

The South Etobicoke News

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Curtain falls on Cineplex for 10 condo towers

It is final curtains for the beloved Cineplex Cinemas Queensway as it will be demolished to build 10 huge condo towers.

Despite more than 14,000 people signing an online petition to save the movie complex, Toronto City Council quietly approved its demolition at a meeting on June 25 and 26.

The application for a zoning by-law amendment at 1025 The Queensway was approved without amendments or debate.

The matter was approved on June 4 by Etobicoke York Community Council.

The plan calls for 10 towers ranging in height from 18 to 46 stories and two seven-storey non-residential buildings.



THE CINEPLEX CINEMAS QUEENSWAY (centre) will be demolished as ordered by City Council and eventually become the site of 10 condo towers up to 46 storeys high (left) which will be part of a community (right) with more than 5,000 new residents.

The buildings will be home for 4,077 residential units, including affordable housing units, with a minimum of 2,893 square metres of non-residential floor area, with the seven storey buildings being used for employment uses.

The complex will have three new public streets and parking for about 2,000 vehicles, with 212 for visitors, according to the plan.

The developer will provide as a community benefit a 900-square feet daycare facility and a 4,350 square feet park.

“It is yet mostly another concrete jungle,” explained the petition. “There is no support for infrastructure to accommodate additional density such as transportation, schools and health options.” The petition said the popular movie complex has been an entertainment

cornerstone for the South Etobicoke community. The Cineplex has been located at the site for more than 20 years and contains 20 movie screens on which generations of families grew up watching first-run movies.

Residents rally to aid family who lost all to fire

Members of the community are rallying to help a young family with three kids under the age of 12, who luckily escaped with their lives after a stove in their apartment caught on fire.

Erika Goldman and her husband were forced to flee their 2 Kinsdale Avenue apartment, in the Park Lawn and Berry Roads area, after being woken up around 1:30 a.m. on June 12 by their stove that was fully engulfed on fire.

“I woke up to thick black smoke and flames tearing through our home,” Erika recalled. “My husband and I did everything we could to slow the fire down, but it spread fast.” The couple managed to escape the blaze that lit up the kitchen with children Ezra, 11, Emery, 4, and Everly, who is only eight months old.



MORE THAN \$14,000 has been raised on Go Fund Me to help the family of Erika Goldman who had to flee their Berry Road apartment with three young children following a devastating fire that destroyed most of their possessions. The family is staying in an area hotel.

“We’re so thankful to be safe after the fire,” Erika said. “We are keeping the kids happy and praying for the day we can go home, but for now, we’re holding on to each other.”

More than \$14,000 has been raised on a Go Fund Me page to help the couple get back on their feet and restart their lives. “The kids are doing fine but the oldest was

very scared by the fire,” she said. “Thank God they are happy and healthy.”

The family is thankful and overwhelmed by the many members of the community who donated through the kindness of their hearts.

“We love you all so much. Your support has overwhelmed us and brought us to tears more than once,” Erika said. “We feel every bit of your love and generous support.”

The fire occurred days before hubby graduated as a jeweller from George Brown College. Erika will be returning to work soon when her maternity leave ends.

The family are in need of size four diapers, Kendamil or Kabrita formula and financial support until they find a place. They are also grateful to the firefighters and first responders who rescued the toddlers. “Thank you for your bravery, your care, and for looking after all of us during such a traumatic experience,” Erika said.

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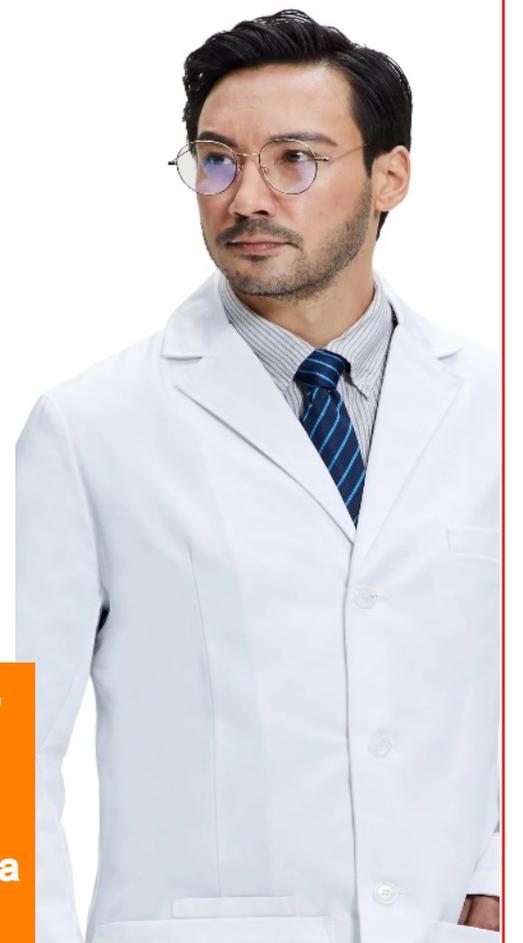
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Long Branch officer killed in line of duty 60 years ago remembered by colleagues



CONST. Arthur Truman

A Long Branch motorcycle police officer who lost his life on duty more than 60-years ago while travelling to a fake police call is being remembered by his Toronto Police colleagues.

Const. Arthur Thomas Truman, who lived on Thirty Eight Street, died while on duty on August 3, 1963 after being hit by a vehicle while responding to a gun call of men running and shooting along the railroad tracks near Wabash Avenue. More than 60 years later Const. Truman's grave was found at Sanctuary Park Cemetery and restored by retired Sergeant Theo Holtzheuser and Retired Detective Carey Norman, who chopped down the tall weeds, polished the gravestone left behind a Canadian flag and two metal blue and white flowers. Truman was married and the father of three young children.

"He left behind a young family," Holtzheuser said. "We are giving him the proper respect he deserves."

He said on that fateful day Truman, and his partner, Const. David McEachern, were

proceeding north on Lansdowne Avenue on route to the call. Just passing Seaforth Avenue Truman was hit by a west-bound vehicle and suffered critical injuries.



CONST. TRUMAN's grave is left cleaned, polished and with a Canadian flag and flowers. Photo courtesy of Theo Holtzheuser.

McEachern was riding ahead and unaware of the collision and continued to the shooting call.

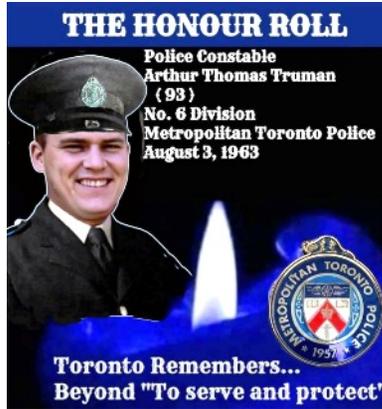
The officer determined the call was false, when he received a radio call to attend the collision, where he found his ailing partner.

"Upon his arrival he found the mortally wounded Truman on the roadway," according to Holtzheuser's research. "Tom was immediately transported to Toronto General Hospital where on Saturday, August 3rd, 1963 at 12:50 a.m. he succumbed to his injuries."

He is the second Toronto officer's gravesite restored of 44 on a Toronto Police Honour Roll of officers killed in the line of duty since 1908.

Holtzheuser said Truman's grave was covered with weeds and difficult to locate.

The Toronto Police Service was founded in 1834. It is the largest force in Canada and employs about 7,600 full-time and part-time members, including uniformed officers and civilian staff.



Four nabbed trying to steal Premier Ford's car



CROOKS WERE after the Premier's ride when busted by his security detail.

Even Premier Doug Ford with his police security detail is not immune to brazen car thefts.

Sharp-eyed Toronto Police officers arrested two 23-year-olds, a 16 and 17-year-olds on June 16 as they were allegedly trying to steal a vehicle from the Premier's driveway, in the Lawrence Ave. W., and Royal York Road area in Central Etobicoke.

Around 12:30 a.m., police said officers watched as suspected thieves in a vehicle wearing masks slowed right down as it approached Ford's driveway.

"Officers conducted a vehicle stop and investigated the suspects. One of the suspects fled on foot, but was located nearby," police said. "Inside the vehicle, officers located a car key programming device and a programmable master key."

The Premier told the story at a press conference criticizing the bail system. Ford blamed the bail system for releasing some of the suspects who are facing previous charges.

"Four thugs come racing down my street, masks on, ready to take the car out of the driveway," Ford explained. "Surprise, surprise... the two police cars are there, the chase is on."

The Premier said officers chased the suspects and made arrests. He called for the alleged crooks to be locked up for a lengthy period of time and not be eligible for early release.

The four are facing a range of charges including possessing an electronic device for motor vehicle theft and are before the courts.



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Boston Marathon winner Drayton honoured

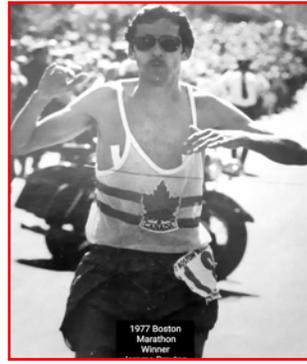


LANEWAY NAMED after marathoner Jerome Drayton with Councillor Amber Morley (left) and MP James Maloney (right). **Staff photo.**

Local world-class marathoner Jerome Drayton may soon have his racing exploits immortalized on a Canadian stamp. Drayton, who is one of South Etobicoke's sporting heroes, was honoured by having a laneway named after him at the June 7 Eight Annual Grilled Cheese Challenge. Dozens of residents and dignitaries gathered on Sixth Street as a cover bearing Jerome Drayton Lane was unveiled to a round of applause and cheers.

The long-time New Toronto and Mimico resident was a world-class marathoner who competed in the Montreal Olympics and won the Boston Marathon and others in Japan. Drayton passed away last February at the age of 80.

"He made our community proud," said Councillor Amber Morley. "He was proud of his community." MP James Maloney said he will conduct paperwork in Ottawa to try and have the world-renowned runner immortalized on a Canadian stamp. "It is something that we will look at," Maloney said at the unveiling ceremony. "We will look into it and see what is required." Lakeshore Village BIA member Chris Korwin-Kuczynski called Drayton 'the Wayne Gretzky of marathon running.' The Jerome Drayton laneway is just north on Sixth Street at Lake Shore Blvd. W. The famed runner also has portrait on the New Toronto Wall of Fame, on Sixth



JEROME DRAYTON in action winning another marathon.

Street, which features the drawings of some of the community's prominent residents. Drayton was a Canadian long-distance runner who competed internationally and was at one time ranked the top marathoner in the world. He became well-known internationally after winning the famous Boston Marathon in 1977. He also won the Fukuoka Marathon in Japan in 1969, 1975 and 1976. Drayton was the first Canadian in 29 years to win the Marathon. He also competed and placed sixth in the 1976 Montreal Olympic Games and second in the 1978 Commonwealth Games in Edmonton. The athlete is also highlighted in the Canadian and Etobicoke Hall of Fames and was at one time Lakeshore Athlete of the Year. His portrait is one of many hometown heroes on the New Toronto Wall of Fame.



LONG-TIME FRIENDS Bob Ferguson and Dave Smyth came to support their pal Jerome.

HAPPY CANADA DAY!



South Etobicoke News T-shirt winners



WINNER Alex MacLean

Congratulations to Alex MacLean for winning a spiffy South Etobicoke News T-shirt. Alex was the third e-mail to arrive with the correct answer that former Prime Minister Stephen Harper grew up in South Etobicoke. "Having grown up in Etobicoke, I love to represent my community and my local paper!," he said. To win a snappy South Etobicoke News T-shirt all you have to do is to be the third person to send us by e-mail the answer to this month's question. When was our National Flag adopted by Parliament as a national symbol of our country. Please send your answer to thesouthetobicokenews@gmail.com



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Long Branch stage a protest to Fight the Height



LONG BRANCH residents fighting for their community. **Staff photo.**

It is being called the largest demoviction in Toronto if it is approved. About 300 Long Branch residents staged a noisy protest in opposition to a massive condo development at 220, 230 and 240 Lake Promenade and 21 and 31 Park Boulevard.

Protestors warn about 550 mostly-elderly tenants will be forced to locate away from their family and friends if a proposal is approved to demolish five low-rise

apartment buildings to build two towers up to 40 storeys tall in a quiet residential area steps from the lake.

Patti Pokochak, of the Lake Promenade Tenants' Association, said the demoviction will be one of the largest to be carried out in Toronto if it goes through.

"This proposed development will go on for 15 years and

will affect everybody," she told a cheering crowd.

"There will be thousands of trucks rolling through our streets."

Pokochak said the proposed development of 2,300 units that would demolish five apartment buildings on the property. Protestors claim the project if approved will bring environmental concerns, including destruction of some of the neighbourhood's cherished tree canopy. There is also a lack of TTC access and infrastructure to handle the growth.

Mediation between the parties was to take place on June 12 and 13 and a hearing before the Ontario Land Tribunal will continue in September.

Christine Mercado, of the Long Branch Neighbourhood

Association, said the protest was held to help bring awareness of the ongoing project to area



IRATE RESIDENTS fight the proposed two towers up to 40 storeys high (right) planned for their quiet community.

residents and the wider community.

She said the action is part of a Fight the Height campaign underway to keep developers from building mega-towers in Long Branch.

"Both sides are very far apart,"

Mercado said. "They (developers) have not compromised on their position."

A speaker named Rebecca said she and at least 3,000 others in Toronto are currently fighting the demoviction process.

"You are not alone," Rebecca told the crowd. "This is a City-wide problem and it shows there are no long term security for renters."

Long-time resident Roberto DiCosta said his building is one of the five planned for demolition.

"I'm expected to live here while they demolish the others around me for up to 15 years of construction," DiCosta complained. "My new baby will spend his entire childhood surrounded by construction noise and breathing dangerous pollutants."



RESIDENTS say it will take up to 15 years to construct the buildings if approved and seniors worry where they will live on fixed incomes.



THE DEMONSTRATORS are seeking affordable, safe, secure and accessible housing. There were a number of groups represented at the event. **Staff photo.**



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Grill Cheese Challenge packed with lots to do



THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE had a good time at the Eight Annual Grill Cheese Challenge. **Staff photo.**

Families with children having fun were out in full force and enjoying the nice weather at the Eighth Annual Lakeshore Grill Cheese Challenge that had several blocks of Lake Shore Blvd. W. closed to traffic. Thousands of area residents enjoyed the June 7 food extravaganza as they strolled or wheeled carriages on the traffic-free busy street that featured live bands at intersections, and booths selling assorted types cheese sandwiches and other items.



FESTIVAL GOERS checking out some of the many foods available.

The street was lined with vendors offering different types of grill cheese sandwiches, spicy Columbian foods and other goodies. Just the

smell of the barbeque smoke made people hungry. Most of the stores lining the street were open and offering goods to lure foot traffic into sales, which appeared to be brisk at some stores. The showdown for best grill cheese sandwich attracts thousands of community members to savor the food and entertainment. The much-awaited first place winner of the Grill Cheese Challenge went to



FLAME-EATING Chris Precius was on fire.

Stuff'd, in second Select Headz and third Ed's Real Scoop. The popular festival attracts up to 40,000 from the area and City wide, according to organizer the Lakeshore Village Business Improvement Area (BIA). BIA organizers said "it's the biggest day of the year on Lake Shore Blvd. and we can't wait." They said the festival provides a fun-filled day and something for everyone whether it be trying the foods, shopping or listening to live music.

They said the Challenge is 'Ontario's only celebration of the grilled cheese sandwich in the heart of New Toronto.' The bands included members of the Royal Navy Band, Wild Shot Honey, DADMÖT ÖRFINGER, siblings Sarah Jordan and Matt Von, Karen & The Hayters, Really Big Shiny Tunes, The Serotones, Groovestone and The Smokin' Darts featuring a drummer 'who hits those skins like they owe him money.'



IRISH SINGER Robert O'Neill (bottom) and The Serotones were among the many entertainers featured.

Also entertaining the good-natured crowd were DJ Domenic, local Irish singer Robert O'Neill, The Grady Brothers and the fire-eating limbo-dancing and bottle dancing performer Chris Precius,



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THOUSANDS SHOWED up at the annual Grill Cheese Challenge that had something for everyone as people tried some of the many tasty foods available.



MEMBERS of the Lakeshore Village BIA with Councillor Amber Morley and MP James Maloney honour world-class marathoner Jerome Drayton with a laneway sign (top) as judges including MP Lee Fairclough selected Grill Cheese Challengers first place winner Stuff'd, in second Select Headz and third Ed's Real Scoop.



Community champs honoured with LAMP Award



JEAN AUGUSTINE with Gary and Donna Notar chatting at LAMP Awards of Merit. **Staff photo.**

Hundreds of well-wishers showed up to celebrate the 25th LAMP Community Health Centre Awards of Merit to recognize some of our prominent residents. There were tents erected on the front lawn of the Fifth Street building featuring food, games and things to do at the June 25 event. LAMP Chair Graham Rowland welcomed the

good-natured crowd as the Etobicoke Jazz Band played. There were lineups outside a popular barbeque with many things to do on a nice afternoon to celebrate some of our outstanding residents.

About 40 people and a few companies were presented with the awards, as chosen by a committee.

Two co-founders of the Friends of Sam Smith Park and an owner of a New Toronto sandwich shop that has been around for more than 50 years were among those who were honoured for outstanding community work.



WINNERS George Kozaris (left) of Lakeshore Super Submarine, and Terry Smith, of the Friends of Sam Smith Park.

The popular George Kozaris, 71, who is now on his 51st year as owner of Lakeshore Super Submarine, at 2939 Lake Shore Blvd. W., said he was pleased to receive recognition for his work.

"It is nice to be recognized," he said. Also taking home awards were Terry

Smith, and Liana Franciosi, co-founders of the Friends of Sam Smith Park, which is now in its 18-years of protecting park life. "Much of his volunteer hours are devoted to raising awareness of the beauty and natural habitat of the park," according to LAMP. "One of his pet projects is being a turtle protector."

Two turtle species in the park; the Midland and snapping turtle, are endangered and if not protected many of the hatchlings will not survive.

Animal loving Franciosi is involved in the annual Birds Festival and was a former director of the now-shut Storefront Humber.

She also volunteered for Food for Now and then Hand in Hand feeding hungry people in our community. Also being honoured were Inuit art dealers Gary and Donna Notar; whose motto is 'do two things a day to help people' and they always do.

The couple helps the homeless, people with mental health issues and others who are experiencing hard times. Twice a year they sponsor a community dinner for the people who attend St. Margaret's New Toronto Church.

Gary has had MS since 1985 but still manages to help people in the Lakeshore community every day. He takes home-made food for a Hand in Hand food program.

Award winners Susan Smith Bone and Julie Fernandes are volunteers at Franklin Horner Community Centre; where Susan deliver weekly meals to seniors engaging in conversation and checking on their needs.

Susan even helps with Bingo when they need someone, clears table, decorates for events, no job is too big or small.

Fernandes helps serve meals and conduct home visits each week with seniors.

Also receiving awards were: Curtis Simpson, Erin Alexandra Lockhart, Hasita Shah, Kasia Okienska, Kirusha Srimohanarajah, Terry Smith, Rita Galardo, Timothy Ellis, George Zhang, Natale Rare Chattaroon, Dayna and Richard Persaud, Mike Majeski and Thaddeus Sherlock. **See Page 9 for more winners.**



ETOBICOKE JAZZ BAND members get down to some good sounds.



REALTOR Mike Majeski and innovator Liana Franciosi both received LAMP Award of Merits.

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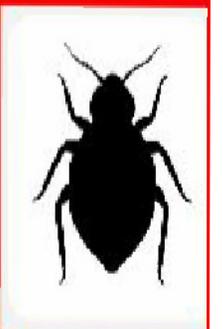
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Builder Gilgan makes historic donation to St. Joes hospital

Woodbine GO Station being built to link race track, hotel and GTA



PHILANTHROPIST Peter Gilgan

Builder Peter Gilgan did well in business and never forgot his beloved west-end Toronto roots. Gilgan, the CEO of Mattamy Homes, has made a record-setting \$60 million donation to St. Joseph's Health Care Centre, where he and his six siblings were born. It is "the largest single contribution in the hospital's history to support the transformation of community care," the hospital said in a release. So far the philanthropist has contributed more than \$70 million to St. Joe's and more than \$100 million to Unity Health Toronto, a network of care including St. Joseph's Health Centre, St. Michael's Hospital and Providence Healthcare. "This gift is deeply personal," said Gilgan, the founder and CEO of Mattamy Asset Management. "West Toronto is close to my heart. I'm proud to support this transformation so St. Joe's can continue caring for families like mine for the next century."

Some of his donation is for a state-of-the-art patient tower that will reshape healthcare delivery in the west end to boost emergency and surgical capacity, expand mental health services, and open doors to innovation, including advancements in artificial intelligence. "St. Joe's has been serving Toronto's west end for more than 100 years, and monumental donations like this help us continue to improve care for everyone who comes through our doors," said Dr. Tim Rutledge, CEO of Unity Health. "St. Joseph's Health Centre has an incredible record of providing convenient and high-quality care to people across Toronto's west end," said Premier Doug Ford. "This generous donation will help further that record, serving more patients than ever before and protecting Ontario's health-care system for generations to come." "Unity Health is a pillar of Toronto's healthcare system – serving Torontonians for more than 100 years," said Mayor Olivia Chow. "Thank you to Peter Gilgan for this historic gift which will support St. Joseph's Health Centre, improve healthcare delivery and expand patient access for decades to come".



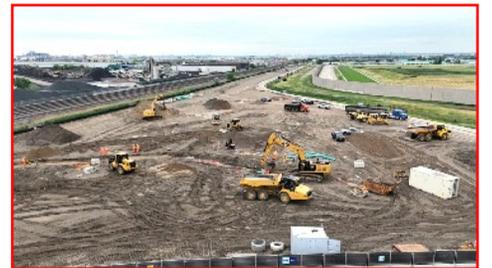
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THIS IS WHAT THE new Woodbine GO Station would look like when completed years down the road.

Some good news for the residents of North Etobicoke. Construction is underway for a new Woodbine GO Station, which officials said will be one of the busiest stations in the GO Network. Premier Doug Ford and Mayor Olivia Chow were at a groundbreaking ceremony on June 26 to launch the station, which will replace the Etobicoke North GO Station. The much-anticipated station will be

part of a larger community planned in the area. "The new Woodbine GO Station is going to be a game changer for Etobicoke and for commuters coming in from across the Greater Golden Horseshoe," Ford said. The station planned for 555 Rexdale Blvd. will increase capacity and feature new rail platforms, accessible facilities, pedestrian bridges, dedicated parking, a passenger pick-up and drop-off area. There will be a bus loop and a passenger waiting area, connections to Woodbine Racetrack, access to Union Pearson Airport Express, Kitchener GO train and local bus services including the TTC, MiWay, York Regional Transit and Brampton Transit. "The Woodbine GO Station will make it easier for thousands of people to get to work and the downtown core and enable more housing that will come to this area," Mayor Chow said. It is estimated the price of the station will be more than \$100 million with the costs shared by the Ontario government, the City, Woodbine Entertainment and Metrolinx. The station would be located west of Highway 27, about two kilometres north of Dixon Road. Metrolinx forecast the station will attract 14,700 riders daily by 2031. It is projected that trains would arrive at the station every 15 minutes during busy travel hours. The construction is expected to create more than 40,000 jobs, including steel and construction jobs, which are expected to be hit hard by U.S. tariffs.



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Beating the heat with Ed's all Ontario ice cream



IT IS A DREAM JOB says Mark Johnson, the owner of Ed's Real Scoop in Mimico. Canada Day is one of their busiest.

Canada Day is always one of the best days in the ice cream business. Ed's Real Scoop at 2370 Lake Shore Blvd. W., was a hive of activity as cream lovers flocked to try some of the 36 all-natural flavours, including gelato, sorbet or yogurt. "All of our ice cream is made by hand with local ingredients," says Mark Johnson, owner of the Mimico location, which is Ed's fourth location in



ALL NATURAL all the time.

"I love ice cream," he says. "My first job was working in an ice cream store. It was like a dream come true." He supports local businesses and insists all his dairy products come from Ontario farms. The waterfront store has many regular customers from across the City who have been enjoying Ed's for years.



ED'S REAL SCOOP staff took third place at the Grill Cheese Challenge. Mark in front of his Mimico store (below).

Toronto. "We love working closely with community members and creating long lasting connections in the area." He says ice cream sales on Canada Day was brisk as friends and families stopped by for a treat and relax on his small roadside patio. "Canada Day is a pinnacle for us," Johnson said. "It is one of our best days." The busy store is involved in a number of charities; including him giving talks or gift certificates to local schools or raising funds for Anishnawbe Health Toronto and other causes. They recently placed third in the Lakeshore Village BIA Grill Cheese Challenge with the creation of a special ice cream grilled cheese that the judges loved. Johnson has owned the store for about eight years and has seen changes to the area and his business. He points out a new dairy-free flavoured ice cream that contains no dairy products for those who cannot eat dairy goods. It is not bad tasting either.

And yes there is an Ed Francis, an ice cream lover who founded the business in 2000 in the Beaches. "I experimented in my kitchen for over a year to replicate the pure tastes my mom created," Ed said on his website. "I tested them on my willing neighbours to perfect them." He is proud to be recognized as a pioneer, who contributed to the appreciation for local shops, offering premium products, that are not mass produced but hand-made with pure ingredients. The store can be reached at 437-992-7353.



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Jean Augustine Centre has improved the lives of thousands of young girls



THE JEAN AUGUSTINE (above, right) in front of park named after her for outstanding work in politics and in the community.

The Jean Augustine Centre for Young Women's Empowerment has celebrated its 11th year of helping thousands of young girls improve their lives. Executive Director Tina Garnett said the Centre will soon have to leave its large 101 Portland Street location and is looking for a new office. "Precarious tenancy is a challenge we've been grappling with for the past few months," Garnett said. "With the rapid increase in housing developments in Mimico, the likelihood of being asked to vacate our premises is becoming a matter of when not if." She said the centre is experiencing

an increased demand for its programs and services amidst an affordability crisis and the looming threat of recession. Half of the families that benefit from the programs are low-income, pointing to an unmet need for affordable extracurricular activities in Etobicoke.

"When you live in a city with high rent and high cost of living, I am so [grateful] for Jean Augustine Centre as an after-school program for my 12-year-old daughter," wrote a parent on social media.

Their prime space, which houses a number of businesses, is located minutes from the Mimico GO Train Station with a number of high-rise condos planned next door.

"We're hopeful that the community can help us gather leads," says Garnett.

The Centre was established in June 2014 by Augustine, a former MP for Etobicoke-Lakeshore.

They are committed to building a self-esteem and self-worth of girls and young women by positively influencing their outlook on life and helping them to empower themselves.

Since 2014, they have helped over 2,000 girls and young women aged seven to 17 with their free and subsidized after-school programs, workshops, camps and events.

Community members who may be able to support the Centre in its search are encouraged to email tina@jeanaugustinecentre.ca or call (416) 253-9797.



City nixes call for pause of use of speed cameras for more signs



POLICE SAID five automated traffic cameras were cut down or vandalized (right) in one week in Toronto.

The City's automated traffic camera program will not be placed on hold. Council voted against a call for the program be paused for three months pending a study claiming they have become speed traps.

Ward 7 Councillor Anthony Perruzza on June 25 introduced a motion for Council to suspend the City's Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) program for further review by staff. Council instead voted for larger lettering and signs to alert motorists of the cameras ahead.

"These cameras are becoming speed traps that have no meaningful impact on slowing down communities," said Perruzza.

"Often, drivers are unaware that this camera exists here, and responsible drivers are ticketed despite traveling at speeds close to the posted limits. I'm hearing from many residents that they feel unfairly penalized," he said. His failed motion had called on city staff to review the program's implementation, looking at alternative measures to slow down communities such as increasing signage, pavement markings and issuing warning notices before ticketing.



LARGER SIGNAGE will be installed to alert motorists to automated traffic cameras.

Perruzza said the issuing of tickets should be immediately paused while staff review the ASE program and report to Council in September with a plan to ensure the program meets its goal of

improving safety, without unfairly targeting conscientious drivers.

The calls follows the cutting down or vandalism of five traffic cameras in Toronto in one week. There has been no arrests.

The City collects more than \$34 million in fines yearly from speeding drivers caught on camera, which issued 560,000 tickets in two year.

The average fine for someone with no demerit points is \$107.



COUNCILLOR Anthony Perruzza

The cameras have angered many motorists who claim they are cash cows used to generate funds for a cash-strapped City.

The outrage has led to one camera on Parkside Drive being cut down at least four times by culprits. Since it was installed in April 2022, the camera has issued over 65,000 tickets and more than \$7 million in fines, according to reports.

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Public meeting for two planned Mimico towers



A NEW PROPOSAL is underway to build two 50-storey condos in Mimico near the GO Train station.

A community meeting has been held to seek feedback into a planned 51 and 55 storey condo towers to be built on a gaping hole in Mimico left behind by a cash-strapped developer. A new proposal to redevelop 327 Royal York Road has been filed and is going through the hearings and political process. A consultation meeting was held on June 24 to provide concerned residents a chance to ask questions and express their concerns.

A new plan no longer proposes to replace the existing GO station, and only offers pedestrian links to the west and east sides of the GO station. A Section 37 agreement tied to the project failed to deliver promised community benefits, including the restoration of the old Mimico railway station building in Coronation Park. A plan to make the GO station accessible to those with mobility or other issues is also a no go. As it is now those with wheelchairs or baby strollers have challenges accessing the station and train.



THE TOWERS if approved will go in the 'hole in the ground' site left behind by a previous developer.

The proposal was submitted by KingSett Capital and calls for 51 and 55 storey towers, designed by BDP Quadrangle, to replace a previous plan from the defunct former owner.

"The long-troubled site has seen a series of failed development attempts since 2011," according to the plan. "The original proposal, On The GO Mimico by Terrasan and later its sister company, Stanton Renaissance, was to be a 27-storey condominium." The two-skyscraper site is located south of Christ Church Mimico Cemetery on Royal York Road, just north of the GO station and abuts Metrolinx's Lakeshore West rail corridor.

The west tower is proposed with 594 residential units while the east tower is proposed with 580, for a combined total of 1,174 units.

Failed developer Vandyk by 2020 had amassed properties in the area and rebranded the planned multi-block area including the 327 Royal York site as Grand Central Mimico. The company due to mounting financial issues was forced into receivership, and Metrolinx terminated the partnership.

The new plans offers three levels of underground parking for 108 vehicle spaces, down significantly from 277 in the previous design. The plan includes 804 long-term bicycle parking spaces, with 95 short-term spaces.

There are many other developments proposed around the site.

To the east, the four towers of 39 Newcastle were zoned as 22 through 36-storeys at Grand Central Mimico, as were the three towers of The Buckingham at 12 through 37 storeys, while 25 Audley Street is proposed a 25-storey development, and 21-31 Windsor Street calls for four towers rising between 7 and 46 storeys.



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Bingo making a comeback for fans in the community



A long-awaited Delta Bingo and Gaming Venue has opened up in the community. The bingo facility opened on June 21 at 360 Evans Avenue. The grand opening included a block party, beer tent and a chance for fans to win prizes. The venue will have 800 Bingo seats, more than 200 Vegas-style machines, a full bar and a crowd-pleasing menu. With 18 locations in Ontario, Delta Bingo & Gaming is the largest Bingo operator in the province, offering a fun and engaging entertainment experience for everyone. The company said it has raised over \$600 million for food banks, animal services, youth groups, women's shelters and other causes.



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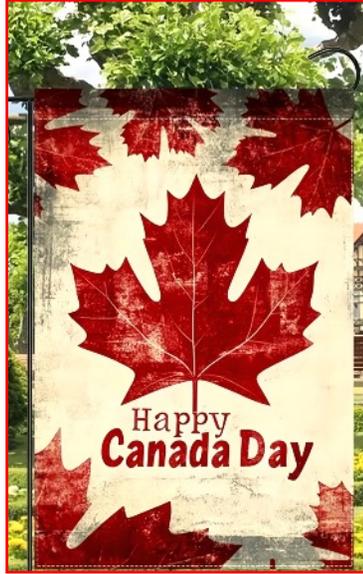
It may not be too long before a driver-less automated vehicle pulls up to your home delivering your pizza or Chinese food. Fully-automated battery-operated three-wheeled delivery vehicles will soon begin testing on our busy, congested Toronto roads. About 20 of the driverless vehicles, which are built by Magna International Inc., will ultimately be tested on Toronto roadway and byways.

The devices can travel up to 32 kilometres an hour and provides services of last-mile delivery of food and other small consumer goods. The Magna Last Mile Delivery Device (LMDD) is the size of a large cargo bike and is the height of a typical sedan. It can operate autonomously using the company's cutting-edge technology. The device has space to carry small packages stored in separate locked compartments secured by a multi-digit code known only to the receiving customer. It has a flashing light and is not built to carry people. "When making a delivery, the LMDD parks in an available curbside space and customers must walk to the vehicle to retrieve their deliveries," according to a report presented to City Council, which will be presented with information on June 25. The testing program was approved by the Ontario government and not by City staff. Councillors were told the vehicle while being tested will be followed by a chase vehicle to supervise the automated delivery. The two people in the vehicle can stop, steer or regulate the LMDD at any time for the safety of others. "This modest pilot with low-speed vehicles is an important opportunity to increase our knowledge on the state of the technology," City officials said. They will be the riding along with Magna and provincial officials to monitor the system. The report said automated vehicle deployments for ridesharing, taxi services, deliveries, and long-haul trucking have steadily increased, predominantly in the U.S. "This Magna pilot represents an opportunity for the Province, the operator and the City to gain insights into automated vehicle technology and operations within Toronto's unique urban environment," it said. The automated vehicle operates by using a combination of 360 degree cameras, aided by a LiDar system, which works by emitting radio waves that bounce back allowing the shape of an object and its distance away. The devices will take to the streets sometime this month in High Park and other areas of Toronto. The LMDD are to follow the same rules of the road as normal vehicles. The LMDD is being tested in Toronto as part of a pilot project to explore the feasibility of autonomous deliveries in urban areas.



In the Community

By TOM GODFREY



Canada Day has always been one of my favourite holidays. This year was no exception, as people were in a good mood as they celebrated by waving the Maple Leaf as this year marks the 158 year since our country was formed. Canada Day is celebrated on July 1 yearly to commemorate the anniversary of the Confederation of Canada in 1867. On this day, the British North America Act, now known as the Constitution Act, officially united three British colonies into a single country called the Dominion of Canada. People from more than 100 countries who have resettled here and celebrate with our Indigenous and other people as they work towards a cherished Canadian citizenship. It is a privilege that many of us take for granted. I have travelled to countries where many people are seeking or trying to obtain a Canadian passport to study, work or resettle in our country. Just think that last year more than 2.5 million people

applied abroad to seek residence in Canada. That was a 19 per cent increase compared to 2023. Additionally, Canada saw a record number of visitor record applications, with a doubling from 196,965 in 2019 to 389,254 in 2024, according to immigration officials. Our country welcomed 485,000 new permanent residents last year and will target about 500,000 yearly in 2025 and 2026. Our population has reached just over 40 million we are the second largest country (Russia is the largest) in the world, with a size of almost 10 million square kilometres. City of Toronto officials forecast the population of Toronto to grow to from three million to almost four million by 2051 and claim almost a million residential units are being built or in the pipeline to accommodate the new arrivals. People are lining up at Canadian immigration offices abroad daily to apply for a visa to travel here and maybe one day enjoy our free education, health care and welcoming people. Many visitors or immigrants now prefer to travel to Canada rather than to undergo the menacing process of feeling unwanted by border agents in the U.S. Sometimes we take our beautiful and peaceful country for granted. And it is no surprise that fears of Canada being the U.S.'s 51-state was an insult to our collective psyche that placed us on the defensive and made us more guarded against our neighbour down south. The 51-state threat coupled with the back-and-forth on tariffs have left people confused in that the tariff is a form of tax no matter how you look at it. We are a proud and hardy people who are fiercely independent and for the most part look out for each other. So it was just in a matter of weeks air and cross-border land travel to the U.S. plummeted by about 30 per cent with Snowbirds and day-trippers staying away or travelling elsewhere. I know one prominent person in our community who just returned from the U.S. after selling his condo in Florida due to the uncertainties that exist in that country. Many of us are now looking for more Canadian-made products and services rather than sending our hard-earned funds to a U.S. conglomerate. Our country has been around for 158 years with the once-trusted U.S. buddy at our side. We hope this will become a stormy chapter in our lengthy history before we, along with Mexico, return to being North American pals again.

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Your Money \$ Wealth

By RATTAN GANDHI



Retired Judge Speaks

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Last week I touched upon Tariffs and the impact it would have on consumers, in the form of inflation and earning ability. What does an individual/family do? A good starting point would be to look at one's spending pattern -Bank Statements and Credit Card Statements. With this information, create a spending budget. This process should identify needs and wants. Discipline and a frugal lifestyle will go a long way to healthy financial health.

There 3 ways to get rich and they are inheritance or born lucky or education leading to better job opportunities. Education does not necessarily mean formal education; it means lifelong learning in one's chosen area though vocational courses and/or hands on training. Talk to family and friends who are successful and gain from their experiences and gain insight to move forward

Here are some practical saving tips:

- Avoid impulse buying wait for a day or two before making a purchase.
- Manage your utility bills by adapting good habits, smart thermostats are a good investment. Wash clothes with cold water whenever possible.
- Buy house brands instead of well-k own brands for groceries.
- Make your morning coffee at home instead of buying it.
- For home repairs or renovations rent tools instead of buying them as it will reduce costs as well as the need to create storage or less clutter.
- When grocery shopping, people tend to buy more on an empty stomach.
- Prepare a shopping list when shopping for groceries and browse online and other flyers that arrive by mail.
- Look at the labels of goods on supermarket shelves to compare prices to find the best price quantity value.

- Do not buy prepared products, pre-cut vegetables or shredded cheese as they cost more.
- Reduce your meat consumption, gradually replace your proteins like beans and legumes.
- Travel by bike if you don't have a bicycle use a bike share service.
- Carpooling with co-workers or public transportation will also save your money. Before you purchase a car, do your homework with online comparison. Consider Hybrid/ Electric vehicles in the long run save on gas.
- Save on gas by lowering your speed, avoid sudden acceleration, ease of the gas pedal to slow down instead of using brakes.

In my line of business I have come across, over a time, numerous individuals facing significant financial issues some have chosen bankruptcy or debt consolidation. In most instances it was because of uncontrolled spending. This level of spending was more than day to day living. More specifically it was because of eating out, keeping up with the fashion trends and personal grooming.

A good spending budget and monitoring the spending to the budget would go a long way in creating self discipline. So how does one create a good budget look at your spending in the past and identify the needs from wants include items that gives one a certain amount of self gratification or splurging.

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For reasons I can't quite pin down, July 1st always carries an echo of Remembrance Day in my mind. Maybe it's the way people gather, the quiet reverence wrapped in celebration of a great country and the soldiers who defended it, or perhaps a lingering childhood confusion that never fully faded. Growing up in Long Branch, the cenotaph in the small park at the end of Long Branch Avenue was a familiar backdrop to the rhythms of the season.

My personal battles, though, weren't fought in the shadow of war memorials—they unfolded in the living room, between my mom and a stubborn piano. She had dreams of musical brilliance for me, but I had other ideas. Practicing was a chore, a daily skirmish where she spent two hours convincing me to give up thirty minutes of my time. I'm not sure who exhausted who first, but I suspect she surrendered long before I mastered anything beyond a few halting scales.

And yet, the memories stick. July 1st, the cenotaph, the piano lessons. All tangled up in a haze of past summers and small-town celebrations, where time blurs distinctions and nostalgia does its own kind of remix.

Eventually, Mom admitted defeat. The day the moving men arrived to take the piano away, she made one last attempt to guilt-trip me. As they hauled it through the door, she sighed dramatically and declared, "You will miss this."

I found it difficult, even tense to hold back a smile while I waved good bye to the piano, I mean drivers.

In that moment, I did what any self-respecting, practice-hating kid would do—I rushed upstairs, buried my head under a pillow, and stifled my laughter so hard I could barely breathe. And then, something incredible happened. My mom mistook my muffled snickers for uncontrollable sobbing. Overwhelmed with joy, she actually thanked the music gods for finally understanding her pain. Somewhere in the heavens, Beethoven himself probably nodded in solemn approval.

Fast forward a few years. At New Toronto Secondary School, music was mandatory, and I had to pick an instrument. Thinking I had outsmarted the system, I chose drums—no notes to read, no complicated finger movements, just hitting things rhythmically. Simple, right? Wrong.

Our music teacher, Captain Atkins, was no ordinary instructor—he was a Captain in the Queen's Own Rifles, a regiment with a long, proud history. His military band was the one that always preceded Santa Claus in the Eaton's Big Christmas Parade, setting the stage with precision before holiday magic rolled in. He ran his band with the discipline of a classic drill sergeant—firm, strong, and with absolutely no tolerance for foolishness. You played properly, you marched properly, and above all, you never embarrassed the band in front of an audience.

This, of course, was a problem for me, especially when I found he had drafted the band into the cadets for a Canada day, then Dominion Day march to the 'cenotaph.' Marching band practice revealed two fatal weaknesses: I could manage a basic drumbeat, but my marching was a disaster. Worse, I have never been able to tell my left from right without looking at my hands. A small mole on my left hand had become my compass in a world of directional uncertainty, my secret trick to navigating life's simplest requests. Unfortunately, marching bands don't wait for you to check your hands before every few steps.

Captain Atkins had spent months rehearsing us for our own big event—a solemn march from the Legion Hall to the cenotaph in Long Branch Park. It was an important ceremony, full of tradition and deep respect. Occasioned usually as a celebration of 'Remembrance Day' and sometimes 'July 1st'. The last thing he needed was an out-of-step drummer flailing through the streets like a malfunctioning wind-up toy.

But then, something unexpected happened. Underneath his strict military exterior, Captain Atkins wasn't just tough—he was kind, understanding, and unwilling to leave anyone behind living or deceased.

Atkins devised a genius solution: During our grand march, he hid me in the middle of the band, where no one could see my wildly misplaced steps. My new, highly specialized role was not drumming, not leading—just picking up any sheet music that the musicians dropped. And so, as the band marched with military precision, I focused entirely on the ground, scanning for lost pages like a musical scavenger. My feet? Still hopelessly out of sync. But thanks to Captain Atkins' effort to quietly save me from embarrassment, nobody saw them.

I never became a great drummer. My marching career was short-lived. But at least I had a place in the band—out of step, but still part of the show, an honourable discharge.

And to this day, if you ask me to raise my left or right hand, you'll notice a quick glance to see where the mole is—then the action follows. Strange, isn't it? A man who has done so many things in his life, yet still cannot tell left from right without looking first. No one is perfect.

Judge Lloyd Budzinski retired after 28 years and was a former Crown Attorney, Defence Counsel and Ontario's Assistant Deputy Minister of Criminal Law. He was Chief Prosecutor in the trial of ex-RCMP officer Patrick Michael Kelly, found guilty of murder for throwing his wife from a 17th floor balcony in March 1981. He can be reached at lbudzinski@talkjustice.info

Lemonade for Love recognized by the City

The work of Lemonade for Love kid fundraisers has been recognized by City officials. The kids to raise awareness of their 9th annual drive was recognized by members of the Etobicoke York Community council last month.

This child-driven, parent-supported fundraising event focuses on kids helping kids. Lemonade for Love started in 2014 as a small lemonade stand in a front yard in Etobicoke. It has since grown into a well-attended community event held each June at Fairfield Park.

The group has raised and reinvested over \$200,000 back into our local community through the #CaptainXavierFund at Silver Creek Preschool for children with special needs in Etobicoke.

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Grieving for Air India bomb victims 40-years on

Hundreds of mourners remembered their loved ones at an Air India Memorial at Humber Bay Park and to pray for the 331 people who lost their lives when a bomb took down Flight 182 some 40-years ago.

The mostly-family and friends of the victims also expressed sorrow for the more recent June 12 crash of an Air India Flight A1171 on takeoff in Ahmedabad killing all 242 people on board.

Many of those grieving had photos of some of their loved ones who perished in the mass murder that fateful day.

Canada's first Air India memorial was unveiled in a tranquil area of Humber Bay Park by then Prime Minister Stephen Harper before family and friends of some of the victims on June 23, 2007, some 22



A PHOTOGRAPH OF 21-year-old Indira Kalsi who was among the 331 victims on board doomed Flight 182.

years after the deadly bombing of the Montreal to Delhi and Bombay flight. The flight went down in June 23, 1985, off the coast of Cork, Ireland, killing all 331 people, mostly Canadians, on board.

Sikh extremists were accused of sabotaging the Air India aircraft, and one suspect was convicted in 2003. The memorial consists of a sundial placed in front of a curved wall that is inscribed with the names of those who died in the crash, along with the



FAMILIES OF AIR INDIA Flight 182 victims gather to remember their loved ones four decades after the bombing. Photo by Kim Bolan.

following inscription: "This Memorial Honours the Victims of the Bombing of Air India."

Dr. Bal Gupta, of the Air India Victims' Families Association, lost his wife, Ramwati, on the flight. He recalls how he first learned something had happened to the aircraft she was on.

"At about 5:30 in the morning my phone rang and it was a close friend asking if Ramwati had taken her flight," Gupta recalled. "He told me to listen to the radio and the news said Flight 182 had disappeared off the coast of Ireland." Gupta and his then-12-year-old son

travelled to Cork, where they were met by other Air India families who had gathered waiting to hear word of their loved ones.

There are similar Air India memorials, or plaques, at Queen's Park, in Ottawa, Vancouver, Montreal and Cork.

The purpose of the memorials is to mark a permanent, public site

of remembrance where victims can be commemorated.

The RCMP then launched one of the force's largest, global investigations in the history of the force, with hundreds of officers assigned to the file.



FAMILIES OF THOSE who lost loved ones lay flowers to remember and pray for them at a Humber Bay Park Air India memorial on the 40th anniversary of the horrific bombing.



DR. BAL GUPTA lost his wife Ramwati (above) on the Air India flight. She left behind a then young son, who now works for the Canadian government..



THE AIR INDIA MEMORIAL at Humber Bay Park was busy with mourners praying for loved ones killed in the bombing of an Air India flight on June 23, 1985

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JULY 3 ONTARIO GENEALOGY FOR BEGINNERS from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Alderwood Public Library, 2 Orianna Drive. Professional genealogist Janice Nickerson will introduce those attending to her favourite free resources to get you researching your Ontario family history. It is a free event. For more phone 416-394-5310 or e-mail akeys@tpl.ca

JULY 4, 11, 18, 25 FREE CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH CLASSES - improve your speaking and listening at any level in this small class from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the meeting room of Stonegate CHC, at 10 Neighbourhood Lane, Unit 201. Register by calling 416-231-7070 ext. 370 or e-mail at health.promotion@stonegatechc.org

NEW INTERMEDIATE VISUAL ART CLASS every Monday July 7th, 14th, 28th, August 11th, 18th, 25th at 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at LAMP CHC's Third Floor Community Room to improve your art skills. If you have visual art experience and want to dig deeper or challenge yourself. Join art teacher Nataliya for more advanced techniques, guided projects, and the chance to grow your artistic skills. To register e-mail JasminD@lampchc.org or phone 416-252-6471 ext. 308.

STARTING JULY 7 EVERY MONDAY at 10 a.m. at the Third Floor Community Room of LAMP CHC join physiotherapist Binny for a relaxed, guided walk around the neighbourhood. He'll offer warm-ups, walking tips, and encouragement. It's a great way to stay active, get fresh air and connect with others. All levels welcome and bring comfy shoes and water.

JULY 17 DROP IN SEWING DATE from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Stonegate CHC, 10 Neighbourhood Lane, Unit 201. You can use one of our sewing machines to work on your own projects. You must have experience in using a sewing machine. Call to book a machine and make sure one is available. Phone 416-231-7070 ext. 307 or visit stonegatechc.org

JULY 20 PARK CLEANUP by Friends of Humber Bay Park with Swim Drink Fish from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. meet at 2195 Humber Bay Park West Trail. Tools

and refreshments provided and prizes to be won. More on their Facebook page.

JULY 24 SPRING ROLLS COOKING CLASS by Among Friends at 10 a.m. at 2788 Lake Shore Blvd. W. Join dietician Eileen for a hands-on cooking session to learn to make fresh spring rolls packed with crisp veggies and bold flavour. It's fun, healthy, and tasty and you'll leave with a full belly and a recipe to try at home. For more phone 416-251-8666 or email brendab@lampchc.org

EVERY THURSDAY TO SEPTEMBER 25 The Good Food Market takes place from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. outdoors at Stonegate CHC, 10 Neighbourhood Lane. Affordable produce available, cash of debit accepted and bring your own bags. Phone 416-231-7070 ext. 307 or visit stonegatechc.org

DONATIONS ARE BEING SOUGHT by the Christ Church. St. James Food Pantry, at 194 Park Lawn Road as they seek to replenish their food stock due to high demand. Financial donations or food can be dropped off or be made online. The pantry said recipients have doubled and they're experiencing 10 families every opening. For more information phone 416-251-8711 or send e-transfers to give@christchurchstjames.ca.

BALLROOM & LATIN DANCERS Come dance with us at 30-Up Club! Every Friday or Saturday dinner and dance from 6:45-midnight - \$30; after 9 - no dinner - \$15. Tuesday Tea Dance from 12-3:30 pm with light snack - \$25. 22 Dorchester Ave in Etobicoke (across from Cineplex). www.30-up.com

UNTIL AUGUST 9 YMCA SUMMER Work Student Exchange in a program that provides 16 and 17-year-olds a chance to visit another province to improve their English or French; gain paid work experience; live with a host family and take part in fun activities. The program cost \$200 which covers travel and activity costs. Local employers are also sought to offer summer student job placements. For more call the YMCA at 416-562-8541 or e-mail Tashi.Wangmo@ymcagta.org

FRIDAYS AT 1 P.M. AFRICAN DRUMMING classes with Chris at LAMP CHC. Join a group of fun residents who like pounding to the beat. To register contact ericao@lampchc.org or call 416 252 6471 ext. 257 or contact jasmind@lanpchc.org

SHOPPING TRIPS FOR SENIORS every second Thursday a shuttle bus will take those over 55 years old with disability or mobility challenges to No Frills at The Queensway and Royal York Road and returns them home. If interested call Stonegate CHC at 416-237-7070 ext. 239 to fill out the proper paperwork.

LAMP CHC ADULT DROP IN at St. Margaret's New Toronto Church, 156 Sixth Street, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is access to a small lunch from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., showers, laundry, hygiene kits, clothing, pet supplies and more.

JEAN AUGUSTINE CENTRE Leaders of the Future summer program for young women aged 14-17. Learn how to be an effective leader through hands-on workshops. Programs offered includes Girl Boss from June 30 to July 11; Business Babe: Create your own Social Enterprise from July 21 to August 1; Changemakers; Exploring Advocacy through Art from August 11 to 25. Registration fee \$150. To register phone 416-2513-9797 or e-mail Daniela@jeanaugustinecentre.ca

HAPPY CANADA DAY!

STARTING JULY 1 CANADA DRIVING LAW OVERHAUL as Canada-Ontario rolls out a national update to road safety laws. The New Canada Driving Law is aimed at tackling transportation issues through enhanced enforcement, updated safety standards, steeper penalties for violations. Speed at school zones will be 30 mph, \$600 fine for distracted driving, impaired driving lowered to 0.05, license suspension for car theft. Lots more see: <https://isure.ca/inews/new-driving-laws-ontario/>

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HEART HEALTHY COOKING Tuesdays at 12 p.m. at LAMP CHC to learn easy and affordable methods of cooking heart healthy food! For more email FatimaA@lampchc.org

FUNCTIONAL FITNESS Tuesdays at 2 p.m. at LAMP CHC Community Room to work building strength, mobility and endurance in real-life movements from carrying groceries to climbing stairs. This session improves balance, coordination and prevent injuries. To register e-mail erica@lampchc.org or phone 416-252-6471 ext. 246.

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The Lakeshore Charitable Foundation is trying to raise \$10,000 to give our 500 students eight kilos of rice each. Donations can be made at Lakeshore Accounting.



Etobicoke Community Concert Band



Summer brings free concerts in the park. The Etobicoke Community Concert Band is getting ready for its next two free outdoor concerts. The concerts will be on the grounds at Applewood - The Shaver House at 450 The West Mall. The shows will start at 7 p.m. on July 2 and July 16. It is worth bringing a lawn chair and maybe some food or drink. You may want to note the shows are weather

dependant. If there is bad weather the band may have to cancel.

The Etobicoke Community Concert Band has been playing music for three decades and they do have an emphasis on community.

The band has some very talented people including some who compose their own music but has always strived to be inclusive. They welcome people who want a place to play and to learn. This may be a good opportunity if you have ever thought of pulling an instrument out of the closet and getting back into playing.

The band plays everything from old to new with some classics mixed in.



Etobicoke Ball Hockey League wraps a fun-filled season



LUCA TORRESAN with the cherished EMBHL Cup which goes to the winning team. **Staff photo.**

Luca Torresan and Mike Sikora have been teaching South Etobicoke children to stay active and healthy by playing organized ball hockey. Their Etobicoke Minor Ball Hockey League (EMBHL) wrapped up last month for another successful season that saw 800 young boys and girls playing the sport.



BALL HOCKEY IS GAINING popularity due to its affordability and culture.

Torresan is the president of the EMBHL, which runs camps for the children, aged four to 14, to teach them the skills of playing the game and having fun. Sikora is the vice-president of ball hockey operations. "The first weeks are



EVERYONE IS A WINNER and here is one of the top teams (above), as parents and fans (bottom) catch the action.

The non-profit league was established in 2015 with a vision to grow the game in Etobicoke and surrounding communities. Ball hockey has picked up in popularity as it is affordable, with less equipment required and kids enjoy the sport. Many of the experienced players are soon shifting to ice hockey as ball hockey has ended.

The sport is very popular with children in Etobicoke who may not have much funds for expensive hockey gear or want to keep in shape for ice hockey.

Many dry-pads in the community have been busy with parents cheering their children during exciting games as they competed for the prized EMBHL trophy.

"It is the most cost effective sport now," Torresan explained. "You do not require a lot of money to play this sport."



the best because the kids want to come out and play," Torresan said. "The kids and their parents want to be outside and be with other kids."

The EMBHL has been in operation for about seven years and is made up of about 30 teams from the area of all age groups. There are about 36 leagues across the province.

They are involved in a number of fund raising or clothing raising drives in the community.



A VOLUNTEER SELLS MERCH at an EMBHL booth (center, bottom) with all types of ball hockey gear during the last tournament of the year, as many players now sign up for ice hockey. Players and parents socialize and meet friends from last season. **Staff photo.**

Mimico's Victory Cross pilot Hornell honored after 81 years



FLIGHT LIEUT. David Hornell



One of Canadian most distinguished Air Force pilot Flight Lieut. David Hornell has his name attached to a local school, Canadian Legion Hall and part of a warplane museum. The David Hornell Junior School, and a squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets reflect the admiration residents have for the famed Mimico pilot.

It was on June 24, 1944, some 81 years ago, that Hornell, 34, was on patrol with a Canso aircraft with No. 162 Squadron during an anti-submarine patrol over the North Atlantic.

Hornell after 10-hours of patrol and his eight-man crew sighted a German submarine operating on the surface.

He turned his aircraft and headed in an attack of the submarine, which fired anti-aircraft weapons hitting the wing and engine, setting the wing on fire and damaging controls. "Despite damage, flames, and severe vibration, Hornell pressed on with the attack," according to the Canadian War Museum. "At a height of approximately 15 meters, he released depth charges directly on the U-boat's position."

The explosion lifted the huge submarine from the water and destroyed it.



DAVID HORNELL'S NAME outside the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 643, on Jutland Road.

The aircraft's starboard engine failed and left wing caught fire as it cleared the area.

"Hornell held the aircraft steady long enough to ditch into heavy seas," according to records. "The Canso struck hard but remained afloat for a short period, The crew squeezed into a life raft, that was designed for four, and were adrift in the cold for 21 hours.

"The sea temperature was near freezing and the swell reached up to 12 feet," according to records. "During the 21 hours adrift, two

crewmembers died from exposure. " Hornell, severely weakened and going blind, encouraged the others and refused to give up. He gave his share of space and clothing to others. They were eventually found by a search plane, and Hornell tried to reach it but collapsed in the water and had to be

restrained. The

famed navigator died shortly after being rescued due to extreme exposure and exhaustion. He had completed 60 combat patrols and logged over 600 flight hours. He was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross and was buried in Lerwick, Shetland Islands.



FLIGHT LIEUT. Hornell's trusted Canso aircraft carried him and his eight man crew on that fatal day.



HORNELL (left) with colleague and his gravestone (right). The famed pilot is still well respected today due to his bravery and heroic deeds.



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