she says. “You can see the city, the boats, runners. It is so beautiful.”

Their building is adorned with art in the public spaces and walls which is eye-catching and rare.

The Mills have received congratulatory wedding anniversary scrolls from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Governor-General Julie Payette, Ontario Lieut.-Gov. Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Mayor John Tory, Councillor Mark Grimes and others.



**MARTIN SHOWS SOME OF HIS** prized guitars collected from his time jamming with *The Impax* in the London-area back in the day. The lovebirds (middle) enjoy some quiet time as they enjoy a great view of the lake.

“Being married for 50-years is a long time and we feel it is quite an achievement these days,” she vows.

The couple would like to express their love to their sons, spouses and grandchildren Logan, Nathan, Neveah, Preston and Lyla.

Martin, who is quite a musician, shows an array of expensive and rare guitars, many obtained years ago when he worked at a previous job; one that he loved the most. He back then performed in the London-area with a band called *The Impax*, who opened for *The Hollies*.

Martin at that time was also friends with guitarist Jeff Beck, who went on to later become an international superstar.

“I never expected him to get so far,” he says of Beck.

“He (Beck) was quite a player back in the day.”

The couple are also avid supporters of nearby Storefront Humber, where they are involved in various programs.

Mimico residents Martin and Patricia Mills are celebrating their well-deserved 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and want to share their love for each other with family, friends and the community. The loving couple, who are in their early 70s, are originally from the South London area of Britain. They met on the job, got married and moved to Canada in August 1969 to seek opportunities.

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# Youths get free trims for scoring A's in class



**HAVING FUN AT THE BLACK COLLAR BARBER SHOP** with barbers David Dwyer (middle) with Jara, Mike (left) and trainee Max in the chair. South Etobicoke News photo.

Well-respected area resident David Dwyer and his team of barbers have changed for the better the lives of dozens of young men in our community. Dwyer, owner of The Black Collar Barber Shop, at 2791 Lake Shore Blvd. W., is involved in many events in the area but is best known for a Free Haircut Initiative, in which area youth who maintain straight A's in

school, and have their report card to prove it, are eligible to a free cut monthly. "All they have to do is keep up the straight A's in school and we will cut their hair for free," he says of the popular program which now has about 45 students receiving free \$30 trims from one of the community's top traditional barbershops. The laid back shop has received a five-star rating on social media since its opening last January. Dwyer, with stylists, Mike and Jara are well-known, having previously worked at another area shop before moving a few blocks east. Many mothers have written Dwyer saying how their sons' lives have changed for the better with the haircuts, which helped them with their confidence. They have recently taken on Max as an apprentice due to his interest in the field. Max had been teaching himself barbering by watching YouTube videos and practicing on friends with clippers he had bought. "What started out as conversation turned into a summer job," Dwyer says. "His level of commitment and passion in what he does, be it skateboarding, being an honour roll student or learning to be a barber is both impressive and humbling." He says any area youth is welcomed to seek the free haircuts, providing they bring their report cards and "be prepared to live up to the challenge." "We have a lot of families who come in here," Dwyer says. "We want to give the youths a sense of responsibility and accountability."



**BLACK COLLAR BARBER JARA** looks on as Christian, shows his A-graded report card for a trim.

And fans agree. "It (Black Collar) is a great place for the fellas to hang out, get a haircut and relax," one satisfied client wrote. "I'm super proud to be a customer here and will continue to support Dave as a cornerstone of the community." Vince is happy that the shop remains "a destination for traditional haircuts, shaves and bonding." Visit or book a cut at: [theblackcollarbarbershop.resurva.com](http://theblackcollarbarbershop.resurva.com)



**THE ETOBICOKE PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA's** first concert of their 2019/20 season takes place on *Friday, October 21st, 8 p.m.*, at Martingrove Collegiate, 50 Winterton Dr., is both uplifting and exciting! **Nature's Power in Music** explores the majesty of the natural world and the power of the human imagination. The EPO's talented cellist, *Joseph Johnson*, performs Tchaikovsky's *Rococo Variations* juxtaposed with the raw power of Stravinsky's *Firebird*. This evening of great music also presents *In Autumn* by Grieg, *In the Steppes of Central Asia* (Borodin) and Peter Hatch's *Long Beach*. Tickets required. Call 416-239-5665 or contact [info@eporchestra.ca](mailto:info@eporchestra.ca) or [www.eporchestra.ca](http://www.eporchestra.ca)

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# Some mouth-watering places to eat in the area

Morocco House, 876 Brown's Line, 416-519-2777

Bua Thai, 753 The Queensway, 416-849-0344

By Wayne Gibson



Former chef **Brahim Ishane** owns the unique Morocco House restaurant which is located in a nondescript strip mall at the top of Brown's Line, near Evans Ave.

Walk through the doors and you are immediately transported thousands of miles away to North Africa. Decorated in 'Moroccan-style,' the interior feels warm and welcoming; you quickly become aware of a pleasant aroma of delicious spices in the air.

Couscous, of which there are four varieties to choose from, has become a popular dish in a number of restaurants but there are many other authentic Moroccan dishes available here: tagines, either lamb or chicken in four styles and various types of kabobs.

Ishane has other Middle Eastern favorites on the menu as falafels and shawarmas, salad, rice and pita bread is included with most dinners but if you desire a salad as a main course, your choices are either Marrakech or the Casablanca styled.

North African style soups, with emphasis on various lentils, and a myriad of delicious desserts round out the food offerings.

Ishane insists all his recipes and fresh spices are from his native Morocco.

Many of the tables are designed to hold small groups of up to six, so an approach might be to put together that number of families or friends and have a more communal meal, which tends to be the eating-style throughout most of the Middle East and North Africa. This will also allow for the sampling of the many appetizers and mains for a full Moroccan experience.



**BRAHIM ISHANE OWNER OF MOROCCO HOUSE** only uses the freshest spices and products to make his tasty meals. South Etobicoke News photos.

Over the last two decades, many Thai restaurants have opened and closed in the GTA: one that has stayed open, and rightly so, is Bua Thai on The Queensway.

Family run with freshly prepared menu items; Bua Thai had moved from its original location in a relatively small storefront space to a much larger one on the same block a few years back.

This large, elegant dining room is often filled on weekend nights and it is best to call for a reservation.

They also do a steady take-out business employing their own driver, who has been with them for years.

Lots of choices here, with most dishes offering a choice of protein, from chicken, shrimp, beef, pork, and fried tofu, which is my favourite.

There are the usual Thai dishes, including Pad Thai, and many varieties of curries. If you wish to try a truly unique dish, order the Mee Krob Rad Nar: an interesting mix of crispy egg noodles, Chinese broccoli, mushrooms (plus choice of meat/shrimp/tofu).

Service is friendly and efficient in this very comfortable, well-appointed dining space. Lunch specials are only \$12.50 and include soup and two spring rolls along with your 'main'.

Bua is licenced for beer and wine: my go-to drink with Thai Food being Singha Beer. The two-block strip along the Queensway, south side and directly west of Royal York Rd., has a number of quality restaurants along it. Bua Thai has been a community stand-out Asian favourite for many years.



**THE BUSY BUA THAI** restaurant on The Queensway is comfortable and staff is friendly.



**RAPTORS WINNING LEGO SHOT BY KAWHI LEONARD** (above) - Some South Etobicoke residents were among many taking part in Bricks in The Six, an unofficial LEGO fan convention for families, collectors and exhibitors on August 10 -11 at the Hyatt Regency Toronto. More than 100 LEGO builders and artists from around the world were in town to show their skills. Here are the creations of some of our artists at the convention. Resident Graeme Dymond, aka BrickManGraeme, also made a presentation.



**LOCAL SINGERS MARY BELLA AND LEIGH GRAHAM** (right) rock Mimico Square during the popular and well-attended Mimico-by-the-Lake BIA's Friday night Summer Concert Series that ended August 30. Bella is a former Soprano with the Canadian Opera Company. South Etobicoke News photo.

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# Milestone as Long Branch celebrates its 135-years

By Bill Zufelt

A few years ago at my St. Paul's music office in purging expired documents, I came across a long lost copy of the 1984 Long Branch Centennial calendar. The beautiful spiral bound on thick woven parchment paper calendar was in itself a historic time stamp of Long Branch's rich history as a port, luxury hotel, amusement park, vibrant cottage community and resort that was established in 1884.

The calendar was part of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary initiatives of the then Long Branch Historical Society, which disbanded in 2013. Featured were detailed hand sketches by local artists, *Cliff and Elaine Simon, Roberta Storms*, of many of the iconic Victorian villas, the wharf, dancing under the stars pavilion, Japanese

Pagoda Hotel and the *Defiance* a 25 ton schooner built at the mouth of the Etobicoke Creek in 1845.

When the Long Branch Residents Association formed in 2016 I quickly heralded the Centennial calendar and seeded the possibilities of doing a 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2019.

Today I am happy to report that the Long Branch 135 Initiatives are well on track and is all free.

First with a collaborative nostalgic photo exhibit *The Cottages Years at the Lakeshore Grounds Interpretive Centre*, at 2 Samuel Smith Park Drive, which will be offering free admission until September 28.

We have also posted an educational and resource website for teachers, students and local interest at [www.LongBranch135.ca](http://www.LongBranch135.ca)

This is a free family-friendly event that is open to everyone in the community.

The 135 Celebrations are being hosted by Long Branch's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Tree Festival on September 22, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at Marie Curtis Park. The Long Branch Tree Festival will have live



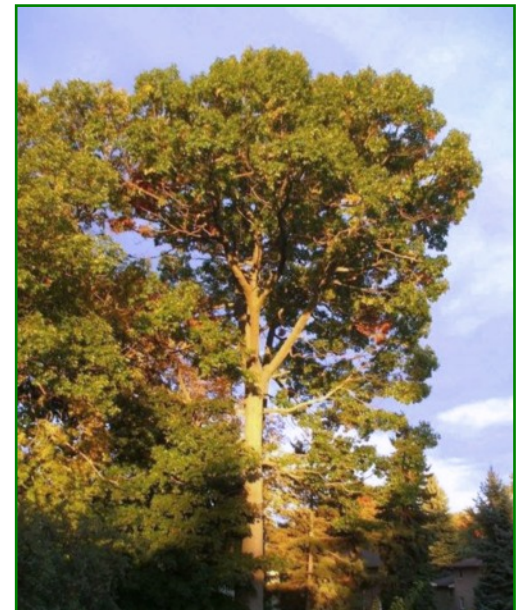
music, live mic events, children activities, feature many tree biodiversity information booths, spotlights on Long Branch's Heritage Trees, planting and care workshops, historic talks and walks, explore vendors row, a cake cutting and more.

If you are like me and like to listen to trees, which you actually can with an arborists stethoscope, plant, enjoy their visual splendor or breath the aromatic fresh air they produce the Long Branch Tree festival has something special for you and your family

And don't forget to have a piece of our 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary cake too!



**Bill Zufelt is Chair of the History and Culture Committee and Long Branch Neighbourhood Association.**



**LONG BRANCH AT 135 CELEBRATING** our rich past as a resort, luxury port with world-class hotel and vibrant community that was established in 1884. The *Defiance* (top) was a 25-ton schooner built at the mouth of the Etobicoke Creek in 1845. The Long Branch Hotel (left) was one of the most luxurious at the time with a direct telephone line for the elite to Toronto. Dubbed 'Titan' this 120-plus year old Heritage tree is one of the oldest in Canada. Courtesy photos.

## Around the Community ...



**CHANGING SIGN OF THE TIMES** as one of the last Zellers store in Canada, which has been a fixture at the Kipling Queensway Mall for decades, reduce prices to clear its stock. The store will close next year. Zellers, which was at one time a retail powerhouse, was founded in 1931 by Walter P. Zeller and in its heyday operated more than 220 stores across Canada. The Mall is slated for demolition and redevelopment as a multi-tower condo complex. South Etobicoke News photo.



**CLAY AND PAPER THEATRE WRAPS** up 'Pigeon Pie' for another series of summer shows at Amos Waites Park. The story deals with a huge decline in pigeon populations in Mimico over the decades because of over-hunting and environmental issues. The organizers say it is in some ways a reflection of some of the issues faced by humans. The theatre company is made up of performers, some of them Indigenous, from across the country. PHOTO by BOB SUMMERS



**BEAVER vs TREE. 'STANLEY' THE EAGER MIMICO BEAVER** (left) and his colleagues living near Amos Waites Park have been devouring area trees and have become such a concern that City Parks, Forestry and Recreation workers erected protective fences around some of the trees to prevent them from being eaten. Last spring, residents say one beaver felled at least a dozen trees at the same park. Some of the trees were very large and one blocked a path for a short while.

PHOTOS by BOB SUMMERS.

# 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 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.

**SEPTEMBER TO NEXT MAY MIMICO CHILDREN CHOIR** on Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. children from Grades 1 to 8 take part in choral singing and music. An accompanist and musical director work with the kids towards two yearly concerts. The choir has been delighting Etobicoke audiences for more than 10-years. Fee required. To register [www.lakeshorearts.ca](http://www.lakeshorearts.ca) or call 416-201-7093.

**SEPTEMBER 7 COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT DAY** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 207 New Toronto St., to drop off reusable and recyclable items as clothing, small appliances, non-perishable food items and electronics. You can also leave household hazardous waste for safe disposal and pick up free compost for your garden

**SEPTEMBER 7 AIM FOR SEVA ALL-DAY FUNDRAISER** to support underprivileged schoolchildren in India from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Assembly Hall, 1 Col. Samuel Smith Park Dr. Watch emerging young artists showcase their talent in Carnatic music, the traditional music of South India. Advance tickets are \$15 each. For more visit [maduradhvani.com](http://maduradhvani.com).

**SEPTEMBER 14-15 TWO DAY FOOD-CENTRIC** event taking place in the North parking lot at Cloverdale Mall from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. rain or shine. The free

event centers around food truck-hopping and some of the top trucks will be there including:

**Crêpe Street**, for sweet and savoury crêpes and milkshakes; **Delight Bite** for burritos, tacos, quesadillas and poutine; **Dogg Shoppe T.O.** for upscale hot dogs and loaded fries.

**SEPTEMBER 19 LAMP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**, 7 p.m. at The Assembly Hall, at 1 Col. Samuel Smith Park Dr. Keynote speaker is Dr. Andrew Pinto, of St. Michael's Hospital. For more info call 416-252-6471.

**SEPTEMBER 21 ETOBICOKE HUMANE SOCIETY's** 'Leashes by the Lake' walkathon and Pet Fest to raise much-needed funds for "our little shelter with a big heart." All proceeds to benefit animals in the Society's care. Event will take place at Amos Waites Park, at Lake Shore Blvd. W., east of Royal York Rd. Contact the EHS to register.

**SEPTEMBER 21 MIMICO RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION** presents a screening of "The Princess Bride" from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Mimico Memorial Park, 75 Hillside Ave. Movie begins at dusk and bring your own blankets, chairs and non-alcoholic beverages. Free popcorn.

**SEPTEMBER 22 LONG BRANCH TREE FESTIVAL** from 12 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Marie Curtis Park in a celebration of trees and nature. There will be tree identification nature walks, native tree seed planting, stories and exhibits on three of the community's officially recognized Heritage Trees. Activities for the entire family. Visit [longbranchnato@gmail.com](mailto:longbranchnato@gmail.com)

**SEPTEMBER 22 'PADDLE THE HUMBER'** fundraiser starting at 10 a.m. Enjoy this 'gem in the city' in a canoe or kayak. Funds go to Dragons Abreast, breast cancer survivors, dragon boat team. To purchase boats and lunch visit <https://dragonsabreast.ca/event/paddle-the-humber-event/>

**SEPTEMBER 28-30 ETOBICOKE LAKESHORE CULTURE DAYS** celebrating our diverse culture and heritage. Free event kicks off with an outdoor dance party on at Amos Waites park. Enjoy Bollywood dancing, bike tour, outdoor yoga and much more taking place at four locations with shuttle bus service. Contact [kim@lakeshorearts.ca](mailto:kim@lakeshorearts.ca)

**SEPTEMBER 29 KUNE CANADA'S GLOBAL ORCHESTRA** from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Assembly Hall, 1 Col. Samuel Smith Park Dr. *Kune*, meaning 'together,' is made up of 11 musicians from around the world who play instruments as the tar of Iran or the bouzouki of Greece to express themselves. Limited free tickets. Contact 416-338-7255.



**ETOBICOKE CENTENNIAL CHOIR WELCOMES NEW SINGERS** in all sections for the 2019-2020 season. Bass, baritones and tenors are in demand. Interested singers are invited to an Open Rehearsal on September 10 from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Humber Valley United Church, 76 Anglesey Blvd. For more call 416-433-5495.

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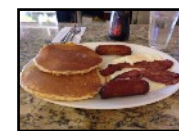
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Alderwood is the only self-sustaining league in Etobicoke has not been amalgamated, like many of the others have done to survive, its officials say.



“This is a credit to the many who believed in Alderwood and its players, making it the oldest softball club in the city still alive,” according to the league.

The league on September 21 will be celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a dinner and dance for parents, alumni, players and supporters at Dakota’s Sports Bar & Grill, 2814 Lake Shore Blvd. W.

Alderwood Softball was established in 1949. Its first park was at Alderwood Memorial Park, in the Valermo Dr. and Sheldon Ave. area. There were separate teams for boys and girls, who were as old as eighteen years of age.

Alderwood Softball went under the name “Alderwood Softball League” until the early 1970s, and then it was known as “Alderwood Softball Association.”

A horrific Hurricane Hazel in 1954 devastated most of southern Etobicoke washing out trailer parks at the base of Etobicoke creek, and flooding lands as far north as the park.

The league’s future home park, Etobicoke Valley Park, at 72A Westhead Drive, was littered with trees and wreckage. Many much of yards facing from rain, landslides.

The then of Etobicoke relief fund constructed the two soccer which long, and diamonds with no the main washrooms, bar.

The association grew and developed into top calibre teams, competing, and winning the All Etobicoke Division Champions. During the mid-1970s both girls and boys rep teams would win the All Ontario Provincial Titles.

The time of girls and boys having separate teams was over by 1980 and mixed teams became the norm. By 2005 there were only four mixed divisions, T-Ball, Mites, Squirts, and Peewee with strong numbers. For tickets and more information visit their website at [alderwoodsoftball@gmail.com](mailto:alderwoodsoftball@gmail.com).

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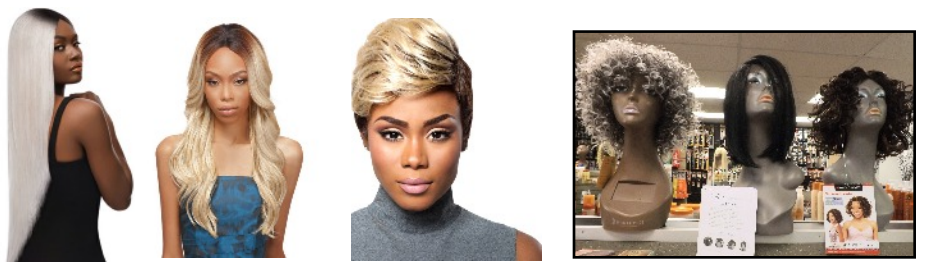


**ALDERWOOD SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES** its 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of being a fine tradition for hundreds of young boys and girls growing up in our community. A photo of the 1955 Alderwood Softball team (top) was made available by William Gard. Below is the 1958 Boys House League Champs in a photo at the former grounds at Thirtieth St. and Horner Ave. Thanks to Alderwood Softball v-p John Griffiths for the history.

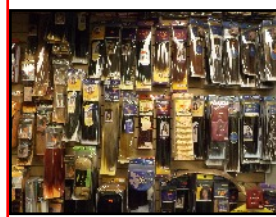


**PROUD ETOBICOKE BASEBALL ASSOCIATION PLAYERS** and coaches of the Annette team are all smiles as they show their awards after winning the Select 9 and Under Playoff and a berth into the Provincials tournament. Martingrove Grey was also Provincial-bound to compete in a 10-team playoff tourney that was held on Labour Day weekend and hosted by West Hill. The EBA has five affiliates: Bloordale Baseball Association, Martingrove Baseball & Girls Softball, Rexdale Baseball Association, Royal York Baseball Association and Etobicoke Girls Softball league. Also included as a participating member league is Weston Baseball Association. Photo courtesy of Etobicoke Baseball.

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